

# PLTA NEWS

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## PLTA ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR MAY 1, 2004

The Protect Lake Travis Association will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, May 1, 2004 at the Travis County Precinct 2 Satellite Offices at 4501 FM620 located just south of Mansfield Dam. The meeting will start at 2:30 P. M. PLTA will provide an interesting and informative program for this meeting. Speaking to us about the latest proposed floodplain changes will be Mark Jordan, Flood Preparedness Supervisor, River Management Department of the LCRA. Also speaking will be Stan Roundtree, a participant in the Docks and Marinas Program for LCRA, who will explain the latest private boat dock standards for the lakes. The program will open with a brief business meeting which will include the results of the election of PLTA board members and other items of interest. All members, their friends and those interested in PLTA activities are welcome and are urged to attend.

## BOAT DOCK ORDINANCE

On February 18, 2004, the LCRA Board of directors voted to approve the adoption of a new boat dock ordinance. This ordinance affects hundreds of boat and dock owners on the Highland Lakes. The LCRA has spent months developing the new rules and has conducted several public meetings to receive input on this sensitive issue. Dock owners need to know that there are wide differences between the "Marina Ordinance" and the "Boat Dock Ordinance". PLTA strongly suggests that everyone with an interest in the new rules obtains a copy of the ordinance.

Copies of the ordinance may be obtained by calling the LCRA at:

512/473-3200 and asking for Gabrielle Ramirez.

Ms. Ramirez can also be reached at [gabrielle.ramirez@lcra.org](mailto:gabrielle.ramirez@lcra.org).

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## FLOODPLAIN NEWS

The LCRA will give us an update on the Lake Travis floodplain status at our annual meeting on May 1, 2004. Until then, a little background is in order.

Builders and investors search for desirable areas to establish subdivisions and home sites and many of these sites are located in areas that are at risk for flooding. Prime areas for development are the incorporated cities of Lakeway, Lago Vista, Volente, Briarclif, Point Venture and Jonestown, who, along with the counties of Travis and Burnet have joined the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and have adopted local floodplain ordinances or court orders.

Participation in NFIP permits residents to apply for flood insurance. Also, participation by these government entities permits them to regulate development in the floodplain. Many lakeside communities have established ordinances that conform to the minimum development requirements required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). However, these minimum criteria do not adequately address the risk of flooding.

One of these governments (Jonestown) has adopted a new floodplain management ordinance based on one developed by the Texas Colorado River Floodplain Coalition. Their new ordinance provides for these development criteria:

1. No rise in the base flood elevation,
2. No net loss of valley storage,
3. No increase in erosive velocities, on or off site,
4. One foot of freeboard above the Base Flood Elevation is required for new construction, and
5. New subdivisions must include surveyed bench marks.

The current 100 year flood level established by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is at 722 MSL although new FEMA maps suggest an elevation of 716 MSL (about 6 feet lower).

## VETERAN BOARD MEMBER LEAVING



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The purpose of the Protect Lake Travis Association is to protect Lake Travis and its watershed from any events and conditions which could affect the health and safety of area residents, recreational users of the lake, and wildlife, and to protect the aesthetic natural beauty and recreational quality of the area.

