

# Blue Lake News

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## MUD FINANCIAL AUDIT FOR YEAR 2009-2010

The Llano County Municipal Utilities District # 1 (MUD) fiscal year ended September 30, 2010 with the audit firm of Singleton, Clark & Co. giving a “clean opinion”, meaning in the auditor’s judgment the financial statements presented fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the proprietary activities, conformed to the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The auditor recommended that a minimum financial reserve be established for each fund (i.e. Water, Streets & Lights, Sewer, General fund, etc.). The financial statements, subsequently, now have a line item for reserves in each of the funds in the amount required by the state of Texas.

The other recommendation was to have a Bank Depository Contract with American Bank of Texas, N.A.; this contract was executed in February, 2011.

All of the monies of the MUD must be deposited in financially guaranteed institutions. These monies can be held in CD’s, (Certificate of Deposits), Savings accounts Money Market Accounts and Checking accounts. Each account in a financial institution has FDIC coverage up to \$250,000.00 per institution.

Deposit amounts greater than \$250,000.00 in an institution, must be covered with a pledge of acceptable bonds that revert to the MUD in the event of a failure – so the MUD monies are safe. In today’s financial environment, preservation of capital has the highest priority.

The current interest rate environment on checking, savings and CD’s are very low, in some cases just 0.01%. Therefore, MUD funds have been deposited in several banking institutions in CD’s, money markets and savings generally for not longer than 1 year at the best rates available. Normally, interest received on deposits help offset operating expenses, however these are unusual times. Interest income over the last couple years has been negligible.

The Llano County Municipal District #1 Board of Directors approved the results of the audit at the monthly board meeting January 12, 2011.

## CHANGE IN WATER METER READING

The Llano County MUD #1 Board of Directors approved changing the method of reading the water meters at the January 25, 2011 Board Meeting. The water meters were being read quarterly. March, 2011 was the last quarterly read, beginning in April, 2011 the meters will be read monthly. The base rate includes 3,000 gallons of water.

## WATER PLANT FILTER REHAB PROJECT

The water plant filter rehabilitation project has been completed. The District would like to thank all customers for conserving water during construction. The system was back up and running on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10 days prior to the anticipated date of completion. The District thanks Lassen, Inc. and PGMS for the excellent job.

## **BLUE LAKE WEBSITE UPDATE**

<http://www.bluelaketx.org>

Our Blue Lake Website has been updated and there is now a public portion and a private portion, just for the Blue Lake Property Owners. Please register for the private portion by going to the home page of the website and putting your name and individual password in the box provided on the left hand side of the front page.

Example:

Username: John Doe

Password: (6 letters or more) bluelake

Click on "register"

You will receive an email saying you have been approved as a property owner. Then you may log on to see the private portion of the website. Please edit your profile by filling in your name, address, email, and telephone number, etc.

This will allow you to see the private portion of the website, view the phone book under "resident resources" and be on the property owners' email list to receive "alerts" communicating what is happening in Blue Lake. You also will be able to fill out the "Vendor Reviews" and "Restaurant Reviews".

We hope having this information will help people not familiar with providers in the area know who we have used and recommend. (Like our own "Angie's List.")

Please email pictures of Blue Lake that you would like to see on the website to Sue Burkhalter at [Sue.b711@yahoo.com](mailto:Sue.b711@yahoo.com). If you have trouble registering, please contact Sue or Bob Burkhalter at the email above and we will assist you.

## **BLUE LAKE – DEERHAVEN LADIES SPRING LUNCHEON**

Blue Lake – Deerhaven Ladies spring luncheon (Brunch) will be held at the home of Janice Bosco, 3604 Blue Lake Drive on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. The cost will be \$10.00. Reservations can be made by mailing your check to Leah Roust at 3602 Blue Lake Drive, Horseshoe Bay, Tx. 78657. Make checks payable to Leah Roust. Please save this date on your calendar and join us for fun food and fellowship.

## **COUNTY WIDE BURN BAN**

The countywide burn ban remains in effect and will continue so until we have a general rain. Even then, if the rain is not significant, the County Commissioner's Court will remove the ban for only a very short period of time before reinstating it. In the meantime, we must do all that we can to reduce the possibility of a damaging outside fire from any source, to include burn piles, bar-b-ques, welding, fireworks and so on. You may direct questions regarding this subject to the Horseshoe Bay Fire Department, the agency that provides us fire protection services. Telephone 830-598-6953.

## **POA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION**

The POA Board of Directors' election is coming up in July. The Board is composed of seven members, with alternating terms of two years per seat. This election will be open to four positions, with 2012 open to three positions.

The four directors with expiring terms are Red Stewart, Roger Havekost, Jack Valentine, and Rodney Bond. The President has appointed two past Presidents as the nominating committee, Bruce Lomax and Paul Castiglione. The nominating committee is gathering candidates to present at the April 2 POA meeting. Per the bylaws, nominees should have demonstrated they have the interests of the community at heart, as demonstrated by their past service or endeavors on behalf of Blue Lake Estates. In addition, the nominating committee should make every effort to ensure that a non-resident member of the Association is nominated to the Board; further, through this provision, an effort will be made to retain two non-resident directors with overlapping terms.

If you are interested in serving as a POA director, please contact Bruce Lomax ([blomax@nctv.com](mailto:blomax@nctv.com) or 830-598-7615) or Paul Castiglione ([castiglione@nctv.com](mailto:castiglione@nctv.com) or 830-265-8054). You will need to provide a short biographical write-up that describes your experience and interests.

## **NEW ACTIVITY AT DEVIL'S HOLLOW PARK**

Your BLE Property Owners Association is pleased to announce a new fitness trail has just been completed at Devil's Hollow Park. Come and enjoy a stroll, walk, jog or run on the all weather granite aggregate trail. The trail is ½ mile long and has easy to more challenging conditions to navigate. Make Devil's Hollow either your destination or include it in your longer itinerary.

Experience the pastoral ambiance of the trail as it winds through shaded areas, makes its way across a meadow and passes by an aged trophy grapevine as you encounter the stepped portion of the trail. All with a view of the lake. And, one doesn't have to be concerned with the nuisance of street traffic.

The trail is equipped with bars and benches for stretching and warm up or cool down. For the children there are swing sets and a glider. Coming soon adjacent to the trail will be courts for bocci ball, horseshoes and washer pitching.

The facility is located on your right hand side as you come in on Blue Lake Drive, just past the dumpster area, at the intersection of South Blue Ridge Trail. Please do not park in the dumpster/maintenance buildings area. Parking is available on the north side of the park on South Blue Ridge Trail.

The Park is available for use by Blue Lake Estates property owners and their guests.

## **BLUE LAKE GOLF CLUB UPDATE**

The Golf Club has been busy preparing for spring. Our major project to replace the aging pumps that pump lake water to the course as backup to the return water from the sewer plant is progressing. We should complete this project by the end of March. The annual cleanup of the maintenance building has been completed. We are working on replacing the wooden guardrails on number 9 fairway with heavy metal pipe. In late March we will aerify and sand the greens as

the Bermuda grass will replace the winter rye. Finally, the ladies are busy cleaning up the winter damage to our plants. Thanks to all the volunteers who continue to support our work.

### **WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION (WGA)**

The Women's Golf Association (WGA) was formed in 1974 and is one of the longer standing women's golf groups in the area. The WGA hosted the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Nanny Goat Tournament on March 22, 2011. Previously, the tournament was called the Blue Lake Invitational. The WGA is open to all Lady golfers in the area and we enjoy fun tournaments with other Ladies Golf Associations in the area and with the Blue Lake Men's Golf Association.

Our next event is The Blue Lake Special, scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup> where we invite the Men's Golf Association to join us in a team event and lunch afterwards.

The WGA invites all Blue Lake Property Owners who enjoy golf to join us for our annual Charity Tournament to be held Sunday, September 25. Please save the date!

### **COCKTAIL AND CONVERSATION (C&C)**

Everyone get your calendars now and mark the second Wednesday of every month with a "C&C" that is held at the Blue Lake Community Club. Every month two couples join together to host this covered dish event. You will enjoy your best meal of the month that evening, because we all know we have the best cooks in the Hill Country right here in Blue Lake and the surrounding communities that make up our membership. Along with our "cocktails and conversation" (BYOB) there are door prizes to be given away at the discretion of the host.

Whip up your favorite dish and bring it to our next C&C April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 P.M. If you can't make the April event join us on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

We would like to thank everyone for their continued donations of current books for our library located at the community clubhouse. We have over 1600 books in the library. The paperbacks are filed in different categories. They are "Mystery", "Romance & Comedy", "Spy and Military", and "Western". The hardbacks are all filed together. There has been a new section added that holds "New Arrivals". This is for the convenience of those using the library extensively. They can see what new books have been added recently without having to browse through all the books. The new arrivals are filed on the top shelf over the "Romance & Comedy" section. As new books come in, the old and unread books are purged.

For those who want to use the library you are welcome to take the books out at any time without "checking" them out; however, when you return the books please place them in the basket marker "Returned Book". This enables us to enter them in the database as to when they are read, and keep a record of the books that are not being read.

Please enjoy the library and again thanks to those of you who make donations to the community library.

## **SKY HIGH INVESTMENT CLUB**

The Sky High Investment Club meets on the second Friday of the month at 9:00 a.m. at the Blue Lake Community Room at 214 West Bluebonnet Road. Members invest \$ 25.00 a month, which is used to purchase stock. There is also a once a year charge of \$25.00 to cover administrative costs. When we sell a stock, that money is used to buy stocks that are studied and recommended by the members. It's a fun, social time and it's a real learning experience on investing.

New members are welcome—we are sure you'll enjoy being a part of the club and participating in the decisions made on purchasing stocks. Despite rumors, we are in the black!! For additional information, call Karen Neidner at 830-598-8891, Gary Simons at 830-598-4521 or Larry Meyers at 830-598-6322.

## **BLUE LAKE FIREWORKS DISPLAY 2011**

Plans continue for the Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Display to be held at Wenmoh's Park on Saturday night, July 2. Donations for this very popular and exciting event are now being collected at the Blue Lake Golf Clubhouse Pro Shop. Cash or checks in any amount are acceptable; unfortunately, we cannot accommodate credit card usage for donations. This year's much anticipated display will follow a full days' activity of various events, which will begin in the A.M. with the Annual POA meeting at the Club House. (See attached article on this).

**Note: Our fireworks' show is funded solely through your donations. Thanks for helping out!!**

## **RR 2831 CLEAN-UP**

The Blue Lake Property Owners Association sponsored spring clean-up of RR 2831 was conducted on Saturday, March 18. We were blessed with an overcast sky and relatively cool weather that made the event less a chore and more of an outing. This was the fourth clean-up of RR 2831 since it was "adopted" by the Blue Lake POA under the TX DOT Adopt-A-Highway program. Because the amount of trash picked up has declined with each successive effort, it is obvious that the program is working. On Saturday, we collected 21 large bags of trash; several "road-kill" remains and an assortment of limbs, lumber and construction material, to include four 20' rebar rods, etc.

Due to the excellent turn-out by the community (with golf carts), the job was completed in only 2 hours. Anyone traveling 2831 since the clean up on the 18<sup>th</sup> will be pleased with how much cleaner and nicer the road looks. THANK YOU EVERYONE!!

## **NEW PROPERTY OWNERS**

We have new property owners in Blue Lake Estates. The Llano County MUD #1 and the Blue Lake POA wishes them a warm welcome! Please help our new neighbors feel welcome:

**Amy S and Rebecca Havekost-205-207 N Blue Ridge Trail**

**John and Connie Wisniewski-210 S Blue Ridge Trail**

**Jan Yates and Scott Coburn-109 W Bluebonnet Road**



## *Blue Lake Fourth of July Celebration July 2*

- 9:30am-11:00am     Annual POA Meeting at the Community Center  
11:00am             Arrive at Parade Start Location (Driftwood Park next to Marina)  
11:15am             Parade to begin between 11:15am-11:30am  
12:00pm             Award for "Best Decorated" Golf Cart  
12:05pm             Children's Games  
12:30pm             Hamburger or Hot Dog Lunch at Community Center

**Parade Registration:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch Reservations: \$5 per person: Number people \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Orders: \$12    Adults M \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_ XXL \_\_\_

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**t-shirts orders & Lunch reservations paid by check by June 1**

Mail Checks Payable to Blue Lake POA\*2900 Blue Lake Dr.

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