

Woods Edge Estates Section III



Summer 2022

Section 3

Officers and Board Members

President - Jay Weatherwax

Vice President/Treasurer - Ty Bell

Secretary - Betty Knott

If you have any suggestions or issues concerning
Section 3, feel free to contact us:

Board3@woodsedgeestates.org

Visit the neighborhood **website** to see each section's
Announcements, Contacts, Minutes from Board Meetings,
and copies of Governing Documents and Policies.

<https://woodsedgeestates.org>

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Section III Board News



Section III held its annual meeting on May 3rd this year. Ty Bell was elected to the Board of Directors. Board members voted on officers & Ty will serve as the Vice President/Treasurer, Jay Weatherwax as the President, and Betty Knott as the Secretary. Members voted by show of hands to serve appetizers at future annual meetings instead of dinner. A draft of the meeting minutes will be posted online after the next Board meeting is held. Thank you to Jennifer Taylor for volunteering to serve on the Board!

HOA Law Legislative Update

A summary of the new and modified statutory laws are summarized on the website of Cagle Pugh Attorneys [HOA Legislative Update Gregory Cagle](#) . Three chapters of the Texas Property Code were modified in 2021. The following are just a few of the changes made.

SENATE BILL 581 - Protection of Displayed Religious Items Senate Bill 581 amends Section 202.018 of the Texas Property Code, which prior to 2021 prohibited a property owners association from adopting or enforcing a restrictive covenant that restricts an owner or resident from displaying or affixing a religious item on the owner's or resident's entry to their dwelling. Pursuant to such amendment, Section 202.018 now prohibits the adoption or enforcement of a restriction that would restrict an owner or resident from displaying a religious item anywhere on the owner's or resident's dwelling or property. Section 202.018 also permits a property owners association to adopt or enforce restrictions that restrict the display of religious items: (1) on common area or common element property; (2) that violate any applicable building line, right-of-way, setback, or easement; or (3) that are attached to a traffic control device, street lamp, fire hydrant, or utility sign, pole, or fixture. There are identical provisions for the protection of displayed religious items incorporated in Senate Bill 1588.

SENATE BILL 1588 - The Omnibus Bill

Senate Bill 1588 has 27 separate sections that add or modify statutory provisions in Chapters 202, 207 and 209 of the Texas Property Code, ...

Senate Bill 1588 adds Section 209.00505 to the Texas Property Code, which imposes new rules on the denial of an application by an architectural committee for a subdivision development with more than 40 lots and creates a procedure for appealing such a denial to the property owners association's board of directors. Section 209.00505 also restricts members of the property owners association's board of directors, and their spouses and household members, for serving on the architectural committee. ...

Senate Bill 1588 As amended, Section 207.003 imposes restrictions on the amounts charged for a resale certificate (no more than \$375 for a resale certificate and no more than \$75 for an updated resale certificate) (Section 3 charges \$25 for each of these.)

Volunteers Wanted!!!



At our annual meeting in May, members stated a concern that too many of the same people are on our committees. A desire was expressed to give other people opportunities to serve in the association.

This is your chance!
Sign up!

There are volunteer opportunities on the Architectural Control Committee & the IT Oversight Committee. If you are interested in serving on either one, send a message to the Board at board3@woodsedgeestates.org.

Newsletter Opportunities

CONNECT

CREATE

contribute

Contribute & use your creativity to create this newsletter & help our neighborhood to stay connected. You don't have to do it alone! You can organize a group, with each person responsible for a different task. Send a message to the board stating you are interested in volunteering to produce the newsletter each season, or that you will organize a group to do so!

Front Entrance Wall Opportunity

Some folks on NextDoor have expressed a desire to make the letters on the entrance walls more visible. In the past there have been several volunteer committees for the front entrance & Dr. Ken Parr (still who designed the bricks used on his originally had a back of the letters was until a committee gold in order to



making improvements to the wall. According to lives here on Mimosa) wall with the same house, the letters drop. The original color black & remained so decided to paint them reflect more light.

Other committees were formed to improve the landscaping. In 2018 Joe Carte volunteered on a committee & has kept our front entrance looking good for 5 years with plants & flowers. Each year volunteers decorate the walls for a "holiday look". In 2020 Joe & Michele Carte volunteered & initiated a plan for additional holiday lights. All three boards approved & our front entrance looks great for the season. Volunteer to start a committee to make the letters more visible & help our entrance to be easier to read for everyone!



ACC NEWS

There are 3 new homes soon to be in section 3. Ramiro and Sandra Cerrano's home on Cherry Ridge is well underway with framing & more. Andy & Kacie Bartels have the slab poured & framing started on their lot on Mimosa. Rene & Connie Lapotaire just had their plans approved & the construction of their new home next door to the Bartels' on Mimosa will begin soon. We are looking forward to having 3 new families in less than a year!

If you are interested in volunteering to be on the ACC Committee, send a message to board3@woodsedgeestates.org.

Sections 1 & 2

Section 1 Officers and Board Members

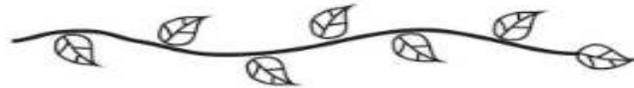
President – Doug MacDonnell Vice President – Jeff Haley
Treasurer – Pat Hearn
Secretary – Josiane Ginestra
Director – Jeff Haley
Aaron Ellisor (non voting)

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Section 2 Officers and Board Members

President – Doug MacDonnell Vice President – Doug MacDonnell
Vice President/Secretary – Gail McIntire-Stotler
Treasurer – Tara Durbin
Board Member- Candace Seger (non voting)

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A message from Section 2:

Homeowners please be reminded, anytime renovations, construction, modifications, etc. to the outside of the home/property are to be completed, the Architectural Review form needs to be submitted to the Secretary and the ARC for approval. Please allow up to 3 weeks for final approval. Thank you for your understanding.



Hello

A-N-D

Welcome!

Our neighborhood has been blessed with two new families! Both families are looking forward to making friends in the neighborhood. We are happy to have you here!

Jacob & Ashley Rascon moved into their new home on Silverbelle Ln. Jacob grew up in Houston & Ashley in Dallas. They have lived in the Richmond area for 5 years before moving to our neighborhood. Jacob & Ashley have 5 children, 2 girls & 3 boys: Olivia-13, Malachi-9, Elijah-7, Elena-5, & Noah-2. Jacob is a news reporter for ABC-13 & Ashley teaches music at a preschool, as well as being a busy mom of 5.

Dan & Rachel Jeannerat both grew up in Pennsylvania & came to Texas in December. They decided Richmond was the place they wanted to be & moved into their new home on Dogwood about a month ago. They have a son, Colton who is “almost” 4, a daughter Ella who is 2, soon to be 25, & a dog named Bandit. Dan is a production supervisor for a water treatment plant & Rachel works for Coterra Energy, who offered her the opportunity to move to Texas. They are excited to be here, even in this heat!

JULY 4th

Woods Edge had its Second Annual

July 4th Parade & Celebration this year!

For the second time, volunteers Roy & Beth Clark hosted a July 4th parade & celebration. Charlotte Simer & Gail McIntire-Stotler brought Mimosa's to go along with the coffee & donuts. Sarah & Blaine Self led the parade of neighbors around the neighborhood with their decorated golf carts, bikes, & kid cars. Thank you to the Clark's for a great time & inspiration for next year!



Did You Know????

 In 2017 a deed restriction committee was formed. In reviewing the deed restrictions from 1990, it was “discovered” that ACC members were to serve a term of 3 years. Several members had served over 10 years on the committee. In 2019 the Board voted to reinstate the 3 year terms. Board members choose the ACC members, but volunteers are sought first.

 You can report outages or problems with our street lights directly from our website. The numbers are not on the poles, but they are on the website next to the location. You can click directly from the page to the Centerpoint report.

 Proxy votes are not new. Some of us approved the vote for the 1990 Deed Restrictions using a Proxy vote. From our Section 3 Deed Restrictions 1990 (also current):” 4.03 All members of the association may attend meetings of the Association and all voting members may exercise their vote at such meetings either in person or by proxy. “ From the Texas Property Code - PROP § 209.00592 (a-1) “Except as provided by this subsection, unless a dedicatory instrument provides otherwise, a property owners' association is not required to provide an owner with more than one voting method. ~~An owner must be allowed to vote by absentee ballot or proxy.~~ Absentee & electronic ballots are more limiting than proxy votes, “By casting your vote via absentee ballot you will forgo the opportunity to consider and vote on any action from the floor on these proposals.....” By choosing someone to vote for you through *proxy*, proposals or actions from the floor can be voted on. Many HOA's require a proxy to be submitted to the Board or Management Office in advance of the meeting date, but it has not been our usual practice. We have allowed proxies to be brought to the meeting, as long as they are present before the meeting is called.

In Memoriam

*It is sad to report that we lost two of our long-time Section III residents in May.
Our heartfelt sympathy goes to both families.*

In Memory



Donald Craig Vichi
8-20-1947~5-28-2022

Don & Vicki Vichi built their home & moved into Woods Edge in 1990 with their son Eric. Don grew up in Albuquerque, New Mexico & attended the University of New Mexico where he graduated with a degree in civil engineering. He moved to Houston & worked for MW Kellogg (later became Kellogg Brown & Root, then KBR, Inc) until his retirement in 2017. He & Vicki met when he moved to Houston, dated for six months, & were married for over 50 years.

Don enjoyed traveling back to New Mexico & visiting the property his father left him, in the mountains outside of Albuquerque. He had a great tongue-in-cheek sense of humor. At home he loved to sit in their backyard with Vicki & watch the creek & different birds & animals. Recently he would watch Vicki feed the many ducks that come to visit each day.

In Memory



Jack Errol Williams
4-13-1940~5-10-2022

Jack & Lilieth built their home on Mimosa & moved here in 1992. Jack was born in Kingston Jamaica. It is there where he grew up, attended Kingston Technical High School, & graduated with honors from The College of Arts, Science, & Technology with an engineering degree. Jack worked full time as an electrical engineer & at both of his alma maters as a professor in the evenings & Saturdays. He also performed as the Chief Electrical Inspector for the island of Jamaica. In 1968 he met Lilieth & they married in 1970. They were married over 50 years. In 1980 Jack came to Houston & was soon joined by Lilieth, daughter Renee, & son Jack. At different times he worked as an engineer for Bechtel, Kellogg Brown & Root, & The Wood Group until he retired in 2010. He had a love for fishing & scuba diving. It was not uncommon to see him swinging a golf club in his front yard as he waved when you drove by. Jack volunteered for many years on the Section III ACC committee.

A BIT OF HISTORY

Santa Anna's army crossed "our" league on his march to what became the battle of San Jacinto.

If you do not already know, Fort Bend County is full of history. Our own neighborhood is part of the Samuel Isaacks (later Isaacs) League which was one of fifty-three grants issued to Fort Bend County as part of Stephen F Austin's "Old Three Hundred". Samuel Isaacks received a league & a labor of land on July 15, 1824. A "league" was 4,428 acres of pasture land and a "labor" was 177 acres of farm land next to a river or a creek. Samuel Isaacs was the first Jewish settler in Texas for whom any record is preserved.¹ He did not stay here long before moving on to East Texas.

The Isaac's League is mostly located on the north side of the Brazos River, but a small portion extends across to the south side. It is located next to the Knight & White League. At this location was Thompson's Ferry, which operated from 1828 to 1834 by Jesse Thompson. "It was important during the Texas Revolution. As Sam Houston's Texan army retreated toward Jared E. Groce's plantation, rear-guard contingents under Moseley Baker at San Felipe and Wylie Martin at Fort Bend sought to prevent the Mexicans from crossing the Brazos River. On April 9, 1836, Gen. Antonio López de Santa Anna, not wishing to be delayed by Baker's men at San Felipe, led a column downriver toward Thompson's Ferry. The Mexicans arrived at the crossing on the morning of April 12 and spied a black ferryman on the east bank of the Brazos. Col. Juan N. Almonte, who spoke English well, hailed the ferryman. Probably thinking that this was a countryman who had been left behind during the retreat, the ferryman poled the ferry across to the west bank. Santa Anna and his staff, who had been hiding in nearby bushes, sprang out and captured the ferry. By this means the Mexican Centralists accomplished a bloodless crossing of the Brazos, which they completed by April 14. Twelve miles downriver, Martin and the Texans guarding the Fort Bend crossing learned that the Mexicans had crossed in force at Thompson's Ferry; outflanked and outnumbered, they had no choice but to abandon Fort Bend. Baker, also outflanked, was now obliged to end his dogged defense of the San Felipe crossing and join the rest of the Texans in their retreat. José Enrique de la Peña reported that after the battle of San Jacinto, 1,500 Mexican troops and four cannons were stationed at or near Thompson's Ferry under the command of Gen. Vicente Filisola..."²

¹ Henry Cohen

Publications of the American Jewish Historical Society No. 2 (1894), pp. 139-156 (18 pages)
Published by: The Johns Hopkins University Press

²"Thompson's Ferry" TSHA Texas State Historical Association - Handbook of Texas

Stephen L. Hardin, *Texian Illiad: A Military History of the Texas Revolution* (Austin: University of Texas Press, 1994). José Enrique de la Peña, *With Santa Anna in Texas* (College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 1975)

Making a Difference

Do you recognize these two guys?



Are they ...
the Dynamic Duo?
Pancho & Righty?
Double Trouble?
Yogi & Huckleberry?
Salt & Pepper?
All of the above?
It's Rinn & Rennie!

Jim Rinn & David Rennie

It seems that they are in the newsletter almost every edition. They are always up to something – always volunteering to do something for the neighborhood, often without being asked & always without wanting recognition. Recently they repaired a sprinkler problem at the front entrance. That was not long after they took care of some tree work in the park.



Jim Rinn

David Rennie

Volunteers David Rennie, Jim Rinn, & frequent side-kick, Bob Westfall. A large tree came down in one of the storms & they took care of it in no time.





Thank You Michele!

A BIG Thank You goes to Volunteer Michele Carte!
Since the fall of 2019, Michele has given a lot of time & effort in
putting together this newsletter. She is ready to pass the torch.
Thank you Michele for doing such a great job!