



The HPWBANA News

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Dinosaurs & 'Dogs at Perry Park!

HPWBANA's Annual Meeting &
Election of Officers

Sunday, October 14

4:00-6:00 p.m.
Perry Park

Free Hotdogs, Snacks & Water Provided

AND...

The unveiling of the "Dinosaur Dig" Sand Pit!

Bring Your Own Bucket & Shovel
to help add the finishing touches
on the sand box renovation project
(HPWBANA Board is doing the dirty work
in the days prior to the meeting)

Free Dinosaurs to Kids in Costume!!!

Highland Terrace Families Work Together

Last year the neighborhood watched the Highland Terrace Median evolve from a concrete triangle to a beautifully landscaped garden. Have you considered how it stays looking so beautiful? The answer to that question: many volunteers.

A total of about 20 families work on the median to keep it looking so wonderful. This project was difficult to accomplish from idea to design to implementation. The neighbors got city approval and community support and the median was landscaped; but then the real efforts began. The maintenance of a project of this size demands a lot of attention. Neighbors Sam Haddad and Eric Hansen asked neighbors to volunteer to take on the responsibility of maintaining the median, weeding as necessary and watering the plants, for 2-week intervals. Beyond the initial start-up, Sam Haddad has kept a watering schedule in 3-month increments, with each volunteer accepting a 2-week period of watering and weeding the plants. Given that the plants are established and there has been good rain earlier this summer, the median is watered once every 3-4 days. The residents nearest the median have donated the use of their hose and water to provide for the median!

Thanks to Highland Terrace Neighbors for setting a great example of volunteering to make the neighborhood more beautiful!

Is there a common "greenspace" in your part of the neighborhood? Consider organizing your neighbors to improve it and keep it looking good!



*Highland Park Terrace Median looks beautiful
thanks to volunteer families!*

New Meeting Dates for HPWBANA Board

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!

Highland Park West Balcones Area

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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 Yarrowborough Library, 2200 Hancock Drive. All neighbors are invited to attend. www.hpbwana.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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The HOOT is Coming to Highland Park Elementary!

The HOOT is Highland Park's annual fall carnival. Along with our HP families, we invite our neighbors to come enjoy the games, booths, the famous cakewalk, moonwalks, giant slide, mazes, haunted house and much more! There will even be a "Lil Hootville" with fun activities specifically for our preschoolers.

There will also be lots of food, live music and most importantly - a really good time!!

Sponsored by the Highland Park PTA, the HOOT financial proceeds are used each year to fund those extras that make Highland Park Elementary School a special place for children and our community. In addition, through our "GIVE A HOOT" program, a portion of the proceeds are donated to charity and the kids participate in a food drive.

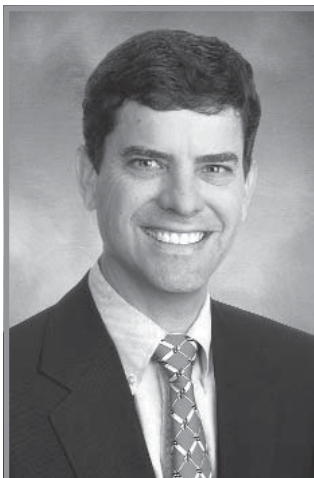
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- Communications –Newsletter
- Communications—Website
- Crime & Safety
- Events
- Business Membership
- Family/Resident Membership
- Planning & zoning
- Traffic & Transportation

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Casis Elementary News

Mark Your Calendars for the upcoming Casis events:

October 8 (Monday)

Student Holiday -
Elementary Parent Conferences
and Secondary Staff Development

October 26 (Friday)

Casis Carnival 2007

November 13 (Tuesday)

Book Fair Preview Day
and Family Night

November 14 (Wednesday)

Book Fair Buying Day

Ask the Board –

How do I get an overgrown street corner trimmed?

There are a handful of corners like these throughout the neighborhood. They cause blind spots for drivers and pedestrians. The property owner may or may not always be aware they are causing a problem. The solution is fairly simple. You can ask the property owner to trim the area or call the city to report the area to code enforcement. And please step forward to get involved. You may prevent an accident.

Call 311, the city wide help number. Ask to report a hazardous corner and describe the problem and address. The city will provide you a service number for reference. A code enforcement officer will go out usually within 48 hours to investigate. If a code violation exists they will work with the property owner to ensure the hazard is corrected.

And if it is your property that is reported please be understanding. There is a chance it was called in due to a close call accident or an injury.



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*Nicki Jackson before
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Wednesday, October 17
Monday, October 29

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Mayfield Park Guided Tours

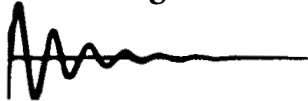
Guided tours and nature hikes of Mayfield Gardens, home to peacocks, five lily ponds and more, will be held on two Saturdays per month beginning September 15 and 29. Further tours will be held, also on Saturdays, on October 13 and 27, and on November 10 and 24. The tours are free and open to the public. Meet at the picnic tables near the parking area at 9:30 a.m. Participants should wear comfortable walking shoes.

Tours will include a brief history of Mayfield Park and the Mayfield-Gutsch family who lived there, a tour of the gardens with emphasis on plant identification, and information on the homestead and other structures. Pond life and native habitat will be explored. Hiking the nature trails will be optional as time permits.

Tours are also available by appointment by calling 467-1868.



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Mayfield Park Welcomes Baby Peacocks!

If you visit Mayfield Park soon you may have luck sighting one of the new peacock chicks that roam the park. Four chicks were born this year along with three chicks that were donated. The peacocks make wonderful park greeters. Remember to look in the trees for them also. Here are some interesting facts about the peacocks at Mayfield Park:



Peacock chick at Mayfield Park

- Mayfield has 2 varieties of peacocks: Blue India, and Black shouldered (named that for obvious reasons)
- They have been at the park since the 1920's when someone gave Dr. and Mrs. Gutsch a pair for Christmas. They added more over the years in addition to the descendents of the original pair.
- When the chicks are just a few days old, they hop on the peahen's back to get up into the trees away from predators. This year we have a mature mom who takes good care of her 4 chicks.
- The hens lay 4 to 20 eggs - one a day at dusk and lets out a loud "honk". After she has laid as many as she is going to she runs a fever and sits on the nest to incubate the eggs which takes 28 days.
- The average peacock's train (tail feathers) contains more than 200 feathers. The eye of the fan feathers is believed to have magical powers by some.
- Recently three chicks and an adult hen were donated to the park. They are staying in the special pen built by the city while they get acclimated.
- Romeo is the only bird who is named. He lives apart from the other birds back by the rock garden and some springs plucks his neck feathers out and runs backwards for short distances which is a common activity by birds who are stressed. Romeo started doing this when he was the youngest male at the park and ostracized by the other males. That was years ago but he maintains his vigil in "his" tree.
- Mating season starts about Feb. when their tail feathers are grown out. Sometime around the last week of July or first of August their tails fall out and mating season is over. The babies will appear by 30 days after that occurrence usually during July or August.
- Peacocks are the males, peahens are the females and peachicks are the babies. The less common word for the birds is peafowl. Peacocks for both male and female peafowl is also common.
- Ann Eby is the person who feeds the birds and knows virtually everything about our present "flock".

If you would like to find out more information attend one of the Mayfield Garden Tours this fall. And remember, when visiting Mayfield please show respect for the peacocks in their home and do not chase them. Mayfield Park is located at 3505 West 35th St.

Many thanks to Barbara Watt for sharing her Mayfield peacock information with us!

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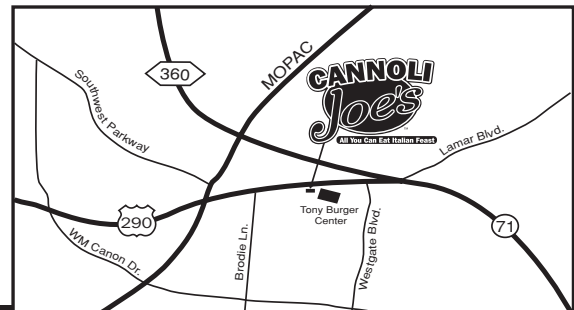


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