

THE Canyon Call

The newsletter of the Sunset Canyon Land Owner's Association

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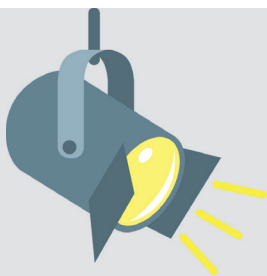


CONSTRUCTION UPDATES: Detours through Sunset Canyon

According to TXDOT and Hays County, construction on the intersection at Trautwein and Hwy 290 will begin at the end of October. Trautwein will be closed to through traffic from Oakwood to 290, so all traffic will be re-routed through Sunset Canyon via Oakwood Ln and Canyonwood Drive. Trautwein will still be accessible to local residents and visitors.

The website trautweinhaysco.com will be a source of updates throughout construction. At the bottom of the web page there is a place to sign to have updates delivered by email. Page 3 of this newsletter contains a flier with a QR code linking to the site and a map with proposed impacts and detours.

There has been some community concern about the impact of increased traffic flow through our winding residential streets. Barbara and Tom Funnell, residents on Oakwood Lane, spoke at a recent Board meeting, stating their intention to gather signatures of other residents on Oakwood Lane to request a traffic analysis from Hays County. The Hays County Traffic Calming Policy process is outlined on our website at <https://sunsetcanyon.org/documents>. Community involvement may allow the installation of traffic calming measures like speed bumps to increase safety. Contact Barbara and Tom at blinuf@austinrr.com.



Local Spotlight

ROSE HAVEN BAKERY

Owned by community member Christie Seguin, Rose Haven Bakery is now open at 12013 West Hwy 290, the former location of the Last Chance Dancehall. Home of Cakes Rock!, a custom cakery, Rose Haven is also a retail bakery and event venue centered around a courtyard full of antique roses. Stop in for a piece of cake or schedule your next party in their new space. Visit their website at <https://rosehavenvenue.com/>.

National Night Out

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 neighborhoods is to join the NNO party nearest you on October 3 and meet your neighbors. You will also get to visit with law enforcement personnel.

Parties in Sunset Canyon
(6:00-9:00 PM, Tues. Oct 3)

North--Section I
1008 Hidden Hills
4002 East Hwy. 290--The Hub

Section II-III South
1011 Foothills

Section IV--West
707 Blue Hills

Section V--West or North
1208 Canyonwood North
1001 Oak Meadow
604 Bending Oak
405 Roy Creek Ln

If you have questions about NNO, please contact Sandy Hale
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512-858-5637

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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For contact information and committees 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.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

On behalf of the SCLA Board, I would like to extend warm greetings to all 700+ Sunset Canyon residents as we close the chapter on another long, hot Summer. My name is Michael Whirlow. Having served in your USAF for 21 years then retiring in 2005, I am now serving you as your SCLA board president. My main objectives are encouraging neighbors to follow the Deed Restrictions for all of Sunset Canyon's five sections and presiding at meetings of the members and Board of Directors to see that resolutions are carried out. I couldn't be as successful without the significant contributions from our board members: Randy, Joan, Alan, Nancy, Sarah, Paul, Lynn, and August.

Wow! This year started off [again] with Mother Nature wielding her power, wreaking havoc on our beautiful oaks and utilities. This Spring, we reinvented our newsletter to inform, inspire, and share activities connecting each of us. To meet this goal, we lined up guest speakers with topics relevant to our community, such as:

- **North Hays County Emergency Services District #1 May Tax Increase Ballot.** Where we were presented with key data-points around the ballot – one being how the increase would still be below many of the surrounding providers (e.g. Pedernales, Buda,

Wimberly, Kyle)

- **Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE).** Our own Hays County Precinct 4 Deputy Constable Graham presented an engaging workshop educating ~ 70 residents on active shooters.
- **Fentanyl Awareness.** The hour-long presentation conducted by our own Hays County Deputy Sheriff Hipolito with the goal of protecting our community – both young and old.

An issue concerning me is the statistic from our recent August 2023 meeting: *since 2018 we've seen an average of only ~ 291 residents out of the ~ 732 remitting their \$35 membership annual fee. This translates to a mere ~ 40%.* While this nominal fee is voluntary for most, I hope you can appreciate how it forces your SCLA board to get creative, and at times limits us, when making improvements both in safety and aesthetics to our community.

I hope that we can continue to all work together to make our community a great place to live. I invite your candid feedback and suggestions around all things Sunset Canyon (<https://sunsetcanyon.org/>). It will be my pleasure to meet you at our annual National Night out where you can find me in Section 5 on Roy Creek.

Michael Whirlow
#NeighborsHelpingNeighbors

YOUR SUNSET CANYON CITIZENS PATROL NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT



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.



US 290 AT TRAUTWEIN ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Hays County, in partnership with Texas Department of Transportation, is planning for improvements to Trautwein Road at the intersection of US 290 to increase visibility and safety for travelers. During construction, Trautwein Road will be closed to all through traffic from US 290 to Oakwood Lane. Local access will still be maintained for residents and their visitors. Construction is expected to start in October 2023 and be completed in Spring 2024.

Improvements Include:

- Lowering Trautwein Road at US 290 to improve visibility
- Adding a dedicated right turn lane from westbound US 290 to Trautwein Road
- Adding retaining walls to Trautwein Road
- Improving intersection signal on US 290

Detour Details

Travelers attempting to **access US 290 via Trautwein Road** will be directed to turn west on Oakwood Lane and south on Canyonwood Drive.

Travelers attempting to **access Trautwein Road via US 290** will be directed to turn north on Canyonwood Drive and east on Oakwood Lane.

Detour signage will be placed along the detour route, US 290 and Trautwein Road to help travelers navigate the detour and arrive at their destination.

Timeline



What to Expect During Construction

- **Detour** available through Oakwood Lane and Canyonwood Drive
- **Construction hours** are planned from sunrise to sunset, with some nighttime work as needed
- **Noise** may be louder during the day
- **Lights** will be used during darker work hours for the safety of crews and the traveling public. Safety lights will be directed away from nearby properties



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COMMUNITY CORNER

As a cost saving measure, beginning January 2024, we will 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> -

If you are a member but don't mind foregoing newsletter mail delivery to further help us save money, please let us know if we can take you off the hard-copy mail delivery list.



Thanks to Nicholas Dudek, Community member and Eagle Scout, for organizing and fund-raising for the

installation of new blue hydrant markers in Sections IV and V! What an incredible job. **Volunteers are needed** to complete installations in Sections I, II, and III. Please contact Gary Hale, Infrastructure Committee Chair, at scla.infrastructure@sunsetcanyon.org or call 512-858-5637.



No soliciting signs are posted at all entrances to the community, but these are not enforceable by the police department. Individual signs at a residence can be enforced, so if you would like to ensure that no solicitors knock on your door, consider a no soliciting sticker on or near your front door.

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This year National Night Out will be on **Tuesday, October 3, 2023**

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Advocacy
Responsiveness
Experience



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