



# Canyon Call

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## ANNUAL GARAGE SALE - Saturday, April 9, 2011

Tammy Reed; Events Coordinator

SCLA will host the annual Garage Sale again this year! As in years past, the Garage Sale will be held in the AMM Collision Center parking lot. The hours will be from 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM on Saturday, April 9.

Each Participant will be assigned one parking spot in the parking lot to set up their sale items. Each participant is responsible for setting up, tearing down, and cleaning up their own area. Be sure to bring tables or anything you might need including money to make change. The sale begins at 8:00 AM but we recommend participants arrive early to set up. The spots are first come first serve so the earlier you arrive the better chance you have of getting where you would like to be.

The Garage Sale will be advertised in the Austin American Statesman, on Craig's List, and the Dripping Springs News Dispatch.

The Garage Sale is free to all SCLA members, but we only have room for about 40 families so please RSVP to reserve your spot today! If you are not a member the garage sale participation fee is \$35.00; however, you may wish to join the Association for the annual membership fee of \$35.00.

The Association wishes to express their "THANKS" to AMM for allowing us to use their parking lot again this year.

Tammy will be on site near the entrance to AMM's storage area at 8:00 AM to show you your assigned spot and collect dues from those who choose to join the Association.

To reserve your spot call Tammy Reed at 512-810-3134.



## SCLA EASTER EGG HUNT

We invite children from all sections to attend the fifth annual *Easter Egg Hunt* on the Monday after Easter, *April 25 at 4:30*. Edith Austin will host the Easter Egg Hunt on the *vacant lot at 1105 Oak Meadow in Section V*. The event is free of charge.



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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello to all of my neighbors and thank you very much for entrusting me with representing you. For those that did not attend the annual meeting in January, we elected a new board and approved the budget for 2011. Officers and directors of the nine member board are listed to the left along with their contact information.

We did not have any candidate for the 5<sup>th</sup> member at large position at the meeting however, after the meeting we had two candidates that came forward to volunteer. I consulted with our By-Laws chairman Michael McGown and according to our by-laws: since the position was not filled at the annual meeting, we need a majority vote of the Board to appoint a member-at-large to the vacant slot. (Article 6, Section 6.07). So Mr. James Shelton was elected to the board as the 5<sup>th</sup> member at large.

I truly believe that most of us moved to Sunset Canyon because we enjoy the land, slow pace, relaxed environment, nature, country roads and yes, neighbors. We have an association to enable us to take care of the common areas and promote the well being of the neighborhood. Our membership fee is \$35 annually which is one of the lowest association fees that I know of anywhere. If you review the approved budget, most of your dues go toward paying for electricity, lights, signs, ... as well as costs associated with communication to you including the website, newsletter and membership mailings. Because our neighborhood consist of large lots, it is harder to get to know your neighbors so we also have events ranging from an Easter Egg hunt for the children to National Night Out for us to come together as a neighborhood. I encourage you to participate by being a member; sending in an article or placing an ad in the newsletter. Better yet, help with the publishing of the newsletter (contact Weldon Jarratt-510.858.2786); come and enjoy or help with the events (contact Ben Fletcher-512.894.0452). Your participation and membership is appreciated.

In the coming months we would like to be able to send out electronic copies of the newsletter to those of you that prefer that method. Please let me know by sending me an e-mail at [President@sunsetcaynon.org](mailto:President@sunsetcaynon.org). We also received multiple complaints about the trash situation and we would like to address it by inviting the three trash companies to come and present their company, pricing and how they will work with us in the future. We hope that you will join us in narrowing down to one or two companies to service the neighborhood. In doing this, we hope that a) our street surfaces will last longer, b) we only have a couple of days that big trash trucks come through the neighborhood and c) the companies we pick will not litter our streets with trash or trash cans.

My e-mail is [President@sunsetcaynon.org](mailto:President@sunsetcaynon.org) and I'm looking forward to meeting you and working with you.

~Kim~

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## WELCOME COMMITTEE

After 10 years as your Welcome Chairlady, it is with regret and delight that I am turning over the Welcome Committee to 3 lovely ladies. Tina Rundstedt and Jan Smith will co-chair the Welcome Committee, and Liz Wallin will help with sections II and III South. If you know of any homes that have sold recently or are for sale please notify these ladies at [welcome@SunsetCanyon.org](mailto:welcome@SunsetCanyon.org). They will check the status of the home; welcome any newcomers, and advise Robert George of any changes so he may keep our database up-to-date. Please, continue to let them know when a new neighbor moves in because your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you for all of your help during the past 10 years. I have welcomed many wonderful families to Sunset Canyon ~Sandy Hale~  
Sandy, Thanks for all the hard work and all the great "Welcomes" in the last ten years. ~SCLA

## The 24th ANNIVERSARY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS FOUNDER'S DAY

### THE BIGGEST LOCAL EVENT OF THE YEAR!!!

The local Founder's Day will be held in downtown Dripping Springs on April 15-17. This will be the 24th year that the event has been held. Included in this year's events will be the big parade on Mercer Street on Friday afternoon/evening. The parade gets bigger every year. The annual BBQ Cook-Off will be held on Friday afternoon, Saturday all day, and Sunday. There will be over 100 cooking teams in this event. Come enjoy the smoke, the sights and sounds, and the great food. There will be over 80 arts and crafts booths, dances, and contests galore. Many food and drinks vendors will be in attendance. There will be a carnival in town for the kids and young at heart. Bring money!

This is a great event held over a three-day period. If you are new to the area you should plan on attending if possible. Everyone, adults and children, has lots of fun. The food is great and there are lots of vendors to visit. Parking is sometimes hard to find if you get there late, so plan on coming early. Parking in the DS triangle area (next to the Veteran's Hall) will be available for \$5.00 on a first come basis.

This event has been held for many years and honors the founders of the town of Dripping Springs. It started out small and is now a very BIG event with lots of local people and many visitors attending



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## BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Directors will meet at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall of the Sunset Canyon Baptist Church on the first Monday of each month. Everyone is welcome to attend, in fact we request that you attend. Should you have any issue you want brought before the Board, we ask that you let the President know at least three working days prior to the meeting so that the issue may be placed on the agenda.

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### INFRASTRUCTURE IN SUNSET CANYON

SCLA has an infrastructure committee that is responsible for several areas. Our members normally do not make actual repairs but are in touch with appropriate Hays County officials, Texas Department of Transportation officials, and others that help maintain the two Sunset Canyon entrances with signs, those being Sunset Canyon I and Sunset Canyon II/III (South).

The two large entrance signs were placed there by the original developer and are on privately owned property, not belonging to SCLA. We maintain the small areas in front of and adjacent to the signs. This is done on a contract basis and we normally mow and trim as needed in the spring, summer, and fall periods. The lights and bulbs that shine on the signs are replaced as needed by our members. If the lights are out please notify SCLA and they will be replaced. We do not always see that the lights are out until notified. Homeowners who drive into those two entrances are the ones most likely to notice this. Please help us out.

Our SCLA organization also pays for the large overhead entrance light at Sunset Canyon V (West). This is provided for and maintained by PEC but we pay the electric bill. We also had two other large lights at Section I and Section II/III prior to the traffic light being installed.

We call in and try to get repairs done to potholes, damaged stop signs, and fallen or damaged street name signs. We are in contact with the Hays County road repair section to repair roads as needed. Several years ago we were able to get the county to place a complete gravel and tar seal coat on all our Sunset Canyon roads. This can only be done every so often because of high costs. We do have fairly good roads in Sunset Canyon compared to many other subdivisions. The county does own and maintain the roads. They were up to standard and deeded to the county many years ago. It is up

to our landowners to help protect the roads by not cutting corners and driving on the edges of the payment. You can report problems to either the SCLA or to the county.

We have had warning signs and slower speed limit signs placed on sharp curves and gotten the county to put reflective markers in front of drain culverts. The county does mow the edges of the Right of Ways (ROW) at least once a year, usually in the fall. Residents should help keep the grass and weeds cut in front of their property. This helps keep the grass from growing into the payment and causing more damage. Sometimes an application of grass/weed killer could be applied as needed. We, all of us, must help to keep the roads in good repair.

It is the responsibility of property owners to cut and trim tree limbs and bushes that are in front of their property, but grow out over the edge of the street. This is an on-going problem but it must be done every so often. Please help us out on this issue.

Garbage cans in the roadway are also an on-going problem. The roadway is narrow and when vehicles pass they sometimes hit the cans, or each other. SCLA has called the trash companies numerous times to report this problem. Homeowners can help by removing your empty cans as quickly as possible. Also, call your trash company and make a complaint.

Traffic lights and signs on US 290W are the responsibility of the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) regional office. If you observe signs down or traffic lights out please call TXDOT or SCLA. Mowing the grass on the 290W ROW, which goes through Sunset Canyon, is also done by contracted TXDOT mowers, at least in the summer or fall after the wildflower season is over.

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**HELP NEEDED ~ NEWSLETTER**

*Help!!* SCLA needs someone to help produce the Canyon Call. Any journalism majors out there?? Anyone interested in assisting with the Canyon Call, please contact Weldon Jarratt, Communications Chair, at wdj6@verizon.net or 512.858.2786.

In 2011, Peel Inc. published our Newsletter, the Canyon Call. The Board of Directors (BOD) was not informed until February that Peel would not publish the 2011 newsletters. The BOD needed to get the newsletter out in time to announce the Annual Garage Sale and the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Easter Egg Hunt. So after not producing a newsletter for a year, we are picking up the pieces and starting over again.

We are looking for someone to take over and manage the newsletter which includes accepting articles from BOD members and the membership in general, along with word processing, coordination with the local the printer, saving as a PDF and emailing to the webmaster. This copy of the newsletter is done in Microsoft Word but the Association is open to acquiring software if necessary.

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**OAK WILT MANAGEMENT**

Oak wilt is a major disease problem for all species of oaks however, in the Hill Country Texas red oaks and live oaks are the most commonly affected.

The foliage of infected red oak turn pale green, then yellow and finally brown, the leaves remain on the tree for weeks. Texas red oak generally dies within 7 to 30 days after the first disease symptom.

A common symptom of oak wilt on a live oak is browning of leaves on individual limbs during spring month. The most characteristic leaf symptom is dead tissue along the leaf. It is common to see complete defoliation within 30 days after infection. Most live oaks die within 60 days to 2 years but some survive for several years after infection.

The fungus spreads locally from tree to tree through root grafts and common root systems. Insects spread it over long distances by carrying the spores to wounds and pruning cuts on healthy tree.

Control of oak wilt is difficult with no one method proving effective in all cases. Stopping the spread of the fungus should be the objective. To prevent the initial outbreak of the disease, avoid pruning trees from February through November. Treat all wounds and cuts greater then ½ inch diameter immediately after cutting. Do not store wood removed from infected trees around healthy trees.

## SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS

Please notice the local businesses that have eagerly bought advertising space in this newsletter. We are a rapidly maturing group of neighborhoods. Sunset Canyon alone has roughly 700 landowners so we represent a sizeable market. National chains are opening stores all the time and they are here because the business climate is promising. The advertisers in this newsletter are local entrepreneurs. They are your neighbors so we encourage you to use them when you can. They are close and convenient and it helps us all to support local businesses.

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## Upcoming Events

The Event Committee met on March 14, 2011 at Ben's home to discuss events for 2011. Those present were Ben Fletcher, Sandy Hale, Vickie Chaffee, and Tammy Reed. The Event Committee will present these events and dates to the Board for their approval at the next meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

April 9—Community Wide Garage Sale—Tammy is chair

April 25—Community Easter Egg Hunt—Sandy will work with Edith Austin

May 14—Community Work Day—clearing the lot on the corner of Hidden Hills and Victorian Oaks for future events

July 16—Neighbors-in-Need Fundraiser—Fish Fry at the church to raise money to help neighborhood families—Randy and Gary chair

Oct. 4—National Night Out—Vickie will chair

Oct. 22—BBQ Cookoff

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