



# Saddleridge

## Saddleridge 2009 Board Election Set for Saturday, October 25th at 11:00am

The 2009 Saddleridge Board of Directors election is scheduled for Saturday, October 25th, at 11:00am at the Saddleridge clubhouse. The Saddleridge Bylaws (available at [www.saddleridge.com](http://www.saddleridge.com)) require an annual election meeting the last week of October each year to elect the officers who will serve from November 1st to October 31st each year.

There will be a short business meeting with the current board followed by a counting of votes (both proxy votes and votes by members present) and an announcement of the new board members. Nominated board member's biographies are available on the second page of this newsletter.

Below on this page is a ballot for you to cast your votes for next year's board members. You may either vote for one of the nominees on the ballot, or you may write-in one or more individuals

for whom you would like to vote. Please do not vote for more than four people. Ballots with more than four names can't be counted.

The bylaws allow for one vote per Saddleridge property owned, and require that you be a member in good standing (dues are current). If you own three lots, then you have three votes.

Please plan to attend the election meeting, but if you can't, then be sure to return your ballot with your vote for your new Board of Directors. Thanks.

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### Neighborhood Watch National Night Out—October 7th at 6:00pm

Another year has come around and this year it was decided that Texas would celebrate Neighborhood Watch National Night Out on October 7th. The National Night Out committee decided that it was just too hot in Texas for an August meeting, which is when we've had the meeting the last few years. I know we all will be in agreement.

We will have guest speakers from the Sheriff's Department, EMS, Fire Department, etc. Come join us for information on how to keep our community safe, meet your neighbors, have fun, and enjoy some great food.

Judy Garrett

### 2008 Board of Directors

**President:** Ron Steel, (512) 392-0542, [president08@saddleridge.com](mailto:president08@saddleridge.com)

**Vice-President:** Scott Brown, (512) 847-2766, [vicepresident08@saddleridge.com](mailto:vicepresident08@saddleridge.com)

**Secretary:** Diane Watson, (512) 847-3682, [secretary08@saddleridge.com](mailto:secretary08@saddleridge.com)

**Treasurer:** Lynn Williams, (512) 847-0390, [treasurer08@saddleridge.com](mailto:treasurer08@saddleridge.com)

### Architectural Committee

**Chair:** Ricardo Cardenas, (512) 847-7363, [cardrlmb@austin.rr.com](mailto:cardrlmb@austin.rr.com)

**Member:** Pat Caballero, (512) 847-5536, [pcaballero@austin.rr.com](mailto:pcaballero@austin.rr.com)

**Member:** Francis Savage, (512) 847-0955, [fisavjr@earthlink.net](mailto:fisavjr@earthlink.net)

### Clubhouse Rental

Karen Stewart, (512) 722-3133, [kstewart1718@austin.rr.com](mailto:kstewart1718@austin.rr.com)

### Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

Judy Garrett, (512) 847-9112, [judeegee@austin.rr.com](mailto:judeegee@austin.rr.com)

### Firewise Coordinator

Ruben Madrid  
[firewise@saddleridge.com](mailto:firewise@saddleridge.com)

### 2009 Saddleridge Board of Directors Election Ballot

Please vote for four nominees below for the 2009 Saddleridge Board of Directors by placing a check next to the name(s) and/or writing in your selection for a nominee. Vote for a total of four individuals only. Once completed, please return this ballot in an envelope to **Saddleridge Property Owner's Association, P.O. Box 924, Wimberley, Tx. 78676** in time for the October 25th election meeting.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Your Lot Number(s) is/are \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Glenda Moss

\_\_\_\_\_ Jim Thomas

\_\_\_\_\_ Diane Watson

\_\_\_\_\_ Joe Williams

Write-In Nominees

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# 2009 Board Nominee Biographies

Below are the biographies of each of the nominees for 2009 Board Members to be elected at the October 25th Saddleridge Election meeting.

## Glenda Moss

In April, 1999 Jerry and I moved into the home we built at 420 Canyon Gap. Until December of 2007, I was a “working girl” and enjoyed many years as a marketing professional, with experience in juggling projects and meeting budgets. I am also a mother and grandmother, which means that maintaining the warm, family atmosphere of our neighborhood is very important to me. We love our neighborhood and appreciate the hard work of our current and past association board members. When asked to serve on the board, the honor of serving my neighborhood was humbly accepted.

## Jim Thomas

Jim is a native Oklahoman, born and raised on a dairy farm in Guthrie, Oklahoma. He attended Oklahoma State University and received a B.S. in In-

dustrial Engineering in 1964. He received a commission in the U.S. Army upon graduation and served his tour of duty primarily at White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico. He then worked as a Tool Design Engineer for Deere and Company in Des Moines, Iowa, and as an Industrial Engineer for Texas Instruments in Dallas, Texas. He returned to graduate school at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas and received his M.S. and Ph.D. in Industrial Engineering. He was then employed as a professor at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska for 6 years. He left the University of Nebraska to gain more industrial experience at Fisher Controls Corporation in Marshalltown, Iowa, where he attained the position of manager of Tool and Production Engineering. He left Fisher Controls to return to academia at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas. He was at Lamar University for 24 years, as a professor of Industrial Engineering, retiring in December, 2006. His last position there was Director of Recruiting

and Cooperative Education. Jim is married to Sandy Thomas, has 2 sons—Ryan and Mark, and resides at 211 Mission Trail.

## Diane Watson

Hi my name is Diane Watson, I live at 300 Mission Trail in Saddleridge with my husband, Jeff and our two children Kyle and Kiarra. I am pleased to serve again on the Saddleridge Board. Here is a brief bio. about me.

Five children: Kevin, Age 22; David, Age 21; Scott Age 19; Kiarra Age 10; Kyle Age, 7.

2007-Present, Real Estate Agent – Stanberry & Associates

Serving 2008-09 Bowen Intermediate School PTO, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Served 2007-08 on Saddleridge HOA, Secretary

Served 2007-08 Bowen Intermediate School PTO Board, Treasurer

Served 2007 & 2008 – Asst. Coach HCRA Girls Softball

B.S. Degree Health & Physical Education, West Chester University, West Chester, PA

1993-2001, Pennsylvania Real Estate License

Teacher, Coach, Athletic Director – Upland Country Day School, Kennett Square, PA

## Joe Williams

Joe and Lynn moved to Saddleridge in 2001 and spent the next 18 months building their house at 411 Canyon Gap. Joe was involved in Information Technology in the Airline and Credit Card industries for 35 years in various roles including programming and management.

For the past 3 years Joe has been in the Information Technology Department at Texas State University-San Marcos as a Project Manager. He is currently managing a major Campus Wide Student Information System.

Joe served on the Saddleridge Board of Directors as Treasurer in 2004 and 2006, and as President in 2007. He has maintained the Saddleridge website at [www.saddleridge.com](http://www.saddleridge.com) for the past 5 years. He also has managed and kept current the Saddleridge database of all property owner information for the past 5 years.

# President's Notes

## **Board Election**

We are having our annual board election October 25, 2008. The new board will take over in November. Please mark your calendars to meet your new board for the upcoming year.

## **Covenant Revisions**

Please make sure and mail your ballots in as soon as you can. The cutoff date is September 30. We will announce the results during the October 25th meeting.

## **Volunteers Needed and Honored**

Please take time to consider a volunteer position for Saddleridge. It is in all of our best interests to keep Saddleridge a good vibrant community.

## **Neighborhood Concerns**

### **Loose Pets**

There have been some reports of pets running loose in Saddleridge. This is against our covenants. There is also a Hays County Ordinance against loose pets. Please help and notify your neighbors if you notice their pet on the loose.

### **Speeding**

There are posted speed signs of 30 MPH within Saddleridge Boundaries. We have many children, deer, and people walking in our neighborhood. All of us need to pay attention to our speed to help control accidents

within Saddleridge.

## **Architectural Concerns**

I commend our Architectural Committee for the fine job they do. Their efforts make our community a desirable place to live.

A reminder is in order for all of us that want to make an addition to our property. Before any construction is begun, consult the Architectural Control Committee for compliance to our covenants. They will get you an answer very quickly and efficiently about any compliance issues.

## **Maintenance issues**

The board is having trees

trimmed around the clubhouse to keep tree limbs from encroaching on the roof. This includes all of the oleanders and trees on the backside.

The board is also taking bids to re-mulch the landscaping at the front entrance of Saddleridge.

## **Volunteers**

Volunteers are needed to help paint the well house.

Volunteers are needed for Neighborhood Watch Block Captains. Duties include meeting and greeting new comers to Saddleridge and giving me their names and numbers and bringing desserts to our neighborhood gatherings.

## Treasurer's Report

Each year there's always a few stragglers with their dues payment. This year we have collected all but 2 property owner's dues, and we have filed liens on those properties. We will continue to take action in the future to collect these dues.

I want to thank Jerry Moss for calling Tom Bender, who serves on our maintenance committee, informing him that the lights at the South Entrance were on 24 hours per day. We had a photocell go bad and once that was replaced it corrected the problem. The small repair cost saved us unnecessary expense on the electrical bill.

With the exception of transfer fees collected on the sale of property within Saddleridge, this year's income from dues and clubhouse rental will be very close to budget. Property sales within Saddleridge this year were below the last few years average. This year's expenses continue to be within budget and if that trend stays the same we will end the year on target.

This is the last article as your Treasurer I'll be writing. As you know in October we will be electing a new board to serve our subdivision. It's been my pleasure serving as treasurer for the past 2 years. One of the first tasks the new board will be doing is preparing the 2009 dues letters to be mailed in early December. I hope you will respond to that letter by getting your dues payment sent in on time. This will avoid the additional expense of sending reminder letters and the possible cost to you (the past due property owner) of filing liens for unpaid dues.

Thank you for your support and encouragement over the past 2 years. I feel sure that you will welcome the new board with the same support and encouragement.

### October:

Running till Oct 19<sup>th</sup> Dracula by the Wimberley Players  
4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Wimberley Lions Market Day  
10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Wimberley Gospel Music Festival  
11<sup>th</sup> blessing of the animals at EmilyAnn Theater  
18<sup>th</sup> Community-wide garage sale at Lion's field

### November:

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Wimberley Lions Market Day  
11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day Celebration at Veterans Memorial Plaza  
11<sup>th</sup> Christmas Bazaar at Wimberley Community Center  
14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Holiday Home Tour  
28<sup>th</sup> opening night for Christmas Belles by the Wimberley Players  
29<sup>th</sup> opening night for Trail of lights at EmilyAnn Theater

## Will You Make the Cut?

We love our oaks, especially the live oaks. But what about those lesser known oaks in the red oak family, the same family as the live oaks? How can you tell what kind you have? The red oaks have sharp points on the ends of their fan shaped and many lobed leaves; the white oaks have rounded lobes, and of course, the live oaks have oval leaves. Whatever type of oaks you have, I bet you really, really, like them.

Oaks get Oak Wilt just as the Dutch Elms all got Dutch Elm disease. The Dutch Elm was one of the most prominent trees in the Chicago area when I was a kid. They were huge and usually grew over the streets, forming a tunnel like effect. But they all died. A fungus started it, just like in oak wilt. The red oaks suffer the most from oak wilt, but all oak trees can get it.

The fungus part is something we can't do a whole lot about, other than to dig a trench around your trees to keep the trees from spreading it through their roots. That isn't really practical in our hill country terrain. So for us, it will be real important to stop the other vector, beetles. And that's where you come in.

The beetles spread fungal

spores when they walk around on infected trees and then get on a tree with a fresh wound. The wounds, with all that fresh sap and soft exposed wood, attract the beetles. There are infected trees in Dripping Springs and San Marcos, and even in Wimberley, so the beetles don't have far to go to pick up infected fungal spores on their legs and bodies. Then they fly over here and walk around on that fresh wound and before you know it, your tree has fungal spores all over it!

So, what can we do? The most important thing is to avoid wounds during the times the beetles are around. The beetles don't do much in the heat of the summer or the dead of winter. (Kind of like most of us!) So use that as your guide. When you want to be busy outside during spring and fall, leave the oaks alone!!! That's when the beetles are out and about. Work on something else instead. **Don't do ANY oak tree trimming or felling** from September (use Labor Day as a reminder) to the dead of winter; around here that usually means about December. You can work on the oaks

from December to about Valentine's Day and then need to quit again until the hot, hot of summer, usually June.

If you do wound an oak tree, no matter what time of year, and no matter how small a wound, **use wound paint immediately**. And clean your tools **every time** you change trees. Lysol works well, so does a mixture of 50/50 bleach to water.

Infected oak firewood can cause problems as well. If you do get some freshly cut oak wood, cover it for a year in heavy clear plastic, making sure you bury the edges so any beetles and spores can't escape. Don't store it near any oak trees and once it's dried, make sure to burn it all by Valentine's Day so the beetles don't find it once they start flying around looking for food.

To paraphrase Smokey the Bear, only you can prevent oak wilt. Once we get it in Saddleridge, **ALL** the oak trees in the neighborhood will be in danger. So please, think before you cut. Here is a link to a local commercial site with great information. <http://www.stopoakwilt.com/>

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## Wimberley Calendar of Upcoming Events

### December:

Running till Dec 14<sup>th</sup> Christmas Belles by the Wimberley Players  
Nightly - Trail of Lights at EmilyAnn Theater  
6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Wimberley Lions Market Day  
7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> Wimberley Valley Art League Holiday Show and Sale

### January:

1<sup>st</sup> last night for Trail of Lights at EmilyAnn Theater

### February:

6<sup>th</sup> through March 1<sup>st</sup> "Mousetrap" by the Wimberley Players

### Weekly events:

Farmer's Market Wednesday 3 till 6 at Lion's field  
VFW Bingo Friday night at 7