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Happy New Year! It's time to kick-off our HPWBANA Resident Membership drive for 2008. January is designated as Dues Renewal Month. We ask for your dues once a year, at the first of the year, as the process is much simpler and helps us in planning our neighborhood's events and projects for the year.

You are an essential part of this process! It's important for neighbors to join and stay active in HPWBANA. Created in 1997 with the aim "to preserve and enhance" our neighborhood, HPWBANA has worked with an all-volunteer board and many neighbors donating their time and talent. Together we have accomplished hundreds of projects that directly contribute to the quality of life in our neighborhood. These include: hosting fun-filled and educational events that bring neighbors together; leading beautification efforts that enhance our public spaces, and presenting a unified voice for us with the City of Austin government.

In 2007 alone, your contributions enabled numerous beautification efforts and special events throughout the neighborhood. Keep Austin Beautiful recognized HPWBANA with an Honorable Mention for Beautification, owing to improvements of medians, Perry Park, and Highland Park Elementary. Perry Park continued to be a major focus. We partnered with the Highland Park PTA to repair the running track, worked with the City's Parks Department to add approximately 60 new trees, and worked with the PTA and an Eagle Scout candidate on construction of a stone pathway at the Park's entrance. And then came the BIG \$12K investment! We applied for, and were awarded a grant from Austin Parks Foundation for installation of two bench shelters at the Perry Park Tennis Courts. And this fall, we unveiled a much improved toddler sandbox at Perry Park. Upgrades include reframing, placement of permanent dinosaur "bones", and new sand.

Beyond beautification, we continue to offer fun-filled events for our community. In addition to the ever-popular Spring Egg Hunt and 4th of July Independence Day celebration, we enhanced our Movies in Perry Park evening.

From the Planning and Zoning Committee, Board Member Tonianne Soster is participating on the City Council appointed Task Force on Occupancy Committee. It is addressing the stealth dorm issue affecting Austin neighborhoods. We will also continue to help residents navigate the City's departments to address planning/zoning concerns.

And the Transportation Committee continues to be a focal point for MoNAC, potential sound wall plans, and traffic calming efforts that affect our neighborhood. This past year, HPWBANA Board members Frances Allen and Krista Saeger, and past Board member Sam Haddad served on the 16-member MoPAC Aesthetics Advisory Committee for TxDOT's MoPAC 1 project.

Whew, . . . much was accomplished in 2007, and we could not have done it without your membership in HPWBANA. We're certain that 2008 will be another rewarding and productive year!

This month, you will receive a letter asking for your support of HPWBANA, via your 2008 Membership Dues. Our dues remain \$15 for a household, or \$10 for a single-member household. Please make checks payable to HPWBANA and send to P.O. Box 26101, Austin TX 78755. For more information, visit www.hpwbana.org or contact Krista Saeger, Treasurer, at kristasaeger@yahoo.com. Renew today. HPWBANA will be great in 2008!



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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

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HPWBANA Board Meetings

Please attend our next monthly meeting:

Wednesday, January 23, 2008

Yarborough Library

2200 Hancock Drive

7:00-8:30 pm

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2008 Planning Already Underway

Welcome to 2008! And Welcome to the HPWBANA Neighborhood! If you are new to the neighborhood, the neighborhood association extends a warm welcome.

HPWBANA is in active planning mode at this time. If you have an idea for a project or if you have a neighborhood concern, please contact any board member to discuss the issue. Please make it your goal to attend at least one board meeting this year. And as always, we welcome your volunteer efforts.

Watch the newsletter for exciting program meetings slated for 2008--our first will be in March with a focus on crime prevention and safety.

We look forward to serving you in 2008!

Carolyn Robinson

HPWBANA President

November Meeting Highlights

On November 28, the board held its monthly meeting. The neighborhood's new APD District Representative, Officer Ricardo Vargas introduced himself and discussed the status of neighborhood crime. In addition, the board heard two proposals for beautification efforts at Perry Park in 2008 – non-native tree removal and the addition of a toddler swing. The board also discussed holding specific program meetings during the coming year. A special March meeting will focus on crime prevention and safety. Look for Planning and Zoning issues to be addressed sometime this summer.

Board meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of every month at 7pm at the Yarborough Library on Hancock. Neighbors are encouraged to attend and present any ideas or concerns they may have. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!

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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Correction to December Newsletter

In our December newsletter, an article about a HPWBANA board vacancy was included. This article was included in error. Currently all board positions are filled. However, volunteers to participate on committees or to help with events are always welcome. Please contact Carolyn Robinson, HPWBANA President for more information.

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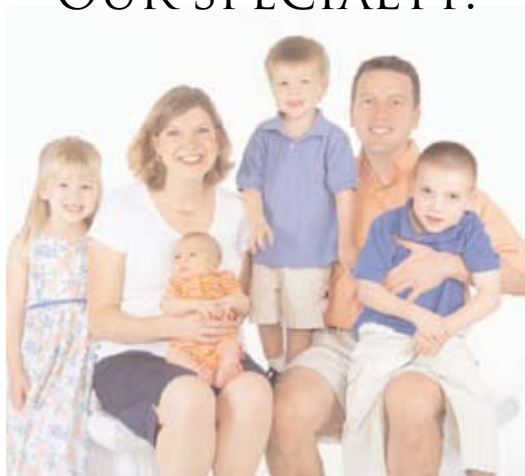


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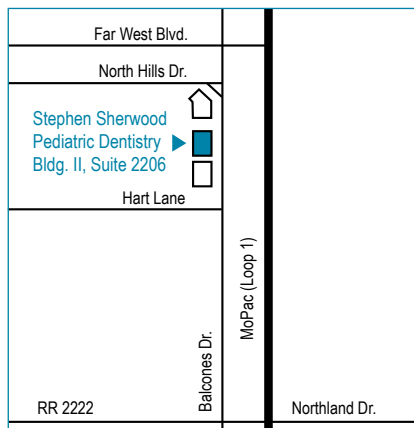
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Start Spreading the News: HPWBANA Resident Ashley Golliher runs in the New York City Marathon

Congratulations to HPWNANA resident and running enthusiast Ashley Golliher who recently ran the New York City Marathon. Ashley has been running marathons since 2003 and completed her first race when Aidan, her youngest son, was only 8 months old! Her career "highlight" is winning the woman's division of the Marathon 2 Marathon in 2006 with a time of 3 hours, 13 minutes (3:13).

Ashley says that her favorite race is the Sunmart 50K Trail Race in Huntsville, Texas and that her favorite thing about running is the conversation she enjoys with friends. (Some non-runners may be surprised that you can run for several miles and still be able to carry on a conversation, but apparently you can.) And believe it or not, even though she has completed 13 marathons in her running career, she still has a goal:

to improve her time to 3:05-3:10 before her 50th birthday! Ashley still hopes to participate in the Avenue of the Giants, a race through the redwood forest in Eureka, California. Ashley's husband, Kevin Golliher, does not participate in races with her, but supports her efforts by making Ashley's favorite carbohydrate fuel—pancakes.

Congratulations to Ashley Golliher! We'll be cheering for you!



*Ashley Golliher participating
in "The Maze" at Walnut
Creek Metro Park in Austin.*

Lucas Drive remembers Ted Wooldridge, Mayor

Our neighborhood has its charms: great location, good school, and friendly neighbors. But the neighbors on Lucas Drive were especially privileged to have had Ted Wooldridge as a friend and neighbor. Ted and his wife, Jeanie, were residents of Lucas Drive for many, many years. Ted earned the title, "The Mayor of Lucas Drive" because he knew everyone who lived on the street, and he knew the history of the neighborhood. Ted was always visible—either walking down the street or tinkering in his garage/workshop. If you visited him there, you were likely to be offered a birdhouse that he'd just finished making. Ted always had a smile and a story to share, and he was guaranteed to make you laugh.

Lucas Drive had to say "See you later" to Ted and Jeanie a few years ago when they moved to Dallas to be near their daughter. And now, with joyful hearts for having known such a fine man, but with sadness for his absence, Lucas Drive says goodbye to Ted Wooldridge, neighbor, friend, and Mayor. Ted Wooldridge passed away November 28, 2007. Lucas Drive remembers Ted.

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Join the Mt. Bonnell Cleanup

Have you ever stood at the top of Mt. Bonnell enjoying the breath-taking views across Austin and the lake and then looked over the fence and been dismayed by the amount of trash littering the cliff? On January 19th the City's Parks Department, Keep Austin Beautiful (KAB), and trained climbers will work to clean up this Austin icon. If you're a trained climber, with your own climbing gear, please contact Stephen Finos to register. Cleanup supplies, water, and snacks will be provided.

Date: Saturday, January 19th, 2008 (rain date January 26th)

Time: 9am-1pm

Location: Mt. Bonnell, 3800 Mt. Bonnell Drive (West Austin – 78731)

Registration: email Stephen Finos at stevfino@yahoo.com

Wear: long pants, long sleeves, gloves, and close-toed shoes

For more information about this event or other opportunities to Keep Austin Beautiful, visit www.keeptxbeautiful.org.

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Tips for Bringing Home a Puppy

By Paula Hufford

More than a million puppies were given as gifts this holiday season. While your new furry friend can be a bundle of joy, a canine companion also comes with the responsibility of guardianship. "The love and laughter that comes with a new puppy epitomizes the joy of dog ownership," says Paula Hufford, Bark Busters dog behavioral therapist and trainer. "But while puppies are cute and cuddly, accepting the role of guardian for a new pup comes with significant responsibilities. Be certain that you or the recipient is ready for such a commitment."

Tips for the New Arrival

Before you bring home your puppy, have these supplies on hand:

- A crate is an invaluable tool when housebreaking a puppy. It also provides your young dog with a sense of security when you are busy or away. However, never leave a puppy in a crate for longer than 4-5 hours.
- Bedding should be thick enough for comfort and sized appropriately for the breed. Be aware that some puppies that are left unattended for too long may chew their bedding.
- Baby gates serve as a great training tool in that they can be used to block off "restricted" areas of the house and help to teach your puppy what areas are off limits.
- Dog-appropriate toys, like the puppy-sized Kong™, are the

smart choice. Although children's toys look cute, they can prove hazardous. Never use old clothing or shoes as toys; a puppy cannot differentiate between your old and newly bought items. Stick with size-appropriate toys for your breed. Always supervise your puppy when he is playing with toys that contain squeakers as they can be a choking hazard.


- Two dog bowls: one for fresh water and one for quality dog food. Consult your veterinarian for food recommendations.
- A well-fitted collar and leash are a must for training and safety during outdoor excursions. Avoid chain leashes; a soft cotton leash is a better alternative.
- A pet ID tag allows your puppy to find his way home should he roam. You may also want to microchip your puppy at your next vet visit.
- Brushes and dog shampoo will eventually be needed for every breed.
- An odor and stain eliminator is a cleaner you will want on hand for those inevitable toileting accidents.
- A veterinarian should be researched and chosen beforehand. You will want a contact should an emergency arise. Introduce your new puppy early to the vet and learn what vaccinations he will need.

Tips to "Puppy Proofing" Your House and Yard

In addition to the essential supplies mentioned above, ensure your home and yard are safe for the exuberance of a new puppy.

- Remove potential hazards—anything that would make an enticing chew toy—such as power cords, window blind cords, potted house plants, children's toys, coins, batteries, shoes and clothing, garbage bins, and anything "bite sized" that could be ingested by a curious puppy. Outside, remove bite-size rocks, sticks, fertilizers, gardening tools and equipment. Also, be mindful of toxic household and garage items, such as antifreeze, detergents, mothballs and tobacco products.
- Large and unstable objects should be moved out of harm's way. These objects could potentially fall on your inquisitive puppy as he explores his new surroundings.
- Move anything cherished or breakable to higher ground. Puppy tails have a way of sweeping a coffee table clean.
- Get on your hands and knees—at the puppy's view—to look for potential problems. If you think an item could be a hazard, remove it. It's better to be safe than sorry.

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


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- Be patient. Although accidents will happen, do not reprimand your puppy during the first 24-48 hours while he is acclimating to the new environment. But do praise him profusely when he does something positive. This will start your both off on the right foot.
- Structure is a must. Have a planned schedule from the day your pup arrives—especially when trying to housebreak. Take your puppy outside frequently, and stay with him so that you know he has toileted.
- Getting acclimated will take him some time. Show your pup where he will be eating, sleeping and toileting. As your puppy adapts to his new surroundings and routine, he will feel more comfortable.
- Naps are important for a puppy. Be sure to give him the space and time he needs to relax. Try not to overwhelm your puppy. He is like a new baby, and will need frequent naps throughout the day.
- Start training early. Dogs are pack animals and seek authority and reassurance from the pack leader. Providing this leadership is key to managing a dog's behavior.

Tips for the First Night Home

The first night may prove to be a challenge as puppies often cry and whine throughout the night. Also, he probably will need to go out to toilet. Just as the daytime routine is important, so is the evening routine.

- Use the crate and bedding at night. As difficult as it is, avoid letting your pup sleep with you or any other family member. It could lead to behavior problems down the road.
- Your puppy's sleeping arrangements should be in a central location in the house. If you let your puppy sleep in your room, you may have trouble catching any shut-eye.
- Tough love should be your motto. Usually, a puppy takes a few nights to feel safe at night. Take him out to toilet every 4-5 hours. Other than that, he will need to get used to sleeping on his own.
- If your puppy still has trouble sleeping at night, hide a ticking clock in his bed. The sound imitates the heartbeat of the mother and can sometimes soothe an anxious puppy. To simulate the warmth of his littermates, place a warm water bottle or oversized stuffed toy in his crate for added comfort.

Tips for the Future

- Picking a trainer can be a daunting or confusing task. Consult your veterinarian or research the best training options for you and your growing puppy.
- Keeping your puppy healthy starts with a visit to a veterinarian. Usually, a yearly exam and the vet-recommended vaccinations will keep your puppy in tip-top shape.
- Exercise your puppy regularly. A walk in the neighborhood or a trip to the park is good for mind and body—for both you and your dog. Be careful not to overdo it with young pups.
- Be consistent. Puppies learn through experience and association. The more consistent you are, the faster your puppy will learn and the better he will perform.

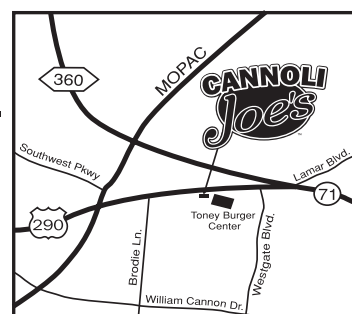
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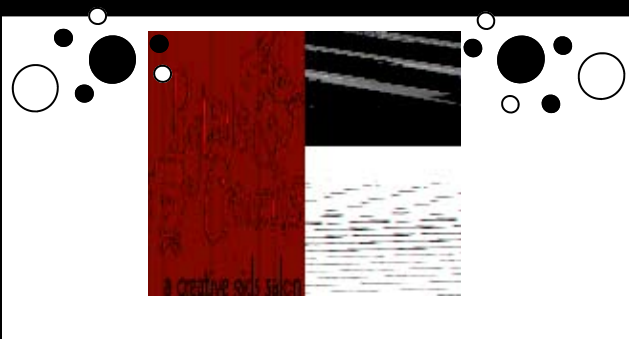


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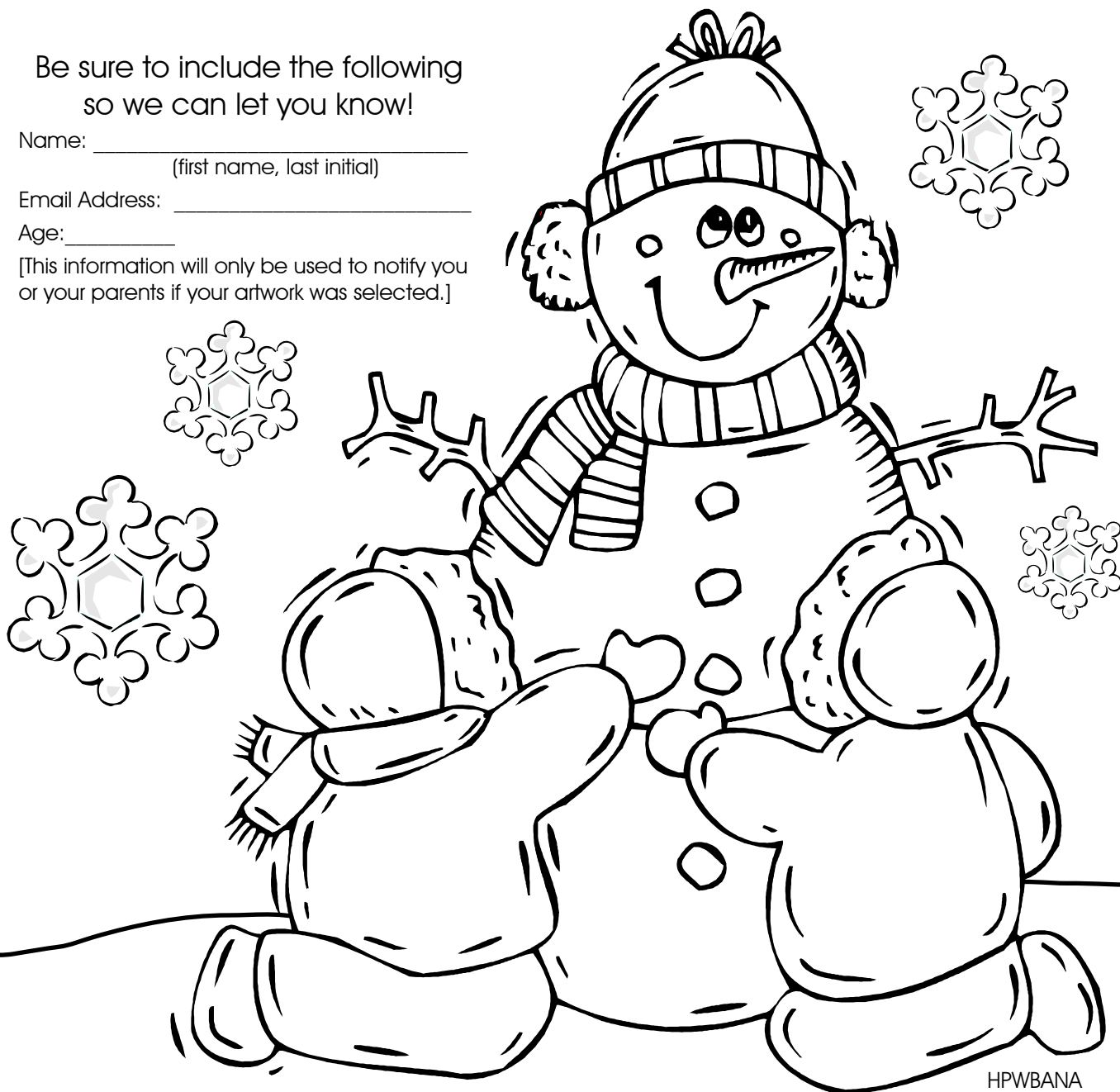
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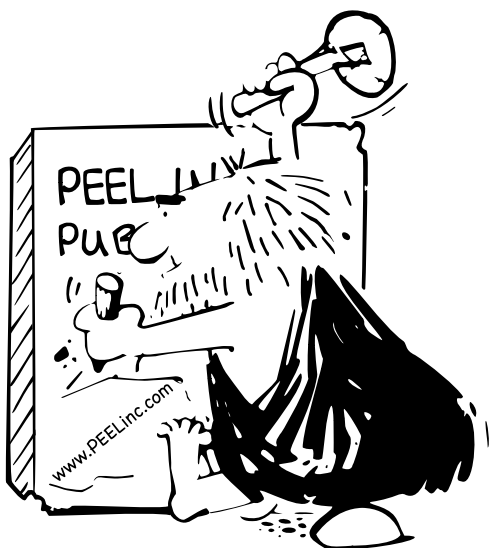
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First – Thank You Austin Parks Foundation!

Tennis players at Perry Park now have a place to rest in the shade with new shelters positioned over the court benches. This was a long-time requested project by Highland Park Elementary Coach Dave Woods, a regular tennis player at Perry Park. However, the project just was too expensive for the neighborhood association to fund. Luckily, the Austin Park Foundation (APF) made it happen by providing significant grant money for the project. A special pool of grant money donated from the Austin City Limits festival is funding large park projects throughout Austin, and our local park is benefiting!

Perry Park has seen a great outpouring of support from the HPWBANA, the Highland Park PTA and the community these last few years and that support made a big difference with APF when reviewing the grant application. The \$11,000 grant for the shelters involved a matching component from the community of \$1,000. This was easily funded using the

Tennis Fund set up by Highland Park Elementary and donations from residents. To all those who made donation for the tennis shades, the HPWBANA extends a big thank you!



Perry Park tennis court welcomes bench shelters!

The tennis courts at Perry Park are wonderful and have a long history of community support. The court surface and lighting were initiated and partially funded by residents in the neighborhood years ago. The community also put in the two benches. The courts have windscreens, lights for evening play, a backdrop for practice and nets that volunteers check regularly for height. If you have a suggestion for future projects, please let the neighborhood association know.

For more information about Austin Parks Foundation and other park improvements around town check out their website at www.austinparks.org.

For those of you unfamiliar with Perry Park, it is located at 4900 Fairview Drive, behind Highland Park Elementary.

It's Dues Renewal Time! Support HPWBANA with your Membership

It's important for neighbors to join and stay active in HPWBANA. A growing membership makes us a stronger force with the City of Austin and allows us undertake projects that directly contribute to the quality of life in our neighborhood:

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

We need your support! Please renew your membership or become a new member of HPWBANA today. Send \$15 for a Family membership or \$10 for a Single-Member Household membership (only one adult in household) to:

HPWBANA, PO Box 26101, Austin, TX 78755

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