



Covid-19 Service Restriction: Effective March 23, 2020

All residential services are reduced to collection of "cart contents only" in order to reduce chance of exposure of personnel with solid waste that may occur if handling by hand. Contents placed outside the cart will not be collected.



NORMAL trash and recycle collection services should resume May 1, 2020. If this date holds, Bulk Pickup Day scheduled for Saturday May 9, 2020 should not be impacted. If the COVID-19 situation is not under control by May 1, 2020, then the restrictions will continue.

Our contract allows Waste Connections to adjust service fees once a year as described in the Presidents letter below. Waste Connections WILL NOT adjust the service fee until after NORMAL service is restored.

If extra pickup containers are needed, they are available for the cost posted on the SCLA website. The quarterly cost, including taxes, for an extra trash cart is \$32.48 and \$12.99 for a recycle cart. The carts can be ordered by phone (512-282-3508) or by sending an email to sunsetcanyon@wasteconnections.com. If you go the email route please include your name and address and account number if known. The Waste Connections district manager stated that extra carts should be delivered within 7 days. The email route usually works best when contacting Waste Connection, especially now that customer service personnel are working from home.

REMINDER: If you are disabled, arrangements can be made with WCI for trash and recycle can assistance. Please contact WCI at 512-282-3508.



A Message from our President

Dear Sunset Canyon Land Owners:

The SCLA board position of Secretary is still open. Now don't stop reading. While being Secretary might sound like a lot of work, it really isn't. The main duties of the Secretary are to prepare preliminary meeting agendas for the President, finalize the agenda based on any input received, take minutes at the monthly board meetings, and then edit and distribute the minutes. (The current Secretary has templates, etc. to make the job easier.) The Secretary's job usually takes about four to six hours a month.

A candidate for Board President has been identified and is expected to be voted in at the April Board meeting.

The SCLA had its annual membership meeting in January. Every year that I have attended the guest speakers have provided Sunset Canyon residents with quite a bit of information. This year the guest speakers were Sheriff Gary Cutler, Hays County Precinct 4 Constable Ron Hood, and Precinct 4 Commissioner Walt Smith. Sherriff Cutler did not make a formal presentation but answered lots of questions both before and after the meeting. The Sherriff has an email list and periodically sends out crime data, burn ban info, etc. to residents that provide his office an email address.

Constable Hood provided some Hwy 290 traffic information. Hwy 290 is about 17 miles from the East to West County Line. Last year there were 150 accidents, 3 involving alcohol and 50 involving distracted drivers. There were 7 serious injuries and 1 fatality.

Hwy 290 from Nutty Brown to Ranch Road 12 is 7 miles. On average there are a little over 100,000 vehicles per week on this stretch of 290. Of the 150 Hwy 290 accidents, 47 were on this stretch of road as well as all 3 accidents involving alcohol and 29 of the 50 distracted driver accidents.

Commissioner Walt Smith stated that it will be impossible to expand Hwy 290 capacity to keep up with the population growth in the area. In about 4 months, a study will be undertaken to identify a bypass route from 1826 to Holder Lane on the West side of Dripping Springs.

Walt said that a traffic signal will be put in at the Trautwein and Hwy 290 intersection. Additional de-acceleration and acceleration lanes will be built in both directions. A lack of visibility has been a problem. Improvements will be made so that there will be a clear line of sight from Saratoga Hills to 290. Speeding on Trautwein between Saratoga Hills and 290 will be addressed in the future. Construction will start shortly and a temporary light will be installed.

Walt announced that the roads in Sunset Canyon will be resurfaced starting in March. The roads will be broken into 3 sections and worked on one section at a time to cause minimal disruption. The work is expected to be completed Fall of 2020.

Walt asked the audience to raise their hands if they thought it would be a good policy to install speed bumps on any Sunset Canyon road. Only 2 people voted in favor of installing speed bumps. The remainder of the audience said no speed bumps when they were asked to vote.

The contract SCLA has with Waste Connections allows for an annual adjustment to the cost for Solid Waste and Recycle Collection Services. The adjustment is based on the sum of the results of two calculations. The first calculation uses the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U). In any year, this adjustment will be limited to a change in the base cost from 0% to 5%. The second calculation is based on the cost of diesel fuel in the Southwest published by the U. S.

Department of Energy. The diesel fuel adjustment is limited to a change in base cost of plus or minus 0.3%. When and if there is a price adjustment, it will be reviewed to see if it conforms to our contract.

Steve Gallun
SCLA President



The SCLA Board invites Sunset Canyon residents to attend the regular Board meetings held on the second Monday of each month. The next Board meeting will be 7pm April 13th at the Sunset Canyon Baptist Church. Please attend and express your views. See first hand how the Board Members and Officers represent your community .



To participate in community dialogue: Join
NextDoor SunsetCanyon or SunsetCanyonSouth
<https://nextdoor.com>
The board does not monitor or sponsor this group.

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.

Citizen Patrol – Neighbors Helping Neighbors

DO YOUR FAIR SHARE & SUPPORT SUNSET CANYON CITIZEN PATROL

So far, over \$3000 has been donated to support our crime prevention program and twenty-three neighbors have been trained as volunteers to patrol the neighborhood. **WOW!** Have you done your fair share to help keep our community safe? Sign up now to attend the next training class and/or make a donation of \$10 or more. Call or text Paul Wiljanen at 361-265-8161, email scla.vip@sunsetcanyon.org.

SCLA, PO Box 588, Dripping Springs, TX, 78620. It's all about neighbors helping neighbors!

DUES INVOICES

Invoices for Annual Dues were mailed to all landowners. Please take a minute to support SCLA by paying the \$35.00 – a bargain for sure!

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 President know at least three working days prior to the meeting.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Apr 13 - Monthly Board Mtg 7PM at SCBC
May 9 – Annual Bulk Pickup for WCI Customers
May 11 - Monthly Board Mtg 7PM at SCBC
Jun 8- Monthly Board Mtg 7PM at SCBC
(SCBC – Sunset Canyon Baptist Church)

Association Information

SUNSET CANYON LANDOWNER'S ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 588 – Dripping Springs, TX 78620

www.SunsetCanyon.org

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES

Officers:

President.....Steve Gallun 512-970-4763

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The first impression – a few tips from one of our advertisers

No matter how good the interior of your home looks, buyers have already judged your home before they walk through the door. The old saying is true: you never get a second chance to make a first impression. It's important to make people feel warm, welcome and safe as they approach the house. Spruce up your home's exterior by weeding and mulching, adding shrubs and flowering plants, and clearing out any excess clutter. A potential sale is lost quickly if a buyer won't even get out of their agent's car because the exterior of your home turns them off. You can typically get a 100-percent return on the money you put into your home's curb appeal. Declutter around your home: remove bikes, skateboards, garden tools and other evidence of a bustling family life. Walk around the house with a garbage can, tossing scraps of paper and plastic, branches, leaves, dog waste and anything else that doesn't belong in the yard.

When you are selling your house the entryways also needs to be welcoming. Install furnishings that expand the home's living space into the outdoors. Outdoor rooms are a trendy attraction for homebuyers. An indoor-outdoor rug, a porch swing and deck furniture are appealing to buyers. Adding to the seating area with colorful pillows and fresh paint on the front door will also help. A bright note of

contrasting colors can bring a home's front door to life. The trick is to choose colors that complement your home's exterior landscaping and colors. Old fixtures date the home and are typically unappealing to buyers.

Repainting the outside of your home isn't a low-budget option but if the home is ready for a paint job and you can swing it, a new coat of paint seriously pumps up curb appeal. If you can't paint the entire home, paint the trim or just the window trim in an accent color. This is a relatively simple upgrade that provides plenty of value for money. If you can't repaint, rent a power washer to clean and brighten the home's siding and walkways. And wash the windows!

For the interior of your home, a clean and modern feel will hit buyers where it counts: their eyes and hearts. The top 5 interior upgrades Real Estate agents recommend are:

1. Decluttering and depersonalizing;
2. Replacing worn or tired-looking the carpets;
3. Fresh paint on the walls;
4. Updating old appliances, if you can afford it; and
5. Updating your light fixtures.

If you currently own property in our market, congratulations on a smart investment. If you are a prospective buyer or seller, let's talk about your options and how to position yourself for the greatest success. There is no substitute for a knowledgeable local professional to help you maximize your experience and represent your interests in an active market like ours. Real estate transactions can often get complicated and if you are unsure of what you're doing you set yourself at a huge disadvantage. I would love to help you with your Real Estate needs, whether you are selling or buying or would like to have a free in house evaluation of your home!

Edith Austin

Realtor - Stanberry Realtors 512-695-0171

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Local Items of Interest

Patriots' Hall (Patriotshall.org)

Several people have asked about Patriots' Hall and we will attempt to give you the good news. After about 25 years of trying to find a piece of property in the area for our VFW Post 2933 and American Legion Post 290, a small group of three patriotic ladies formed a 501(c)3 organization with a mission to build a place for veterans and their families. This place is to be called Patriots' Hall of Dripping Springs. Because of a very generous local benefactor a wonderful piece of land was secured.

Located within Sunset Canyon, on four commercial tracts, this 10 acre piece of property is located just east of the Domino's Pizza business near the corner of US290 and S. Canyonwood. The current plans call for a Large Multi-purpose Hall that will seat about 200-250 people for functions and events, a medium size Meeting Hall for the VFW and the Legion, and a small Chapel. Longer term there may be additional buildings, walking/jogging trails, a small lake, a garden area, and outdoor recreation/picnic areas. There may be a small RV camping/overnight location for several vehicles that can be used by veterans visiting or passing through.

Please note: This will be a multi-functional facility for all local veterans and their families. Patriots' Hall welcomes all inquires via their website (<https://patriotshall.org/contact-us/>) and there is an option for veteran-specific inquires.

Street Signs/Stop Signs

If you notice a missing or damaged street or stop sign – please contact Gary Hale our Infrastructure Committee Chairman so that he can report it and get it fixed. Gary Hale (512) 858-5637
scla.infrastructure@sunsetcanyon.org

Dripping Springs is GROWING!

Dripping Springs has grown by nearly 82% in seven years, based on the U.S. Census Bureau's Community Survey estimate released in December. Although the city reports that 3,277 people live within the city

limits, over 30,000 reside in the city's large extraterritorial jurisdiction, according to city documents.

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SCLA WASTE CONNECTIONS ANNUAL Bulk Pickup is May 9!

This is subject to change due to COVID-19 restrictions. Go to sunsetcanyon.org and refer to the Waste Management Page for more information

The advertisement for The Law Office of Milena Christopher. It features a portrait of Milena Christopher on the left, wearing glasses and a dark top. To her right is a large, ornate statue of Lady Justice, blindfolded and holding scales. The background is a blurred office setting. The text is centered and reads: "THE LAW OFFICE OF" in a serif font, followed by "MILENA CHRISTOPHER" in a larger serif font. Below this is the tagline "Attentive • Compassionate • Experienced" in a bold, sans-serif font. A yellow-bordered box contains the list of services: "FAMILY LAW • DIVORCE • ADOPTION • PROBATE" and "PERSONAL INJURY • WILLS & ESTATE PLANNING". At the bottom, the contact information is provided: "512-858-9779 | ChristopherLawFirm.com | 3975 E. Hwy 290, DS". There are also two award seals: one for "BEST OF DRIPPING SPRINGS 2019" and another for "RATED 'BEST OF' 4 YEARS IN A ROW!".

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