



Howdy Neighbor!

Happy New Year! The VOP HOA is looking forward to an active and interesting 2008!

I'd like to report that the 2007 Annual Meeting was a success. We had over 30 households represented at the meeting and had some very good discussions about the community. The most notable achievement was the election of a new Board of Directors for 2008:

Karen Adams
Jeff Allred
Milton Richter
Tony Seaman
David

Cheri Butler has also been a valuable voice to the current Board of Directors.

The biggest issue currently facing the community is the *gas drilling issue*. Most of you have probably been contacted by Dale Property Services regarding a lease proposal. Based on a seminar that Jeff and I attended, we can, as a Home Owner's Association, band together to negotiate better terms for the lease. Success for negotiating better terms generally works only if we have a united group of home owners. Also, the negotiation is better if we can get neighboring communities to join us. To undertake this option requires a 'community effort'.

GAS DRILLING POLL: We would like to know if the community is interested in attempting to negotiate better terms for a lease through the HOA for the gas drilling issue. Please contact the Board of Directors at BoardofDirectors@vophoa.com and tell us either:

- 1) I AM interested in a negotiating through the HOA.
- 2) I AM interested in a negotiating through the HOA and I am willing to help.

OR, 3) I AM NOT interested in a negotiating through the HOA.

Please be aware that the City of Bedford is holding a Town Hall Meeting on January 9, 2008, at the Boys Ranch Activity Center regarding allowing gas drilling in Bedford. (This is the venue that any efforts to stop gas drilling are to be made.) This meeting is open to the public and I encourage you to attend.

On a separate note, I would like you to be aware of at least two incidents of crime in our community this past year, 1) a stolen purse (out of a vehicle) and 2) a stolen vehicle. Thieves are apparently driving around the community in the early morning hours looking for 'easy' targets. Please take appropriate measures to discourage this activity.

The VOP HOA will also be challenged this year to find a 'solution' to properly maintain the retention pond and to upgrade the current irrigation system for the 'common areas'.

One other goal that has been identified for the VOP HOA is to 'reopen' the community website to foster quicker information access regarding what is going on in the community. For all of the persons that provided their name the VOP HOA at the Annual Meeting to help with the website, if you have not yet been contacted, your contact information has been misplaced and we need you to contact the Board directly to start progress on the website initiative. Please contact the board at BoardofDirectors@vophoa.com.

Tony Seaman
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