

ALLIGATORS

Forget everything that you have seen on the Animal Planet regarding our natural neighbor the alligator.

There are many myths and untruths regarding our scaly friends. They are mainly mild-mannered creatures that play a major role in our ecological system.

However, they are wild animals and should be ***treated with respect***.

The American Alligator is one of East Texas' most misunderstood, yet ecologically valuable wildlife species. It maintains a unique place in the natural history of our world; it has maintained essentially the same body form for 180 million years. The alligator's harmony with its environment has only recently been upset by man, possibly putting these animals in danger.



Alligators are important because ...

- 1) They *help other wildlife* by creating burrows (holes) for them to live in, as well as help keep their population at a balanced, healthy level by preying upon the ones that are most abundant, sickly, or over populated and small pets.
- 2) They *help humans* by decreasing some aquatic vegetation. Decreasing this vegetation allows us to maneuver our boats in the Caney Creek.
- 3) Alligators also *help us determine mercury levels in the water*. Since alligators eat aquatic animals they may obtain a high mercury level in their blood. Too much mercury could kill a person, so Texas Parks and Wildlife can test these alligators to make sure the fish we eat are mercury free.

HABITAT

Although they are primarily freshwater animals, alligators will venture into brackish saltwater. Alligators live in swampy areas, rivers, streams, lakes and lagoons.

BREEDING

Alligators are active year round, however they are most active in the warmer months in East Texas. With the start of their breeding season in May, males "bellow" to females and other males in the area. By June, pairs have mated, and females begin building mound nests out of marsh reeds or other vegetation.

Sometime during late June or early July, females lay between 20 and 60 eggs. The hard-shelled, white eggs are about 3 inches long and resemble goose eggs.

The mother defends the nest against predators throughout the incubation period about 65 days. When the eggs are ready to hatch, the mother alligator digs into the nest mound, opens any eggs that have not hatched and carries the young down to the water.

Females sometimes aggressively defend their young for more than a year. Safety Note: Never disturb nests or small alligators. Some female alligators protect their young and may become aggressive if provoked. A baby alligator should never be captured, even if the mother is not visible. She may be watching you and decide to take action to protect her baby

Remember, alligators are wild creatures and should be treated as such. With the information provided in this article, living side by side with our reptilian neighbors should be effortless. Let us protect the elements that make Harbor Point such a great place to live/camp by abiding by the natural boundaries that have been set by Mother Nature herself. With a certain amount of respect, we can coexist with our natural neighbors.

E.I.D.

So Far The E.I.D. text and e-mail service is working fairly well. We have 50 E-Mail & 45 Text accounts.

E-Mails will be sent out from time to time as information comes in.

However Once a Month we will send out a Page Like This One.

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Or to become a sponsor

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Text Messages Will Be used for Emergency Information Only.



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HP-POA MEETING DATES

3rd SATURDAY IN FEBRUARY

Board Member Nominations

3rd SATURDAY IN MARCH

Board Nominations & Mowing Bids

1st SATURDAY IN MAY

Vote on Board Members & Lot Contracts

3rd SATURDAY IN OCTOBER

Board Meeting & Octoberfest

The POA Office is closed
Sunday - Tuesday

Get Involved

We're always looking for volunteers to help around the neighborhood. If you're interested in improving our community Please Contact

HPPOA or This website.

**PLEASE NO BURNING
DURING WINDY WEATHER.**

**PLEASE WATCH FOR
CHILDREN PLAYING
AT OUR PARKS**

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**HARBOR POINT ANNUAL MEETING MAY 4TH 2013
HARBOR POINT CLUB HOUSE SATURDAY 10 AM**

Larry Mahler

(As Posted on Facebook March27th, 2013)

Voting on two new board members.

Voting on increase in Dues by \$2.00.

**Voting on a word change in two
Sections of our Deed Restrictions.**

**These are to protect our Dumpster area
and other properties from commerical use.**

**THE WORD CHANGE ARE
POSTED AT THE OFFICE.**

**ABSENTEE VOTING WILL START
WEDNESDAY APRIL 3TH 2013.**

**THIS NOTICE IS POSTED BECAUSE AS OF
2012 WE ARE REQUIRED BY STATE LAW
TO POST IT AND SEND IT OUT BY MAIL.**

**I would like to thank all the ladies who
helped to send out the April statements.**

**And a special thanks to Diane Munger our new
“Lady in the office”, she came in at a time when
the computer program had gone down and it took
her 8 hours to install the new one.**

**This meant 8 hours on the phone talking
to a Filipino, it almost drove me nuts.**

**Her back ground in computers has saved
us from having to call in a specialist to get
this new program up and running.**

**THANKS TO EVERYONE
FROM THE BOARD.**

(As Posted on Facebook March27th, 2013)

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