

# THE Canyon Call

The newsletter of the Sunset Canyon Land Owner's Association

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## SCLA: 2024 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 Board President Mike Whirlow. 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 3% last year. Sheriff Cutler mentioned that 15% of calls are initiated by officers (ex.

tree limbs on road, animal control). Calls came 69% from North, 31% from South. Many of the calls were directed to animal control. There were 6 death Investigations, all were found to be from natural causes. Overall, congratulations on a safe neighborhood!

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. This is Ron Hood's last year in office; he will be retiring.

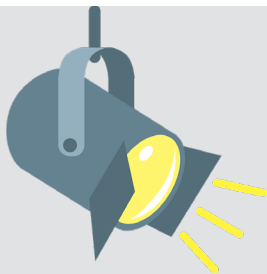
Walt Smith, County Commissioner Precinct 4, has served for 5 years and is running again. He gave a summary of ongoing items affecting our community. The Trautwein construction, which includes turn lanes and improving the visibility at the intersection, should be completed by early August.

TXDot is planning an expansion of 290 to reduce accidents and fatalities. Various community forums are available to share thoughts and opinions. Hays County is growing quickly and the we are experiencing a staffing shortage.

Walt also gave updates on the Fitzhugh music venue and safety concerns on that road.

### Board Business

The elected board for 2024 was approved. All committees gave a summary of activities for 2023.



## Local Spotlight

### The Rescue House

An Austin-based nonprofit, they rescue and rehabilitate wildlife in need. Their website, [therescuehouse.org](http://therescuehouse.org), contains helpful information to educate the public about when to call a wildlife rescue and when to stand back and observe. They also have a list of other rescues available in the area. Call Nel Rossouw at 512.969.1309 or email [nel@therescuehouse.org](mailto:nel@therescuehouse.org).

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](mailto:scla.news@sunsetcanyon.org)

# SUNSET CANYON LANDOWNER'S ASSOCIATION

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## Officers:

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At-Large- Nancy Shindler  
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For contact information and committees please visit our website at [sunsetcanyon.org/board](http://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](http://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

Hi all. I'm honored to be serving as the Sunset Canyon Landowners Association President for this calendar year! I am excited to step in and welcome any recommendations from you all. I strongly recommend that you attend a board meeting to see what we are working on, especially if you have concerns or ideas to make us a more connected community.

One example of how we are taking community concerns and turning it into action is the proposed installation of "Oak Wilt" warning signs at each neighborhood entrance. This came from a voiced concern from a resident who came to one of our board meetings. We hope to have these up soon and are in the process of bidding the cost out. Hope to see you all soon!

Thanks, Dan



## COMMUNITY CORNER

### TRASH DAY

Remember to place trash and recycling bins at least 4-5 feet away from your mailbox so that postal workers can deliver your mail. Out of consideration for a tidy and beautiful neighborhood, store your bins out of sight of the street when it is not a trash pickup day. Please inform your trash company if their employees are leaving bins in the street and creating hazardous conditions for cars.

### TIME TO PAY DUES

The 2024 SCLA Homeowners Association Dues are still just \$35. Please support your neighborhood by joining or renewing your membership today. You may pay online at [sunsetcanyon.org/payment](http://sunsetcanyon.org/payment). As a reminder, starting this year, only paid members will receive the quarterly newsletter by mail and only if you have requested it to be mailed. The newsletter will still be available to everyone online at the end of each quarter at [sunsetcanyon.org/newsletters](http://sunsetcanyon.org/newsletters)

If you have any questions, please contact Joan Thomas at [scla.treas@sunsetcanyon.org](mailto:scla.treas@sunsetcanyon.org).

### BRUSH TRIMMING

Just a reminder to those on corner lots- Please trim trees and shrubs so that neighbors can see traffic flowing. Make sure stop signs are easily visible in all directions. Thanks for making our community a safe place for all of us!

### TRAFFIC DETOUR

With the road closure on Trautwein, the amount and speed of traffic on Oakwood and Canyonwood has increased significantly. Please be extra conscious of your safety when placing trash cans, checking mail, and taking walks.

### SOLAR ECLIPSE

The solar eclipse on April 8 will attract many visitors to Dripping Springs. Some estimate 80,000 to 100,000 people! Please be cautious when traveling that week.

The Dripping Springs Library is handing out eclipse viewing glasses for free- limit two per family. Enjoy this rare and exciting event safely!

# SPRING GARAGE SALE MAY 4TH, 8AM- NOON

## Advertising

The SCLA will post reminders on NextDoor, Facebook, and our website [Sunsetcanyon.org](http://Sunsetcanyon.org). We will place signs at all entrances to the neighborhood. Participants can promote the sale on other forums (church, Moms' Groups, etc.), add garage sale signs from main street to their home, and/or tie balloons to their mailbox.

## Useful Ideas

- Children can have their own area to sell outgrown toys
- Don't have much to sell? Check with neighbors to see if they are interested in combining. In this case, bigger is better
- You can ask more for items that are clean and in good shape
- It is easier to sell items with prices marked
- Clothes on hangers sell better.
- Jewelry is easier to manage if attached to index cards
- Include manuals with appliances and electronics
- Collect bags, boxes, and tissue paper to wrap fragile items
- Set out a bin marked "Free" for extra items

## Helpful Hints

### *Before the Sale*

- Buy pricing stickers, balloons for the mailbox, supplies to make signs
- Clear yard of tripping hazards
- Have extra chairs for those waiting on a shopper

### *Sale Day*

- Place biggest and best items at the curb
- Place full-length mirror near clothes
- Place bin marked "Hangers" near clothes
- Place smaller and/or high-value items where they are always visible to you
- Set out an extension cord for checking appliances.
- Set up check-out area with notepad, pens, calculator, measuring tape (to check on size of large items).
- If you use a cash box, then someone always must be there.
- ONLY accept cash, Venmo, or similar payment. NO checks.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunset Canyon Community Garage Sale Saturday, May 4, 2024 8 am - 12 pm

Neighbors can submit their addresses to [caradi84@gmail.com](mailto:caradi84@gmail.com) to be listed on a map on the Sunset Canyon website. The map will be available to those driving through the neighborhood via the Sunset Canyon website. Names will not be included alongside addresses. However, short general descriptions of the types of items for sale can be listed in your submission. You do not have to submit your address to participate.

Thank you for participating!

### Sunset Canyon Meet & Greet at Suds Monkey

Our neighbor, Sasha Vasquez, organizes quarterly community gatherings at Suds Monkey Brewing Company, located at 12024 US 290 (at Nutty Brown across from Belterra Village). They have a shaded outdoor seating area with a playground, delicious food, and refreshing beers. The next event will be held on May 2 from 5 to 7 pm. Come on out and meet your neighbors!

### Dripping Springs Founder's Day Festival

This year, the Founder's Day festival will be April 26-28. The hours are:  
Friday: 4pm-Midnight  
Saturday: 10am-Midnight  
Sunday: 11am-5pm (Carnival ends at 7pm)  
Festival entry is free and there will be carnival tickets and food & drink to purchase.

### OAK WILT IN SUNSET CANYON

Oak wilt continues to be a problem in Sunset Canyon. According to the Texas A&M Forest Service, the best time to trim oak trees is during the heat of the summer and the cold of the winter. Avoid trimming oaks from February to June.

To learn about how to identify Oak Wilt and how to prevent its spread, visit <https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/OakWiltFAQS/>. If you think that you have this highly infectious disease on your property, please contact a qualified arborist for treatment options.

# SUNSET CANYON HOA

## Bulk Pickup DAY

Chunk your junk @ The curb!

Sunset Canyon and Waste Connections will be holding their quarterly bulk pickup

**Saturday, May 11, 2024**

Items at curb no later than: **7:00 a.m.**

*A maximum of four (4) cubic yards of acceptable residential bulk will be collected from residents with current/active Waste Connections Service. Residents should have all items neatly placed at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on the scheduled pick-up.*

### ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Bulky items such as stoves, water tanks, furniture, washing machines, and dryers.
- Air conditioners, freezers, and refrigerators that are tagged verifying CFC's have been removed by a certified technician.
- Lawn mowers: **Fuel and oil must be drained.**
- Bundled brush securely tied together and properly prepared (4-foot lengths, 4-inch diameter or 40 pounds in weight) and placed at curbside.
- Total acceptable volume of bulky items and/or bundles is FOUR (4) cubic yards measured.

### UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- **NO** Gasoline, motor oil, paint, chemicals, and similar flammable liquids.
- **NO** Medical waste (including needles and syringes), animals or human waste.
- **NO** Tires, batteries, and large pieces of metal (car fenders, engines, etc.)
- **NO** Used oil filters or any hazardous or toxic waste.
- **NO** Construction Material & Demolition Debris – i.e. concrete, rebar, dirt, sheet rock, rocks, excelsior, gypsum board, metal, rubber and wood.

### Preparing your Brush

- Yard trimmings must be bagged or bundled for collection.
- Limbs that cannot be bagged must not exceed 4 foot length and 8 inch diameter.
- Bundled brush securely tied together and properly prepared (4-foot lengths, 4-inch diameter or 40 pounds in weight) and placed at curbside.

### **YARD WASTE DISPOSAL**

Bag your grass clippings, leaves and other lawn trimmings in paper biodegradable lawn bags (available at area retailers).



Cut tree trimmings into 4-foot lengths.  
Bundle and tie with rope or string (no wire or cable).  
Must weigh less than 50 pounds.

### Note:

*Items placed at the curb later than 7:00 a.m. and/or exceeds the 4 cubic yard limit will not be serviced. The resident will be responsible for arranging for proper disposal of anything put out after 7:00 a.m. or over the 4 cubic yard limit.*



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The background of the advertisement is a photograph of a total solar eclipse. The sun is completely obscured by the dark disk of the moon, set against a bright blue sky with wispy white clouds. The sun's corona is visible as a bright white ring around the moon.

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The logo for Christopher Law Firm features a circular emblem with a scale of justice in the center. The text "THE LAW OFFICE OF MILENA CHRISTOPHER" is written around the perimeter of the circle.

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A circular award logo with a scale of justice in the center. The text "HAYS COUNTY BEST ATTORNEY" is written around the perimeter.

Best of Hays County for 2022  
and Best of Dripping Springs  
In the Legal Category  
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A portrait of Milena Christopher, a woman with long brown hair and glasses, wearing a blue top. She is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera.

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## 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.



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