



CIMARRON COUNTRY NEWS

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A Message from POA President, Pat Byers. . . .

Working with the Board has been so much fun and a wonderful way to get to know your neighbors. It has been a great few years that I have been on the Board in various capacities: from Volunteer Coordinator to Secretary to President...and enjoyed every minute of it. Now the time has come for me to step down and I know I am leaving the board in capable hands. I hope you will all support the board and consider stepping up for a position come February.

Sandra Watson will be the new President of the Board. I know you will all give her support. She has been President of a local POA before so is accomplished at the task. We welcome Sandra as President...we are thankful the Board is in experienced hands.

We need you to remember to mark your calendar for the February 2012 Annual meeting when it is announced and plan to be there. This year there will be all five positions up for election and we depend on having a quorum for the vote. Just like the national elections, local elections and great people are important!

On another subject, we have limited budgets due to our small assessment fees and quite a bit of it goes to patrol and our community safety. We certainly appreciate our patrol people. Please remember to wave at them and chat when you see them go by. Please pay your assessments promptly and please catch up if you are a little behind. The community depends on each of us to do its share.

I will see you around the neighborhood.

Pat



creatures. Before the white man came, much of now forested areas were grassy plains – and deer were not part of that fauna. As recent woods have been disappearing due to human development and expansion, deer have had to adapt to “less woody” environments, like subdivisions.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department have a number of programs to deal with an overabundance of deer, but they are complex or costly. If all deer are exterminated or relocated from an area, the bottom line is that if there is no tall fence, others will just replace them.

The wildlife laws are complex and convoluted, and one is likely to get a different answer, depending on whom one asks. It seems that a hunting license is required to kill any “game” animal. Feral hogs can be killed without a license. Probably any predatory animal can be killed without a license. But shooting is against the county ordinance if one does not have more than 10 acres.

If a deer is killed on the road and is fresh enough it can be taken to a food bank or similar facility, IF someone pays to have it dressed and prepared, AND gets permission from a Game Warden to remove it.

It is possible to contact a game warden at any time 24/7 by contacting the Department of Parks and Wildlife enforcement dispatcher at 800 842 8100.

Deer –

Love Them

Hate Them

– or Both

Several weeks ago some residents attended a presentation on “Deer in the Urban Landscape” at the county extension office in Conroe.

There were two bottom lines:

Bottom line number one: If you don’t want deer bothering your plants, live behind a very tall fence.

Bottom line number two: Although there are “deer resistant” plants, deer will eat anything if they are hungry – including meat and some bones in kitchen scraps.

Deer are prolific. A hundred years ago they were scarce. Deer tend to be woods





Did You Know?

Resident volunteers took on the verbally thankless job of refreshing, fertilizing, monitoring weeds, applying deer deterrent and trimming the shrubbery.

They hope that you are enjoying the changes as you come and go from our lovely subdivision. At present this is our only signage and they hope you are pleased with their efforts.

KUDOS

To another
Cimarron Country Volunteer -

Jim Eddleman

Who has kept the grass on our
signage esplanade mowed this
Summer.

Fireworks Prohibited **and Burn Ban**

Two equally important subjects. Because of their important message, the POA Board chose to make sure that ALL residents in Cimarron Country were aware of both.

Two sided signs were ordered and placed at all subdivision stop signs and along the longer streets the week before the 4th of July. Both of our Constables were on duty late on July 4th for added safety.

If you picked up one of these signs and still have it, please email the Board so we can pick it up. The signs were meant to be reusable.

Thanx!

SECURITY REPORT

2011	J	F	M	A	M	J
Stop Signs	2	1	2	0	4	1
Speeding	0	1	1	2	1	3
Burglary/Vandalism	-	-	-	0	0	2
Citizen Contacts	39	35	37	41	74	79
Suspicious Person/ Vehicle	1	3	0	0	3	5
Other	20	8	8	8	9	6
Youth Disturbances	4	0	0	3	0	0

Resident Survey Coming!!



In the weeks to come, all property owners will be receiving in the U.S. mail a comprehensive and inclusive (that means long) survey to help guide the Cimarron Country Property Owners Board of Directors for the future. One will be sent to the owner of each lot. They will be accompanied with a SASE (which means self addressed, stamped envelope to our younger owners who only do things on FaceBook etc.).

It is IMPERATIVE that everyone read it closely and respond appropriately. Many of

the issues will most likely be addressed at the Annual CCPOA meeting in February 2012, when we will give you the results.

People have different reasons for owning property here. It is obvious that everyone cannot get all their **wants and wishes and desires satisfied**, but without knowing what the majority of owners want on any issue it is impossible to focus efforts and resources effectively.

Watch for it! It will not be a small envelope.
It will not be JUNK mail.

TEST YOURSELF -

Do you know these, very interesting but little known, facts about the great State of Texas??

1. Beaumont to El Paso : 742 miles.
2. Beaumont to Chicago : 770 miles.
3. El Paso is closer to California than to Dallas
4. World's first rodeo was in Pecos , July 4, 1883.
5. The Flagship Hotel in Galveston is the only hotel in North America built over water. Destroyed by Hurricane Ike -2008!
6. The Heisman Trophy was named after John William Heisman who was the first full-time coach at Rice University in Houston .
7. Brazoria County has more species of birds than any other area in North America .
8. Aransas Wildlife Refuge is the winter home of North America 's only remaining flock of Whooping Cranes.
9. Jalapeno jelly originated in Lake Jackson in 1978.
10. The worst natural disaster in U.S. history was in 1900, Caused by a hurricane, in which over 8,000 lives were Lost on Galveston Island.
11. The first word spoken from the moon, July 20, 1969, was " Houston ," but the space center was actually in Clear Lake City at the time.
12. King Ranch in South Texas is larger than Rhode Island .
13. Tropical Storm Claudette brought a U.S. rainfall record of 43" in 24 hours in and around Alvin in July of 1979.
14. Texas is the only state to enter the U.S. by TREATY, (known as the Constitution of 1845 by the Republic of Texas to enter the Union) instead of by Annexation.
15. A Live Oak tree near Fulton , Texas is estimated to be 1500 years old.
16. Caddo Lake is the only natural lake in the state.
17. Dr Pepper was invented in Waco in 1885. There is no period in Dr Pepper.
18. Texas has had six capital cities: Washington -on- the Brazos, Harrisburg , Galveston , Velasco, West Columbia and Austin .
19. The Capitol Dome in Austin is the only dome in the U.S. which is taller than the Capitol Building in Washington DC (by 7 feet).
20. The San Jacinto Monument is the tallest free standing monument in the world and it is taller than the Washington monument.
21. The name ' Texas ' comes from the Hasini Indian word 'tejas' meaning friends. Tejas is not Spanish for Texas .
22. The State Mascot is the Armadillo (an interesting bit of trivia about the armadillo is they always have four babies. They have one egg, which splits into four and they either have four males or four females.).
23. The first domed stadium in the U.S. was the Astro-Dome in Houston.



NEW Email to contact your CCPOA Board of Directors

Ccpoabod@googlegroups.com

The Latest Dirt....

By Sandy Watson



This quarter has flown by and despite all my good intentions, here I am, at the last minute, writing a gardening article for the CCPOA Newsletter. Sigh.

Sometimes we miss the beautiful blooms in our gardens because we are so busy living our lives and tending our homes. This year with the severe drought, I find that my plants are acting quite strangely - that is, not their normal habits seem to apply. Some plants are flowering very early or very late. Blooms are smaller and don't last very long. Leaves on trees and shrubs, though watered faithfully by me, have dry brown edges and make me wonder if they will survive.

As indicated by Pat Byers in her front page article, I will be assuming the job of President of your Board of Directors. I hope that you will all feel free to call me at any time to discuss a policy or to ask a question. I am in the Directory and look forward to getting to know my fellow CC residents better.

Mystery Plant in April Newsletter: **Gloriosa Lily**. Winner of a Gloriosa Lily: Cary Sheffield. Yeaaaa!



July's Mystery Plant

Know what it is? Take a guess!

Email me @ antique9410@gmail.com

Or Call me at (281) 259-4227

Who Owns What - Here's the Rest of the Story.

The Board receives many emails and calls regarding mowing and trash on the esplanades from FM 1488 to Deer Lodge. So I thought it would be a good idea to make sure all residents know the REAL Scoop!

All esplanades along Cimarron Way from FM1488 to Deer Lodge **belong to Montgomery County**. They mow the esplanades twice a year and, as far as we can tell, do not pick up trash at all. Cimarron Country was allowed to use the last esplanade before Deer Lodge to construct our subdivision sign/landscaping. Because our signage is on this last esplanade, we also keep the grass mowed so our entry leaves a good impression.

Residents are free to pick up trash on the other esplanades and the roadside, at their own risk, to keep this area looking neat also, even though Cimarron Country does not own the property. And that's the Rest of the Story.