

THE Canyon Call

The newsletter of the Sunset Canyon Land Owner's Association

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OAKWOOD AND N. CANYONWOOD RESIDENTS: Detours through our neighborhood

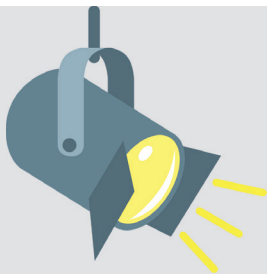
-Contributed by Gary Hale, Infrastructure Committee

Due to the detour for the road work that will occur at Trautwein and US 290, there will be a lot more traffic on Oakwood and on N. Canyonwood soon. This work will be ongoing for several months.

Mailboxes: If you have a mailbox on our streets you may want to place red reflectors on both sides of your wooden or metal mailbox or on the rock/brick mailbox. There are several mailboxes that are very close to the roadways. During low visibility times, reflectors will help drivers see the boxes better as they drive into and out of Sunset Canyon. The reflectors are very inexpensive. Get several and place them on both sides of your mailbox structure to avoid your box being hit by a vehicle.

Speed: The speed limit is 25-30 MPH in our subdivision. PLEASE observe the speed limit and do NOT use cell phones while driving. Distracted driving is a real problem for adults and children.

Left turns on RED: We have observed several of our residents who stop at N. Canyonwood at the red light and then they run the light as they turn left on red. This is dangerous and against the law. Just be patient. The light will change shortly. Stay safe out there!



Local Spotlight

Railroad BBQ

A locally owned Texas-style BBQ joint, Railroad BBQ has been around since 1982. Specializing in mesquite smoked ribs and brisket, they also have tender chicken and turkey, and tasty sausages.

Stop on in and try some of their tasty food at 1111 West Hwy 290 in Dripping. They are open every day for lunch and dinner and provide catering service, too.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2024 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
SUNSET CANYON LANDOWNERS
ASSOCIATION

WHEN: Monday, January 22, 2024
WHERE: Sunset Canyon Baptist
Church Fellowship Hall- in the annex

The Annual Meeting of the SCLA will begin at 7:00p.m. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. for registration and snacks to be provided by our own Mary Clarkson.

The list of speakers are:
County Commissioner Walt Smith
Constable Ron Hood
Hays County Sheriff Gary Cutler

Our business meeting will include the following:

- Approval of Minutes of Last Annual Meeting
 - Approval of 2024 Budget
 - Election of Officers
 - President- Dan Loss
 - Vice President- Randy Foster
 - Secretary- Alan Kleymeyer
 - Treasurer- Joan Thomas
 - Director A- Open
 - Director B- Sarah Wigfield
 - Director C- August Arndt
 - Director D- Lynn Dawson
 - Director E- Tom Funnell
 - Questions and Answers
- We hope to see you there!

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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Officers:

President- Mike Whirlow
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At-Large- Dan Loss
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At-Large- August Arndt
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At-Large- Tom Funnell

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

Friends and Neighbors,

As we bid farewell to 2023, I wanted to take a moment to reflect and look forward to 2024.

During 2023, the community took steps to:

1. Organize the SCLA Motorcycle Enthusiast Riding Club. Our inaugural ride is targeted for Q1 2024. If you'd like more information around this fellowship, please contact me.
2. Section 5 residents organized this summer/fall with the intent to offer a proposed amendment for Section 5, clarifying language restricting the business use of homes to include STRs. This amendment will need the support of 75% of homes for it to pass. If you reside in S5 and want to stay up to date, you can join the Sunset Canyon Section 5 Facebook Group.
3. Lastly, residents are still talking about our recent National Night Out held on Oct 3rd at 6pm. I want to personally thank Sandy Hale and all the hosts helping to promote law enforcement/community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie with the goal to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

I'm excited about what the new year holds for our community. We are exploring ways to make our

neighborhood even more inviting and vibrant.

To that end, I solicited feedback from residents who subscribe to the Sunset Canyon Neighbor's Facebook member group forum asking what would make living in Sunset Canyon better. We received many great suggestions – some that the board and our residents have influence over and other suggestions requiring a significant budget along with county and/or state involvement. The feedback is shown in the table below this letter.

I want to thank all those who contributed and continue commenting with kind and thoughtful dialog. Your ideas, feedback, and active participation is what makes all the difference living in Sunset Canyon, so let's keep the momentum going!

Finally, as "old man" winter yields to the birth of new spring, so shall I ... that is, yield the SCLA President role. Yes, I will be stepping down as your SCLA President. If you're interested in leading the community into 2024, please reach out for details. I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of the volunteer board members for their dedication. It's your energy and commitment that make our community the wonderful place it is.

Warmest wishes,
Michael Whirlow, SCLA President

What would make living in Sunset Canyon better? - Your answers to our question:

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| 1. An annual community potluck | 8. Neighborhood garage sale |
| 2. Increasing the dues to enable more community events | 9. Pedestrians walk facing traffic |
| 3. Identify, organize, and mobilize a group of handy individuals to help with small fixes | 10. Neighborhood pool |
| 4. Establish an Emergency Broadcast Notification System to reach all residents | 11. Community events |
| 5. Strategically place dog waste collection receptacles to clean up our roads | 12. Recurring Sunset Canyon Resident Meet & Greet |
| 6. Trail, sidewalk and/or walk paths | 13. Safe children's playscape, bike or skate park |
| 7. Widening the streets | 14. Utility lines buried out of sight |
| | 15. Obey [enforce] speed limits, speedbumps, signage |
| | 16. Bus stops and signage |
| | 17. Community map showing decorated homes/lots per season |

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

Letters To The Board



Are there any guidelines for outbuildings in SCLA?

Sunset Canyon deed restrictions for Sections 1-4 provide that all out- buildings are to be constructed to the rear of the main house and the exterior should “coincide” with the main house. By using similar materials and paint colors on all buildings (detached garages, pool houses, sheds, etc.) we can ensure that our properties remain cohesive and maintain a pleasing aesthetic and high property values.

WASTE CONNECTIONS PRICE INCREASE

For those in Sunset Canyon who utilize Waste Connections for trash pickup, there will be a 2.97% increase to adjust for inflation, effective February 1, 2024. This is in conformance with the terms of our Recycling and Solid Waste Disposal Services Agreement. The updated rate sheet is available on the SCLA website.



COMMUNITY CORNER

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

DSISD has a number of bus stops to drop off and pick up students that are on US290. Since 290 is not a divided highway with barriers between the east and west lanes, ALL TRAFFIC MUST STOP when a school bus is stopped with their flashing lights on. Don't get caught passing a school bus. Not only is it a safety hazard for the students but the fine is \$300!

PROPOSED COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

There is currently an approved City of Dripping Springs site permit for a four bay Christian Brothers oil change and maintenance facility located at 100 N. Canyonwood Drive (vacant lot at NE corner of Canyonwood Drive and I-290). This facility is proposed to have 30 parking stalls and take access off of Canyonwood Drive. If you would like more information please contact Dan Loss at 512-202-9011 and leave a voicemail.

The approved plans for the facility are available on the SCLA website.



INVOICES IN THE MAIL

The 2024 invoices are in the mail to ALL landowners. In 2023, we tried emailing invoices to those homeowners who had provided email addresses but saw a reduction of 66 members. With dues only \$35, every member payment is important.

If you have any questions about your dues, please feel free to email the treasurer at [scla.treas@sunsetcanyon.org](mailto:treas@sunsetcanyon.org).

NEWSLETTER MAILING CHANGES FOR 2024

As a cost saving measure, from now on the newsletter will only be available online unless you pay your dues and you also request that we continue to mail you a copy. This is highlighted in the invoice. Please check the box and return with your payment. We will continue to notify homeowners via email at the end of each quarter to let them know the new newsletter is available online.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

and

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



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Cranberry Walnut Coffee Cake

- Contributed by William Wigfield

*A perfect use for leftover cranberry
sauce.*

Total time: 1 1/2 hrs

Yield: 10 slices

Ingredients

1 ½ sticks butter, softened (12
Tbsp)

1 cup sugar

2 eggs at room temperature

2 cups all-purpose flour

1 teaspoon baking powder

½ teaspoon baking soda

½ teaspoon salt

1 cup sour cream

½ cup walnuts

14 ounces cranberry sauce

¼ cup powdered sugar

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350°.
2. In a large bowl or mixer, combine the butter and sugar. Cream together until light and fluffy.
3. Add 1 egg at a time, beating well after each addition.
4. Combine the dry ingredients then add 1/3 of the dry followed by ½ the sour cream, 1/3 dry, ½ sour cream, 1/3 dry.
5. Grease a Bundt or fluted tube pan well with butter.
6. Sprinkle the walnuts at the bottom of the pan.
7. Add about ½ the batter and spread around and up the sides.
8. Add the cranberry sauce in the valley created by the batter.
9. Add the other half of the batter and spread evenly across



the top so no cranberry sauce is visible.

10. Bake for 50-55 minutes, until a toothpick comes out clean.
11. Cool in the pan on a wire rack for 10 minutes.
12. Invert the pan to release the cake, allow to cool completely.
13. Sprinkle the top with powdered sugar and serve.

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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.



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The 2024 SCLA Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2024!

Your Neighborhood Expert

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