



# The Grapevine



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## City Receives Grant to Extend Brushy Creek Trail

The City of Round Rock was awarded a \$2.36 million grant for the city's Brushy Creek Regional Trail Gap Project by the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) Transportation Board to provide two miles of connective trail from Sonoma to A.W. Grimes Boulevard.

The proposed trail will be 10-foot paved surfaces, which include pedestrian-friendly underpasses and bridge crossings which eliminate creek and roadway barriers for both pedestrians and cyclists. The trail project will provide scenic views, natural rock outcroppings, shaded portions of trail, open space, lighted pedestrian underpasses, parking at trail heads and emergency phones along the trail.

The proposed route connects the existing Brushy Creek East Trail to A.W. Grimes. At the A.W. Grimes intersection, trail users can choose to continue west via the Lake Creek trail towards downtown or travel south on the Lake Creek Trail towards Clay Madsen Recreation Center and Dell, Inc. Construction is expected to begin in 2010.

## Annual Meeting

The Annual meeting will take place on August 14th. Details to follow in blast emails, and the next newsletter! Notification will also be sent via regular mail. To sign up for the blast list email Amy Smith at [Amy@hoasonoma.com](mailto:Amy@hoasonoma.com)

## Pool Party!

What a way to kick off the summer! Sonoma residents had a great time at the Luau End of School Party – whether climbing the rock wall, enjoying the bounce house, or just swimming in the pool residents kept cool at the party and enjoyed music and neighbors. A hearty “Thank You” to all the volunteers who made the party possible-

Your social committee chairs Brenda Gamble and Cathy Greenall, volunteers Cyndi and Jack Wasserborough, Patricia & Madison White, Donna Kohn, Tania Newman, Tim Brewer, Harry Greenall, Ranjit and Reena Saluja, Leticia Soberano, & Melissa Nylander.

Keep your eyes Peeled for the next event!



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There were many quality nominations in May and June. Some honorable mentions include:


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713 Arrowood Place

Sonoma is definitely on the upswing, and as residents we should be proud. Thank you to all of you who have made that effort to improve not only your own property, but our community.



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 Aug. 30th 12-7 pm  
 August 31-Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 12-10 pm  
 Sept 1<sup>st</sup> is the last day of lifeguard supervision and slide operation.

## Pool Happenings

We have received many questions regarding pool keys lately. Each household is allowed to hold 2 active pool key cards. The first one is provided free of charge, however there is a 25 dollar fee for the second key card. This same 25 dollar fee applies if you need to replace a lost card. The pool committee will be reviewing a list of all key cards in the upcoming months to make sure that our records are up to date. If you have more than 2 key cards registered to your household then the oldest cards will be deleted and will no longer be able to access the pools. Please remember that our pools are for Sonoma residents and their guests only. Gaining extra key cards to give to people from neighboring communities is a violation and may result in your pool privileges being suspended. If you have any questions please call Annette Kneer at 388-4517 or 573-5968.

## Sudoku

The challenge is to fill every row across, every column down, and every 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9. Each 1 through 9 digit must appear only once in each row across, each column down, and each 3x3 box.

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|   | 5 |   | 7 |   | 8 |   | 9 |  |
|   |   |   |   | 1 |   |   |   |  |
| 9 |   | 6 |   |   | 3 |   |   |  |
|   |   |   | 2 |   |   | 8 |   |  |
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| 7 |   | 2 |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 8 | 6 |   | 5 |   |   | 2 |   |  |
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## How To Reserve The Pool For A Party

The first step in reserving space at the pool for a party is to go to <http://son.goodwintx.com> and download the reservation request form. Once you fill out this form, mail it to Earline Wakefield at Goodwin along with your deposit of 50 dollars. When Goodwin has received your request, they will verify that your account is in good standing and that the pool is not already reserved. Then Goodwin will place your party on the calendar and inform you that your request has been approved. The Pool Committee goes to the pool you requested to be sure that there is space reserved for you and your party guests. After the party is over, please leave the pool in the same or better condition as it was when you arrived so that you can receive 25 dollars of your deposit back. Also, please remember that as a resident you are responsible for your guests and their behavior.

### Why should I reserve space at the pool for my party?

Each household in Sonoma is allowed to take 5 guests to the pool at a time. If your party will exceed this number then to be in compliance with the pool rules you need to have approval from the HOA. Reserving space will also make sure you have enough seating for your group. Please remember that you are reserving space at the pool, not the whole pool area, and other residents will still have free access to the pools.

### Why do I have to pay a deposit to reserve the pool?

There is a \$50 deposit to reserve the pool. Twenty-five dollars is non-refundable and the other \$25 is refundable as long as the pool is left in the same or better condition then it was found. The more people that are using the pools, the more chemicals and cleaning will be required to maintain the pools. The \$25 non-refundable deposit helps to offset those costs for the HOA. If you fail to leave the pool area in good condition then the other 25 dollar part of the deposit will be used to pay the porter for his services in cleaning up after your party.

### How long does it take to get my 25 dollar deposit back?

Generally allow up to 30 days to receive your refundable deposit back. If you have not received your deposit back and it has been over 30 days, please contact Annette Kneer at [akneer@austin.rr.com](mailto:akneer@austin.rr.com) and she will follow up with Goodwin to get a status and estimated check date for you.

### What happens at the end of my party?

After your requested party time is over, your household goes back to being allowed only 5 guests. Be sure that all guests have exited the pool area before you yourself leave. Once the party is completed, a member of the pool committee will stop in and verify that you did leave the area in good condition and report back to Goodwin that it is okay to return your \$25 deposit.

### What happens if I have reserved party space and the party is postponed or cancelled?

If this happens, please contact Goodwin as soon as you are aware there is a problem. That way we can open the time to another resident. If you are postponing your party we can just apply the deposit that you have already paid to a later date. If your party is cancelled and you are not planning on rescheduling for anytime soon, we will return your whole deposit to you.

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## Do Allergies Cause Asthma?

Although allergies and asthma are separate conditions, they are related. People who have allergies — particularly those that affect the nose and eyes — are more likely to have asthma. If you have allergies or asthma, your child is more likely to have it, too, because the tendency to develop these conditions is often inherited.

But not everyone who has allergies has asthma, and not all cases of asthma are related to allergies. About 75% of kids who have asthma also have an allergy to something. And many people who have asthma find their symptoms get worse when they're exposed to specific allergens (things that can cause allergic reactions in some people).

With any kind of allergy, the immune system overreacts to normally harmless substances such as pollen or dust mites. As part of this overreaction, the body produces an antibody of the immunoglobulin E (IgE) type, which specifically recognizes and attaches to the allergen when the body is exposed to it.

When that happens, it sets a process in motion that results in the release of certain substances in the body. One of them is histamine, which causes allergic symptoms that can affect the eyes, nose, throat, skin, gastrointestinal tract, or lungs. When the airways in the lungs are affected, symptoms of asthma can occur.

Future exposure to the same allergens can cause the reaction to happen again. So if your child has asthma, it's wise to explore whether

allergies may be triggering some of the symptoms. Talk with your doctor about how to identify possible triggers, which can be things other than allergens, such as cold air, pets, or tobacco smoke. Your doctor might also recommend visiting an allergist for allergy tests. If your child is allergic to something, that substance may be causing or contributing to asthma symptoms (coughing, wheezing, and trouble breathing).

If it does look like allergens are an important trigger for the asthma symptoms, do what you can to help your child avoid exposure to the allergens involved. If this doesn't control the asthma symptoms adequately, the doctor may also prescribe medications or allergy shots.

*Reviewed by: Elana Pearl Ben-Joseph, MD*

*Date reviewed: June 2007*

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