

Ridge Harbor Floater

Spicewood, TX 78669

April ~ 2009



By Sherri Curry

The last newsletter was in January and many events have transpired since that time. The most recent event that has affected so many residents was the hailstorm on March 25...golfball-sized hail pelted our area causing damage to vehicles and homes. Many roofs in our neighborhood are having to be replaced after inspection by insurance companies and it is not uncommon to see multiple insurance companies in Ridge Harbor doing damage assessments and remediation plans. If there is any doubt about damage to your home, be sure and contact your insurance company for an inspector visit. **Do Not Try Climbing on the Roof Yourself!**

Jim and Kathie Gabriel hosted their son, Aubrey's wedding on April 3 with John Spreen officiating the marriage with his recently acquired ministerial ordination. He married Groom Aubrey and Bride Amy in a special ceremony attended by close friends and family. Perfect weather prevailed right at sunset on the outside patio .

The Tomato Happy Hour kicked off in March for the new year. Ridge Harbor and Windermere residents had a strong showing. This event happens every Friday from 4 - 6 pm (weather permitting) at the tomato/vegetable stand right after Barton Creek on the left-hand side. Tomatoes and seasonal vegetables are available every day, but the Tomato Happy Hour specializes in tasty treats. Be sure and visit...it's fun and the tomatoes are wonderful and remember to bring the beverage of your choice. It is, after all, happy hour!

Brett Fereday, a Ridge Harbor property owner, is in Iraq serving a tour of duty. His wife, Janelle, just had her baby girl this week and will have to share pictures with Brett in Iraq. "Care packages" can be sent to soldiers in Iraq with special boxes available from the post office. If would like to send a box to Brett, get in touch with Tracy Bettin or John Spreen for the details and address. Brett really appreciated his recent box of goodies that we sent to him.



Brett Fereday on Right

Spicewood Library's recent BBQ and auction, held at the Volunteer Fire Department, was a great success. Almost \$22,000 was raised to help fund the expansion plans for the library. Over 500 BBQ plates were served and most of the auction items were in popular demand and created hot bidding between the bidders. Live music by Bob Schneider was enjoyed by all as he sang many genres of current and past hits. The members of the Volunteer Fire Department and many others help make this an annual event to be anticipated.

The Ridge Harbor *Floater* is also available on www.ridgeharbor.com -the site owned by Sherri Curry and Kathie Gabriel. The website is supported by local advertising listed directly on the site. Proceeds from the advertising will help pay for the domain and hosting services. Any extra income will help provide funding for community events. We appreciate

everyone's support and thank all the businesses for listing their ads with us. We also have a "**Classified**" section where personal items or services can be listed for sale at no charge.

The **POA Board Minutes** are posted on the website after having been approved by the POA Board electronically .

Please make sure and notify Steve Schneider and Sherri Curry of any change in email addresses.

You can also make sure your listing is correct in the resident directory on the website, www.ridgeharbor.com under "Residents" - Phone Book

Deed Restrictions and Architectural Guidelines can also be found on the website under RH POA for those new residents building a home or for any remodeling projects by current residents.

Ridge Harbor Community Information

Property Owners Association Board Meetings

POA Board Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month. Check the published POA Board Minutes on the website to see where the meetings will be held. All residents are welcome to attend. If there is an issue to be discussed at the meeting, please notify the Property Manager, Mary Lynn Ray, to have it put on the agenda.



Ridge Harbor Contact Information

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Ridge Harbor POA Board Members:

Mary Lynn Ray, Manager

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Steve Schneider - President
Gary Sengbusch - Vice President
Paul Kronbergs- Treasurer
Steve Smith- Secretary
Gennaro Bonomo - Facilities Director

Gate Information

To change your gate code or get a new code for a service such as construction, lawn care or housecleaning: Notify Sherri Curry (830 693-8327). Sherri Curry also has gate remotes (\$25) and swimming pool keys (\$35) available.

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. This will only work if you have a "land line" and your phone number will have to be put into the directory. Contact Sherri for more info or help.



Tennis Court Gate Code:

5142

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This newsletter is created and written by Sherri Curry

The advertising revenue helps to fund the costs of maintaining our website, 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 me:

693-8327 or shernet@gmail.com

Charter Night Celebration for Spicewood Lions Club - April 22, 2009

Lakehouse Cafe in Briarcliff

A new Lions Club has been formed in Spicewood with a mission to raise money for Spicewood/Briarcliff community projects. The Spicewood Lions Club is having a Charter Night Celebration on Wednesday, April 22nd at the Lakehouse Café, 406 Sleat Drive.

The Silent Auction and Social will take place from 6 to 7 PM and the Agenda and Dinner begins at 7 PM. The Silent Auction includes donations from the Horseshoe Bay Resort (Golf for 4, value of \$500), Duich Turf Services (1/2 day of Grounds Maintenance, value of \$250), **Dr. Gary Sengbusch** (Teeth Whitening, value of \$200), Chef Taylor Hall (3 Course Gourmet Dinner for 4 in your Home, value of \$400) and other desirable items donated by members and local businesses (Paleface Grocery, Spicewood General Store, Paleface Veterinary, Cypress Valley Canopy Tours, Assassin Pest Control, Spicewood Arts Society, **Spicewood K9 Club**, Design Mechanical, Janette's Family Hair Care, Security State Bank, Angels' Ice House and Opie's BBQ), and many more to come.

The speaker will be Beverly Stebbins, from the Arlington, Texas Lions Club. Beverly is a director of the International Association of Lions Clubs and has been a Lion since 1992. "The officers and members of the Spicewood Lions Club wish to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to the Marble Falls Noon Lions Club for being our sponsor. It is our sincere wish that through them and other area clubs, we may further the ideals and objectives of Lions. We also wish to thank our Guiding Lions, Marjorie Phipps and Dick Crow who have been instrumental in giving us a great start on our Lions experience.", said **Fred Elizalde, President of the Spicewood Lions Club**.

Tickets to the event are \$20 available via Julie Weiss at 512-789-0697 (julieweiss@zeecon.com) or mail checks payable to Spicewood Lions Club, P.O.. Box 831, Spicewood, TX 78669 – indicate for Charter Night Celebration. Please RSVP by April 15th. If you would like to bid on Silent Auction items or make a donation, please contact us via Julie Weiss. Info is also available at www.spicewoodlions.org.



Spicewood Community Library – Spicewood's **FIRST** WiFi HOTSPOT!

Saturday, April 18, 2009 – help us raise money during a **garage sale** at the library. We have started collecting items for this sale. We are accepting most things, except **no large appliances, clothing, non-working electronics**, etc. However, we would like children's clothing. Also, we have people available to pick up things for the garage sale.

If you would like to donate something, please contact Ridge Harbor resident **Kathy Blanchard (830-798-2215)** or the Fundraising Chairman, **Bettie Jackson (830-693-2976)**; they will make arrangements to meet you at the library or will pick up the donations. You can also call the library (830-693-7892) and items may be taken to the library **when it is open** (www.spicewoodlibrary.org); mark items with a tag that says "for BBQ Auction".

If you have any questions about the fundraisers, please contact one of these ladies:

Kathy Blanchard (830-798-2215 or email kathybl@hillcountryweb.com) or

Bettie Jackson (830-693-2976 or email jacksonsrr@hillcountryweb.com)

Many thanks to Julie for her contributions to **The Floater--**
Her poignant story and her gardening article.

Nobody From Nowhere by Julie Partridge

I am not a person who desires to get honors or awards or accolades. I guess that is why I don't really like to watch the award programs that are on television - you know the ones where Hollywood loves to honor themselves. It just seems like a waste of time to me and a waste of bronze, wood and other metal products.

But, there was a time in my life when I received several honors and awards that pushed me into the forefront. During my High School days there were always award programs at the end of each school year. I attended a small High School in a West Texas town and everyone in High School would be in attendance in our grand old auditorium.

This particular time happened to be my senior year of high school. We were all gathered in our respective locations - being the Senior class were front and center in the room, with the Juniors behind and Sophomores and Freshman even farther back and on each side. This year they also brought over some of the Junior High kids for the event which meant my younger brother was attending also.

The school officials began to come forward and talk about their award and then make the announcement of who has won that award for the year. My name was called and I went forward to accept the award. Then my name was called again and again I went forward to accept the award. Then my name was called again and again I went forward to accept the award. I don't remember the exact count but what I do remember was feeling a little embarrassed about being given all these awards. As I would accept the award I would turn around and see my classmates in the audience. There were folks who had worked hard for 4 years just to get a particular award and here I was Nobody from Nowhere taking that award. I really didn't know what to do with these honors and awards and would have totally been wiped out except for one saving grace.

You see, my Mom worked at the High School and she had brought her Kodak camera with her flash bulbs that day. As I would walk up on stage and accept my award and turn around to go back - there was my Mom with her camera making me pause for a picture. Now, you ask, how in the world could this possibly be your saving grace? Would not your Mom taking pictures of you each time you got an award make the entire situation even worse? Well it could have, but it didn't. You see my Mom was a little clumsy at times and things did not always work for her as she had planned. As I turned around she would hold up her camera and snap the button but the flash would not go off. She would be so disappointed that she would give out a loud "Oh Darn It !" making large hand gestures with each attempt looking disappointedly at her little camera.

It happened time and time again - each time I would turn around and each time the bulb would not flash. People in the audience were no longer interested in me but they were interested in Mom and her camera.

Would it work this time ? The audience got into the whole thing with my Mom.

They would say "awe" or laugh and giggle when the bulb didn't flash again.

Finally - with my last award acceptance, Mom came up to the stage and as I turned around I was met with a big FLASH from her little camera. The entire auditorium broke out clapping and yelling. Hooray the "Darn thing" finally worked.

I guess you could say my Mom and her Kodak stole the show. Which was fine with me - I could go back to being Nobody from Nowhere - just with a few more trinkets to add to a box someday.

Welcome New Neighbors

Lessa Eddleton - 237 Wesley Ridge - Spicewood, TX 78669

Lessa is a High School chemistry teacher and soccer coach in Marble Falls. She has two children, Madison, 9 years old and Tanner, 6 years old and enjoys living in Ridge Harbor near the lake where she and her family go boating. Lessa is very active with her coaching activities and looks forward to summer vacation with her children.

Stop by and introduce yourselves to the new residents of Ridge Harbor!

Spring Has Sprung in Spicewood

by Julie Partridge



Even though some pro-active mowing by the county has curtailed some of our wildflowers and the recent hail storms smacked some of our newly formed greenery-we still have many plants greening up and blooming around the area.

If you want a veggie garden, now is the time to plant tomatoes, peppers, beans, cantalope, cucumber, greens, okra, summer squash, and watermelon. Remember in the Hill Country, a raised bed or mound garden is a smart way to work with our rocky soil. Don't forget deer protection is a must for most gardens in our area. You don't need a large area to have a nice garden.

A 4' x 4', 12" deep mound will grow several plants and a 4' x 8' raised bed 12" deep will grow plenty of veggies. Remember April 15th - yes it's that dreaded tax day - but it is also your first fertilizer-spreading day. Look for a good non-chemical fertilizer for your yard. A good non-chemical product will slowly release into your soil and feed your plants. You won't need to water after the application and there won't be anything chemical to run off into our beautiful Lake Travis. But - compost can be added to beds, lawns and gardens any time of the year. Compost will feed your grass and plants and will loosen soil as it works its way in. Got an area you are thinking about digging will be much easier if compost is applied well in advance of the dig and we all know what digging in our yards around here is like. So anything that will make that job easier is a welcome asset especially for our backs.



Volunteer Opportunity for Ridge Harbor Residents

Looking for something to do?
Have some time to spare?
Make a difference in a child's life
Become a **CASA** Volunteer!

OPEN HOUSE

Come join the Honorable Judge Hofmann, CASA volunteers and staff. Learn how **YOU CAN help MAKE A DIFFERENCE** in the life of an abused or neglected child in the Hill Country.

Call 325-388-3440 for details.

April 23, 2009 ~ 5:30 to 7:30pm

J Space Gallery ~ 206 Main St.
Marble Falls



Voyage to Glacier Bay
July 27 - August 3

Lone Star College-Kingwood invites you to cruise the inside passage from Anchorage to Vancouver on the beautiful Coral Princess with Diane & Victor Blanco as your hosts.

For a limited time cabins are available at the fantastic price of \$1,818. This price includes an outside unobstructed cabin, all meals, round-trip airfare, insurance, taxes and transfers. All that is required now is a \$200 deposit with Kingwood Travel. Cabins may not be available next week at this bargain price so don't delay.

You may have seen other ads that are promoting Alaskan cruises at discount prices, but none are on the Coral Princess nor do they include tax, transfers, insurance and in some cases port charges.

Also available are a limited number of inside cabins for \$1,620 and balcony cabins at \$2,498 inclusive with airfare.

To reserve your cabin contact Ann Chamberlain at Kingwood Travel at 281-358-5464 today.

For more information visit:
www.princess.com/learn/destinations/alaska/cruises/subtrades/agg.jsp



Alaska Cruise by Diane & Victor Blanco, Ridge Harbor Property Owners

Victor and I are escorting a group on the Coral Princess on The Voyage of The Glaciers from Vancouver B.C. to Anchorage, Alaska from July 27th to August 3rd.

We have secured a fantastic price, but time is of the essence. The travel agency can only hold the cabins for a few days so anyone who would like to go with us needs to call as soon as possible. The price includes your round trip air fare from Houston on Continental and all other charges, including travel insurance.

The outside cabin (unobstructed) is discounted \$1000, so you are paying \$1818 double occupancy. You may also use frequent flyer miles and subtract more than \$700 from the cost. You can also visit the Princess Web site below to see more about the ship which is top rated and ideal for families.

www.princess.com/learn/destinations/alaska/cruises/subtrades/agg.jsp

Diane Blanco