

# Horse Creek Ranch Homeowners Association

July 2005 Newsletter

## From Your Board President, Roy Martin

Highlights of last Board meeting, Apr. 9, 2005 (for full minutes from meeting, contact Roy Martin):

- **BBQ/Meeting** This was our first Spring BBQ Get-together (we'd had Fall ones in the past). Many thanks to Suzan Gamble for hosting the event and VP Richard Spindle for being head cook.
- **New Board members** Welcome to new Board members Dick Van Dyke and David Mundt!
- **Wildlife Mgt Plan update** Suzan Gamble announced the soon-to-be delivered information packets for the WMP. Additionally we organized an upcoming bird house building workshop.

## Sorry for the Delay!

We attempt to get these newsletters out at least a month prior to the next Board meeting, to give you plenty of time to plan to attend. We didn't quite make it this time, but do hope you still can make the next meeting (see below).

## Our Next Meeting

The next meeting of the HCRHA Board of Directors (open to all property owners) is outlined below. All property owners are encouraged to attend the meeting.

- Date: Thursday, July 21, 2005
- Time: 6:30 p.m.
- Location: Roy Martin's house  
(465 Hwy 236)

If you have questions or thoughts about the meeting call Roy Martin at 717-8161. **Mark your calendar now to attend!**

## --- Wildlife Plan Documentation ---

Wildlife chairperson Suzan Gamble did a great job of compiling a very comprehensive binder of information pertaining to the HCRHA Wildlife Management Plan. If you've not received your copy, please call Hines Development at (254) 836-4000.

If you have questions about the plan and your responsibility toward it, please attend the next Board meeting or contact Hines.

## If You Wish to Hunt Deer on Your Property

One requirement of our Wildlife Management Plan is occasional thinning of the deer herd. This is required by the plan (as approved by a State biologist) and is based on a yearly deer census. It's required to maintain the health of our herd as well as the surrounding ecosystem. Overpopulation of deer has caused real problems for both. (Parts of Lake Travis are a prime, close example.)

**However, it is required by our plan that no one hunt deer on any HCR property unless it's done as part of an HCRHA sanctioned hunt.**

Any owner may prohibit hunting on their tract, however an owner who does wish to hunt deer on their property must also assist the Wildlife Management Plan with deer feeder stocking/maintenance or participating in the Deer Census count (see next page).

## Next Phase of HCR Open!

Many of us have been watching the development of the third phase of Horse Creek Ranch, across from Mother Neff Park. If you've not yet been by the new phase, feel free to check out the new properties.

Those of us with friends and family who've been interested in moving out into our neighborhood can contact Hines Development. (Plats and prices are listed at the office/ranch house.)

The property/building restrictions on these new tracts are quite a bit more stringent than for the prior phases, so make sure you know the details.

## ... And Speaking of the Deer Census

We're still very much in need of volunteers to help with filling/maintaining deer feeders as well as performing the upcoming deer census count that must be performed as a requirement of our State and county approved (monitored) Wildlife Management Plan. Recall that the WMP is saving you hundreds of dollars each year in tax savings. If we don't all support the program, each of us is in real danger of losing those tax savings.

While it's true that most of us tend to be very busy with the many demands of work, family and community, please don't leave it to the very few to totally shoulder this WMP responsibility. We all need to pitch in. These duties would generally only require a couple of hours each month, and would include things like helping fill deer feeders and take deer census counts.

If you can help out (please do!) either call Roy Martin (717-8161) or come to the next Board meeting.

Additionally, it's important to understand that the taxing agencies in Bell and Coryell counties require that individual property owners perform, themselves, activities in support of the WMP. For more information on this, attend the next Board meeting or contact Roy Martin.

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