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NEWS!

The Protect Lake Travis Association
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JUNE 25 - ANNUAL MEETING

Protect Lake Travis Association (PLTA) will hold it's annual meeting on June 25 at 2:00 PM. The meeting will be at the Pct. 2 Town Hall on the Low Water Crossing Rd. at Mansfield Dam and is open to the public, PLTA members and all who care about Lake Travis.

This is the same location PLTA held last year's annual meeting, but this year the road leading to our meeting, RR620, is under construction. Do not be discouraged about attending because of road construction - it is passable - just be careful!

PLTA has several speakers scheduled for this meeting:

1) **John Tintera**, Manager of Special Responses, from the Texas Railroad Commission will talk about oilfield cleanups and the situation upstream of Lake Travis.

2) **LCRA's Recreation Plan for Lake Travis**: LCRA will have a spokesperson at our meeting to answer questions about the recently adopted Lake Travis Recreation Plan. Due to a poorly written news article Lake Travis residents have gotten some wrong information about the Plan and LCRA was very willing to come out and fully explain the Plan. There should be copies of the Plan at our meeting for you to take and read. See also PLTA's story on the Lake Travis Recreation Plan elsewhere in this newsletter.

3) **Interbasin Transfers: Cole Rowland**, former Mayor of Lakeway, President of the Highland Lakes Group and long-time member of PLTA, will bring all of us up to date on interbasin transfers, ie., the Trans-Texas Water Project. This should be of interest to us all, remember the "Lake Level Petition?", as San Antonio and Corpus Christi figure out how to get all the **excess!?** water out of Lake Travis. PLTA is a member of the Highland Lakes Group and in the last issue of PLTA News!(3-1-94) we had an article with some background information.

With these three topics and speakers this year's annual meeting should be very informative and fun. PLTA will also conduct it's regular business required for the annual meeting: counting the ballots for directors, voting on officers, submitting PLTA's annual report, and its' Treasurers' Report. This year a CPA Review of PLTA's finances will be on hand thanks to the generosity of **Janet Hagy**, who did it at no charge to PLTA. Thank you **Janet** for all your help!

No Sewage In Our Lakes!

MARBLE FALLS PERMIT

On May 31, 1994, a very important milestone occurred which may have gone unnoticed by many, but **not** by Protect Lake Travis Association. On this date the City of Marble Falls terminated their sewage discharge into Lake Marble Falls and began sending their treated effluent to their irrigation site.

PLTA members who were around for the many years during this fight over Marble Falls' discharge permit and those of us who use the upper end of Lake Travis know what an important milestone this really is. To you newer members, you need to know that the Marble Falls' sewage discharge permit was the single largest lake discharge permit on the Highland Lakes.

This announcement also allows PLTA one more opportunity to express our thanks to all the people who helped make this happen. There were many who put in long hours to successfully complete this project and they all have our sincere thanks. But there was one person in particular who led the way and PLTA's new members should be aware of him. So the next time all you PLTA members and lovers of Lake Travis see **Cecil Laws**, along with telling him hello you might just add a **Thank you**. And thank you, **Juana**, for letting Cecil put in those many hours on behalf of Lake Travis.

LAKE TRAVIS RECREATION PLAN

The Lower Colorado River Authority, in conjunction with the Travis County Commissioner's Court and the Burnet County Commissioner's Court, recently adopted a Lake Travis Recreation Management Plan in order to help make Lake Travis a safer and more accessible lake to use. The increase in popularity of Lake Travis has caused an increase in conflicts and hopefully this will help alleviate some of them.

For those PLTA members who were not aware, Lake Travis is said to have the highest rate of accidents of any Texas lake. While the figures have been questioned, the title is definitely **not** wanted. There have been 29 water-related fatalities from 1987 to the end of 1993 and this must be stopped. The Lake Travis Recreation Plan is a good first step in helping Lake Travis lose this terrible title.

Another step PLTA members should take themselves is to realize Lake Travis has this unwanted title, the problems are still out there and whenever you are using Lake Travis be aware and stay safe! For your boating safety the following groups are offering:

- 1) On June 5-11, the **U.S. Coast Guard Auxilliary** will be conducting **free** Courtesy Marine Examinations of watercraft at the **Cypress Creek** and **Mansfield Dam** public boat launch ramps.
- 2) **LCRA** teaches free six hour safe boating classes, for future dates contact James Dunham at 473-3200, Ext. 2766.
- 3) The **National Aquatic School** at the University of Texas at Austin offers a Sailing Fundamentals course, for information call 471-1535.
- 4) The **Austin Power Squadron** offers safe boating classes, for information call 926-6269.
- 5) The **Texas Parks and Wildlife Department** offers free six-hour safe boating classes, call Jack Nasworthy at 389-4372 for dates.

If you would like to learn more about the Lake Travis Recreation Management Plan be sure to attend PLTA's annual meeting, June 25.

PROTECT LAKE TRAVIS



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MEMBERSHIP DUES & DIRECTORS BALLOT

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.c3 non-profit organization and donations are tax deductible. If you renew or donate, a receipt will be mailed to you and PLTA will enclose one bumper sticker, if you wish, from the following:

1) "Protect Lake Travis--Ask Me--Association Member"

2) "No Sewage in our Lakes!"

or these furnished by LCRA:

3) "Colorado River Trail"

4) "Beat the Baron Waste--Protect our Land & Water"

5) "NIORB--Not in our River, Bubba"

6) "Don't Mess With Texas Rivers & Lakes"

PLTA is happy to mail one to current members, but supplies are limited.

This is also the time of year for PLTA's annual election of directors to our board. This year there is a new name on our list of people who have volunteered for the board. This person is Ken Fossler and he has already served one year as a PLTA director. In last year's ballot several members wrote his name in on the write-in line and when contacted he willingly agreed to serve. PLTA is very pleased to have him and the rest of the PLTA Board of Directors agree to serve again.

To introduce you to Ken Fossler, here is a short bio: He is "semi" retired from the State of Texas where he works as an airplane pilot flying state officials around Texas; he owns a sailboat and is an avid sailor of Lake Travis waters; he has been a PLTA member for many years and always on our "Honor Roll" because of his generous donations; and he has ably served this past year as a PLTA director working on the Villas wastewater permit, the Lake Travis Recreation Plan and the interbasin transfers.

The PLTA Board of Directors consist of 9 members who serve 1 year terms and are volunteers. The top nine vote getters will be the new board. Write-ins are acceptable as long as the person being nominated would be willing to serve and is a member of PLTA. To vote on the directors you must be a member in good standing, ie., dues paid. Here is the ballot for FY'94-95:

Vote for 9 only and return by June 25

_____ Evalyn Scott
_____ John Strickland, Jr.
_____ Mary Anne Krohn
_____ Bob Vann
_____ Taylor Ollmann
_____ Bill Sauber

_____ Sam Warrington
_____ Jim Davis
_____ Ken Fossler
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[] Enclosed is my annual dues of \$10

[] Enclosed is my donation of \$ _____

[] Enclosed is my contribution to the
PLTA-Eugene Moran Scholarship of \$ _____

The bumper sticker that I would like sent to me is number _____

Your Name _____ Home Phone _____

Address _____ Work Phone _____

City, State, Zip _____

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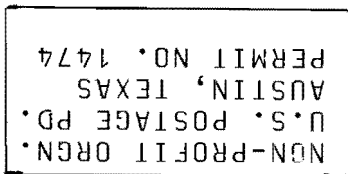
In our last issue we wrote of PLTA's need for a computer, a desk-top publishing program, a fax machine, and a copier. PLTA still needs the last three items, but we are pleased to publicly thank **Steven Tipton** and the law firm of **Flahive, Ogden & Latson** for arranging the donation of a computer and laser jet printer from their law firm.

This donation was enhanced by a \$300 donation from the **Lago Vista Women's Club** which was thankfully received from them and used to upgrade and repair the computer. With these two donations PLTA is now the proud owner of a 386 system. Our thanks again to **Steven Tipton** and the **Lago Vista Women's Club** and to **Louise Frennesson**, President of Lago Vista Women's Club, who included a letter along with the donation, from which this statement is taken:

"Our members treasure the opportunity to view this beautiful lake from our homes and to use the lake for boating and other activities. We support wholeheartedly the efforts of your Association in protecting this wonderful natural resource."

PLTA wishes to thank **John Strickland, Jr.**, who has been our resident computer expert for the last 3 years, for all his hard work and for taking care of our computer repairs and upgrade.

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