



# LAKE CREEK NEWS



February 24, 2016

## **Ribbon Cutting**

- The Magnolia Parkway Chamber held a ribbon cutting for the preserve on February 10 which included a tour of part of the trail system.

## **Lake Creek Preserve**

- Two additional Eagle Scout candidates have accepted projects on the preserve. When finished we will have boardwalks over all of the significant wet areas on the Orange (western trail segment). The other Scout will add a significant section of nature guide for the western section of trail. The guide may be found on our web site at [lakecreektx.org](http://lakecreektx.org) in the section on the Preserve.
- The recent road construction on Fish Creek Thoroughfare and the Woodforest Parkway have created some minor access problems. However, when finished plans call for improving the dirt access road and the parking area to improve wet period access.
- Maintenance schedule – Bob Wise will be developing a regular trail maintenance schedule so volunteers can plan ahead as their time allows.

## **Canoe and Kayak Trail**

- Road work has temporarily limited access to the creek at the Sendera Ranch Road Bridge. When access is restored the committee plans a trip down the creek to clear low water obstructions.
- A direct link to the USGS stream data for Lake Creek at the Sendera Ranch Rd. Bridge and the West Fork San Jacinto River at the I45 Bridge has been added to our web site in the section on Canoe and Kayak Trails.

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

- Canoe and Preserve Trails Committees: Need volunteers willing to work with the committee chairs to help develop and/or maintain both preserve and waterway trails. For preserve & trails contact: Robert Wise at: [bob.wise@intertek.com](mailto:bob.wise@intertek.com). For canoe and kayak trail contact: Allen Livingston at: [alliving@gmail.com](mailto:alliving@gmail.com)
- We are trying to schedule regular monthly Saturday maintenance days so volunteers can plan their schedules: The proposed schedule for the next 7 months will be on the second Saturday of each month unless there is a conflict with a major event:

March 12

April 9

May 7 (Iron Man Event is on the 14<sup>th</sup>)

June 11

July 9

August 13

September 10

## **Grants**

- The partnership has been notified that it will be receiving a \$6000 grant for capital improvements to the trails for boardwalks, signage, kiosks, canoe launch area etc.

## **COMING EVENTS**

**April 2 -Trash Bash and The Texas Wildlife & Woodland Expo:** We will have information/activity booths at both events.

**April 9 – Woodlands Don't Mess With Texas Trash-Off** -We will have an information/activity booth.

**May 21 -Open House/Activity Day**

- The Board has agreed to select May 21<sup>st</sup> for a Preserve open house with activities related to the value of the preserve including trail tours and activities, parent/son/daughter fishing & aquatic ecology activities and educational/informational booths. More information to follow. More to follow in the next few weeks

**WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT**

- How effective we are as an organization will depend on the breadth of our membership and support base. Please consider joining as a member or sponsor. You can join as a member or general sponsor or sponsor a specific event such as the May 21<sup>st</sup> activities where we will need to obtain event insurance and contract for porta potties.
- Donations for memberships and or event may be made on line through Paypal at lakecreektx.org or by contacting Tom Grayson at: [tom@graysonfs.com](mailto:tom@graysonfs.com).