

Spring 2013

Saddle Bags



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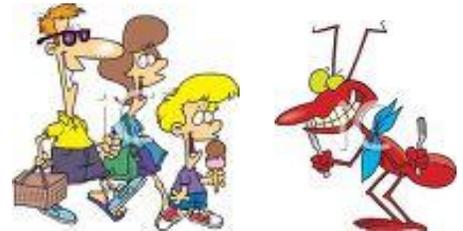
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Saddleridge Annual Spring Picnic Saturday, April 13



Mark your calendars. The Annual Meeting & Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, April 13, 2013 from 11AM to 1PM at the Saddleridge Clubhouse. Bring the whole family and enjoy the **FREE** bar-b-que, soft drinks, deserts, and (of course!!) good company. Once more; the fun begins at 11:00, and will include **FREE** food. Did we mention that the food was **FREE??**

Don't Mess With ~~Texas~~ Saddleridge !!

Due to the large number of ongoing construction projects in Saddleridge, litter along the streets has been on the increase from various builder-related worker-bees who don't have the same regard for our surroundings as those of us who make the neighborhood our home. If you notice some trash by the street when you go to the mailbox, when you're walking the dog, or while driving down the street; please be a good neighbor and harvest the refuse before it blows on down the street.

Also, the Board is serious about prosecuting litterbugs who purposely trash up our area. If anyone witnesses someone tossing trash from a vehicle, please try to get the license number and description of the vehicle, note the time of day, location, and type of trash if at all possible. Report this to any Board member, and the Board will file the complaint with the Hays County Sherriff's Department. Please help keep Saddleridge clean!!

Board Election for the 2012-2013 Term

The Saddleridge POA Annual Meeting and Election of Board members was held October 27. The required 20% quorum was quickly reached, all votes were counted, and all four candidates were elected. The Board members determined among themselves what position each would fill for the 2012-2013 term.

The Saddleridge Board is now:

Charles 'Bo' Garrett - President

Dr. Bob Pyle - Vice President

Sharon Drobeck - Treasurer

George Graham - Secretary

The Board would like to sincerely (and then some!!) thank Jim Soden for his intelligent and tireless service during his previous terms.

For the rest of you Saddleridgians who have not yet served, please consider getting involved by running for a Board position in the future, or volunteering for a Committee position.

Attention Walkers & Horse Riders in Saddleridge



Although this has been mentioned before; with Spring upon us this is a good time to bring it up once again.

First up; the Board has been getting reports from some Saddleridge property owners of other people from the neighborhood wondering about on and through their property, some even continuing to do so after being asked by the property owner to stop. This applies to all Saddleridge lots, and especially applies to vacant property which has yet to be built on; even those without "No Trespassing" signs. Even the vacant lots are owned by others, and the owners do not want their land subject to "public" use. This may be stating the obvious, but this is legally TRESPASSING (signs or not), and can result in legal charges!!

Secondly (and similarly); property owners who ride their horses in the neighborhood are reminded to please not ride on unfenced lots, unless you have permission from the owner. The only public areas in the subdivision are the roadways and the Clubhouse lot. All other property is owned by someone else, even if unfenced and un-posted. Riding on these properties without permission could also be legally considered trespassing.

Please be a good neighbor, and refrain from violating any Saddleridge property owner's rights.

Emergency Notification System (Reverse 911)

With all of the new folks in Saddleridge, and with the wildfire season approaching, this is a good time to remind everyone of this service. Hays County participates in the Emergency Notification System (ENS), also referred to as 'Reverse 911'. When activated, this system will automatically send a phone message to residents in the affected area and advise them on actions to be taken. This is the system that was used to notify residents to evacuate during the Bastrop fire last year. Unfortunately, depending upon the type of home phone system you are using, you may not be on their Call List. If you have anything other than the old fashion, hard-wire landline that is physically associated with your address, it is likely that you are not. This includes those of you, who are using your cellular phone for home service as well as most cable/computer based (VoIP) phone systems such as Time-Warner Cable, Vonage, Magic Jack and similar systems. The ENS System is administered by the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG). To find out more and to register your phone, please go to their website at: <http://wireless.capcog.org/ENS/Intro.aspx>. If you need assistance with registering, you may call them at 512-916-6035.



Saddleridge Social Events Reminder



Looking to meet your new neighbors, or just wanting an opportunity to get away from the kids for a while?? Here are a couple of adult activities that you may have an interest in:

Saddleridge Dinner Club – This event occurs one weekend night per month (usually a Sunday starting at 6 PM) at a selected local restaurant for socializing and good food, with people paying for their own meals. If interested in joining this activity, please contact Carol Peregoy at 713-202-5062 or by e-mail at carolperegoy@gmail.com.

Ladies Bunco Group – This 'ladies only' group meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, at a different person's home, for lunch, good conversation, and a rousing game of Bunco (a fun and easily-learned dice game). No skill or prior experience is necessary. If interested in this activity, please contact Marylou Melton at 512-847-2849, or e-mail her at mewmelton@yahoo.com

Give a Warm Welcome to the New Folks in the 'Hood:

Jim & Judy Clements – 722 Saddleridge

Steven Henry – 420 Canyon Gap

Dan & Bonnie Holland – 111 Mission Trail

Tim & Mickey Klapuch – 500 Saddleridge

Aubry Monroe – 421 Arrowhead Pass

Chuck & Linda Moore – 521 Saddleridge

Tony & Laury Simmons – 310 Mission Trail

Guidelines for Proper Pruning to Prevent Oak Wilt Infection

-- To Paint or Not to Paint, That is the Question --

By Kim Camilli, Oak Wilt Coordinator, Texas Forest Service

Many of you have heard of the disease oak wilt and some of you may have an intimate knowledge of this destructive fungus. The fungus that causes oak wilt (*Ceratocystis fagacearum*) has evolved over time with an insect to develop a highly specialized relationship to disseminate the oak wilt spores over long distances and infect new trees. The insect that is known to transmit the oak wilt fungus is a sap-feeding beetle, known as the Nitidulid beetle. Nitidulids are the size of a pinhead and can fly for a distance of one mile. Their peak activity times are early February through late May when temperatures start to increase. Nitidulid beetles are also very active for the months of June through late October, but not in the proportions exhibited in the spring. In November through January beetle activity is minimized due to colder temperatures.

These beetles are attracted to sweet smelling odors. For example, a rotten banana or melon on your porch will easily attract nitidulids. If any of you have pruned your oak trees, you may have noticed that there is a sweet aroma coming from the fresh wound. Nitidulids are attracted to this sweet smell. These beetles feed on the sap draining from fresh wounds, and the sweet smell is an indicator that food is in the area.

There are particular requirements of the oak wilt fungus that match very closely with the life cycle of these beetles. This is why wounding of trees, including pruning cuts are an important role in the oak wilt disease process. There are structures that contain the spores for this fungus known as fungal mats. These are only produced on red oak trees (such as shumard oak, Texas red oak) and occur when specific environmental conditions take place. These structures smell like rotten bananas or melons and the nitidulid beetles can't resist. These beetles feed and breed on these fungal mats and as a result they get spores all over their body. When this food source is gone these hungry beetles travel to find a meal elsewhere.

If you have recently pruned your trees when this hungry beetle is flying around your area, your freshly pruned trees look like a buffet they can't pass up. One very effective thing you can do is to paint the pruning wounds you created. The main goal is to provide a barrier to keep the nitidulids from feeding on these fresh wounds. If a barrier is not established the oak wilt spores will be introduced into the fresh wound from the body of the nitidulid and your tree will become infected with the oak wilt fungus. Painting your pruning wounds with pruning paint or even latex paint provides an effective barrier. Make sure to paint the wound immediately after it's created for the best protection. Nitidulid beetles are attracted to fresh wounds and only fresh wounds are suitable for the oak wilt fungus to become established. Wounds over 3-4 days old are no longer suitable for infection by the fungus even though contaminated beetles may still visit these wounds.

The best way you can control oak wilt from infecting your gorgeous oak trees in your yard is to paint any wounds that you create throughout the year. That way you'll be able to enjoy the shade of your beautiful oak trees for years to come.

HELP WANTED: APPLY WITHIN

As you all know, this is a great neighborhood in which to live.....**but**, the neighborhood doesn't run itself!! Help is needed to manage it. All of the Saddleridge Board officers are volunteers, elected by the property owners; plus, there are several non-elected volunteer committees that need to be staffed. There are currently openings on some of these committees. Everyone is busy; but most committee work requires neither great physical activity nor any particular knowledge base. All that is usually required is just some computer and phone time; less than an hour a month on average. Please consider getting more involved in the neighborhood by taking on a committee position, whether a chair position or a committee "back-up" member. You get to be in the "inner circle" of Saddleridge goings-on; and of course it's a great feeling to give back to the place you call home. To sign up, please contact any of the SPOA Board members.

Please help our neighborhood continue to be a great and safe place to live.

Here is an outline of our committees, their main duties, and current open positions:

Architectural – Duties; review and approve all proposed property improvements (buildings, fencing, and other constructed/erected items) for compliance with the Saddleridge Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions.

Chairperson - Rick Cardenas; Members - Pat Caballero, Francis Savage.

Maintenance – Duties; put out and return trash can from clubhouse on trash day. Handle any needed maintenance in the subdivision (fix if you can, or notify Board and locate/estimate/negotiate with contractors for repairs). Change burn-ban signs as needed.

[Need Chairperson; and two members for help and backup.](#)

Clubhouse Rental – Duties; maintain log of rentals, collect/return dues/deposits, turn in dues to treasurer, supply and collect keys to/from renters, assure clubhouse condition before returning deposits to renters.

[Need Chairperson;](#) Kathy Soden is currently backup.

Website – Duties; maintain the SPOA website. Requires some degree of PC competence, knowledge of HTML, use of an HTML editor to modify and update the website, and use of an ftp client to update the website.

Chairpersons Joe and Lyn Williams; [need one or two members for help and backup.](#)

Landscape and Firewise – Duties; monitor landscape at entrances, make suggestions to Board for ways to improve same, locate/ estimate/negotiate with contractors for any needed landscape-related work.

Chairperson Ron Steel; [need two members for help and backup.](#)

Neighborhood Watch – Duties; responsible for coordinating activities to protect Property Owners within Saddleridge, including alerting residents to criminal, fire, traffic, and disaster dangers, notifying city and county officials of related subdivision problems, establishing Block Captains, organize annual National Night Out event.

Chairpersons Cecil and Lee Gibson; members Judy and Bo Garrett.

[Need Chairperson; and two \(or more\) members for help and backup](#) (current Chairperson and members have been doing this for a very long time, desire to be replaced).

Nomination – Duties; locate persons to run for elected Board positions.

[Need Chairperson; and two members for help and backup.](#)

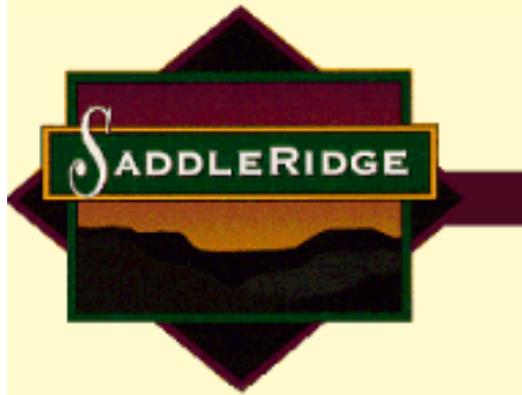
Property Owners – Duties; monitor local government and media outlets for items affecting Saddleridge.

[Need Chairperson; and two members for help and backup.](#)

PLEASE; GET INVOLVED TODAY!!

Monthly Meetings for Saddleridge Property Owners

The Saddleridge Property Owner's Association Board meets the third Monday of each month at 6:30pm at the Saddleridge clubhouse. The first 30 minutes are open to residents and property owners. Please stop by if you have anything you'd like to discuss with the Board.



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