

PELICAN BRIEF – FALL 2018



NEXT NEWSLETTER IN WINTER, 2018

Gate Code removed from On-Line Edition
New gate code will go into effect on Sunday, AUGUST 19, 2018

CURRENT OFFICERS

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| Tony Klovensky | President |
| Sylvia Olszowy | Vice President |
| Barry Sullivan | Treasurer |
| Donald Thurman | Member at Large |
| Mike Walsh | Secretary |

Message from your Board of Directors:

Annual meeting was held at the community pool on April 22, 2018. There were 37 residents in attendance which was more than necessary to establish a quorum. Items discussed were the completion of the bridge wing on Pelican Blvd, general conditions of the community and the addition of the Pelican statue in the entrance. There was a financial discussion and the Treasurer indicated we have sufficient funds to cover all planned expenses through the end of the year. An election was held to fill the expired terms of three of the five board positions. Since the board members ran unopposed all were elected unanimously.

Monthly Board Meeting: Was held on May 21st and one of the discussions was to assign positions to the newly elected board members. The following are the results:

President: Tony Klovensky
Vice President: Sylvia Olszowy
Treasurer: Barry Sullivan

These members will serve a two-year term. Returning board members are Don Thurman and Mike Walsh and their term expires at the end of March 2019.

Architectural Control Committee: *This committee will soon have a vacancy as one of the members will be moving from Pelican Bay. If you are interested in joining this three-person committee leave a message on our website and you will be contacted with all the details.*

2018-2019 Pelican Bay and Island Community Directory has been published!

Your directory will be placed at your front door. If your primary address is not Pelican Bay, we will mail your directory. Every effort has been made to make the directory as current as possible and free from errors. BUT, with all the information it contains there might be some errors in it. If a correction is needed email the information to our website so we can change for the next publication.

LAKE CONROE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

as of July 30, 2018

The LCA has been informed that the reduction of lake levels on Lake Conroe will begin this coming week. While a final press release is currently being completed by The City of Houston and the San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA), we can report the following:

- 1. The current lake level on Lake Conroe is 200.52.*
- 2. Water will begin to be slowly released starting August 1 or shortly thereafter.*
- 3. The release rate should approximate no more than 1 inch per day which has been determined to be a "safe" rate for those downstream.*
- 4. Between this "1 inch per day release" and daily evaporation this time of year, we would estimate that the lake will reach its intended "seasonally adjusted level" of 199' by August 16 (this is the LCA's estimate and not a projection provided by SJRA).*
- 5. The objective would be to maintain Lake Conroe's lake level at or near 199' through September 30, 2018. Rainfall (and associated runoff) will temporarily increase that level and evaporation may decrease that level.*
- 6. Effective October 1, 2018, water will once again be collected from rainfall (and not released) and the lake allowed to naturally return to its normal pool elevation of 201' (assuming it rains).*

The primary rationale adopted by The City of Houston and SJRA for this "seasonal adjustment" is a) allow Lake Conroe to hold and not release water during small rain events, b) to keep water from being released into the West Fork

of the San Jacinto River, c) while dredging is being completed on the West Fork of the San Jacinto River. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) waived its enforcement of regulations on releasing water from Lake Conroe when the lake is at or below an elevation of 201' SPECIFICALLY to support this "rationale". Why is this fact important?

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is overseeing this \$69.8 million project. Under the contract terms, the dredging company awarded the contract has 270 days to remove 1.8 million yards of sediment from a 2-mile stretch of the river above the Lake Houston dam. A contract timetable calls for "general debris removal and disposal" and "dredging" to commence on August 20 and September 1, respectively; and calls for "demobilize and cleanup" to be completed by May 3, 2019. Given these contract terms and the "rationale" adopted by TCEQ, water SHOULD NOT BE RELEASED from Lake Conroe after May 3, 2019 unless the lake level exceeds 201'. We could see an SJRA Board and City of Houston-approved reduction of 1' to a "seasonally adjusted" level of 200' between April 1 and May 3, 2019, but we should not see any lake level reductions ("seasonal adjustments") past May 3 on Lake Conroe in 2019.

Of course, contracts get modified, excessive rains can slow contract completion, and TCEQ can modify its "rationale". The LCA's future focus will be an ongoing review of contract completion and trying to hold everyone to this May 3, 2019 completion date. Look for SJRA and City of Houston's press release this week for more specifics. We'll keep you posted.

Mike Bleier, President

Lake Conroe Association

NEW BULK PICK UP DATE:

Heavy trash remains the FOURTH (4th) Wednesday of each month. Tree trimmings and/or fallen limbs must be cut in 4' lengths. Bundles may not weigh more than 50 lbs. Items must be on your property, not on vacant lots. **Don't forget to store garbage cans after collection. If you are not around, please ask a neighbor to kindly help.** If you need to review the requirements as to what they will and won't pick up refer to Republic Services website @ Republicservices.com

WHAT IS THE SPEED LIMIT IN PELICAN BAY?

It is apparent that this is a question that many people are asking. The speed limit is 25 miles per hour. There are many more children on our streets now than in the recent past. Please slow down. Once you pass a speed bump it doesn't mean it is off to the races. If we need to install more speed bumps, we will but be conscious of the limit.

HOW DO WE KEEP THE GATE OPEN?

If you are having a large group to your home, you may request that the gate be left open. How do I do this? Simply email the board and tell them of your plans which includes the date and which hours. When that time comes place a plastic bag on the sensor outside the gate. That will leave the gate open. BUT remember to remove it when it is no longer necessary to be opened. If you opened it, you need to close it!

Reminder for the Architectural Control Committee

The Architectural Control Committee only meets once a month on the second Tuesday of the month to review new proposals. Therefore, it will be necessary for you to plan and take this date into account when choosing a start date for your project. If you have any questions, please send an email to the homeowner's website "PelicanBayandIsland.com" and the Committee will be in contact - Keith Wagner, Charlie Ashley or Charles Adams.

ANNUAL PELICAN BAY AND ISLAND GARAGE SELL WILL BE HELD SATURDAY OCTOBER 13, 2018 FROM 8 AM TO NOON!

RECYCLING

Several residents have asked about a recycling program and in the past this was voted on as a community with our garbage service. Due to the added expense for individual homeowners this option was unfortunately voted down by. On an upside Montgomery County does have a free recycling center.

Visit : <http://www.mctx.org/departments/departmentsa-c/commissionerscourt/commissionerprecinct1/recyclingcenter.php> for details.

FROM THE NEIGHBORS

Curly Venable, a Pillar of our Pelican Bay and Island community, passed away July 22, 2018. He was on the Pelican Bay Board and the Point Aquarius Water Board for years. He and Max Duke built the Brick columns and sign in front of our subdivision. He will be greatly missed. Thank you to Linda and Tony Klovensky, and Diane Miller who were always there for him.

Our thoughts and prayers are for Linda Klovensky who recently had surgery. We can't wait to see her out walking with Diane Miller and their dogs Lilly and Sam!

BUNCO- All ladies are invited to a night of fun and socializing held every second Wednesday of the month. If you are interested and are not on the emailing list please contact Ann Pospisil (zaplimousin@gmail.com) for details. She will make sure you get the information needed to attend.

SPECIAL PLEA FOR ASSISTANCE:
The Montgomery County Food Bank located in Willis has been overwhelmed with requests for assistance lately. There are many people looking for help in getting food to serve their families. The Pelican Bay Bunko group, which meets monthly, have all agreed to bring jars of Peanut Butter and/or Jelly to their meetings for distribution to the Food Bank.

If other residents would like to contribute Gerre Sullivan (936-856-1726) has agreed to place a bin on her front porch to collect donations from other Pelican Bay Residents and she will deliver the contributions to the food bank. Should you like to contribute you may drop them off at:
12919 Pelican Blvd
The Food Bank is always in need of these two items. This is a great opportunity to help others that are not as fortunate as we are.

DID YOU KNOW....

We have a website. Visit us at www.pelicanbayandisland.com

Nextdoor is a website which allows neighbors from surrounding subdivisions to post things of interest, police reports, for sale items, real estate, upcoming events, pets, services available, lost & found and much more. It's free and informative but you must join to have access to the site!

Another good website to find out about criminal activities in your area is the Montgomery County Police Reporter.



Purchase Your MCCS Season Tickets Today! Just \$50 for 3 great shows including one dinner show. Contact Rhonda Ganyo or visit www.mcchoral.org to get your tickets.

Shows include:

Thursday, September 27, 2018

"That's Amore!" Dinner/Showtime featuring the Sam Houston State University Men of Sam under the direction of Dr. Sandy Hinkley 2015 MCCS Scholarship winners Carly Orr and Justin Brock

Friday, December 7, 2018

"A Christmas Wish" featuring the Montgomery Madrigals from Montgomery High School

Friday, April 5, 2019

"Titanic, the Musical, in Concert" featuring the Magnolia High School Varsity Women's Choir under the direction of Jennifer Franz-Melady & the Willis High School Mixed Choir under the direction of Ken Labonski

SEASON TICKET PACKET PERKS: Includes tickets to DST 2018, Christmas 2018, and Spring 2019 concert events. Includes catered Italian dinner prior to "That's Amore!" DST concert event. Savings of 24% off individual concert ticket price.



*All Home Owners who walk their dogs should carry a plastic or paper bag to make sure they clean up after their animal. So **PLEASE be sure to pick up your pet's poop** in any neighbor's yard! We continue to get complaints regarding both so please be courteous to your neighbors!*



Parking: We also continue to get complaints regarding parking on both sides of the street. Our roads in the area are not very wide. Where possible please try to park on one side of the street and not both sides. This will allow for cars and Emergency vehicles to pass if necessary. Also, be courteous to your neighbors, do not allow guests to block their driveways or hinder them from backing out or getting into their driveways. Let your neighbors know when you are having a party or large crowd where there will be several cars. You may consider using the boat ramp for people to park at. Communicating with neighbors will go a long way!

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY:

If you see anything out of the ordinary or any suspicious activity please contact your local authorities: IE: COPS - refer to your Pelican Bay and Island Community Directory for phone numbers. **DO NOT CONTACT BOARD MEMBERS OR OTHER COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS FOR ACTION!** They will be unable to assist you and will advise you to call the local authorities.

CONCERNED HOMEOWNERS REGARDING SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN:

On occasion children have been seen on bicycles after dark unsupervised and without bike helmets. For their safety and protection make certain your children are safely being supervised and wearing bike helmets. Also remind them to be respectful of neighbors properties. Children are curious in nature and some neighbors have voiced concerns of children wandering through their property.

PLEASE OBSERVE WARNING SIGNS AND SPEED LIMITS:

Just a friendly reminder when coming into the cove on Jet Skis or Boats. Remember there is a **NO WAKE** area posted for a reason. Coming into the cove too fast damages our bulkhead and property. Please remember to be courteous and **slow down to idle speed.**

PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY: And obey the posted **speed of 25 mph** in Pelican Bay. So slow down and pay attention while driving. That goes for golf carts being driven by minors too!!!!

