

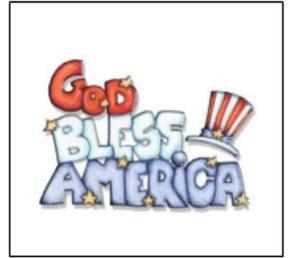


# Canyon Call

The official newsletter of the Sunset Canyon Land Owners Association • Jun 2021

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 Peggy at [scla.news@sunsetcanyon.org](mailto:scla.news@sunsetcanyon.org)



## Questions Posed to Commissioner Walt Smith at the March SCLA Board Meeting.

### Questions for Walt Smith

The timing of the traffic lights on 290 (Trautwein, Sunset Canyon and Canyonwood)

- Walt discussed with TxDOT and the traffic engineers are looking at all of the lights from Oak Hill to Dripping Springs
- In addition, he spoke about an overall study on how the Oak Hill Parkway affects Dripping Springs traffic
- This study ended at DS city limits and it will now be extended to the High School Sports Complex and then expanded out to 281
- Walt anticipates 290 may be upgraded to what has been done on 71 going to/thru Bastrop
- He will talk to TxDot about restriping the white lines at lights for Canyonwood and Sunset Canyon Dr.

What are the proposed road improvements for Trautwein that are in the new Hays County Transportation Plan

- They will 'shave' Trautwein from 290 to Saratoga Hills to eliminate the hill right before the light
- Will add turn lanes
- The county is also looking at the low-water crossing on Trautwein and currently have counters down to get traffic volume

What is the current status of the Oak Meadow/Headwaters emergency entrance. Included in this question is what happens if a new school is built there in 2025.

- No change.
- An evaluation would be done when the school is COMPLETED and open for a year.

Please provide an update on the paving/resurfacing of the roads in Sunset Canyon.

- Paving will start when temps are night are staying above 60 degrees

We anticipate a need for a stop sign at Canyon Bend and Pier Branch based on the work being done for the new Veterans Hall.

- Would like to extend Pier Branch to S. Canyonwood

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## National Night Out

National Night Out will be October 5 this year. This is a night for Sunset Canyon to stand together to promote awareness, safety, and neighborhood unity. National Night Out is designed to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. It is a great way to meet your neighbors and visit with law enforcement personnel.

If you would like to host a NNO party this year, please contact Sandy Hale at [skhale902@verizon.net](mailto:skhale902@verizon.net). We would love to have a party on every street in Sunset Canyon. We appreciate your help and SCLA will provide HEB gift cards to help with the cost of your party.

#### **REMINDER - PLEASE SUPPORT THE SCLA BY PAYING YOUR DUES**

If you have not paid your dues and would still like to join the SCLA, please take a few minutes and drop a check in the mail or visit our website and you can make an online payment. It's only \$35 for the entire year.

The link to our website to make a payment is: <https://sunsetcanyon.org/payment>

Our mailing address can be found under the Association Information in this newsletter.

If you are selling your home or changing your mailing address, please send us an update to [scla.treas@sunsetcanyon.org](mailto:scla.treas@sunsetcanyon.org).

#### **THANKS**

The SCLA would like to thank our County Commissioner, Walt Smith, for providing us the use of his trailer so that we could clean up the mattresses and trash that was dumped in our neighborhood. He saw that we had a need and reached out to the board and then brought us the trailer. We could not have asked for better support from our County Commission.

In addition, we would like to thank Gary Hale, Larry Chapman and Lenny Jasinski for loading the trailer and taking the 'trash' to the dump. Our roadway looks so much nicer.

Again, thank you!

SCLA Board

#### **Air Conditioning Tips**

Some reminders to help your air conditioners throughout the summer

- change your air filters! 1 inch filters monthly, 4 inch filters 4-6 months ... there is nothing more damaging to an AC unit than a dirty filter... it restricts airflow, causing your blower motor to starve for air and on very hot days the lack of airflow through the evaporator will cause the unit to freeze up
- wash your condenser units (outdoor) run water from the inside of the unit outwards through the fins and coils ... this will help the outdoor unit airflow
- do not choke your outdoor unit by surrounding it with brush, bushes, or a fence ... the unit also needs to breathe
- if you have not done so, pour 1 part Clorox, 3 parts water to the drain at the indoor unit .. once or twice a year will keep it from clogging (or vinegar)
- upstairs/downstairs... keep the downstairs thermostat 2-4 degrees colder than upstairs
- look for places around your door or windows where heat is infiltrating into the house
- heat lag = when sun is heating a wall or roof, windows... it will take 3-4 hrs for the heat to make it into the house .. so if you keep your thermostat high cause your comfortable.. remember, heat will infiltrate the walls and eventually make it into the house so cooling the space will take time
- what to look for if AC is not cooling... check if indoor blower is actually blowing, check outdoor unit to see if it's running, look at the pipes at the outdoor unit to make sure they are not frozen with ice .. if you experience any of these problems turn the ac off to keep further damage to the unit
- what you should be experiencing with a working AC ... 18-21 degree difference between the return air and the supply air
- heat being rejected on the outdoor unit so if you go outside the air blowing upward from the outdoor unit should be hotter than the ambient temperature
- nice cold copper pipe at the outdoor unit (thick one)

If any of these are missing ... signs of problems

Do not set your thermostats high while not at home in an effort to save energy... when you get home and lower the temp to your comfort it will take hours for it to cool the space

## **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](http://sunsetcanyon.org). All residents are welcome to attend. If you have any issue to bring before the Board, please let the Board know at least three working days prior to the meeting.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Jul 12 - Monthly Board Mtg 7PM at SCBC  
Jul 13 -Oak Wilt Mtg at 7PM at SCBC Multi Purpose Rm  
Aug 9 - Monthly Board Mtg 7PM at SCBC  
Sep 13 - Monthly Board Mtg 7PM at SCBC  
Oct 5- National Night Out (neighborhood locations)  
(SCBC – Sunset Canyon Baptist Church)

## **THE STARS AT NIGHT REMAIN BIG AND BRIGHT DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS.**

Since 2014, Dripping Springs has worked diligently to help local businesses and property owners follow the outdoor lighting ordinance and to provide information on the lighting standards for the community.

Being able to see the milky way is great and all, but what are the benefits?

### **IT'S GOOD FOR WILDLIFE!**

Dripping Springs is located on the central flyway for bird migration and dark skies are pertinent for a successful journey. Artificial lights can disorient birds who migrate at night, causing them to improperly time their journey or veer off track.

### **REDUCE ENERGY USAGE.**

Reducing light pollution comes with a welcome benefit of decreasing energy consumption. According to the International Dark-Sky Association, about 30% of all outdoor lighting in the U.S. is wasted. Improvements in lighting design, technologies, and efficiency can conserve energy (and money).

Please consider using lights on a motion timer rather than turning on outside lights for 'security'.

## **Association Information SUNSET CANYON LANDOWNER'S ASSOCIATION**

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### ***To participate in community dialogue:***

***Join*** NextDoor SunsetCanyon

<https://nextdoor.com>

***The board does not monitor or sponsor this group.***

## Oak Wilt On Oakwood

This is a notice to the neighborhood that an Oak Wilt infection has been confirmed near the intersection of Oakwood Lane and Blue Hills Drive by the Texas A&M Forest Service. They say this is a classic textbook case of Oak Wilt infection, with the expected pattern of infected trees, infected leaves on the ground, and infected leaves on the trees.

Their recommendation is that we trench a perimeter that is 100 feet from any visibly infected trees, this typically is 72% effective at containing the infection. If additional outbreaks happen past the trench then another trench could be done for that spot.

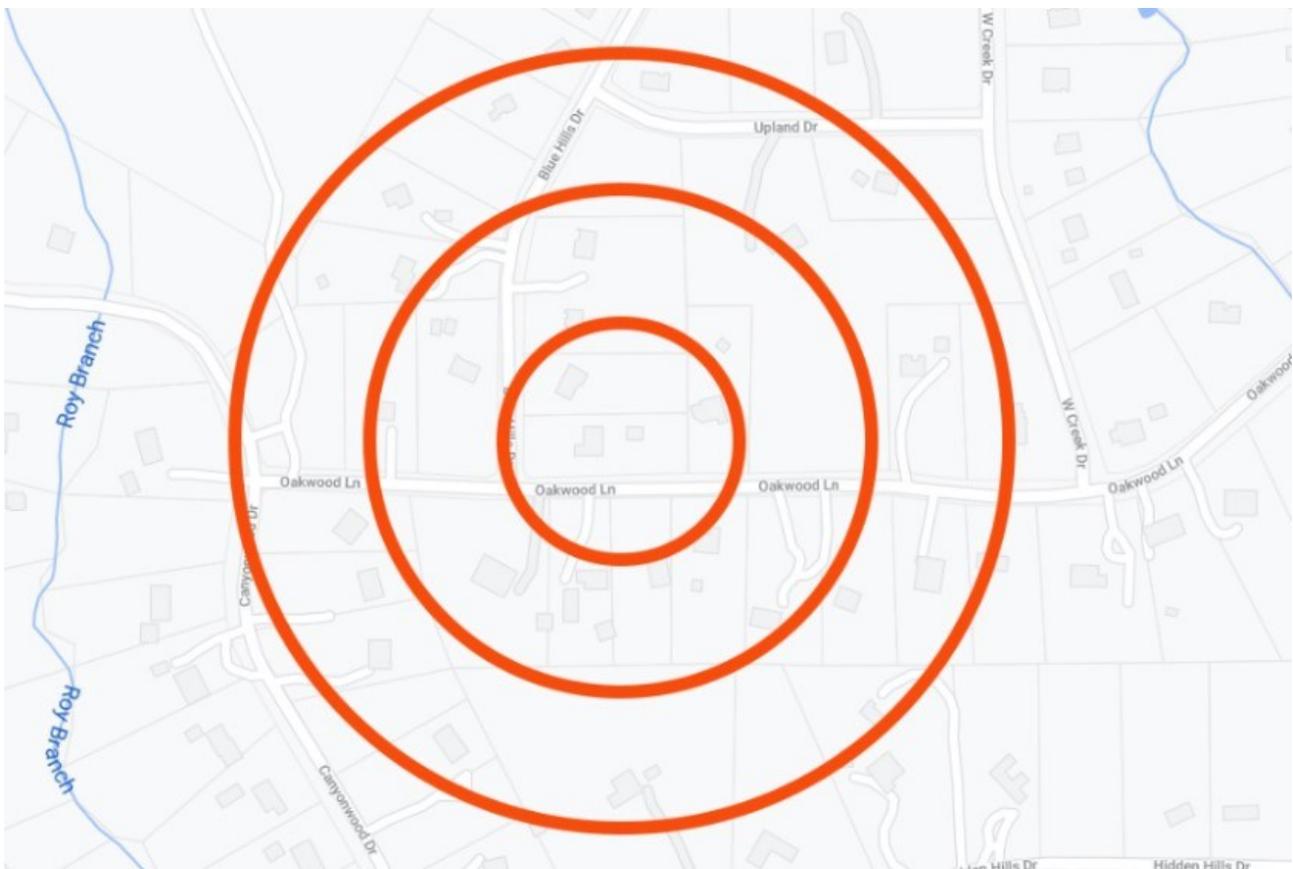
Trees inside the trenched perimeter can be treated with a fungicide that is 80% effective at saving the tree and costs about \$15 per inch of a tree's trunk diameter.

There are <td> properties that will have to be trenched to stop this infection at it's current limits. The approximate trench zone is shown as the inner circle in the picture below. The outer two circles show about where the infection will be in 5 and 10 years if we don't act now to stop it.

As part of notifying our neighbors of this infection we are also asking for help in the form of financial donations to a GoFundMe account we will be setting up, and possibly some help cutting down the existing dead trees and disposing of the wood.

If you help us now you will be helping to keep this infection from getting to your property, and you will be helping to protect the property values of all of our properties.

Thanks for considering this. Chris Stoll 512.689.4150





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Desert Door distillery reopened The Rackhouse, its renovated event space, in May at 211 Darden Hill Road, Driftwood. The space at the sotol distillery that can hold as many as 75 people now includes a 20-foot permanent bar and new doors. It is divided into two areas, the main room and a patio, which can be rented independently or together. [www.desertdoor.com/distillery](http://www.desertdoor.com/distillery)

Dreamland, the outdoor entertainment, arts and recreation venue located at 2770 W. Hwy. 290, Dripping Springs, added a disc golf course in late June. The new outdoor activity adds to Dreamland's existing offerings of mini-golf, pickleball, live music, art, and food and bar service. The 18-hole disc golf course is set on 42 acres and winds through two miles of play. Holes range between par 3 and par 5, and the course takes approximately 90 minutes to complete. It is free to play through June 30, and beginning July 1, the cost will be \$5. There is a beverage cart located on the course. 512-827-1279. [www.dreamlanddstx.com](http://www.dreamlanddstx.com)

**3** **Suds Monkey Brewing Co.**, which opened in Dripping Springs in July 2017, relocated April 28 to a larger space at 12024 W. Hwy. 290, Austin. Previously located about 2 miles west at 1032 Canyon Bend Drive, Dripping Springs, the brewery and kitchen's new spot will offer a larger indoor seating area as well as a shaded outdoor patio. 512-222-3893. [www.sudsmonkeybrew.com](http://www.sudsmonkeybrew.com)

**1** **The Hill Country Farmers Market** opened in May on the grounds of Dreamland, 2770 W. Hwy. 290, Dripping Springs. The market locally owned and managed by Laurel Robertson is open Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. In addition to the selection of locally grown produce, meats, specialty foods and artisan crafts, it features live music, kids activities and appearances by local nonprofits and service organizations. [www.hillcountryfarmersmarket.com](http://www.hillcountryfarmersmarket.com)

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Please feel free to call me anytime.



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