

# Undercurrents



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## Message from the President

If you haven't been up to Lakewood Forest in a while, you'll be surprised to see all new construction going on in our area! We have property owners expanding and improving existing homes with new casitas and garages. We have a new home going up for new permanent residents of our community and there are plans in the works for two new lake front homes! All of this is really helping to make Lakewood Forest 1 an even more attractive place to play and live. It is having a very positive effect on all of our property values, both short-term and long-term, which all of our members will benefit from!

Regards,

*Chris*



Guest house ready for activity  
at Nancy Allen's



Burnes are updating their back  
deck area



Nancy and Dave Carter's  
new dock and deck area



The Tisdales can't wait for their  
new place to be ready.



Construction on Stefano and  
Vicki Scarmana's house is well  
underway.



Aaron Richardson studying his  
lot, trying to decide the best  
location for his garage.



Decision made.....

## *New Life in the Neighborhood – by Andrea Tabb*

It has always been a dream of mine to build a garden. My grandpa has also enjoyed this hobby raising tomatoes as an all time favorite. My mom has always had a keen ear towards the information about nutrition and cooked great meals incorporating her findings. Then, I come down the line as a Nutritional Sciences major studying at Baylor University with the beginnings of a long time coming garden.



As you look at the top of the hill turning onto Doe Valley you may not see much but, it is the location our garden. Over the past couple of years my Dad, Mom, and I have been slowly working our way toward the garden. Beginning with prepping the soil, we added organic matter from past years' fall leaves to the top of the surface to decompose and enrich the soil. Next, we decided it would be essential to have a watering system. Over 600 feet of trenching, laying, gluing and burying pipe later, we had a sprinkler system. To run it was another step. The big, round, green container placed (and when I say "placed" I mean, "rolled, heaved and skillfully leveled into a carved out spot in the earth") behind the garage is called a cistern. This will potentially collect rain runoff from our future pitched roof. According to the Texas average rainfall website we were able to calculate that we would be able to water a portion of the lot solely with rainwater. Finally, power was added to the equation. I poured the concrete slab, and, in turn, my Dad assembled the pump and electricity to all the works. At last, the plethora of vegetables, fruits, herbs and roots are ready to be planted.

Throughout this process I've come to realize there is a large amount of toil that goes into building a fully functioning garden starting from an open dry area of land. After we did some research we found it most beneficial to our garden to structure the soil. Next, I had the honors of roto-tilling a 2000 square foot area of the lot. The following weekend, my parents planted a mixture of plants containing clover, peanuts, field peas and grasses. It is with great excitement that I am able to say there are small signs of growth from the ground!

Today, we stand with much progress behind us and much still to accomplish. Our most recent vision of the future garden includes a quaint pergola with growing green vines shading the cast iron bistro set in between. Off to the side, there sits a log bench and table hand made from the unsightly pile of tree trunks. My Dad's dreams involve roman aqueducts flowing from the roof to the cistern. There are also many technical additions needing to be completed before declaring this addition to our neighborhood "finished". We will need to add a fence to repel the deer and other critters that might find the food appealing.

Hopefully next summer I will be able to continue to work on the garden and see some fresh produce spring from the ground in harvests to come. With these amazingly fresh and organic produce we plan to create some nutritious meals.



***Cisterns for rain collection***



***Dave Tabb: "Pump & Power"  
expert for the garden project***



***Site of future garden***



We have many beautiful oak trees in our neighborhood to appreciate and enjoy.

## Grow Your Own Oak Trees ....or, "Branch Out" and try something new !

Ever think you might be interested in growing your own oak trees? Well, if so, here are several websites that give you step by step instructions on doing just that. It seems that it is important to first learn the difference between which oak trees are "white oaks" and which ones are "red oaks." The reason that is important is because the acorns from those two types of trees must be handled differently. In nature, white oaks

grow from acorns that have fallen to the ground and sprouted. Red oaks grow from acorns that are buried by squirrels or somehow get covered by soil, naturally. We have both types in Central Texas however the treasured live oaks that are plentiful in our neighborhood are a part of the white oak group.

The process doesn't seem overly complicated and the following sites will help you get started. Even if you aren't interested in beginning this project these sites are a "good read" and are very informative. You will definitely learn more about oak trees. Then, you can choose to go out and start selecting your prize acorns to grow your own trees.....or, you can read about it and then go sit on the porch and watch the squirrels accomplish the same thing!!

<http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/newsletters/hortupdate/2012/sept/live-oak.html>

<http://www.wikihow.com/Grow-an-Oak-Tree-from-an-Acorn>

<http://www.nativnurseries.com/c-2-oak-trees.aspx>

<http://farmerfredrant.blogspot.com/2012/10/grow-your-own-oak-trees-from-acorns.html>

<http://www.gardenguides.com/102123-plant-acorns-grow-oak-trees.html>



## KINGSLAND LIBRARY CHILI COOK OFF Event



The Kingsland Library is having a Chili Cook Off and Boot Scoot on Tuesday, February 19th from 5 - 8 pm at Camp Buckner. Tickets for ages 16 and up are \$10. Under 16, entry is free. Mike Clifford, an Austin-based singer/songwriter will provide the entertainment for the Boot Scoot (dance). Chili winners will be announced at 7pm and entertainment/Boot Scoot will go until 8pm.

Sue Nielsen is selling tickets for the library. Call 512-965-3144 or stop by Sue's house at 241 Antler Run for tickets. You can also purchase tickets at the library. This is an important fundraiser for the library as their budget has been severely cut for 2013. Join the fun, enjoy the food, kick up your heels and help support your local library.

### ABOUT OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

**Billy and Linda Whitson** of 309 Antler Run are celebrating the birth of their first grandchild, **Hollin Marie Whitson**. Parents are Jared and Ellen Whitson of Austin. Hollin was born July 13, 2012 and was named in honor of her great grandmothers.

**Abbi Breckwoldt** recently entertained the family of her first *great* grandchild. **Brady Jase Tolnay** was born Oct. 29, 2012 to her grandson and wife, Matt & Audrey Tolnay. They live in Hillsboro, TX. Matt is a ranch foreman and Audrey is an AG teacher. Abbi says Brady may grow up to be a cowboy!

**Ron and Sunny Hinson's** son-in-law and daughter, **Scotty and Kirsten Lewis** have purchased **Lot 82** on Antler Run.

#### This is from Vicki Scarmana:

My nephew Blake and his family have moved back to the Llano area from Dallas. Blake has over 18 years of experience as a marine mechanic and is an avid participant in bass tournaments. If you need the boat serviced for the summer, please contact Blake and he will come to your boat location. **Blake Enberg - Mobile Marine Service:**

Cell/text: [469-556-9980](tel:469-556-9980) Office: [512-271-1958](tel:512-271-1958)

Email: [blake.enberg@yahoo.com](mailto:blake.enberg@yahoo.com)



#### For Packsaddle Elementary School:

Sue Nielsen wants to make the community aware that they can help the school with a project that enables them to order supplies for the students. The goal of the school is to reach \$1,500 and the project involves collecting product labels. There are many labels of everyday products that most of us probably purchase quite often. There are two websites that list qualifying products. [Labelsforeducation.com](http://Labelsforeducation.com) and [Boxtops4education.com](http://Boxtops4education.com) list products like Campbells, Swanson, Pace, Pepperidge Farm, Pop Secret, Glad, Post, Betty Crocker, Old El Paso, Nestle, Green Giant, Hefty, and Kleenex. These are just a few of over 2,500 accepted.

#### For Other Community Efforts:

Sue also wants to remind folks about **recycling aluminum cans**. With summer approaching, more people will be coming to the lake. Sue and John would be willing to collect the cans. They will have two bins for collection on the park side of their house, next to the can crusher where you can bring your collected cans. They will donate the proceeds to the school, library or food kitchen and would be open to additional suggestions for ways to use the proceeds. Sue says she realizes it's not a lot of money, but the purpose is two-fold---keep the aluminum out of the dump and 'every little bit of money helps!' All of the above collections can be brought to the **Nielsen's address at 241 Antler Run**. The labels can be delivered to their house or put in their mailbox and follow the instructions above for the collected cans. [Donations from both projects will be made in the name of Lakewood Forest 1 Community.](#)

**Birding.....Not as Easy as You Think!**  
By Sue Nielsen



I set out to write an article on the beautiful bird pictured above. "It's an egret!" - the unanimous decision after looking in the *"Birds of Texas Field Guide."* Come to find out, there are four types in Texas: Great, Snowy, Reddish and Cattle. Based on color and habitat, it is not the Reddish egret, a medium-sized heron (*heron? aren't we talking egrets?*). Cattle is out too, based on color. (*So, we are half way there, right?*) The Great egret and Snowy egret are both entirely white. Great egret: long, yellow bill; long, dark legs. Snowy egret: black bill, yellow lores; black legs with yellow feet. (**The lore is the region between the eyes and nostrils of birds.**)

After enlarging the picture, it appears this bird has grey legs and yellow feet, black bill with yellow lores and seems too large to be a Snowy egret. So I researched 'black bill, yellow lores' thinking that would be the clincher. And, Googling that gets one to a link--'Birds of Bitterns, Herons and Egrets,' (Ardeidae) family. Talk about a can of worms! I'm not sure who this bird really is. Do you know?

*With no r(egrets), I submit this article.....Sue*