

Blue Lake News

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SPECIAL GARBAGE PICK-UP

It's that time of year again for Spring cleaning! Our "**Special Garbage Pick-up**" **has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 16th, 2006.**

Now is the time to clean out garages and attics and get rid of those unwanted items that BFI cannot pick up on their normal runs.

As always, there are guidelines we **MUST** abide by in order to keep having the special pick-ups.

Items that MAY be left out for pick-up include: old mattresses, appliances, (without Freon), and lumber or tree trimmings that are bundled in lengths of not more than four (4) feet and weighing less than 40 pounds.

Items that WILL NOT (cannot) be picked up include: batteries, tires, paint cans (unless they are empty or dried out), motor oil, oil filters, or appliances that contain Freon. Refrigerators and air conditioners, for example, **CANNOT** be picked up unless the Freon has been removed and a certified refrigeration technician has tagged them. BFI is prevented from picking up these items due to environmental and/or safety regulations. Also, these items **CANNOT** be placed in the dumpsters for the same reason.

To make the collection as simple as possible, please bag, bundle or box as much as possible and place all items beside the road next to your garbage cans. Please call the MUD/POA office (598-5460) if you have any questions about what can or cannot be picked up.

WATER METER BOXES

The MUD Office would like to remind all property owners to inspect their water meter boxes monthly for ants, obstructive landscaping, bees, etc.

During the warmer months, the meter boxes are often a haven for insects, pests, and, yes, even snakes. Our meter readers need to have access to the meter boxes without risk of injury or obstructive landscaping.

Several meter boxes need to have trees, shrubs or cactus trimmed around them. Please check your meter box and ensure it is cleaned up and not a haven for snakes and other pests.

The water meters will be read in March, June, September and December.

NEW PROPERTY OWNERS

The MUD and the POA welcomes several new property owners to Blue Lake. Please help them feel welcome:

Michael & Nina Biviano at 209 Sandy Lane

Ken Boswell & LeAnn Kunz at 3104 Golf Course Drive

David Carr at 2908 Packsaddle Drive

John Goeth at 3212 Packsaddle Drive

Myles & Sallie Sweeney at 106 N. Blue Ridge Trail

WELCOME TO BLUE LAKE!!!

GRINDER PUMP CARE TIP # 4

In our last three issues of the Blue Lake News, we published grinder pump care tips to help ensure the long life of your grinder pump. In this issue, we will continue with:

TIP # 4

Never introduce harsh chemicals to your grinder pump, either directly or through a sink or disposal. The grinder pump is capable of grinding solid materials to a small size and then, mixed with the effluent water, generates sufficient pressure to pump the slurry away from your home to the wastewater treatment receiving line and/or disposal plant. However, certain materials should **never** be introduced to your grinder pump, including: seafood shells, strong chemicals, egg shells (they are known to get caught in the cutter wheel of your grinder pump), cigarette or cigar butts, or grease (of any kind).

With proper care and by following a few guidelines, your grinder pump will provide you with years of dependable service.

AUTOMATIC DEBITS FOR PAYMENT OF WATER AND SEWER BILLS

A program is offered by the MUD to its customers to provide for automatic debits (ACH Debit Program) in payment of water, garbage and sewer bills. Over 24 % of our customers have already turned in the forms authorizing such debits

The total amount of your utility bill is debited from your checking account in two separate debits; one for water and garbage and the other for sewer. The debit is processed on the 10th of each month; eliminating any late charges. You will still receive your utility bill by the 1st of every month so you will know the exact amount to be debited and the best part is there is no remembering to send in your payment and no postage costs!

If you are interested in this program, please call the MUD office at 598-5460.

TREE TRIMMING / CHIPPER PERMIT

The MUD office has a permit **for our residents** to dump tree and brush trimmings. **This is limited to homeowners only!**

The City of Horseshoe Bay operates a chipper operation on 2831 and Highway 71 for tree trimmings and brush. Residents can come by the MUD Office and pick up the permit and pay for the load(s). The cost of the permit is \$10.00 for a pick-up load and \$15.00 for a trailer load. After disposing of the trimmings, the permit **MUST** be returned to the MUD/POA Office.

The hours of operation are seven (7) days a week, from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. and from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. If the weather is rainy, the chipper operation will **not** be open. They will accept grass, leaves, brush, and tree trimmings not to exceed six inches in diameter.

If you have any questions, please call Betty or Sally at the MUD Office at (830) 598-5460.

BUILDING PERMITS

With the warmer weather here, residents may start thinking about home repair and remodeling. The POA and the MUD remind all property owners to check with the MUD/POA Office if there is any question about the need for a building permit.

There are two types of permits available. If minimal work is being done, a "No Charge" Building Permit may be issued with a \$50.00 deposit that is refunded upon completion of the work.

When extensive work or structural work is done, (including, but, not limited to electrical and/or plumbing), state law requires inspections by a licensed building inspector at certain intervals of the construction. The MUD/POA Office sets up these inspections and deals with both the contractors and the inspector.

If you are anticipating doing some work at your home, please contact the MUD/POA Office or have your contractor stop in and apply for your building permit.

TRASH PICK-UP ON RR 2831

Larry Meyers and Warner Tweed would like to thank the following people for helping with the trash pick-up on RR 2831 on Friday, March 10th:

Bob King
Doug Miller
Charles & Ann Sadler
Wayne Baylor
Bill Curtis
Gary Cassell
John Foster
John Glover
Emory Garlick
Rune Strand
Mary Beth Beale
Greg Kepner
Pac Burnley

There were twenty-five (25) bags of trash collected, along with assorted wire and metal.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!!

POA TOWN HALL MEETING

At the July, 2005 Annual POA Meeting, the Board discussed the necessity to raise our annual assessment fees.

The POA Board will hold a **Town Hall Meeting on Saturday, April 8th, 2006 at 3:00 P.M. at the Blue Lake Golf Clubhouse** to discuss the Board approved covenant to increase your annual assessment fee. Covenant voting for an increase in annual assessment fees will occur during the month of May.

GOLF CLUB NEWS

At the annual January meeting of the Blue Lake Golf Club, four new Directors were elected to serve on the Golf Club Board. The new directors are: **Dave Elders, Marilyn Greene, Bill Murphy and Eddie Wells.**

The new Board then elected officers to serve this year. The newly elected officers are **Charles Sadler- President, Gary Cassell- Vice-President, Mary King- Secretary, and Bill Murphy- Treasurer.**

We need to thank the out-going Board members...**Bob King, Donna Noyes and Jim Buckingham-** THANK YOU! All three have worked tirelessly and contributed a lot to make the Golf Club the success that it is today.

The new Board met Saturday, after the election, and decided the regular monthly meetings would be on the 4th Thursday of the month at 2:00 P.M. It was also decided to continue the quarterly Board Dinners. The first one will be a chili dinner on March 18th.

Marc Ramin, a Pennsylvanian, is our new manager and is new to the area, having a home in Marble Falls. Marc will replace **James Longoria**, who will become a regular member.

We have seen a lot of our regular Winter Texans out enjoying the warm weather, as well as our full-time members. Everyone is invited to join the Club and enjoy the benefits it offers. Stop by and pick up an information brochure to learn all the benefits of becoming a member of the Blue Lake Golf Club.