

Ridge Harbor Floater

Spicewood, TX 78669

May ~ 2009



By Sherri Curry

With warmer weather upon us and a rising of Lake Travis of a little more than two feet, conditions are ideal for lake recreation. Our low-level boat ramp is once again able to safely launch larger boats. According to the LCRA - www.lcra.org - Lake Travis is 17' below our May average with a lake temperature of 72 degrees. According to their website, the LCRA will still be releasing water for agricultural irrigation in the southern areas of Texas--even though there was a huge rainfall amount in this area.

A couple of our newer residents, Rusty Johnson and Wendy Foreman, own a much-needed business in the Highland Lakes areas--boat cleaning and detailing. *Deck Hands Boat Detailing* is a mobile service that specializes in comprehensive cleaning and also has maintenance plans. Give Wendy or Rusty a chance to make your boat shine!

Ridge Harbor has been visited by many insurance adjusters and roofing companies in order to address the hail damage from the hailstorm we recently

experienced. If you haven't contacted your insurance company to have an inspection done, you should. This is a service provided by the insurance companies to determine if there is enough damage to create a claim. In many of the Ridge Harbor cases, claims are required.

Due to recent rains, lawns are once again green and growing rapidly. It's back to the pleasure of having green lawns and with this joy is the pain of having to mow--almost every week and a half-- to keep a yard looking spiffy.

So, get your mower running! Head out on that green stuff "look for an adventure and whatever comes your way". Born to be mild? Easy Rider?



Our front entrance to Ridge Harbor is looking very nice thanks to the efforts of the Landscape Committee headed up by Cindy Schneider. What a difference the rocks and planting make.

Hopefully, we will soon have a chipper date where we can dispose of our tree and yard clippings.

We need some volunteers to organize a spring community potluck. There are quite a few new people in the community and the potlucks provide a way to get to know your neighbors plus it's fun to hang out at Marina Park and taste some really good food. The BBQ grills are available for hot-dogs and hamburgers so how about some of the younger residents getting together and helping with this annual event. Contact me for details. The www.ridgeharbor.com website will help provide hot dogs, hamburgers, etc.



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 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. Forms can be obtained from this site.

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.



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Tennis Court Gate Code:

5142

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.

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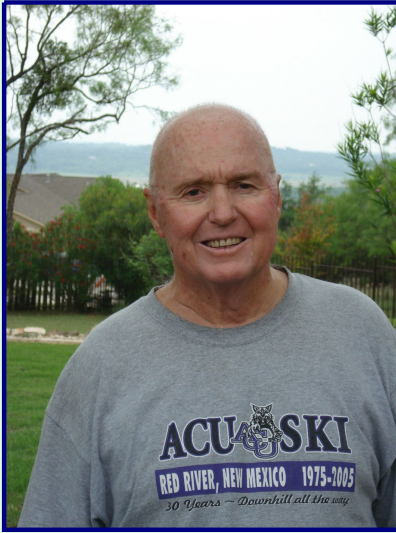
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The advertising revenue helps to fund the costs of maintaining our website, ridgeharbor.com. If you would like to be involved in helping with the newsletter or would like to place an ad in the "Floater", please contact me:

693-8327 or shernet@gmail.com

Update on Wally Dobbs

Wally and Christy Dobbs are currently spending a couple of weeks in Ridge Harbor while Wally recuperates and gets his strength up to return to Baylor Hospital on May 13 and commence with his next stage of treatment. He will undergo a PET scan on the 13th, followed by 6 days of chemotherapy. During this time, he will possibly require blood and plasma transfusion so donating blood is still very helpful. On May 22, Wally will undergo his bone marrow transplant with his own stem cells that were harvested from him in February. Here is a brief explanation of the procedure:



Wally Dobbs sans Hair

Bone marrow transplant is a difficult procedure to go through. Usually the person receives high doses of chemotherapy and/or radiation to eliminate whatever bone marrow he has left and make room for the new marrow transplant. Once this is done, the new stem cells are put into the person intravenously, like a blood transfusion. The stem cells will then find their way to the bone and start to grow and produce more cells (called engraftment).

Serious problems can occur during the time that the bone marrow is gone or very low. Infections are common, as is anemia, and low platelets in the blood. Recipients often receive blood transfusions to treat these problems while they are waiting for the new stem cells to start growing.

Wally has regained a lot of his mental and physical energy while in Ridge Harbor. We wish he and Christy the best for this upcoming procedure and they are truly grateful for everyone's concern and the donation of blood.

Spicewood Community Library – Spicewood's FIRST WiFi HOTSPOT!

2009 Fundraisers Big Success! Thank you Spicewood!

The BBQ/Auction and the Garage Sale raised a total of about \$25,000 after expenses. That, added to our current savings, will permit us to more seriously explore adding on to the front of the library providing much needed space for additional books, meeting and storage space. The board will be looking into the options, alternatives, costs, and potential corporate sponsors for materials and labor. Keep coming back to this web site to learn more.

Volunteers Needed

If you can spare a few hours per month to work a four-hour shift or two in the library, give us a call. We can use some additional volunteers to work with experienced staff volunteers to on-the-job learn our library operations system and to assist patrons within the library. Trust us, it isn't complicated, you'll meet new friends, and be providing important community services. You can call the library at 693-7892 and leave a message or call our volunteer coordinator (and past president), Wilma Swann at 693-6574



www.spicewoodlibrary.org





A Visit to Spicewood Spines

www.spicewoodspines.com



A treasure is located right here in Spicewood--the new location of **Spicewood Spines**, Cactus Nursery and Art Gallery. You can't miss their location...their new big sign is right on Hwy 71.

We dropped by there the first week in May and were pleasantly surprised by the variety of gifts, art works and the huge greenhouse that houses a myriad of exotic cactus plants. The outdoor yard ports a wonderful array of cacti and examples of how to best use a cactus In landscapes. The owners can design and plant cactus dish garden and many larger size groupings. They can repot and plant an existing cactus plant that is not doing so well and will give advice on caring for a wide variety of cacti and succulents. They also have a very friendly rescued pet greyhound that keeps a close eye on its owners, Mark Rehfield and Kathryn Rehfield.

The gift shop and art gallery contains many lovely things including jewelry, carvings, candles, music posters of local artists and local venues, pottery and other wonderful treasures. Be sure and browse in this very interesting place--it's hard to leave empty-handed!



Born Saturday 4/4/09

4:35 PM 6 lb 15 oz 20 inches

Congratulations to Brett and Janelle Fereday on the birth of their new daughter, Stella.



Stella Grace Fereday