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NEWS!

The Protect Lake Travis Association
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Austin, Texas 78732
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PLTA Annual Meeting Set for June 8

Saturday, June 8 will be the date of this year's annual meeting which will be held at St Luke's on the Lake Church, 5600 RR 620 N, from 1:30 - 4:00 PM. We will be trying a new barbeque place this year which has received higher praise than the one used in the past and this meal will be buffet style. If you wish to join us for the BBQ dinner, the cost will be \$4.50 per person. All members are welcome, whether or not you have dinner. Guests and interested parties will also be welcome. This year we have tentatively scheduled Railroad Commissioner Lena Guerrero to come join us and talk with us about saltation and Lake Travis water quality.

Lake Shore Trash Pick-Up Moved Up to May 4

The Lake Travis RATS (Residents Against Trashy Shores) Trash Pick-Up had to be moved up to May 4. Volunteers need to check with Bob Vann, 266-2500, for specific assignments and to see if their neighborhoods are involved. Volunteers will regroup at 12 noon that day at the County Meeting Hall on Low Water Crossing Rd. next to Mansfield Dam for an after trash pick-up party. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be available. Help clean up your lake.

Lake Travis Chamber of Commerce Petition Update

Previously at the March monthly meeting, LCRA staff recommended no change be made in the trigger level, however, new sales of interruptible water be limited to the quantity of water saved in the rice irrigation conservation program. The Board delayed consideration of these recommendations until April 17.

At the April 17th LCRA Board of Directors monthly meeting the Lake Travis Chamber of Commerce petition was on the agenda again. This time LCRA staff had changed its recommendation on the petition request and to quote them: "It is apparent that there is an inequity in the trigger levels between Lake Travis and Buchanan based on how those levels were to be established. The intent of the trigger levels was to reflect the average levels of the lakes near the end of the recreational season (Sept. 1). Based on historical records those levels are: Average Lake Elevations, 1942-1990

Date: September 1 Lake Buchanan: 1010.4 Lake Travis: 663.5

In response to a request from Lake Buchanan interests during the development of the Water Management Plan, the trigger level for Lake Buchanan was raised 1.5 feet to 1012. Lake Travis was established incorrectly (based on the end-of-summer average) at elevation 660. The options available therefore are: 1) no changes at this time; 2) adjust the trigger levels for Lake Buchanan and Lake Travis to 1010 and 663 respectively; or, 3) adjust the trigger level for Lake Travis to 665."

The recommendation that no changes be made at this time and that a decision on the requested changes be deferred until next year was the option which the LCRA Board chose.

*** LAKE TRAVIS TRASH PICK UP, MAY 4 ***** PLTA ANNUAL MEETING, JUNE 8 ****

LCRA Lake Travis N.P.S. Pollution Control Ordinance to be Changed

LCRA held public hearings during the week of April 22-25 on a change to the Lake Travis Non-Point Source (NPS) Ordinance. The change which is being proposed will make it the LCRA Highland Lakes NPS Pollution Control Ordinance. LCRA is proposing to expand the ordinance, already in effect in Travis County, to include the areas of the rest of the highland lakes in San Saba, Llano, Blanco, and Burnet Counties. This change will help safeguard all the waters in the highland lakes from most of the effects of NPS pollution. Because the other highland lakes drain ultimately into Lake Travis, anything done to clean them up will help Lake Travis water quality. Here are the addresses and phone numbers for the LCRA Board of Directors if you wish to show support for the ordinance expansion and to keep for future reference on other matters of interest:

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Marble Falls Sewage Discharge Update

While the City of Marble Falls continues to discharge its sewage daily into Lake Marble Falls with their discharge permit request being held in abeyance (on hold), they have finally submitted a "disposal through irrigation" permit application which was declared administratively complete on March 8, 1991. A hearing at the Texas Water Commission will be forthcoming.

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PLTA Garage Sale Postponed to June 15

Due to several factors the 3rd Annual PLTA Garage Sale has been rescheduled to June 15 from 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM at Scuba Point Travis, 11401 RR 2222. Bring your donations to the annual meeting, drop them off at Scuba Point that morning, or call Sam Warrington, 266-2573, or Bob Vann, 266-2500, to come pick items up between now and June 15.

The most important reason for rescheduling the garage sale was because there was very little response to it in the way of donations. We still have attorney bills to pay and all the ongoing problems with Lake Travis have not disappeared. Everyone is proud of Lake Travis this year with the 50th Anniversary Celebration, June 29 through July 7th, and with it being rated the #1 lake in Texas for the 1st time, but we must stay ever vigilant and financially sound. We have to pay our bills. So during the next few weeks while you boat, swim, or look out across beautiful Lake Travis, remember that it has been a hard fought battle to keep it clean and that the battle continues. Please help.

Bio for New Nominees for Director

JASON STAR Currently living on the banks of Lake Travis (Hudson Bend Area) on land acquired by his grandfather in 1949. Jason is an active member of the Colorado River Watch Network. He is also involved with the Travis Audubon Society's Conservation Committee working on the city, county, and state level. In the summer he is a group leader in the Sierra Club Service Trip Program.

JOAN HAWBAKER Joan has lived in Travis County since 1981, and currently resides on the north side of Lake Travis. She has been active in Save Barton Creek Association, Sierra Club, and Save Onion Creek Association. She has served on the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters, has been past chairperson of their Human Resources Committee, and currently serves on the Natural Resources Committee.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS BALLOT 1991-92

Below are the nominations for the Protect Lake Travis Association's Board of Directors. Place a check by the names of the nominees you wish to serve. There are nine positions, so the most you can vote for is nine. If there are any write-ins they count toward your nine votes. Mail by June 1 or bring to the annual meeting on June 8, 1991.

<input type="checkbox"/> Bob Vann	Print information on voting PLTA member(s) and use to renew membership if due: Name(s) _____ Address _____ City, State, Zip _____ Signature(s) _____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Taylor Ollmann	
<input type="checkbox"/> Evalyn Scott	
<input type="checkbox"/> Jim Davis	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mary Anne Krohn	
<input type="checkbox"/> John Strickland, Jr.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sam Warrington	
<input type="checkbox"/> Jason Star	
<input type="checkbox"/> Joan Hawbaker	

Annual Dues \$10; Special Donation
 Scholarship Fund Donation

The Protect Lake Travis Association is starting its 10th 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!

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1990/91 Austin City Council Environmental Report Card

Austin is blessed with a special natural environment. The hills, river, creeks, and trees played a significant role in the choice of Austin as the state capitol in 1839. Because of this important natural environment, the elected city officials have a special responsibility and role to play in the protection and enhancement of this area and its environs.

The purpose of issuing this City Council Environmental Report Card is to inform the voters of Austin, Texas, how their elected officials are performing as stewards of our environment. At the same time it informs the councilmembers what is thought of their votes on the environmental issues, and reminds them that their actions or inactions are being watched.

There were ten groups participating in the 1990/91 environmental review: Travis Audubon Society, Austin Neighborhoods Council, Central Texas Waterways Association, Clean Water Action, Citizens for Responsible Waste Management, Ecology Action, Save Austin's Neighborhoods and Environment, Save Barton Creek Association, Texas Citizens Action, We Care Austin, and Protect Lake Travis Association.

The City Council's Environmental Scores are:

Councilmember Max Nofziger	100	Councilmember Louise Epstein	47
Councilmember Smoot Carl-Mitchell	94	Councilmember Charles Urdy	44
Mayor Lee Cooke	61	Councilmember Bob Larson	35
Councilmember Robert Barnstone	59		

Comments made about the Environmental Report Card ranged from Smoot Carl-Mitchell's, "It is easy to say you believe in protecting the environment, but harder to vote consistently for protecting it," to Bob Larson's "I'm going to do my best to ensure that I score even lower next year." For more information contact Bob Vann, 266-2500.

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