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New Meeting Dates for HPWBANA Board Meetings

HPWBANA board meeting will now take place the **fourth Wednesday of each month**. Meeting location remains the same, The Yarborough Library, on Hancock Drive. The meeting time will remain 7:00 p.m. Mark your calendar and attend!

Annual Meeting 2007

The HPWBANA Annual Meeting and election of Officers will be held in October. Watch the newsletter for more details!

Monday, September 3rd
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Highland Park West Balcones Area
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WESTFIELD DRIVE NEIGHBORS NIGHT OUT: 17 YEARS STRONG!

By: Francis Allen



Officer Dana Munguia joins neighbors looking out for each other on Westfield Drive.

Westfield Drive has been gathering on Neighbors Night Out for seventeen years, and we have the fortune of knowing our neighbors. Westfield is only two blocks long which makes it perfect for the residents to consider themselves a "close" group of neighbors.

When the group began the tradition there were more children than adults. The EMS, fire truck and police patrol cars came and the kids crawled all over them and talked with our community service people. As those children grew up NNO continued and the children all had a sense of ownership for the two blocks called Westfield Drive.

As the neighborhood changes we include the newcomers into the role of "active neighbor." Neighbor's Night Out is the first Tuesday in August. If you and your neighbors did not have a celebration this year, then mark your calendar for **August 5, 2008** and plan to enjoy your neighbors next year!

Contact Rosie Salinas, APD Community Liaison Office at 512-974-4736 or by e-mail at nno@ci.austin.tx/us to get your name on the National Night Out mailing list.

HPWBANA congratulates Westfield Drive for being involved, connected, and active neighbors!



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Helpful Phone Numbers

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Please visit the neighborhood association website at hpwbana.org to learn more about our wonderful business sponsors.

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.

Mail your membership dues to HPWBANA, P.O. Box 26101, Austin, Texas 78755

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Highland Park Elementary News

Exciting work is happening at Highland Park! As part of the 2004 Bond Initiative, Highland Park is receiving many upgrades and improvements. HP will have new roofing installed over the gymnasium and the front of school wing, window replacements, a new front entry installed directly into the main office, security cameras and keyless entries for many of our doors, a new covered playscape, and more. The bulk of the work will take place this school year, with some remaining sub-flooring and bathroom updates taking place in the summer of 2008. Additionally, once the construction



equipment presence has gone, our wonderful PTA will be working with AISD on much needed landscaping improvements to the front of our building and other critical areas.

Thank you for your patience while we improve the school for our students, parents, and community. It's appreciated!

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Great News for Mayfield Park!

By Karen Cannatti

Austin Parks Foundation has awarded the community group Friends of the Parks significant funds to help with a much needed grooming of the beautiful old oak trees that grace the lovely Mayfield Park grounds. Divided into phases as funds become available, 53 live oaks and historic cedars are included in this third phase of ball moss and dead limb removal. The Friends of the Parks group has been caring for this local park for many years and this is just one of their projects. Many thanks go to both Austin Parks Foundation (www.austinparks.org/) who continues to demonstrate their dedication to the various Austin area parks and to the Friends of the Parks volunteers for helping keep Mayfield Park a great place to visit.

If you haven't yet visited Mayfield Park, it is located on 3505 West 35th St., next to Austin Museum of Art. You will find colorful gardens, towering palm trees, brilliant peacocks, a nature trail, and delicate water lilies to lift the spirits of visitors. In a historic setting, an 1870's cottage blends with ponds and gardens in a beautiful harmony. Check out the website of Mayfield Park at <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/parks/mayfield.htm> for information and how to get involved.

Crime and SAFETY

Thankfully HPWBANA has not been plagued by crime. We are very fortunate, but it does take thoughts of SAFETY and prevention to keep our neighborhood *crime free* and *safe!*

The HPWBANA Crime and SAFETY Committee has divided our neighborhood into six areas and we plan to develop communication networks within those areas. To see the neighborhood map with divisions, check the website www.HPWBANA.org (Go to the tab on the left "Crime Information".) If you have developed a communication line with your street, block, area and are willing to work on the committee please let us know.

Contact: Frances B. Allen
fba100@juno.com

NEIGHBORS LOOKING OUT FOR EACH OTHER!

HPWBANA Yahoo Listserv

Interested in getting emails about what is going on in the neighborhood? Join our HPWBANA yahoo listserv:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hpwbana/>

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Please take special notice of these businesses and visit their locations. Their contributions help fund our neighborhood events –July 4 Parade, Movie in Perry Park, Spring Egg Hunt and the Annual Meeting. Thank them for making our neighborhood a better place.

Many thanks for your support in 2007; your contributions are appreciated!

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Casis PTA honored as PTA of the Year

At the end of the 2007 school year, our Casis PTA was honored as PTA of the year. How did they do it?, and who led the organization to that honor? 2006-2007 PTA President was Kathy Mauro. Kathy is not just a busy PTA mom, she is a busy lady! Kathy is a full time Hospital Sales representative with over 23 years experience; she is a wife and she is mom to 4 children and one golden retriever! Regarding the PTA honor, Kathy says, "The 'PTA of the Year' award is a compilation of many years of great leadership. Casis PTA is a well-oiled machine with very committed parents and teachers doing amazing things. Winning the award this year was a testament to the talents of all the parents volunteering in the ways they can impact the school the most. We are so proud of our school and we feel that every child at Casis deserves an equal educational experience." Kathy is proud to have been part of the PTA at Casis and is handing over the Presidential Role to Wendy Thompson. Congratulations, Casis PTA!

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Is there a city ordinance about people cleaning up after their dog?

Yes, here is information on the "Austin Guide to Scoop the Poop"

Pet waste is more than smelly and unsightly- it is a health risk to pets, bodies of water, and people, especially children. Pet waste left on trails, sidewalks, streets, and grassy areas is flushed into the nearest waterway when it rains. Even if you can't see water near you, the feces go into your storm drain where, in most cases, it travels to your neighborhood creek or lake untreated. Animal waste may contain harmful bacteria and viruses, rendering the water unfit for irrigation, recreation, or other uses. In addition, pet waste contains nutrients that will accelerate the growth of nuisance algae.

It's the Law!

Austin City Ordinance 3-3-7 Defecation by Dogs or Cats.

"It shall be unlawful for any person to fail to properly remove and dispose of, in a sanitary manner, feces left by a dog or cat on property, public or private, other than the premises of the owner or handler of such dog or cat."

Potential fine: \$86

Visit this City of Austin website for more information:

http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/watershed/wq_scoop.htm

So, obey the law: Clean up after your dog! And besides, cleaning up after your dog is just the neighborly thing to do.

What Do We Think?

Congressman Lamar Smith recently conducted a newsletter survey in the 21st Congressional District. Here are the questions asked and the results of that survey:

1. Tell me which issues are most important to you:

(Note: respondents were able to choose more than one selection)

Immigration: 76.72% Iraq: 63.11% Taxes: 48.78%
Health care: 43.75% Veterans: 40.19% Environment: 26.58%

2. Do you think illegal immigrants should be legalized and allowed to stay in the United States?

No: 82.67% Yes: 13.36% No Opinion: 2.79%

3. Do you support keeping U.S. troops in Iraq until we have won the War on Terror?

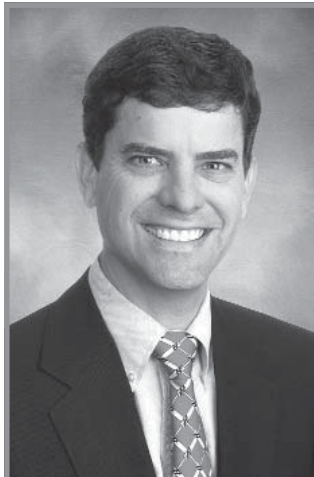
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- Movies in Perry Park
- July 4th Parade and Picnic
- Neighborhood Beautification Efforts
- Spring Easter Egg Hunt
- Involvement in City Planning & Zoning Issues
- Focal Point for MoNAC

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