



TC NOTES

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Coyote Trapping to Begin October 30



After many, many reports of missing and/or killed cats, numerous coyote sightings all around the neighborhood, and discussions with Randy Farrar, Wildlife Damage Biologist with Texas Cooperative Extension, the Board has approved Mr. Farrar's trapping plan.

Beginning Monday, October 30, he will place traps in the Wildflower Preserve, which is the land the association owns at the intersection of Travis Country Circle and Republic of Texas Boulevard where the old entrance road still can be seen. Mr. Farrar believes the coyotes are coming into our neighborhood through this area. The traps will be set only on weekdays for the next two weeks: October 30 through November 10. They will not be set on weekends.

Precautions have been taken to minimize any danger to small pets and other animals. The traps will be emptied every morning.

It is important that all residents continue to protect pets by not allowing them to roam freely outside. In addition, do not leave pet food outside. Keep your trash containers securely fastened or protected as well. Call 311 and the TC office, 892-2256, to report any sightings or incidents with the coyotes.

All sightings called into 311 are reported to Mr. Farrar which helps him track the movement of these animals. TC resident Jim Klier is creating a map which shows where known attacks have taken place. It will be posted on the website when available.

Additional information about the trapping process is at www.traviscountry.com/MsgBoards/Viewpoints/TrappingCoyotes.



Dues Increase Coming in 2007

**Estimates indicate an increase of
\$5 to \$6 per month**

The Association's 2007 budget currently is being reviewed in draft form. Proposed monthly dues would be \$34 or \$35. The budget will be finalized and approved at the November 16 Board meeting.

The last time monthly dues were increased was about 10 years ago. As reported in the February 2006 issue of the *TC Notes*, a formal reserve study prepared by Association Reserves, Inc., concluded that our reserve was funded at about 78%. Funding at 100% means that the Association would be setting aside adequate funds to meet expenses for future repairs and replacements.

This study was not available at the time the 2006 budget was prepared, so an assessment increase was delayed for a year.

Homeowners will receive an official letter indicating the exact amount of the monthly increase sometime in late November or early December. More detailed information regarding the increase will be provided on the TC website, www.traviscountry.com, and in the December issue of this newsletter.

The Board is evaluating options to keep our TC lifestyle an 'Austin bargain' while meeting future needs for maintenance and improvements to the neighborhood. Your comments regarding this increase are welcome. Contact the Board via email at board@traviscountry.com post your opinions on the Viewpoints Forum of the message boards on the website, or come to the November 16 Board meeting at 6 pm at the TC Office.

News from the TCCSA Board of Directors Meeting

By Bonnie Grobar

This report does not represent the official minutes of the meeting. Unofficial minutes are posted on the website and, once approved, are in the office on Blue Valley Drive. At the October 19, 2006 meeting, these directors were present: **Candy Goodrich, Brian Julian, John McCulloch, Anthony Peterman, Russell Pinkston, Nola Ross and Janice Smith**. The Board took the following action or accepted the following reports:

- Appointed John Cox to fill the Treasurer position and vacancy due to Bill Kemp's resignation
- Architectural Committee disapproved one application because the addition would have encroached on property line
- Grounds Committee questioned charging budget for graffiti removal expenses
- Pool Committee reported that Family Swim Gym, should they be managing pool services next season, would like to use BV pool for certification classes during pre-season
- Oak Hill Neighborhood Planning meetings have ended, but Lynne Fahlquist has been involved in some informal discussions with city planners regarding trails and other connectivity issues which could affect TC; agreed to create discussion on website to gain residents' input
- Board requested recommendation from Facilities Use Subcommittee on issues involving use of TC amenities by for profit groups and individuals
- Training will be set up for Fire Wise Committee
- Board has had two budget work sessions; will approve 2007 budget in November; will likely include a \$4-\$5 per month dues increase
- Agreed to charge \$5 for notary services provided by manager
- Purchased new furniture for pools
- Management is cutting limbs and dead trees in common areas that are safety hazards or highly visible
- Approved coyote trapping plan proposed by the Wildlife Damage Biologist, Randy Farrar
- Approved 5% increase in maximum assessment
- Approved additional \$2,120 bringing total landscape maintenance contract to a maximum \$55,900 for 2007
- Approved sending of letter requesting \$3900 in damages to second homeowner who cut trees in the greenbelt

- Approved sending letter to City protesting possible fire station on TCCSA property at main entrance and suggesting other sites

Homeowner Comments

- If Grounds Committee not qualified to make decisions, should we do away with it?
- Why did neighborhood not know about potential fire station?
- Spending out of control, causing need for assessment increase
- Budget deliberations should be open to all homeowners
- Dues increase needed to offset expenses; have overspent budgets in last 5 years by more than \$150,000
- Hill Country Trail Runners has cleaned up several "camps" and fire spots in the greenbelt; wants to work with homeowners to clear out barbed wire and do clean ups; rattlesnakes are out
- With new landscape contract, TCCSA has professional and well qualified companies to enhance and maintain common areas
- Budget meetings were hastily thrown together after Treasurer resigned; homeowners are welcome to attend work sessions; next one scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 26, 6:30 pm
- Wildflower Preserve on TCCSA property at TCC and RTB is precious to the neighborhood

Travis Country Board of Directors

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Russell Pinkston

Vice-President:
Janice Smith

Secretary:
Anthony Peterman

Treasurer:
John Cox

Candy Goodrich, Brian Julian, Pam Losefsky, John McCulloch, Nola Ross



Contact the Board at 892-2256 or board@traviscountry.com.

The TC Board of Directors meets at 6 pm on the 3rd Thursday of every month, except December, at the Blue Valley Office. All residents are invited to attend. Homeowner comments occur at 7 pm. The Directors and Management need your input to do the best job of spending your monthly dues.

WELCOME NEW TRAVIS COUNTRY RESIDENTS!

If you've moved into the neighborhood in the past 6 months, look for an invitation to the Welcome Party.

**November 12, 2006
Blue Valley Pavilion
6:30-8:30pm**

New homeowners receive a packet of very helpful information, phone numbers, and contacts. You are encouraged to ask questions of the various "old-timers" who will be mingling. Come get acquainted with your neighbors, learn about this community, and make a new friend.
social@traviscountry.com

News of Proposed Fire Station Sets Off Sirens



The Board recently learned that the Austin Fire Department is looking at the property at the corner of Republic of Texas and Travis Country Circle as a potential site for a fire station. The City needs to locate a station somewhere within 1-2 miles of Travis Country with plans to build the facility within 3 to 5 years.

Information was provided via a letter to the Board from a UT professor rather than from the City of Austin. This raised concerns about the proposed location as well as the City's lack of communication with our neighborhood.

The City enlisted the help of a UT School of Architecture class to come up with designs for a fire station on the property at the proposed site. The professor teaching the class invited Board members to a meeting to discuss site analysis and design.

After hearing a report from this meeting, the Board decided to contact City and Austin Fire Department officials voicing significant concerns. A Board Resolution requests that the City remove our property from consideration for the future location of a new fire station. It also suggests alternative sites in the area that will not impact TC residents adjacent to the proposed station. Contact board@traviscountry.com with your suggestions or comments.

New Treasurer Appointed

Treasurer Bill Kemp resigned from the TC Board. Citing the urgent need to fill the position due to the necessity of finalizing the 2007 budget, the Board voted unanimously to appoint John Cox to fill the position. He will serve until the April elections.



Join Your Neighbors in the Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest!

On the night of October 30, pumpkin judges will fan out around the neighborhood to find the most creative, funniest, scariest, and best overall carved pumpkins. Winners will receive gift cards to Central Market or other nearby retailers. Judging will occur between the hours of 7 and 9pm. Your pumpkin must be visible from the street. Winners will be listed in next month's *TC Notes*.

COME TO THE ANNUAL TC BOO BASH! (RESIDENTS ONLY, PLEASE)*

**COSTUME CONTEST
GAMES
SNACKS/REFRESHMENTS
AND MORE**

**SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 29
3-5 PM
BLUE VALLEY
BASKETBALL COURT AREA**

*Due to overcrowding and budget constraints, we ask that people refrain from inviting others from outside the neighborhood.

Preserving Our Common Areas

Management is removing dead limbs/trees/bushes which pose safety issues for residents and structures in the visible common areas of the neighborhood. They URGE all residents to call them, 892-2256, rather than taking action on their own. It is a violation of the covenants (9.02) to cut down anything in the common areas other than limbs that overhang your property.

THINKING ABOUT THE FUTURE

Continuing the Planning Process
By Lynne Fahlgvist



“Connectivity” was a hot topic during the Oak Hill Combined Neighborhood Planning meetings recently concluded. What it means to many Oak Hill residents includes the following: connections between neighborhoods, connections between neighborhoods and commercial areas, and connections by means other than roads, like hike and bike trails. Some topics related to connectivity and of interest to TCCSA are listed below. These ideas are being discussed or proposed by citizens attending the Oak Hill planning meetings and do not represent endorsements or plans by the city at this time. To express your opinions about these ideas, send an e-mail to oakhillplan@traviscountry.com or post comments on the TC message board under the Viewpoints Forum. Your comments will be tabulated and forwarded to the TC Board and City planners.

1. Possible trail extension from Barton Creek greenbelt, through Gaines Creek, to Gaines Creek Park and continuation of this proposed Gaines Creek Trail to proposed trails to the west. Independent of the Oak Hill planning process, the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) also has considered making this same trail extension. Such a proposed trail is mostly on City of Austin land, but could cross a small part of TCCSA and possibly Stratus-owned land as well. A trail already exists in much of this area, but is not formally maintained by the City. PARD also is considering installing public access parking to the Barton Creek/Gaines Creek greenbelt off the southbound MoPac frontage road, near the LaQuinta hotel and retirement facility. Map on TC website to see where this proposed trail might exist is at www.traviscountry.com/News&Info/Oak Hill Regional Planning.

2. Revisit proposed extension of Industrial Oaks Blvd., from westbound Hwy 290 access road to Southwest Pkwy, where Mission Oaks Blvd. intersects SW Pkwy. Traffic could then access 290 without having to go through the Southwest Pkwy/MoPac intersection. Also it might allow extension of a trail to the proposed Williamson Creek trail. The 290/Industrial Oaks intersection could be a proposed redevelopment area, where there would be a mini transit oriented development (or TOD). (More on TODs in future communications.)

3. Proposed regional greenbelt hike and bike trail along Williamson Creek. This trail could be equivalent to the Barton Creek trail and might be planned to connect to other trails. Charles Draper, TCCSA resident, has been involved in discussions with COA and others regarding the Williamson Creek greenbelt trail.

4. Consider a possible extension of Foster Ranch Rd. across Southwest Pkwy to connect with Vega or Patton Ranch Rd ; also to connect to 290 to a proposed "historic Oak Hill town center." This proposal would first involve discussions with St. Andrews School.

Recycle Right!

Some tips from the City's Solid Waste folks on how to get the best out of your recycling efforts:



- Separate your containers from paper products. Put bottles, jars and cans in your recycling bins and newspapers, magazines and home office paper in brown paper grocery bags or another recycling bin. DO NOT use plastic bags.
- Pizza boxes or other paper products with food contamination cannot be recycled.
- Glass products such as window panes, light bulbs, Pyrex, crystal or dishes cannot be recycled.

Remember, if it looks like rain, keep all paper products inside until your next recycling day.

Additional recycling bin can be obtained by taking a recent utility bill statement to the nearest City of Austin fire station.

WORKING HARD TO PROTECT OUR GREENSPACE AND TRAILS



Hill Country Trail Runners, an Austin group with regular runners on the Barton Creek greenbelt, is a solid advocate for safe trails. They have recently cleaned up several “camps” and “hangouts” as well as areas where people have built fires in the greenbelts close to TC.

They will be working with other concerned TC residents to keep these areas safe and free from fires and other dangers. We thank them for their stewardship of these natural places.

In addition, thanks to Marnie & Greg Cervenka of Eagles Landing who alerted the manager to a smoldering campfire near the greenbelt access on Copperwood. They called 311 first then summoned Austin Fire Dept. to the scene. Holly and Brad Fullerton, who also live on Eagles Landing, cleaned up the firewood that was left. Brenda and Jim Robillard on Scared Arrow were also involved in the cleanup. Many thanks go to these alert and caring residents!

neighborhood notices

Welcome New TC Owners!

Rick Cippelle	4304 Painted Pony Cove
Jeff Beckham	5338 Painted Shield Drive
Paul Kitchin	4708 Trail Crest Circle
Michael & Lynn Kuhn	5412 Travis Green Lane

committee news and reports



Architectural Committee (ACC) Considered 7 applications: 3 painting, 2 fences, 2 patio additions; 5 approved, 1 disapproved; 1 pending. Tip of the month: Trees, hedges and shrubs that restrict sight lines for vehicular traffic and sidewalks shall be cut back or removed. acc@traviscountry.com.

Grounds Committee Recommended new landscape management companies; Rain Lily will be responsible for landscape issues, such as the beds; Roving Gardener will maintain the grassy areas; they will share responsibility for tree maintenance. grounds@traviscountry.com.

Communications Committee Clarified emergency email alert guidelines and responsibilities; revised new residents welcome packet; discussing signage with management; subcommittee working on residents' survey for early next year. communications@traviscountry.com.

Social Committee Fall is a busy time! Plans are underway for the Boo Bash, Pumpkin Carving Contest, and New Resident Welcome Party. We will also be recruiting volunteer judges for the Holiday Lights Contest. social@traviscountry.com.

club news and Reports



Book Club November discussion will be Polio: An American Story. Guest will be Pulitzer-Prize winning author, David Oshinsky. Meet on Wednesday, November 8th at 7pm. Hosts: David NiCastro and Sue Baer, former residents of Travis

Country, now living at 7 Grove Court in Rollingwood (near intersection of Loop 1 & 2244). Call Kate Burgess at 891-0707 if you have questions. We always welcome new members!

Bunco Club meets the first Monday of each month at the TC Office at Blue Valley, 7:30pm. We welcome new players, and encourage you to bring your significant other. Contact leelindy@sbcglobal.net or 892-3116 for more info.

Garden Club End of year social! Meet at Bonnie's house, 4410 Eagles Landing, on Tues. Nov. 14 at 7pm. If you wish, bring snacks. Drinks provided. Y'all come.

Scrapbook Club will meet ONLY the second Thursday of November at 7pm at the TC Office. Come preserve some memories and make new friends! Contact Kristen at kworman@austin.rr.com or 892-8899.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear TC Notes:

We are happy to announce that our Lieutenant Colonel Kenton Bass, ARMY HHC 1st Medical Brigade, was awarded a Bronze Star while serving in Kuwait and most of all that he is home, safe and sound, as of October 5th. Thank you all for the support, gifts, goodies and most of all prayers that surrounded him and all of us this past year. God bless you all.

Hope Young, Proud and Grateful Fiancee
Brendin Conant, Proud and Grateful future stepson

P.S. Kenton sends his deepest thank yous and says it really feels good to be home

Dear TC Notes:

Being new to Travis Country, my wife and I have been interested in finding ways to meet other people in the community. In our last home in west Austin, our neighborhood had a monthly "get together" where couples from the community would meet for events, i.e., BBQ, wine/cheese tasting, etc. This was held as an adult's night so the kids were left at home (a great night off for you parents!)

It was a great experience to meet new people and develop more of a sense of community. We're really interested in bringing this to TC and wanted to see if anyone else felt the same. We would look to start in late-January so as to bypass the holidays.

If anyone is interested please write me and we can think about some ideas and put plans in place.

Thanks!

Andy Davis
austinandyd@yahoo.com

Good News for Swimmers

The City of Austin's Dick Nichols Pool on Beckett Road is now open year round and will be heated during cold weather. The pool will be open weekdays from 11am to 1:30pm, and 5:30pm to 7:30 pm., weekends 1pm to 4pm, for open swimming. To find out more about the park, pool and get directions, see www.traviscountry.com and click on link [Pool](#).



Crime Information is available to the public at the Austin Police Department's webpage www.ci.austin.tx.us/police/

TC EMERGENCY ALERT LIST

Sign up to receive alerts from TCCSA management in case of robberies and other assaults against persons and property in Travis Country. Send your name, TC address, email address to communications@traviscountry.com. If an event is verified, all names on the Emergency Alert List will receive an email.



Are you interested in helping out with our periodic Adult Game Nights? Get in touch with the social committee at social@traviscountry.com.

Want to get involved in planning social events for any demographic in Travis Country? Contact Pam Losefsky at pamlosefsky@sbcglobal.net.

Classified Ads Policy

Classifieds are open to TC Residents Only. To list services, you must be 18 or under. Let us know each month if you want your service advertised. We reserve the right to edit ads for space. For Sale ads can be run for a maximum of 3 months. Services provided by adults can be placed on the website under Classifieds, or you may ask the TC Office (892-2256) to add you to the list they maintain. Services are not guaranteed; be sure to check references.

Contact us at tenotes@traviscountry.com

Free

Kittens. Will be 8 weeks old on November 8th. Call Susan at 892-3856.

Free! Variety Vignini Studio Faux Effect materials in 1 gallon containers; over \$800 of inventory, all or part. 892-2734.

Wanted

15 to 50 HP outboard boat motor. Call Brad at 899-2723.

VCR in good working order, manufactured prior to 2005. 899-0945.

Looking for either a male or female roommate. Can discuss rent. Room can be furnished or not. I am looking for someone who is either starting grad school or a professional. Move in at your convenience. Pool in back; access to the green belt. Call 358-7513.

I would like to start a play group for my 7-month old son. We'd love some late winter and early spring babies (2005-2006) to join us for friends and fun. Casie at 891-6962 or ckw@austin.rr.com.

Men's jeans any size or brand, coats and warm clothes for homeless shelter. Call Andrea at 771-0968. I can pick up.

Looking for Travis Country Mary Poppins, weekday childcare for infant starting Jan/Feb 2007; interested in different options, i.e., shared nannies, TC home care, part time/full time, alternating days, etc. Let us know if you are interested. Ingrid & Ross. 358-7944 or 294-3650.

Help converting 33 1/3 records to CD's. Would be volunteer work for assisted living home. Call Jane Clark 891-9736.

Assistant for office work. Temporarily doing administrative work from my office at home in TC and need an assistant to help me set up my files and organize. Many files were dropped and became disorganized in the move. Children are welcome here while we work. Hourly pay. If you live in the neighborhood and have a talent for filing and general office organization, Call Hope Young at 899-8205

For Sale

3 piece House of Oak corner desk unit with hutch, \$200; old dresser, \$150. 892-1455.

Whirlpool Gas Dryer, white, heavy-duty, large-capacity, front-loading, 6-cycles, 3 temperature settings, zero clearance installation rated, excellent condition, dries great. \$65 OBO. 892-0614, jl_richardson@sbcglobal.net

Womens: ski pants, sizes 6-10, ski jackets, size 10, ski boots, size 9. 899-9202.

IMac, 17" flat screen 1 GHz PowerPC G4 processor, 80 Gig drive, 768 SDRAM, OS X 10.4, includes keyboard, mouse, speakers, and airport extreme card, built in Ethernet card not working. \$650. R. David 892-9239 or 512-633-4872, rdavid@austin.rr.com.

Sanyo television, 25" w/remote, \$50; Electric train set (not a collectible) with large cars, steam engine —great to go around Xmas tree, \$40; Eddie Bauer men's bicycle, like new, \$45; Epson photo scanner, used once, \$40. Call 784-2856.

Unique girl's twin bedroom set includes twin frame, dresser, and stool. Very girlish, frame has picket fence headboard/footboard design, solid wood, purple, pink, and white. Come see anytime. Paid over \$2400, sell set for \$800. Will sell separately; dresser, \$500, twin frame/stool, \$500. Andrea, 771-0968.

New Hand Knit Items: Christmas Stockings, hand spun/knit, white on white, two, wool \$35 ea, one thick alpaca, \$100; Alpaca Scarves, four worsted weight, hand spun/knit, off-white, 6ft.+ fringe, \$50 ea, two light weight 6 ft., one with fringe, \$35 ea; Small Drawstring Bags, hand spun/knit alpaca or wool, various prices. Two fine gauge hemp bags with hanging shell beads. Must see, \$50 each; Super-Fine Texas Mohair - also available @ \$2/oz, great for crafts or holiday decorations. Will deliver. 512-406-1241.

140 lb. weight set. Includes barbell, dumbbell, curling bar, weights, \$40. 892-2734.

Babysitting

Tess Geiger, 13, would like to babysit your children. She has much experience keeping her young neighbors happy. 892-8922.

Kaylyn Remsing, 15, available to watch your child(ren), prefer ages 3 and up. CPR and First Aid Certified, Seton babysitting certified. Parental supervision if needed. Saving for my first car. 892-2246.

Play hard till bath time. Then, get clean, read a book, tell a story and go to bed. Need some adult time? Call Davis Geiger, 15, to care for your kids, so you can have a night out. 619-9707.

Eric Espinoza, 16, would love to entertain your child / children, ages 3 and up. Red Cross certified. 892-1817.

Lawn/Pet/Plant Care

Kaylyn Remsing, 15, would like to watch your pets, house and plants while you are away. 8 years of community experience. Parental supervision. 892-2246.

Zane Jungman, 18, a very responsible person whom you can trust. House sitting and lawn mowing, but is particularly good with pets. Willing to go that extra mile. Don't hesitate to call 892-3751.

Services

Math Tutor/SAT Math Prep. Does your child/teen struggle with math? Mature, patient, responsible Austin High Senior available to tutor general math, algebra, geometry, pre-cal, calculus and math SAT Prep. Qualifications: 800/800 SAT 1 Math: 780/800 SAT Math level 2 Subject Test. Flexible hours and reasonable rates. Sev Travis 217-9311.



Covenant of the Month

8.0214 Machinery and Equipment

No machinery or equipment of any kind shall be placed, operated or maintained upon or adjacent to any Lot within Travis Country except such machinery or equipment as is usual and customary in connection with the use, maintenance or construction of a residence, appurtenant structures, or other improvements, and except that which Declarant of the Association may require for the operation and maintenance of Travis Country.

November Events Calendar

Grounds Committee	Wed. 11/1	7 pm	TCCSA Office
Bunco Club	Mon. 11/6	7:30 pm	TCCSA Office
Book Club	Wed. 11/8	7 pm	See p. 5
Scrapbook Club	Thurs. 11/9	7 pm	TCCSA Office
Architecture Committee	Wed. 11/11	7 pm	TCCSA Office
Welcome Party	Thurs. 11/12	6:30 pm	BV Pavilion
Pool Committee	Mon. 11/13	7 pm	TCCSA Office
Garden Club	Tues. 11/14	7pm	4410 Eagles Landing
Board of Directors Meeting	Thurs. 11/16	6 pm	TCCSA Office
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