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Cimarron Country POA

From the BOD President

by Gene Linder

First and foremost, thanks to all of the CC residents who tirelessly volunteered, over and over, to walk our neighborhood, knocking on doors to obtain the mandatory 75% FOR vote to pass the amended bylaws. Your efforts have been rewarded - the amended bylaws were passed.

A big community project like this could only be completed through the efforts of a team. In the process, we all had the opportunity to meet our neighbors face-to-face and they to meet us.

In all of our busy lives, we rarely have the opportunity or take the time to experience the feeling of community togetherness. We all enjoyed it - even meeting some of our more, shall I say, more "private" residents.

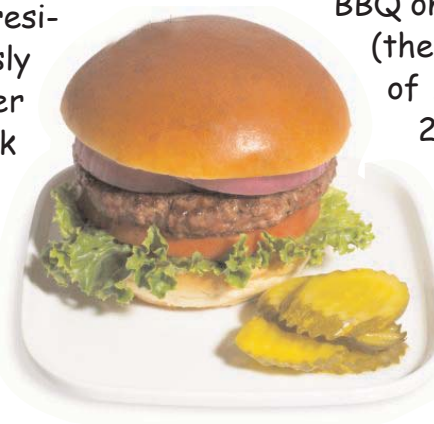
Anyway, partially because of this positive experience, the Board has decided to host a Community BBQ (see addition-

al article). Since the newly passed bylaws change the date of the official annual meeting to February, the Board is planning this community-wide BBQ on the "old" date (the third Sunday of May) - May 18, 2008. Put it on your calendar now. It will be in the afternoon and totally free to all property owners. There will be good food, good neighbors, and GREAT prizes! Details will be sent out later.

ANNUAL MEETING MONTH CHANGED!

The NEW month for the official Cimarron Country annual meeting is FEBRUARY. The next official Annual Meeting for Cimarron Country will be in February 2009.

Property owners will be notified by mail, by the newsletter and by a posting on the entrance sign of this meeting in ample time before this meeting. The newly passed bylaws only specify the month of the Annual Meeting; the exact day may be varied year to year.



East 1488 Community Association

By Karl Schroeder

The buzz about the potential for City of Conroe annexation of commercial properties and subdivisions along the east FM 1488 corridor has moderated. However, early this year Conroe City Council members quietly declared their city to have a population in excess of 50,000. This means Conroe has now met the threshold that allows it to expand its extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) from two miles to three and a half miles beyond current city boundaries. Although Cimarron Country was already within the Conroe ETJ, this new action dramatically increases the territory available for annexation by Conroe. However it could actually have the effect of

delaying annexation along the FM 1488 corridor. Recent evidence suggests that Conroe's near term planning is focused on areas in its newly expanded

ETJ north of the city.

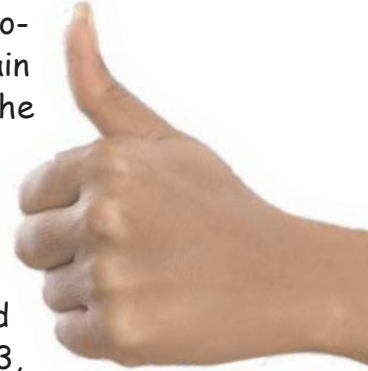
I continue to believe that Cimarron Country residents will not have to deal with this issue for many years. Residents interested in reading my complete analysis of annexation possibilities may access it on our website at cimarroncountrypoa.org Just click on the "other committees" tab.

On February 7th, about 100 people from our area attended a candidate forum hosted by the East 1488 Community Association at the Bear Branch Sixth Grade Campus. The Montgomery County League of Women Voters moderated the event. The forum included eighteen candidates running for various offices in the recent primary election. There was heated debate among candidates for judge of the 435th State District Court and candidates for Montgomery County District Attorney. Both races generated the most questions from forum attendees. Most of the elections were decided in the first primary but there will be a run-off on April 8th for the offices of District Attorney and Judge, County Court at Law #5. For most offices, a victory in the pri-

maries is tantamount to election since winners will be running unopposed in the November general election.

Amended By-Laws Pass

Thanks to the tireless efforts of the CC Volunteer Committee, going door-to-door to obtain ballots, the Amended Bylaws was passed at the Special Meeting held on March 3, 2008 at the Knights of Columbus Hall.



The changes that most directly affect CC property owners are:

1. The Annual Meeting will be held in February, NOT in May.
2. The Board of Directors no longer has the power to make a special assessment without the approval of CC property owners.
3. Board position openings MUST be posted for residents to have the opportunity to volunteer.
4. More prudent financial safeguards are now in place such as double-signature checks and a \$500 spending limiting without board approval.

Board Member Resignation

Pam Kenner, who has been serving in the position of Secretary on the Cimarron Country Board of Directors, has resigned.

Pam is an attorney who works with the Women's Center of Montgomery County - a very demanding position - plus she has her own family responsibilities which take her remaining time and energy.

Pam plans to continue to volunteer for Cimarron Country, but on a more when-I-can basis.



New Appointment to CCPOA Board

Pat Byers has been appointed to the CCPOA Board to fill the position vacated by Pam Keener's resignation until the next annual meeting in

February when an official election can be held.

Pat and her husband have been residents of Cimarron Country for a little over five years.

Board Member Community BBQ

The Cimarron Country Property Owners' Association is hosting a Community BBQ on Sunday, May 18, 2008, at the Knights of Columbus Hall on FM 1488. Put

it on your calendar now!



This BBQ is free to all property owners. It will be a great time to relax, eat some good food, chat with and get to know your neighbors, and maybe even win a prize!

This community get-together is NOT an official meeting but rather an informal Cimarron Country resident get-together.

More details of this event will be sent to all CCPOA property owners around the first part of May.

Want an easy way to get your newsletter in color via email? Send your request and your email address to: bod@cimarroncountry-poa.org

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about Cimarron Country, contact the POA at: bod@cimarroncountry-poa.org or write to: Cimarron Country POA 6315-B FM 1488 #200 Magnolia, TX 77354

Planning a change or a construction project? Any type of change on your property - a new fence, a shed, an addition to your house, etc. - MUST have prior approval by the Architectural Control Committee of Cimarron Country.

Go to the Cimarron Country website for guidelines and the application form.

If YOU have a problem or concern and need law enforcement assistance, call the MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF at 936-760-5800

**The person who saw or who has the concern must call - "second hand" calls are not valid.*

Meet BOD Member Sheryle DiLetto



A feature of the CC newsletter will be an article written by a board member to help CC learn a little about these special volunteers in a personal way.

My husband, George, and I have lived in Cimarron Country since 1994. Having moved from Colorado, we were drawn to the wide open spaces, large trees, and the "country" setting of Cimarron Country.

Nowadays, our resident family includes our four-legged children, dogs named Beau and Misty, who provide us with great joy and companionship, and a rather psychotic cat who runs the house with an "iron claw".

George owns his own business, and I am in the foreign banking industry, working for the only Saudi Arabian bank in the Western Hemisphere.

One of my most enjoyable "duties" as a member of the Board of Directors has been to be part of the evolution of the community's use of our website, and the opportunities for information and dialogue the site provides our community. Not being much of a "computer guru" myself, we have been able to make this a "family affair" and have

tapped the knowledge of our son Paul, who, as a software engineer and true "guru", has answered his Mother's countless technical questions and assisted our community by expanding the functionalities of our Property Owner's List, and our daughter, Carissa, who acts as the community's webmaster.

For fun and not-so-much leisure, George and I spend as much time as possible on acreage north of Houston where we intend to retire. While this can sometimes be an exhausting exercise, it's a labor of love, and demands that we stay off of the couch! We also enjoy elk and deer hunting (after all, we're from Colorado!), as well as both fresh and salt water fishing....I guess you could just say we're happiest out of doors.

Yard of the Month Winners

February

**Stephan and Annette Gray
40407 Roundup**

March

**Stan and June Brown
40318 Roundup**



More Beautiful Christmas Lights!