

Property Owners Newsletter

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Onion Creek Meadows

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ONION CREEK MEADOWS
PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY!!



REDUCE REUSE....RECYCLE

**OCMPOA invites you to join us in an
EARTH DAY NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP**

Saturday, April 27th 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

OR UNTIL FULL!!!

13004 Shawnee (gated lot next to house)

REDUCE: Trash dumpster will be available for large garbage

REUSE: Drop off unwanted but usable items for neighbors to peruse

RECYCLE: Drop off items like batteries and paint for recycling for a donation
(these will go into a separate container, not the dumpster)

**"NO" TIRES, CONCRETE, LARGE ROCKS, ROOFING SHINGLES, LEAVES,
TREE LIMBS, MATTRESSES OR APPLIANCES ACCEPTED**

Must be a current OCMPOA Member to participate. Can sign up that day!

**We will also be having a OCMPOA FUNDRAISER at the event!! Tacos, hot dogs, chips, bottled
water and desserts will be available for purchase. So come hungry!! Bring cash!!**

Contact Beth Cline at 210-643-4230 or Debra Tompkins at 512-964-2598

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Karen Jellison



Greetings Onion Creek Meadows Neighbors!

Spring is here once again and the bluebonnets and wildflowers are just exquisite!! Always a welcome site after winter.

I want to introduce two new board members to you. Shane Cline is our new Restriction Committee Chair and Beth Cline is our new Activities Committee Chair and we welcome them to our Board. Chris Mitchell, our former Restriction Chair, and Lorna Dean, our former Activity Chair, have both resigned and both did an outstanding job! We all enjoyed working with them and we will miss them.

Speaking of activities, we have our Annual Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, April 20th, from 8:00 to 4:00 (or until dumpster is full!!). We've decided to have an OCMPOA FUNDRAISER this year and will be serving tacos, hot dogs, chips, bottled water and dessert for purchase. So come hungry!!

Our OCMPOA Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, May 5th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in my backyard at 13206 Easley Drive. We are privileged to have County Commissioner Ann Howard as our Guest Speaker! She will update us on issues affecting the Manchaca Community, especially the roads and traffic situation on Twin Creeks Road and Old San Antonio Road. Please bring your questions/concerns.

If you have experienced water outages, Aqua Inc. has been replacing valves/hydrants in our neighborhood (which is wonderful!). They have apologized for notices not getting to us (an error on their part) but that has been corrected.

Travis County has been in our neighborhood digging out the culverts that are blocking the pipes from draining. If you have a blockage, please contact the County and put in a work order and they will get to it pretty quickly. You can contact them at: Travis County Roads & Bridge Maintenance 512-854-9433.

Several lots in our neighborhood have been sold and new construction is planned. Building plans must be approved by the OCMPOA Board before construction begins and we appreciate everyone following protocol. And we welcome our new neighbors on Onion Creek Drive that just completed construction of their beautiful new farmhouse style home!

The Board was notified of several cars that were broken into on March 26th at 3:00 a.m. on Turley/Onion Creek Drive. PLEASE make sure you lock your car doors!! It makes it so easy for robbers if the car is unlocked. Report any break-in or theft to the Sheriff Department and also please notify Art Schneider who is head of our Neighborhood Watch Committee.

We have such a wonderful and beautiful neighborhood! Please do your part by keeping your yard mowed and clean of debris, junk and old cars. You can bring your unwanted items (please see flyer as to what is allowed) to the dumpster on Earth Day and save a ton of money not having to go to the dump and paying their fee!!!

Thank you all for your support! We look forward to seeing you at Earth Day and our Annual Meeting!

Karen Jellison, President
Onion Creek Meadows Property Owner Association

ROAD AND LAND DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

by Jim Cullen

Travis County Precinct 3 Traffic Projects Surrounding Onion Creek Meadows,

The project to widen Old San Antonio Road is now designed to county standards, but the county is awaiting City of Austin approval for variances. The county submitted the plans to City of Austin Permitting on Dec. 20, 2023, and the City of Austin has not granted the variances yet.

Bike Lanes: The main bike lane project will be with Old San Antonio Road. The County is planning on adding pavement on both sides of Old San Antonio Road from FM1626 to Puryear Road to facilitate bike traffic.

On Twin Creeks Road, the County has proposed a bond project to widen Twin Creeks Road from two lanes to three lanes with 4-foot shoulders and 10-foot SUP. This project did not make the County's 2017 Bond list, but when the County proposed it for the 2023 Bond list, it was not chosen by the 2023 Citizens Advisory Bond Committee. The County wants to keep it on the list for the next Bond.

For Twin Creeks Road, especially in the area near the entrance of the Bear Creek Crossing neighborhood, crash data is being studied by the County, and a field visit occurred. Recommendations are being made for appropriate warning signs.

Also, the County's 2023 Bond Project Election (which passed on Election Day 2023) approved greenway trails in our general area, including, on the Onion Creek Greenway, construction of greenway trails and amenities from the US 183 and Onion Creek trailhead east to Moya Park and west to McKinney Falls State Park. It includes allowing for strategic parkland acquisition and conservation alongside Onion Creek.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

by Art Schneider

Heads up neighbors, we've had some burglary of cars going on late at night or early in the morning (depending on how you look at it). The thieves were driving along Turley and Onion Creek and hitting cars parked in the driveway. Looking for unlocked vehicles and going through them. So, make sure your vehicles locked, has nothing of value in it and if possible is in a well-lit area. Some simple deterrents such as a motion sensor light and a camera can help. If your car was broken into, please file a report with the Travis County Sheriff's Department. You can do this on-line by going to [TCSheriff.org](https://www.tcssheriff.org). On another note, I still need a Block Captain for part of Turley and one for Old San Antonio Rd.

If you're interested in being a Block Captain or just want to find out more, you can call or text me at 512-848-0501. Or email me at art@sparklingcleanwindow.com

Here's a quote from Abraham Lincoln "Be sure to put your feet in the right place. Then stand firm."

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History of Manchaca

BY ANN TRASK

Archaeologists have found evidence that indicate man had settled in the Manchaca area long before settlers arrived. The creeks and lush forests provided a good environment for the early Indians of Central Texas. The Tonkawa and their predecessors inhabited this area.

El Camino Real de los Tejas, represented in sections of the “Old San Antonio Road” helped to develop Manchaca by pointing the way through the Texas wilderness. At the Onion Creek Bridge along the old road, wagon wheels have worn ruts in the limestone creek bottom put there long before a bridge was constructed.



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“We found a plantation that would have done no discredit to Virginia. The house was large and well constructed, standing in a thick grove, separated from the prairie by a worm wood fence. Adjacent, within, was the spring which deserved its prominence of mention upon the maps. Is had been tastefully grottoed with heavy limestone rocks, now water-stained and mossy...Everything about the house was orderly and neat. We were ushered into a snug supper-room and found a table set with wheat-bread, ham, tea and preserved fruits waited on by tidy and ready girls.”

Several stagecoach lines ran along Old San Antonio Road, stopping at the Springs to rest and refresh both the passengers as well as the horses. “Scott Stage Line” ran an ad in the Austin City Directory in 1877, claiming just 14 hours travel time for their coaches from Austin via Manchaca Springs to San Antonio.

The population really begin to grow when the International & Great Northern Railroad laid track through Manchaca in 1881. This led to the building of a new school and several mercantile stores and churches. By the turn of the century Manchaca had grown into a thriving community.

STRENGTHENING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Dear Neighbors,

As we welcome the arrival of spring, it's a time for renewal and growth in our community. With this spirit in mind, we reach out to you, our wonderful neighbors, with a vital request: your support through membership dues.

Our neighborhood thrives on the bonds we share, the events we host, and the initiatives we undertake together. Each \$40 membership dues payment plays a crucial role in ensuring that our community continues to flourish in the following ways:

- Neighborhood Wide Cleanup Dumpster rental on Earth Day -Christmas Lighting Contest Prizes
- Quarterly Neighborhood Newsletter -Annual Meeting Refreshments -Deed Restrictions Enforcement
- Neighborhood Activities and Gatherings
- OR** any other suggestions **you'd** like for OCMPOA to consider

There are 247 lots in our neighborhood, we need 126 members to have a majority, we currently only have 52 members. With all the development going on around us, if we are called upon to advocate for our neighborhood, it would be good if we had a majority of our property owners as members - so we need YOU to join or renew to make this happen!

Your support is essential in ensuring that our neighborhood remains a vibrant and thriving place to call home.

Please complete the enclosed membership form and return it by mail to:

Onion Creek Meadows POA
PO Box 434
Manchaca TX 78652

You can now pay your dues using PAYPAL (for a small fee) to ocmpoa@ocmpoa.org. Please be sure to list your address in the description.

Total dues per lot through PAYPAL will be \$41.46.

Please join us and lets **ALL** contribute to making this the best neighborhood in Manchaca! Feel free to call or email me if you have any questions about your membership or the neighborhood.

And again thank **YOU** neighbor, for supporting **YOUR** neighborhood! 😊

Debra Tompkins
OCMPOA Membership Chair and Treasurer
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DLTompkins4@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

(July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025)

NAME(s) _____

ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL PHONE(s) _____

EMAIL(s): _____

PROPERTY OWNER MEMBERSHIP*

*Multiple lot owners may choose to pay (1) the minimum \$40 dues for a single lot and one membership vote or (2) \$40 for each additional lot which also entitles you to additional vote(s).

OF LOTS* _____ x \$40.00 = \$ _____

RENTAL PROPERTY – I am renting but would like to donate \$20.00 towards supporting the Onion Creek Meadows Property Owners Association and participate in neighborhood events including receiving the quarterly newsletter.

\$ _____

NEW TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD? – I've never been a member of OCMPOA and would like to receive the complimentary first year membership FREE! (Even if you've been here for a while, please select this option if you've never officially been "Welcomed" to the neighborhood. Complete the information above and return this form.)

DONATION FOR NEIGHBORHOOD SIGN – I'd like to make a donation towards a neighborhood sign to be installed at Turley and Old San Antonio Road. \$ _____

Please return this completed form along with your check payable to
Onion Creek Meadows POA (OCMPOA) and mail to:

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PO Box 434
Manchaca TX 78652

OCMPOA INFORMATION

WHAT DO MY DUES PAY FOR?

- 1.Enforcing deed restrictions
2. Award prizes for annual Holiday Lighting Contest
- 3.Food and refreshments for neighborhood events
- 4.Rental of roll off container for annual neighborhood cleanup
- 5.Signage for events
- 6.Printing costs for newsletter

NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS

ocmpoa.org-NEW and IMPROVED neighborhood website with announcements, newsletter, and POA information

facebook.com/ocmpoa- announcements, neighborhood information

nextdoor.com-neighborhood specific social networking; get safety announcements and recommendations

OCMPOA BOARD MEMBERS 2023-2024

Karen Jellison	Board President,	5 12-565-5621
Art Schneider	Board Vice President, Neighborhood Watch Committee Chair	512-848-0501
Debra Tompkins	Board Treasurer, Membership	512-964-2598
Lauren Homann	Board Secretary	713-304-2364
Shane Cline	Board Restriction Chair	512-568-0059
Jim Cullen	Board Member, Road & Land Dev	512-913-4166
Christy Grady	Board Member, Newsletter	325-330-2071
Jamie Beard	Board Member, Welcome Committee	409-382-3585
Beth Cline	Board Member, Activities	210-643-4230

OCMPOA ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, May 5, 2024

2:00-4:00 p.m.

13206 Easley Drive

We invite everyone in the neighborhood to come out for our Annual Meeting. It's a great opportunity to:

Find out what's happening in Onion Creek Meadows and surrounding areas

Meet your neighbors and your Board Members

Renew your membership or become a new member

Opportunity to join a committee and get involved

Give suggestions, ideas and express concerns

We are so happy to announce that our special guest speaker will be County Commissioner Ann Howard. She will update us on latest community developments, issues, and answer questions.

OCMPOA Annual Meeting will be held in the back yard of the Jellison residence.

Bottled water provided

Bring your own lawn chair or blanket

No pets allowed please

So, come on out and join us! We look forward to meeting the new neighbors and seeing the ones that have been here a while. This is truly a great neighborhood and we welcome you to help us make it even better!

See ya' there!

OCMPOA Board Members



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