



Canyon Call

The official newsletter of the Sunset Canyon Land Owner's Association • Sept. 2021
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The **Canyon Call** is your newsletter! We want to hear from you.

Email tips, stories, articles, recipes or whatever else you'd like to share to Sarah at scla.news@sunsetcanyon.org



2021 NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT OUT

On October 5, 2021, Hays County will be participating along with the rest of Texas to celebrate National Night Out Against Crime.

National Night Out is designed to:

1. Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness.
2. Generate support for and participation in anti-crime efforts.
3. Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community relations.
4. Send a message to criminals letting them know that our neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

For more information about National Night Out, you can visit the National Association of Town Watches website at <http://www.nationaltownwatch.org/natw/>.

Sunset Canyon will be participating in National Night Out on Tuesday, October 5, 2021.

NNO has proven to be an effective, inexpensive, and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood spirit and sheriff-community partnerships in the fight for a safer nation. It is also a great way to meet your neighbors.

Year after year, according to the Hays County Sheriff's Department, Sunset Canyon is one of the safest and most crime free neighborhoods in Hays County!!! We need to work to keep it that way. One way to keep Sunset Canyon one of the safest and most crime free neighborhoods is to join the party nearest you and meet and greet your neighbors. You will also get to visit with law enforcement personnel.

We would like to have several NNO parties in each section of Sunset Canyon this year. It's not too late - If you would like to host a NNO party this year, please let Sandy Hale know. She will register each family, and the SCLA Board will again provide HEB gift cards to each host family to help with expenses. PLEASE JOIN US!!!

Parties in Sunset Canyon: (6 to 9 PM)

- 604 Bending Oak
- 201 Canyonwood
- 601 Canyonwood
- 702 Canyonwood
- 1208 Canyonwood
- 1001 Oak Meadow
- 1011 Foothills
- 1086 Hidden Hills
- 504 Oak Crest
- 4002 E. Hwy 290-The Hub

Sandy Hale 512-858-5637
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For those who have been asking, we now accept credit card payments on our website: www.sunsetcanyon.org/payment. If you would like to make a donation to the Crime Prevention Program but would prefer to pay by credit card, this is now available for you. Online payment will also be available for those who wish to pay their 2022 dues in January versus mailing us a payment.

To participate in community dialogue:

Join NextDoor SunsetCanyon
<https://nextdoor.com>

The board does not monitor or sponsor this group.

IN MEMORIAM

One of our valued board members, Peggy Grambo, passed away on Saturday, September 4. Peggy joined the board in 2016 as our Website and Newsletter editor.

In this role, she worked to improve the communications of the board and provide an informative newsletter. We extend our sincere condolences to her family.



BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

We are continuing to look for volunteers to join the SCLA board.

The SCLA board position of President is still open. The main duties of the President are to preside over monthly Board meetings, respond to community member questions or requests, and communicate with local offices when needed. Typically, the President spends 5-6 hours per month on their duties.

We are also looking for an at-large board member. Duties include monthly board meetings, requiring one hour per month. Any association member is welcome to volunteer.



THE WELCOME COMMITTEE NEEDS HELP

We are always looking for people to join in and help us with our welcoming activities. It does not take a lot of time, and the rewards are great. You will meet the nicest people who are moving here. If you can help, please call our chairman, Sandy Hale, at 512-858-5637 or scla.welcome@sunsetcanyon.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sept 13 - Monthly Board Mtg 7PM at SCBC
- Oct 5 – National Night Out
- Oct 11 - Monthly Board Mtg 7PM at SCBC
- Nov 8- Monthly Board Mtg 7PM at SCBC
- Dec 13- Monthly Board Mtg 7PM at SCBC (SCBC – Sunset Canyon Baptist Church)

Association Information

SUNSET CANYON LANDOWNER’S ASSOCIATION

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- President**.....Vacant
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- Plan Review**
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BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Directors meets at 7:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall of the Sunset Canyon Baptist Church usually on the **second Monday of each month**. Any changes to the monthly meeting dates will be posted on our website- sunsetcanyon.org. All residents are welcome to attend. If you have any issue to bring before the Board, please let the Secretary know at least three working days prior to the meeting.

WASTE CONNECTIONS
HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

The normal weekly trash or trash & recycle pickup day is Thursday. This day may shift because of holidays. This year Thanksgiving will cause a shift. Trash will be picked up Friday November 26th not Thursday November 25th. Trash and recycling will be picked up as scheduled throughout December.

WHAT NEIGHBORS SAY ABOUT BEING ON THE
SUNSET CANYON CITIZEN PATROL

"I feel good when neighbors help neighbors.",
"I have a sense of neighborhood involvement.",
"Our 'flashing yellow lights' serve as a deterrent to suspicious activity/crime.",
"My wife and I both enjoy the 'Buddy Patrol' and in addition to us patrolling together, we've also 'buddied' with neighbors.",
"We like meeting new people in the neighborhood.",
"Often, a neighbor will flag us down to report situations that might warrant a drive by.",
"I like being on the lookout for lost pets.",

"It discourages door-to-door solicitors.",
"We like being able to decide our own patrol schedule.",
"We have met many neighbors during our patrols as well as seeing all the new development, county road works, and various holiday decor throughout the year.", and
"The supportive comments and donations from neighbors helps make it all worthwhile!"

The Sunset Canyon Citizen Patrol (SCCP), a program recommended by Constable Ron Hood, drives the neighborhood observing and making our presence known by the flashing yellow light. Any unusual activity is reported to the police without any direct confrontation. The Constable conducts a one hour training class for all participants.

You can show your support by volunteering (call or text neighbor Paul at 734.645.6614 for more information) or by sending a \$10 donation to help cover operating costs to SCLA, PO Box 588, Dripping Springs, TX 78620.

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OAK WILT ON OAKWOOD UPDATE

The Oak Wilt Containment Trench is expected to be done by the end of September. Total length of the trench is expected to be about half a mile and cost about \$23,000.

The trench starts a little over 100 feet directly North of the current infection and goes West to Blue Hills, then follows Blue Hills South to Oakwood, then continues West on both sides of Oakwood for a little over 100 feet.

The trench also goes further South to the back of the affected properties along Oakwood, then continues East, and then turns back North to the Southern edge of Oakwood a little over 200 feet past the current infection.

Note that we were not able to completely encircle the infected area as recommended by the Texas A&M Forest Service, so there may be an eventual spread of Oak Wilt to the North East.

All property owners adjacent to the trench should be vigilant in watching for any breakout past the trench; if we catch these quickly they will be easier to stop.

Some of the trees inside the trenched perimeter will be treated with a fungicide that is 80% effective at saving the tree. In October/ November we plan to join forces to clear out the dead trees.

Thank you to all who have supported this effort.
Chris Stoll, (512) 689-4150

If you need help identifying Oak Wilt, visit texasoakwilt.org

If you believe you have an outbreak near you, please contact:

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Certified Arborist
Oak Wilt Specialists of Texas 512-750-6403 cell
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**UPDATE ON ROAD REPAIR & RESURFACING
IN SUNSET CANYON**

The roads in Section V have been repaired and resurfaced except for one small section on Roy Creek. We are awaiting an answer as to why this short section has not been finished.

The roads in Section IV have been pretty much completed. There may be a few more areas to finish but it looks like most of the surfaces have been done.

The crews should be moving on to Section I pretty soon if they have not already done so. Once they get in a section the work progresses pretty fast.

Section II & III will follow Section I. There are a good number of repairs that need to be done in Section II/III before the resurfacing starts. There are potholes, the breaking down of several surface areas, and some side/edge work that needs to be completed.

Overall the work appears to be done in an excellent manner. The roads are a little bit messy for a few days after the surface is put down. The small gravel stays on the surface for several days to a week or so. Drive slowly to avoid any windshield damage. The surface is a little sticky at first but it gets much better after a few days. Overall a very good job. We are very lucky to have this done. It only happens every 10-12 years or so. Thanks to the Hays Country road crews for all the hard and very hot work. Thanks to our Commissioner for helping us get this done.

Gary P. Hale
Infrastructure Committee

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

DSISD has a number of bus stops to drop off and pick up students that are on US290. Since 290 is not a divided highway with barriers between the east and west lanes, ALL TRAFFIC MUST STOP when a school bus is stopped with their flashing lights on. Don't get caught passing a school bus. Not only is it a safety hazard for the students but the fine is \$300!



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UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION
PATRIOTS HALL IN SUNSET CANYON

As many of our residents are aware, there is a new building being built in the old Commercial Section of Sunset Canyon on the south side of US290 between S. Canyonwood Drive and Canyon Bend Drive. Ten acres of land that consists of four commercial lots was purchased by a Non-Profit Organization called Patriots Hall. The Patriots Hall organization has been fund raising for some time and is now in the process of building the first building. This building will be the home of the Dripping Springs VFW Post 2933 and the American Legion Post 290. As you drive on US290 you can see the new building being constructed. We hope to be able to meet in this building by Oct or maybe Nov 2021.

There will then be several other buildings constructed in the near future to consist of a small Chapel and a large 7500 sq ft Conference Type Hall with office, library, and work space. The whole complex

is planned as a place for veterans and their families to meet and work and play. There are to be walking/ bike trails, playgrounds, a small fishing lake, workout facilities, and activities such as Yoga Classes and Art Classes. Plans may include Bee Keeping, Horseback Riding, and Gardening. A Wellness Clinic is also planned for our veterans.

Go to: www.patriotshall.org and check it out.

This whole ten acre site will be a real asset to our community and to the Sunset Canyon neighborhood. Any veterans that reside in Sunset Canyon are welcome and are encouraged to join one or both of our organizations. If you are already a current member of another Post you are welcome to transfer to one of our two active posts.

Go to: www.vfw2933.com or www.post290tx.com

Gary P Hale

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I look forward to getting an opportunity to work for you.



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