

# PLTA

## NEWS!

The Protect Lake Travis Association  
10801 Rush Rd.  
Austin, Texas 78732  
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### 9TH ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND BAR-B-QUE

SATURDAY, MAY 12, FROM 2 PM TO 4 PM, AT ST. LUKE'S ON THE LAKE CHURCH, 5600 RR 620 N.

The annual meeting is open to all PLTA members and will feature an optional BBQ dinner catered by Bill Miller BBQ for \$4.00 per person. The candidates for District 48 Representative and Precinct 2 Commissioner have been invited to come meet PLTA members and answer some questions. These two races are of importance to PLTA because their districts cover the Lake Travis area.

After our regular business meeting, which will include updates on water quality, highlights of the past year, upcoming issues, Board of Directors elections, Treasurer's report, etc., we will be giving away some door prizes to PLTA members who attend. These gifts were donated to PLTA as door prizes and include an orchid, a 16 x 20 ciba chrome nature print, a cutting board for the kitchen, and more!

\*\*\*\*\*But the most important item on the agenda for this meeting will be our show of appreciation to CECIL LAWS for his 9 years of dedication and service to PLTA. Cecil served the past 5 years as President of PLTA and resigned in December due to his health. Please come join us as we thank Cecil for all his many efforts and much time he graciously gave to PLTA and to the water quality of Lake Travis. We have a much improved lake thanks to his leadership.

### PLTA'S 2ND ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

PLTA will hold a garage sale on Saturday, May 26, from 8 AM to 5 PM, to raise funds for our fight for the water quality of Lake Travis. Bill Atwood of Scuba Point Travis has again allowed us to use his lot at Scuba Point, 11401 RR 2222 (at RR 620), for our garage sale. Please remember that PLTA's fight for water quality is an expensive one, and any "garage sale item" you can donate will go towards clean water in Lake Travis. Please bring your donations to our annual meeting on May 12 or bring them by Scuba Point on May 26. If you are unable to drop items off at either of these times or if you need help moving the items, please contact Bob Vann, 266-2500, or Sam Warrington, 266-2573. We do have a P/U truck available for use.

### UPDATE ON SHELLBERG TRACT a.k.a. VISTA POINT

After much effort, headed up by the Northwest Neighborhood Group (NNG), The Shellberg Tract zoning request was denied. The developer wanted to put 720 single and multi-family homes on 190 acres of environmentally sensitive land overlooking the Cypress Creek arm of Lake Travis. With the denial of the zoning request the developer chose to de-annex the tract from Austin's jurisdiction. This put the developer back under the Comprehensive Watersheds Ordinance (CWO) which they had a waiver to CWO restrictions. Through the efforts of NNG, former Austin Mayor Frank Cooksey and Alma de Mujer, the city council revoked the developer's waiver. Now, all provisions of the CWO must be complied with.

On December 11, 1989, the developers submitted a subdivision plan to Austin under a new name Vista Point. The new plan calls for a greenbelt of approximately 370 of the development's 490 acres. The remaining 120 acres would contain roadways and 368 single family, detached housing units. Review of this application is under way now, with more information available from Evalyn Scott, 335-6462.

REMEMBER EARTH DAY, APRIL 22. PLTA WILL HAVE A BOOTH AT AUSTIN'S EARTH DAY CELEBRATION AT WATERLOO PARK. REMEMBER ALSO, NATIONAL ARBOR DAY, APRIL 27. PLANT A TREE!

## WCID FOR COWS

Also going on up the Cypress Creek arm of Lake Travis is an effort by Bill Milburn's Cypress Creek Ranch to get the Texas legislature to create a Water Control and Improvement District (WCID) for the ranch. The WCID would issue bonds, assess and levy taxes, and condemn property for the purpose of installing water and wastewater facilities...for cows? A WCID is not necessary to develop the property because water and wastewater service can be obtained from either Cedar Park or Austin, both wastewater services would keep discharges from going into Lake Travis via Cypress Creek.

The next special session convenes April 30, 1990, and it is expected that Rep. Terral Smith and Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos will reintroduce the enacting legislation for the WCID. You can voice your concerns to Rep. Terral Smith at P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78765, (512) 463-0700 and to Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos at P.O. Box 12068, Austin, TX 78711, (512) 463-0114.

## AUSTIN PLAN AND SECTOR 22 (LAKE TRAVIS)

Austin Plan, Austin's comprehensive land use and growth guideline, continues through the approval process. More reasonable land use levels for our sector were pushed for and resulted in Sector 22 being referred back to the Planning Commission subcommittee for further review. At the Planning Commission's final public hearing on March 28, 1990, several of the subcommittee's recommendations to lower land use levels in the Lake Travis watershed failed. However, the Shellberg Tract was lowered from a land use level of 3 to a 2 level, which is less than 1 unit per acre. Thanks go to Walter Brown, Carolyn Parker, and Gail Gemberling for their long hours of review spent during the subcommittee meetings. The next step in this process will be to contact the city council members, after the elections, and give them your opinions for the desired land use levels around Lake Travis, and to contact Mary Anne Krohn, 250-8829, for further information.

## PLTA BILLBOARD FUND UPDATE

Special thanks to all PLTA members who have responded with contributions toward the PLTA billboard since last month's notice. So far the response has been very encouraging, ~~with 25 members donating as they renewed their membership.~~ The total donated to date is \$320 and only leaves \$180 more to raise. To those of you who renew your membership with this month's bulletin, please consider an extra donation. Hopefully, by our annual meeting May 12, we can announce that the \$500 has been raised and work can begin on our billboard.

## LOW WATER LEVEL IN LAKE TRAVIS

Please notice the petition on the back page of this newsletter. The Lake Travis Chamber of Commerce is heading up an effort to get a revision to LCRA's Water Management Plan which went into effect on January 1, 1990. LCRA has assigned the water level of 660 MSL ft. as the basic minimum low water level for Lake Travis. What this means is LCRA can enter into water sale contracts for any water over this level as long as the water sale does not allow the lake to get below 660 MSL ft. The lake level today is 658 MSL ft. and water is being released for senior water rights holders downstream. We have had a couple of very dry years and Lake Travis has not "filled up" as needed. We need to raise LCRA's minimum level to 667 MSL ft. in order to help hold off another year of low water for Lake Travis. Right now many coves on Lake Travis are dry and a long way from the water's edge.

If you would take the time to fill out and sign the petition, and mail it back to PLTA, 10801 Rush Rd., Austin, TX 78732 by April 27, PLTA will turn these signatures over to the Lake Travis Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber needs to have them in their hands by May 1 in order to turn them over to LCRA, TWC, and elected Representatives. PLTA supports wholeheartedly these efforts!

# **PROTECT LAKE TRAVIS**

"Keep it clean, clear, beautiful".

NOMINEES FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOB VANN - Currently serving as President; Board member for 2 years; assisted in news releases and raising support for PLTA irrigation plan for Marble Falls; member of Clean Clear Colorado; resident of the Marshall Ford area.

TAYLOR OLLMAN - Currently serving as Vice-President; Board member for 9 years; a past President of PLTA; member of the Travis County Environmental Task Force; resides in the Lago Vista area.

EVALYN SCOTT - Currently serving as Secretary; Board member for 1 year; Board member of the Northwest Neighborhood Group; instrumental in working with city, county, and state officials on zoning cases to insure the water quality of the Highland Lakes; resides in the Volente area.

JIM DAVIS - Currently serving as Treasurer; Board member for 1 year; pledged to PLTA because of concern to preserve the quality of life in the Lake Travis area as much as possible; resides in the Marshall Ford area.

JOE ADAMS - Currently serving as member and mailing list coordinator; Board member for 2 years; Austin resident with a concern for Lake Travis and the Lakeway area.

MARY ANNE KROHN - Currently heading up PLTA's efforts in working with city, county, and state officials to insure water quality for the Highland Lakes; Board member for 2 years; serving on the Technical Review Committee for LCRA's new Non-Point Source Pollution Ordinance; Board member of the Northwest Neighborhood Group; resides in the Volente area.

JOHN STRICKLAND, JR. - Board member for 9 years: co-founder and first President of the Save Cypress Creek Association which became PLTA; Board member of the Northwest Neighborhood Group; special interest in watershed pollution remedies; resides in the Bullick Hollow area.

SAM WARRINGTON - Board member for 8 years; a past Vice-President of PLTA; instrumental in raising funds for PLTA and support for the irrigation plan on the Marble Falls sewage discharge hearings; resides in the Comanche Trail area.

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BALLOT

Below are the nominations for the Protect Lake Travis Association's Board of Directors. Please take a moment to vote by placing a check by the names of the nominees you wish to serve. Mail by May 5 or bring to the annual meeting on May 12.

- Bob Vann
- Taylor Ollman
- Evalyn Scott
- Jim Davis
- Joe Adams
- Mary Anne Krohn
- John Strickland, Jr.
- Sam Warrington

Print information on voting PLTA member(s) and use to renew membership if due:

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_

WRITE IN: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_ Annual Dues \$10; \_\_\_\_\_ Donation  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Special Billboard Fund

The Protect Lake Travis Association is starting its 9th year of protecting Lake Travis. PLTA is still 100% volunteer & going strong! Because PLTA is a 501C.3 Non-Profit Organization, contributions are tax deductible. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

"I'M CONCERNED ABOUT LAKE TRAVIS"

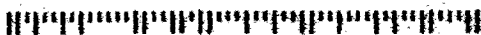
PETITION: To LCRA, Texas Water Commission & Elected Representatives

The new "Water Management Plan" gives L.C.R.A. the right to increase their sales of water to downstream users by 100%. This increase of 750,000 acre-ft. per year is about the volume of water in Lake Travis now.

I support the measures proposed by the Lake Travis Chamber of Commerce which would reduce the adverse effect of these additional water contracts on the level of Lake Travis and its use for recreational purposes:

1. Curtail new water contracts if they would reduce the level of Lake Travis below 667 ft., rather than 660 ft.
2. Restrict new water sales to that volume of water saved by water conservation measures in the rice irrigation counties.

| Printed Name | Address | City | Zip | Signature |
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