

APRIL COVE

Newsletter



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APRIL COVE MAINTENANCE FUND, INC. ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting was held Sunday, February 19th. The Board would like to thank all members who took the time to participate in this integral element of our organization.

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 PM and adjourned at 3:10 PM. All of important business of the Cove was discussed and decisions were made during that time. If you would like to be part of the decision making process the annual meeting is held in February each year and is open to all ACMF members. Please plan to attend next year's meeting and lend your voice to the discussion.

A draft of the minutes, the financial report and the 2017 budget are attached. Please take the time to review these documents. The minutes with any needed additions or corrections, will be approved during the 2018 annual meeting.

Steve Barkley was re-elected as President. Scott King was re-elected Vice President and Kris Horner was elected Treasurer. A new position of Assistant Treasurer with the primary task of collecting and paying invoices was created. Susan Barkley was elected to that position.

Special thanks to the outgoing Treasurer, Sharon Ridge, and Architectural Control Committee (ACC) member Billy Robertson for their hard work and dedication to April Cove.

Vikki McBrierty was elected to the ACC, she replaces Billy Robertson. Rick Tidwell and Mike Shuck will continue on the ACC. Thanks to those who have served and continue to serve on the ACC Committee.

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ACC COMMITTEE

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APRIL COVE WEBSITE

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April Cove is a deed restricted, single family home, residential community located on the south side of beautiful Richland Chambers Reservoir and is a short 75 minutes south of Dallas.



ROAD/STREET MAINTENANCE

April Cove's biggest expense, by far, are the expenses associated with maintaining our roads. We are in the middle of a multi-year project that when complete in 2019 will result in repairs to all the roads that need attention.

The plan also accounts for the fixing of normal wear and tear. What is not in the budget is damage done by heavy loads. Please remember no load may exceed 40,000 lbs. gross weight. Any load between 25,000 and 40,000 lbs. gross weight requires a permit and fees are applicable.

The permit fee helps the Cove deal with the wear and tear caused by these vehicles that may show up over time. The fee does not cover visible damage directly caused by the vehicles and is the responsibility of the homeowner. Soon the heat of summer will be here. Once the sun starts to bake our roads their ability to hold heavy loads without being damaged is diminished. Keep in mind that an 18 wheeler without any load can weigh between 25,000 & 30,000 pounds, it does not take a lot of rock, sod or building materials to rapidly approach 40,000 lbs. Smaller trucks weigh less but also hold less cargo, meaning more trips. Please make sure you contractor is within the limits.

Maintenance and repairs are scheduled for this spring. Pot holes will be filled and areas showing surface and base deterioration will be addressed throughout the subdivision. The following streets are scheduled for work:

ACMF 2017 ROAD MAINTENANCE PLAN			
PELICAN CIRCLE	INTERSECTION	30' X 34'	1020 SQ FT
PELICAN CIRCLE	OVERLAY	150' X 18	2700 SQ FT
HIGHVIEW CIRCLE	OVERLAY	Rd & Circle	
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Cul-de-sac	OVERLAY	70' CIRCLE	4366 SQ FT
DEERWOOD	SEALCOAT	1500' x 18'	27000SQ FT
PELICAN POINT	SEALCOAT	1700' x 18'	30 600 SQ FT

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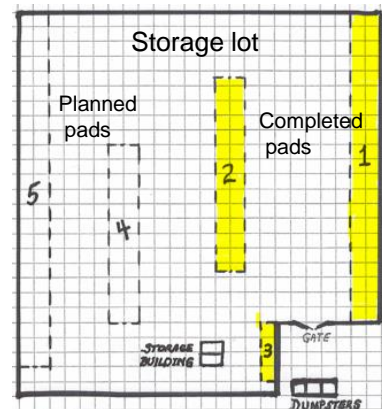
Members are asked to join together to complete maintenance tasks in the subdivision. This is a great opportunity to work together for the benefit of the subdivision and to get to know your neighbors. The Barkley's will once again host a luncheon to reward everyone's good efforts. Work time begins at 9:00 am at the entrance.

The Plan (so far)

Entry Way: Plant flowers, trim bushes, general maintenance.



Storage Lot: Weed control, general maintenance, build new boat and trailer pad #4 and dig a trench for electric line to storage shed.



We will also be trimming tree branches for easier right-a-way mowing and replacing some street signs.

If you see anything else that needs to be done please contact Scott King, geowzrd@aol.com.



MEMORIAL DAY

MEET AND GREET

The Goodwill Committee will once again host a Meet and Greet on memorial day weekend (Sun Mar 29th). This is a great opportunity to catch up with people in the Cove that you know and meet others that you didn't. If you have family and friends visiting that weekend, **bring them!** The more the merrier! Last year we had a great turn out and plenty of food and drink. If you would like to help or would like to bring something to share please contact Cheryl Wangrin (903-599-2575)



SOUTHERN OAKS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL CHILLI SUPPER AND CAKE AUCTION RAISES OVER \$20,000!

On March 4, 2017 the Southern Oaks Volunteer Fire Department hosted its annual Chili Supper and Cake Auction. Approximately 220 people attended and over \$20,000 was raised. The food was great, the deserts were even better and the excitement of seeing what price cakes would go for made the night complete.



Patsy Wagon's cake went for \$950!

If you have not attended in the past please consider coming to this fun event next year. This is a worth while cause supporting the men and women of the SOVFD that keep us safe. To do that job they need equipment. The money that is raised goes directly toward buying and upgrading equipment.

Multi-hundred dollar cakes too rich for your wallet? There are other lower cost ways to donate including direct donation, a silent auction, cap and tee shirt sales plus a honey pot. What's a honey pot? Come next year and find out. Every dollar is appreciated!

There is currently NO burn ban in Freestone County. Check the Freestone Co website for the latest status. www.co.freestone.tx.us



PETRIFIED WOOD IN APRIL COVE

The next time you are walking around April Cove if you see an area where the dirt has been removed and is very rocky, look closely, you just might find a piece of Petrified Wood. The Petrified Wood is from a Eocene age rock called the Yegua (yeah a wa) and is about 50 million years old.



The best areas for collecting seem to be where there are some round river pebbles mixed in with the brown shale rock. The rectangular pieces of rock with a wood grain texture is the petrified wood. They are typically 1-2 inches long but pieces measuring almost a foot have been found in April Cove.

RIGHT OF WAY MOWING

After many years of service we have retired our mower and purchased a new one per the vote by the membership at the annual meeting and it's a beauty! If you would like

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to help with mowing the right of ways we could use some volunteers. See a Board member for more information. Can't mow the whole Cove? Don't worry every little bit helps. Do what you can, even if it is just in front of your property.

GOODWILL COMMITTEE

Call Cheryl Wangrin (903-599-2575) if you would like to assist the Goodwill Committee in reaching out to neighbors or if you know someone in April Cove who could use a helping hand.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Spring has come on like a freight train! Everything is growing like mad, just ask anyone who has seasonal allergies. New growth will overtake neglected properties in just a matter of a few weeks. Now is the perfect time to clear your vacant lot of fallen tree limbs and branches and get the undergrowth under control with regular, routine mowing. Well maintained lots make the subdivision look great and help keep property values up. All members are required to keep their properties in an attractive condition. If you need a list of contacts for lot clearing or mowing, please contact any of the Board members.

ASSOCIATION COLLECTIONS

Please check your records to verify that your ACMF account is current for all dues and assessments. Annual dues are due January 1st and road fees are due July 1st. Invoices are sent out as a courtesy however failure to receive an invoice does not release you from your obligation to pay your dues on time. Thank you!