THE Canyon Call

The newsletter of the Sunset Canyon Land Owner's Association

March 2023

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SCLA: Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Sunset Canyon Landowners Association was called to order on January 23, 2023 at 7:00 in Sunset Canyon Baptist Church by Vice President Randy Foster. All board members were present.
There were approximately 40 guests in attendance.

Guest Speakers

Gary Cutler, Hays County Sheriff gave an overview of crime statistics in the county and in our neighborhood. Calls to the sheriff from Sunset Canyon went down 15% last year.
Sheriff Cutler mentioned that staffing is down, and there are several open positions needing to be filled.
Officer Anthony Hipolito gave an overview of the fentanyl problem in Hays County. All officers carry NarCan in case of overdose. So far, there have been no incidences of fentanyl overdose in DSISD.

Ron Hood, Constable Precinct 4 explained the role of Constables in the community. They are officers of the court who serve papers and serve as peace officers, assisting the sheriffs office. They can make arrests, write tickets, and investigate crimes.
Officers can provide patrol watches while homeowners are on vacation (don't forget to let them know if you come back early), and help with vehicle lockouts.
The biggest challenge the Constable's office sees is adapting to growth and the increase in traffic.

Walt Smith, County Commissioner Precinct 4 gave a brief summary of growth and development in the area, as well as the distribution of funds the county received through the American Relief Plan.
The Trautwein bond work is about to begin, which includes turn lanes and improving the visibility at the intersection. Those who regularly use that route will want to closely monitor road closures.
He reiterated the agreement with the County that Oak Meadow is to remain closed unless a school was built in Headwaters. The missing "No Access to Headwaters" sign will be replaced.

Board Business

The elected board for 2023 was approved. All committees gave a summary of activities for 2022.

Local Spotlight

ABBY JANE BAKESHOP

Abby Jane is located next to the Barton Springs Mill near the intersection of Fitzhugh and RR12. Specializing in baked goods made from the freshly-milled flours from the miller next door, they also serve sandwiches, quiches, sweet treats, coffee, and tea. Additionally, they offer monthly bakery box subscriptions and custom cakes. Open Thursdays through Sundays.

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

SUNSET CANYON LANDOWNER'S ASSOCIATION

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President-Mike Whirlow
Vice President- Randy Foster
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At-Large- Nancy Reinert
At-Large- Sarah Wigfield
At-Large- August Arndt
At-Large- Lynn Dawson
At-Large- Paul Wiljanen

For contact information and commitees please visit our website at sunsetcanyon.org/board

BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Directors meets at 7:00 P.M. in the annex of the Sunset Canyon Baptist Church 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

BULK TRASH PICK UP DAY IS MAY 13, 2023

Waste Connections continues to be the preferred provider for trash collection in Sunset Canyon. Once a year, they will provide FREE curbside collection of bulk waste ***for residents who are currently contracted with Waste Connections*** for weekly trash collection service.

Residents may each set out up to four cubic yards of bulky items. Fence posts, boards, pipe, tree limbs, and similar items must free of protruding nails, screws and wires, be no longer than 4 feet in length, and individual items no larger than 4 inches in diameter.

Brush and limbs must be tied with string, rope or wire. The material to be collected should be on the curb by 7am.

Items listed in the Bulk Pricing List will be picked up for FREE but the total number of such items, plus bags and bound limbs, etc. can not exceed four cubic yards. If the four cubic yard limit is exceeded, then the customer should make arrangements for additional pick up at a cost given in the Bulk Pricing List posted on the SCLA website.

Pedestrian Safety

With Daylight Savings Time comes longer evenings and more time for strolls around our beautiful neighborhood. Since there are no sidewalks, be sure to walk facing traffic and as far from traffic as possible. Drivers, keep an eye out for neighbors walking on the side of our winding roads.

YOUR SUNSET CANYON CITIZENS PATROL NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

SUNSET CANYON CITIZEN PATROL

It's neighbors helping the neighborhood! Marked vehicles driven by local residents are now patrolling the neighborhood. We need your help by either volunteering time to patrol and/or make a minimum $10 donation to help cover operating expenses. Please send your donation to Sunset Canyon Landowners Association, PO Box 588, Dripping Springs, TX, or visit https://sunsetcanyon.org/payment. For information about volunteering, call/text Paul at 361.265.8161.

Upcoming Events

DRIPPING SPRINGS BREWERS FESTIVAL

Date: Mar 25, 2023
Time: 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Location: 311 Old Fitzhugh Rd
Dripping Springs, TX 78620

This festival features several of the Hill Country region's top craft beers. Advance on-line wristband purchase is required for beer tastings, 21 and up only. There will be live music, a variety of food options and a keepsake 5oz plastic mug.

EGGSTRAVAGANZA & FAMILY HAYRIDE

Date: Apr 08, 2023
Time: 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Location:
Dripping Springs Ranch Park
1042 Event Center Drive
Dripping Springs, TX 78620

On Easter weekend there will be a community event at Dripping Springs Ranch Park including a family-friendly hayride, petting zoo, games, and more. Tickets are $5 at the door.

Local Disaster Preparedness Group

The Hays County Citizens Group is a local preppers group that is dedicated to sharing information.
Meetings are held on Thursdays @7pm at One Shot Distillery & Brewery, 31610 Ranch Rd 12, Dripping Springs, TX 78620.
Visit hayscountycitizens.com or email Sunset Canyon neighbor Mark Bennett for more information: siftpro@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY CORNER

The SCLA is looking at hosting a CRASE (Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events) workshop in order to educate our homeowners about active shooter events, how to respond, and what steps they can take to protect themselves.
The speaker for the event would be Dave Graham who has been active in law enforcement for 39 years. David is currently a part-time Deputy Constable for Precinct 4. Additionally, he is an instructor for Law Enforcement Seminars teaching professional courses at police departments, sheriff departments, colleges, and universities across the country.
If you would be interested in attending, please email Alan at scla.sec@sunsetcanyon.org or visit our website at sunsetcanyon.org and fill out the google form on the home page.

POTENTIAL SCLA COST SAVING MEASURES

The SCLA has an annual membership dues of $35 per household. A membership goes towards funding various items such as: the newsletter, board insurance, sign maintenance, etc. Over recent years, the SCLA board has noticed membership to be flat at 300 paid members out of the 700+ homes in the neighborhood while costs continue to increase. To that end, the SCLA board looks for creative ways to reduce expenditures while maintaining a level of quality our homeowners should expect.
One cost saving measure was to make the quarterly newsletter available online this past year, which would reduce both printing and the US Postal Service costs. To date, there have only been 53 out of the 700 electing this option.
The next cost saving option we are considering implementing is to only mail the newsletter to homeowners who have joined the SCLA. Please note, the newsletter will still be available online from our website and you'll receive an email notification if you've previously provided a valid email address. If we do not have your email address, please complete the SCLA contact form: https://sunsetcanyon.org/contact-form
The continued goal of your SCLA board and your newsletter is to 1) spread useful community information to our homeowners, and 2) improve the efficiency of our communication.

To continue to receive a printed copy, we encourage you to pay the annual dues by either of two ways:
- Mail a check made payable to: SCLA at P. O. Box 588, Dripping Springs, Texas, 78620 -
- Pay online at https://sunsetcanyon.org/membership -

Gardeners' Corner

Q ***How can we plant trees so they will thrive in our rocky soil?***

The first step is to choose only trees that are native or well-adapted to our shallow rocky soil and our Central Texas climate. There are various online guides that can help, or you can ask an expert at the nursery to suggest some trees that would thrive in our neighborhood.

When preparing to plant the tree, dig the hole only as deep as the tree's rootball. The tree will need a firm foundation so it will not sink. Amend the soil in an area at least twice as wide as the rootball. For our rocky limestone soils, either mix in or fill in with high organic material garden soil or create a large raised bed for your tree.

Remember that most trees' roots are shallow and eventually extend out much farther than the size of the canopy. Keep the sides of the planting hole rough and jagged, rather than smooth-sided, so that the tree roots can more easily break through.

When planting, be sure that the root flare is just above the top of the hole you dug for the tree. You may need to add or remove soil at the bottom of the hole to accomplish this. Begin to fill in the hole with soil, pressing firmly until you reach the existing soil surface. Use any extra soil to create a berm all the way around the tree, just beyond the rootball. Water the root zone thoroughly immediately, filling in soil as necessary if there are sinkholes. As a final touch, add mulch at least 3" thick over the rootball area and berm, taking care not to cover the root flare. Water weekly during the growing season for 3-5 years.

Tips summarized from "Tree Planting and Care" by The Natural Gardener.

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