

THE WINDS

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It's Spring Again

With spring comes sunshine, allergies and in our case, a new call for volunteers. Our first workday was rained out and another is planned for May 26th. More about this later. Other news this spring; (1) A contract to repair the swimming pool has been approved. The repairs are scheduled for completion by opening day of the swim season. (2) Additional lighting for the Trailer/RV storage lot and the pool/clubhouse areas was approved. This will increase both security and safety. By the same token it may be necessary to raise the annual Trailer/RV storage fee. The amount is yet to be determined.

Board Meetings

The Homeowners Assn board meets the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 AM. Residents are welcome to attend.

Trailer/RV Parking

There have been a number of break-ins over the winter months at the subdivision Trailer/RV storage facility. Police have advised that all trailers should have hitch locks. If you have a boat trailer or RV there without a hitch lock, you should install one immediately.

Onalaska, Texas

William Carlisle founded the town of Onalaska in 1904. He owned a sawmill company and previously lived in Onalaska, Wisconsin. Prior to arriving in Texas, he established another sawmill town in Arkansas naming it Onalaska as well. He went on to later establish yet another Onalaska in Washington State. During the sawmill's heyday the town was larger than Livingston, the county seat. A part of the original settlement lies covered by the lake west and southwest of the peninsula.

Swimming Pool

Included in this mailing is a list of pool rules. Please read and observe them for everyone's safety and enjoyment. Extensive repairs have been made at the pool and clubhouse for this season. Please read them prior to the season opening.

Vacant Lots

Property owners are free to use the Assn web site to list lots they wish to sell. If anyone wishes to do so please contact the Assn office in person or by email. The office is open only on Saturday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Self Help Workday

Our first workday was rained out. The following Saturday we mowed, trimmed

and picked up trash at two entrances to the Subdivision. We did the best we could, given the low turn out and bad weather. We need more volunteers if we are going to accomplish what is necessary to clean up the Subdivision. Another Workday has been scheduled for Saturday, May 26th. We will meet at 9:00 AM at the Community Center. Hopefully more will volunteer. We need lawnmowers, weed eaters, edgers, trash bags, rakes and other garden tools. The three entrances are the main concern at this time, because they are a reflection of our community. Other areas of concern are the Community Center, Tennis Courts, boat ramps and streets. Please call Robert Zbranek and offer your time. Robert's number is 936-646-5426. Any effort to improve the appearance of Twin Harbors sustains and improves property value. In addition these activities provide an opportunity for neighbors to meet and socialize.

Misc, FYI

A note to those of you who routinely walk the subdivision. Why not take a trash bag and collect bits of trash along the way? In the same vein, be observant for possible vandalism as you walk or drive through the subdivision. Also look for suspicious people or vehicles as well. The police can and will respond rapidly to calls of suspected vandalism and such.

Our attitude as neighbors should always be, "I'm watching your back, please watch mine."

Deed Restrictions

One important restriction is trailer parking. No trailer should be parked in front of the front building line, even partially. The front building line is 20 feet from the front of each lot. The board will be vigorously enforcing this restriction in the future.

City & County Numbers

This is a handy reference you can clip and tape to the refrigerator door. A neater and more comprehensive list can be obtained at City Hall.

Chief of police	646 5676
Mayor	646 4330
Pct 2 Commissioner	646 5929
Pct 2 Constable	646 3691
County emergency mgmt	327 6826
County Animal Shelter	327 6803

All Emergency numbers should go to 911. Onalaska city officials assured me that all cell phones, even those with Houston prefixes, will route 911 calls in this area to Polk County Emergency Services.

Boating season

Another advantage of spring is the start of fishing and boating seasons. Don't forget to get a new fishing license and renew the registrations for your boat and trailer as necessary. Also in order to use THPOA boat ramps you must have a green THPOA decal on your windshield. Property owners may pick up a decal at the office on Saturdays. Be mindful that the use of subdivision boat ramps are conditional on having paid all fees and assessments owed.

Board Members

The board historically has had members drop out prior to serving complete terms. With this knowledge, this board would like to prepare for such a situation in advance. If anyone is interested in filling any future vacancy please leave your name and number with a board member or at the office. Especially helpful skills include knowledge of construction, law, finance, management, public speaking, etc. However, anyone interested is welcome.