

# Magnolia TIMES



Savannah, TX

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A HUFFINES COMMUNITY

June/July 2006

Coming Soon...

## Savannah Market!

## Independence Day Celebration

July 1st

Community Yard Sale  
June 16-17

Youth Concert  
July 29

### Savannah Resident Appointed To Water District Board

Savannah Resident, Mary Lehto, was appointed to the Denton County Fresh Water Supply District No. 10 Board of Directors in March 2006. Ms. Lehto, who has been regularly attending the district meetings since last May, fills the unexpired term of Director William Dalton, who resigned in February.

In an effort to keep Savannah residents informed, Ms. Lehto will submit the minutes to the Water District Board meetings for posting on the Savannah Community Association website.

The meetings are open to the public and are held the third Thursday of each month at 5pm at the Prairie House Restaurant.

### Watch Out For Encroaching Summertime Weeds



Now that the summer growing season is in full swing, gardens everywhere are overflowing with colorful flowers, rich foliage.... and sometimes weeds.

Don't let that invading army of unwanted weeds get the better of you! Weed control is the responsibility of every Savannah resident and no one likes to get a violation. So, remember to keep your lawn and garden looking neat!

### New Urgent Notice System

The Savannah Community Assoc. is implementing a new system to alert residents concerning urgent information. Through this new system residents will be sent email alerts in the case of situations such as water shortage, freeze warnings or big events in the community. You will receive the confirmation notice through your email soon.

**Be sure to confirm & "opt in" to this very important & useful service.**

### School's Out... Watch For Children When You Drive

Now that school is out, don't forget to watch out for our youngest residents as you drive through the neighborhood. It is an unfortunate fact that although kids should be careful and look out for cars, they will often forget. Drive slowly and always be vigilant.

Parents- now is a good time to review lessons in traffic safety. Remind children that the streets are primarily for cars, to always look both ways before crossing and that they should not dash out into the street from between parked cars.

Attention to caution and safety will keep summertime fun for everyone and prevent tragic accidents from happening.



### Backwoods Traps - Operations Ceased

The Gun Range located on the south side of Hwy 380 across from Savannah has closed, effective immediately. The property has been sold. No more gun noise!

### Frisco Grooves on Friday Nights in June

American Bank of Texas has announced plans to produce a series of concerts this summer entitled "Frisco Grooves". Each Friday night in June, the Warren Sports Complex will be swaying and grooving and moving with tunes by some of the hottest Texas musicians around. And the best part is - it's FREE!

Free live music on a beautiful lawn! It's an outing to look forward to all week, where frenzied moms and dads can come relax and breathe deep and let the stress melt away as they dance with their kids while singing along.

Bring a picnic or purchase concessions that will be available. Locals and out-of-towners are welcome. The Frisco Association for the Arts ([www.friscoarts.org](http://www.friscoarts.org)) will on occasion provide pre-concert entertainment, so get there early!

Pre-concert entertainment will begin at 6:45pm with feature musical productions beginning at 7:30pm each Friday night.

#### Schedule:

- June 2, 2006- Sara Hickman
- June 9, 2006- Bruce Robison
- June 16, 2006- Brave Combo
- June 23, 2006-Terri Hendrix with Lloyd Maines
- June 30, 2006- Matt the Electrician



**Brave Combo**

This series is made possible by the Frisco Parks & Recreation Department and is sponsored by Baylor Medical Center at Frisco, Family Health Market and the Frisco Association for the Arts.



### Pool Hours

May 6 to Memorial Day: Weekends only  
 Memorial Day to Labor Day: Tuesday - Sunday  
 Labor Day to End of September: Weekends only

Pool Hours 10am - 10pm  
 Closed Mondays for Maintenance  
 Slides Open 12pm - 8pm

**SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK**

# Say HELLO to Your New Neighbors...

JOSEPH ANDERSON  
BRANDY ATKINSON  
KEVIN & KELLY BALDWIN  
DEBRA BEARD  
CHERYL BOBBITT  
JOHN & CHARLENE BROWN  
TED & CAROL CAMPBELL  
JINHUI CHEN  
TODD CIANCIULLI  
VICKI COLEMAN  
ERIN CRAWFORD  
ERIC AND LISA FALLS

AMANDA FLYNN  
CNDRES E GIMENEZ  
CARLOS & MARIA GOMEZ  
JOHN GOODROW  
ANITA HAWKINS  
ROSS KALLENBERG  
WILFRED & PHYLLIS  
KLEIBER  
RACHEL LEWIS  
CINDI LUCAS  
KELLY & SEAN MCCLARY-  
MAUREEN MC DONNELL

SUMMER MIYATAKE  
CLAIRE MONTGOMERY  
JAMES POPE  
ROBERT RODRIQUEZ  
MELISSA SHAW  
ELLIOTT & SUSAN SHOVAR  
CRAIG STANLEY  
MARK STEGMAN  
PETER THIGODEAU  
RONALD AND VEEREN  
GREGORY WEBSTER  
WILMA WIEDOR

## SAVANNAH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

701 Savannah Blvd  
Savannah, TX 76227  
Clubhouse Hours\*:  
Mon-Sat 10am - 7pm  
Sun 11am - 7pm

Ph: 972-346-3020  
Fax: 972-346-3022  
SCA Office Hours\*:  
Mon-Sat 10am - 6pm  
Sun CLOSED

\*Clubhouse hours subject to change.  
Pool closed until May 6th.

QUESTIONS ABOUT  
YOUR HOA ACCOUNT?  
CALL PREMIER COMMUNITIES AT  
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### Diana Brown

Onsite Association Manager  
972-346-2820  
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- ✓ Property Inspections
- ✓ Address Community Association issues
- ✓ Issue Pool Cards, Access Cards
- ✓ Orientate homeowners with the Association

### Susan Armstrong

Activities Director  
972-346-2828  
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- ✓ Coordinate events with Social Committee
- ✓ Coordinate master calendar of clubs, classes, rentals
- ✓ Assist in the SCA office

### Gerry Wells

#### Manager of Grounds and Facilities

- Oversee all aspects of SCA Facilities & Landscaping
- ✓ Amenities centers (fitness areas, pools, pavilions)
  - ✓ Water parks and lakes
  - ✓ Common areas and grounds

### Steve Karney

#### Facilities Maintenance

- Assist in the maintenance of
- ✓ Amenities centers (fitness areas, pools, pavilions)
  - ✓ Water parks and lakes
  - ✓ Common areas and ground

### Deborah Victory

Communications Director  
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- ✓ Coordinate newsletter submissions and design with Communications Committee
- ✓ Website registrations, maintenance

### Kerri Kingsbery

#### Director of Onsite Management Premier Communities

- ✓ Oversee all aspects of the management and maintenance of Savannah Community Association
- ✓ Oversee onsite SCA management team

## CONTEST

Every newsletter will contain an address embedded randomly within an article. Find the address and, if it is your address, come by the SCA office during business hours to claim your prize! For example:

You can get a 1234 Savannah Boulevard deep green lawn by using a high nitrogen fertilizer.

The person who resides at 1234 Savannah Boulevard will have until June 30, 2006 to claim the prize. Please bring a valid picture ID and current billing statement. The gift certificates are sponsored by the Developer.

### VIOLATIONS STATISTICS

Since the last newsletter, there have been 111 violations given for prohibited vehicles, noise, sale/lease signs and lawn maintenance.

### For Emergencies Call 911

Denton Co. Sheriff's Dept  
Non-Emergency 940-898-5700  
Aubrey Fire Dept.  
Non-Emergency 940-365-9785  
Electricity: Co-Serve  
1-800-566-2314  
Telephone: Southwestern Bell  
1-800-464-7928  
Water: Mustang Water  
940-440-9561  
Garbage: Waste Management  
1-800-772-8653  
Cable TV and Internet:  
Cebridge Communications  
1-877-423-2743

## You Could Win!

Hey, Savannah! Enter our Summertime Fun Drawing and win a gift certificate.

Just send an email to [administrator@savannahca.com](mailto:administrator@savannahca.com) with CONTEST in the subject line and you're entered! Your email address will

be entered into our database so you can receive important Community Association updates. It is all part of our ongoing efforts to keep our homeowners informed. Hurry if you want to win! Contest deadline is June 30th!



## Good News About North Dallas Tollway

The North Dallas Tollway extension to 380 is still on schedule. Completion is anticipated to be around the Summer of 2007.

## Savannah Elementary Principal

Rod Southard has been named principal of Savannah Elementary School for the 2006-07 school year. Previously the principal at Hodge, he raised that school from "Acceptable" to "Recognized" in the Texas Education Agency's accountability ratings for the past four years.

"My goal," Southard said, "is to create a challenging and well-rounded academic program in conjunction with a strong sense of community and school pride. It is my desire to establish a partnership to develop well-rounded children who are creative problem solvers and productive members of our society."

## COMING SOON... Youth Concert

When? Saturday July 29, 7pm - 10pm  
Where? In the new Amphitheater.

Calling all Savannah Bands - call now and reserve your place on the schedule for the YOUTH CONCERT. We are looking for a maximum of 5 bands - minimum of 2.

Also, we need some parents of teenagers to help out as volunteers. Call the Savannah Activity office at 972-346-2828 to reserve your band's spot or to volunteer. You may also email at [scaactivities@savannahca.com](mailto:scaactivities@savannahca.com). Deadline to enter is June 30, 2006.

## Pay Your Dues Online!

Homeowners may pay their assessments by credit card. We accept MasterCard, Visa, Discover and American Express.

Visit [www.SavannahCA.com](http://www.SavannahCA.com) and click on the image link that says "Pay Your Dues Online!" This link will take you to the Premier Communities website where you can follow the instructions to make your payment. *You must have your coupon handy because you will need your account ID in order to take advantage of this service.* The coupon is located at the bottom of your billing statement.

A convenience fee may be charged. If you have any questions, contact Premier Communities at 866-424-8072.

## Have You Received Your Access Cards Yet?

Welcome to our new neighbors. We encourage you to make an appointment with the Sca manager. You will need to fill out some basic paper work and review Governing Documents (CCRs, Bylaws, etc). During your visit, you can sign up for your Access Cards and pool passes (if SCA dues have been paid<sup>1</sup>). Contact Diana at 972-346-3020 or [scamanager@savannahca.com](mailto:scamanager@savannahca.com).

Please bring either your  
a) current driver's license and closing papers, or...  
b) your driver's license with Savannah address.

To access the pool, fitness center, tennis and basketball courts you will need a valid magnetic access card (SCA dues must be up-to-date in order to be eligible).

For those homeowners that have been here for awhile, if you have lost or misplaced your access cards, please contact Diana, 972-346-3020 or [scamanager@savannahca.com](mailto:scamanager@savannahca.com) (\$25 charge for replacements). For questions about your SCA account, please contact Premier Communities at 866-424-8072.

# Easter Was Egg-citing!



The Easter Event was a big hit with the kids this year. There were simultaneous egg hunts for each age group, followed by fun activities in the Pavilion afterwards.

The social committee would like to thank everyone that volunteered at the Easter egg hunt. And a very special thank you to the following Companies for sponsoring the flower activity and the cookies:

\* 380Guide.com ~ Jodie Linton-Prickett  
972-658-2033,  
info@380guide.com

\* Brother's Garden & Design Center  
972-346-2865

\* Super Suppers in The Colony ~ Terry & April Ivie  
972-370-4900, supersuppersthecolony.com



## Summertime Lessons For Fun and Fitness

### Swim Evolution Offers Classes This Summer

Classes will be offered for ages 3 and older. The classes are held Tuesday through Friday with Saturdays being make-up days.

**Dates**

Session I - June 5 - 15  
Session II - June 19 - 29  
Session III - July 10 - 20

Additional session can be added depending on the need

**Times**

Class A - 10 am - 10:30 am  
Class B - 10:35 am - 11:05 am

Class C - 12:00pm - 12:30 pm  
Class D - 12:35 pm - 1:05 pm  
Class E - 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm  
Class F - 6:35 pm - 7:05 pm

**Cost**

Group - \$50 per child per session (a group class must be made of at least 3 students)

Private - \$30 per child per half-hour

For more information and/or to register, please call 214-477-9892 or visit their website [www.swimevolution.com/savannah/htm](http://www.swimevolution.com/savannah/htm)

### Tennis Anyone?

For great fun and great exercise, why not try tennis this summer? Here is the schedule (Session 1 completed in May):

**Session II:** \$50 (5 classes): May 18, 25; June 1, 3 8  
**Session III:** \$60 (6 classes): June 15, 17 22, 24 29; July 1  
**Session IV:** \$60 (6 classes): July 13, 20, 22, 27 29; August 3

Thursday night classes are 7pm-8pm; Saturday classes are 10am-11am.

Contact Zach Rouse or Mary Poe: 940-349-852.

# Savannah Market To Open Soon



Residents of our Huffines Signature Community have a lot 'in store' for them. The Savannah Market, a fully-stocked convenience store featuring fuel, fast food outlets, groceries and fresh produce, is starting construction this summer.

The 6,500-square-foot market will boast a unique and timeless design created by Hodges and Associates to blend with the architecture of the Savannah community. Consequently, the architecture will be unlike any other convenience store in the Metroplex. In keeping with the ambiance of the community, the fuel pumps will be located to the side of the Market, so as not to obstruct views of the inviting Market.

Front View

“...architecture will be unlike any other convenience store in the Metroplex.... The Savannah market is scheduled to open by February, 2007”

Savannah Market will be a wonderful gathering place where residents can relax, use the internet, and enjoy coffee and pastries.

Fronting SH 380 and adjacent to the community, it is easily reached by a short walk or bike ride along the trails. The wrap-around porch, where you can catch summer breezes, features outside dining. The two cozy fireplaces on the porch will warm fall evenings.

The Savannah Market is scheduled to open by February, 2007 and will be the first of several retail and commercial businesses in Savannah's Town Center.



## A Note From the Advisors

We, the Homeowners Association Advisors, are here to represent the voice of the community, sustain the unique and active lifestyle, and to protect the property values of the entire community! We feel as advisors, and hope the homeowners agree, that Savannah has potential to be the Best Community in Texas with a Superior Community Atmosphere.

When the residents of Savannah have issues that need to be resolved we, the advisors, need to hear your voice by bringing resolutions to those concerns instead of solely relying on us and the Board to resolve the issue(s); to be problem solvers not problem starters. Every resident should want to be active in the resolution and bring his or her thoughts or concerns to the table.

We strongly suggest that every resident attend not only the annual board meeting, but other open board meetings throughout the year. This is our community! We need to make it the best and to allow our pride to be reflective in the community. If an issue comes up that you feel needs to be discussed, then you can go through the Savannah website and contact the corresponding village advisors

## Yard Of The Month!

The newly reorganized Landscape Committee is very happy to announce the yard of the month for May.

For Wisteria: 1524 Carriage Lane  
For Peachtree: 1305 Stone Mountain



Winners may bring ID & proof of residence (address on Driver's License, utility bill, etc) to the HOA office in the clubhouse to pick up their prize.

If you would like to join this committee and do your part to help keep Savannah beautiful, just contact Brian Lee at [landscape@savannahca.com](mailto:landscape@savannahca.com).

## New Clubs Forming

### The New Potluck Dinner Club

Meet and eat at 6:30 pm at the Pool Pavilion on June 23rd, July 28th, August 25th.

June 23rd attendees with last names beginning....

- A - D will bring an appetizer or dessert
- E - L will bring a salad or side dish
- M - Z will bring a main dish.

July 28th attendees with last names beginning with....

- A - D will bring a salad or side dish
- E - L will bring a main dish
- M - Z will bring an appetizer or dessert

Contact Kristin Whitley for more information at: [kristinwhitley@cebridge.net](mailto:kristinwhitley@cebridge.net).

### Savannah Singles Club

Calling all singles! If you are interested in getting together for fun and make new friends, contact Mindy Torres at 469-855-8384 or by email at [mtorres@leisd.ws](mailto:mtorres@leisd.ws).

## Know Your Committees

**Architectural Standards Committee (ASC)** meets on a regular basis to review plans for exterior home improvements submitted by fellow homeowners. These must be approved by ASC prior to any work being commenced. Members ensure that the improvements fall under the guidelines stipulated in the CCRs.  
Email [asc@savannahca.com](mailto:asc@savannahca.com)

**Communications Committee** keeps the entire community informed of important community events, as well as city, state, and county items of interest to homeowners. Members also help with the community website and newsletter, *Magnolia Times*.  
Email [communications@savannahca.com](mailto:communications@savannahca.com)

**Hospitality Committee** helps to organize events which promote fellowship and support throughout the neighborhood.  
Email [hospitality@savannahca.com](mailto:hospitality@savannahca.com)

**Landscape Committee** works toward increased property values in the community by educating and encouraging owners in the community to keep their properties well maintained, through articles in newsletters and yard-of-the-month programs.  
Email [landscape@savannahca.com](mailto:landscape@savannahca.com)

**Pool Committee** promotes a clean, safe, functional environment by working with Premier to communicate about what is happening at the pool/amenities.  
Email [pool@savannahca.com](mailto:pool@savannahca.com)

**Safety Committee** takes a leadership role in working with local law enforcement and organizing a crime-prevention network of block captains for every street in the neighborhood so that residents may watch out for one another. Members also communicate safety information to the community.  
Email [safety@savannahca.com](mailto:safety@savannahca.com)

**Social Committee** fosters a cohesive community by organizing fun events for the entire community so neighbors can meet and socialize with each other.  
Email [social@savannahca.com](mailto:social@savannahca.com)

**Sports Authority Committee** organizes fun, interesting sports activities for the entire community so neighbors can meet and socialize with each other for friendly competition.  
Email [sports@savannahca.com](mailto:sports@savannahca.com)

## Waffle Breakfast

The Hospitality Committee is hosting a **WAFFLE BREAKFAST on Saturday, June 10 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am** in the Clubhouse Café and Ballroom.

You may come anytime between 9am and 11 am. There is no charge for the event; however, you **MUST** have a 1729 Jasmine Trail **TICKET** to attend. Tickets will be collected at the door. Your ticket is sent by email when you reserve by email or is given in person if you place your reservation at the activity office.



When you RSVP, please let us know how many family members will attend with you so that we may prepare accordingly. Please reserve by email at [scaactivities@savannahca.com](mailto:scaactivities@savannahca.com).

## CLASSES

*Clubs and classes are independent of the HOA. The HOA does not endorse or promote these classes. They are offered for the benefit of Savannah residents. Please contact individual club and class leaders to confirm times/dates, class availability and FEE information. Most classes require minimum enrollment.*

**Master Han's Martial Arts - Tue & Thu**  
Only 5-6 pm (no more 6-7 pm class)  
Charles Humphrey 214.868.5272

**Jazzercise - Mon/Wed/Sat**  
Vicky Clay 214-726-5490

**Tennis Lessons**  
Zach Rouse 940-349-8526

**Women's Boot Camp - Wed & Fri 5:30 am *New Day!***  
Kristi Dear 972-658-2397

## CLUBS

*Want to start a club? Contact the Activities Director at 972-346-2828 or [scaactivities@savannahca.com](mailto:scaactivities@savannahca.com)*

**BB's Dance Club - Wed**  
Bridgett Brainard 940-783-1297  
Ages 3 - 7 meet 4:30 - 5 pm  
Ages 7 and up meet 5 - 5:30 pm

**Early Childhood Club - Wed**  
Debra Knight 214-403-9809

**Savannah Honey Bees - 3rd Mon**  
Drue Russell 972-347-2126

**Club Nuestra - 2nd Sunday 5pm**  
Celli Nye [cellicelli17@yahoo.com](mailto:cellicelli17@yahoo.com)

**Potluck Dinner Club - Last Fri 6:30 *New!***  
Meets at Pool Pavilion

Kristin Whitley [kristinwhitley@cebridge.net](mailto:kristinwhitley@cebridge.net)  
**Savannah Singles *New!***

If you are interested, contact  
Mindy Torres at 469-855-8384 or  
email: [mtorres@leisd.ws](mailto:mtorres@leisd.ws).

## SCA COMMITTEES

### Advisory Committee

[peachtreeadvisors@savannahca.com](mailto:peachtreeadvisors@savannahca.com)

1. Kellie Yeats
2. Teraysa Crockett

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1. Robert Brown
2. Druetta Russell

### Architectural Standards Committee

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### Communications Committee - 2nd Thu

Co-Chair: Charlie Harding

Co-Chair: Tammy Blake

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### Hospitality Committee - 3rd Tue

Chair: Jodie Linton-Prickett

[hospitality@savannahca.com](mailto:hospitality@savannahca.com)

### Landscape Committee

Chair: Brian Lee

[landscape@savannahca.com](mailto:landscape@savannahca.com)

### Pool Committee - 2nd Mon

Chair: Donnie Pacheco

[pool@savannahca.com](mailto:pool@savannahca.com)

### Safety Committee - 2nd Sat

[safety@savannahca.com](mailto:safety@savannahca.com)

### Social Committee - 2nd Tue

Chair: Celli Nye

[social@savannahca.com](mailto:social@savannahca.com)

### Sports Authority Committee

Chair: Charlie Burton

[sports@savannahca.com](mailto:sports@savannahca.com)

## COMMITTEES NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!

Be a part of what makes Savannah special. Do you have unique skills or talents? Do you want to get to know your neighbors? Be an important part of your community & join the committee of your choice!

Check [www.Savannahca.com](http://www.Savannahca.com) for the latest details!



### Community Yard Sale

When? Fri-Sat June 16-17, 8am-2pm  
Where? Throughout Savannah

What a great opportunity! Round up and sell your old, used, collected or stacked household items and make some money!

We will advertise the sale in the McKinney and Denton newspapers and hang the "Community Sale" banner on Hwy 380 to promote the sale. Sell your items from your own front yard this year. Contact Celli Nye for more information at [cellicelli17@yahoo.com](mailto:cellicelli17@yahoo.com).

### Outdoor Movie Under The Stars

When? Friday June 2nd, 9pm  
Where? Soccer Field by Sports Pavilion

Enjoy watching a movie in the great outdoors. The Social Committee will be selling popcorn in the Sports Pavilion for \$1.00 a bag. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, snacks and drinks and watch "OVER THE HEDGE", a movie the whole family will enjoy. Facility will check for ant hills before the movie date. Go to [www.savannahca.com](http://www.savannahca.com) for more info about the film.

### Business Expo

When? Sat June 17 10am - 2pm  
Where? Sports Pavilion

Entrepreneurs welcome! If you would like to promote your business or sell your handmade merchandise, this is for you! Sign up now while space is available. Contact [social@savannahca.com](mailto:social@savannahca.com). Deadline for registration is June 10, 2006.

Please Note: No electricity will be provided.

## INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION JULY 1ST !!!

**Parade, 9am** I love a parade! Don't you? Wax your car, dust off your bike, tune your horn or leash or pooch... most entries welcome. The parade will be routed through Savannah. There will be prizes for Most Patriotic, Most Comical and Best Overall entry. Contact Celli Nye, 214-704-9110 to sign up.



**Concessions, DJ Music, Fun & Games, 5:30 - 9:30pm**

This year we will have Ed Campbell's concessions at the Sports Pavilion area with a variety of food for purchase at reduced prices. Food items include Grilled Hot Dogs, Charcoal Grilled Hamburgers, State Fair Corny Dogs, Bratwurst, Veggie Wraps, Chicken



Sandwiches, Funnel Cakes, Assorted Chips, Assorted Sodas, French Fries, Nachos, Chicken Tenders w/Fries, etc. The Ed Campbell Company has participated as the concessionaire from the Cotton Bowl to the State Fair every year, and other events including the Red River Shootout, Reunion Arena events, Cirque du Soleil, Hoop It Up, and Taste of Dallas.

**Fireworks, 9pm** The Fireworks show will be the first at Savannah and this fiery entertainment will be performed by Pyrotec, Inc. You must see this amazing display of images with fire, and light, noise and smoke as art and technology combine to produce a dazzling Fourth of July night-sky performance.



## UPDATE: LEWISVILLE LAKE BRIDGE/FM 720 PROJECT

By Cynthia White, County Commissioner

The Lewisville Lake Bridge/FM 720 project just keeps getting closer to reality every day! And it never ceases to amaze me how many calls I get on this project! For a refresher, let's look at an overview of the project.

Denton County is the lead partner in this project that demonstrates more gets done with collaborative efforts! The Lewisville Lake Bridge/FM 720 project has been ongoing for over 10 years and involves partnerships with TXDOT, The North Texas Tollway Authority, Lake Dallas, the Town of Little Elm, Frisco and a developer! The citizens of Denton County first authorized the expenditure of county funds for the advanced planning of the project in 1991. When I took office in 2001 this project became one of my top priorities. While the project has metamorphosed several times over the years, the final project essentially falls into eight sections with Denton County overseeing the entire project.

**Section 1:** Swisher Road in the Lake Cities area

from 1-35E over to Lewisville Lake. Denton County is responsible for funding this section.

**Section 2:** Bridge over Lake Lewisville. There will be a toll booth on the west side of the lake only. The North Texas Tollway Authority is responsible for funding the bridge.

**Section 3:** The Bridge hits land at Harbor Lane on the Little Elm side of the lake and continues on Garza to FM 720. Denton County is responsible for funding.

**Sections 4-6:** Includes the intersection (which will be re-aligned with FM 720 North from Hwy. 380 with a T-intersection) and existing FM 720 through Little Elm. This is primarily the responsibility of TXDOT though there are several million dollars of Denton County bond funds on this portion as well.

**Section 7:** This is the section that veers north to FM 423. The developer built this section.

**Section 8:** Existing FM 2934 (Eldorado Parkway). TXDOT, Denton County and Frisco are responsible for funding.

Technical details of this project are available on my website ([www.dentoncounty.com](http://www.dentoncounty.com); click on Commissioner Precinct One). The short version of the status is that Denton County is finalizing right-of-way issues on Sections 1 & 3 and we hope to go out to bid to construct those sections in the first quarter of 2006. NTTA expects to start construction of the bridge in mid 2006 and the entire project is still expected to be completed by the end of 2008 or first part of 2009.

It is exciting to see a project of this magnitude get closer and closer to construction and of course, the rewarding part will be to see it open, and easing congestion we face in Denton County and contributing to the regional mobility our area so desperately needs!



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## Do We Need A Turning Lane Off Of Hwy 380?

Some residents have expressed concern that there is not a "turning lane" at the entrance to the community off of 380. To decelerate and make the turn, people typically use the improved shoulder. A popularly held misconception is that this is an illegal maneuver.

Quite to the contrary- to quote Trooper Tilton with the DPS Office in McKinney (the DPS that patrols this area), "It is absolutely NOT against the law to make a right turn from an improved hard surface. In fact," he went on to say, "if someone made a right hand turn from the outer traffic lane on 380, and someone rear ended

them, they would be ticketed for causing the accident for having NOT used the shoulder as a safe turning option."

Texas law states:  
Sec. 545.058. DRIVING ON IMPROVED SHOULDER.

(a) An operator may drive on an improved shoulder to the right of the main traveled portion of a roadway if that operation is necessary and may be done safely, but only:

- (1) to stop, stand, or park;
- (2) to accelerate before entering the main traveled lane of traffic;
- (3) to decelerate before making a right turn;

(4) to pass another vehicle that is slowing or stopped on the main traveled portion of the highway, disabled, or preparing to make a left turn;

(5) to allow another vehicle traveling faster to pass;

(6) as permitted or required by an official traffic-control device

(7) to avoid a collision.

While laws on this do vary in other states, this is allowed and actually the rule of the road in Texas! While a turning lane may very well be added at a later date, this information will hopefully put minds at ease.