



NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER, 2007

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Indigo Ranch Holiday Party Sunday, December 2nd 4:00 – 7:00 PM

Please join us for the 2nd Annual Indigo Ranch Holiday Party! Have a great time kicking off the holiday season by visiting with neighbors! There will be many activities and games for the children to enjoy as well as a photographer who will be available for family photos and pictures with Santa. The Social Committee will be providing the main dish (ham & turkey) and drinks. If you can, please bring your favorite side dish or dessert!

Children's Activities

Visit with Santa
Story Time at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30
Cookie Decorating
Ornament Decorating

Children's Games

Deal or No Deal
Lollipop Tree
Basketball Toss
Prize Walk

Location: West Montgomery County Development Center, 31355 Friendship Dr, Magnolia

Please contact Dana Wilder (wilder_dana@yahoo.com) or Anne Christie (amc2705@yahoo.com) with any questions.

We are looking for volunteers to help with some of the activities (Prize Walk, Lollipop Tree, Ornament Decorating, Cookie Decorating and Basketball Toss). Please e-mail Susan Hatchett (susanh@compassionfirst.com) if you are willing to volunteer 30 or 60 minutes of your time. The Social Committee does not have enough members to man all of these activities and will greatly appreciate the support of our neighbors!

We would also like to use baked goods for the Prize Walk activity. Please let Susan know if you can provide any cookies, brownies, cakes, etc. for this activity.

Giving Tree

Each year our neighborhood has adopted a few families in need from the surrounding community. We are continuing that tradition again this year and will have a Giving Tree at the Holiday Party. We will place ornaments on a tree that list an item or items that are needed for these families. Please look for the Giving Tree at the event.

This program has always been a great success! Every family that we have adopted in the past has been extremely appreciative of the generosity of the Indigo Ranch Community.

Each family has identified a "Wish List" including clothing, toys, etc. These requests will be identified on ornaments that are placed on the Giving Tree. Please choose an ornament from the tree for an item that you are willing to purchase.

All items can be dropped off at Anne Christie's house at 16611 Mustang Trail Drive. Please return them unwrapped, with the ornament taped to the item by Friday, December 14th. Our gifts will be delivered to the schools on Monday, December 17th.

If you are unable to attend the Holiday Party and are interested in participating in the Adopt a Family program, please contact Anne Christie (amc2705@yahoo.com) or 832-492-6935 for a list of remaining items.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support of this program. We look forward to seeing you. Happy Holidays!!

The Indigo Ranch Social Committee

Board Elections

Elections for the IRPOA Board were held at the September meeting. Newly elected to the Board are residents Anne Christie and Doug Murray. They replace Travis Christie and Ann Zimmerman, whose terms have expired. Thanks to Ann and Travis for their service to the community over the past several years.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACC – The Committee is reforming and simplifying the application process to make it easier to use. Tres Shelton, the current ACC Chairman is scheduled to resign effective 12/31/07 and Gary Bennett has been named as a replacement. Gary will join the other two members – Chuck Lieder (representing the Board) and Travis Gerthe. Many thanks to Tres for years and years of hard work on the ACC Committee.

Deed Restrictions are strictly enforced. If you don't have a copy of the Deed Restrictions, contact CKM 281-255-3055 and they will mail you a set.

Communications – Neighborhood Watch – Since the last Newsletter there have been a number of reports of lost/found pets. It is almost impossible to find the owners of the animals if they do not have any identification tags or microchips. Identification tags are available in pet stores. You can make one yourself and take it home with you. Microchips are a good secondary identification but they require the animal to be taken to a Veterinarians Office. **Please put identification tags on your pets, cats and dogs alike, so we can ensure a safe return if and when they stray.**

Advertisements for the Newsletter – The Board has approved advertisements to be added to the Newsletter. If you or a friend have a business you would like to advertise please contact Flo Lieder at 281-252-0641 or ctflieder@att.net for information.

There is a fee per Newsletter for the advertisement. Business card \$25, ½ page \$50, full page \$100.

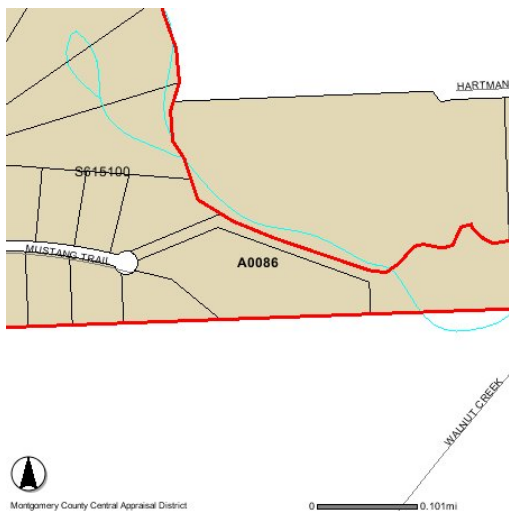
Parks & Recreation – December Yard of the Month will be awarded for the best Holiday Decorations visible from the street. Judging will take place December 8th & 9th.

Entranceway - We will be looking for volunteers to help put up decorations in the entranceway on December 8th & 9th. We have the decorations and just need volunteers. All you need is a ladder and some elbow grease. Contact Doug Murray via e-mail at Humbelscot@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer.

Holiday Decorations - All Holiday Decorations are to be removed by January 15.

Nature Trail Update - One of the major projects carried out in 2007 by the Parks and Recreation Committee and its volunteers was the reclaiming of the Nature Trail. When Indigo Ranch was first developed the Nature Trail was envisioned as a pleasant woodland walk either on foot or on horseback. The Trail had become overgrown due to lack of maintenance. In 2007 the trail was once again opened up, at least in part. In 2008 we intend to continue the maintenance of the Nature Trail as well as the cutting and pruning. We also need to publicize the location of the Nature Trail and where possible promote it during home and lot sales.

When I bought an existing house in Indigo Ranch last year I knew nothing about the Nature Trail, and it took me 2 months to find the entrance. Since then I have enjoyed many walks along the trail with my dog. The current entrance to the Nature Trail is at the east end of Mustang Trail. The entrance is not well marked yet, but as you reach the turning circle at the end of Mustang Trail the entrance is between the two houses at the end, 16516 and 16503 Mustang Trail Drive.



As you wander down between these two plots the trail will split and go east and west. The westbound part of the Trail was the part where most of the work was done last year. The Trail basically follows the creek and Indigo Ranches property line, shown on the map here as the blue and red lines respectively. The original intention was for the Nature Trail to extend the full length of the property, however during clearing last year it became

evident that that would not be practical. There is an area in the middle of the Trail that is very low lying and is subject to flooding. It was felt that this would not be practical to infill. The eastbound part of the Trail will take you to the area known as Reserve A which reaches all the way to the white fence on Walnut Creek Drive. Currently this part of the Trail has not been fully cleared out. (Printed in black - Red line referred to is along the perimeter of property)

The proposed plan for 2008 is to maintain the Trail with a twice a year clearing by a Brush Hog type machine, in the spring and fall, supplemented by volunteer trimming of the undergrowth. We have Nature Trail signs to install to highlight the location of the Nature Trail. We will also look into extending the Trail maintenance in both directions. We will be looking for volunteers in the spring to help with trimming the edges of the trail, especially at the higher levels for the riders in the community. However don't wait to be asked, if you go walking or riding on the Trail, takes those clippers with you and do a little each time.

Doug Murray, IRPOA Board Member, Parks and Recreation Committee Oversight

Roadways – Gate Repair – The entrance and exit gate tracks will be replaced in January. The Entrance Gate will be first. The replacement process will take from 7 to 10 days apiece for completion. This will cause some inconvenience for both residents and contractors and will require the cooperation of all property owners.

Information will be e-mailed to all property owners when plans for the work are finalized. If you are a property owner/resident and will have contractors working on your property during this time, please send your e-mail address to Flo Lieder so that you can receive the final plan information.

Social – As a result of the survey and comments received from the property owners at the September Board Meeting, the Board has authorized garage sales to be held twice a year and the gate to be open for two days during the sales. The garage sales, dates and times, will be under the direction of the Social Committee.

Finance – Invoices for Annual dues were mailed a week or so ago. Please ensure payment is made by the due date specified.

Contact List – Listed are the people for you to call if there is a problem to report or if you have questions.

Communications Committee/Neighborhood Watch:

Flo Lieder 281-252-0641 or ctlieder@att.net

Alternate - Neighborhood Watch – Tammy Adams 281-252-0019 or tlynnadams@sbcglobal.net

Parks/Nature Trail:

Doug Murray – Humbelscot@gmail.com

Roadways/Gate/Entranceway:

1st- CKM 281-255-3055

2nd Charles Coffee 281-356-7758, cell 713-806-5843

CHANGE IN IRPOA BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE – Starting in January 2008, Board Meetings will be held every two months. January, March, May, July, September and November.

IRPOA Board Meetings_- Open to all property owners. The meetings will be held the fourth Monday of the months of January, March, May, July, September and November in the West Montgomery County Community Development Center on Friendship Dr in Magnolia, off 1774. There is a blinking yellow warning light at the intersection. Last building on the right. Meeting room is at the end of the hallway to the right. Meeting starts at 7PM.

To request that an item or issue be added to the formal Board Meeting Agenda, please contact Janet Hampton at CKM 281-255-3055

There is no December 2007 meeting.

HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAYS TO ALL