

# NEWSLETTER

## RMR Fire Protection

*20,000 gallon water tank dedicated to fire protection.*



The membership of the River Mountain Ranch Property Owner's Association voted in January 2008 to approve the purchase and installation of a 20,000 gallon water tank that would be dedicated to fire protection. Project planning had been initiated immediately after the POA Summer Meeting in June 2007. The project was coordinated with the Wimberley Fire Department to ensure that the tank and the fire connection valve met their requirements. The tank

was installed and declared operational in May 2008. A slide show movie of the construction effort is located on the News page at the RMRPOA website.

We are looking for any members that have large volume water tanks (10,000 gallons or more) that would be willing to allow the POA to place a Fire Department Connection. Please contact any Board member if you are interested in participating in this program.

### Board Meetings

Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month, at 7PM, in the Blanco Room, Wimberley Community Center, 14068 RR12. All members are welcome to attend.



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Property Owners  
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(RMRPOA)

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Thank you,

-RMRPOA Board

## RMR FIREWISE COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

The National Firewise Communities program emphasizes community responsibility for working toward a common goal: reduce loss of lives, property, and resources to wildland fire by building and maintaining communities in a way that is compatible with our natural surroundings.

With the location, topography, weather, density of home sites, and on-going construction, RMR is an appropriate community to become Firewise. At the summer meeting a majority of property owners registered interest in this endeavor. We followed up with an open meeting in September at the WVFD, where Jan Fulkerson of the Texas Forest Service presented a detailed overview of the activities and benefits. Several folks at this meeting volunteered to serve on a committee to plan and follow through on the steps toward meeting the Firewise criteria. This includes:

- Working with a wildland/urban interface specialist to complete an assessment and agreed upon plan for the subdivision with community involvement.

- Maintain and track this program, plan an annual Firewise Community Day, and submit an annual report to Firewise Communities/USA documenting activities.
- Maintain current fire danger and burn ban status on our new Fire Danger sign at the RMR entrance gate.
- Track the value of the Firewise activities done by residents and paid contractors.
- Make recommendations to the POA Board for applications for available State and Federal grant money for major Firewise projects like the firewater tank, emergency exit road, etc.
- Dispense pertinent information to all residents and property owners.

Involvement by the entire RMR Community in this program would be win-win for us all. The RMRPOA website and Newsletter will report updates and details as we proceed.

## 2008 BOARD ELECTION NOMINATION PROCESS - NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS

The annual election of RMRPOA Board Members is quickly approaching. This election will be held during December and the results announced at the Annual POA Meeting in January 2009. We will be voting for three (3) positions that have expiring terms. Under the provisions of the Bylaws, paragraph 2.03, "Each regular member in good standing is entitled to one vote per lot.....". If you own more than one lot then you get more than one vote. Please refer to the RMRPOA Bylaws (website Documents page) for all of the rules that govern the conduct of the Board election.

Nominations for the Board election will be accepted from 16 September through 14 November 2008. A letter will be sent to all POA members within the next couple of weeks to formally solicit nominations. Please follow the instructions in the letter on the process required to submit nominations. After the nominating period is closed on 14 November, the nominees will be screened to ensure that they are eligible to run, i.e., a POA member in "good standing" in accordance with the Bylaws. The final slate of nominees will then be notified and will be required to submit a standard bio for inclusion in the ballot that will be mailed in early December 2008.

### **RMRPOA Board Members**

**President & Architecture** - Jim Wheat, (512) 847-1051, Cell: (512) 913-5765, [jwheat1714@aol.com](mailto:jwheat1714@aol.com) (Term expires 1/2010)

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