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**BOD Meeting:**  
**Oct. 31, 2024, 6 p.m.**

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**BOD Committee Workshop**  
**Nov. 18 at 6 p.m. in the Ballroom**



## COMMITTEE DIRECTORY

Committee	Frequency/Day	Time	Location
Airport	Oct. 10	8 a.m.	CH Conference Room
Appeals	Oct. 8	10 a.m.	S&S Conference Room
ACC	Oct. 3   Oct. 17	2 p.m.	S&S Conference Room
Bylaws	Oct. 14	1 p.m.	CH Conference Room
Entertainment	Oct. 2	2 p.m.	CH Conference Room
Finance	Oct. 23	3:30 p.m.	CH Conference Room
Golf	Oct. 2	8:30 a.m.	CH Conference Room
Horse Owners	Oct. 22	3:30 p.m.	CH Conference Room
Infrastructure	Oct. 1	9 a.m.	CH Conference Room
LRP	Oct. 21	1:30 p.m.	CH Conference Room
Marina	Oct. 9	3 p.m.	CH Conference Room
Safety & Security	Oct. 15	9:30 a.m.	S&S Conference Room
Sports & Rec (Grounds)	Oct. 1	1 p.m.	PAC
Wildlife	Oct. 11	8:30 a.m.	CH Conference Room

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### OCTOBER

Saturday, Oct. 5  
Tuesday, Oct. 15

### NOVEMBER

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Eden met Granbury 36 years ago and is grateful to have moved here in 2000. She and husband “Hug” raise/raised their two natives here. Eden loves her semi-bohemian lifestyle of hanging out with artists, writers and photographers both young and not as young. Her passions include coffee dates, succulents and making new friends.



Eden Duncan Gilbreath

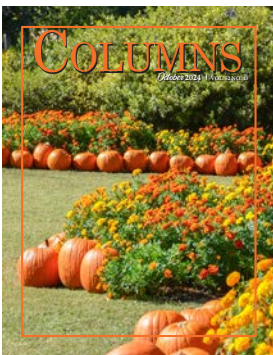


Karen Gomez

Karen picked up her first camera in 2011, then quickly discovered her love of both wildlife and aviation photography when she and her husband, Doug, moved to Pecan Plantation in 2016. Karen’s photographs have been on the covers of Columns magazine, and the wildlife Christmas and note cards they design and produce are big sellers during the holidays.



## ON THE COVER



### ON THE COVER

Pumpkins and fall colors help us usher in the month of October. Crisp air, cool breezes, and warm fires are soon to follow. Karen Gomez provided this amazing photo for use on the cover of this month’s issue.

# Want to Contribute to Your Neighborhood Magazine?

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## From the desk of Rick Lantgen

Since we are headed into October and the end of PPOA's fiscal year, I wanted you to know our financial planning efforts for the upcoming year are in full swing. Our controller Kristi Nickel, managerial staff and Finance Committee are currently working diligently to develop the FY 2025 budget. In fact, by the time this article has reached your mailbox, the new budget has already had its second reading. Pecan's budgeting cycle is, by design, very meticulous, as our goal is to ensure it reflects the community's needs with a balanced approach to financial responsibility.

This month, I wanted to briefly explain where your monthly assessments go, and how it fits into the budget process. Let's start with what you see on a normal monthly statement if you own property in Pecan and you haven't charged anything at the club on your account.

Your bill should be \$200.41. Of that amount, \$20 goes to the Volunteer Fire Department and EMS. PPOA does not receive any of those funds, as they simply "pass through" our hands and to the VFD/EMS. We do this as a service to the organization and our members, so you don't have to pay two different monthly assessments. An additional \$17.66 goes to pay for trash pickup. If you only own a lot, you don't receive this charge until you have a home that generates garbage. There is an \$8 charge that goes into a Reserve and Replacement Fund, which builds over time and is only used to replace, modify or repair current PPOA assets used for operating and maintaining our facilities. For example, let's say one of our industrial mowers broke down and could not be repaired. This fund would be tapped to purchase a replacement mower. And then there is a \$44 fee that goes straight to the Roads and Drainage fund to fund projects in that arena. You can see these dollars in

action right now on Bellechase, Wedgefield and other spots around the neighborhood.

What's left over after all those dollars are moved into their specific "buckets" is \$110.75. That amount is what is used to fund everything needed for our daily operations... from pool chemicals to security and from staff salaries to Easter egg hunts at the PAC. Basically, it is the money used for keeping the lights on, the engines running and ensuring you enjoy the current amenities we have. This fund is also supplemented with monies generated from food and beverage purchases, golf shop sales, etc.

Then there is the New Capital Fund. It is where funds are held should the community decide it wants to build a new amenity, or if the club needs to purchase new items needed for association operations (vehicles, buildings, equipment, etc.) Bylaws stipulate the Board is only allowed to authorize up to \$100,000 each year for any new capital expenditure. That figure is capped, regardless of how much money is in the fund, and once \$100,000 is reached, no other new capital expenditures can be made until the following fiscal year without the approval of the two-thirds of the PPOA membership. The account is solely funded by the initiation fees paid when new members purchase previously unassessed properties (i.e. new development). The initiation fees paid by new members buying previously owned homes goes to Reserve and Replacement Fund.

So as you can see, we have to learn to stretch a dollar or two when we are developing the budgets. We carefully review past expenses, current service requirements, and upcoming projects to allocate resources effectively. This process includes assessing maintenance needs, planned improvements, and potential cost-saving measures to ensure continued service excellence throughout our community.

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- 10/12-10/13 MGA CHAMPIONSHIP
- 10/17 4 MAN TEAM--2 BEST BALLS
- 10/24 SCRAMBLE--4 CLUB MAX
- 10/31 4 MAN SHAMBLE--2 BEST BALLS



Hello everyone!

Fall is in full swing and cooler weather is here. A lot of you love this time of year and like the cold. There's something wrong with that, lol! Thankful we made it through the heat.

Please remember to watch for all the Trick-or-Treat goblins running around for Halloween.

The golf course truly is in amazing shape — thank you to all involved. We just completed the Club Championship at the end of September and extend congratulations to all the winners. The MGA Championship is the Oct. 12-13 and we hope to see all members come out and compete in their

division. As always, please remember to rake the bunkers, fix your ball marks on the green and fill your divots in the fairway. It's our golf course, so please help maintain it as we play. Last thing: As we approach the end of the year we are going to need some MGA members to serve on as directors on the board. I believe in November when we have our annual meeting we will need four new members. Keep this in mind and if you have a desire to serve just let me know.

Hit 'em straight!

Robert Forshee, MGA president

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Summer is officially over and thank goodness the weather has cooled down a bit. September was a very busy month for the LGA. We had our member/guest tournament with 42 teams from all over the state and country. It was a huge success. I want to thank Terri Isbell who planned and organized it; Paula Marker for hosting the party at her house; and Kim Teague for raising almost \$10,000 in sponsorships which made the tournament spectacular. Below are those sponsors that were so generous, and we want to recognize and thank them. We also want to thank everyone else who participated and gave their time to help out.

Marilyn Neely

## PPLGA 50TH ANNIVERSARY 2024 PECAN BELLES MEMBER/GUEST GOLF TOURNAMENT

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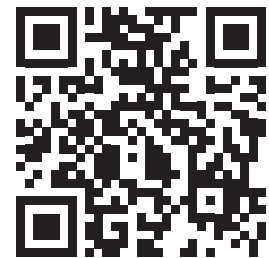


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#### Kids' Halloween Party

Saturday, October 26, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

- Trunk or Treat (Volunteers needed!)
- Clown and Balloon Animals
- Cupcake Walk
- Crafts, games, and candy
- Pumpkin Carving Contest - Separate adult and kid categories.



Top 3 places in each category will receive a WalMart gift card!  
Drop off pumpkins between 8 a.m. and noon on October 26 to be eligible for judging. Winners will be announced at party.

#### Learn to Draw - The Basics (Ages 10+) - New!

Sunday, October 13 (1 p.m. - 4 p.m.)

Cost: \$50 - includes all supplies

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Bring acrylics, 12x14 canvas, jars, and brushes.

Cost: \$75/month (4 classes)

#### Let's Make Christmas Cards w/ Anita Lloyd, Ph.D.

Tues, Nov. 5, 12, 19, & 26 (4 p.m. - 6 p.m.)

Bring card stock to class.

Cost: \$75/month (4 classes)

#### Dance Classes for Kids

Every Monday

Mini Tots Ballet and Tap: (18 mo to 4) 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Ballet/Tap/Jazz/Hip-Hop Combo: (ages 5+) 4:15 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Cost: \$60/month

Instructor: Dance Dreams Academy

#### Election Day

Tuesday, November 5

7 am - 7 pm

PAC Gymnasium



#### Red Cross Blood Drive - PAC Gym

Wednesday, Nov. 6 (8 a.m. - 2 p.m.)

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Thursday (10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.)

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Certified Instructor: DeDe Lamont

#### Pilates

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Instructor: Shawn Farris (Please bring your own mat)

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Saturday (9 a.m. - 10 a.m.)

Cost: \$3/class

\*Bring hand weights & a mat if possible\*

#### Deep Water Aerobics at Club pool

Tues - Fri 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Cost: \$45/month (16 classes) or \$5/class

Certified Instructor: Leslie Stain (sign up at PAC)

#### Line Dancing - Free

Fridays (10:30 a.m. - noon)

Intermediate dancers meeting for practice, exercise, fun.

No Instruction.

### PICKLEBALL

#### Indoor Pickleball Schedule

Weekdays (9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.)

Wednesday (9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.)

#### Family Friendly Open Play

Tues & Fri Evenings (6 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.)

Sundays (12 p.m. - 2 p.m.)

Ladies Only Open Play - Tuesdays (1 p.m. - 3 p.m.)

Outdoor Beginner Clinic - Oct 8 (6 p.m. - 7 p.m.)

Three outdoor courts are available with a reservation from 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. through PPOA app or website.

#### Save the Date

Dec 1: Brunch & Pics with Santa at Club 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
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# EQUESTRIAN UPDATE

By Tammy Dressman



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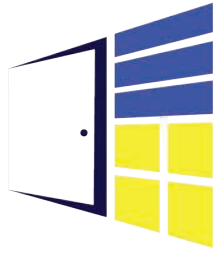


During the month of August, Pecan Plantation Stables boarders had the privilege of entertaining some special guests from Israel. Israel's Eagle Project is a collaboration of Messianic Congregations. StoneWater Church partnered with these congregations in bringing 38 Israel Defense Forces soldiers and military service personnel who are completing their military service out of the country for a time to connect with other Messianic believers and enjoy some relaxation, fun, healing from trauma and discipleship. During their stay, a day trip to the Pecan Stables was one of the highlights. Most of the guests had either never

been on a horse, or may have one time as a child. While they might have been a little anxious, they and our horses did great. Our boarders had the best time with our guests, and truly loved on them well. Thank you to all the Pecan boarders that helped give them such a special welcome! We're including several photos for your enjoyment.

Be sure to check out our Pecan Plantation Stables Facebook page for more photos, funnies and information not contained in the Columns. As well, check the PPOA official website — [ppoaweb.com](http://ppoaweb.com) — where you'll find additional information about committees, meeting times, etc. We continue to remain at full capacity at the stables. If you're interested in getting on the wait list, call the PPOA business office at 817-573-2641, ext. 337. For all other stables related questions and information call me, Tammy Dressman, at 817-614-9744.





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# ART MATTERS

By Cheryl Moore

Membership in the Pecan Plantation Art Guild is open to all Pecan Plantation residents who are interested in art. Our meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the Pecan Activity Center. Dues are \$35 per calendar year. For more information, visit our website at [pecanplantationartguild.com](http://pecanplantationartguild.com)



## ARTIST DEMONSTRATION

### SUE BAGWELL

October 8, 10:30 a.m.

Painting on tar paper? Really?

Yes, really! And the results are magnificent! Some examples are shown here. This award-winning artist says this about her art:

"I've been consumed with art, or more precisely with creativity since ... forever. Art and creativity are the same thing to me. You can be creative from how you make your kids' lunches to how you dress, to music, dance, and art you create with brush to metal.

"So, painting on tar paper wasn't a big stretch for me. Tar paper is a cheap substrate with good texture that gives the finished piece automatic great value. It works well with opaque acrylics, house paint and even chalk.

"I'm looking forward to a fun and inclusive hands-on demo with the Pecan Art Guild Oct. 8 at 10:30 a.m. at the PAC, and I hope lots of people join this fun group."



SUE BAGWELL



JAMES STEWART

## IN MEMORIAM

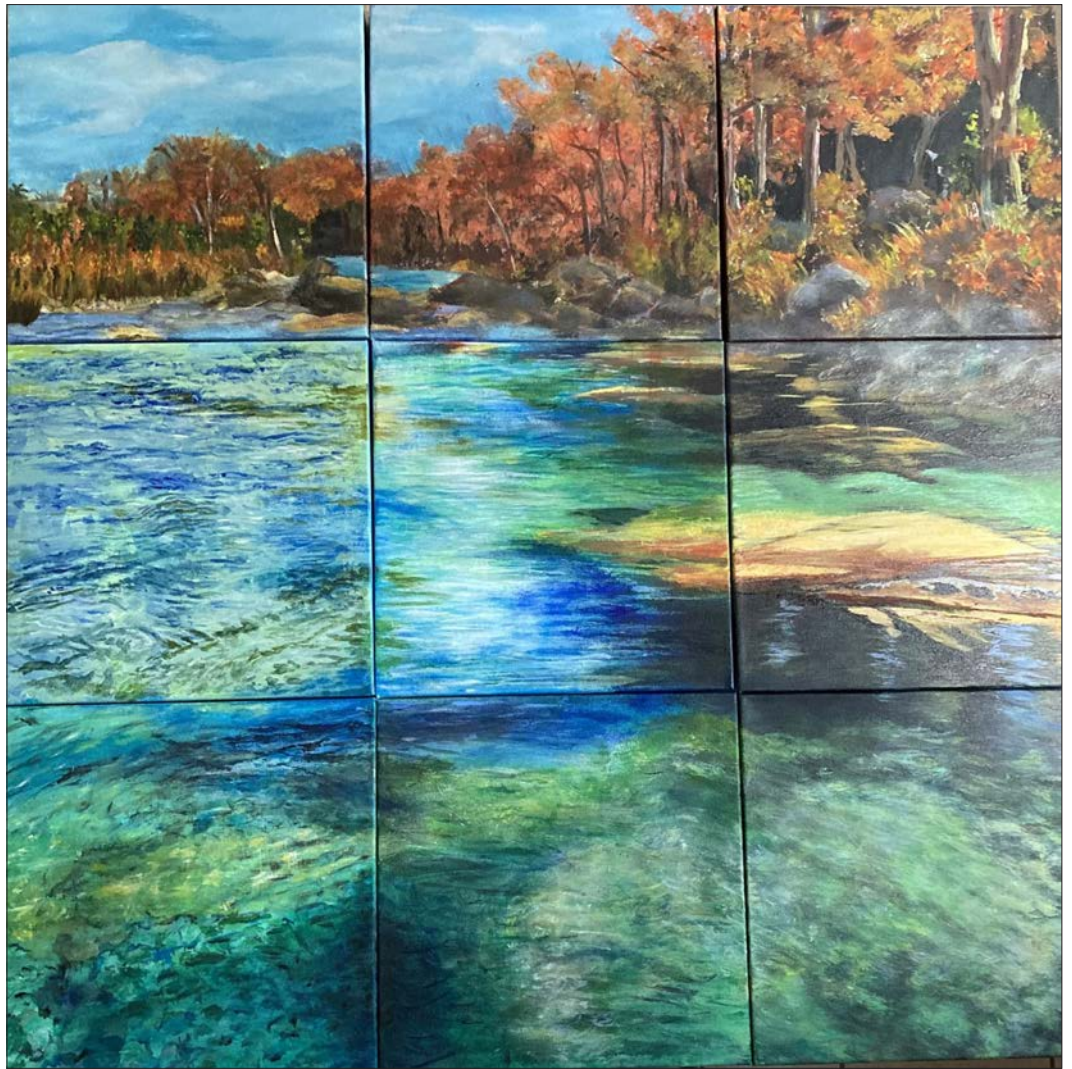
### JAMES STEWART

1942 - 2024

Artist James "Jim" Stewart passed away Aug. 29, 2024. Services were held Sept. 15. He will be remembered for his many talents, beyond his beautiful paintings, that included singing, golf and a great sense of humor; but even more, for his kindness, generosity and willingness to help artists and his tireless efforts to promote the arts. His legacy lives on with us, and he will be greatly missed.

## NINE SQUARE PAINTING RAFFLE TO BENEFIT EMS

Doesn't this just invite you to splash in this water and relish the sunlight dancing on its surface? The Nine Square Project is completed and scheduled for framing as of this deadline, and it is even more beautiful than ever. Team leader Kathy Yoders and artists Jimmie Borum, Barbara Brown, Connie Gilmore, Gwen Hutson, Cheryl Moore, Judy Taubinger and Pamala Vannoy each volunteered to paint a square. Picture this 3-foot by 3-foot beauty in your home, uplifting your spirits each time you glance at it. It can be yours. Raffle tickets are for sale from PPAG members, and the drawing will take place at 4 p.m. at our Pop Up Art Show at the clubhouse. You need not be present to win. Proceeds will benefit the Pecan EMS.



## ARTIST OF THE MONTH



### PAM MCLEAN

Pam McLean with her artwork selected for Artist of the Month in August. See September's winner's art at the PAC until Oct. 8. In October, enjoy the art of Susan White on the wall leading to the ballroom. Peruse the art of a curated variety of PPAG artists in dining areas, hallways and meeting rooms at the clubhouse. All art displayed is for sale by contacting each artist directly.

## SAVE THE DATE!

### November 9

6-9 p.m.

Grand opening of The "Three Jims" exhibit at Shanley House, honoring Jim Stewart, with Jim Spurlock and Jim McDonald demoing.

### November 19

Pop-Up Art Show at Pecan Plantation clubhouse,  
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Drawing for Nine Square Painting raffle at 4 p.m.

# PICKLEBALL NEWS

By Jana Reeves



Several PPPA members traveled to Fort Worth to compete in the Cowtown Senior Open Series Tournament in August. Congratulations to David Burch and Tracy Davis for winning gold in their division for doubles. Lisa Moore and Clarie Downing also won a bronze medal in their division for doubles. Clarie and Kevin Downing won gold in mixed doubles. Congratulations to all the participants!

The beginner's clinic for the month of October will be an evening class. It will be held Tuesday Oct. 8 from 6-7 p.m. at the PAC outdoor courts. This clinic is limited to 12 players and preregistration is required. Call or stop by the PAC to sign up. Paddles are available to use and please wear comfortable clothing and court shoes.

Ladies-only play is every Tuesday afternoon from 1-3 p.m. All levels of play are welcome.

A reminder that open play for adults is every weekday from 9:30 a.m. to - 12:30 p.m. except Wednesdays when play concludes at 11:30 a.m. Family friendly hours are Tuesday and Friday evenings from 6 to 7:45 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 2 p.m.

Pickleball play is also available on the outdoor courts from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day. Reservations are required.

The Pecan Plantation Pickleball Association will be selling both breakfast and lunch at the front circle during the fall community-wide garage sale. This year we will offer breakfast burritos in the morning and pulled pork tacos for lunch. We always appreciate the community support for this fundraiser so please stop by and grab a delicious meal!



**Left: David Birch and Tracy Davis- Gold medal for doubles.**

**Top right: Clarie Downing and Lisa Moore- Bronze medal for doubles.**

**Top left: Clarie and Kevin Downing- Gold medal for mixed doubles.**



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Back by popular demand, this event gives Pecan residents a unique, four-hour dining and entertainment opportunity, featuring all-you-can-eat food and drinks, as well as entertainment inspired by different regions of the globe.

"Around the World in Pecan is all about fun and good food," said Executive Chef Jordan Ray. "There will be six mini-restaurants set up in and around the clubhouse, and members and their guests will be invited to eat and drink to their hearts' content."

According to Ray, the evening will begin with champagne in the clubhouse lobby. After that, guests can wander around the club and eat and drink in various "countries." Destinations include an Italian restaurant, a Brazilian steakhouse, Australian tucker, and Greek, Thai and Moroccan establishments.

Each stop on the world tour will have a signature drink/cocktail, as well as entertainment inspired by the country of origin, and much of the entertainment will be unique, and never-before-seen on the peninsula.

The Justin Pierce Band will return after last year's great show to play and croon some of your favorite Sinatra-esque hits in the ballroom. Renowned belly dancer and instructor Nailah Noor of Dallas will shimmy in the Moroccan Room. Performers from the Dallas Capoeira martial arts studio will demonstrate Brazilian dance-fighting at PPCC's "Brazosilian" Steakhouse, and there will be Thai, Australian and Greek themes, too!

Be ready to get a taste of what awaits you Oct. 5! Tickets are \$125\* per person or \$150\* at the door. Reservations for the event are required and can be made by calling the front desk at 817-573-2641 or by scanning the QR Code.

*\*This event is Cost++ meaning your tax and tips will be added to your final bill.*



# WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS CLUB

By Caryl Mahaffey



The Pecan W/W Group will meet Thursday Oct. 3, in the ballroom to swing into fall and Oktoberfest. We will plan our own W/W Festival with typical Bavarian music, including the accordion played by Karen

Carmody. Karen will provide "Oompah Music" and much more for our festival of good food, fun and good times.

Also, Cheslea Hawkins with the Historic Granbury Merchants Association will give us a presentation on, "What is going on in Granbury this fall and during the upcoming holiday season." You will want to have your calendars handy to remember all the great things that are available to us in our little city of Granbury.

We have asked the chef to surprise us in October with one of his German dinners. The menu will be sent to each member a few weeks before the Oct. 3 meeting. Your RSVP for the October meeting will be due to Caryl Mahaffey seven days before the meeting by e-mailing [caryl.mahaffey@charter.net](mailto:caryl.mahaffey@charter.net) (preferred) or calling 817-964-5915.

The Club enjoyed a wonderful presentation in September given by Duey and Janet Powers on the birds in our neighborhood. We are all looking forward to spotting and identifying

the many birds Dewey told us about in our own backyards.

The Nov. 7 meeting will be our "Thankful Meeting" as we bring items to share with folks in need at Joseph's Locker and at the BeeHive Assisted Senior Living Facility in Acton. We will hear about the needs at Joseph's Locker from Roy Hale. To complete our Thankful Program, we will have a presentation by our own Donna Thompson on "Giving Thanks for The Little Things."

Dec. 5 will be our Holiday Party in the ballroom with Monty Lewis spinning all our favorite Christmas Tunes and entertaining us for the evening.

Mark your calendar to attend our Oct. 3 meeting at 5:30 p.m. Attendance is open to any widow or widower who lives in Pecan. An RSVP is necessary to attend the meeting. Come join in the fun, food and good times at the W/W Oktoberfest.

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# ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Surprise September Bingo was the ultimate surprise! We had a special guest, Monac the Magnificent! Monac, which is a "spin-off" of the Johnny Carson bit "Carnac the Magnificent" on the late show, is a "seer" who will hold envelopes to his head and divine the answer to a question in a sealed envelope. The bit was always very corny but it stimulated a lot of laughs for the audience. Everyone had a great time and Monty Lewis never disappoints the crowd.

Each month, Bingo out-does the previous month. Oct. 10 will be Trick-or-Treat Bingo. Come dressed in your best costume and try to win a \$25 gift certificate from First National Bank.

"Around the World In Pecan" Oct. 5 will be an evening that will begin with champagne in the clubhouse lobby. After that, guests can wander around the club and eat, drink and enjoy entertainment representing various countries. Destinations include an Italian restaurant, a Brazilian steakhouse, Australian tucker, and Greek, Thai and Moroccan establishments. We hope you have already made your reservation for this big event. See you from 5-9 p.m. Oct. 5 with an all-inclusive event to visit these countries for dinner. Reserve now for \$125 or \$150 at the door.

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# DEAD TREES: NOW WHAT?

By Bob Lusk



Raise your hand if you like seeing all the dead trees in Pecan Plantation.

What, no hands?

None of us like it. Our namesake, those beautiful trees, left to die of their own accord, lacking care, lacking water, lacking all those amendments, fertilizer, pesticides. Brutal, shameless.

We know, there are a lot of opinions, considerable anger, and lots of folks who can't understand how we got here ... way too many dead trees. It's easy to point fingers and make our own judgement calls.

Now what?

Here's another perspective. Those trees were a crop, not unlike others. Think corn, cotton, wheat. A crop. The big difference here is longevity. Those traditional crops, by nature, are annuals, where farmers till the soil, plant the seeds, fertilize ... and do a rain dance.

Pecans, on the other hand, take years to mature enough to get a profitable crop of nuts. They grow into beautiful rows of trees we admire ... 'er admired.

Here's the bottom line. Drive around our community and observe. Thousands of pecan trees in our yards are thriving. That's because that property owner is watering them, maybe adding additional care.

The orchard trees are dead because they have been a crop for profit, propped up with massive amounts of water coming from Lake Granbury, with fertilizer, soil amendments, pesticides to keep away the fungus, Army worms and whatever other boogeyman stuff happens to that singular crop.

The land has outvalued, and outlived, the value of pecans.

If you really think about it more deeply, those trees were destined for what's happening, whether we like it or not.

It's just happening in our lifetime, not someone else's.

Yes, they're an eyesore now.

No one debates that.

Peeling back the next layer of the proverbial onion, those gorgeous pecan trees in the orchard were anything but "natural." They were a monoculture, kept alive by management strategies. Take away any part of those strategies, and we all see what's happened, especially 90 hot days last year with no water.

That begs the question, "What's next?"

Here's a challenge. Presuming there's nothing "natural" about a crop of pecan trees, how about these new landowners, or even the rest us, learn how to add diversity to our plant life?

A recent research study between TCU and the Fort Worth Botanic Garden found some fascinating facts. This stuff could happen right here, in Pecan Plantation, if we embrace it and then act on it.

The study revealed the 109-acres of the South Woods of the Fort Worth Botanic Garden, with its plant diversity, sequesters and stores more than 490 tons of carbon, the equivalent of what 106 cars produce annually. Carbon sequestration, capturing and converting it to mass, was almost 13.5 tons annually. Another eyebrow raiser is replacement value of those plants — a whopping \$3.42 million dollars ... plants grown there thoughtfully over time.

Want to read that study? Go to the Botanic Gardens' website.

Inch by inch, new buyers, and people who've been in Pecan Plantation before they had gray hair, can do a little bit of homework and learn what plants are natural, which use the least amount of water, and will thrive in these thousands of acres of great sandy soils.

Wouldn't it be cool to improve wildlife habitat, add plants for pollinators, and turn this monoculture situation into one that does so much good on so many fronts?

It's time to shift the paradigm of thought to something truly natural and productive. Let's grow good, healthy, natural plants to replace the crops.

The short time we've lived here, I stand amazed at the amount of knowledge and experiences people in Pecan have. Master Gardeners, Master Naturalists and so many others with backgrounds to be able to think through this dilemma and do our parts to make plans to resurrect and give a great restart to Pecan Plantation's mass tragedy of dead trees.

The next challenge is to get some of our knowledge passed around. We live in USDA Hardiness Zone 8, and with this sandy soil, there are some great plants to help create the diversity needed and build the next destiny our community deserves.

# RV CLUB NEWS

By Glenna Haskell, VP

Hello fellow RVers, and welcome to fall. I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. We have an upcoming fall rally that is sure to be fantastic. Jackie and Tom Schmersahl and Bill and Sharon Green are hosting. The rally is in Hot Springs, Arkansas. If you haven't already signed up, please do so soon.

I received many pictures from our travelers the Kroons, Schmersahls, Prices and Greens. I will post as many pictures as Columns magazine allows. They have been vacationing together most of the summer. The pictures are from the Great Lakes area, Northern Michigan, Mackinac Island, Christmas Michigan (Sasquatch) and Lake Superior.

Happy belated anniversary to David and Vicki Kroon! David, I love the picture of Holland, Michigan. It is so wonderful to travel and see the beauty of America. Thanks for the pictures, Bob Price and David Kroon. Next year I would love to travel America, too.

Upcoming events:

- Oct. 13-18 – Finish Line RV Park, Hot Springs, Arkansas. More information to come. Jackie and Tom Schmersahl and Bill and Sharon Green are co-hosts for this rally.
- Dec. 17 – Christmas Party at the Club House

Remember, send me any and all pictures with a brief description of where you went and what you did for Columns magazine. You may find out more information about our club on our website at [ppoarv.org](http://ppoarv.org). If you haven't visited the website, it is a great place to get information about all our upcoming events. Bill Winkler is our website editor and it is fantastic.

Thank you, Bill.



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# PECAN PLANTATION VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Concerns about a grass/wildland fire in Pecan Plantation

By Doug Caughley

The Pecan Volunteer Fire Department has recently been asked if the residents of Pecan are adequately protected from grass/wildland fire. We received an email from Cindy, a Pecan resident, about this subject. Hood County Fire Marshal Jeff Young was also asked about all the dead and dying pecan trees in the orchard. Cindy was rightly concerned about the ugly dead trees and ruined aesthetics of Pecan Plantation, along with the possibility of reduced home values, and the fuel load available for a fire.

As of Aug. 28, the date of this writing, Pecan and all of Hood County are presently included in a fire ban. Your PPVFD is closely monitoring the weekly updates on the Texas Burn Ban Map. We expect as the summer months continue with temps in the triple digits and inadequate rainfall, the counties under the burn ban will soon include most of our surrounding counties.

To help alleviate some of the fears of our residents, the PPVFD has been in touch with the Emergency Management Center of Hood County, the fire marshal, and all nine fire chiefs in Hood County. Discussions and plans of action have been reviewed and are ready when needed.

Specific to Pecan Plantation is our pecan orchard and the dead and dying pecan trees. The trees are planted 35 feet apart and are dying because the irrigation to them, supplied from their planting, has been cut off. When new roads were built the existing waterlines were cut. There is very little fuel load of leaves left on the trees to help spread a fire. The spacing of trees will help alleviate the ability of a fire jumping from tree to tree.

There is an adequate supply of water in Pecan and the surrounding neighborhoods in our fire coverage district. PPVFD has recently inspected, pressure tested and measured the volume of water flowing from 325 hydrants. Some of the inspected hydrants are marked with yellow tape so AMUD can correct any problems. In an agreement with AMUD, the water pressure can be increased to provide more water in case of a major fire. PPVFD is equipped, if necessary, to draw water from ponds, lakes and rivers.

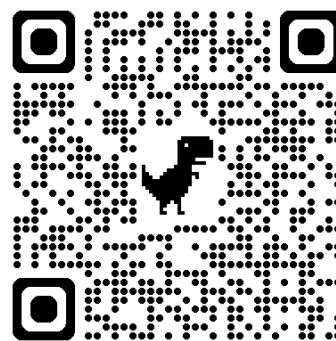
The road system in Pecan Plantation can also be used as a fire break. Our roads will allow us access to any fire but will also slow down any grass fire that tries to cross the pavement. If the need should arise, we have mutual fire support from all the nine Hood County fire departments. Each volunteer fire department is equipped with brush trucks dedicated to fighting grass and wildland fires. They have access to our gate system 24/7.

The Pecan Plantation Volunteer Fire Department is a 100% volunteer organization. The need is great for more volunteers. The national rate of individuals who volunteer has been on a steady decline for more than a decade. The average length of service is five years. There is always a shortage of people who volunteer; we need your help. If there is a yearning in you to serve your community, we can find a place for you. Just call 817-573-1643 or drop by 9518 Monticello Drive Monday through Friday. A member of the PPVFD and EMS will be glad to discuss ways you can help.

October is Fire Prevention Month.



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# NEW MEMBERS

May - August

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**TAMMY VANDERLEEST**, Prospect Hill Drive, relocated to Pecan in May from Fort Worth. Tammy is employed with the University of North Texas. She enjoys archery, reading and gardening. Tammy's son, Tristan Vanderleest, also on the deed, is employed by Progressive Insurance. He enjoys archery, reading and horses.

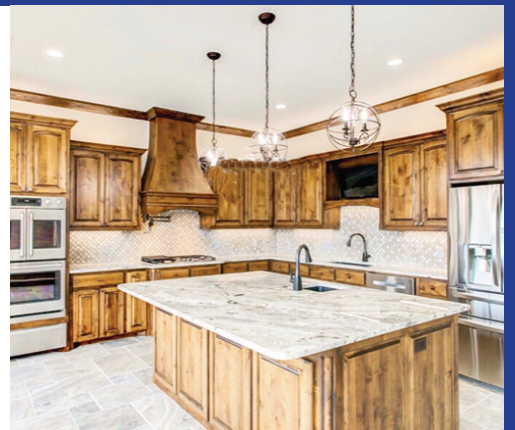
**MICHAEL AND GWEN HUTSON**, Equestrian Court, originally from Midland/Odessa, returned to Pecan Plantation from Katy. They have four adult children and eight grandchildren. Mike and Gwen are both retired. Mike enjoys volunteer work, working out and football. Gwen is a member of the Art Guild, The Woman's Club and Tennis Group.



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# COMMUNITY GARDENS

By Steph Phalen

Hello, fall. No tricks, just treats!  
October brings many special happenings: cooler weather, the State Fair of Texas, Halloween and garden activities. Some of the tasks this month include planting garlic, lettuce, peas, radishes, parsley and spinach. Also, we will continue to pick okra and many pepper varieties. Bonus: all organic!!



## GARDEN TIP

### How to store basil for the winter

Quickly blanch basil in boiling salted water for 15 seconds, drain and dunk in ice water. Then whirl in a blender with a little olive oil. Pour the puree into ice cube trays, freeze and transfer cubes to resealable plastic bags where they keep for up to a year. Add to soups, stir fries, pasta sauce and casseroles.

## VANCE'S SWEET SOY AND LIME VEGETABLE MARINADE

3 tablespoons of each: soy sauce, honey, olive oil  
4 large garlic cloves, minced  
Juice from one large lime  
1/4 teaspoon black pepper  
1/4 teaspoon cayenne (optional)  
Dash of onion salt  
Combine all ingredients in a jar or ziploc bag. Pour over vegetables and marinate for one hour. Grill vegetables for 3-5 minutes per side. Can also be used with fish or meat with adjusted cooking time.



## MEET NEW MEMBER KRISTIN AMO

Kristin is a native Texan, raised by her wonderful grandparents, June and Bernice Murrurl Adair. She recalls many fond memories of her granddaddy's stories, especially those about his cousin, the famous firefighter, Red Adair. Kristen says she has found true fulfillment and purpose in helping others; she has assisted more than 120 families with their real estate needs. She and her husband Rhett enjoy quality time at home with their two schnauzers, Archie and Walter. They are embracing life as empty nesters and enjoying everything that comes with it.

They fell in love with Pecan when they stumbled upon a house tucked away in the woods by the river. It instantly reminded Kristin of her grandparents' home, like a perfect time capsule of her favorite memories. The peacefulness, the escape from city life, and the charm of the deer and owls made it impossible to resist.

Whenever Kristin drove past the Community Garden, she felt a strong pull to get involved. The sense of community and those old-fashioned values reminded her of simpler times, when families spent time together, talked and shared meals. She claims to be a bit of an old soul. Our garden club is fortunate to welcome Kristin as a member.

## SAVE THE DATES:

**OCT. 12, 8 a.m., garden workday**

**OCT. 15, 5 p.m., Happy Hour in the garden — all are welcome**

**We invite anyone interested in joining the Community Gardens to pick up an application at the PAC.**

**For only \$25 annually, members enjoy organic vegetables along with tips and recipes from fellow gardeners. All levels of expertise are welcome!**

# GENEALOGY GROUP

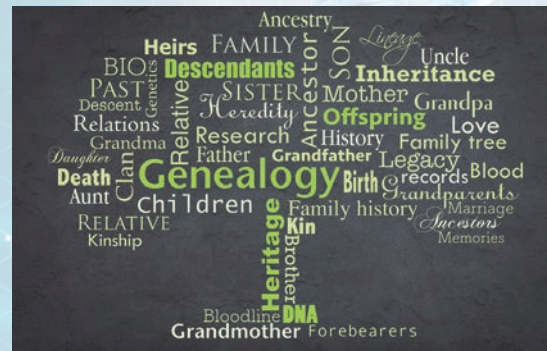
## GENEALOGY FOR LINEAGE SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

The Genealogy Group will meet Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 10 a.m. at Pecan Plantation EMS Training Room, 9518 Monticello Drive behind the fire station. Everyone is welcome. Participants do not need to be residents of Pecan Plantation. Those coming from outside Pecan should tell gate security they are attending the genealogy meeting at the EMS training room.

### OCT. 15 – GENEALOGY FOR LINEAGE SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP (PHIL HARRIS)

Phil will address joining a lineage society and utilizing genealogical tools and techniques to link generations together. This will be a refresher for some, but a good starting place for others to begin their ancestry journey. Illustrations of a completed application will be shown and discussed with some focus on solving brick walls. Beginning and completion of a lineage application is one of the best ways to improve your genealogy skills and the application process gives you feedback about where your roots came from and what your ancestors did.

Call or text Kay at 682-459-5718 if you have any questions. We are always looking for ideas for future meetings. What interests you interests us as well!



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# WILDLIFE COMMITTEE REPORT

## River ecology and deer count

By Bob Lusk

Dear deer, how many art thou?

Your wildlife committee volunteers spread out into defined sections over the entire community three times, for an hour each, and counted deer. Those numbers have been submitted to our regional Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's biologist, who will take a look at the amounts and provide a recommendation to manage the herd to keep it healthy.

That recommendation will be presented to the PPOA board of directors, who will decide what to do.

Stay tuned to these pages for those decisions.

The July 29, 7-8 a.m. count yielded 107 bucks, 280 does, and 203 fawns.

On Aug. 5, 7-8 a.m., the numbers were 120 bucks, 327 does, 216 fawns and 15 "unknown" ...

Aug. 12, 7-8 p.m. count was 104 bucks, 310 does, 209 fawns with another of those animals "unknown" at 18.

Average for the three counts was 636.

Observations: Most yearlings do have one fawn, older ones have twins, a few of them will even drop triplets. Those babies are naturally 50-50 boys and girls. When we look at these numbers, the buck count should be higher. That's a clue some bucks are being harvested outside Pecan Plantation, which makes sense. It also suggests our deer herd consists of residents and nonresidents, since no hunting is allowed here. A sizable number of deer migrate across the river and back. Well, some of them make it back.

The fawn to doe ratio also suggests mortality last spring, which is normal. In theory, there should be one fawn per doe. Reality proves otherwise, be it weak animals, some road kills, predators, or weather, or all the above.

Mark your calendars for the annual Dr. Barna Kid's Trout Fishing Tournament. It's set for Dec. 30. It has to be on a Monday, to keep people from being plunked on the noggin with golf balls.

The River Ecology Program is moving forward rapidly. We need more volunteers to help. There are three parts of the project. Water quality is probably the most important. Monthly, volunteers collect and analyze river water samples from at least 4 spots along our stretch. Data is forwarded to the Texas Stream Team to add information for a bigger cause. For us, data will be logged and, over time, trends will be developed to judge the health of our water and see if it changes ... or not.

A trainer with the Texas Stream Team came to Pecan Sept. 14 to teach volunteers how to collect and analyze the samples, using special water testing kits. Contact Bob Lusk at [booblusk@outlook.com](mailto:booblusk@outlook.com) to join the team. Or, call 903-814-7634.

The second part is doing a fish population inventory twice yearly. Tentatively, we have Oct. 19 set aside for that first go around. Sampling fish is fun, and we're soliciting interested



Several of the Does and Fawns counted this year.



The "Gentlemen's Club" runs together and can be often sighted. Here, they are on Nutcracker.

teachers (inside or outside of Pecan) who have middle school-aged students to high school to participate.

Who knows, we may spawn (forgive the pun) career ideas for conservation-minded youngsters.

The third part is studying riparian plants, those plants living along the river and its flood plain. This may be the easiest part. Download the iNaturalist app on your phone, take photos, upload to the Pecan Plantation file. Over time, not only can we see what grows where, our River Ecology volunteers can see what's thriving, what's missing, and see if we can improve our stretch of the river.

For information send an email or call.

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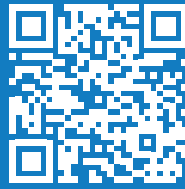
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# BRAZOS RIVER SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

By Cecil Caldwell

Club members are back to normal activities after the end-of-summer heat wave that basically stopped most outdoor activities. The shotgun shooting group did not shoot any, the club did not have a meeting in August, and most members quit fishing unless they were in a cooler climate for the summer vacation. The pictures this month were provided by Joe Fritz, with the large snapper, fishing with family and friends out of Port O'Conner with guide Michael Littlejohn. Those are some great snapper and they are great eating. I have had the privilege of fishing that area before with some great results. It's a great place to go here in Texas.

As of this writing a lot of our members are getting out to hunt the opening day of dove season. We have members hunting in numerous locations across. The group I am with will be hunting nearby in the Godley area. Hopefully next month we will have some pictures to share. According to Texas Parks & Wildlife, dove numbers this year are at an all-time high. They will be great on the grill.

The club is back to regular meetings and will have a club fish fry coming up this fall to eat some of the fish we caught this past summer. Fall fishing will be picking up so we should have lots of fish.

We are looking forward to the cooler fall weather and getting outdoors. If you would like any information about the club you can contact me at [ccald67@gmail.com](mailto:ccald67@gmail.com).



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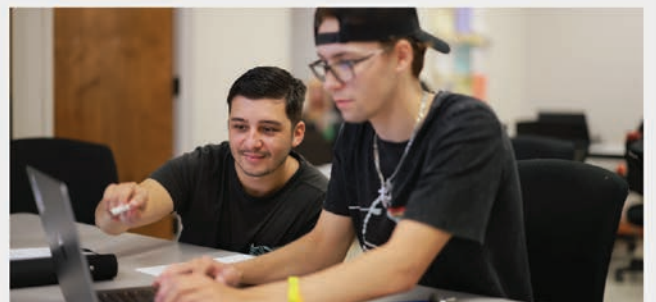
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21ST	22ND	23RD	24TH	25TH	26TH	27TH
28TH	29TH	30TH	31ST			



## PECAN PLANTATION MARINA HISTORY

- Part of the original construction at Pecan, which would date it to around 1974
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- Think about this: the marina was the only place in Pecan to get gas, milk or bread until the Village was built.
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## OCTOBER

- 5 Around the World
- 9 Mystery Bus
- 9 Bookmobile at the PAC
- 10 Trick or Treat Bingo
- 12 MGA Championship
- 23 Bookmobile at the PAC
- 26 Trunk or Treat
- 26 Halloween Glow Party

## NOVEMBER

- 6 Veterans Day Celebration
- 9 Pecan's Got Talent
- 13 Bookmobile at the PAC
- 14 Santa's Thanksgiving Day Spectacular Bingo
- 15 Changing of the Seasons
- 27 Bookmobile at the PAC
- 30 Golf Cart Christmas Parade

## DECEMBER

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- 11 Bookmobile at the PAC
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Operating Revenues	\$ 8,438,040	\$ 8,252,042	\$ 185,998
Cost of Goods Sold	\$ (1,305,635)	\$ (1,191,386)	\$ (114,249)
Gross Operating Profit	\$ 7,132,405	\$ 7,060,656	\$ 71,749
Labor, Taxes & Benefits	\$ (4,353,701)	\$ (4,563,260)	\$ 209,559
Other Operating Expenses	\$ (2,403,167)	\$ (2,485,254)	\$ 82,087
<b>Net Operating Income/(Loss) Before Depreciation</b>	<b>\$ 375,537</b>	<b>\$ 12,142</b>	<b>\$ 363,395</b>

**RESERVE & REPLACEMENT FUND**

	<b>Actual YTD</b>	<b>Year End Forecast</b>
Beginning Balance	\$ 3,431,261	\$ 3,431,261
Fund Deposits	\$ 887,046	\$ 1,228,780
Fund Expenditures	\$ (2,462,019)	\$ (3,070,474)
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$ 1,856,288</b>	<b>\$ 1,589,567</b>

**NEW CAPITAL FUND**

	<b>Actual YTD</b>	<b>Year End Forecast</b>
Beginning Balance	\$ 1,050,920	\$ 1,050,920
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Fund Expenditures	\$ (52,838)	\$ (101,825)
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$ 1,441,654</b>	<b>\$ 1,575,769</b>

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	<b>Actual YTD</b>	<b>Year End Forecast</b>
Beginning Balance	\$ 1,364,734	\$ 1,364,734
Fund Deposits	\$ 1,390,569	\$ 1,864,233
Fund Expenditures	\$ (256,112)	\$ (2,591,805)
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$ 2,499,191</b>	<b>\$ 637,162</b>



# Hood County Hospital District Proposes To Increase Its Tax Rate 2 Cents

**On the November 5 ballot, the following referendum appears, allowing for a FOR or AGAINST vote.**

Approving the ad valorem tax rate of \$0.02 per \$100 valuation in the Hood County Hospital District for the current year, a rate that is \$0.02 higher per \$100 valuation than the voter-approval tax rate of the Hood County Hospital District, for the purpose of providing indigent healthcare and emergency medical services. Last year, the ad valorem tax rate in the Hood County Hospital District was \$0.00 per \$100 valuation.\*

\*Official ballot language mandated by state law.

## Proposed Tax Rate To Cover Costs of Healthcare for the Medically Indigent and Dependable EMS Services for All.

Hood County Hospital District is a "special district" established by state law. Every county in Texas MUST provide healthcare for the medically indigent persons who are legally defined as those for whom medical bills would threaten the household's financial viability. In 1976, Hood County created the Hospital District, with the responsibility to levy a property tax to meet these costs. Costs associated within the healthcare system are increasing, thus increasing the District's budget.

Contrary to public opinion, the District does NOT fund or operate Lake Granbury Medical Center of Lakeside Physicians Group (whose parent organization is Community Health Systems, or CHS, one of the largest for-profit healthcare networks in the nation).

In 1996, the District Board of Directors dropped the property tax rate to ZERO, having entered into a 30-year agreement with the predecessor of CHS to lease and operate the District's hospital. This \$15 million lease was providing the funding necessary for the District to meet its statutory responsibilities. With the monies associated with this agreement reaching an end, there are no government grants or contributions coming from the private sector to fund the District.

Ensuring ALL Hood residents have access to ambulance services regardless of where they are and the time of day can only be realized by additional funding in support of Texas EMS and the EMS provider in Pecan Plantation.



**For more information about the Hood County Hospital District and the proposed property tax increase, please go to <https://hoodcounty.texas.gov/hchd>.**

# GET INTO THE SPOOKY SPIRIT THIS HALLOWEEN

Come October 31, there is extra mischief in the air, and who knows what might be lurking around those dim corners? Halloween is a time when the line between having fun and being scared is easily blurred.

While trick-or-treating and attending parties are ways to enjoy the final day of October, there are plenty of other ways to make Halloween more fun.

## READ SOME SCARY STORIES

There's something to be said about reading scary stories or poems on Halloween. Readers' imaginations take over on Halloween as they envision scary characters and scenarios. Edgar Allen Poe, author of many notably macabre works, is a popular read come Halloween.

## GO PUMPKIN PICKING

Most people already make pumpkin picking an annual treat. Don't overlook mishappen pumpkins that can be carved into spooky jack-o'-lanterns. Also, enhance Halloween decor with pitted and warty gourds that lend that scary appeal.

## CREATE A HAUNTED HOUSE

Instead of going elsewhere to get chills and thrills, transform your house or yard into a spooktacular vision and invite neighbors to explore.

## MAKE CREEPY CRAFTS

Children can get a kick out of crafting Halloween decorations. Drape a piece of muslin over a beverage bottle and spray it with laundry starch. Let sit and the muslin will stiffen when it dries. Paint on black circles for eyes and hang your "ghost" from a string.

## WHIP UP HALLOWEEN TREATS

Candied apples, extra-rich brownies and mini hot dogs wrapped in crescent rolls to look like mummies are just some of the ways to create a scary Halloween feast.

## HAVE A COSTUME THEME

Everyone in the household can get in on the fun by planning costumes to fit a theme. For example, everyone can dress like the Addams family.

## HOST A HALLOWEEN BOOK CLUB

Those who love to read can ensure the October gathering of a book club is one that features a discussion of a scary book. Those looking for a scare can explore horror authors like Stephen King, Anne Rice, Dean Koontz, Clive Barker, Shirley Jackson, and Tananarive Due.

## HOST AN OUTDOOR MOVIE

Projectors can now be hooked up to smartphones and tablets, so it's easier than ever to watch movies outside. Simply project a device onto a screen, white fence or even a bedsheet. Since it gets dark somewhat early in October, the movie doesn't have to start very late. Depending on the audience, choose a movie that is very scary or only mildly so if children will be viewing.

## ORGANIZE A HALLOWEEN TREAT EXCHANGE

Similar to a Christmas "Secret Santa," participants put together a wrapped gift of homemade or store-bought foods and exchange with others.

Halloween can be made even more entertaining with some extra activities that appeal to people of all ages.

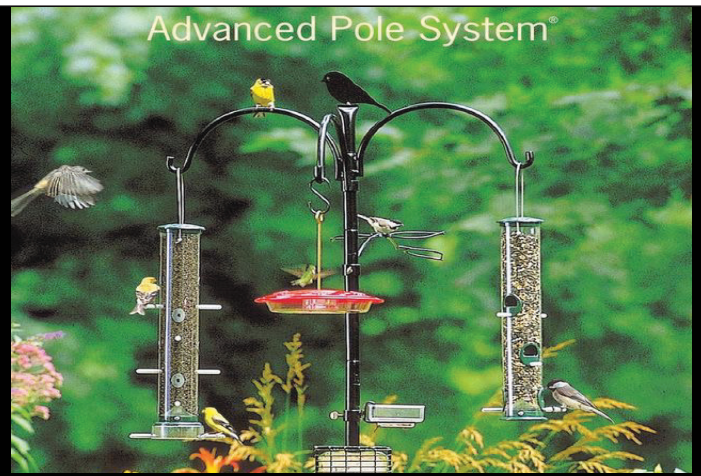




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# PECAN PLANTATION WOMAN'S CLUB

By Gerta Howell, president

ALERT! ALERT! Ladies, do you realize it is only four days to the New Member Coffee Friday Oct. 4. We hope all the new Pecan Plantation Woman's Club members are planning to attend. It is a great time to get to know each other in a small setting, learn more about PPWC and enjoy an amazing assortment of homemade goodies. If you forgot to make your reservation, we always have room for one more. Rhonda Humphreys, our PPWC vice president, has graciously offered to host.

We welcome all the ladies of Pecan to come and join Pecan Plantation Woman's Club. We are always looking for new ideas to improve our community. PPWC activities, such as the monthly programs and luncheons, are a great way to meet your neighbors, enjoy fellowship and fun with other ladies, begin new friendships and contribute to our wonderful community. Look for details on our November Fall Fashion show Nov. 21. See the latest fashions, learn where all the great places are to shop in Granbury and Glen Rose and get coupons for your own shopping excursions. Reservations can be made by emailing [ppwcres@gmail.com](mailto:ppwcres@gmail.com). Also, check us out on Facebook.

Only 83 days until the PPWC Bake Sale Nov. 23 at the PAC. Hopefully you have been making and freezing wonderful dinner casseroles to be sold. It is not unusual for most of the items to be sold out in 10-15 minutes. We are planning to have many more items this year, so shop early.

It's only 116 days until Christmas. You are in for a wonderful surprise! This year, the PPWC Christmas

Décor team is planning to have all of Pecan decorated before Thanksgiving so you will be able to share all the Christmas beauty with your friends and family.

The Pecan Plantation Woman's Club has been providing the decorations and decorating Pecan Plantation for many, many years! Each year we continue to expand the decorations in additional areas, and this year will not disappoint. We would love your help to raise money for this endeavor by participating in our Santa's Workshop & Bakery. Proceeds from our Christmas Tour of Homes and Santa's Workshop fund all these wonderful decorations and "light up" Pecan. Please mark your calendars for Dec. 12 for this fun-filled and exciting day of PPWC Christmas Tour of Homes activities. To kick off the season, we are also planning a Christmas Golf Cart Parade Nov. 30. The "entrance fee" is a toy donation for Toys for Tots and Santa will make a visit for a photo op with the kiddos! More details to come. If you have questions or need information, please contact me at [gertabear@gmail.com](mailto:gertabear@gmail.com) or call or text me at 210-379-3053.





# Pecan Plantation Woman's Club

## Luncheon, Meeting & Program

Thursday, October 17, 2024

Clubhouse Ballroom

Gathering 9:30am - Meeting 10:00am

Gerta Howell, President - 210-379-3053

### Menu:

Chicken a la Vodka with Pink Sauce  
 Roasted Red Pepper Mashed Potatoes  
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 Dessert: Strawberry Cake

Luncheon: \$22.00

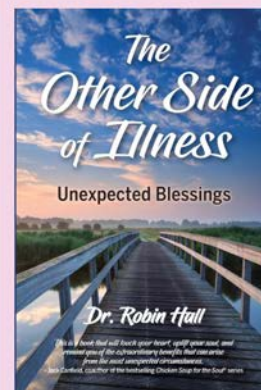
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*Noon Thursday, October 10, 2024*

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# ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL AND PPOA COMPLIANCE

## ACC REPORT

The number of new home permits during August 2024 increased a little over last month's total with the ACC approving seven new residence construction permits, six miscellaneous construction permits, one construction revisions, and no permit extensions.

The ACC construction permit list currently contains 43 active permits for new homes under construction and 35 active miscellaneous permits for various other improvements.

The following new homes were approved to begin construction during August 2024:

Address	Sq/Ft Living Area	Owner	Builder
6116 Bonanza Dr.	4479	Skyler Davenport	Will Steed
6120 Bonanza Dr.	3324	Douglas Troyer	Donny Couto
8205 Ravenswood Rd.	2876	James Fielden	John Moore
2136 Middlewood Cir.	1845	Scott Dimeler	John Moore
3000 Skyhawk Dr.	4370	Judy Back	Chris Thomas
10115 Ravenswood Rd.	2312	Clay Cook	Clay Cook
1105 Tremont Ln.	2535	Ashley Crider	Clint Crider

## COMPLIANCE CORNER

During August 2024, the compliance office received 75 calls and 32 emails reporting possible compliance issues, 54 calls and 15 emails regarding vacant property maintenance, plus 594 calls and 102 emails requesting ACC, plat/lot, rules, C&R or construction information.

**HOME SALE NOTE** Upon the sale or transfer of home ownership by any other means, Section-15 of PPOA Rules & Regulations requires residential property to be in compliance with all applicable elements of PPOA's governing documents. If ownership is transferred with an existing noncompliant issue, the new owner will be responsible for bringing the property into compliance. When it is requested by a title company, lending institution or prospective buyer, PPOA will perform a compliance inspection and return a report stating whether or not the property is in compliance and detail any deficiency if it is not. Since compliance certification requests are frequently received only a few days before the scheduled closing date, we remind members contemplating the sale of their home to help avoid any last-minute surprises or delays by contacting membership services at the PPOA business office to arrange an early inspection of the property to identify any existing issue that may require corrective action.

## HOUSE ADDRESS REMINDER

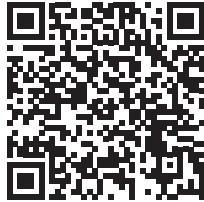
Since the USPS has mandated the use of "community mailboxes" in the newly developed additions, there is no longer a roadside mailbox in front of each home that bears the address number of the house. Even though most new homes have an address block located somewhere on the front wall of the house, residents of those newer homes are reminded that such an address block may not be easily seen or accurately read by EMS, fire department, or law enforcement personnel in the event they may be responding to your critical emergency at night, in a heavy storm, or during any other poor visibility condition where life or death can often depend on the difference in mere seconds of their arrival time and quick determination of the correct address. Therefore, residents of the newer additions might consider placing an attractive, double-sided address plaque in their front yard area near the roadway that can be easily read by first-responders approaching the residence from either direction during poor visibility conditions.





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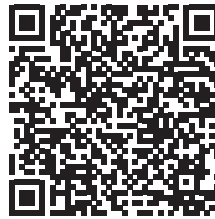
Residents of Pecan Plantation have three collection points for recycling.

Visit the Collection station at 6907 Cottage Court, off Ravenswood near the Stables.

- LAST SATURDAY of each month from 8 a.m. to noon. Bring recyclable items, branches and bulk trash.
  - WEDNESDAYS from 4 to 6 p.m. Only branches and recyclables are accepted.
  - Never accepted at this location: refrigerators, TVs, tires, paints or other hazardous materials.
- Call the Operations office 817-408-3511 for more info.

Pecan Plantation's Tennis Shoppe recycles aluminum cans, with proceeds benefiting Pecan tennis. All cans should be rinsed and free from residue.

Hood County Citizens Collection Station is located at 244 Bray St. Call 817-579-3288 for hours and information. This location does accept glass, aluminum and metal cans, cardboard, paper and most plastics. Follow the QR code for a detailed list and instructions on what and how to recycle.



Acceptable Recycling Items			
ITEMS TO BE RECYCLED	HOW		HOW
	YES	NO	
METAL	Aluminum, tin food & beverage cans, up to 1 gallon in size; 3 gallon #10 cans such as coffee containers	Any other metal containers including aerosol cans containing hazardous chemicals, paints, cleaning fluids, poisons, no scrap metal	Rinse empty containers & place in cart; can lids ok, in can labels ok.
Newspaper, catalogs, magazine, junk mail, shredded paper	Clean, dry newspaper & inserts, magazines & catalogs, junk mail, computer paper, stationary, bills, shredded paper, envelopes with windows, NOTE: must be less than 2 months old or goes in the trash	All other paper including soiled paper, telephone books, non-paper bags such as plastic or Tyvek, overnight delivery envelopes, bubble wrap, books of any kind, greeting cards, gift wrap & product samples.	Place in brown paper grocery bags or cardboard & place on top of other materials. NO PLASTIC BAGS.
Plastic	Small & wide mouth containers up to 1 gallon marked on the bottom with a "1" or "2".	Containers with other numbers or no numbers; containers larger than three gallon; plastic bags, motor oil & anti-freeze containers...even if marked with a "1" or "2".	Make sure containers have a "1" or "2" on the bottom; remove cap or lid; labels okay; rinse & place in cart.
Boxboard	Cereal, cracker, shoe boxes, shirt boxes, beverage cartons & six-pack cartons	Boxboard containing wax, plastic or foil; or contaminated with food	Remove plastic cereal bag, flatten boxes, place in polly cart
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# TEXAS CROSSWORD PUZZLE

By Charley & Guy Orbison

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Solution is found on page 58

**ACROSS**

- 1 Yale is an \_\_\_\_\_ mater of George W.
- 5 Granbury is the seat of this county
- 6 Santa \_\_\_\_\_, Texas
- 7 "\_\_\_\_\_ an old cowhand from the Rio . . ."
- 8 money machine (abbr.)
- 9 torment
- 15 Kick \_\_\_\_\_ Indian Reservation is in Maverick County
- 16 place of refuge
- 19 TXism: "never look a gift \_\_\_\_\_ the mouth" (appreciate)
- 21 distinguishing characteristic
- 22 prepared something
- 27 TXism: "chrome dome"
- 28 "gave it \_\_\_\_\_-ho" (tossed it out)
- 29 lately, one buys Texas crude \_\_\_\_\_ high price
- 30 TXism: "disappointed as \_\_\_\_\_ with a rubber chicken"
- 32 former spouse
- 33 Cal Farley founded this youth place in 1937 (2 wds.)
- 36 Dallas' ABC television affiliate
- 37 retir. savings acct.
- 38 technology based on biology
- 39 dental \_\_\_\_\_ for artificial teeth
- 41 ICAO code for Texas "Southwest"
- 42 introduce air into your lawn
- 45 Monte \_\_\_\_\_, Texas
- 46 this TX Nat sang "Sweet Thang" in 1966 (init.)
- 47 TX Nolan Ryan's wife
- 48 what a cow says
- 49 "give \_\_\_\_\_" (make an attempt)
- 52 the US-Mexico-Canada agreement that was replaced by the USMCA

**DOWN**

- 1 TX Dale Evans' "\_\_\_\_\_! San Antone"
- 2 this TX Tinkle wrote Alamo book: "Thirteen Days to Glory"
- 3 newspaper in Mineola: "Wood County \_\_\_\_\_"
- 4 TX Robert \_\_\_\_\_ was Secretary of Commerce for TX George W.
- 8 TXism: "two peas in \_\_\_\_\_" (alike)
- 9 TXism: "he's right \_\_\_\_\_" (big eater)
- 10 TXism: "frisky as \_\_\_\_\_ unsaddled horse"
- 11 noted A&M football coach: \_\_\_\_\_ Slocum
- 12 TX McARDLE painted "Dawn \_\_\_\_\_"
- 13 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ 'nuff"
- 14 apt. assn. in the Alamo City
- 15 TXism: "got \_\_\_\_\_ big as Texas" (kind)
- 16 farm storage tower
- 17 old spiritual: "Down to the \_\_\_\_\_ Pray"
- 18 former Mexican state: "Coahuila \_\_\_\_\_" (often "Tejas")
- 20 "to \_\_\_\_\_ his own"
- 22 Texas singer Orbison (init.)
- 23 Limbaugh's net.
- 24 high tennis shot (2 wds.)
- 25 TXism: "honest as the \_\_\_\_\_ long"
- 26 TX Dan Jenkins book: "Life \_\_\_\_\_ self" (1984)
- 28 beer keg valve (2 wds.)
- 31 TX-born Martin film: "All \_\_\_\_\_"
- 34 this phycist was smart enough to be a Texan (init.)
- 35 cheerleaders org.
- 37 "burst \_\_\_\_\_ tears" (2 wds.)
- 40 TXism: "heap of" (2 wds.)
- 43 destroy
- 44 ambassador or military aide
- 50 TXism: "drug \_\_\_\_\_ cowboy" (dude)
- 51 laugh word



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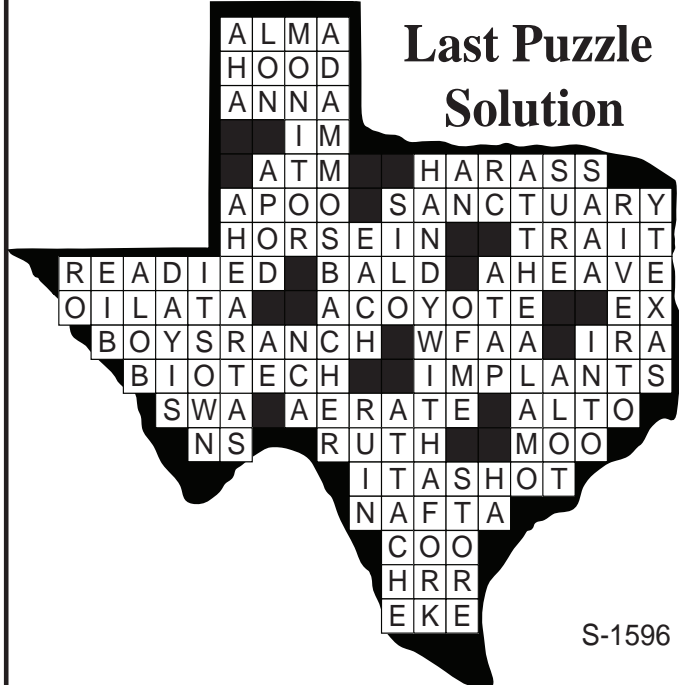
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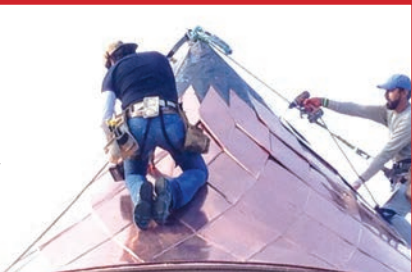


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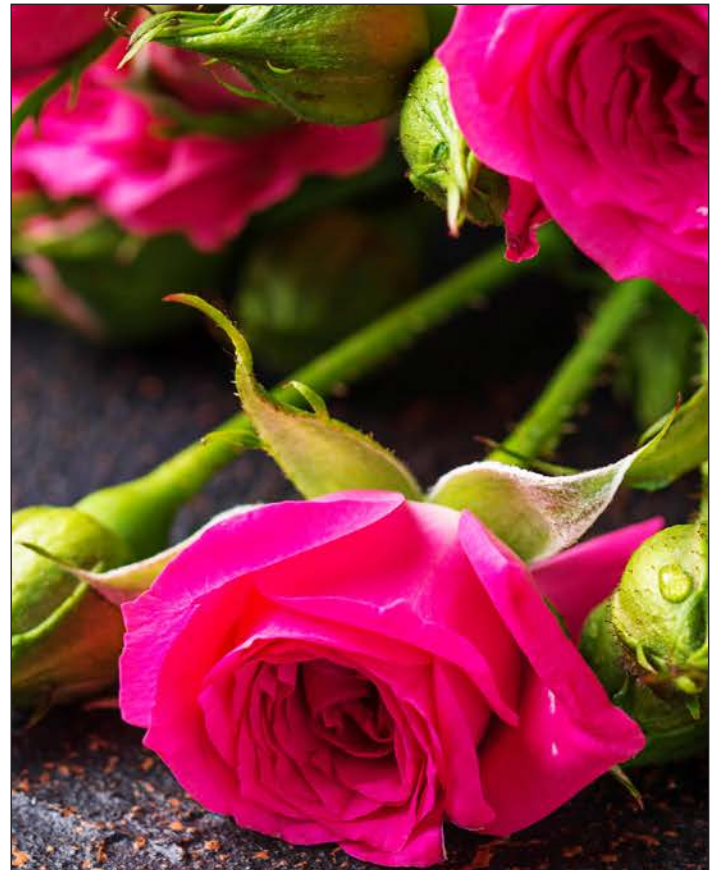
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