

# Lakewood Estates Association



## Message from LEA President, Tod Grubbs

Winter is finally over, all 5 days of it. Spring has sprung and the heat of summer will be here in a few weeks to stay for the next 6 months.

With spring in the air it is time for another round of Thurman Bend Road clean up on April 15th. I have seen a discarded television and several rolls of carpet, along with the usual beer bottles, cans and food containers.

Come out to lend a hand picking up the trash along Thurman Bend Rd. We will begin at 9am sharp. We've had great participation for this event each spring and fall. Thanks for helping to keep our area more pleasant to view as we come and go from our homes each day. As usual we will meet at the entrance to Lakewood Estates with the signup sheet, trash bags and the orange safety vests. Pick a section of the road to walk and someone will be along to pick up the full trash bags. Remember to ask for help if you find a heavy object, wear gloves for protection from sharp objects, and drink plenty of water to keep hydrated.

This year we will be hosting the BBQ lunch after cleaning up Thurman Bend, starting at 12:00 noon at the LEA Park pavilion. Please come down and visit with your neighbors and friends and enjoy some good BBQ. Please bring your own drinks and a covered dish or dessert if you can. The LEA will provide the BBQ meat and paper goods.

Best Regards,

*Tod Grubbs, President of LEA*

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## Current Membership

The LEA Board extends a big thanks to all current LEA members (listed below) for paying your voluntary dues for membership in a timely manner, and a special thanks to those who donated extra.

Charles & Martha Anderson	Patrick & Janice King
Craig Avery	Dave Kull
Michael & Linda Balconi-Lamica	Troy Lamb
E. Lewis & Marsha Boehm, Jr.	Doug & Bettie Lawson
Simon & Melanie Bradwell	David & Beverly Leonard
Gary L. Bramblett & Patricia Krueger	Pat Wissen Lock
Dwight & Carol Brinkman	Robert & Kay Lucas
Jerry & Kitty Brown	Clif & Karen Maloney
Tim & Jennifer Cantrell	Charles & Rita McCarthy
Ed & Connie Capps	Buddy & Candy McCray
Mike & Lindsey Clark	Debbie & Ken Murphy
Chip Cramer & Melissa Anderson	Gary & Nannette Overbeck
Terry & Misty Crawford	Diana Plank
Mike & Mary Kay Davis	Jane Quisenberry
Richard & Kay Dreiss	Jerry Rankin
Gary D. Fender	Steve & Sharon Rudkin
John & Annette Gilmore	George & Mary Ruiz
Andy & Laurie Graham	Douglas & Patricia Shockley
Mark R Green	Paul & Sarah Stranahan
Tod Grubbs & Cynthia Hestand	Donald & Pamela Swonke
Vern Hacker & Betty Herzog	Curtis Tarpley
Jeff & Holly Hanna	Wayne & Jan Tollett
Tom & Amy Harper	Jim Tyree
Brad & Belinda Harvey	Ken & Marlene Van Rens
Rick Hewitt	Mary Ann Werchan
Teri Hewitt	Newbern H. Whitehurst
Fred & JoAnn Hoskins	Eugene & Lula Wissen
Bob Johnson	Sherwin Wissen
Russell & Peggy Johnson	
John & Juliet King	

## 2006 LEA Membership Directory

One of the benefits of being an LEA member is that you receive the enclosed membership directory that lists residents of Lakewood Estates, along with their contact information, willingness to help neighbors, and areas of expertise. This directory is distributed free of charge to LEA members only.

Note:

- a) You are **not** in the directory if you checked the "Opt out of Directory" box on the 2006 LEA membership form.
- b) You **are** in the directory if you did not "opt out" on the form, or if you did not send in a form with your dues.



## Park Status

If you have not been here in a while you might find some nice improvements to the park. We have a terrific sun shade with tables next to the members' swim / boat dock and boat ramp. At the other end of the park is a huge picnic pavilion complete with tables, electricity and a great fire pit for cooking (only use charcoal during a burn ban) - all available to members and their guests. The Board also provides a port-a-potty for member use that is located by the pavilion from mid April to mid Oct.

It may be difficult to justify paying membership dues when the water level will be down, the boat launch out of the water, and the only way to the water is to jump off the cliff. But the LEA still has expenses for up-keep to the property, electricity service, and item repairs.

We currently have 7 buoys missing or damaged. We have captured 6 of them and plan to repair and re-deploy in April, but that will take a large chunk of the yearly budget for cable, hardware, anchors and the like. To repair/replace the buoys, it will cost about \$1,000. Without the membership dues and generous donations from some of the members, we would not be able to keep things maintained and looking nice.

Late last year the cable for the member dock was broken. It looked like someone had hooked the anchor cable and dragged it across the park, causing it to break at the dock. The anchor weight was lost but we were able to attach what was left of the cable to the dock to keep it from floating away - thanks to **Lewis Boehm** and **Bob Johnson**. **David Leonard** donated 300 feet of ½ inch cable and the installation cost, and **Lewis Boehm** donated the anchor weight to the LEA to repair the member dock at no cost to the LEA. Thanks Guys!! ◆

## Spring Cleaning

Spring yard cleaning brings piles of branches and leaves to dispose of. Please remember to call the fire department to get permission to burn: 512-926-1706. They can advise on burn ban status, ozone action days, and wind conditions. Even if it is raining we may be under a burn ban, and anyone burning during a burn ban is subject to a \$500 fine from the Travis County Sheriff's Office. Visit [PedernalesEmergency.org](http://PedernalesEmergency.org) for more info.



## Lake Levels and the Continuing Dry Weather

As they say about the weather in Texas, it is one long drought broken up by brief periods of intense rain and flooding. Some areas have had some rain recently but the short and long range forecasts are for continued dry and warmer than normal weather. If this continues we may see low lake levels like those we saw in 2000. By Sept 2000 the lake was down to 643.78 ft. msl.

Water releases from Mansfield Dam, which began March 1 for irrigation of rice and other crops by farmers on the coast, are expected to become noticeable by April, when the lake level will be dropping about a foot every two weeks. That rate will increase as water releases accelerate in May and June before slacking off in July. They will resume in August before trailing off in September and October. ♦

## Update on Park Access

Thanks to all members who use their tags when in the park. It helps tremendously to be able to quickly see who should or should not be in the Park. Since this project started we have issued 34 warnings to vehicles that did not have a tag showing. If you see such a vehicle in the park please contact one of the Board members ASAP so they can take appropriate action. Last year there were a few boat trailers with boats left in the park with no tags. Some have been just overnight and one was left for several weeks in the middle of the parking area with an expired license plate & registration. If you need to park your boat and/or trailer in the park for longer than a day or so, please contact an LEA Board member to prevent action being taken to remove it

A current membership tag is required to be shown on all vehicles while in the LEA park. Any LEA Board member will be able to give warning notices for non-compliance. The notice will allow the LEA to give notice to violators and collect metrics to track violations. In order to use the LEA park you must be a current LEA member and display your current year tag in your vehicle when in the park.

If there is a need for more tags for a one-time event, contact one of the current Board members and tell them when you will be at the park and how many people are expected. Please give at least 24 hours notice. ♦

## LEA Information

More information about the LEA can be found on the Lakewood Estates web site at: [www.lakewoodestates.org](http://www.lakewoodestates.org) ♦

## 2006 LEA Board Member Contact Info

President	Tod Grubbs	264-0501
Vice President	Jan Tollett	264-0846
Vice President	Steve Rudkin	264-1197
Vice Presidents	Brad & Belinda Harvey	264-2637
Treasurer	Lewis Boehm	264-0123
Secretary	Mary Ruiz	264-2246

Email: [LEAboard@lakewoodestates.org](mailto:LEAboard@lakewoodestates.org)

## Welcome Newcomers

We have had a number of new folks purchase property in the Lakewood Estates neighborhood this year. Please pass any new neighbor information (name and address) to one of the Board members, so we can include them in a future mailing.

We extend a warm welcome to:

Gary Fender  
Pat Lock  
Diana Plank  
Sherwin Wissen

## Spicewood LaSertoma Club

Women in the Spicewood area are forming a new LaSertoma Club. LaSertoma is an International Organization that focuses on Youth and Community Needs. First organized in 1929 and incorporated in 1934, LaSertoma has International Headquarters in Spring Hill, Kansas, which services clubs throughout the United States, including Puerto Rico, and in Canada and Mexico. These clubs are dedicated to the promotion of service in local communities and internationally. "Friendship and Service" is the motto of LaSertoma.

**WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN LASERTOMA?** Satisfaction of giving back to the community in projects of our own choosing according to the needs of our own community and for fun, fellowship and extended social contact as we help those in need.

For more information contact:

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Next meeting is April 6th at 1:00 pm at Coyote Sam's Café, 20808 W. Hwy 71. Come join us! ♦