

# VILLAGE OF VOLENTE NEWS

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## **MAYORS REPORT** ( Jan Yenawine email volente@sbcglobal.net )

It has been a very good year for the Village of Volente. I want to thank the Council and the Planning & Zoning Commission for their hard work and accomplishments. The Village has devised a system that allows builders or persons planning on building in the Village to meet before their project starts to make sure they understand the Villages requirements. We have a prompt inspection system in place, saving builders time and money. The code enforcement inspectors do ride through the Village on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays so those who like to start a project when nobody is looking have found out about "stop right there" red tags and yes we do understand that some people really didn't know that the Village does have codes to protect the residents.

We are presently working on the tight curves and culverts along Lime Creek Road as well as brush trimming along the right of way through out the rest of the Village. The main effort will be to clear the line of sight at intersections and around signs.

The upcoming challenges before us include the water intake that is proposed somewhere in our local area, which to date, no information has been submitted to the Village office as to where, when or how it is proposed. Right now we are told that the planning is too preliminary for us to get the information that we have requested. The council is working hard to make sure that our residences health and safety is not put in danger and taking necessary action to insure this.

Another safety item before the Council is the addendum to the International Fire Code that requires all new residences to be built with residential fire sprinkler systems. The sprinkler head is activated by direct heat so the only area wet down is the fire, not the whole house. If the fire is not completely put out it gives the family, including pets, plenty of time to exit the home with the toxic gases normally produced by residential fires greatly reduced. The added cost of construction on a new home is approximately one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per square foot. There have been no firefighter deaths in any residential sprinkled home in the United States since they have started installing them. The types of homes being built in Volente are far larger then our fire department is equipped to handle and our Engine cannot get up some of the driveways. This discussion and action will be on the Councils next agenda. Please attend and let your thoughts be known.

These are just a few of the topics that are before the Council. It is important that the members of our Village attend council meetings and participate. We hear a lot from folks that are trying to do projects. We need the balance of input or just the presences of the Citizens that are impacted.

I cannot thank you enough for the input and support I have felt from the Community. It truly makes the job of Mayor worthwhile. I certainly don't feel alone.

### **Deep Water Intake in Volente**

The Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority has agreed to do a site re-evaluation for the deep water intake they intend to build on Lake Travis. There are 7 sites to be evaluated. 4 of the 7 potential sites are in the Village of Volente proper. One is on Booth Circle, one is off Reed Drive, and two are near the Volente Beach Club. 2 more of the potential sites are in the greater Volente area, in the Arrowhead Point Subdivision. The final site is in North Shore. These sites are described at a high level at the BCRUA website (<http://www.bcrua.org/wp-content/uploads/2007/07/intake-7-sites-report-draft.pdf>)

However, there has been a delay of the start of the site re-evaluation, and as a result BCRUA has re-scheduled their next set of informational meetings from January to February. The final site determination is likely to occur in late spring, after the site re-evaluation is completed, but no firm date has been set.

The BCRUA has applied to the Texas Water Development Board for a state loan for this water project. Despite the delay in the site re-evaluation and hence in the finalization of their preliminary design, their application will most likely be heard by the TWDB at their next board meeting on January 28, 2008. This meeting will be held in Austin, at the Stephen F. Austin building. This is a public meeting of the TWDB, and citizens are welcome to attend.

There are several websites that have additional information on the deep water intake. The BCRUA maintains a website with official information on their project (<http://www.bcrua.org>). In addition, the Volente Neighborhood Association has been closely following developments with the deep water intake (<http://www.volente.org/pipeline/index.htm>). The Don't Empty Lake Travis Association and [DrainingLakeTravis.org](http://www.draininglaketravis.org) has also been actively monitoring the project (<http://www.draininglaketravis.org>). Please consult all of these websites for further information and insight into the project.

## **Planning and Zoning**

\* Steve Adams, the new owner of the Volente Beach Club, and his engineer, Tom Loomis, are reviewing the Village codes and determining how best to re-develop the Beach Club property. When they have further information about their plans, they will contact the Village.

\* The developers of Gate Hollow II in Lake Travis Subdivision No. 6 have been encouraged to meet with neighboring residents to discuss their project and its potential impact on neighbors.

## **COMMUNICATIONS** (Lee Bass email [leeabass@aol.com](mailto:leeabass@aol.com))

### **BLUE BONNETS PLANTED ALONG FM 2769**

It was just a lucky and timely call I made to the crew at TX Dot Cedar Park Maintenance Office last month and inquired about some wildflower seeds for FM2769. They said they did have some seeds left and would set them aside for Volente, but they had to wait until all the road repair equipment was finished and off the road.

Mid November the Maintenance crew came down FM 2769 and spread the wildflower seeds. This was followed by a watering truck that has watered the shoulders for the grass and wildflowers. They warned me that we can expect to wait possibly 2 years before we actually see the blossoms but I'll hope for a few next year. When they do bloom we'll have to be careful not to mow the bluebonnets until they are done blooming...a lesson that the Maintenance Crew said they have learned from past experience.

My thanks to Sam, David and the entire TX Dot maintenance crew for the flowers.

## **STAFF** (Jennifer Zufelt email [Volente@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Volente@sbcglobal.net))

The Village has hired Arbortex to do the much needed tree trimming in the Village. Arbortex will sterilize pruning equipment prior to and between job sites to prevent spread of oak wilt. All wounds on Red Oaks and Live Oaks will be treated with appropriate tree wound dressing.

Tree trimming and ROW clean up will begin the first week in January 2008. **Lime Creek Road** will be the first road which will take approximately two weeks.

**Booth Circle** work will begin on or about the week of **January 15, 2008** and will take approximately ten ( 10) days.

**Sharon, West & Joy RDS** work will begin on or about **January 25, 2008** and will take approximately two weeks.

**Booth Circle**

- Elevate over-hanging limbs 12-15 ft. over roadway
- Clear shrub and tree growth around curves for visibility
- Prune preferred Oaks and hardwoods for visibility and road clearance
- Clear and prune for road sign visibility

**West**

- Clear and prune for road sign visibility
- Clear intersections for traffic visibility

**Sharon/Jov**

- Elevate over-hanging limbs 12-15 ft. over roadway
- Clear shrub and tree growth around curves for visibility
- Prune preferred Oaks and hardwoods for visibility and road clearance
- Clear and prune for road sign visibility

**Lime Creek Road**

- Clear overgrown shrubs and trees in the insides of curves for traffic visibility
- Clear/prune for road sign visibility
- Prune preferred hardwoods appropriately

All work performed in accordance with International Society of Arboriculture standards.

The areas targeted for the first round of trimming were chosen due to the low visibility, safety concerns and complaints.

Other areas will be scheduled at a later time.

**If you do not want your trees trimmed in front of your property you need to notify me at once with your address and mark the area you do not want Arbortex to do. You will then be responsible to do the trimming in that area by the end of February 2008.**

**ATTENTION REALTORS:**

**NEW SIGN ORDINANCE EFFECTIVE SINCE DECEMBER 18, 2007. ALL SIGNS MUST BE IN COMPLIANCE AND PERMITTED BY FEBRUARY 1, 2008.**

The sign ordinance can be viewed on our web site at [villageofvolente-tx.gov](http://villageofvolente-tx.gov) or a copy can be picked up at the Village Office.

**HELP WANTED:** HAVE OPENINGS ON THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION BOARD. **REQUIREMENTS ARE:** A VOLENTE RESIDENT FOR AT LEAST SIX MONTHS, WILLINGNESS TO ATTEND MONTHLY MEETINGS AND HAVE THE BEST INTEREST TO HELP UPHOLD THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE. APPLY BY COMING TO VILLAGE OFFICE OR EMAILING YOUR INTEREST IN JOINING THIS WORTHWILE COMMISSION. APPLICATION CAN BE FOUND ON VILLAGE WEB SITE.

**ELECTION 2008.** IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR A POSITION ON THE VILLAGE COUNCIL, APPLICATIONS CAN BE PICKED UP IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>. DEADLINE FOR RETURNING IS MARCH 10, 2008. ELECTION IS MAY 10, 2008.

## RECYCLING OPPORTUNITY IN VOLENTE

### *INCREASED SERVICES – DECREASED COSTS*

How often do we get to say that? For years, I have heard from residents about the desire for recycling in Volente. Since my election, I have been working to negotiate a contract that would provide both Trash Pickup AND Recycling within our Village.

If approved, the recycling pickup will likely begin during the first quarter of 2008.

#### **Some basics:**

- Wheeled carts for trash (same size as we currently use) and recycling containers (see below for options)\*\*
- Service (for both Trash & Recycling) to continue to be on Fridays.
- Service costs will be stabilized with only an annual price increase based on the Consumer Price Index for the length of the contract. (Last year the CPI was 3.3%)

#### **\*\*Two options are being considered regarding the Recycling Container:**

1) We can have an 18-gallon container that is picked up every week

**OR**

2) We can have a 35-gallon container **with wheels** that is picked up every other week. This container might accommodate some of the long driveways better.

Being a lakeside community, the Village has always worked to adopt environmentally protective regulations. I believe making a recycling program available is the next step. Please let me know your questions or concerns, by email: LeeABass@aol.com or phone: 918-2600.

The next Council Meeting is to be held on Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, at the Fire Station – 7PM. We currently have no say or control over our trash collection and this is the time to make your self heard.

Negotiate the services we want and control the cost.

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#### **NEW TRASH PICK-UP COMPANY & RECYCLING.**

Lee Bass has worked hard the past several months on a trash contract with Texas Disposal. They are offering lower pricing, and recycling. If you are interested in changing to this company please fill out the form below and return it to the Village office. There is a mailbox outside the office door you can put it in if it is not during office hours.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Interested in changing Companies?    \_\_\_\_\_YES            \_\_\_\_\_NO

**CRIME REPORT FOR OCTOBER 15-DECEMBER 15**

**Joy Road**

8100-blk Joy Rd

IMPOUND ABANDONED VEHICLE

10/18/2007  
13:37

TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF

**FM 2769**

4440 FM 2769 RD	DIRECTED PATROL	10/15/2007 9:52	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
14237 Fm 2769 Rd	THEFT	10/15/2007 10:21	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
14237 Fm 2769 Rd	CREDIT CARD ABUSE	10/15/2007 11:47	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
13033 Fm 2769 Rd	ASSIST COMPLAINANT	10/17/07 11:57	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
13500-blk Fm 2769 Rd	SHOTS FIRED	10/18/2007 20:27	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
14258 Fm 2769 Rd	ATT BURG/NON-RES	10/23/2007 11:06	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
13993 Fm 2769 Rd	SUSPIC PERSON	10/23/2007 15:01	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
14259 Fm 2769 Rd	ASSIST EMS	10/24/2007 7:16	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
12906 - 12937 FM 2769 RD	DIRECTED PATROL	10/24/2007 12:53	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
13116-13129 FM 2769 RD	DIRECTED PATROL	10/25/2007 15:26	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
15401 Fm 2769 Rd	SUSPIC VEHICLE	10/25/2007 23:31	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
12700 Fm 2769 Rd	FALSE ALARM/ BURG	10/26/2007 7:13	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
16000-16003 FM 2769 RD	DIRECTED PATROL	10/26/2007 10:44	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
12778-12807 FM 2769 RD	HAZARD TRFC VIOL	10/26/2007 21:57	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
14000-blk Fm 2769 Rd	RECKLESS DRIVING	10/27/2007 14:47	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
13400 FM 2769 RD	OFF DUTY EMPLOYMN	10/27/2007 20:31	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
13400-blk Fm 2769 Rd	ABANDND VEHICLE	10/28/2007 5:56	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
13625 Fm 2769 Rd	ASSIST COMPLAINANT	10/28/2007 14:23	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
14200-BLK FM 2769 RD	HAZARD TRFC VIOL	10/28/2007 18:58	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
FM 2769 RD / DIES RANCH RD	HAZARD TRFC VIOL	10/30/2007 11:57	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
DIES RANCH RD / FM 2769 RD	HAZARD TRFC VIOL	10/30/2007 14:00	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
Fm 2769 Rd / Bullick Hollow Rd	RECKLESS DRIVING	10/30/2007 19:04	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
Fm 2769 Rd / Navajo Pass	RECKLESS DRIVING	10/31/2007 20:49	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
16000-16003 FM 2769 RD	DIRECTED PATROL	11/2/2007 10:22	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
14258 Fm 2769 Rd	ASSIST COMPLAINANT	11/2/2007 21:30	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
Anderson Mill Rd / Fm 2769 Rd	ASSIST COMPLAINANT	11/3/2007 18:35	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
14079-14098 Fm 2769 Rd	RECKLESS DRIVING	11/4/2007 11:27	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
13800 FM 2769 RD	FLEET ACCIDENT	11/6/2007 9:09	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
15240-15269 FM 2769 RD	DIRECTED PATROL	11/6/2007 10:46	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
13430 Fm 2769 Rd	FALSE ALARM/ BURG	11/6/2007 11:40	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
13355 FM 2769 RD	CRIM MISCHIEF<1500	11/7/2007 10:25	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
13987 Fm 2769 Rd	ASSIST FIRE	11/8/2007 8:17	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
13043 Fm 2769 Rd	ASSIST COMPLAINANT	11/8/2007 16:09	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
13144-BLK FM 2769 RD	SUSPIC VEHICLE	11/8/2007 19:32	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
Fm 2769 Rd / Marina Vista Cir	ASSIST MOTORIST	11/9/2007 13:19	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
12900-blk Fm 2769 Rd	RECKLESS DRIVING	11/9/2007 22:01	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
15432 Fm 2769 Rd	ASSIST COMPLAINANT	11/10/2007 14:18	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
13900-BLK FM 2769 RD	COLLISION	11/13/2007 4:54	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
14800-14810 FM 2769 RD	HAZARD TRFC VIOL	11/13/2007 18:08	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
13900-13909 FM 2769 RD	HAZARD TRFC VIOL	11/13/2007 18:54	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
15304-15347 FM 2769 RD	HAZARD TRFC VIOL	11/14/2007 19:46	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
13900-blk Fm 2769 Rd	AUTO THEFT	11/15/2007 11:55	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
13916-13923 FM 2769 RD	DIRECTED PATROL	11/18/2007 9:25	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
12966-12971 FM 2769 RD	DIRECTED PATROL	11/18/2007 15:12	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
15800-15807 FM 2769 RD	DIRECTED PATROL	11/19/2007 10:43	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
13625 Fm 2769 Rd	FORGERY/PASSING	11/19/2007 15:03	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
14206 FM 2769 RD	COLLISION	11/19/2007 21:49	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
Fm 2769 Rd	DECEASED PERSON	11/23/2007 17:50	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
13987 FM 2769 RD	* RA FROM EMS-NO EMER	11/23/2007 17:56	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
12791 FM 2769 RD	SUSPIC VEHICLE	11/27/2007 17:41	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
15406 F M 2769 RD	COMMUNITY CONTACT	11/28/2007 11:59	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
13100-BLK FM 2769 RD	SELECT TRF ENFOR	11/28/2007 13:25	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF

11901 FM 2769	COMMUNITY CONTACT	11/28/2007 15:33	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
14221 Fm 2769 Rd	DOC- NOISE	11/28/2007 22:56	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
13900-BLK FM 2769 RD	ASSIST MOTORIST	12/2/2007 2:19	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
14300-blk FM 2769 RD	TRFC HAZD/ DEBRIS	12/4/2007 12:52	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
FM 2769 RD / ANDERSON MILL RD	N / HZRD TRFC VIOL	12/6/2007 18:36	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
BULLICK HOLLOW RD / FM 2769 RD	SUSPIC PERSON	12/8/2007 17:18	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
13400 Fm 2769 Rd	SUSPIC VEHICLE	12/11/2007 8:59	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
FM 2769 RD / BULLICK HOLLOW RD	HAZARD TRFC VIOL	12/12/2007 17:50	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
Fm 2769 Rd / Dies Ranch Rd	RECKLESS DRIVING	12/13/2007 16:58	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
14206 Fm 2769 Rd	FALSE ALARM/ BURG	12/14/2007 21:35	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF

**LIME CREEK ROAD**

8291 Lime Creek Rd	FALSE ALARM/ BURG	10/23/2007 11:40	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
LIME CREEK RD / ANDERSON MILL RD	ASSIST MOTORIST	10/26/2007 15:53	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
13425 Lime Creek Rd	FALSE ALARM/ BURG	10/27/2007 20:15	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
9428-9437 LIME CREEK RD	DIRECTED PATROL	11/3/2007 15:48	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
10100 Lime Creek Rd	DANGEROUS ANIMAL	11/3/2007 22:37	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
12234 Lime Creek Rd	Traffic Injury Pri 2	11/4/2007 14:35	AUSTIN-TRAVIS COUNTY EMS
9200-blk Lime Creek Rd	ABANDND VEHICLE	11/5/2007 17:53	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
9500 LIME CREEK RD	PUBLIC INTOXICATION	11/6/2007 16:05	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
9500 LIME CREEK RD	MINOR/ POSSESSION	11/6/2007 17:11	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
9500 Lime Creek Rd	RESIST ARREST	11/6/2007 21:24	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
11408 Lime Creek Rd	Traffic Injury Pri 2	11/11/2007 16:22	AUSTIN-TRAVIS COUNTY EMS
12408-12417 LIME CREEK RD	HAZARD TRFC VIOL	11/11/2007 10:57	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
11700-BLK LIME CREEK RD	HAZARD TRFC VIOL	11/11/2007 11:08	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
8100-BLK LIME CREEK RD	COLLISION	11/11/2007 14:59	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
11200-BLK LIME CREEK RD	COLLISION WITH INJURY	11/11/2007 16:23	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
9400-BLK LIME CREEK RD	HAZARD TRFC VIOL	11/14/2007 19:01	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
11498-11509 LIME CREEK RD	DIRECTED PATROL	11/18/2007 10:17	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
LIME CREEK RD / CANYON SPRINGS DR	SELECT TRF ENFOR	11/18/2007 13:15	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
9436-9443 Lime Creek Rd	CHECK WELFARE	11/18/2007 22:26	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
9700-BLK LIME CREEK RD	COLLISN/ LVNG SCN	11/27/2007 14:57	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
8228 Lime Creek Rd	DISPOS SOLID WASTE	12/3/2007 9:33	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
8291 Lime Creek Rd	FALSE ALARM/ BURG	12/4/2007 8:03	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
8404 Lime Creek Rd	FORGERY- OTHER	12/10/2007 18:18	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
Anderson Mill Rd / Lime Creek Rd	TRFC HAZD/ DEBRIS	12/13/2007 19:53	TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF
<b>NO OTHER STREETS REPORTED</b>	<b>ANY ACTIVITY</b>		