

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

by NACA

August 17, 2017 NACA Meeting

Please join us at the next meeting on August 17th at 7:00 PM at the North Austin Community Center/YMCA, 1000 W. Rundberg.

At the August meeting, we will have our ICE CREAM SOCIAL and encourage all NACA members to invite their neighbors—this is always fun! For the meeting, we hope to share information that could inform our efforts to secure open container ordinances in some areas of NACA, get updates on other neighborhood initiatives, and hear feedback on future meeting topics. The meeting will wrap-up early so we can have time for our ice cream social. Please join us!

For meeting suggestions, please contact the NACA Co Vice-Presidents:
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17 de Agosto de 2017 Reunión del NACA

Por favor, acompáñenos a la próxima reunión el 17 de Agosto a las 7:00 pm en North Austin Community Center/YMCA, 1000 W. Rundberg.

En la reunión de Agosto, tendremos nuestro social de nieve, animaremos a todos los miembros de NACA que inviten a sus vecinos, ¡este evento siempre es divertido! Para esta reunión, esperamos compartir información sobre nuestros esfuerzos para asegurar la ordenanza de contenedores abiertos [bebidas alcohólicas] “open container” en algunas áreas del NACA. Compartiremos un informe sobre otras iniciativas del vecindario y escucharemos comentarios o sugerencias sobre futuros temas para nuestras reuniones. La reunión se terminará temprano para que podamos tener tiempo para nuestro social de nieve. ¡Por favor acompáñenos!

Para comentarios o sugerencias sobre futuros temas para las reuniones, por favor comuníquese con las Vicepresidentas de la NACA: melinda.schiera@gmail.com o ashleyrharris@gmail.com.

Kocurek Scholars

By Eleanor Langsdorf

Two students from Lanier High School are part of this year's class of St. David's Neal Kocurek Scholarship winners. Arhian Albis Ramos will attend The University of Texas at Austin majoring in natural sciences. Areeba Anwer will also attend The University of Texas at Austin and study biomedical engineering.

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NEXT MEETING

Date 08/17
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Place....N. Austin Community Center
(YMCA) on 1000 W. Rundberg

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President's Letter

By Randy Teich

We are half way through 2017. It is the time of year where city government is working hard to put together next year's budget. Public safety, affordable housing, libraries, roads and parks all need to be funded. The initial period for citizen input has closed (July 15th), but you can still email District 4 Councilmember Greg Casar (greg.casar@austintexas.gov). Make sure and provide details as to why you believe the addition/reduction is needed.

Our councilmembers are also seeking input in the process of hiring a new city manager. In Austin's city manager style of government, the city manager is over all city employees with the exception of councilmember staff and some council support staff. The city council employs the city manager. Several in our neighborhood have attended meetings with Councilmember Casar's appointee to the City Manager Search Advisory Task Force, Julio Gonzalez Altamirano, to offer input on the qualities we want to see in a city manager. Those suggestions are currently being reviewed by the task force and will ultimately be used to produce a draft list of attributes the city wants to see in its next city manager.

NACA has been paying attention to CodeNext, the City of Austin's rewrite of the Land Development Code. We had a presentation on CodeNext at our May meeting and then reviewed the NACA Contact Team's analysis of the impact on the NACA neighborhood and their suggestions for improvements. The membership in attendance voted unanimously to have me forward a letter to the CodeNext task force on behalf of NACA stating we fully agreed with our Contact Team's assessment and suggestions. That letter has been sent.

NACA members have opportunities to offer input in these issues and many other. We strive to keep our membership informed and to represent our neighbors well in all of our contacts in city government. Please let us know if you are interested in being more involved in representing the neighborhood. We'll try to get you plugged into the process.

Rutland/Quail Valley Traffic Island Update

By Linda Davis

The start of the landscaping of the traffic island at Rutland and Quail Valley has been delayed due to vacations and city permits. It will finally begin August 21 and the neighborhood work day will be Saturday, August 26. The landscaper will take out the weeds and about 12 inches of dirt and replace it with rich mulch and place several large rocks around the island. Neighborhood volunteers will plant a native tree, bushes, grasses and cacti. By Labor Day this will become a beautiful western entrance into our neighborhood, leading down to Cook Elementary School.

Please mark your calendar - August 26th - and come out to help improve your neighborhood! For more information, or if you can help us, contact **Linda Davis**, lindad@mail.utexas.edu

TX State District 46 Candidate Forum

By Caro Dubois

Several progressive groups of NE Austin conducted a candidate forum at the ACC Eastview campus on Sunday, July 9. The groups that set the stage for discussions were: the ACC American Federation of Teachers, Austin Justice Coalition, Austin Neighborhoods Council, Texas Civil Rights Project, Capitol City Black Film Festival, and Counter Balance: ATX. A representative from each of these groups gave an overview of their organization and their vision for Austin.

Interviewers of the candidates came from different areas of District 46: Meme Styles, VP of Black Pflugerville; Lyn Hendricks, Austin Liberal Democrats; and Ryan Stone, Manor City Council. District 46 runs from our southern NACA neighborhood, down to Crestview and Mid-Town and East Austin, out east to Manor, and back NW to Pflugerville and Windemere - a horseshoe shape!

Candidates on the dais were: current State Rep Dawnna Dukes, Jose "Chito" Vela, Ana Cortez, Nnamdi Orakwue, Philip Emiabata, and Sheryl Cole. A lively discussion was had by all. If you live in District 46, please make yourself familiar with the issues and the candidates. Be registered to vote . . . and VOTE!

A Century of Caring Tours at Settlement Home

By Ashley Harris

You are invited to tour The Settlement Home for Children. Enjoy a complimentary lunch, tour the campus with the executive director and learn about the work being done to help children heal and grow. Tours take place the last Friday of every other month during lunch hours. The next dates for this year are: **September 29, 2017, 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.** and **December 8, 2017, 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.** Please RSVP the Monday prior to the tour date. Contact at **(512)836-2150 ext. 154** or development@settlementhome.org.

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Region II Coffee With a Cop

By Ashley Harris

Please join Region II at their next installment of Coffee with a Cop. It will be held on August 11th, 2017 from 7am to 9am at Vazquez Mexican Restaurant, 915 E Braker Lane. Neighbors are invited to come have a cup of coffee or stop by for quick hello. This is a fantastic opportunity to let our neighborhood police officers know what's happening in our neighborhood.

NACA Brewery Crawl

Future Dates

By Ashley Harris

Mark your calendars! We plan to do another brewery crawl on Sunday, August 27th, 2pm to 5pm. See future dates and schedule below. Wear your GREY NACA SHIRT so people can identify our group. Invite your neighbors and enjoy responsibly! Feel free to bring folding chairs and snacks.

August 27th, 2-5pm schedule:

2pm- Adelbert's located 2314 Rutland Dr. #100

3pm- Celis Brewery located at 10001 Metric Blvd.

4pm- Oskar Blues located at 10420 Metric Blvd.

November 5th, 2-5pm—schedule TBD.



Lower Speed Limits on North Lamar

By Susie Milam

Have you noticed? If you are accustomed to sailing up and down N. Lamar in the strip between Hwy. 183 (Research Blvd.) and Braker Lane, you may not be accustomed to watching speed limit signs. It's 45mph, right? All the way. Has been for years.

Not anymore. Northbound, as you pass Morrow and start to go under Hwy. 183, there's now a speed limit sign that says SPEED LIMIT 40. And as you approach Payton Gin, there's a yellow diamond with a sign that says SPEED LIMIT 35 with an arrow pointing ahead. Just after Payton Gin, there's the big new red-bordered SPEED LIMIT 35 sign. It's 35 until you reach Masterson Pass where the speed limit goes back up to 40; it stays at 40 until Braker Lane, where it becomes 50.

Same for going south from Braker to Hwy. 183, except the change to 35 occurs near Ken St. and becomes 40 just south of Payton Gin. So pay attention and avoid getting a speeding ticket.

Friday Coffee Group

By Eleanor Langsdorf

Are you free on Friday mornings and looking for a friendly group to meet with for coffee and conversation? A group of NACA members meets on Friday mornings from 9 to 10 at Kiefer's Cafe (corner of Metric and Kramer). We welcome new members with open arms, friendly smiles and clean jokes (sometimes they are corny). And Kiefer's staff is ready to pour a cup of coffee or a tumbler of tea and make a great taco. So come by and visit with us.

Free Fitness Class at Quail Creek Park

By Caro Dubois

Need an exercise routine and don't know where to start? Join Austin Parks Foundation and Austin Parks & Recreation in **Quail Creek Park, 1101 Mearns Meadow Blvd.**, for walking and low impact exercise workouts. The classes are on **Tuesday evenings at 7pm, and Wednesday mornings at 8am.** All classes are FREE and are First-Come, First-Served. Se Habla Español.

Editor Needed

By Eleanor Langsdorf

I have been the person responsible for gathering articles that are put into printable form and sent to the printer by our wonderful layout person, Nathalie, for the past few years I am ready to pass this activity onto someone else as I begin a new volunteer role with another non-profit organization. If you are interested in assuming this assignment (or can recommend a potential editor) please contact me at: elangsdo@yahoo.com.

Aluminum Cans

By Eleanor Langsdorf

A small on-going project that benefits the clean street project is the collection of empty smashed aluminum cans. We take only soda and beer cans, but NO other types of foil or other metals which can be put into blue bins. One of the long-time NACA members takes the cans to a local recycler and funnels the money back into supplies and materials needed to maintain the monthly clean street project. So if you regularly drink sodas and other beverages that come in aluminum cans, please crush and save them. When you have enough for pickup contact Eleanor at elangsdo@yahoo.com and I'll come get them or give you a drop-off location.

Clean Streets Schedule

By Allison Scharf

Please join current Beautification Volunteers to help with street cleanup! Volunteers work for about two hours on the second Saturday of the month, nine times a year. Bags, gloves, safety vests, long-handled grabbers, and water are provided. After the work is complete, volunteers go to a local restaurant to enjoy breakfast tacos and socialize. This is a great opportunity for volunteers to get to know neighbors while improving the neighborhood.

To sign up, or for more information, call **Allison Scharf 512-423-8056** or email **allison_scharf@hotmail.com**.

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2017/2018 Clean Streets Schedule 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

September 9, 2017

Rutland (Lamar to Parkfield) – meet at H-E-B parking lot, NW corner

October 14, 2017

Payton Gin (Lamar to Ohlen) – meet in front of Lanier H.S.

November 11, 2017

Rundberg (Parkfield to Lamar) – meet at Taco More parking lot, NW corner of Rundberg and Parkfield intersection

January 13, 2018

Fairfield (Jamestown to Research) – meet on Fairfield behind Lanier H.S.

February 10, 2018

Rutland (Lamar to Parkfield) – meet at H-E-B parking lot, NW corner

March 10, 2018

Rundberg (Parkfield to Lamar) – meet at Taco More parking lot, NW corner of Rundberg and Parkfield intersection.

April 14, 2018

Keep Austin Beautiful Clean Sweep event – location/details TBA.

May 12, 2018

Payton Gin (Lamar to Ohlen) – meet in front of Lanier H.S.

June 9, 2018

Mearns Meadow (Rundberg to Parkfield) – meet at Quail Creek Park

NACA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Enclosed are my dues for calendar year 20____

___ Regular Membership (\$15)

___ Silver Membership (\$25)

___ Gold Membership (\$50 or more)

___ I would like to volunteer for NACA.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

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