



# The HPWBANA News

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## Dinosaur Digging Pit at Perry Park

Thanks to the efforts of the outgoing HPWBANA Board members and some of the incoming 2008 board members the sandbox has been transformed. Board members spent their time sawing, hammering, measuring, and digging to rebuild the sandbox. Dinosaur “bones” and forms were affixed to the bottom of the sandbox.

Go check it out! It adds a new bit of excitement to the playground!



*Dino Pit Digging Crew*



*Excavation of Dino Pit by  
HPWBANA Board Members*



*Dino Pit Under Construction*

# Highland Park West Balcones Area

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Please visit the neighborhood association website at [hpwbana.org](http://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](http://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

## HPWBANA Board Meetings

Please attend our next monthly meetings:

**Wednesday, November 28, 2007**

Yarborough Library

2200 Hancock Drive

7:00-8:30 pm

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## HIGHLAND PARK WEST BALCONES AREA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

### Committee Highlights for Board Year 2007

#### Beautification & Parks Committee:

- Community recognized by Keep Austin Beautiful with an Honorable Mention for Beautification, owing to improvements of various medians, Perry Park, and Highland Park Elementary.
  - Perry Park continued to be a major focus:
    - o Partnered with Highland Park PTA to repair the running track.
    - o Worked with PARD to add ~60 new trees to the Perry Park. These trees line the sidewalk on Balcones Dr., beautify the park entrance, and provide shade to needed areas throughout the Park.
    - o Worked with Highland Park PTA and Eagle Scout candidate on construction of a stone pathway at the park entrance.
    - o Awarded grant from Austin Parks Foundation for installation of two bench shelters at the Perry Park Tennis Courts. Shelters are currently on order; installation targeted for Nov/Dec.
- This project alone is a \$12K investment into Perry Park!!
- Supported neighbors of Foothill Terrace in their landscape improvements to the Foothill Terrace median.
  - Continuing efforts to enhance public median spaces within the neighborhood (e.g., future redesign of the Balcones/Parkcrest median).

#### Communications Committee – Newsletter/Listserv/Website:

- HPWBANA News distributed monthly to all 1800 homes and businesses in our area.
- Maintained an active website, [www.hpwbana.org](http://www.hpwbana.org), and increased the awareness of the 'HPWBANA Yahoo Listserv' to keep residents informed of issues. Listserv usage grew 30% in 2007.

#### Crime and Safety Committee:

- Teamed with business sponsor, Southwest Human Development, to adopt the Capital Metro bus stop at the Highland Park West Center on Hancock Dr.
- Initiating efforts to jumpstart Neighborhood Watch program. Working to establish neighborhood zones, and solicit resident help in creating an effective communication hierarchy.

#### Events Committee:

- Spring Egg Hunt at Perry Park was a huge success, with many children and adults braving the very cold and rainy weather.
- Enhanced Movies and Picnic at Perry Park to include concessions and live music, in addition to the outdoor movie.
- The HPWBANA Annual 4th of July Independence Day celebration was quite popular, with over 300 people attending.
- Unveiled a much improved toddler sandbox at Perry Park

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## Highlights - (Continued from Page 3)

during the 2007 Annual Meeting. Upgrades include reframing, placement of permanent dinosaur "bones", and new sand.

## Membership – Businesses Committee:

- Ten businesses supported the neighborhood, as our 2007 Business Sponsors.

## Membership – Resident Committee:

- We're growing! There are 325 households with active HPWBANA memberships. This is a 5% increase from last year.

## Planning and Zoning:

- HPWBANA Board Member, Tonia Soster is participating on the City Council appointed Task Force on Occupancy

Committee. It will address the stealth dorm issue affecting Austin neighborhoods.

- Worked closely with residents east of MoPAC to increase awareness and solicit feedback on the potential conversion of a single-family home into a Montessori School. The voice of the community was clear and unified, and as a result, the project did not move forward.
- Continue to help residents navigate the City's departments to address zoning/planning concerns.

## Traffic and Transportation Committee:

- HPWBANA Board members Frances Allen, Sam Haddad, and Krista Saeger appointed to the MoPAC Aesthetic Advisory Committee. Provided recommendations on aesthetic design of potential sound walls, landscaping, lighting, and signage through the MoPAC corridor.
- Successful in getting City of Austin to erect a 'No U-Turn' sign on Perry Lane near the back entrance to Camp Mabry. Alleviated growing traffic safety concern.
- Addressing growing transportation concerns for areas east of MoPAC (45th St/Highland Terr/Perry Ln) with the Urban Transportation Commission for possible resolution.

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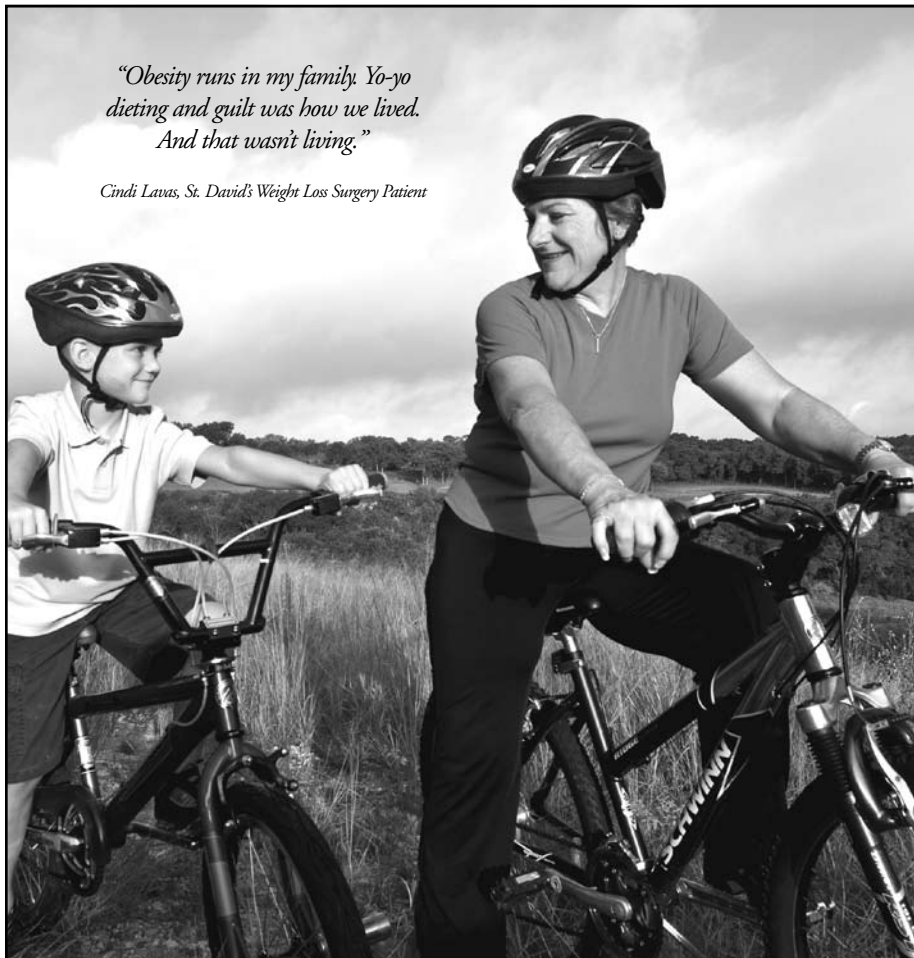
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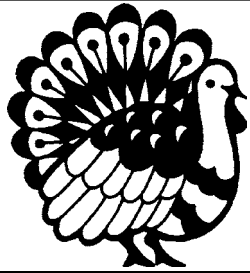


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Chereen Fisher, Vice President  
Krista Saeger, Treasurer  
Andrea Torres, Secretary  
Tonianne Soster, Member  
Frances Allen, Member  
Trey Blundell, Member  
Eric Hansen, Member

The Board is currently planning events and meetings for next year. We would welcome your ideas for project or events, or suggestions for meeting topics. Consider getting involved in the neighborhood association.

### HPWBANA Yahoo Listserv

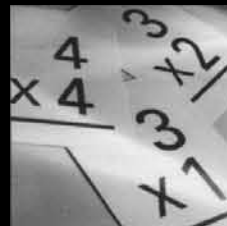
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Movies in Perry Park  
July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade and Picnic  
Neighborhood Beautification Efforts  
Spring Easter Egg Hunt  
Involvement in City Planning & Zoning Issues  
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