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TOLEDO BEND ALERT

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Toledo Bend Citizens' Advisory Committee

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Next TBCAC SOCIAL 7:00 - 8:30PM Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Our Next TBCAC Quarterly Membership Meeting and Dinner will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at the **Sabine Council on Aging – Toledo Town Location (SCOA)** located on Hwy. 191, 3/4 miles north of the Hwy. 6 Toledo Town intersection. The SCOA is located next to the DAV. Socials are held quarterly on the 2nd Tuesday of the designated month.

The speaker for the November meeting will be announced at a later date. The November social entrée will be seafood alfredo. Please bring complimentary side dishes and desserts and join us for good food, fellowship and updates on TBCAC. For more information, contact Jim Mifflin at (318) 586-7897.

2019 Calendar of Meetings: Be sure to “*save the date*” for the upcoming 2019 Socials:

November 12

Meetings/Socials begin at 7:00 p.m. We hope to see you there, and bring a guest!

New TBCAC Board of Directors Member

Please join us in welcoming new board member Tony Pugh. Tony and his wife Marlo have lived on the lake for 10 years full-time and have been coming to the lake area for many years before that. They have three grown children and two grandchildren that reside in Houston, TX. Tony is semi-retired from the pulp and paper industry after 42 years and is currently a full-time real estate agent for Century 21 Sabine Property Shoppe. We are very pleased that Tony is interested in being active in our organization.

Board Meetings: The Board normally meets on the 2nd Thursday of even numbered months at 2:00 pm at the SCOA-Toledo Town location. The next board meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2019 at 2:00PM. The Board welcomes all members to attend these meetings. The detailed minutes of all Board of Directors meetings are posted on the TBCAC website at www.tbcac.net.

Lake Level as of 9/30/2019: The lake level for Toledo Bend is reported to be 165.06 feet mean sea level (msl), as measured near the dam by the National Weather Service automated gauge. The lake level on September 30 last year was 168.16 msl. Up-to-date reservoir elevations and releases may be obtained from the Toledo Bend Project offices on a 24 hour per day basis at (337) 286-5253 and (409) 565-2273. For the most current lake levels, go to www.srala-toledo.com and click on the National Weather Service link.

Sabine River Authority (SRA/LA) Updates:

Spillway Repairs

The contractor's repair work is proceeding well. Replacement of all the rip-rap rocks in the river bed is complete. Work continues on concrete replacement and refurbishment on the concrete apron of the

spillway. The concrete work is approximately 45% complete. Approximately \$7.8 million of the projected total costs of \$9.7 million has been paid in progress payments to the contractor.

The latest completion projection is around mid-November 2019.

Lake Level

As we outlined in the June TBCAC newsletter, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) approved a variance to the power generation schedule that allows SRA to bring the lake level down to as low as 165 feet mean sea level (msl). This was done in order to allow a lower than normally approved level for larger than normal inflows that could occur due to excessive rainfall from a tropical depression, tropical storm or hurricane. A lower level creates a safety factor to prevent any more spillway openings so that the repair project can be completed without any further delays.

The lake level has been stabilized at just above 165 feet mean sea level (msl) since about August 23. Generator #1 has been down for preventive maintenance and upgrades since September 9 and is not scheduled to come back on line until October 29. Generator #2 is available and recently has been operating 3 hours each day to provide needed downstream flow. The current 3 hour daily generating schedule has been approximately equaling the inflow rate to the reservoir. Unless the area gets significant rainfall, it is expected the lake level will continue at around 165 msl until the spillway repair project is completed in November 2019.

Many lake residents are taking advantage of the low lake level to schedule work on new structures or repairs on existing structures. The Sabine River Authority of Louisiana received 45 permit requests in August 2019. The normal permit requests would be about 4 or 5.

TBCAC will keep our members informed as we receive further information.

Update on Water Sales

No specific proposed water sale is currently planned.

Sabine River Authority of Louisiana Financial Report

At the SRA/LA Board of Commissioners meeting on September 26, 2019, it was announced that the year-to-date operating profit for Toledo Bend for fiscal year 2019-2020 was \$1.5 million. The larger than normal profit is due to continuous power generation since about September 2018 due to above average rainfall and bringing the lake level down to 165 msl for the repairs to the spillway.

TBCAC Adopt-A-Road Program – Trash Pick-Up

The Toledo Bend Citizens' Advisory Committee (TBCAC) has held four Adopt-A-Road trash pick-ups this year. The most recent pick-up was Saturday, September 21 as part of the parish-wide Trash Bash.

We will notify members soon of the next Adopt-A-Road trash pick-up.

Community Center Upcoming Events

Movies in Many (free admissions, soft drinks and popcorn \$1.00 each)

October 12 – A Dog's Way Home (Benefit for the Sabine Humane Society)

October 26 – The Avengers

Other Local Entertainment & Events

October 10-12 – Zwolle Tamale Fiesta, Zwolle Festival Grounds, Zwolle, LA. Call 318-581-3149 for more information.

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Help Us Grow Our TBCAC Membership: If you know someone who is not a member, give them a membership form and ask them to join. The TBCAC is a Civic & Educational Organization, dedicated to making the lake and surrounding community a true “Sportsman’s Paradise” and the retirement destination of choice for people from all walks of life. **JOIN US TODAY!** *We need your support!* And visit our website at www.tbcac.net Questions? E-mail us at: tbcac3@gmail.com



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

For new members, or RENEWAL form for existing members.

Annual membership is \$20.00 per single, \$30.00 per couple. *Not tax deductible under IRS rules.*

Name:	_____	Spouse:	_____
Address:	_____	City, State:	_____
Zip:	_____	Home Phone	_____
		Lake Phone:	_____
Occupation:	_____	E-mail Address:	_____
Dues amount:	_____	Donation enclosed:	_____

* Providing an e-mail address allows us to quickly send you the Toledo Bend Alert electronically, keep you informed and save printing and postage costs.

With your paid membership, you’ll receive our periodic newsletter, the “Toledo Bend Alert.”

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