

PLTA

NEWS!

The Protect Lake Travis Association
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Annual Meeting June 26

The Protect Lake Travis Association (PLTA) will be holding our annual meeting on June 26, 1993 from 2 PM to 4:30 PM at Travis County's Pct 2 Office on Low Water Crossing Rd. at Mansfield Dam. If you are not familiar with this location and need directions please call Bob Vann at 266-2500.

The guest speaker will be Richard W. Eason, General Manager, Lakeway Municipal Utility District (Lakeway MUD). Mr. Eason will be speaking on Lakeway MUD's wastewater treatment plant, past and current problems and where Lakeway MUD is heading in the future. Lakeway MUD is under an enforcement proceeding at the Texas Water Commission brought about by violations of their non-discharge sewage permit. Mr. Eason was recently hired as General Manager and has had to become well versed on Lakeway MUD in a very short time. The Lakeway MUD's wastewater permit is up for renewal before the Texas Water Commission at this time and his discussion should be helpful in understanding the situation.

PLTA will conduct regular business before the guest speaker and hold Board of Directors and Officer elections. There will also be several items of interest to our members, one of which is LCRA's new **Flood Warning Guide**, a copy of which will be available to each attending member.

Environmental Fund for Texas

PLTA helped form a new environmental group about a year ago. This new organization has just one purpose and that is to raise money for the member groups. This is done through work place payroll deductions. The name of this new organization is the Environmental Fund for Texas(EFT) and is made up of 21 member groups like PLTA. Some of the other groups that are members: National Wildflower Research Center, Hill Country Foundation, Sierra Club Foundation, Texas Clean Water Fund, Public Citizen of Texas, Ecology Action, Children's Alliance for Protection of the Environment(CAPE), and 13 more groups.

Work place campaigns were completed this past fall in such businesses as the federal employees in Austin, Houston, San Antonio, and Corpus Christi areas; the city employees of Houston and Austin; and several local businesses. These campaigns are similar to United Way's payroll deduction and are usually done in conjunction with the United Way Campaign. PLTA needs our members help in getting into any Texas company's campaign which EFT is not yet in. PLTA will get a monetary reward if our association is responsible for gaining access to a new company. This allows PLTA to raise money for our group from people which we would normally not be able to reach. If you work for a company that you think you can help PLTA gain access to, or are retired from one, normally a company that already has a United Way Campaign, please contact Bob Vann, 266-2500. If you know the movers and shakers of a company whether or not you work for them, call Bob also.

Bob is our representative on the board of EFT and was elected Treasurer of EFT. Bob has just gained access to Union National Bank and is close to getting access to 3M with help from several other EFT member groups. EFT got a bill passed on the last day of this legislative session that allows access to state employees.

Other Wastewater Permits Affecting Lake Travis

During the past six months PLTA has been hard at work on way to many things at one time. One of the reasons for this is that several wastewater permits in the Lake Travis watershed are on a five year renewal cycle and we have been blessed with this being not only the time to renew them but they are all due before the Texas water Commission(TWC) at almost the same time. And just when we got all our bills paid off from Marble Falls. Please remember all of the things that PLTA does which benefit Your Lake Travis when you renew your membership or donate. The following update will be expanded upon at our annual meeting:

Villas on Travis Condominiums, RR 620, Sewage Discharge Permit #11532-001 for 42,000 gallons per day(gpd) - PLTA has protested the renewal of this permit and has already had two preliminary hearings before the TWC which so far look favorable that this will be changed to a non-discharge permit. PLTA has an attorney representing us on this case, in other words we are having to spend money on this one to see it through.

Village of Briarcliff, new wastewater permit to discharge 8,000 gpd by sub-surface drain field (a giant septic system). PLTA protested this permit when it came to our attention that it was already in the ground and had been put in by an unlicensed installer and had no inspector from the Health Dept. or LCRA see what was put in. This case was settled without going to hearing with provisions being put in their permit which require uncovering and inspection by LCRA's septic inspectors.

Hurst Creek Municipal Utility District, renewal of wastewater discharge permit #12215-01 for 250,000 gpd in the interim phase and 650,000 gpd in the final phase. PLTA has requested a public hearing and TWC has set a hearing date of July 1, 1993. PLTA has some problems that have not been resolved and includes the problem with increasing the total discharge but not having to go to non-discharge.

City of Lago Vista, renewal of wastewater discharge permit #11752-01 for 300,000 gpd. PLTA has requested a public hearing and TWC has set a hearing date of July 15, 1993. PLTA has some problems with this discharge permit including a problem with their flow exceeding 75% of design capacity.

City of Burnet, renewal of wastewater discharge permit #10793-02 for 726,000 gpd. PLTA has requested a public hearing on this permit but no date has been set yet. Problems with this discharge permit include whether the City of Burnet is reporting exactly what their plant is doing with the effluent. Even though this is Burnet's wastewater it is PLTA concern because it is discharged into Hamilton Creek which flows into Lake Travis.

Del E. Webb Development Company, Proposed Permit # 13650-01 to dispose of 160,000 gpd by irrigation of 150 acres. This is Sun City Austin out Hwy 71 at the Pedernales River. PLTA has been working with Del Webb officials and LCRA on this project this past year and are continuing to closely watch its progress. As of this date it has been mostly just in the planning stages. PLTA will be reviewing this permit application, but do not foresee that we will protest their non-discharge permit. PLTA is still following Sun City's Lake Travis Nonpoint Source Pollution Permit through LCRA.

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Garage Sale July 10

This year PLTA will be holding our Garage Sale on July 10 from 8am to 6pm. We will hold this event again at Scuba Point Travis, 11401 RR 2222 (near 620 intersection), thanks to new owner **Danny Fass**. You are encouraged to bring donated items to this location the morning of the garage sale. If you are not able to bring your donations then, you can also bring them to our annual meeting on June 26. For those of you who are unable to make it to either location you may call Bob Vann 266-2500. No large items will be taken and please make sure that the items you wish to donate are **saleable** as PLTA cannot pay for taking things to the dump. Please be generous as PLTA does need to raise funds to continue to be active.

Board of Directors Election

The annual election of our Board of Directors is here again. We have been blessed with a great Board of Directors this year and they are all willing to serve during the coming year. That still leaves our board short by one director. If you would like to serve or know someone who would, please fill in the write-in blank on the ballot. We must have a phone number to contact the write-in nominee and most importantly the write-in nominee must be a member in good standing and **want to serve** on our Board of Directors. Mail your ballot in or bring it to the annual meeting June 26. Remember that you must be a paid member to vote.

Membership Dues

Check your mailing label to see if your membership dues need to be renewed. The date you see after your name is the date your membership expires. Staying current on your dues enables PLTA to stay active in all the problems that come up which can adversely affect **your** Lake Travis! Please remember that donations of any amount can be made at any time and are very much appreciated. PLTA is a 501.c.3 non-profit organization and donations are tax deductible. Don't forget that all of PLTA's Directors are **volunteers** and do not get paid for the time that they put in protecting Lake Travis for all of us.

*****Ballot and Renewal Form*****

Vote for 9 - Top 9 vote getters elected

_____ Bob Vann		Mail to: The Protect Lake Travis Assn.
_____ Dr. Taylor Ollmann		10801 Rush Rd.
_____ Sam Warrington		Austin, TX 78732
_____ John Strickland, Jr.	[]	Enclosed is my annual dues of \$10
_____ Bill Sauber	[]	Enclosed is my donation of \$ _____
_____ Mary Anne Krohn	[]	Enclosed is my contribution to the PLTA-Eugene Moran Scholarship \$ _____
_____ Evalyn Scott		THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**RENEW NOW
_____ Jim Davis		
_____ (write-in) _____	phone _____	

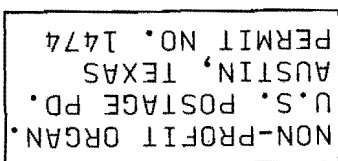
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Address _____ Work Phone _____
City, State, Zip _____

No Sewage in our Lakes!!!

PLTA-Eugene Moran Scholarship

PLTA is taking applications for a \$250 scholarship to be awarded during fall semester, 1993. This scholarship will go to a college student who is working toward a degree in any field which will advance the environmental movement. The scholarship is in memory of past PLTA director Eugene Moran and funded by donations from PLTA members who wish to help a deserving student continue his/her education and help our environment. The deadline for submitting applications is Oct. 15 and should be mailed to PLTA, 10801 Rush Rd., Austin, TX 78732.

Applications will consist of an autobiography, a transcript showing at least 75 semester hours completed, proof of current enrollment, and an essay of 325 words or less explaining the applicant's environmental philosophy and how he/she intends to use his/her college degree. Preference may be shown for any of the following but is not required: PLTA member or family member, Lake Travis resident, past environmental record, grade point average, and financial need.



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