



Friends of the Preston Ridge Trail

A non-profit corporation based in Dallas, Texas

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Friends of Preston Ridge Newsletter (#4)

Dear Friends --

We wanted to share news on a few fronts since the start of the year.

In February you should have received in the US Mail a copy of the Friends' 2004 Annual Report. We hope you had a moment to review the brief document so you could see how your membership is helping pave the way for the Trail's future in 2005 and beyond. If you need another copy, feel free to reply to this email with your address, or visit our website (www.prestonridgetrail.org) where you can download a copy.

There's exciting news on several other fronts:

Event on April 16th: We're planning a fun Spring Event to give the community an update on the Trail. You are invited -- along with your neighbors and friends. Details are at the very bottom of this email.

Master Plan: Progress on the Master Plan was delayed by about 90-days in late 2004/early 2005 as a result of a problem getting TXU to provide feedback on the draft document. Since TXU owns the land that the Trail sits on, and has right of way for its power lines, TXU is a key stakeholder in reviewing and approving plans for the Trail's expansion and enhancements. TXU has now provided feedback and our contacts at the City and the architectural firm preparing the Master Plan are again moving forward. More details at the April 16th event.

Tax Exempt Status: The Friends received notification from the IRS of the group's status as an official 501 (c) 3 organization. This clears the way for us to begin preparing for a Capital Campaign to run concurrent with ground breaking later this year for the Trail's expansion and amenities beatification. More details at the April 16th event.

Opening For Key Positions: We're ramping up for more activity as the Parks Board moves closer to adopting the Trail's Master Plan. We have identified a few key volunteer positions we need to fill -- including a Membership Chair, and Fundraising Chair. Please reply to this email if you are interested in leading or participating in either of these functions.

Membership Renewals: You should have received a letter (along with the Annual Report) in recent weeks inviting you to renew your membership in the Friends. Membership dollars are key to the Friends' work, and provide the fuel for our community outreach, events, and numerous initiatives associated with the Master Plan. Please renew your membership, and let us know of others who would be potential members.



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We look forward to seeing you in mid-April.

SPRING 2005 UPDATE AND FAMILY FROLIC

When: Saturday, April 16, 2005 --- 9:30 am - 11:00 am (rain date 4/23)

Where: Along the Trail...Meandering @ La Manga (next to west side of Bowie Elementary)

What: Drawings of Trail Expansion Plans, Free Bouncy House for Kids, and More

Thank you for your continued interest and support.

On behalf of the Board of the Friends,

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