

To all property owners:

There has been recent illegal activity in our neighborhood (trespassing, destruction of private property- including damage to or complete elimination of well-established trees, removal of artifacts) resulting in devastating destruction to at least one, and possibly more, tracts in Legend Oaks. Please be advised that digging for arrowheads on private property without permission of the property owner is illegal. Sheriff and D.P.S. officials have been notified of the activity and legal action will be taken against the trespassers.

Please keep your eyes open for unknown persons and/ or vehicles and DO NOT HESITATE to call the Gatesville Sheriff's Dept @ 254-865-7201 if you see suspicious characters or behavior in the area. Officer Dayton is in charge of the recent case. Diggers are known to work both night and day, so be especially careful if you are out for a late-night stroll. Trespassers should not be confronted, but should be reported to Sheriff's Dept. immediately.

"No Trespassing" signs are a good idea, as well as painting boundary markers, fences, or trees at the edge of your tract(s) with purple paint- the approved color for marking private property. "These marks, when placed properly, are assumed to be 'posted – no trespass signs'. As of the Texas Statutes, 2001, Texas Penal Code, Article 30.05, authorizes the use of purple paint to post property boundaries. It is still recommended that landowners use more commonly recognized no trespassing signs at gates and roadways leading into the property. Purple paint for no trespassing markers will however last much longer than signs." ([www.theinfomine.com/2010/06/30/purple-no-trespassing-paint-symbols-in-texas/](http://www.theinfomine.com/2010/06/30/purple-no-trespassing-paint-symbols-in-texas/))

Property owners are encouraged to visit your tract(s) and document and report any damage to your land and trees to law enforcement officials. If you have already moved to your land, we encourage you to be vigilant and observant, and to please assist your neighbors by reporting any suspicious or illegal activity on your property or theirs.