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December 2011

Electric Gate at the Entry to the Water Park Cancelled

The POA Board would like to thank all of the POA members that participated in expressing their opinion concerning the project. The results strongly indicated (2 to 1 against) that the membership did not support the installation of the electric gate. As a result, the POA Board voted to cancel the gate project at the meeting held on 8 December.

November 2011

2012 POA Annual Meeting Set for 21 January 2012

The Annual Meeting of the RMRPOA Membership has been set for 21 January 2012 from 10 AM to Noon in the Blanco Room at the Wimberley Community Center. All members are invited to attend. Planned discussion items include but are not limited to: results of the Board election, installation of a pass-card automatic gate at the entrance of the Water Park, and the impact of new Texas Laws on the operation of the POA.

October 2011

Children's Halloween Party & Hayride

The Calkins hosted the River Mountain Ranch 5th annual Halloween Party on October 31, 2011. The festivities began with a pot luck dinner at the Calkins' barn followed by the hayride. This event was also a fun time to meet at the mail boxes with friends along the hayride route to wait for the kids to ride by and share your Halloween candy.

Mountain Lion Seen on Lone Man Overlook On 19 October

A resident driving southeast on Windmill Run saw a mountain lion crossing the street about 200 feet before the intersection with Lone Man Overlook at approximately 11:30AM on 10/19/2011. She had to put on her brakes to avoid running into it and it just calmly walked then sort of trotted on into the brush. It was last seen heading south down the backs of the houses on Lone Man Overlook. TPW sent a Game Warden to investigate the sighting.

Neighborhood Watch - National Night Out Held on 4 October

The RMRPOA hosted the 2011 Neighborhood Watch - National Night Out on Tuesday, 4 October, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at our inner gate on River Mountain Road. Approximately 35 people attended the event to include members of the Neighborhood Watch Committee, representatives of Wimberley EMS, WVFD, Constables Precinct 3, and Hays County Sheriff. A representative from each organization gave a short talk in their area of expertise. Refreshments were served. The Board would like to thank all who attended the event and especially Roland Brown who organized the event assisted by Cathy Kubica.

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September 2011

Nominating Committee Formed for 2011 Board Election

The Nominating Committee for this year's Board Election was formed 30 September. The Committee consists of one Board Member (Wellborn Gregg) and two members of the POA.

New Neighborhood Watch/Firewise Committee Chairman Appointed

The RMRPOA Board of Directors officially appointed Roland Brown to be the new Neighborhood Watch/Firewise Chairman on 8 September.

August 2011

Hays County Redistricting Affects River Mountain Ranch, White Wings, and Foxhole

Hays County Commissioners Court voted to ratify redistricting Map M2 from a narrowed-down roster of four maps they had previously selected as final-round contenders from a larger group.

At its Aug. 23 meeting, the court also directed County Elections Administrator Joyce Cowan and Geographic Information System Program Manager Steve Floyd to develop new voting precincts based on the redrawn boundaries, and to bring a preliminary map before the court in three weeks.

By law, the new voting precinct lines must be approved by the court by Oct. 1.

Moving from precinct 4 to precinct 3 are York Creek Meadows and Ranch, Las Lomas, Sierra West, Running Rope, ***White Wings, Fox Hole***, Highlands B, Northwest Hills, Morningwood and Gonzales Estates.

The subdivisions of Rainbow Ranch, ***River Mountain Ranch*** and Rolling Oaks, which are currently divided between precincts 3 and 4, ***will now be entirely in precinct 3.***

Commissioners in March appointed a four-person committee to begin the process of developing redistricting maps, and retained attorney Rolando Rios for guidance. The county also held a number of public hearings and open houses to garner input from residents before making a decision. Rios has said that all four final maps considered by the court met Department of Justice criteria. Procedure calls for the map to be submitted to the Department of Justice for review and approval, a process that is expected to take from 60 to 120 days, depending on whether the Justice Department has questions or receives comments.

Once approved, the map will go into effect Jan. 1, 2012. By law, the county cannot hold elections until the new map has been approved. The M2 map and others are available at <http://www.co.hays.tx.us/redistricting>.

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RMRPOA_Wimberley Yahoo Users' Group

The POA Board launched the Yahoo Users' Group for all members and associate members of the RMRPOA.

It is now a convenient way of communicating with your neighbors about carpooling, getting a recommendation for a good local business service (e.g., electrician, plumber, HVAC, etc), getting answers to questions about living in RMR, recommendations for babysitters, announce garage sales, etc. We are hoping that this Users' Group will replace the Forum that we used to have a few years ago. The links to join are on the [Home](#) page and [Services](#) page of this website.

July 2011

Re-Striping of the Centerline on River Mountain Road Completed

Re-striping of the centerline of River Mountain Road was completed on Monday, 25 July 2011. Please stay on your side of the line. Many of us have been surprised when going around a corner or going up a hill by drivers who are not in their lane.

Hays County Imposes Immediate Ban on Sale & Use of Fireworks

Hays County Judge Bert Cobb, M.D., late Monday (25 April) signed a local disaster declaration for Hays County and a proclamation prohibiting the use of all fireworks or pyrotechnics within Hays County. The declaration and ban was approved Tuesday by the full Commissioners Court at its regular meeting. The declaration cites the determination that the drought and other weather-related conditions pose a significant threat to Hays County citizens, their property, and wildlife. Under state law, the County has limited authority over fireworks unless the County's emergency management plan is activated. The ban will be in effect until the Governor's Statewide Disaster Declaration is rescinded or the County determines the need for the ban no longer exists. The Commissioners Court currently reviews the countywide burn ban at its weekly meeting and will include consideration of the fireworks ban at the same time. The County has been under a burn ban since mid December 2010, but by state law fireworks are not part of the standard burn ban.

Violations of the burn ban can result in a Class C misdemeanor citation with up to a \$500 fine. Hays County Fire Marshal Mark Chambers noted that damage to property from a fire started by fireworks can also result in civil lawsuits being brought by the affected parties. Chambers said that as of Tuesday morning, the KeetchByram Drought Index was at 671 out of 800 and was expected to go higher due to continued low humidity, high winds and long-term drought conditions.

- Article is courtesy of 30 April 2011 edition of the Wimberley View

"While it is unfortunate that we can't celebrate our independence on July 4th with fireworks, the risk is too high," states Hays County Fire Marshal Mark Chambers.

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"Drought has made fire danger of paramount concern, and we have to take the safety of our citizens and their property into consideration. All residents of Hays County should take the fire risk we face seriously and adhere to the fireworks ban, which carries a fine of up to \$1,000 for violators." Hays County Fire Marshal Mark Chambers also noted (during an April interview posted on the Wimberley View) that damage to property from a fire started by fireworks can also result in civil lawsuits being brought by the affected parties. - *Article is courtesy of Hays County Website, Fire Marshall, 15 June 2011*

Zero Tolerance for Fireworks, Burn Ban Violators as Drought Persists

Law enforcement officials are taking a zero tolerance stance on anyone selling or setting off fireworks without a special permit from said officials, if any are offered at all. Hays County Fire Marshall, Mark Chambers, reminds all residents and visitors that this ban is in effect until 7 a.m., July 5. Violators will face a fine up to \$1000.

Under the burn ban, which is a separate prohibition from the fireworks ban, residents are prohibited from outdoor burning, including the use of burn barrels with screens. Use of charcoal and gas grills is allowed with extreme caution advised. The burn ban was re-approved by the Commissioners Court on June 13 for 90 days. The decision was again ratified on June 28.

Drought conditions show no signs of lifting in a projected three month forecast by meteorologists. - *Article courtesy of 2 Jul 2011 Wimberley View , Sharon Carter, BY Staff Writer*

June 2011

Minutes of the RMRPOA Summer Meeting Released

The minutes and associated mid-year financial reports have been released and are now posted on the [Board](#) page.

Cougar Spotted in RMR

At approximately 3:45PM on Saturday, 11 June, a Cougar was spotted near 1501 Windmill Run. The animal was apparently tracking a deer. Animal Control will be notified. Please be careful when outside and watch your pets

POA Summer Meeting Held on 4 June at the Wimberley Community Center

Due to the HIGH FIRE DANGER in our area, the POA Summer Meeting, was held on Saturday, 4 June 2011, in the Blanco Room in the Wimberley Community Center. The meeting was held from 10 AM to 12 Noon and attended by approximately 37 members and family members. Since we did not have a quorum of members (35 are required per the Bylaws), the meeting was then deemed to be "for information only." The Board presented reports for each of their functional areas and answered questions. The minutes of the meeting will be posted on the Board page in the near future. The

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consensus of the attendees that it was much more comfortable having the meeting in an air conditioned building as opposed to in the sun and heat of our water park. The Board is considering conducting a survey of the membership to determine whether the Summer Meeting should be held indoors in the future.

May 2011

Water Park Clean-up Completed on 14 May

The Annual Clean-up of the Water Park was completed on Saturday, 14 May. The POA Board would like to thank the volunteers who participated. If you have any questions, please contact the Parks Chair (his contact information is listed on the [Board](#) of this website).

April 2011

Fire on Flite Acres in Wimberley

The fire that occurred overnight on 21-22 April on Flite Acres (less than 5 miles as the crow flies from RMR) has destroyed a couple of homes and severely damaged a third one. It appears that the fire started near an unattended barbecue grill. News on our local TV/radio stations have additional information as well as in the Wimberley View.

DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN TO RIVER MOUNTAIN RANCH - BE FIREWISE !!!!!

Road Repairs

Road repairs began 5 April 2011 in RMR and lasted for a couple of weeks. The first area to be repaired was the troublesome pot hole area on the lower section of River Mountain Road. The road surface and base were completely removed and a new road base (recycled with cement mixed into the base) was then put down to form a new base for the road. The road surface was then put down on top of the new base. A second round of repairs was also done where the water crosses River Mountain Road. This repair was done in concrete across the entire roadway so when we get some rain, we should see some improvement in the water flowing across rather than standing on the road.

New Survey Released - Speed Control in RMR

An invitation to participate in the latest survey was emailed on 28 March to those members subscribing to the RMRPOA email list. The Board is soliciting input from the membership concerning "Speed Control in RMR". The survey will be open until midnight 12 April so that the Board can review the results at the April meeting. The results will also be viewable from a link on the Board page on or before 15 April.

Your input is important, so please take the time to participate in the survey.

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Dog Poisonings on Windmill Cove - UPDATE

The owners have reported that the other two dogs (that had exhibited the signs of poisoning from antifreeze tainted meat) are okay.

We still do not know if these dog poisonings were intentional or an accident.

In the meantime, we ask that the RMR Community be on the lookout for any suspicious persons or vehicles in our neighborhood. Anything out of the ordinary should be reported to the Hays County Sheriff's Office non-emergency number, 512-393-7896, and your Neighborhood Watch (NW) Block Captain. The contact information is listed on the Neighborhood Watch page of the RMRPOA website.

March 2011

Dog Poisonings

The three (3) dogs on Windmill Cove that died from poisoning had possibly ingested meat tainted with antifreeze. The other two dogs that exhibited the signs of poisoning are under the care of Veterinarians and may be okay.

We still do not know if these dog poisonings were intentional or an accident. The Hays County Sheriff's Department performed a preliminary investigation last Tuesday night (1 March). The Deputies conducted a search of the area in and around the Windmill Cove cul-de-sac that night for the source of the antifreeze. The case has been turned over to Hays County Animal Control since no witnesses were found and there wasn't any evidence that would indicate that it was a deliberate act.

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Alerts from RMRPOA Neighborhood Watch

From: Neighborhood Watch
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2011
Subject: Beware of White Van

The Hays County Sheriff's Department has been notified about the suspicious activities of a 2005 white Chevrolet van, license plate # AN7-7017, with a red lettered sign on the side that says "Gourmet Foods" has been seen multiple times in RMR over the past 2-3 weeks and at odd hours. The driver claims to be selling meat but has appeared to be confrontational at times when there is a no sale. In any event, he is violating our No Soliciting policy (clearly posted on two signs on River Mountain Road) since he has been warned several times.

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Anyone seeing this van should immediately call the Sheriff's Department non-emergency number, **512-393-7896**. If the individual driving the vehicle approaches you and you feel threatened, then you should call 911.

February 2011

County-wide Burn Ban Remains in Effect

The Hays County Commissioners Court voted Tuesday, January 25, to leave the Hays County burn ban in effect, but will revisit the need for a ban each Tuesday while the ban is on. Hays County Fire Marshal Mark Chambers told the Court that winter months, with periods of brief rain followed by windy, dry conditions, make it difficult to plan ahead for when burn bans should be lifted and that a weekly agenda item would allow the Court to move more quickly to take advantage of wet periods when a ban could be lifted. Currently, except in extreme emergencies, state law requires a County's Commissioners Court to vote to impose or lift a burn ban. Violators of the ban could face a class C misdemeanor charge with a fine up to \$500. - *Article is courtesy of the 2 Feb edition of the Wimberley View.*

Two Hays County Offices Are Relocating

The Two Hays County offices are relocating this week to a new building at 2171 Yarrington Road in San Marcos, next to the County's Transportation Department. Customers can now find the Development Services Department and the Fire Marshal's Office in a nearly 14,000-square-foot building that was authorized by the Commissioners Court in the summer of 2010 to help the County consolidate office space, ease crowding in some offices and better serve the public doing business with the County. The Commissioners Court on January 25 did away with the Resource Protection, Transportation and Planning Department (RPTP), an umbrella for the County's development and transportation functions, and created two separate departments – Transportation and Development Services. In doing so the Court noted the expanded services both groups are providing to a rapidly growing county. Jerry Borcharding, P.E., is serving as director of the Transportation Department, formerly the Transportation Division of RPTP. Clint (James) Garza is serving as director of the Development Services Department and Roxie Botkin has been promoted to the new Subdivision Coordinator position. Garza noted that customers may find service interrupted at the new location until the move is completed. Field inspections will not be delayed. During the move, director Clint Garza and staff can also be contacted at clint.garza@co.hays.tx.us. Only the physical addresses for Development Services and the Fire Marshal have changed. The mailing address for Development Services is P.O. Box 1006, San Marcos, TX 78667, phone 512-393-2150. The Fire Marshal's mailing address is P.O. Box 988, San Marcos, TX, 78667, phone 512-3937339. *Article is courtesy of the 5 Feb edition of the Wimberley View.*

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The Results of the Surveys Are Now Available

The results of the four (4) recent membership surveys are listed on the [Board](#) page.

January 2011

Firewise Committee News

The Board would like to thank the outgoing Chair of the Firewise Committee, Jeanne Martin, for all of her hard work for the past two plus years spent organizing and directing the activities of that committee.

Annual POA Meeting - 22 January

The Annual Meeting of the River Mountain Ranch POA was held from 10 AM to 12 Noon on Saturday, 22 January 2011 in the Blanco Room of the Wimberley Community Center. Approximately 53 people (owners and members of their families) were in attendance. A quorum was present since the attendees represented 44 voting lots and 35 lots are needed for a quorum. The results of our recent Board election were announced and are available on the [Board](#) page of this website. The agenda for this meeting is also posted on the [Board](#) page.

RMRPOA Surveys 2011

A series of four (4) surveys were launched from the 5th through the 7th of January. The topics/issues of these surveys are: Beautification Alternatives for RMR, Businesses Operating in RMR, Firewise & Neighborhood Watch Committees, and RMRPOA Website and Email Subscription. The results of these surveys were discussed at the Annual Meeting on January 22, 2011. Subsequent to the meeting, the results were posted in PDF format on the Board page of the website.

All members and associate members that have subscribed to the RMRPOA Email List are eligible to participate in on-line surveys. If you are not currently subscribed and wish to be, please follow the procedure outlined in the column to the right under the heading "RMRPOA Email Subscription Process." Please review the document/fact sheet contained in the December Mailout for more information on the survey process and procedure. If you have any questions concerning the surveys, please contact [RMRPOA President](#).