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ORIA EMPHASIS

The ORIA Board of Directors has appointed a Nominating Committee. The nominating committee's duty will be to nominate and place landowners' names on the ballot for the annual membership meeting (scheduled for Saturday, June 6th at 10am). There are two members on the board whose current term of office ends this June (James Leavesley and Sam Kelly). If you are interested in running for the ORIA Board of Directors, please contact the Nominating Committee or any member of the board for further information. The Nominating Committee is made up of Vernon Wallace (713-444-0217), Angie Konvicka and Earl Fly.

You'll be asked to write up a short resume of your experience and why you wish to serve as a member of the ORIA Board of Directors. In other words, "What can you bring to the table to help our community at Oakridge Ranch and what experience do you have?"

As stated above, elections are currently scheduled for June 6, 2020 at 10 AM. This meeting date is pending any state & federal orders concerning COVID-19 in place at that time.

ORIA Board Meetings are set for the 2nd Sunday each month, 2 PM (except December) at the Community Center. Landowners are welcomed and encouraged to attend!

All scheduled ORIA meetings are currently postponed due to the "Stay at Home" orders from the Governor of Texas, the US President & the CDC until further notice.

Watch your email and the ORIA website (noted at the top of this page) for updates as we navigate through this COVID-19 season.



Oakridge Ranch Spring Afternoon



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OAKRIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Construction Fundraising Is On-going

All Oakridge Ranch landowners have received a letter with a brochure regarding our need to raise funds for a full-functioning fire station. This same information has also been mailed to our neighboring communities serviced by OVFD and those who, in the recent past, have been supporters of or have contributed to the success of OVFD. As of this publication, OVFD has raised approximately 35% of the funds needed to build.

Individuals (or companies) may still make contributions via mail to our address below or click on PayPal at the following link: <u>https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=KBD39HJ3769VA&source=url</u> PayPal will give you the option to make a one-time or monthly donation.

Training

The on-going training conducted by OVFD has temporarily ceased and will resume as soon as the social distancing order has been lifted. Additionally, several members of OVFD were scheduled to attend HazMat training at Texas A&M this spring and this event was canceled due to COVID-19 protocols.

On March 16th, Colorado County EMS Staff Member and OVFD First Responder/Firefighter David Mitchem made available a county ambulance and provided training to OVFD at the OVFD Station. The training included an overview of supplies, medicines, equipment in the ambulance and proper loading of the stretcher with a patient into the ambulance.

Know our equipment!

OVFD Polaris ATV Unit ("1073" to us at OVFD) - pictured to the right.

- A wildland fire fighting apparatus
- 85 gallons water capacity
- 5 gallons foam capacity
- Two person vehicle
- Able to reach sites not accessible by fire trucks
- 5.5 HP Pump
- 100 Ft of 3/4 inch Hose

9-1-1 CALLS

OVFD is still responding to your 911 calls under the protocol set by the Colorado County Office of Emergency Management. If you need medical or fire assistance, please don't hesitate to call 9-1-1.



The OVFD Auxiliary is always looking for additional help! Those interested should contact Angie Konvica at <u>ruacajun2@ yahoo.com</u> or Deanna Jeske at <u>deannajeske@yahoo.com</u>.



2020-2021 OVFD BOARD & OFFICERS

Vernon Wallace, President R. C. Lumpkin, Vice-President Gary LaVergne, Secretary/Treasurer Wayne Wolfford, Fire Chief Dane Stewart, Asst. Fire Chief Jay Johannes, Captain Mark Prasatik, Lieutenant Douglas Mason, Chaplain

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CLEANUP OF COUNTY ROAD 215

ORWMA cleans up County Road 215 from County Road 211 to the North Gate of Oakridge Ranch. Nineteen volunteers showed up Saturday, February 8, to do litter pick up. On the 3.1 miles, about 20 bags of trash were picked up! Donuts, kolaches and hot coffee were provided. Thanks to everyone who participated!!!

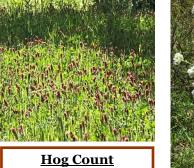


DATES TO REMEMBER

ORWMA generally meets the 1st Sunday of the month at 4 PM at the Oakridge Community Center. Come join us. It's more fun than a three-ring circus and cheaper, too!

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> www.orwma.org Also join us on Facebook! oakridgewildlifemanagement@gmail.com Mailing Address: 1904-B Oakridge Road, Weimar, TX 78962



 Hog Count

 2019
 YTD 2020

 819
 147

 30 traps

We're looking for more "Hog Busters" - Come join in! Contact Douglas Mason or JD Ray.

