

Message from LEA President, Tod Grubbs

Happy New Year!! Another year has flown by and it is the beginning of 2008. We have a full lake after all the rain from the summer and late spring. Last year this time we were sitting at less than 645 msl elevation and were all worried about running out of water over the summer. Normal levels for this time of year are 670 and we are currently above 681 msl now. What a difference a year makes.

Our Annual Meeting/BBQ & Thurman Bend road cleanup was a great success, with excellent turnout by our members. THANKS TO ALL who participated!

The results of the LEA board election:

President	Tod Grubbs	264-0501
Treasurer	Brad Harvey	264-2637
Secretary	Marlowe Macintyre	447-7001
Vice President	Jan Tollett	264-0846
Vice President	Steve Rudkin	264-1197
Vice President	Fred Hoskins	264-0203
Vice President	Richard Dreiss	264-2153

The membership dues have been increased to \$75 for property owners and \$37.50 for renters to help cover the increased cost of business.

Over the last several months I have spent much of my time and effort getting LEA ready for our day in court. The LEA appeared in court December 18 but due to the possibility of a settlement, the trial was halted by the Judge with the consent of both sides. If a settlement is not reached, the trial will possibly begin on February 4. See the Status of Legal matters of this newsletter for more information.

I look forward to working with the Board, the members and the community to continue to make Lakewood Estates a great place to live.

I would like to wish all our neighbors and friends a Happy New Year!

Best Regards
Tod Grubbs, President of LEA
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Update on Park Access

The LEA board would like to thank all the members who use their tags when in the park. If you need to park your boat and/or trailer in the park for longer than a day or so, please contact one of the Board members so no action is taken to remove it.

A current membership tag is required to be shown on all vehicles while in the LEA park. Any automobile found without a current TAG will be asked to leave. 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.**

Boat Docks

The dock licensing agreements will continue in 2008 with the fee to be set at \$10 per linear foot.

Welcome New Neighbors

We have had a few new neighbors move into the Lakewood Estates this year. You are all invited to join the LEA to have use of our park, pavilion and boat launch. Please pass any new neighbor information (name and address) to one of the Board members, so we can include them on our next mailing.

Information from the 'Steering Committee for Thurman Bend'

May of last year we were asked to participate in a community steering committee (SC) with the other communities on Thurman Bend to discuss and assess the threat of annexation by Lakeway and review options. Tod Grubbs, Chip Cramer and Richard Dreiss are representing LEA on the Steering Committee.

Possible options include incorporation into a village, working with Briarcliff or Lago Vista to be part of their city ETJ with a long term agreement to not annex us and not trade the ETJ with Lakeway or do nothing. The SC group has met several times last year and has made great progress in gathering the needed information and vetting possible options. There are 2 sub committees that are currently working on gathering information and will be summarizing the info and reporting back to the SC after the first of the year.

We had several representatives from the SC at our membership meeting to discuss what the SC is working on and the latest information and answer questions from the crowd.

Status of Legal Matters

On November 18, 2005 the LEA Board received notification that an association member (dock owner) was claiming adverse possession of the park property under and leading to their dock.

A special Board meeting was held December 1, 2005 to discuss this matter. The Board then began trying to work with the dock owner for a settlement, but by midsummer 2006 it was evident an agreement would not be reached.

To protect the interests of LEA the Board filed suit on the dock owner shortly before the October 2006 LEA Membership Meeting, and announced the suit to the membership at that meeting.

The Board called a special membership meeting on June 2 to discuss the status of the case and get approval for LEA to acquire a loan to pay for the litigation cost that go above what has been generously donated by members so far. As of early Dec all the legal cost incurred so far have been paid for with donations by LEA members.

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The LEA Board members feel it is extremely important to protect the LEA property and its future use for the membership, but it will cost money to take this to court. We are looking for donations to assist with the cost of protecting the LEA property for the membership. The more donations we receive the less we have to borrow. If you are willing to donate to the LEA legal fund, please contact LEA Treasurer Brad Harvey at 512-264-2637, or mail donations to:
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LEA Membership Dues

It's time to begin/renew your LEA membership!

Dues amounts have increased this year due to increased cost.

Membership entitles you to use the park and its amenities (nonmembers do NOT have use of the park). Full membership also allows property owners to vote at the LEA meetings.

\$75 LEA full owner membership per property, 1 vote

\$37.50 LEA associate property rented membership, no vote

The LEA bylaws provide the opportunity for property owners to purchase a membership for each lot owned. Each full (owner) membership purchased entitles the owner to 1 vote in matters brought before the membership for voting. Associate memberships do not get a vote in matters before the membership.

Example: Joe owns 3 lots and purchases 3 full memberships at a cost of \$225; Joe gets 3 votes. Sue owns 3 lots and purchases 1 full membership and 2 associate memberships for her renters, at a cost of \$150. Sue gets 1 vote and the renters get none.

Membership dues for 2008 are due as of January 1st. Residents can join throughout the year, but dues are not prorated. So join now to get the most bang for your buck! Please detach the last page of this newsletter, fill it out, & send it with your membership check in the enclosed self addressed envelope.

LEA Directory

LEA will again publish a directory that lists residents of Lakewood Estates, along with their contact information, willingness to help neighbors, and areas of expertise (free advertisement). The directory will be distributed free of charge to LEA members (only). Please enter your information as specified on the attached membership form.

Newsletter by Email

If you would prefer to receive electronic copies of this newsletter and help cut printing/mailling costs please select the appropriate box on the membership form when returning your dues.

