



**Your
Board
of
Directors**

Point Venture Townhouses, Inc.

JULY 2011

The President's Message

I hope all of you had a wonderful, safe, 4th of July weekend. Even with the lake levels at 50% there were a lot of people enjoying what is left of the lake.

This is my last newsletter as President and it was rather peaceful until I made a lapse in judgment. Joey Sisca of A-1 Landscaping offered to Sherry, then to Lee to make the road around the 32 ac smooth & level using "roadbase" material. All for FREE. Nothing is free and this is a good lesson in that. The material was NOT roadbase and not suitable and he failed to get Village permission AND LCRA permission, but he did get mine.

He was told by Courtney of the Village and by the LCRA to remove it, but he didn't and so the TH association paid \$4000 to have it removed. Some board members want me to take the full blame and resign from the Board. There was even a threat to fire at least one of our employees if I didn't resign. I'm too old to take to threats, BUT I believe that this may come up at either the Friday, July 15th or Saturday, July 16th meeting. Ivan Langford was the Board member who sent the e mail and copies will be available at the meetings. Ivan is also going off the Board Saturday and the new Board will have the final say and I WILL be on that Board. I will also be pushing the board to take legal action against Joey to recover our \$4000 probably in small claims court.

I feel that over the last two years everything I have done was in the best interests of the Townhouse Association. This last one didn't turn out that way and nobody regrets that more than I do, the board has done nothing to me compared to what my wife has had to say about all this. Take a look around at all the improvements made by all the OWNERS, this place has changed and much for the better. I take credit for 1/9th of that. I have had support from the majority of Board members who want to build, not so much from the others. It has been a pleasure to be your President, thanks to all of you for your support.

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**Board of Director's
 Meeting July 15
 7:00 PM
 Annual
 Homeowner's
 Meeting July 16
 9:00 AM**

GUEST COLUMNIST By
DAVID STONEKING

Two local developers are planning an eleven story high rise condominium building on the scenic overlook three hundred feet north of the Waterford entrance on Lohman Ford Road. This section of road lies in the unincorporated area of Travis County. The development will only be accomplished if Lohman Ford Road is relocated to the east, allowing the project to be located on the existing road location. This will block the views of the lake from this hill top location for all users of Lohman Ford Road.

The developers have convinced the Citizen Bond Advisory Committee, appointed by the Travis County Commissioners, to preliminarily include this road relocation in the November bond election. The cost to taxpayers will be \$1,600,000. The developers have agreed to fund an additional \$200,000. The developers content the road is unsafe, there by necessitating tax dollars to move it. Many people have chosen to relocate to the hill country for its nice vistas and beauty. By moving here one must drive winding and curvy roads.

The developers have gone before the City of Lago Vista and Village of Point Venture councilmen seeking resolution letters support the relocation of this road for safety reasons. Both the City of Lago Vista and the Village of Point Venture wrote letters in support of this road relocation.

The county admits that this stretch of road does not meet the criteria of unsafe, yet they have it included under "improvements for safety section" in the bond election. If the road is deemed unsafe then why not widen it at considerable less cost, verses relocating it.

Surely there are projects in the county that would benefit a broader base of citizens than enriching developers at taxpayers' expense.

The Citizen Bond Advisory Committee is seeking comments from taxpayers and users of this road.

Please send comments to:

2011bondcommittee@co.travis.tx.us or call the Hotline 512-854-4899 to reach Laura Seaton, who is compiling comments. The web site is: www.co.travis.tx.us/citizens_bond_committee.

The committee meets Tuesdays and Thursdays weekly and will give their final recommendations on July 14 to the commissioners.

David Stoneking
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OFFICE NEWS

ELECTRICAL REPAIRS – Repairs are still in process and notices will be sent to all owners when working in your area.

ELECTION TIME AGAIN - Please take note of the election notice of Townhouse Board of Director's. Deadline for sending in your ballots is July 15th.

FASCIA PAINTING - The PV ACC has requested that all townhouse fascia needs to be painted the new approved brown to replace your old blue/green/burgundy fascia. Please call/email the office if you need the color code.

*****REMINDER*****

NO CHARCOAL GRILLS ON DECKS!!

\$100.00 AUTOMATIC FINE

Townhouse Rules are posted on web site:
www.pointventuretownhouses.org

Community Relations by Joyce Sidfrid

Whether it is a national, state, city, or your neighborhood board of director's election the following points hold true.

If you do not vote:

No one will know how you feel about a topic or candidate.

How will improvement happen?

When will problems be solved?

Where will new ideas come from?

In a few days the voting period for the Point Venture Townhouses Inc., Board of Directors will come to a close. If you haven't voted, please do so. If you don't know where the candidates stand on critical issues, call them! If they will not respond to you as a candidate, then they will not be a responsive board member. Ask them how they feel about maintaining our property. Would they ever support the sale or transfer of any of our common property? Do they envision development of our common property? Does their vision line up with yours? Are they willing to enforce the existing restrictions that prohibit unwanted development and enhance the beauty of our neighborhood?

Please take the time to ask the candidates for the Board of Directors of the Townhouse Association these questions in the few remaining weeks before the voting period comes to a close. These are huge elections in the future of our neighborhood. We have been so blessed for so many years to have governing bodies that took care of business in ways we wanted them to without too much oversight from us. However, recent events have shown that a legislative body can and will disregard the desires of its constituency for its own personal agenda.

It is safe to say that all of the candidates will have served on boards or are professionally accomplished. That does not tell you how they will act on the issues that affect the quality of our neighborhood and the quality of our life. Educate yourself on the issues. Reject spin. Call the candidates if you can't tell where they stand. And then vote.