

# Ⓢ Circle D Round-Up

## From the President

### We are going to have a Town Hall Meeting!



Before you ask WHY? Please consider this...holding a town hall meeting gives us an opportunity to discuss a couple of specific topics in a more casual and conversational manner, as compared to a formal board meeting. Holding a town hall is also a part of my commitment to you regarding our communication strategy.

A town hall provides a platform for your Board to share important information with you. It is an informal gathering intended to promote two-way communication. Your participation is essential to us having a successful town hall.

Regular town hall meetings can help support our neighborhood's culture and values and promote teamwork and collaboration. In summary, attending a town hall is a great way to stay informed, engaged, and connected with your neighbors and our association. The town hall is scheduled for March 9<sup>th</sup>, so stay tuned.

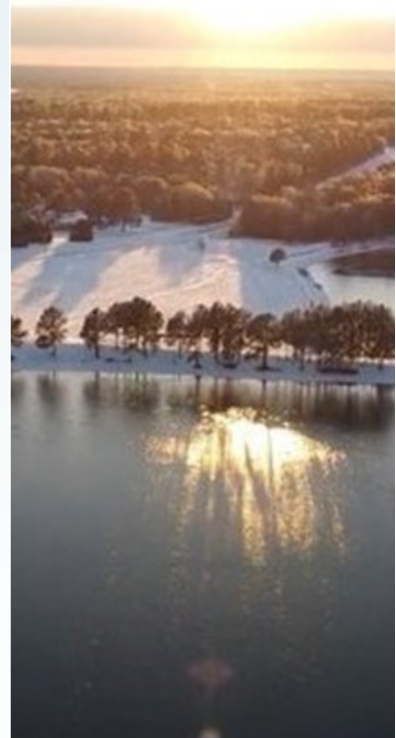
Jim Stephens  
CDCA President

### Circle D Civic Association Town Hall Meeting

Saturday, March 9, 2024 at 10:30 am  
River Valley Christian Fellowship  
1224 HWY 71 W, Bastrop, TX 78602

#### Town Hall Meeting Topics

- One change in the Bylaws
- One proposed Deed Restriction change
- Moving forward with association office located at park



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## Good luck MaryBeth and Wishing You Well

On behalf of the Board, I'd like to take a moment to express my gratitude and say "Thank you" to MaryBeth for her commitment and dedication to the Board. MaryBeth is stepping away from the Treasurer's role and her position on the CDCA Board of Directors. We wish her well.

Circle D Civic Association  
Board of Directors



The CDCA Board has a vacancy. Vacancies do arise from time to time. When they do, it is important to fill it with a qualified candidate who is committed to improving our association.

Are you interested in joining the Board? Joining the Board can be a great way to make a difference and contribute to the success of our association. Please understand, joining us on the Board does involve work and some commitment, but you would be surprised by the good work being done.

As a Board member, you can ensure our neighborhood is maintained and property values are protected. If you are interested in joining the Board, please contact Lana at the office at 512-321-5272 or email her at [contactus@circledbastroptx.org](mailto:contactus@circledbastroptx.org) and she will be happy to give you the details. The deadline for submitting your interest in the vacancy is 5:00 pm, Friday Feb. 23rd.

Filling the vacancy is not a process to be rushed. The Board and I all agree that the vacant position must be filled with a neighbor that is committed to the betterment of the association. The Officers will review the applications and fill the vacancy with your best interest in mind.

## WE NEED COMMITTEE MEMBERS!!

Serving on a committee is a REWARDING experience that benefits both the neighborhood and you! The Compliance Committee (CC) and the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) need members! Look at all the great reasons and benefits for joining us:



- **Make a Difference:** Serving on a Committee provides an opportunity to make a positive impact on our community. Committee members help shape the direction of the community, support the Board's vision, and work towards achieving common goals.
- **Enhance the Community:** Committee members help enhance the community by ensuring that neighborhoods are well-maintained, property values are protected, and applicable laws are properly followed.
- **Build Relationships:** It is IMPORTANT that Committee members spend time nurturing relationships with fellow neighbors. This helps personalize your leadership, build trust, and show that the Board of Directors and Committees do more than enforce rules and measure budget performance. Having a positive connection with the CDCA residents will significantly impact governance and make the community a better place to live.
- **Learn New Skills:** Serving on a Committee may provide you with an opportunity to improve your skills in leadership, communication or problem-solving. These skills can be valuable in both personal and professional life.
- **Meet New People:** Serving on a Committee provides you an opportunity to meet new people and build relationships with your neighbors.
- **Have Fun:** Committee members can take pride in their accomplishments and enjoy the sense of community that comes with working together towards a common goal. Simply put...have FUN!

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## REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

**2024 Membership Dues Invoices** - Invoices were mailed on 12/04/2023. If you have not received your 2024 invoice, please contact Lana Thomas at the office for assistance.

**Notary Services** - We would like to extend the service of a Notary to our Circle D Civic Association Members. If you are ever in need of a Notary, please call the office and make an appointment.

**PayHOA Contact Information** - Contact information such as email, phone numbers, or mailing address needs to be current in the members' PayHOA account. This is so we may be able to contact members and send notices. If you do not know how to change this information in your PayHOA account, please call the office and we will change it for you.

**Deed Restriction Reminder** - Due to the recent influx of deed restriction complaints in regard to loose animals, the Compliance Committee would like to remind the members of Circle D to keep animals confined to your property, as loose animals are a deed restriction violation. (Read in blue below)

Members may submit deed restriction violation complaints to [contactus@circledbastroptx.org](mailto:contactus@circledbastroptx.org). Include the address or section and lot number of the property that is being reported, a description of the violation, and any pictures that may help with the investigation. Complainants' will remain anonymous.



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*All Sections General Restrictions, Paragraph 2 - "(2) . . . . . All parcels on which animals are kept must be adequately fenced so as to keep said animals confined to that parcel."*

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The Compliance Committee would like to advise members that in the event of an aggressive animal or animal bite, the Bastrop County Animal Control and the Bastrop County Sheriff's Office should be contacted to make a report. CDCA does not have any authority over animal bites, only the deed restriction that animals must be contained to your property.

It would be ideal to contact the property owner and try to work out the loose animal issue between neighbors, but if contacting your neighbor does not solve the issue, contact the CDCA Office and Bastrop County Animal Control.

## CDCA PARK NEWS



Pictures courtesy of Cindy Adams

The Park Chair, Mark McNeese, and the park employees have been busy working on items concerning the park.

- There have been 35+ dead trees removed due to the lack of rain last summer.
- Regular mowing has resumed.
- The brush pile was burned when it was safe to do so.
- Broken playground equipment has been removed and the ground filled in for safety.

- The lake level had remained low for a while, but with the recent rain, we have measured at least 4 inches of rainfall in the lakes.
- The committee is looking into a large awning to cover the playscape to provide shade.
- There is a 2024 projected plan being drawn up to address the repairs that need to be made in the park, such as new signs and painting the pavilion.

Mark McNeese - Board Member and Park Chair

## Circle D Community Garden Sign Up for 2024 February 2024 through January 2025

The Park Committee would like to invite all our Circle D Neighbors to participate in the Community Garden Project at Circle D Park. If you have a green thumb, love to garden, enjoy making new friends, then this is the project for you!

A few simple guidelines to follow:

- Choose only one bed when signups begin. You will be notified if other plots are available.
- Please follow through on your growing plans as much as possible.
- Please share your produce with neighbors, friends, and family to make this a true "Community Garden". (No restrictions on what can be planted.)

Contact Mark Benoit for additional information  
@ [mbweathernut@gmail.com](mailto:mbweathernut@gmail.com).



## CDCA Events

### Want to Volunteer?

The Board of Directors has offered events such as a:

*Community Garage Sale*

*Clean Sweep*

*Welcome Committee Events*

*Neighbors Helping Neighbors*

If you have suggestions or would like to volunteer, contact Lana at the office to sign up.



A huge THANK YOU to our volunteers for helping members during the clean sweep!!!

Robert Griffin  
Delma Enger  
Keith Everett  
Bruce Schwan  
Sean Keahey

*Thank you*

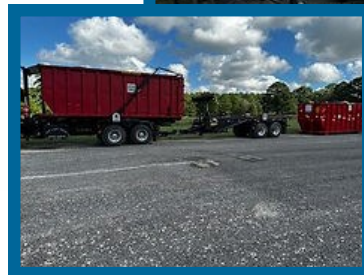
### **Community Garage Sale**

The 4th Annual Circle D Community Garage Sale was held on Saturday, October 7, 2023. A total of 15 vendors participated in the event and several comments were made by members that they "did pretty good." If you are interested in participating in the CDCA Community Garage Sale, we will be having others in the future.

### **Clean Sweep**

Another Clean Sweep event was held on Saturday, November 4, 2023, from 8 am until full at the Circle D Community Park. The four dumpsters, provided by the county at no cost to the Association, were full by 11:30. Another Clean Sweep will be scheduled for late spring.

Volunteers helped those who were unable to remove items from their property and bring them to the Clean Sweep. Thanks to Clara Beckett, County Commissioner, for providing the dumpsters.



## Welcome Committee's Holly Jolly Social Hour

The Welcome Committee hosted a successful first annual Circle D Neighborhood Holly Jolly Social Hour on Saturday December 2, 2023, at the CDCA Park Pavilion.

Over twenty neighbors attended, some donning their best Holiday Sweaters. Christmas music played while neighbors mingled, and children enjoyed the perfect outdoor weather. Crockpots full of homemade hot coco and apple cider were provided along with an oversized charcuterie board of meat, cheeses, crackers, and fruit. There were snickerdoodles, pumpkin rolls, and green frosted cookies decorated like Christmas trees.

It was a wonderful time catching up with old friends and meeting new ones!

We are planning our annual Spring Meet and Greet sometime in April 2024.

Jessica Haggerty - Welcome Committee Chair



## Important Upcoming Events

### THE NEXT BOARD MEETING

Saturday, February 10, 2024  
at 8:30 am  
Fire Station - 1432 State Hwy 95

### TOWN HALL MEETING

Saturday, March 9, 2024  
at 10:30 am  
River Valley Christian Fellowship.  
1224 HWY 71 W, Bastrop, TX 7860

### SPRING CLEAN SWEEP

When: *Spring Date and Time To  
Be Announced*  
(Tentatively set for April 6th)  
CDCA Park Parking Lot

### NEW MEMBER MEET & GREET

When: *Spring Date and Time To  
Be Announced*  
CDCA Park Pavilion

## Board of Directors

### Office Location:

111 N Hasler Blvd Rm 214  
Bastrop, TX 78602  
(512) 321-5272

Mailing Address: PO Box 852  
Bastrop, Texas 78602

Park Location: 930 FM 1441  
Bastrop, Texas 78602

### CDCA Office Hours:

Monday Closed  
Tuesday 11 am to 3 pm  
Wednesday 11 am to 3 pm  
Thursday 11 am to 3 pm  
Friday 1 pm to 5 pm

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From the By-Laws:

*SECTION 4.1: Number. The affairs of this Association shall be managed by a Board of seven (7) directors, who must be members of the Association in good standing. State law prohibits the Association from preventing a delinquent member from running for the board, but does not prevent the board from requiring the individual to become current in order to serve.*

*SECTION 4.2: Term of Office. The number of directors constituting the Board of Directors of the Corporation is seven (7), of whom four (4) directors shall be elected biennially for a term of two years and three (3) directors shall be elected for a two-year term in the intervening years.*

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	- CDCA Treasurer	<a href="mailto:treasurer@circledbastroptx.org">treasurer@circledbastroptx.org</a>
Mark McNeese	- CDCA Board Member	
Matt Rainey	- CDCA Board Member	
Don Aylesworth	- CDCA Board Member	

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Sophia Wilcox	- Bookkeeper	