

## The HPWBANA News

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#### Something Beautiful This Way Comes...

Perry Lane Highland Terrace Intersection Beautification

Watch soon for the transformation of the large concrete median located at Perry Lane and Highland Terrace! This unattractive median has been an eyesore for the neighbors of the area for years, and finally something is going to be done—beautify it!

In early 2005, Sam Haddad began serving on the HPWBANA board. Sam had the idea of removing all the concrete in the median, adding soil and planting native plants. Sam began talking to his neighbors about the median to find out if others were interested in tackling a project like this. He developed a brochure explaining how involved the process might be. One afternoon Sam enlisted the help of his daughters, Isabella, Susannah and Ariana, and they delivered brochures throughout the neighborhood. Many neighbors were interested in the project, and Sam began researching ways to transform the median.

Nadene Morning, HPWBANA board member, mentioned that the neighbors should consider applying for the 2005 Keep Austin Beautiful Grant. Sam applied for the grant, but did not get it in 2005. The concrete removal required a license from the city, and the license was difficult to obtain. The neighbors discussed the situation and decided to apply for the city license on their own. In fact, the more they discussed the plan, the more committed they became. Frances Allen, HPWBANA president at the time, directed Sam to a city contact.

The neighbors pooled their resources to begin applying for the license. Susan Adler provided a landscape design; Kent and Ross Thomas measured the median. Duke Cowden and Dani Swayne of Root Design prepared the formal design. Neighbor Eric Hanson collected contributions for the city fee and helped get bids and estimates for the concrete removal. Other neighbors were willing to help with labor and money for plants and soil if the project was approved. McGray Surveyors and Gordon Pate helped Sam and the

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#### **July 4 Parade a Patriotic Success**



Laura Culleton, Sarah Carroll, Katie Yatsu and Allison McHorse from Troop 1083 carry HPWBANA banner!



Cash Robinson aka "Paul Revere" enjoys a snow cone!

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The HPWBANA Board meets on the 4th Monday of each month except December. Meetings are held from 7:00 – 8:45 p.m. at the Yarborough Library, 2200 Hancock Drive. All neighbors are invited to attend. www.hpwbana.org

HPWBANA is bordered on the north by 2222, on the south by 35th St., on the west by Mt. Bonnell Rd., and on the east by MoPac and by Bull Creek Rd. between Hancock Dr. and 45th St.

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**July 4th-** (Continued from Cover Page)

A huge crowed gathered to celebrate America's independence at the HPWBANA July 4 Parade and Celebration! From the Pledge of Allegiance to the snow cones to the last hot dog served the day was a fun time for everyone.

Judges reportedly had a tough job deciding winners of the bikes, tricycles, scooters and other wheeled vehicles. The competition was especially stiff this year and everyone is to be congratulated on their fine entries! Congratulations to winners in all categories.



Boy Scout Pack 59 Prepares for the HPWBANA Parade

Way to go Jack Goulet and Riley Pennell for their excellence in the Crayon Guessing Game. Jack took first place and Riley placed second. It was a very close guessing game; a runoff was required between these two great guessers!

Many thanks to the following volunteers who made the day a fun time for the entire neighborhood: Frances Allen, Ellen and Joe Bell, Sam Haddad, Jan and Ron Habitzreiter, Mary Habitzreiter, Montana Manske, Nadene and Greg Morning, Carolyn & Rhett Robinson, Blake Stanford, Cathy Sederholm, Sandy Kelso, and Jennifer Smith. Special thanks to Nick Moreau "Uncle Sam", Representative Elliott Naishtat and Representative Donna Howard!

And especially thanks to the patriotic citizens listed below who volunteered to read portions of the Declaration of Independence and remind all of us how lucky we are to be Americans.

Pierce Fuller Savannah Williams Myrna Lewis **Emily Goulet** Laura Culleton Alice Hui Grant McHorse George Baldwin Charlotte Thompson Jacob Baldwin Matthew Carroll Allison McHorse Zach Mallard Madeline Goulet

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other neighbors obtain survey documents to provide with the city license application.

The last big hurdle was the insurance. The city would not approve the work on the median without liability insurance. In September 2005 Sam contacted Keep Austin Beautiful again to see if there was a possibility of working the median project together. In December 2005, the neighbors received confirmation that Keep Austin Beautiful would work on the project and provide liability coverage. The final license application was submitted to the city and included photos, landscape designs, and survey diagrams. It represented countless hours by Sam and all of the neighbors committed to the median project.

In April this year the group learned that the median project would receive a Keep Austin Beautiful Neighborhood Beautification Grant. The grant would offer \$1,500 in funds and the soil needed to fill the median. And finally, on June 9, 2006, the City of Austin approved the neighbor's license application!

Congratulations to the neighbors involved in this project, especially HPWBANA board member, Sam Haddad, and his wife, Michelle, who had the vision to imagine something beautiful and who took that vision and made it happen! The entire neighborhood will benefit from your commitment.

It's not too late to help!! If you would like to be involved with the project, please email Sam Haddad at haddads@io.com or Eric Hanson: ech@flash.net. The project should be complete by fall.



Stephanie McDonald, Certified Personal Trainer | 626-0504

#### Message from the Board

Back to School

Back to School time means different things for different people. For some it means the thrill of a new backpack or new back to school shoes. For families with older kids, it might mean the thrill of packing them up and moving them into a dorm room! For families without school children, it may just mean more traffic during commute time.

No matter what back to school means to you, remember that school zones will be in effect again, student drivers will be on the road, and pedestrians will be out in the early morning hours. Drive accordingly! And plan your shopping accordingly as well: take advantage of tax-free shopping days on August 4-6.

HPWBANA has residents in the following AISD schools: Highland Park Elementary, Casis Elementary, Lamar Middle School, O. Henry Middle School, McCallum High School, and Austin High School. We're proud to be a part of these fine schools. Good Luck to all students! May this year be your best yet!

Carolyn Robinson, HPWBANA Vice President

P.S. Send us your school news, and we'll keep the neighborhood informed of school happenings as space allows!



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#### **Shadow Lane-Big Bend Block Party**

A stranded alligator snapping turtle provided the inspiration for neighbors on Shadow Lane and Big Bend Drive to pull together a summertime Block Party. While gathered outside Highland Park School in early June to look at the stranded turtle, neighbors Jennifer Smith, Cathy Trifiro and Susan Rauch, together with Cynthia Lew, decided to get families together for burgers, hotdogs and potluck desserts. More than 60 families attended the June 26 event, including

Kelly and Jane Baker
Mike and Linda Cox
Deena Franklin
Sandy Gaston
Ken and Robin Moore
Craig and Lydia Deats
Brian and Melissa Hovey
Mike and Michelle Rovner
Gene, Edna and Tom Ivash
David and Sarah Seaton
Jeff and Molly Ketner
Chris and Cathy Eckhoff
Helen Smith
Willis McVeigh



Christ Eckhoff, David Seaton and Cathy Eckhoff enjoy the block party!

#### Good Gossip Someone Told Me That...

Michael Chitty gets generous thanks from neighbor Sherry Dickey for helping remove limbs and uprooted trees from her yard after the big storm in May. Thanks to Michael for being a good—no, great neighbor!

And wildlife rescues in the neighborhood, too--Michael Barret was observed attempting to save a fawn that had become tangled in landscape netting;

Greg Morning saved a big turtle that was attempting to dodge traffic on Shoal Creek. Way to go!

Use this column to report good neighbor behavior that you know about in the neighborhood! Email me at carrob99@hotmail.com and I 'll make sure they get the recognition they deserve for being a good neighbor!

#### **HPWBANA Essay Contest**

The Neighborhood association is sponsoring an essay contest for students in grades 3-8. Twelve winners will be selected and the winning essays will be published in the HPWBANA newsletter monthly. Winners will also receive \$15.00.

The entrants will write an essay on the subject,

"Why I like living in my Neighborhood". All essays must be original works and written exclusively be the entrant. Winners must reside in the HPWBANA boundaries.

Essays must be mailed to HPWBANA at P.O. Box 26101, Austin, Texas 78731 or submitted via email to carrob99@hotmail.com. All essays must be received by October 5, 2006. Essays should include the contestant's name, parents' names, address, age or grade, and telephone number. Winners will be announced at the HPWBANA Annual Meeting in October.







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Highland Park Elementary would like to introduce the neighborhood



New Highland Park Elementary Principal Tammie Workman, left, with outgoing Principal, Jane Knowles, right

Scottie - Ms. Tammie Workman. Ms. Workman is Highland Park's new principal and is from Yuma, Arizona, where she was principal of Valley Horizon Elementary. Students are invited to meet their teachers and enjoy

to its newest

popsicles while parents take care of PTA business at Rally Day on Monday, August 14th from 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria. Registration for new students begins July 25th. For more info, please contact Bunny Pierce, Registrar, at 414-1305.

Mark your calendars now for lots of family fun at the HOOT Carnival which will take place at HP on Friday, October 20. This is a wonderful FUNdraiser that you will not want to miss! HP Partners In Education welcomes support from neighborhood businesses. Contact PTA President, Cathy McHorse, at cmchorse@sbcglobal.net



#### **Perry Park Update**

There are many Perry Park improvement ideas that are being discussed this summer as we gear up for fall events. HPWBANA and the Highland Park Elementary PTA are showing their commitment to this local park as we work with PARD and AISD. Here is a brief list:

Trail in the Woods – The HPWBANA Beautification Committee is working with the HPE teachers and cub scouts to improve the nature trail in the woods. Teachers, boy scouts and the community worked to create the trail years ago and it needs a little more attention.

Tree planting in the Park – HPWBANA Beautification Committee is working with PARD to plant additional trees throughout the park. This includes the large park area on Balcones Dr/Big Ben where we would like to see trees provide shade for the new sidewalk. PARD would provide and plant the trees along with watering them for two years.

Movies in the Park – HPWBANA is working with Austin Parks Foundation and community volunteers to plan a "Movies in Perry Park" event this fall. We don't know when or what movie but do think it would be a great local family event.

Running Track – The HPE PTA formed a track repair committee to develop a plan for a permanent repair to the running track which has been damaged in heavy rains. A formal drainage study has been done to address the existing erosion problems. We will keep you posted on this significant project. And this is just a few of the things going on. Perry Park is looking good these days!



#### **HPWBANA Board Meetings**

Please attend our next monthly meeting:
August 28<sup>th</sup>
Yarborough Library
2200 Hancock Drive
7:00-8:45 pm

#### **Newsletter Help Wanted!**

Are you are interested in writing articles for the newsletter? Do you have a suggestion for subjects you would like to see covered in the newsletter? Are you a student interested in covering topics at your school? Contact Carolyn Robinson 302-5417 or email carrob99@hotmail.com

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This message is about those yards in the neighborhood that cause hazards to drivers and pedestrians due to brush, plants and trees that overgrow into the street. Various problems caused by this overgrowth could include:

- Blind corners and areas where drivers and pedestrians can't see each other
- Pedestrians and drivers have to swerve into another lane to avoid the overgrowth
- Hidden driveways
- Blocked sidewalks
- Hidden street signs

It is up to property owners to maintain their yards. Call Code Enforcement at 311 to report yards that cause a safety hazard. Check out the following City of Austin webpage for general information about various code violations and the process.

http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/sws/code.htm

In general the process involves an investigation to confirm that a code violation is present. The investigators may send a Notice of Violation to the property owners or issue a citation. The owners have a set amount of time to correct the violation. If owners do not comply with the Code Enforcement department will take further action.

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10-20—KERRVILLE: One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest — Playhouse 2000 Based on a novel by Ken Kesey. Kathleen C. Cailloux Theater, 910 Main St. www.caillouxtheater.com 830/896-9393

11—AUSTIN: Rippingtons Featuring Russ Freeman With some of the greatest instrumental melodies ever written, this band is one of the most influential groups in smooth jazz. One World Theatre, 7701 Bee Caves Road. www.oneworldtheatre.org 512/329-6753

11-12—SONORA: Sutton County Days & Outlaw Pro Rodeo Includes arts & crafts, food, children's ride, parade and rodeo. Sutton County Park and Rodeo Arena. www.sonoratx-chamber.com 325/387-2880

11-13—AUSTIN: LoneStar Invitational This country-Western dance competition includes dancers from novice to professional. Includes dance workshops all weekend. Capitol Marriott. www. lonestarcountrydance.com 512/585-9409

12—AUSTIN: A Night of Rodrigo Concertos Come to an enchanting evening beginning with Joaquin Rodrigo's Fantasy for a Gentleman and ending with Concierto de Aranjuez performed by Austin's Orchestra of St. David's under the direction of David Stevens with award-winning guest soloist Andrew Zohn. Northwest Hills United Methodist Church. www.austinclassicalguitar.org 512/300-ACGS 12—BURNET: Bluegrass in the Park Wayne Brooks and the Piney

Grove Ramblers play toe-tapping, finger-snapping bluegrass music from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Inks Lake State Park. 512/793-2223 .org 512/868-8675

12—KERRVILLE: Second Saturday Art Trail Features art galleries in Kerrville and Ingram. Includes special exhibits and receptions. www.artinthehills.com 830/895-5184

12—LAMPASAS: Indian Artifact Show E-mail: lampasaschamber@ thegateway.net • www.lampasaschamber.org 512/556-5172

12-13—BOERNE: Market Days Shop arts & crafts, antiques, collectibles, unusual items and food booths. Main Plaza. www. mainstreetboerne.com 830/249-5530 or 210/844-8193

12, 19, 26—BURNET: Go Fishing with a Ranger After a brief safety and basic skills instruction, families go fishing with a park ranger. A limited amount of fishing equipment is provided, or you can bring your own. Begins at 6 p.m. Inks Lake State Park. 512/793-2223

12, 26—BRACKETTVILLE: Bat Flights at Stuart Bat Cave Watch an

estimated 500,000 bats emerge from Stuart Bat Cave in the evening. A program is held regarding bats, the environment and resources of the park. Tours subject to cancellation. Reservations required. Kickapoo Cavern State Park. 830/563-2342

13—AUSTIN: ODC/Dance This is one of America's most innovative dance companies, fusing ballet and modern techniques into a dynamic movement vocabulary. One World Theatre. 512/329-6753

13—KERRVILLE: Second Sunday Summer Serenade The Sentimental Journey Orchestra performs at this free concert. Louise Hays Park. www.bankofthehills.com 830/895-2265

15-Nov. 15—AUSTIN: Big Bugs This famous collection of largerthan-life garden creatures first visited the Center in 1997. The sculptures set the stage as visitors learn the roles of these intriguing "little" creatures through fun family learning activities, special events, guided tours and gardening classes. Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. www.wildflower.org 512/292-4200

17-19—JOHNSON CITY: Blanco County Fair & Rodeo Includes youth rodeo, junior lamb show, queen contest, rodeo, rodeo dance, big street parade, junior steer show, washer pitching contest and more. www.lbjcountry.com 830/868-7053

18—AUSTIN: Paula Poundstone One World Theatre. 512/329-6753

18-19—TAYLOR: International BBO Cook-Off Includes barbecue cook-off, arts & crafts show, carnival, live music and Walter Gonzales Memorial Horseshoe Tournament. Murphy Park. www.taylorjaycees. org 512/365-1184 or 512/365-2677

18-20—FREDERICKSBURG: Trade Days Includes more than 300 vendors, five barns, acres of antiques and more, biergarten and music. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Hwy. 290 E. across from Wildseed Farms, E-mail: fbg@ moment.net 830/990-4900 or 210/846-4094

18-20, 25-27—JOHNSON CITY: Harvest Wine Trail 830/868-2321

19—BLANCO: Market Day www.historicblanco.org 830/833-2211

19—FREDERICKSBURG: Fredericksburg Saturday Night:

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By Nadene Morning, HPWBANA President

Hopefully our newsletter has been keeping you up to date on some of the many activities in our neighborhood. It is put out monthly at no cost to the neighborhood association by our publisher Peel, Inc. The newsletter expense was once our largest budget item. The HPWBANA budget allowed mailing the newsletter to all 1800 homes in our neighborhood only once a year. Peel's partnership with HPWBANA has changed that for us. The neighborhood association has used the extra funds for beautification projects, supplies for our many medians and green spaces, for benches at Perry Park, and for more community events.

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19, 26—TOW: 17th Annual Grapestomp Festival Includes tours, tastings and live music. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fall Creek Vineyards. www.fcv.com 325/379-5361

22—MASON: Country Opry The featured artist is Frank Torres. Begins at 7:30 p.m. Odeon Theater on the Mason Square. E-mail: masoncoc@hctc.net • www.masontxcoc.com 325/347-5758

24-27—FREDERICKSBURG: Gillespie County Fair Includes agricultural and livestock exhibits, Colgate Country Music Showdown, parade, dances, entertainment, mutton busting, horseshoe and washer pitching, arts & crafts, queen contest and more. Gillespie County Fairgrounds, Hwy. 16 S. www.gillespiefair.com 830/997-2359

25—BURNET: Folk Music in the Park with JamisonPriest Folk/acoustic band performs. All three members of the group are singers and songwriters and play a variety of instruments. Begins at 7:30 p.m. Ink Lakes State Park. 512/793-2223

25-27—BLANCO: Heritage Day Includes dance, food booths, chuck wagon, blacksmith and music. Yett Park. www.blancochamber.com 830/833-5511

26—AUSTIN: Lannaya — Kids Series Explore the timeless rhythms and movements of West Africa with the Lannaya Drum and Dance Ensemble. 512/329-6753

26—ROUND ROCK: 5-K for Clay Run/walk is held in honor of Clay Madsen. Begins at 8 a.m. Clay Madsen Recreation Center. www.5Kforclay.com 512/218-3217

26-27—AUSTIN: Austin Bamboo Festival Features tours of the Taniguchi Japanese Garden, traditional dances, bamboo crafts and flute music. Zilker Botanical Gardens. www.bamboocentral.net 512/477-8672

26-27—JOHNSON CITY: Arts Encounters 2006 Series Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday. The Benini Foundation. www.artsencountersatbeninis.com

27—AUSTIN: Austin Chronicle Hot Sauce Festival Amateurs and pros vie for the best hot sauce in this fun taste-off. Waterloo Park. www.austinchronicle.com 512/454-5766

27—STONEWALL: Lyndon Johnson Remembered Family and friends of the 36th president reminisce. Includes wreath laying, musical tribute and free ranch tours. LBJ Ranch — Johnson Family Cemetery. E-mail: sherry\_justus@nps.gov • www.nps.gov/lyjo 830/868-7128 ext. 244

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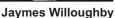
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