

Tonkawa Talk

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Letter from the President

Welcome to the 2023 Newsletter! It's been a while since the last time we actually had a newsletter, and I know a lot of folks have missed it. I know I have. A newsletter is one of those communication pieces that just feels a bit more personal than all the emails we seem to be deluged with. And though not as immediate, a newsletter can provide a bounty of information in a single package that you can lay your eyes—or hands—on without having to search multiple sources. We hope you enjoy it.

To that end, we'd like for you to take a second to let us know how you prefer to receive it in the future: Print or Email. Please scan the code below, or click this link (<https://forms.gle/v5YxQtXNRSkLhuaq8>), or go to [TonkawaSprings.org/newsletter](https://www.tonkawasprings.org/newsletter), to let us know your preference. Many thanks to contributors Melinda Hester, Janet Pool and Ann Straseske! If any of you fancy yourself a writer, designer, or photographer and would like to contribute your skills to future newsletters, please email us at Newsletter@tonkawasprings.org. We'd love to put you to work!

Larry Jolly,
President, TSHOA



What Happened to the Pond Remediation Plan?

On December 30, 2022 the TSHOA board temporarily suspended the vote for the Pond Remediation Plan after receiving feedback from HOA attorney Clint Brown. The purpose of the re-set was to maintain the objective of restoring health to the ponds through the processes proposed in the Fall of '22, but in a way that better aligned with the HOA purview and guidelines. On January 12, 2023, the new board approved the formation of a Pond and Dam Remediation Committee in order to move forward with a revised plan to achieve this objective.

What about Wilco? On February 21, 2023 board members met with Commissioner Valerie Covey and Wilco engineer Terron Evertson to evaluate what, if any, level of assistance the county might be able to provide. The initial feedback from the Commissioner's office is that Wilco can and will make any necessary repairs/improvements to the part of Tonkawa Trail that traverses the dam, and up to 15' on either side of the road. This includes removing trees and foliage from the dam, **but does NOT at this point include repair to the spillway itself, as that is 100% HOA property, and not the County's.** Taking this into consideration, and after considering a number of options, the Pond and Dam Remediation Committee has come up with the following recommendations:

1. The Pond Remediation Plan will no longer be sponsored by or involve the TSHOA.

Instead, the plan will be hosted and maintained by a group of homeowners, under a non-profit founded and organized by the same. The TSHOA, though a pond owner, will not be encumbered by any aspect of the plan initiated by the private homeowners. A plan that reflects most of the previous components and similar costs as the one submitted in the Fall will soon be re-submitted to all affected pond property owners for consideration. We hope that installation and treatment with Aquatic Features Inc can still begin sometime in May, with ongoing clean-up efforts prior to that.

2. Separate the Dam Repair components entirely from the Pond Remediation program.

Repairs to the dam/spillway on the big pond (#4) on the west side of Tonkawa Trail will still be the sole responsibility of the HOA, as it is part of the HOA property. Repairs to the dam on pond (#3) to the east side will be the sole responsibility of a group of homeowners on that pond. The Board will vote on engaging with a dam engineer at the Q2 meeting in order to determine extent of the degradation to the dam and a general scope of repairs. The results will be presented for community review and vote at a later date. Pending funding approval by the community, dam repairs would likely not begin until late summer in any case at the earliest, when water levels are lower.

Summary: Because the TSHOA is going to have enough on its hands getting the dam on its property fixed, it was determined that pond owning residents should not wait for that part to be resolved. Though the dam repairs are obviously important to the overall health of the pond system, the pond remediation efforts could proceed without the Association's involvement, and prior to the dam being fixed.

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TSHOA 2023 Board Meeting and General Membership Meeting Dates:

Q2 Meeting - Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. South Star Bank
Commissioner Valerie Covey will be present at the April board meeting and will provide a Roads and Public Works Update.

Q3 Meeting - Tuesday, August 29, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. South Star Bank

TSHOA 2023 General Membership Meeting - Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. Tonkawa Springs Tennis Courts

Q4 Meeting - Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. South Star Bank

Reminder: If you would like to comment on any of the agenda items at a meeting or ask questions you will need to sign up prior to the start of the meeting.

Interested in a Fun Volunteer Job that Helps Your Neighborhood?

We Have Several Opportunities for You!

- **Join The Social Committee** and helping out with various events throughout the year
- **Place Meeting and Event Signs** at the entries of the neighborhood prior to each event
- **Award and place "Yard of the Month" Sign** to a beautiful yard on the first of each month
- **Post New Announcements**, Events, Meetings and General Information to the TSHOA Website and Town Sq

If you have an interest in any of these opportunities, please email Melinda Hester at melhester@austin.rr.com or margaretjolly@att.net

Tonkawa Talk: UPDATES

Social Committee

- **The Annual Easter Egg Hunt** was held at the Commons on Saturday April 8th. Always a fun time for kids and parents alike!
- **Next Flamingo Friday is May 5.** Watch for signs and email announcement for time and location.
- **2nd Pickleball Clinic** TBA – Stay Tuned!
- There has been talk of a **Dads & Kids Campout** on The Commons! We can discuss at our next meeting to gauge interest and potential dates.

Neighborhood Bulk Pick-Up

The annual Spring Bulk Pick-Up provided by Central Texas Refuse will be on Saturday May 20th by 7 a.m. Any large, bulk household items and bundled brush left curbside by 7 a.m. will be picked up. For any questions, contact Central Texas Refuse Customer Service Department at 512.243.2833 or CustomerService@CentralTexasRefuse.com

Directory

The neighborhood Directory for 2023-24 is in the process of being updated. Ann Straseke and Janet Pool are contacting neighbors to confirm their information is correct. In addition, they will be noting the preference of each neighbor for receipt of their copy whether paper, electronic/email.

Financials (Provided at the TSHOA Board Meeting on January 24, 2023)

Revenue (2022): \$26,892.24

Expenses (2022): \$24,317.67 (excludes tennis court repair)

Approved reserves expenditure: \$43,112.13 (tennis court repair)

Reserves at year end: \$35,700.08

Litigation Update

The TSHOA is involved in a lawsuit with a member. The court has set a trial date for December 2023. A few of the plaintiffs have been deposed, several more are still to be scheduled. The defendants were also deposed. A further update will be provided to the Board by members of the Litigation Committee prior to our **Q2 Meeting**.

Pickleball Anyone?

With warmer weather sports enthusiasts can enjoy playing tennis or pickleball on the recently resurfaced courts. The pickleball nets are up and there is a new storage box, graciously donated by the Jolly Family to store paddles, balls, and print-outs of rules. You may of course bring your own gear, but if you use the neighborhood equipment please take good care so that others may enjoy also.

The code number for gate entry is: C2347. Please remember that this code is only for the neighborhood. Guests, of course, are permitted to play when accompanied by a homeowner. **Come on out and play, it's a BLAST!**

Get Your Emails!

Want everyone in your household to receive email announcements? Here's how:

Login into your Goodwin account at <https://app.townsq.io/> and on the left-hand side of your screen click on Residents, then over at the top right-hand side of your screen click on Create User . Fill in the blanks. If you would like to add more than one family member, click on + Add More for each member of your household that would like to receive TSHOA Announcements and emails. This is a great way to stay informed about current projects, meetings and events in our neighborhood.



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