

# *The Comanche Trail Community Newsletter*

November, 2012

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## **CTCA Board Meeting November 6, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by president Keith Powell. Other officers in attendance were Willie Cones, Valerie Rawlings, Donna Ackman and directors Paul Bradfield, Dick Allen and Jennifer Plent. Berkeley Batte also attended in his unheralded position of “keeper of the sign”. Thanks Berkeley !

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as they appeared in last month’s newsletter.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Donna reported there are 94 household members.

Opening Balance.....\$4263.00

Deposits.....155.00 (membership dues)

Withdrawals.....670.32 (End of Summer Party)

Closing Balance.....\$3747.68

The treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

## **Old Business**

The cove cleanup was a big success. About fifteen neighbors, led by Willie Cones, collected and hauled off a pickup truck full of trash from our lakeshore. Willie says our cove is the cleanest place on Lake Travis. In order to celebrate our beautified lake access it was suggested we have a weenie roast in the cove in February.

The cove access is still in limbo. It was suggested that Dick Allen contact Carl Moore and find out what his wishes are for the ownership of the access.

We will have our annual CTCA Holiday Party, Saturday Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> from 4-10 p.m. at Joe and Donna Fowler's home. Keith will reprise his excellent fried turkeys and neighbors will bring a generous appetizer, side or dessert, according to their last names. Please RSVP to the Evite invitation so name tags can be made and ample supplies of food and beverages are available.

The Dirt Club has purchased wildflower seed and will be planting along the roadways, concentrating on Comanche Trail. With some luck and rain, we will be treated to a big show in the spring!

Robin James has volunteered to help us get our Facebook page active and informative. Thanks, Robin! We look forward to following Facebook to keep up with the latest news!

## **New Business**

A Director vacancy has occurred and we are looking for a replacement for the rest of this year and next year (concluding in April 2014). If you are ready to get more active in CTCA, we would welcome your call!

Several house cats are missing. This, coupled with recent sightings of bobcats and coyotes, makes us fear the worst for these pets. Please keep your cats and small dogs indoors as much as possible with these predators about.

The next meeting will be at Donna and Butch Ackman's home, 13905 Panorama, on Tuesday Dec 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Thank you to Valerie Rawlings for hosting the November meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

### Important News

**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION** BFG Investment Partnerships, Ltd. Shiptx Group, Ltd. d/b/a/ Lost Canyon Marina 14531 Pocahontas Trail, Austin TX 78641 has applied for a marina permit from the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) to construct the Lost Canyon Marina in Cypress Creek on Lake Travis. The proposed expansion consists of two hundred three (203) wet mooring slips, sixty (60) personal watercraft ramps and four (4) restroom, bath and shower facilities occupying approximately 253,772 square feet of water surface area. **A public meeting about this pending permit application will be held: Wednesday, December 12, 2012 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM Travis County West Service Center 4501 FM 620 North Austin, TX 78732** Those unable to attend the public meeting may inspect the application at LCRA Water Surface Management (Marina Permitting) Department; 3700 Lake Austin Boulevard; Austin, TX, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The LCRA will receive written comments about the application from any interested party no later than fifteen (15) working days after the public meeting. The deadline for written comments to be received by the LCRA is 4:30 p.m., Friday, January 4, 2013. Mail written comments to: Lower Colorado River Authority; Water Surface Management (Marina Permitting); P.O. Box 220; Austin, TX 78767.

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It's important that we have as many neighbors as possible show up at this meeting to protest this marina that has been applied for at the base of the preserve in the Cypress Creek arm of Lake Travis. If you cannot attend, you can write a letter to the county commissioner or write a letter to ESD 6 asking them to recommend against the marina because of the fire hazard it provides to both the preserve and to our neighborhood.

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### Member Updates

Thanks to James Wilsford for organizing this year's "Trick or Drink" party on Oct 28th. Also many thanks to those six hosts who opened up their homes to the ghouls and ghosts. We had over 65 in our group this year.

### Social News

November's Happy Hour was at Flores on Tuesday 11/13.

December's Happy Hour will be skipped due to our large **Christmas Party** scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at Joe & Donna Fowler's at 13911 Panorama Dr. from 4-10pm. Bring a side dish or dessert. It's important to RSVP on the evite, or send an email to [jenniferplent@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferplent@gmail.com).

\*This is a different date than was in the October Newsletter.

### Other News

Next CTCA Meeting – 1st Tuesday -- Dec. 4th at Butch & Donna's, 13905 Panorama Dr. at 7:30 pm.

There has been a coyote sighting in the neighborhood and lots of neighbors are reporting lost cats. Be sure to keep your cat indoors for the foreseeable future, or go to extra steps to bring them in at night.

Thanks to Willie Cones for organizing the Fall Cove Clean Up on November 4th. Many neighbors showed up and gathered a truckload of trash that was delivered to the LCRA park for disposal.



### Advertising Section

If you would like to advertise in the Newsletter, please contact Keith Powell at 512-963-6883

Donna and Jeanne want to remind everyone that their book, "Character of Comanche" would make a nice Christmas gift. Contact Donna at 512-266-3476 or Jeanne at 512-266-7138.

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING RATES FOR 2012	CTCA MEMBERS	NON- MEMBERS
PERSONAL AD (30 WORDS)	No charge	\$15
BUSINESS AD (30 WORDS)	\$10	\$15
ONE QUARTER PAGE LAYOUT	\$20	\$25
ONE HALF PAGE LAYOUT	\$30	\$50
FULL PAGE LAYOUT	\$60	\$100

All layouts should be in 'ready-to-print' jpeg or pdf format. When monitored on a 7.5 x 10 in page, please avoid fonts less than size 10. Send copy and check to Donna Ackman, Treasurer, at [donnaackman@austin.rr.com](mailto:donnaackman@austin.rr.com) and the check, payable to CTCA, to 13905 Panorama Drive, Austin TX 78732. The deadline is the 7th for each monthly issue.

## *CTCA Officers and Directors*

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If anyone is interested in a slightly battered dresser with mirror call Donna at 266-3476. It has 9 drawers and is 70 inches wide, 19 inches deep and 31 inches high. No charge.