



# Tonkawa Talk

TONKAWA SPRINGS NEWSLETTER

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## 2024 Board and General Membership Meeting

### Dates/Locations:

**General Membership Meeting** – Tuesday October 15, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Tennis Courts/Commons Area

**Q4 Board Meeting** – Tuesday Nov 12, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. South Star Bank

## Financials

Current Cash Position: \$29,359

YTD Revenue: \$25,489  
(or 101% of budget with only 4\* outstanding dues remaining)

YTD Expenses are below budget by \$2100 (creating an excess of cash of \$2,240)

## President's Message

The October general meeting is fast coming up. Some officers and board members will likely run again for the 2025 Board, while others will not. Same is true of the volunteer participation of various committee members. If you are interested in serving on the 2025 Board, whether as an officer or general board member, please email your interest to [president@tonkawasprings.org](mailto:president@tonkawasprings.org) and [secretary@tonkawasprings.org](mailto:secretary@tonkawasprings.org). Please let us know by 30 September, 2024 so that the Board has sufficient time to create, approve, and distribute the ballot.

The 2024 Board also wants to provide the 2025 Board with a list of individuals willing to serve on the ACC, social committee, and/or any of the other volunteer committees. These are not elected positions, but the Board and the various committee members will appreciate as early a "heads up" as you can provide.

There have been multiple emails distributed to current and former neighbors regarding the death of fish in a pond separate from the HOA's partially-owned pond. This was coincidental with the application of algaecide to remove planktonic algae, which was applied to several ponds. However, only one pond was adversely affected due to overstocking of fish, which led to too many fish competing for the temporarily decreased levels of oxygen within that one pond. The HOA Board learned about this during our recent board meeting (20 Aug). While this unfortunate incident is presumably troubling to all, this is a neighbor-to-neighbor matter. The HOA has no standing in this matter as (a) our pond was unaffected and (b) this does not present a deed restriction violation. Additional details about this unfortunate incident have been provided by Friends of the Pond in a separate article herein.

John Kurkjian  
TSHOA President

## Welcome to our New Neighbors!

Hope you will take a moment to stop by and introduce yourselves to our new neighbors:

1708 Blue Heron  
1804 Possum Trot

## Friends Of The Pond

After many mostly weather-related delays, Aquatic Features came out on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to treat Ponds 3-6 for the filamentous (blobby/stringy) algae we have seen in years past. This treatment, combined with the aerators that were installed earlier in the spring, and all the great shore clean-up performed by many of our pond owners has left our ponds in much better shape.

Aquatic Features came back out on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to treat for a microscopic planktonic algae which gave the water a pea-soup look in places. Unfortunately, one of the smaller ponds lost some fish as a result of the stress this caused, when combined with hotter weather, less water, and over-population. Aquatic Features has promised to come out when things cool down a bit to replenish the pond with a healthy stock of new fish. None of the other ponds were affected.

Keeping our ponds clean and healthy will be an ongoing process, and we are very grateful for the work everyone has done to help make our ponds cleaner and healthier.

## Slow Down Y'all

We have so many neighbors who walk, ride bikes, walk their dogs or stroll with their small children. We have school-age children who are out playing in the neighborhood. Please remember to slow down to keep all our neighbors safe.

The speed limit is **25 mph** in all parts of the neighborhood.

## 3406 Road Construction

The Austin and Round Rock areas are two of the fastest growing communities in the United States. With this tremendous growth, there is construction all around us, particularly road construction right outside our neighborhood. Slow your speed and watch out for construction workers. Be patient, we will get through it and hopefully the road widening will help relieve congestion around our neighborhood.

## Wyoming Springs Road Development

TSHOA Board Members recently learned, from the City of Round Rock staff, the Wyoming Springs Road development will most likely begin in November or December 2024. Construction is expected to last for two years. Currently, this project is about 2 years behind schedule.

Several TSHOA neighbors whose property backs up to the Brushy Creek or the Dry Fork Creek recently received certified letters confirming the reality of the road development. Plans for placing bridges over Brushy Creek and the Dry Fork Creek, as well as construction for the final road will change the land topography and may impact the water flow after heavy rains.

Bond money for the Wyoming Springs Road from Behrens Ranch to 1431 was already approved during the last county bond election. Completion of the Wyoming Springs Road from 1431 to 620 is a key part of the master traffic plan to reduce traffic on I-35.

To obtain information on the Wyoming Springs extension that will impact our neighborhood, visit [roundrocktexas.gov](https://www.roundrocktexas.gov), click on the search icon, and type "Wyoming Springs Segment 1-FM 3406/Old Settler's Blvd to Brightwater Blvd/Creekbend Blvd".

## Little Free Library

The Gibsons at 1808 Possum Trot have graciously installed a "Little Free Library" in their yard. The library is based on the idea of "Take a Book and Share a Book" to build communities, inspire readers of all ages, and expand book access. Over 175,000 libraries have been installed in 121 countries with over 400 million books shared. Hope you will bring a book to the Little Free Library and find one to take home and read. Thank you to the Gibsons for your service to our neighborhood.



## Neighborhood Bulk Pick-Up

Republic Services will be providing our Annual Fall Bulk Pick-Up on Saturday, 21 September. All items must be at the curb by 7 a.m. on the collection date. Excluded items, and items placed at the curb after 7 a.m. will be the resident's responsibility to discard. Visit Town Sq for a list of items that accepted during Bulk Pick-Up. For questions, please contact Republic Services via email at [customerexperience@republicservices.com](mailto:customerexperience@republicservices.com) or call their customer service number (512 243 2833).

## Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Know of a neighbor who needs encouragement or assistance due to a life challenge, illness, or injury? Contact Kelly Hobby at [khobby@austin.rr.com](mailto:khobby@austin.rr.com)

## Upcoming Neighborhood Social Events

### 2024 Yard of the Months

June – 1721 Possum Trot  
July – 1716 Possum Trot  
August – 1800 Lost Spring  
September – 1704 Fawn Cove

**Annual Barbecue** – Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup>

**Halloween in the Park** – October 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm

**Cookie Exchange** – Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am

**2024 Holiday Lights Contest** – Winners determined around Christmas week

**Luminaries** – Tuesday Dec 24<sup>th</sup>



*Happy Fall Y'all!*