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Lakewood Country Estates Newsletter

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News Flash!

Driving

Carefully: we can all be guilty of speeding along our little one-lane roads, but the posted speed is **30 mph**. Please try to be conscious of your speed and remind others to slow down; and pay attention - deer jump out in threes. Or fours. We need to drive carefully for the walkers, bike riders, young children, and wildlife in our neighborhood.

And parents, please be sure to make your kids understand that even with very careful drivers, roads are **dangerous** and cars and trucks can kill you - so be sure to make them understand that paying attention and following the rules of the road is

LCELA Fall Meeting

We had the 2008 Fall Business Meeting on Sunday November 9th. We held elections and discussed putting together a neighborhood directory. Tony Clark volunteered to be the new secretary for 2009 and Cindy Rae and Steve Barnes agreed to serve another term. We discussed ways to boost participation and collect more membership dues.

Changes at the Lake - Upgrading the Dam

The Brushy Creek Water Control Authority is upgrading all the dams in their area. Our Lake Pavilion is located near dam #3, which is on private property. They plan to upgrade it by the end of 2009, by creating a 3 ft. tall concrete wall and removing all vegetation on the dam and the spillway. The spillway is located to your left when you drive through the entrance to the lake. So this means that many of the trees around the Pavilion will be cleared. They have plans on using tan concrete and putting dirt and grass on it to minimize the degree of visual pain. The Brushy Creek Water Control Authority crews are currently upgrading the dam off FM2243. You can see examples of their work there and other areas around Round Rock. They have also lowered the water level in the lake by about 3 ft. They want to help prevent any flooding or the dam breaking and damage being done to all the homes around the Lake.

Burning Permit - Emergency Service District (ESD)

If you want to burn something on your property you must have a burning permit which you must get from the Cedar Park fire department. If you call them, they will be able to give you all the details on what you must have with you when you are burning. For example you must have a water supply near by and a shovel or tractor for putting dirt over the fire. If you are caught burning they can fine you and make you pay using your homeowners insurance.

The City of Cedar Park also want to create an ESD (for Emergency Service District) to help with fire protection. If it's voted in, the ESD will charge you yearly for their protection.

If you want to obtain a burning permit you call the Cedar Park Fire Marshall located at 600 N. Bell Blvd. Call 401-5200 and talk to Bruce Herms. It will cost you \$35 for a permit.

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important.

Join our email list

It's cheaper and more efficient for everyone if we can contact you by email rather than US mail. Please contact a board member with your email address to be added to the email list.

Community Bulletin Board

Advertise neighborhood services, events, lost pets, garage sales, and any other announcements on our website.

Put what you want in the posting along with your contact information (name, phone, email as appropriate, including up to one picture) and when you want the posting to expire in an email to [the webchiefs](#). Please allow three days to see posting on the

Updates

Neighborhood Directory

We distributed our neighborhood directory in February. Because it's a federal violation to put things in mailboxes without postage, some directories were confiscated by the US Mail. If you would like a hard copy and did not receive one please contact [Adrian Lee](#).

If you would like to be added to the directory (we can list address only if you prefer), or if you have a business you want posted in the directory, or you have any changes please contact [Adrian Lee](#).

Loose Dogs

Please be careful to keep your dogs from running loose in the neighborhood. Many people get frightened by dogs or don't like the damage they might cause. If your dog is loose notify the neighborhood. If you see a stray dog notify the Williamson county animal shelter. 943-3322

Robberies

You may have heard that the neighborhood has had some robberies in the last several months. Everyone who has an alarm should be careful to keep it on and keep things locked up and put away. You may want to also document all your valuables, if you haven't already. Please watch out for each other. Report any suspicious behavior or vehicles to the Williamson County police, 943-1389.

Vandalism

We have had and continue to have vandalism at the Lake Pavilion and in our neighborhood. Mail has been stolen, signs have been taken, and the lock at the Lake has been cut. In July of 2008 there was an out of control fire at the Lake. If you notice the Lake entrance gate not locked or trash or vandalism at the Lake Pavilion please report it to the [Treasurer](#). Watch for anyone that might not have permission to be at the Lake, and take special care that your Lake key doesn't fall into the wrong or irresponsible hands.

Rezoning

We have had some lots along CR 180 rezoned to commercial. We also know of future plans to widen the road and maybe extend it. We will keep you up to date on any changes as the area grows and changes around us.

Water Conservation

With the recent drought conditions it is important to conserve water as much as possible - we all **share** the springs which feed our wells. For more tips on how to conserve water visit our site.

website - it's a manual process.

Website

there has been some changes to our website. This newsletter reflects most of the new information and updates, but please continue to look at the website because we will do our best to keep it up to date and it will serve as a good source of communication for our neighborhood. If you have any information, photos or suggestions for the website. Please contact the webcheifs.

www.lcela.org

Ladies Bunco

Don't forget we have a neighborhood bunco group. We are always looking for more players. Contact Adrian Lee for more information or visit our site.

Free Community Business Links

If you live in Lakewood Country Estates, or have tight ties to our community, and want to list your business on our website, please send email to the [Webchief](mailto:webchief@lcela.org) providing a link to your web page. Feel free to attach a logo/biz card.gif or other image

Join the LCELA

Remember LCELA membership dues are only \$120 a year. With spring approaching it will be nice to visit the lake every once in awhile. By joining you will get a key to the lake, and you will provide vital funds to help keep our neighborhood association strong. Contact the treasurer to join.

President	Cindy Rae	260-2059	president@lcela.org	External affairs and general organization
Treasurer	Sharon and Steven Barnes	986-4277	treasurer@lcela.org	Membership dues and Lake keys
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