

Ridge Harbor Floater

Spicewood, TX 78669



March/April 2006

By Sherri Curry

The prelude to summer is upon us with record-breaking temperatures recorded in Austin of 91 degrees the beginning of April...this after the teaser spring weather threw in a chilly reminder that winter was not quite through and temperatures dropped to the high 20's in mid March. Spicewood Vineyards suffered some damages to their new crop of budding grape vines because of this late freeze. Haven't heard how the peach crops are doing, but the warm weather preceding the freeze did cause many plants to prematurely start their new growth. The recent rains helped, but not cured, our drought conditions but it did lift the burn ban temporarily in Burnet County. Burning is now permitted in our area at this time, however, is subject to continuing drought conditions and absence of rainfall. The Spicewood Fire Department posts the Burn Bans info on their sign in front of their VFD building.

Several hundred acres burned in Spicewood during March. The windy, dry conditions and warmer weather made burning or working with combustible materials a risky situation. Care should be taken to ensure favorable conditions are present when igniting burn piles such as the one in Ridge Harbor by the boat ramp.

When driving around in Ridge Harbor, it is gratifying to see how most of the residences are being kept up and spring landscaping is underway. What is **not** a pleasant sight is all the garbage and debris lining our roads and in vacant lots...plastic bottles, beer and soda cans, fast food containers, etc. The image of our neighborhood is somewhat tarnished by the litter. The POA Board has decided to have a Community work day to collect this trash, but maybe we should include a Litter Scavenger Hunt for the younger ones in the community using teams and age groups and suitable prizes for the quantities collected. A few hidden prizes in the litter might be the right enticement

for avid collecting! Thoughts about this?

Steve Schneider took the following picture this year of a spectacular sunset...thought ya'll would enjoy it.



Cindy and Steve Schneider occasionally contribute items of interest for the newsletter as does Julie Partridge. Any and all participation is appreciated to help keep our community informed. As the community grows in population, the newsletter serves to help newcomers and regular residents keep up to date. Thanks to the Schneiders and Julie Partridge.

Did you know??? It is impossible to lick your elbow? Coca-Cola was originally green. Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair. What do bullet-proof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers all have in common?...they were all invented by women! The only food that does not spoil is honey. In the 1400's a law was set forth that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb...hence we have the "rule of thumb". Who would "a thunk" it?

Marble Falls is getting to be a "happening" town! Just attended the first annual blues fest on Main Street the first weekend of April. Street was closed off; bands performed in the bandstand erected in the Police Department parking lot; and Cajun Boil plates complete with crawdads, potatoes and corn were served to accompany the music of various blues bands. Of course, there was a variety of libations to cool the thirst. There were some name musicians such as W.C. Clark

playing for the function and the weather cooperated to make this a fine annual event! The Bluebonnet Blues & Fine Arts Festival was presented by the Historic Main Street of Marble Falls and featured good blues plus many local artists and artwork. The art and artists were found throughout the town.



Blues on Main Street

Ridge Harbor Community Information Page

April Showers



Bring

May Flowers



Recaps of Minutes from Board of Director's Meetings

Recaps of the POA Board meetings are currently put on Ridge Harbor's website after each meeting by the editor of this newsletter. The board meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 6 PM. There will be a link on the home page to the latest recap as well as recaps of past meetings. **These are not official minutes** and have not been voted on as approved by the Board. The official minutes are taken and approved by the Board at the next meeting and are available after they have been approved. Again, residents are welcome to attend the Board meetings. The dates, times and places for the meetings are published in the recap.

If you have an item for the agenda, please contact the Property Manager, Mary Lynn Ray before the next meeting.

Burn Pile

Please make sure there is not a **Burn Ban** in effect before burning the pile. Do not pile any brush in the trailer parking area. The Burn Pile is located more toward the lake--not in the parking area. Some residents have been using the old area to pile brush in. If not sure, please ask someone.

Gate Information

To change your gate code or get a new one for a service such as construction, lawn care or housecleaning: **Notify Mary Lynn Ray, Property Manager or Sherri Curry (830 693-8327)**

Remember, you can have a guest or service dial your number from the gate directory. The phone will ring in your house acting like an intercom. You can press "9" on your phone and it will open the gate.

Because of several complaints of loose dogs in the neighborhood, the POA Board has recommended the following. If you know who the owner of the dog is, the Property Manager can be contacted to write a letter to this owner before calling the Animal Control. If owner is not known, call:

**Burnet County
Animal Control Number:**

(512) 756-8080

Ridge Harbor Contact Information

Email: rhpoa@ridgeharbor.com
Phone: (830) 798-2270

Ridge Harbor POA Board Members:

Mary Lynn Ray, Mgr. P. O. Box 638 Spicewood, TX 78669	Sharon Bechtold-Sengbusch - President Gennaro Bonomo - Vice President Paul Kronbergs- Treasurer Cathy Haas - Secretary Steve Schneider - Project Manager
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Ridge Harbor Floater Information

The newsletter is created and written by Sherri Curry every other month. The advertising revenue helps to fund the costs of maintaining our website, www.ridgeharbor.com. If you would like to be involved in helping with the newsletter or would like to place an ad in the "Floater", please contact Sherri at:

693-8327 or 24txmxjs@zeecon.com

**Congratulations! To Ridge Harbor Honor Roll Students (all A's)
For 4th Six Weeks - Spicewood Elementary School
(These same students were on the honor roll last time.)**



1st Grade: Madison Panzarella 2nd Grade: Cory Clausen



3rd Grade: Callie Levine 4th Grade: Jacob Fereday

Volunteer Community Work Day - Saturday, April 29, 2006 - 9 AM

The POA Board would like to have volunteers meet at Marina Park to do community litter pick up, clean up trash behind pool and do some brush clipping. Bring gloves, trash bags and clippers. Another group is needed to help with demolition and removal of the rotted areas of gazebo. This group will start at 7:30 AM at the Gazebo. Bring hammers, crow bars, gloves etc. Contact Gennaro Bonomo or Steve Schneider for more information.

Julie Partridge provided the following information on Tax Preparation:

The **AARP Tax Aid Program** offers free tax help for middle and low income individuals as well as special assistance to senior citizens. They are located at the Boys & Girls Club on 1701 Broadway in Marbles Falls, TX. 9 am to 1 pm to April 13. For more information, call:

Have you ever been frustrated by the **telephone systems** of certain companies that refuse to direct your call to a **human operator** but instead, require you to listen to a litany of moronic menus that are sometimes so complicated you just hang up in despair rather than endure another round of non-applicable choices? Yes, I thought you might have been in this situation. Here is a **GREAT** site that has tips and information on how to circumvent these menus and get a "live operator" right away: My personal experience is with Verizon...trying to get a repair for the phone lines that connect to the gate. They wanted a physical street address of these phone lines with a time when someone would be home should the line problem be in the residence or place of business. There was no alternative menu for special circumstances like modem phone lines. The following site gives great solutions to phone menu problems. In this case, this site advised not to answer any of the prompts that Verizon requested. An operator would then have gotten on the line!

www.gethuman.com "Our goal is to improve the quality of customer service and phone support in the US. This free website is run by volunteers and is powered by over one million consumers who demand high quality phone support from the companies that they use. Our site has information for many types of consumer companies including credit cards, finance companies (banks and mortgages), insurance companies, cell phone providers and many others.

The most popular part of the **gethuman** website is the **gethuman** database of secret phone numbers and codes to get to a human when calling a company for customer service."





Welcome New Neighbors:

Hazardous Waste Collection

LCRA has collections for household hazardous wastes and the next one for Burnet County is **April 22, 2006**.

<http://www.lcra.org/community/hhw.html>

David & Ruth Henderson - 729 Wesley Ridge Dr. - Moved into their new home in February of this year. They found their property through Kathie Gabriel and built their home beginning in 2005. They have two grown sons who live in Austin so they are close enough to keep an eye on them. The Henderson's moved from Houston where David retired from an international oil business and Ruth did volunteer work and worked part time. They currently are involved in a wildlife art marketing business for an artist whose studio is in Galveston. They will be traveling a bit to represent their art client. Their interests are fishing, boating, travel and just plain relaxing and they are eager to meet more of the residents of Ridge Harbor.

Skip & Carol Hutnek - 633 Wesley Ridge Dr. - Bought a Tennis Village place in Ridge Harbor in 2003 as a second home and then built their new lake house which they moved into this February. Their permanent home is in Houston where they both work for Exxon/Mobil--Skip as a Manager and Carol as an executive. They have a daughter, Sarah, various pets including a loquacious bird. They enjoy boating, golf and relaxation.

Pam & Ray Moody - 300 Harbor Drive - The Moody's moved into their new home in February and March this year. They moved from Houston where Roy retired from the Houston Police Department. He has met and visited with Bill Fisher, another retired Houston Police Department officer that lives in Ridge Harbor and enjoyed getting to know each other. They both have a same interest--fishing! Ray is a sports enthusiast as evidenced by his "Ray Room" with sports signs, mirrors, banners and memorabilia surrounding his large television. He also enjoys visiting casinos throughout the United States. Pam is a special education teacher in Lakeway and enjoys her job and new home. She is eager to meet neighbors and residents and is working to get the landscaping going this spring. Pam and Ray have three grown children--two boys and a daughter living in Salt Lake City and Houston, respectively.

Thelma Jones - 1229 Ridge Harbor Drive - Thelma is a single mother with three grown children and a grandson, Jacob. One of her daughters, Cynthia (mother of Jacob) has special needs and lives with her along with Jacob who attends Spicewood Elementary School. Thelma would like to become a foster parent for younger children and is applying to an agency to be approved for this very special job. She has been employed in various positions and has recently completed courses in the manicure and pedicure profession. She works with her sister in Austin to perfect her techniques. She moved into her home in March from Hutto and loves the neighborhood and appreciates everyone's friendliness. Her son, Sam, spends a lot of time with her and the family.

Shirley & Tom Fisk - 1214 Ridge Harbor Drive - Shirley and Tom moved into their home in March. They relocated from Fullerton, California. Shirley has a sister living in Spicewood and after visiting her, decided to move. They found their home in Ridge Harbor on the Internet and after seeing all the homes on their list, decided this one was just right for their needs. Shirley was an event planner and Tom was involved in education in California. They are semi-retired (maybe they will do some part-time work or maybe not) and they both enjoy sports, art, reading and history and Shirley would be interested in a Bible study group if one was available in Ridge Harbor. They are both happy to be in Ridge Harbor and look forward to getting acquainted...they have found that all traffic has to slow down for the speed bump in front of their home so they can wave and say hello to the passersby.

Please stop by and make all our new residents feel welcome!



Annual Fun Run to Shades Café
 May 6, 2006 # 10:00 AM
 Meet at Ridge Harbor Marina

All are welcome to take your boats or hitch a ride with someone so that we can have a fun time together going down the lake to eat, drink and be merry!

Contact Cindy Schneider at (830) 693-2314

Email: cschneider@zeecon.com

Please let Cindy know how many boats will be coming and how many people need rides. She will try and hook everyone up with a boat. The sooner, the better!

As of April 4, 2006 Cindy Schneider has not had any responses to this brochure. Please let her know ASAP if you plan on participating. There have been two regrets, but no acceptances.

Cindy's Thought for the Day

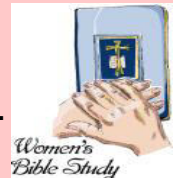
Do all you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can to all the people you can as long as ever you can!

By John Wesley

Women's Bible Study



Will begin in Ridge Harbor Thursday, September 7, 2006 at 7 PM.
 Study will be from the series Women of Faith--Encouraging One Another.
 For details, get in touch with Cindy Schneider at 830 693-2314



Today, I invite you to connect with Shary Carr. She was involved in a serious car accident about a month ago in the Marble Falls area and suffered a broken neck from the collision. Thankfully, her spinal cord was not injured. I am sure she would welcome your prayers, cards and any encouragement while she is in recovery. Shary's twin sister is helping Dick manage with taking care of her. We wish you complete recovery, Shary!

By Cindy Schneider



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