



## Bits from the Board

by AIA Board

As a reminder, the annual meeting for the Arbors Improvement Association (AIA) will be held on Saturday, August 22, 2008 at the First United Methodist Church in Elgin. The meeting will be conducted in the church Fellowship Hall, with sign-in at 9:00am and the meeting starting promptly at 9:30am. Refreshments will be served by the Welcome and Social Committee prior to the start and throughout the meeting.

The annual meeting is actually the only meeting required by the AIA Bylaws, although the board has open meetings monthly or bi-monthly as needed to conduct business and keep residents abreast of issues and items of interest to the community. Residents may contact any of the board members if there is an item that they wish to discuss at these meetings. If it is pertinent to the residents and the Arbors community, it will be added to the agenda. It is also a great place to meet your neighbors and introduce

yourself to new families that may have moved into the neighborhood.

It is important that we have a quorum at the annual meeting and we want to encourage you to attend. This year one of the three board positions is up for election. The board is the decision-making body that represents you. It has the responsibility for the allocation of funds for the common utilities, maintenance of the community, and judicial use of your dues for the betterment of the Arbors. The board is also the interface with public officials and agencies that serve our community. Thus you will want to vote for those that best represent your views and best interests and strive to maintain all of our property values. We would encourage those that feel they are qualified and will dedicate the time to serve, to make that known as nominations can be made from the floor at the meeting. In addition to this election, there may be other issues that require a vote during the meeting and your

vote is important on these as well.

If you can not make the meeting, please give your proxy vote to a friend, neighbor, family member or you may wish to designate one of the sitting board members. Instructions are on the Annual Meeting notice/proxy statement you should have recently received in the mail.

In closing, the board would like to extend our sincere thanks to all of the Committee volunteers who have worked for the betterment of our community during the past eight months. Your dedication to keeping our maintenance costs down, our neighborhood clean and safe, and organizing fun get-togethers is very much appreciated.

If you want to help continue making the Arbors the best place to live in the Elgin/Bastrop area, please consider volunteering your time on one of the committees. We greatly appreciate new ideas and welcome your involvement.

## AIA Annual Meeting

Saturday, August 22

First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

216 W. Third Street, Elgin ([map](#))

Sign in begins at 9:00 am

Meeting begins at 9:30 am

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## **Board Nominees**

### **Judy Wilke**

I have been an Arbors resident for 5 years. I am very familiar with the area as I was raised in Austin and Manor and my parents retired to Elgin in 1983. After living in other parts of Texas, I have returned to my roots and have a vested interest in the area.

I have a BS and a MEd. in education from Texas State University (SWT) and a second Masters' in Guidance and Counseling from Texas Women's University. Most of my career consisted of being an elementary and a high school counselor (26 years). For several years I also did legal social study cases for the county court as additional employment. Besides those positions, I also co-owned and operated several furniture stores along the coastal area for 9 years.

Working in these areas provided me with plenty of opportunity to use my people skills and also my business skills.

During my lifetime, I have served on many boards and committees beginning as President of my high school senior class. Since that time, I have served on numerous professional career and social organization boards, and was President of the Matagorda County Aggie Moms club for 2 years. I was co-founder of K.I.D.S. in Matagorda County which is an organization that helps the victims of child abuse. In Lake Jackson I served on the beautification committee of the City Council for several years.

Now retired, I feel that I have time to become more involved in the

Arbors community. I plan to live in the Arbors for many years to come. Therefore, I would like to see the neighborhood continue to be the nicest one in the area. As a member of the board, I would accept the responsibility of enforcing the by-laws to ensure that the value and the integrity of our subdivision is protected. If elected, I will work to maintain the current HOA fee, manage the budget appropriately, and see that necessary maintenance on the property is continued. I feel that I am qualified to be an Arbors board member because I am well-rounded in the sense that I have experience with business, construction (my dad was in the electrical business), and people. The Arbors is a wonderful, friendly neighborhood and living here is like being a member of a big ol' family!

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### **Tim Herbst**

I am Tim Herbst, I have been on the ACC board since it has formed and served a term as chairman.

My wife, Molly, and I have lived at 249 Arbors Circle for the last 8 years and have been involved with the community since we moved in. We both regularly attend the Board meetings and feel we understand how the majority of the community wants to continue to develop.

I have worked for a telecommunications company for the last 24 years and Molly works for the Elgin ISD. We are both involved in our church and volunteer organizations.

I am running for the Board to ensure that reasonable and just rules/restrictions are continually maintained to protect all of our property investments and to make sure that our dues, that we all contribute, are spent wisely for the benefit of the whole community. I want to make sure that property values of the Arbors are protected and hopefully increase in value. I also want to ensure that we put aside enough monies, so that in the future, we have sufficient funds to redo the road surfaces without a special assessment.

Molly and I have enjoyed living in the Arbors and we take a pride in the community and appreciate the efforts of our neighbors to keep

their property in good order. I think that continued wise planning by the Board and proper budgeting of our funds is the top priority for the future of our community. We need to continue to look at the common property every year and properly maintain it in order to minimize future expenditures. We need residents to become involved in the community through serving on different committees, attending the Board meetings, and pitching in on some of the maintenance projects. I feel that the Board over the last 7 years has set us on the right path for the future and will continue to work in that direction.

I would appreciate your vote at the August annual meeting.

## Spring Garage Sale

by Kathy Mowrey

Seven homes participated in the Spring Garage Sales held in the Arbors on Saturday, May 2. This was held in conjunction with the Elgin city-wide garage sale day and the Arbors had a lot of traffic. Kathy Mowrey was in charge of this Welcome/Social Committee sponsored event. Maps were given to assist visitors in locating those homes participating in the garage sale day.



## Spring Potluck

by Kathy Mowrey

The annual Spring Potluck dinner was held on May 30 in our park. The weather was perfect and there were 46 residents in attendance. It was a time of great food and great conversation. Special thanks go to Dan Mowrey for taking care of the grilling duties, and the ladies of the Welcome/Social Committee who helped plan, set-up and clean-up after the potluck.



## Welcome Neighbors

by Connie Vestal

The Arbors Improvement Association would like to welcome our newest neighbors:

**Terry and Nancy Walters**

*239 Maple Leaf Trail*

Welcome  
Neighbors



## Yard of the Month

by Welcome/Social Committee

The Yard of the Month awards for May, June and July were given to the following residents:

### May 2009

**Randall O'Brian**

*170 Elm Wood Drive*

### June 2009

**Donna Keeling**

*116 Sycamore Trail*

### July 2009

**Brent and Bridget Roper**

*177 Juniper Trail*

Watch for the Yard of the Month sign as you drive through The Arbors of Dogwood Creek neighborhood.

## Proxy For Meeting

by Joann Johnson

The Annual Meeting this year will be held on Saturday, August 22. It is important for our members to attend but if attendance is not possible, please fill out a proxy form. A copy of the form can be found at the end of this newsletter. Your proxy will be counted for quorum purposes and will also allow a vote to be cast in your name for a board candidate. This year there is one seat up for election. There currently are two nominees: Tim Herbst and Judy Wilke. Additional nominations may be made at the meeting.

Please, send in your proxy form if you are unable to attend!



## Chairperson Sought

by Kathy Mowrey

Kathy Mowrey will be leaving the Welcome/Social Committee next board year. No other member of our community has thus far indicated a willingness to chair this committee so no events have been planned this summer or beyond. Now is the time for new volunteers to step up, bring their energy and fresh ideas forward so that our neighborhood can continue to have these social events. There will be a sign up sheet at the Annual Meeting or you can contact Kathy at [kmowrey@austin.rr.com](mailto:kmowrey@austin.rr.com).



# CAMP SWIFT

by Dan Mowrey

## TOUR

On Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, about 80 Arbores residents had



facilities to accommodate training up to 4,000 troops at a time. This expansion on existing Camp

the privilege to get up close and personal with the Texas National Guard personnel at Camp Swift. Thanks to the efforts of the Community Awareness Committee and specifically Arbores residents Tom Henderson and Dale Pyeatt (retired Col. US Army), we were able to get a first hand glimpse of the training facilities as well as participate in some hands-on simulation activities.



Swift property will bring about 400 new jobs to the Elgin area in the next year or two. Questions from the

attendees were welcomed and answered as the officers went through the



shooting of a 50 caliber machine gun (simulation of course and not the real thing).

The tour started with an overview of Camp Swift's history dating back to WWII days when the camp encompassed the entire distance between Hwy 71 and Hwy 290. Lt. Col. Jesus Luna and camp commander Col. Dennis Tilson spoke at great length on the current activities of the Texas National Guard and the role that Camp Swift now plays in preparing troops for active duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. They discussed the "noise" issue and safety precautions that are taken to limit live gun fire to specific areas to totally eliminate any live rounds from leaving the camp's safe perimeter. Col. Tilson then discussed the expansion of Camp Swift's



presentation.

After the briefing, the residents were split into two groups; one group boarded a bus and was given a tour of the camp firing ranges, training grounds including the mock village, parachute jump area, and future barrack and classroom locations along Hwy 290.

The second group was given a tour of the simulation gun ranges, Humvee role-over simulator, and other classroom training areas.

Once the bus returned, the groups switched places, so everyone got the opportunity to see the entire area. The highlight for many of the residents was the hands-on experience of driving a Humvee and actual



Swift hosts its annual Oktoberfest (date and time not yet available).



Our thanks to Lt. Col. Luna and Col. Tilson (and the staff at Camp Swift) for their efforts and assistance in putting on the personal presentation and tour just for their neighbors, the Arbores of Dogwood Creek residents.





## Arbors Improvement Association

### Proxy Form

#### Annual Meeting 2009

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being the sole or joint owner and title holder of record to address(es) \_\_\_\_\_ in the Arbors Improvement Association and being a member in good standing of the Association, do hereby appoint the following person as my agent and holder of my proxy for purposes of voting on any matters presented to the association membership at the meeting, to be held on August 22, 2009. I give full authority to said appointed proxy holder (Board member or designated person chosen to represent the owner) to vote for me in my name as if I was present in person at the meeting.

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**Designated proxy** (print name)

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**Your signature** (please print as well)

(If left blank, your proxy will be voted by the President or Chairperson)

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It is important to the association and to each member that the annual meeting achieves a quorum. Therefore, we need your attendance or your proxy. The list of names below is provided should you not know whom you might like to appoint as your proxy. You may choose one of the names or you may write in the name of a person of your selection. **Please** send this proxy to our offices **immediately**.

Designated Person Selected By Owner

or

Dan Mowrey

President

Tom Henderson

Vice President

Karen Wilkerson

Secretary/Treasurer

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#### Mail this form to:

Pioneer Real Estate Services, 611 S. Congress #510, Austin, Texas 78704,

**OR**

**Fax this form to:** Pioneer Real Estate Services, (512) 447-4496