

## **HAVEN HI-LITES**

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**Your Deerhaven Newsletter – February/March -2019**

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**POA, LCRA, Llano County & Texas Area News...Alerts...Reminders...Photos...Weather**

### **POA NEWS!**

#### **DEERHAVEN BOATERS!! WHAT'S UP AT THE BOAT DOCK???**

Here's the February 28<sup>TH</sup> Report from Gabe Pincelli - Deerhaven Park Commissioner!

- 1. "In January, JIM MAUGHAN arranged for the lower portion of the existing boat ramp to be repaired and resurfaced (with POA funding).**
- 2. This past weekend, (Feb. 24) GILES SUMMERLIN spearheaded an effort to extend the boat ramp with stacked sack concrete. Giles supplied the materials and arranged for a work crew to do the work. This will significantly improve safety and make the ramp much more user-friendly in the future."**



***Feb. 24...Launching MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS AT THE PARK BOAT LAUNCH before the lake refill.***

**THANKS** to the efforts of Deerhaven resident **GILES SUMMERLIN** and **POA Board Director JIM MAUGHAN**, the launching of your boats will be so much easier! The original boat ramp now has a new surface and extends an **additional SEVEN feet!** Two dump truck loads of rock were put down first and then **168** eighty lb. bags of concrete were laid on top, the first five feet being double stacked. Now there'll be **NO SURPRISING SUDDEN DROP-OFF** to damage your boat trailers when you launch your boats!!

**TRY IT! YOU'LL LIKE IT!!**

## **VOLUNTEERS PICK LAKE SHORELINE at DEERHAVEN PARK.....CLEAN!!**

February 16, 2019: Report from Gabe Pincelli Deerhaven Park Commissioner:

*“Volunteers were Bob Duffin, David & Diane Wuest, Jimmy Springfield, Mike Dahl and Jim and Susan Maughan. They cleaned up a large amount of debris from the lakebed and in front of the dock. They were able to obtain a burn permit and burn the debris on the spot!”*

It was a YUCKY job....but somebody had to do it. And do it they did! The seven volunteers braved the messy shoreline at the park and gathered the leftover debris from the October floods while the lake was still down!



October Flood Debris.....Jan. 2019



Disposal of Flood Debris....Feb. 16, 2019

*Photos courtesy of Susan and Jim Maughan*

## **LCRA, LLANO COUNTY AND TEXAS AREA NEWS!**

### **LCRA: LAKE LBJ AND LAKE MARBLE FALLS DRAWDOWN UPDATES**

As of March 07, 2019 **LAKE LBJ** has now been returned to its NORMAL OPERATING LEVEL of 824 FEET ABOVE MEAN SEA LEVEL and is 96% full. As the LCRA reported earlier, the draw-downs for both **Lakes LBJ and Lake Marble Falls** began on Sunday, Dec. 30,. Lake LBJ was lowered about 4 feet, from its normal operating range of 824 feet above mean sea level (feet msl) to a range of 820 feet msl. The lake was lowered about 1 foot a day for four days. The refill of Lake LBJ started on Feb. 24 and was completed on February 28.

*(Note: LCRA could only lower Lake LBJ about 4 feet without impacting operations at the Thomas C. Ferguson Power Plant on Lake LBJ and construction operations at the new RM 2900 bridge.)*

**Lake Marble Falls** was lowered to 7 feet below its normal stage of 738 and is STILL in draw-down stage and 58% full. **The refill of Lake Marble Falls will start on March 18 and end on March 21.** Presently some of the tops of the original **'FALLS'** have been uncovered by the draw-down and can be seen from the HWY 281 bridge. *(See pics below.)* The purpose of the draw-downs was to allow lakeside business & private property owners the opportunity to work on the repair and cleanup of their waterfront amenities. In that way, docks and other waterfront structures that had been flood damaged or washed away in the October 2018 flood could be repaired or replaced while the water level was down. Also there was a great deal of submerged flood debris at the shorelines of both lakes that needed to be removed and the draw-downs allowed the owners to identify the debris, remove it and clean these areas.



Original "Falls" showing while Lake is down....2019



Original "Falls" circa 1900

## **LLANO COUNTY: February 25, 2019.... *(Initial Announcement)***

***"FEMA DECLARES LLANO COUNTY & TEXAS AS DISASTER AREAS DUE TO OCT. 2018 FLOODS!"***

***2<sup>ND</sup> Announcement - March 7, 2019: LLANO COUNTY IS EXCLUDED FROM FEMA COVERAGE!***

Please refer to explanation sent by Commissioner Peter Jones to all county residents on March 7, 2019. He quotes statements by Llano County Judge Ron Cunningham that include the following points:

*"Llano County is only qualified for Public Assistance"*

*"In regards to the Individual Assistance... "FEMA denied Texas the Individual Assistance Declaration"*

*"Llano County has qualified for the SBA Disaster Loans and SBA is finalizing the application process..."*

The entire message sent by Peter Jones on March 07, 2019 can be found on the Deerhaven website, [deerhavenpoa.com](http://deerhavenpoa.com) View the complete explanation of the above facts and [reasons for exclusion](#).

## **LLANO COUNTY & LCRA: February 14, 2019**

***"LCRA ANNOUNCES PUBLIC SAFETY ACTIONS FOR LAKE LBJ"***



*Photo courtesy of KXAN News*

**DEERHAVEN BOATERS..ALERT!** Due to the presence of debris remaining in Lake LBJ such as the type pictured above, the LCRA has announced new policies regarding public safety requirements when boating on Lake LBJ for the foreseeable future! [Please review this important message](#) emailed earlier to County residents by Commissioner Peter Jones on February 14, 2019 which states the following....

*"The actions LCRA is implementing include: Following the refill of the lake Feb. 24-27, LCRA crews will assess conditions and mark or, where possible, remove navigational hazards in the main body of the lake. Debris on the shoreline and on private property continues to be the responsibility of the property owner. LCRA will designate the entire lake a nighttime no-wake zone following the refill of the lake. By law, "nighttime" is defined as from 30 minutes after sundown to 30 minutes before sunrise. Violation of the no-wake requirement is a Class C misdemeanor. The LCRA nighttime no-wake speed limit will be in force until further notice. The LCRA will mark the river channel through Lake LBJ with buoys from the confluence of the Llano and Colorado rivers downstream to Wirtz Dam, a distance of about 12 miles. The markers will include solar-powered lights to guide boaters at night. LCRA will post signs at public boat ramps alerting visitors to use extreme caution on the lake. LCRA also will offer free warning signs to marinas and the local property owners associations with boat ramps. Effective immediately, the public may report unmarked hazards to [AskLCRA@lcra.org](mailto:AskLCRA@lcra.org). The report should include a detailed description of the object and the location, and a photo, if possible. LCRA's Water Surface Management team will investigate all reports and take appropriate action to address corroborated hazards. LCRA will remove abandoned flood-damaged docks from the lake".*

## WEATHER NEWS! WILL PEACHES AND BLUEBONNETS BE FREEZE VICTIMS?

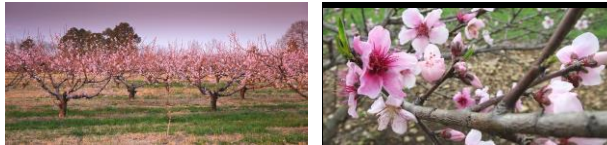


### HILL COUNTRY PEACH CROP NEWS!

Texas Hill Country peach lovers may be in for a disappointment this Spring season! The record bitter cold temperatures experienced during the first week of March may have had “bitter” results for the farmers and the buyers. The following excerpts posted online from KXAN News on March 04 tell the story.....

STONEWALL, Texas (KXAN) —

*.....“An early bloom mixed with a late freeze is causing a headache for peach farmers in the Hill Country.....the early bloom means the blossoms are now fully-exposed to the freezing cold temperatures, offering the likely potential it will completely wipe out an entire season of work for the family that depends on a good harvest for their livelihood” ....“The good news is not all of the peach trees have fully bloomed. Some blossoms are still closed, so there's an added layer of protection for the peach embryo”*



With more cold weather promised by the end of next week, only time will tell whether our favorite juicy “Fredericksburg” peaches will make an appearance on the roadsides and grocery stores this year.



### HILL COUNTRY BLUEBONNETS!

*How did they survive the BIG FREEZE??*

March 09, 2019

What was supposed to be one of the best bluebonnet seasons in recent years may turn out not to be so great after all. What effect did the March 3-6 freezes have our favorite flower??

The following excerpts are taken from a KXAN article posted on March 4, 2019 @3:44 PM CST & 03:48 PM

*AUSTIN (KXAN) —“ Due to the record cold snap hitting central Texas Monday and Tuesday, you may have to wait a little longer to take those perfect spring wildflower photos with your loved ones.*

*The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center is fielding a lot of questions on how this weather will affect the wildflowers, and the short answer is the center isn't exactly sure of the impact.....This cold weather is definitely going to delay things a little bit. The sunny, warm weather sped things up (a couple weeks ago), but the cold will slow it down," said Andrea DeLong-Amaya, the director of horticulture at the LBJ Wildflower Center.*

*....However DeLong-Amaya isn't saying all is lost because of the cold. These wildflowers are tough, particularly bluebonnets, and can handle the extremes "Mother Nature" can hurl".*

*"Generally, if you have temperatures in the upper or mid-20s, bluebonnets just respond and tolerate it. If you start getting a bit colder, we might see some actual damage," DeLong-Amaya said".*

We'll just have to wait and see how well the trees and blossoms survive the bitter cold temps that they experienced in early March. **One thing is for sure! They really need a good drink of water!** Hopefully the rain forecasted for the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of March gives them (and all of us) that “drink”. It's been a dry ‘late’ winter!



## SOME REMINDERS FOR YOU!!

- **BOATERS! Be careful on the Lake! There is submerged flood debris out there!!**
- **Please check out the LCRA safety policies stated earlier in this newsletter!!**
- **Ladies Blue Lake/Deerhaven Luncheon scheduled for Sat. APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup> 11:00 AM.**
- **The next POA BOARD MEETING is scheduled for APRIL 27<sup>th</sup> at the mud office.**
- **RM 2900 Bridge update: March 11... According to Llano County Commissioner Peter Jones...."*My information from TXDOT is that the 2900 bridge is on target to be finished by the end of April. No date is set yet for the opening...*".**
- **The Annual POA Board Meeting and Dinner is scheduled for June 01. The POA Board Mtg. starts at 9:00 AM and the General Membership Mtg. starts at 5:00 PM with the annual dinner scheduled at 6:00 PM. At this time VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help stage the dinner, which will be catered by an area restaurant. A decision about which restaurant will be decided at the April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please contact Jerry Pruett if you would like to join the planning committee!**
- **ISSUES of the *HAVEN HI-LITES* can now be REVIEWED on the website thanks to Ken Percival. Go to deerhavenpoa.com and then just click on the "NEWS" link to locate the January, March and future issues!**



**Looking forward to *SPRING!***