



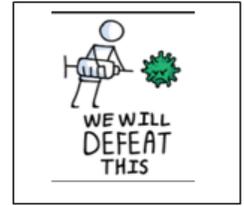
Canyon Call

The official newsletter of the Sunset Canyon Land Owners Association • Jun2020

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Dear Sunset Canyon Land Owners:

The Covid-19 virus has disrupted/changed people's lives in many ways. The SCLA Board has been unable to meet the last three months but hopefully we will get back to our regular meeting schedule on July 13th. In the March Canyon Call it was mentioned that at the April board meeting a new SCLA President would be voted in. This vote will now be held at the July board meeting. In addition a new SCLA Secretary will be voted in. These positions should have been filled at the January annual membership meeting but there were no candidates identified at the time so that the then current President and Secretary agreed to serve until candidates were identified.

The SCLA Board typically meets at 7pm the second Monday of every month at the Sunset Canyon Baptist Church. The church has been closed because of the Covid-19 situation but is expected to open in July. The board meetings are open to anyone and it is always a plus when Sunset Canyon residents attend and offer ideas or share neighborhood problems.

Plans have been submitted to Dripping Springs for what appears to be a new office building on the East side of North Canyonwood Dr. at the Hwy. 290 intersection. At this time we do not know what activities the new building will support. The plans indicate that the parking lot will have 28 parking spaces. The parking lot entrance and exit will be from North Canyonwood Dr. It would not be surprising if this building were the catalyst for improving the Canyonwood Dr. and Hwy. 290 intersection.

The SCLA maintains a website at www.sunsetcanyon.org. The website contains some very useful information. For example there is a list of all the lots in Sunset Canyon along with deed restrictions and subdivision maps. There is a list of SCLA officers and board members and their contact information. There are also sections on the website that give contact information for emergencies as well as how to contact city and county officials. The Waste Connections schedule is posted as is the SCLA board meeting dates and any events sponsored by the SCLA.

The website can always be improved. If you have ideas or would like to help with the website please contact Peggy Grambo to volunteer.

Steve Gallun, SCLA President.

Patriots' Hall of Dripping Springs (Patriotshall.org)

Many of our neighbors have driven along US 290 in the area of Sunset Canyon and have seen the signs "Patriots Hall" and also the set of the five U S Service Flags along with the POW/ MIA Flag, and the U S Flag. These are on the south side of the road just to the east of the Domino's Pizza place. Many have wondered what is going on? What is going to be built in our neighborhood? Many have called and asked. Many have written emails asking what is this place?

This will give you a little info and maybe get you interested in this project. First, the property is part of the old Sunset Canyon commercial property that was planned in the early 1980's when Section II and III were being built. This land was not developed for many years and then a few businesses started to be built. The property that is now going to be Patriots' Hall is made up of four commercial tracts and are a combined total of about 10 acres.

Through a very generous donation by a wonderful local family, we were able to secure this property. The organization, Patriots' Hall, is a non-profit 501 (c) (3). The organization's purpose and mission is to build a series of buildings and other structures that will provide services to all our local veterans and their families.

The main buildings will be a joint VFW/American Legion meeting hall, a small chapel, and a large Patriot's Hall that will be a multi-functional building that can be used for multiple purposes such as meetings, conferences, birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, and any number of other events for our veteran community. Job fairs, wellness checks, yoga and other exercise classes, arts and crafts, gardening, and outdoor recreation events are planned. There might even be a small RV park for visitors and guests. A small fishing pond may also be built.

This facility will be open to all veterans and family members in our local area and may be the pilot project for other halls like this being built in other communities as needed. We are very excited about this project and it will be a great addition to our area and to our community.

Plans are being made to get started, we hope, in the near future. There is a website with more info. We invite all to go to the site and see what is being planned. We also invite each and every visitor to get involved and possibly join us. We hope that you would make a generous donation to this project. The website is user friendly. Go to: **Patriotshall.org**

Thanks to the many local people who have gotten this started and thanks to the many donors who have been very generous. Thanks to all the planners and builders, and architects and engineers who are involved. Sunset Canyon residents will be very proud of what is going to be built in their neighborhood. Lastly, thank all our local veterans who have given so much for this great country.

A Timely Message from a SCLA member and one of our loyal advertisers:

It's a subject that no one wants to think about, or talk about, but especially in the throes of the Covid-19 pandemic, more people are thinking about it than ever before. "What happens if I get sick, or worse? What if I have to be hospitalized – if no one can be there with me, how do doctors know my wishes?" During the last few weeks, The Law Office of Milena Christopher has received an increasing number of calls for Wills and Estate Planning documents (and even for updates of prior documents) to ensure that their wishes will be carried out, if necessary.

Also due to social distancing concerns, many of these same callers were concerned about the requirement to be face-to-face with a notary public and other witnesses to complete the execution of their Wills in compliance with Texas law.

For the first three weeks or so, until April 9th, 2020, we completed all such estate planning consultations by phone, but still had to find a way to get these documents notarized in person.

To that end, we held a "Will Signing Day", wherein our clients came in, an hour or so apart, to get their documents witnessed and notarized by our team. In between each appointment, our team cleaned and sanitized door knobs, chairs, tables, pens, etc, to ensure the safest possible environment for our clients.

We are happy to report that on April 9th, 2020, Texas Governor Greg Abbott suspended certain statutes concerning appearance before a notary public including the execution a self-proved will and other documents including durable power of attorney, medical power of attorney, a directive to physician, or an oath of an executor, administrator, or guardian.

These suspensions temporarily allow for appearance before a notary public via video conference when executing such documents, avoiding the need for in-person contact during the COVID-19 pandemic. Such documents notarized through video conference while this suspension is in effect, and in accordance with its terms, will remain valid after the termination of this suspension.

Our office remains "open" to serve our current clients, and new clients as well, and to offer peace of mind in these crazy times.

Most of our team is busy working from home, and when necessary, meeting with clients in person. Rest assured that we are using safe and healthy methods of interacting with our clients and members of the legal community. We are utilizing the most updated and secure technological methods, and carefully following social distancing protocols. Legal documents are being electronically signed, court hearings are being managed electronically and consultations and follow up appointments are being successfully accomplished, all remotely.

If you have been concerned about completing your estate planning documents due to possible exposure to COVID-19, rest assured that we can perform all the tasks necessary to complete your Will package without the necessity of face to face contact.

We have always encouraged estate planning for all individuals, especially those that have children or have been through a divorce or that are married to someone that has been through a divorce.

We urge you to call your attorney of choice and get these done now, without risk to any member of your family. Should you choose us, we will be happy to help!

And... because we are all in this together, **The Law Office of Milena Christopher is offering a 25% discount during this time**, on all estate planning document packages, including:

- Wills (including disposition of Digital Assets);
- Medical Power of Attorney;
- Statutory Durable Power of Attorney;
- Advanced Directive to Physicians (aka a Living Will);
- Declaration of Guardian in the Event of Need;
- Disposition of Remains, and...

(if you have children), a Temporary Guardianship of Children (in the event the chosen guardians for your children cannot travel or make it to pick them up that same day (to avoid even temporary care in the hands of a foster care home or even CPS).

There is no better time than now to take care of these essential documents, and have that peace of mind, for you and your family.

Take care, stay safe and stay healthy...

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National Night Out

National Night Out will be October 6 this year, and Hays County will let us know in August if we are going to have it due to Covid-19. If we do have NNO Sandy Hale will be calling for volunteers to host neighborhood parties. If you are interested in hosting an outside party on Oct. 6, please, contact Sandy at skhale902@verizon.net or 512-858-5637.

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 SUPPORT

SUNSET CANYON CITIZEN PATROL

So far 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!

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jul 13 - Monthly Board Mtg 7PM at SCBC

Aug 10 - Monthly Board Mtg 7PM at SCBC

Sep 14 - Monthly Board Mtg 7PM at SCBC

Oct 6—National Night Out (tentative)

(SCBC – Sunset Canyon Baptist Church)

Things to Ponder as we spend more time at home due to COVID-19

How many of these books from the top 25 of Great American Read have you read?

- #1 **To Kill a Mockingbird**
- #2 **Outlander (Series)**
- #3 **Harry Potter (Series)**
- #4 **Pride and Prejudice**
- #5 **Lord of the Rings**
- #6 **Gone with the Wind**
- #7 **Charlotte's Web**
- #8 **Little Women**
- #9 **Chronicles of Narnia**
- #10 **Jane Eyre**
- #11 **Anne of Green Gables**
- #12 **Grapes of Wrath**
- #13 **A Tree Grows in Brooklyn**
- #14 **Book Thief**
- #15 **Great Gatsby**
- #16 **The Help**
- #17 **The Adventures of Tom Sawyer**
- #18 **1984**
- #19 **And Then There Were None**
- #20 **Atlas Shrugged**
- #21 **Wuthering Heights**
- #22 **Lonesome Dove**
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- #24 **Stand**
- #25 **Rebecca**

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