

Canyon Lake Community

CANYON LAKE NOON LIONS CLUB

Fish Fry

by Jim Feibelman

The Canyon Lake Noon Lions Club, chartered on March 21, 1977, has grown to over 60 members serving their community and charitable causes throughout the world. Members are men and women who enjoy service and fellowship. You are invited to visit and join in. Lions are members of community service clubs, dedicated to the idea that the men and women who live in a community are in the best position to know who needs help and why.

More than 44,500 strong, these local clubs are part of the world's largest such organization, with 1.3 million members serving in more than 180 countries and areas. The association is both non-political and non-sectarian. Lions are now best known for their sight-related programs, including SightFirst, the world's largest blindness prevention program.

The Canyon Lake Lions Club sponsors free screening for eye problems in Comal County elementary schools, collects eyeglasses for recycling, and offers eyeglass and eye exam assistance for needy individuals.

The Canyon Lake Lions Club offers a \$1,000 scholarship to a selected Smithson Valley Senior, makes donations to the Community Resource and Recreation Center programs, sponsors local Boy Scout Troop and Cub Scout

Packs, and makes donations to the Comal Crisis Center, Hope Hospice, and annually sponsors a mobile health screening unit.

On May 6, the Lions Club will host its annual fish fry. This fish fry has been going on continuously for over 30 years and will be held at the Fire Station #1 on FM 306 (near Mrs. Bush's Pie Company and Casa del Lago restaurant) from 11:30am until 3pm. Tickets are \$8 per person and can be purchased from any member or from the Chamber of Commerce. Net proceeds will benefit charitable causes mostly in the Canyon Lake area.

The Lions Club meets at noon on the first and third Thursdays at the Canyon Lake Golf Club and visitors are always welcome. Plan to join them on May 6 for the best fried catfish, coleslaw, baked beans and ice tea served north of the dam and with a smile. Desserts are also available for \$1 each.

Jim Feibelman is Past President of the Canyon Lake Noon Lions Club. For more information about the club or fish fry, call Jim at 899-2173.



Dutch Wehner, Irma Feibelman and Bob Wickman

Growth strains Fire/EMS Departments of Canyon Lake

by Keith Lewis, President ESD3



On any given day, Canyon Lake Fire/EMS can expect to respond to six emergencies. It can expect more than that during holidays and during the summer, when 150,000 tourists come to our area each day. With a 48% increase in calls, ESD3's average time to get to an emergency is climbing, approaching ten minutes. By building two new stations and adding personnel over the next two years, ESD3 Commissioners believe reduced response times will be achieved.

The District's five-year strategic plan calls for building a new station on Island View near FM 2673; building a Central Station, which will be located in Canyon City; planning for a new station in the rapidly growing Hancock area; planning for a new station near FM 306 and Purgatory; identifying a future station on Hwy 46 near Cranes Mill Road, where a new subdivision is planned.

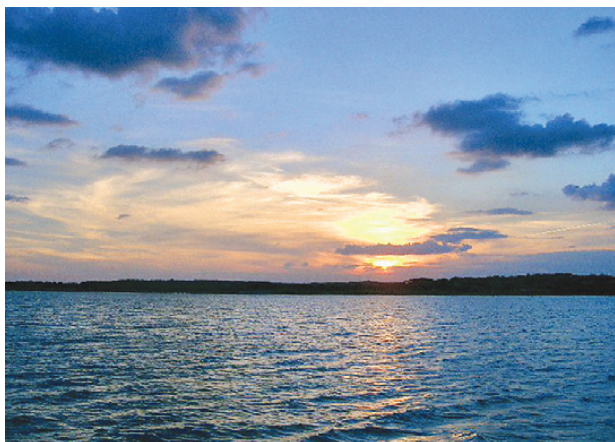
How will this plan be paid for? As allowed by the Texas Constitution and state statutes, ESD2 and ESD3 may levy a property tax. ESD2 collects two cents per \$100 of property value; ESD3 collects three cents per \$100. At the present maximum tax rates, both ESDs can collect a total of five cents per \$100. For a home taxed on \$200,000 of value, that's \$100 a year to know that trained, professional firefighter/paramedics with state-of-the-art equipment will be at your door within minutes. That five cent per \$100 limit has

been in place since the early 1990s.

To improve fire protection in its 250-square-mile area, the ESD3 Board of Commissioners is asking voters for authority to go above the three-cent-per-hundred dollars of property value rate. The District has passed a resolution stating that, barring unforeseen emergencies, it will increase its tax rate to only 5.5 cents per \$100 when it sets its tax rate this fall and eight cents per \$100 in 2008, if voters approve at the May 12 election. The increased cost should be offset for most homeowners by the lower fire insurance premiums which become effective September 30, 2007.

On May 12, CCESD3 voters will be asked to decide their level of fire protection. Early voting begins April 30 through May 8, Monday through Friday 10am until 6pm. at CRRC's Sattler Activity Building, 1941 FM 2673.

VOTE • May 12



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MAY EVENTS

Sunday • May 6 • 11:30am-3pm
CANYON LAKE NOON LIONS FISH FRY
Lunch Tickets \$8 ~ Desserts \$1
Free Parking • Everyone's Welcome!
Fire Station #1 in Canyon City off Hwy 306
For more information, call Bill Kannawin at 830-935-4263.
Hosted by the Canyon Lake Noon Lions Club

Saturday • May 12 • 9am-5pm
MARKET AT THE LAKE
Jewelry, Candle Makers, Food & Fun
Bunkhaus Lodge • North Side of The Lake
For more information, call 830-935-2735.

Tuesday • May 22 • 6-8pm
CHAMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS MIXER
Hosted by Lakeside Realty & Omega Mortgage Company
18200 FM 306, Suite 120 • Hancock Plaza
Great opportunity for local businesses to network!
Join us in welcoming the Chamber's newest members with
an evening of food, fun and prizes!
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