

# Canyon Lake Hills Property Owners Association

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## Current News and Information

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information, visit  
our website at

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we begin the second half of 2007 with a newly elected POA Executive Board, I would like to thank the outgoing Board members for their contributions and introduce the new Board to our neighbors and friends. First, our grateful thanks go to outgoing Board members, Frances Strickland (President), Dianne Morgan (2nd VP and Secretary), Kathy Johnson (Permits, Building, and Planning), John McNamara (Compliance), and Cedric Dunmore (At Large). Under Frances' outstanding leadership, the many contributions of the Board have made significant improvements to our neighborhood, and have helped sustain our property values. As our POA members should know, these Board positions are staffed on a volunteer basis, and each position requires a lot of dedication, hard work, and sacrifice of their personal time to help improve the quality of life of all POA members. We thank them for their leadership and contributions to the community. Next I would like to introduce the new POA Executive Board which includes some continuing members from the prior Board.

President: Guy Munder and wife Maria (a previous POA Board Secretary) have lived at Canyon Lake since 1994. Prior to that time, living was spread among four countries, eight states, and fifteen cities while serving in Air Force and airline assignments. We have two daughters and three grandchildren. My background is primarily in aviation, serving twenty years as an Air Force pilot, flying mostly fighter aircraft, and then fourteen years as an airline pilot flying for US Airways. At present, I am involved in my third major career as a gemological appraiser and consultant, and enjoy family boating and beach activities.

Fortunately for the POA, Cles is a continuing member from the prior Board, staying on as 1st VP. Cles is a retired family doctor. He and his wife, Bea (current Secretary of the Civic Club) have lived at Canyon Lake for three years. They have three children and two grandchildren. Cles' hobbies include photography and travel.

2nd VP and Director of Grounds and Sports: These two positions are staffed by the family team of Barbara (2nd VP) and Tom Tolman (Grounds and Sports). While Barbara is new to the Board, Tom is a continuing member from last year. Tom and Barbara moved to Canyon Lake three years ago from California where Tom was a twenty eight year veteran of law enforcement and Barbara was the Director of New Stores for The Walking Company. Tom is now an investigator for a firm with federal contracts. They have one daughter who lives in San Antonio.

Secretary: Bette Gilbert and her partner Ed Benham have lived at Canyon Lake since 1993. Bette was also the Board 2nd VP from 1998-2000. We are extremely grateful and fortunate to have her wealth of experience and knowledge of POA matters, and her willingness to continue community service in our neighborhood. Bette retired from AT&T in 2003. She and Ed share four children, eleven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Treasurer: Phillip Strickland and his wife Frances (outgoing POA President) have lived at Canyon Lake for nine years. Phillip has graciously agreed to continue into a second term as Treasurer, and we greatly appreciate his and Frances' contributions to our community. They have two children and six granddaughters. Phillip is a pharmacist, and owns and operates Strickland Drugs in Blanco, Texas. Phillip and Frances enjoy outdoor hobbies of kayaking, scuba diving, gardening, skiing and boating.

Permits, Building & Planning/Compliance: Danny Meadows

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### The Preliminary Hearing for Texas H2O, Inc.

will be held at  
The State Office of  
Administrative  
Hearings.

September 6, 2007 10:00 a.m.  
William P. Clements Building  
300 West 15th Street,  
4th Floor  
Austin, Texas 78701

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND!**



### PROTECT YOUR PETS

Due to the large number  
of dogs unrestrained,  
many residents who are fit-  
ness walking or strolling in  
our neighborhood have been  
forced to carry either mace,  
ammonia or other substances  
for protection. These sub-  
stances can be dangerous to  
your pets.

The following is from the Comal County  
Animal Control Laws:

Section 1.9 Restraint: An animal shall be  
deemed to be under restraint if it is:

- A) tied in such a way as to prevent it  
from leaving the owner's premises  
and from being within 10 ft. of any  
public right of way;
- B) Totally enclosed by a fence con-  
structed in such a way as to prevent  
it from leaving the owner's premises.  
The use of a wireless fence which  
transmits either a high-frequency  
sound or a pulse stimulus shock and  
that is intended to train the dog to  
stay on the premises will NOT be  
considered a means of restraint; or
- C) accompanied by a responsible person  
who is able to control it with a leash.
- D) Cats shall be exempt from the leash  
requirements while on the premises of  
the owner.

*PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONT.)*

and his wife Sheila, have owned their home in Canyon Lake for four years, but have just become full time residents. Danny is recently retired after thirty five years with Valero Energy and Diamond Shamrock. Danny comes to us with a tremendous background in civic volunteer programs having been on many home owner and Crime Stopper Boards in Houston for the past twelve years. Danny is the primary Building/Permits/Planning Director and has agreed to provide backup coverage in compliance issues. Danny's hobbies include golf, boating, fishing, investing and rental properties.

**Compliance:** Bill Beres and his wife Mary have been residents of Canyon Lake for seven years. They have three grown children. Bill is a retired Senior Customer Service Agent for a major airline and a transportation inspector for the City of San Antonio Aviation Department. Bill's favorite hobby is power boating.

**Insurance/Audit:** Bill Roper and his wife Pat are "long timers" at the lake, being property owners here since 1970 and frequent Board members. Bill is a Chemical Engineer graduate of Rice University and has extensive experience and expertise in oil and gas reservoir engineering and computer modeling. Bill has been a member of the POA Board since 1998 and has graciously agreed to continue supporting the Board and our community. Being a Canyon Lake property owner for thirty seven years gives Bill a unique historical perspective that is invaluable to the Board.

**Pool:** Rolf Schmitz is a continuing Board member from last year and is currently on extended travel in Europe.

**Records Clerk:** Although not a Board member, Rennea Henn is an instrumental and critical team member providing clerical and administrative support as a part-time POA employee. She is the primary point of contact for builders and realtors, and maintains the extensive POA computer files and records. Rennea is a three year transplant from Tulsa and has thirty years experience in accounting and office management. In addition to being the current president of the Canyon Lake Civic Club, Rennea works as the payroll and insurance specialist for Gruene, Texas. She is also a member of the St. Thomas Catholic Contemporary Choir.

As you can see from the brief biographies, your new Board is staffed with highly capable volunteers having very distinguished and productive careers, and coming from very diverse backgrounds. Our goal is to work aggressively to beautify Canyon Lake Hills and protect our property values and quality of life. We are going to concentrate on providing affordable upgrades to our amenities and cleaning up our neighborhoods by actively pursuing covenant building and compliance issues. **To accomplish this goal we need your help, especially in the area of compliance.** Although we would like to, the Board members cannot police every neighborhood every week. *If you can spare even an hour a week to help maintain your community, please contact one of the Directors to volunteer.*

***Maintaining Canyon Lake Hills is the responsibility of every resident.***

**!! WE NEED YOUR HELP !!**

The Charter of the Canyon Lake Hills Property Owners Association requires the Association to be the custodian and protector of the community. The goals of the compliance directors are to make sure Deed Restrictions, Covenants and Comal County Laws are complied with for the benefit of all property owners in the six (6) Hills developments. **(Go to [www.clhpoa.org](http://www.clhpoa.org) to review all Deed Restrictions.)**

For this newsletter we are addressing the Comal County Law on Junk Vehicles. Comal County defines Junk Vehicles as:

-A self propelled mechanical device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon any road, street, thoroughfare or bridge...that does not have a current license plate or a valid motor vehicle inspection certificate; one that is wrecked, dismantled (whole or part), or discarded, or one that remains inoperable for a continuous period of more than 45 days.

As with any deed restriction violation that occurs in our community, we need YOU to report these violations to the compliance directors as soon as you see them. Many of you walk for exercise or walk your dogs frequently. This is an opportune time to make note of such violations.

**Your assistance in this capacity would be greatly appreciated.**

And if you're tired of getting letters from the POA, the county, and irritable looks or comments from your neighbors concerning that junk vehicle, there's an easy solution to your problem. Junk vehicles are not only unsightly, but may also be contrary to county and POA rules/restrictions, and may be an environmental hazard. Getting rid of the "automotive lawn ornament" is only a phone call or computer click away. Organizations such as The Diabetes Association (800-ADA-6570) or The Salvation Army (800-95-TRUCK) will pick up your car **at no charge to you** - as a charity donation you may be able to use as an income tax deduction. Our local VFW Post 8800 also accepts car donations. In most cases the vehicle does not have to be in a running condition. Contact any of the above or search for charity car donations on the internet.

*Please help us clean up our neighborhood and keep everyone happy.*