



APRIL COVE *Newsletter*

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MEMORIAL DAY MEET AND GREET

The Goodwill Committee organized a successful Meet and Greet on memorial day weekend. This was a great opportunity to catch up with people in the Cove that you know and meet others that you didn't. There was a good turn out and plenty of food and drink. We were all thankful that the rain held off to give us the opportunity to get to know our neighbors better and share some comradery.



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ROAD MAINTENANCE

The heat of summer is here, our relatively cool spring is definitely over. Once the sun starts to bake our roads their ability to hold heavy loads without being damaged is diminished. 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. Contact a board member for further information.

Road maintenance and repairs were recently completed as follows.

<u>New</u>		
Pelican Point	Cul-de-Sac Perimeter	3,000 sq. ft.
April Cove	Mill, Base, Cement, Pave	2,380 sq. ft.
	Mill, Base, Cement, Pave	384 sq. ft.
	Mill, Base, Cement, Pave	900 sq. ft.
	Pave only	1,209 sq. ft.
	Mill, Base, Cement, Pave	2,520 sq. ft.
Tall Oaks	Pave only	11,700 sq. ft.
	Mill, Base, Cement, Pave material cost only	3,000 sq. ft.

Warranty Work

April Cove	At dumpster Rd	Mill, Base, Cement, Pave
	A/C at Deerwood	Mill, Base, Cement, Pave
Shadow Oak		Pave only various spots
Shadow Court		Pave only intersection

ACC COMMITTEE

Mike Shuck	214-891-1189
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APRIL COVE ENTRANCE

Update: At the annual meeting the membership voted to install a gate at our entrance. The parts have been ordered and are expected mid month. Just a reminder, the plan is that the gate will be open during the day and closed at night. Entry will be by code entered on a keypad. Garage style openers may be purchased and we hope to be able to program your car if so equipped.

ASSOCIATION COLLECTIONS

Please check your records to verify that your ACMF account is current for all dues and assessments. If payments are overdue, a member of the Board of Directors will be contacting you asking for your payment. Payment plans are available and are offered to members needing assistance in meeting their financial obligations to the association. If your account is more than two years in arrears, ACMF can and will file a lien on your property. ACMF is responsible for maintenance and administration expenses for the general welfare of the subdivision. To meet that responsibility, each member must fulfill their obligation of payment.

APRIL COVE SPRING WORK DAY

April Cove Work Day was rainy, but the turnout was quite bright! April Cove's finest braved the wet weather to spruce up the neighborhood! Mike Shuck brought his large trailer and we fully loaded it up with limbs and brush twice. Others worked on the entrance and it looks great. Thanks and much appreciation to Wanda and Bob Rollins, Debbie Nyman, Mike Shuck, Scott King, Mati King, Kelsey King, Evan Bass, David Bass, Lawrence Cresci, Lynn Cresci, Melissa Horner, Kris Horner, Jane Suggs, Vikki McBrierty, Harry McBrierty, Van Wagnon, Patsy Wagnon, Terry Loviette, Heather Tidwell, Ricky Tidwell, Cheryl Wangrin, Gary Wangrin, Steve Barkley, and Susan Barkley. And, Bill Harry who worked the day before-power washing the white fence!

Lunch afterwards was fun!! Many thanks to Susan and Steve Barkley for hosting lunch and to Cheryl Wangrin, Wanda Rollins, Debbie Nyman, Mati King, and Lynn Cresci for bringing delicious things to eat!!



Sunset at the lake, picture by Tom Marusa



APRIL COVE WEBSITE

www.aprilcove.org



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.

Richland-Chambers Reservoir	
Location	Navarro / Freestone counties, Texas, United States
Coordinates	31°57'07"N 96°05'56"W
Type	reservoir
Primary inflows	Richland Creek and Chambers Creek
Primary outflows	Richland Creek
Basin countries	United States
Surface area	41,356 acres (16,736 ha) ^[1]
Max. depth	75 ft (23 m) ^[1]
Water volume	1,103,816 acre-ft (1.361537 km ³)
Surface elevation	314 ft (96 m) ^[1]

ST ELMO TEXAS History

St. Elmo is on Farm Road 416 in northern Freestone County. About 1849 the area was settled by families from Georgia, Alabama, and Florida. A school opened around 1850 but was closed during the Civil War. The Little Hope Baptist Church was organized in 1872, the same year that a post office opened there with Theodore B. Newman as the first postmaster. The school was rebuilt three years later and named St. Elmo. By that time the community was also called St. Elmo, a name that supposedly came from a popular nineteenth-century novel. The local Baptist congregation held services in the schoolhouse until 1886, when they bought six acres that encompassed the schoolhouse grounds and the local cemetery. They constructed a building and changed the name of the church from Little Hope to New Hope. In 1893 the St. Elmo school had seventy-nine pupils. A school district was organized in 1906, and a new building completed in 1922. The population of St. Elmo began to decline in the early 1900s, when the Trinity and Brazos Valley Railway was built through the nearby town of Streetman. By the 1930s St. Elmo reported twenty-five residents and a church, a school, a cemetery, a business, and a few scattered dwellings. A school cafeteria and auditorium were built in 1941, when oil was discovered within the school district, but the district was annexed by Fairfield in 1948. The auditorium was used as a community center until it was destroyed by fire in 1972. The population of St. Elmo was listed at twenty-five until 1947. In the late 1980s the community consisted of the New Hope Baptist Church, the St. Elmo Cemetery, and a few dwellings. The church and cemetery received a Texas Historical Commission marker in 1974

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



PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Just a reminder that keeping our lawns mowed and shrubbery and trees trimmed 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 maintenance, please contact a board member.



SOUTHERN OAKS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Southern Oaks Volunteer Fire Department has been serving an 84-square mile area in northwest Freestone County and southeast Navarro counties since 1989. This area is the south side of Richland Chambers Lake. The all-volunteer station currently has 26 men and women serving as firefighters and/or emergency medical services personnel. The department also provides rescue operations and weather watch activities as well as community services. We are proud to say that six property owners in April Cove are SOVFD volunteers. It may seem that there is a full roster, but there is no such thing as too many. The department is always looking for volunteers. Members receive training from Texas A&M in addition to classes offered locally and throughout east central Texas. There are nine administrative personnel providing support to the operations of the department. SOVFD organizes two fund raising events each year. A fish fry is held in October. The Chili Supper and Cake Auction is held in February. Please show your support to this great organization. These volunteers serve a vital role in our community protecting property and lives.

