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### **December 2009**

#### **2009 Election of POA Board Members Underway**

The election ballots were mailed on 26 December to all POA members. One nominee withdrew from the election leaving only three (3) nominees for four (4) open positions.

### **November 2009**

#### **2009 Election of POA Board Members**

The Nominating Process for the 2009 Election was completed on 30 November.

#### **RMRPOA Fall 2009 Newsletter**

The Fall 2009 Newsletter was released and posted on this website for viewing and/or download.

### **October 2009**

#### **3rd Annual Halloween RMR Hayride & Pot Luck Dinner**

The 3rd annual RMR hayride and pot luck dinner was held at the Calkins house, 1207 Winding Trail on Saturday, 31 October 2009. The fun started at 6:30 PM with a costume contest, followed by the hayride at 7:00 and back to the barn between 8:00 – 8:30 for dinner.

#### **Solicitors Seen on Windmill Run**

Two solicitors ( male & female) have ignored our "No Solicitors" posted signs on River Mountain Road on Saturday, 24 October 2009. After they trespassed on a Windmill Run property, the owner called the Hays County Sheriff's Office and a Deputy was sent to the home. Please be aware of suspicious people in the neighborhood and report it immediately. Thanks.

Additional information concerning the No Solicitors policy within RMR will be discussed in the Fall 2009 Newsletter.

#### **Construction Deposit**

Effective 10 October 2009, the construction deposit will be \$1000. Recent events regarding the dumping of construction waste and debris (i.e., concrete and tile) along our common roads has been extremely troubling and has resulted in the Board unanimously voting on 8 October 2009 to increase the construction deposit to \$1000.

This deposit is required prior to receiving final architectural approval for the construction of new homes, additions to homes, garages, and pools. The deposit amount was

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instituted as a result of construction vehicles causing damage to RMR POA owned roads and common areas as well as to some privately owned property.

Under the provisions of the RMR Covenants & Restrictions (see Documents & Maps page) paragraphs A - Land Use and C - Landowner's Agreement, it is the responsibility of the owner of the property to ensure that their builder is physically removing construction debris from River Mountain Ranch.

Architectural Control will notify the property owner if a violation of the Covenants & Restrictions has occurred either verbally by phone call or in writing by email or letter. The property owner will be given a reasonable deadline to remove the offending debris. In the event that the property owner does not comply within the allowed timeframe, the POA Board will take action, under the provisions of the Covenants & Restrictions, to clean up the debris. The cost of the cleanup will be deducted from the construction deposit. If the cost is greater than the construction deposit, the POA will bill the property owner for the difference.

Please contact Architectural Control if you have any questions.

### **Neighborhood Watch - National Night Out**

Residents of River Mountain Ranch attended our first National Night Out event on Tuesday, October 6, 2009. The Board would like to thank all of those residents (approximately 30) who attended the event. We would also like to specially thank those who helped coordinate and set up this event and specifically, Cathy Kubica, our RMR Neighborhood Watch Coordinator.

## **September 2009**

### **Nominating Committee formed for 2009 Board Election**

In accordance with the Bylaws of the RMRPOA, Article 4 - Board of Directors, President Jim Wheat has appointed a nominating committee composed of John Tanzillo, Board Member, and Loyal White and Martha Middleton from the membership at large.

### **Neighborhood Watch Sign**

Our Boris the Burglar(TM) Neighborhood Watch sign has been installed on River Mountain Road at the lower entrance just off of FM3237. The sign has proven to be an effective deterrent to criminal activity and puts would-be criminals on notice that neighbors in our subdivision are looking out for each other's safety.

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#### **RMR Street Signs Replaced**

The old wooden street signs attached to the low rock walls on several of our streets have been replaced with new steel signs. The final step in updating these signs will be to add street numbers to the Windmill Run and Water Park signs. The street numbers will help the Fire Department and/or EMS to easily know whether to go right or left at these two T-intersections to find a specific address. The Board would like to specifically thank Jim and Cathy Wheat for taking on this project during this very hot summer.

#### **Lost Springs Ranch Wildland Fire Burns 500 Acres**

The RMR Firewise Committee has posted post-fire pictures from the July 2009 wildland fire that burned 500 acres and forced the evacuation of 15 homes at the Lost Springs Ranch Subdivision (west of Wimberley) at <http://rivermountainranchfirewisecommit.shutterfly.com/>. The fire presented a big problem to firefighters since it was about 20 miles from the fire station and the neighborhood does not have a "water source" dedicated to fire protection like RMR has.

The Texas Forest Service has provided a link for pictures taken during the fire at <http://www.mason-photography.com>. This site will take some time to load the galleries of their pictures.

Movies of the fire can also be viewed at our local TV stations' websites, such as at this link [http://www.kxan.com/dpp/mobile/Brush\\_fire\\_threatening\\_Wimberley\\_homes](http://www.kxan.com/dpp/mobile/Brush_fire_threatening_Wimberley_homes).

### **July 2009**

#### **RMRPOA Summer 2009 Newsletter Released**

The Summer Newsletter is now available for download in pdf format at this link: [Summer 2009](#). The newsletter is a "web downloadable" document only and will not be mailed or emailed to the POA membership. Those members currently subscribed to the POA email list will, however, receive an email notification that the document is available for download. POA members who are not currently subscribed to the email list and would like to subscribe are asked to follow the process listed in the right column of this page under the "RMRPOA Email List Subscription Process."

### **June 2009**

#### **POA Holds Summer Picnic & Meeting on 13 June**

The Summer Meeting & Picnic was held on Saturday, 13 June. Approximately 40 people attended. Guest speakers included, WVFD Chief Carroll Czichos, and a representative from the Hays County Sheriff's Department Crime Prevention Unit/Neighborhood Watch. A summary of the minutes of the meeting will be provided in the next Newsletter which will be posted on this website in July.

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### **May 2009**

#### **River Park Spring Clean-up**

The RMR Blanco River Park was cleaned up with the help of thirteen (13) volunteers on Saturday, 16 May.

### **April 2009**

#### **Fire on Bluff View Road**

A fire occurred late Wednesday (22 April) afternoon on Bluff View Road. Although the homeowner had done everything he could to keep his burn piles under control, to include having water available, the very low humidity and a gust of wind reignited embers that subsequently blew into the surrounding trees which caught fire.

The WFD fought the fire for approximately 3 hours with water support from the RMR Community Water Tank. The use of our water tank (approx. 1300 gallons were used) saved the WFD 25-30 minutes of turn around time for every time that they needed additional water. Normally, the WFD would have had to send their support truck back to the nearest fire hydrant which is located near the Deer Creek Nursing Home in Wimberley. The reduced turn around time helped the firefighters contain the fire to approximately one quarter acre and possibly prevented this fire from spreading to a much wider area.

#### **Smell Smoke!!!???**

The Hays County Sheriff's Department reports that the smoke on 10 April is from the fires in Del Rio that are blowing our way. Please still be on the lookout for any wildland fires in your area and report any immediately to the Hays County Sheriff at 512-393-7896. For additional information please contact the Firewise Committee Chairperson, Jeanne Martin (contact information is located on the Firewise page).

### **March 2009**

#### **Mail Box Vandalism on Saturday, 7 March**

Several mail boxes were vandalized on Saturday, 7 March, along River Mountain Road, Winding Trail, Water Park (North), and Windmill Run. If you had your mail box damaged on Saturday night, please contact the Sheriff's Department (non-emergency number) to report the damage. The Sheriff's Department has arrested a couple of suspects and need our help to ensure that they have all of the evidence concerning the damage that was done.

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### **February 2009**

#### **Winter 2009 Newsletter Now Available for Download**

The latest RMRPOA Newsletter is now available for download at this link: [Winter 2009 Newsletter](#).

### **January 2009**

#### **Board Election Results**

As a result of the recent election, the 2009-2010 RMRPOA Board of Directors will be as follows: Jim Wheat - President, Jerry Martin - Secretary, David Conway - Treasurer, David Lewis -Architectural Control, David Dziezyk - Roads Chair, Margaret Baker - Parks & Firewise Advisor, and John Tanzillo - Communications & Website Chair.

The Board would like to thank Steve Nichols who did an outstanding job as Treasurer for the past two years.

#### **Annual Meeting of the RMRPOA Held 24 January**

The Annual Meeting of the RMRPOA was conducted on Saturday, 24 January 2009, from 10 AM to 12 Noon in the Blanco Room, Wimberley Community Center. There were approximately 60 members and family in attendance. The Texas Forest Service awarded a Firewise Community certification to River Mountain Ranch. For additional information on Firewise please visit the Firewise section of this website.