

# TRAVIS LANDING FALL 2010 NEWSLETTER

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## Letter from the President



Dear Neighbors,

Fall is here and the Holidays are almost upon us. It's nice to have cooler weather and the opportunity to spend some time outside.

**We have had some exciting times in the past few months.** The biggie is the **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party** at the park, a group effort that demonstrated the friendliness of the residents of Travis Landing. There were over 150 people who attended the picnic, and a good time was had by all. One thing that was not made well known was the commemorative t-shirts. I still have plenty left if you did not get a chance to get yours. We're asking \$10 per shirt. Email or call if you would like one.

**Fall is also the time for trimming and planting trees.** Elizabeth Boggess organized the tree trimming in the park. She did a great job finding the tree trimming company and supervising. The plan is to trim a portion of the park each year to keep it looking good. The next step is to plant new trees. This means we will need volunteers to help water. Keep on the lookout for the opportunities to keep the park looking great.

In spite of the hot weather, we had enough rain to make the plants happy. Travis County has been contacted to address the issues of trees and shrubs growing into the roads as well as fix the portions of Rock Creek that are starting to wash away. They are off to a good start but still have a ways to go. We will be calling them at times to make sure everything gets done. All of you can help as well. Please look around the edge of your yard for trees and shrubs that are blocking the view for an intersection or are growing out into the road. Please cut these back, and let the board know if you need some help. We have many people ready to volunteer.

**On the other hand, there were a couple of not so good happenings!** One was an increase in car break-ins. While conversing with the Sheriff's department, I was told that some of the break-ins had not been reported to them. **It is imperative that these get recorded**, even if you don't want to file a formal report to press charges. **If the Sheriff's Office knows that there is a problem in Travis Landing we will get an officer driving through more often.** In the future, if you have a break-in, please call the Travis County Sheriff's office.

The other issue we had was regarding a homeless person staying in our park. Please be sure to notify a board member if you notice **any unusual activity in the neighborhood and in the parks.** It's difficult for these issues to be addressed if we don't know about them. Our "guest" in the park was discovered through the grapevine method allowing it to last longer than it should have. When we all work together, using our eyes and ears to keep up with what's happening, and notify board members when there even **seems** to be a problem, we can address them to the benefit of all of us.

There also seems to be a misconception that residents can't call the Sheriff's department if they see something because you are not on the board. **This is not so.** The parks are owned by all of us, and we all have the authority to contact the Sheriff's department if we see anything that does not look right. Obviously we don't want to contact the Sheriff for every little thing, but if it is obviously illegal by all means call . . . including trespassing in the park

I love living in Travis Landing, and I believe we have one of the best neighborhoods around. I wish everyone the happiest of holidays.

Cheers, Diane

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### Upcoming Events

- ◆ Christmas Party  
Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> (See pg 3)
- ◆ Workday in the  
Park Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>  
(See pg. 3)



## TRAVIS LANDING NEIGHBORS EMAIL LIST

Our neighborhood email list is finally here and as you notice, our newsletter is sent by email this Fall. **Be sure and watch for additional information from TLPOA!!** Most of our TLPOA members have already subscribed to [neighbors@tlpoa.org](mailto:neighbors@tlpoa.org). If you are NOT subscribed, go to: [http://mail.tlpoa.org/mailman/listinfo/neighbors\\_tlpoa.org](http://mail.tlpoa.org/mailman/listinfo/neighbors_tlpoa.org). If you would like for the Technology Committee to subscribe for you, send an email to [neighbors-owner@tlpoa.org](mailto:neighbors-owner@tlpoa.org), and request to be added to this list and we will take care of it for you.

### TLPOA BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2010-2011

#### Board of Directors:

President: Diane Zbasnik - 266-0284  
 Vice-President: Judy Harrison 266-1715  
 Treasurer: Ross Wade 266-0557  
 Secretary: Janice Blanton 284-9554

#### Voting Members:

Sandi Etheredge 266-2774  
 Ryan Harden 266-2967  
 Chris Phillips 300-0248  
 Jody Tatum 266-0123  
 Delk Watson 656-4156

#### Committee Chairs:

Architecture Committee:  
 Mark Hollcraft 266-0557  
 Boat Storage Registration  
 Delk Watson 656-4156  
 Park Committee:  
 Judy Harrison 266-1715  
 Recreation Committee:  
 Linda Hodges 266-3203  
 Security  
 Chris Phillips 300-0248  
 Technology Committee:  
 Margie New 266-3947

You can also subscribe or unsubscribe from the list using the online form at <http://www.tlpoa.org/emailSignup.php>.

If you subscribe yourself, you will receive an email asking for confirmation that you applied for membership. Following your confirmation your request will be forwarded to a list moderator, who will perform final approval. You will be sent a *Welcome to the "Neighbors" mailing list* email following your approval. This may seem like a rather drawn out process, but we want to keep the list membership valid and clean. Only Travis Landing property owners are allowed on the list. This list is private and your email address will remain private as well.

Participation in this list has its many advantages. Just to name a few item topics that can be immediately passed on to your neighbors:

- Emergency alerts
- Neighborhood notices (garage sales, social events, lost & found, etc)
- Neighborhood news (new babies, new neighbors, deaths, etc)
- Park information (news, reservations, burn bans, etc)
- Report suspicious behavior in the neighborhood
- Receive electronic documents instead of paper copies
- Neighborhood Services (handyman work, plumbing, babysitting, etc.)

If you did not receive the welcome email, please get yourself subscribed as soon as possible with the options mentioned above.

### **A WORD OF CAUTION FROM THE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE!** **RECENT SPAM ATTACKS!**

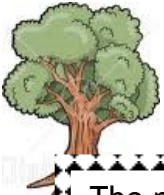
If your computer is not protected with current antivirus software, we strongly recommend that you get it as soon as possible. Please DO NOT SUBSCRIBE to the Neighbors email list until this is done. If you have already been subscribed to the neighbor's list, and your computer is not protected with antivirus software, please send an email to Byrne Benfield at [bobenfield@gmail.com](mailto:bobenfield@gmail.com) and he will get you removed from the list until the matter is taken care of. If you have any TLPOA email addresses such as the board or neighbors in your address book please remove them if your computer is not protected. Computers that are vulnerable to hackers can result in an invasion of privacy that can propagate to other email addresses in your address book. Once a hacker gets into your email account they can "spoof" your name in the "From" portion of an email and send their spam message to every contact in your address book without your knowledge, causing the unsuspecting recipients to open it thinking the message is from you. You might also read up on how to enable or install anti-phishing programs or spam guards in your browsers.



## *Annual Christmas Party Information*

We look forward to seeing you at our TLPOA Neighborhood Christmas on December 4th, 2010, at the home of Linda Hodges and Morton Gold, 5709 Land's End from 6 - 9 PM. TLPOA is providing the meat and beverages for the party. If you have any questions or would like to bring a side dish or dessert, please let Linda Hodges know by email at [lhodges3@austin.rr.com](mailto:lhodges3@austin.rr.com) so she can coordinate the food. If you choose to bring a gift for **Green Santa**, please leave it unwrapped! Also, Santa will be arriving at 7 p.m. so make sure you bring your children for all the fun!

Come One Come All for a fun evening of celebrating the Christmas Season  
with your Friends and Neighbors!



### Park News and Information from Judy

The main news about the park is the port-a-potty may still be with us. It was supposed to be removed in September but we may still have its use and are not being charged for it!!!

#### REMINDERS

**The No Trespassing signs** and other signs in the park are there to help newcomers know where to drive and where the dead ends are. **To avoid safety hazards, remember not to block ANY roads in the park by cars, tents, campers, etc.**

**And - - - Please remember:**  
Oak Wilt is still a problem so limit pruning and cutting until the temperature gets up to/or above 100 degrees on a regular basis again!

### Annual Workday in the Park

Our annual workday in the park will be on November 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to after 1:00 pm. Bring your **bodies, gloves and tools and heavy duty trash bags and be prepared to work and enjoy the company of other neighbors** who will be there as well. We'll see you in the Park!!

**REMINDER!!**  
We discourage  
**LARGE** animals in  
the park

**PLEASE REMEMBER:**  
**DO NOT TRESPASS**  
**Show Respect for Owners**  
**Privacy & Property**

**\*\*\*\*\* QUICK FACTS \*\*\*\*\***

- Please refer to the **Calendar of Events** at [www.tlpoa.org](http://www.tlpoa.org) for any social activities, Board meetings, neighborhood events, park reservations, etc.
- **Park Reservations:** Go to [www.tlpoa.org/parkNews.php](http://www.tlpoa.org/parkNews.php) and click on the Park Reservations link.
- **Should you need to report a problem in the park please call the Travis County Sheriff's Department at (512) 854-9728 and a board member (numbers listed on page 2).**
- Before starting any **home improvement or remodeling**, please submit plans for approval to the architectural committee. Contact Mark Hollcraft at 266-0557 for details.
- **Deed Restrictions and Bylaws** can be found at [www.tlpoa.org/documents.php](http://www.tlpoa.org/documents.php)
- **Information and news** for the newsletter may be sent to [editor@tlpoa.org](mailto:editor@tlpoa.org) or contact Sandi Etheredge.



***A Reminder about  
Locks and Keys to  
the Park***

Remember to always lock the lock and remove your key to the locks in the park. When this is not done, it damages the lock and causes us to having to replace them, which is very expensive.

So we urge you to not to do this and to always remove your key when the lock has been locked.

This helps in three ways:

1. it protects our locks,
2. it saves us all money and
3. it insures that the park is locked at all times.

**Thank you very much for your cooperation.**

**NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS:**

**We hope you all have a very Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving**

- **Neighborhood Work in the Park Day on November 20<sup>th</sup> - See Page 3**
- **Christmas Part December 4<sup>th</sup> - See Page 3**

**We look forward to seeing you at BOTH Events!!**