



CCSPOA News

Council Creek South Property Owners Association, Inc.
120 Council Park Road, Burnet, Texas 78611
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IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS
PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON ROADWAYS AND OBSERVE THE
SPEED LIMIT!

We have had several complaints recently of people speeding in the neighborhood and near collisions. Please be considerate, stay to your side of the road, and observe the speed limit. We have also had complaints about people parking along roadways and making it very difficult for neighbors to get through. Remember, we do not want to block access for emergency vehicles as well.

DOCKS

We were contacted by Mike Newhouse from LCRA, who coordinates the Residential Docks program for the LCRA. LCRA is citing docks that do not meet the current standards, which require all docks to use enclosed flotation. The NOV requires that the un-encased foam flotation be replaced, or the dock removed from the surface of Lake Buchanan by Jan. 22, 2016. At least one dock in our neighborhood has been cited. Please be sure your docks are in compliance.

LATEST NEWS FROM CENTRAL TEXAS WATER COALITION

1) **Updated Water Management Plan Receives Final Approval.** Higher trigger levels will protect Lakes, but work must continue.

At an open meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2015 the Commissioners of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) voted 3-0 to grant the LCRA's application to revise its Water Management Plan. The plan approved by the TCEQ today will replace the plan that it approved in January 2010, and will go into effect by January 1, 2016. CTWC released the following statement (in part) to the press:

"This is good news for Central Texas. We applaud the TCEQ and LCRA for taking steps to protect the drinking water supply for over a million people. We are grateful for the considerable amount of work by both agencies, as well as many stakeholders, that went into designing this revised plan. We are hopeful that it will work as intended to prevent the Highland Lakes from being drained to dangerously low levels as they were under the

prior plan. " View the LCRA Fact Sheet with the new Water Management Plan information here: <http://centraltexaswatercoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/WMP-fact-sheet-2015-11-17.pdf>

2) Update on the Proposed Leonard Dam on the Colorado River: Pecan farmer O.P. Leonard, Jr. filed an application with TCEQ to build a dam and reservoir on the Colorado River upstream of the Highland Lakes. The proposed channel dam would impound 1,000 acre-feet of water and would back up the river for almost 9 miles. The application has already drawn a great deal of opposition. Opponents, including CTWC, LCRA and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, have identified a number of issues, including the threat that this project will capture river flows that should pass through to downstream water users and enter Lake Buchanan. CTWC IS WORKING WITH THE "NO COLORADO RIVER DAM" GROUP, which petitioned the city of Goldthwaite to withdraw their request to 'partner' with the Leonard Family and build a dam on the Colorado River.

More information about these issues can be found on our website at: <http://centraltexaswatercoalition.org/>

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING TODAY TO CTWC SO THAT THEY CAN KEEP WORKING FOR YOU AND OUR LAKES.

FIREWISE EFFORTS CONTINUE

The primary goal for Firewise landscaping is fuel reduction — limiting the amount of flammable vegetation and materials surrounding the home and increasing the moisture content of remaining vegetation. The home itself and everything around it up to 100 – 200 feet is known as the 'home ignition zone.' In areas across the country where the risk of wildfire is high, the home ignition zone extends up to 200 feet beyond the actual home structure.

Claire Harrah, our FireWise Committee Chairperson, is willing to work with lot owners if they need help in determining what needs to be cleared. Many thanks to Jimmy Holcomb for keeping the roadway clean and clear! Contact Claire at [214-542-7445](tel:214-542-7445) if you have questions.

PREVIEW OF 2016

Request for 2016 Board Nominations

The current board strongly encourages you and/or your spouse and/or your friends to submit a nomination for a position on the Board of Directors. The submission is a self nomination stating something about your relevant background, your vision for CCS and what you would like to do as a board member to improve CCS. **We need to get more property owners involved to ensure continued improvement in our community.** We have to keep every position on the board filled with people that care about the community

as a whole, have the skills to make a contribution and are willing to put forth a reasonable effort to move the community forward. The Board meets in person once or twice per year for a couple of hours, and much of our business is conducted by email, so the time input required is not high.

Three positions will be up for election at the annual CCSPOA meeting. Positions currently held by Candy Smith, Ron Brannan and Mike Moore will be up for election. If you are interested in having your name placed on the ballot for election to the CCSPOA board, please submit a short biography that addresses your qualifications and goals for further improvement of CCS. The biography may be mailed to CCSPOA, Attention Candy Smith, at 120 Council Park Drive, Burnet, TX, 78611, or emailed to councilcreeksouth@gmail.com. Nominations will be accepted through April 1 but the sooner your name is submitted, the better, since the biographies will be posted on the CCS website prior to the election. All candidates must be CCSPOA members in good standing to be considered for election.

2016 Annual Meeting and Picnic

Join us for the members Annual Picnic on Saturday, April 30, in the park. The Board will cook up some burgers and hot dogs, and the meeting will begin at 1 p. m. So come on down, bring a side dish, get to know your neighbors and hear what the Board has been working on and what plans we have for the future. Hope to see everyone there!

Neighborhood Cleanup

The annual neighborhood cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 16. Our lovely neighborhood collects a lot of trash on the roadside every year. We have found all sorts of treasures. Come help us clean up — you never know what you might find. Meet in the park at 9 a.m. and bring your gloves and nail sticks. Trash bags are provided. This is another great way to get to know some neighbors and help your community.

ROADS in 2015

We considered re-paving a portion of Paul that was previously paved, looking at base on Eagle, cleaning up Lookback and Whistle, and possibly grading Echo, Lookback, Eagle, and Silver. We should have approximately \$15,000 to spend. However, the estimate was more than we had available in our budget, and it was not cost effective to do a portion of the work. Therefore, the decision was made to delay any maintenance until fees for 2016 were paid.

ANNUAL MAINTENANCE FEE

As a reminder, the \$130 Road Maintenance fee is MANDATORY for ALL property owners. The fee is adjusted every 5 years based on the consumer price index. Thank you to all those who pay promptly, as this helps in setting the budget and priorities for road maintenance for the coming year.

GATE ACCESS CODE: The gate access code for this year is **1984**. Please remember the park is for the use of property members and guests only.

DO WE HAVE A CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS ON FILE FOR YOU?

If not, please contact us at councilcreeksouth@gmail.com so we can update our records. We occasionally send out important community information via email only. Your address is not sold or given away to anyone!