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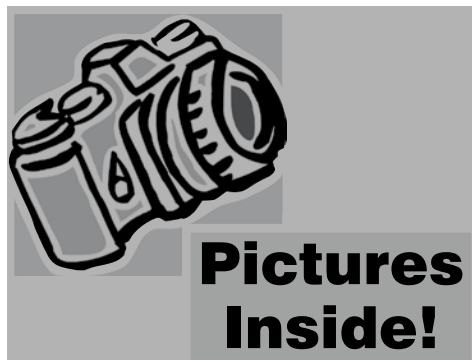
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## Fourth of July Parade a Blast for Neighbors!

Highland Park/West Balcones neighbors once again gathered on the Fourth of July to celebrate our nation's birthday. The morning began with children climbing and exploring Fire Truck #49. Afterwards a police escort, the fire truck and our neighborhood boy scouts led the neighbors around the usual parade route in front of Highland Park Elementary. The decorated bicycles, strollers, wagons, dogs, and floats were a sight to see!

After the parade, neighbors enjoyed snow cones, hot dogs, games and live music under the new pavilion at Highland Park Elementary. Special thanks to Lurleen Ladd and her band for entertaining us all morning. State Representatives Elliott Naishtat and Donna Howard joined neighborhood kids in reading the Declaration of Independence and also said a few words in celebration of the holiday.

Finally, a BIG THANK YOU to HPWBANA Board Vice President Chereen Fisher for organizing this fun event for the neighborhood!



**Pictures  
Inside!**

## Message From the Board

*Toddler Swings are coming to Perry Park!*

We are excited to announce that HPWBANA and Friends of Perry Park have been awarded a grant from Austin Parks Foundation to install an ADA-compliant, one-bay toddler swing set (2 swings) within Perry Park playground. These will be bucket-style swings with leg holes to support a young child in an upright position. The project must be completed within a one-year timeframe.

Our goal is to have age-appropriate playground equipment to attract a greater number of users, and increase the utilization of the playground. Though preliminary, the likely configuration will be to extend the existing ADA-compliant rubberized ground material to all 4 existing swings, convert the existing 4 swing set configuration to 2 regular (existing) and 2 toddler swings, and install 2 new regular swings in the available open space within the playground footprint.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** The grant covers only half of the estimated total project cost of \$8,000. (Approximately

40% of the project cost is for swings and their installation, and 60% for ADA-compliance.) Our neighborhood businesses have committed \$1,000, and HPWBANA will also contribute to this project.

**However, we still need to raise \$2,000 for this project to be fully funded.** Please consider a contribution to this project, whether it be individually, or collectively among your neighbors, playgroups, scout groups, or your business. Donations (cash or check) can be sent to HPWBANA at PO Box 26101, Austin, TX 78755. In the memo line of the check, please indicate "Toddler Swings." If you have any questions, please contact Krista Saeger at 380-9062 or [kristasaeger@yahoo.com](mailto:kristasaeger@yahoo.com).

As a community, we continue to undertake projects that enhance the beauty and usage of our Park. The addition of toddler swings is yet another example of our commitment to Perry Park. Thank you so much for your continued support of Perry Park and our neighborhood!

## June Meeting Highlights

On June 25th, the board held its monthly meeting. A prospective Eagle Scout met with board members to talk about project opportunities in the neighborhood. The board discussed the Fourth of July parade and the new children's activities that will be added. Board members also discussed the need for volunteers to water trees and plants in various neighborhood medians and public spaces. HPWBANA business sponsors and board meeting minutes will be added to the website.

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!

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The HPWBANA Board meets on the 4th Wednesday 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)

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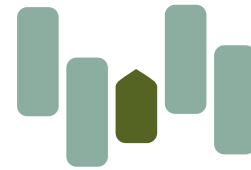
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## HPWBANA Board Meetings

Please attend our next monthly meeting:

Wednesday, August 27, 2008  
Yarborough Library  
2200 Hancock Drive  
7:00-8:30 pm

## HPWBANA NETWORKING CONGRATULATIONS TO EASTLEDGE DRIVE

Laura Bohls, liaison for Eastledge Drive in Area 1 of the Highland Park West Balcones Area Neighborhood is the first to organize her entire street for safety and crime prevention! Laura developed a letter and a registration form to distribute to her neighbors and passed them out door to door. (This form is available upon request.) She now has a roster listing all the residents on her street and their contact information. This list was distributed to all the neighbors along with the 2008 APD resource manual.

In an email, Laura wrote, "We are lucky that we have a very friendly and active group of residents ..... I think everyone was glad to have one list with all the information and know that there is a way to contact everyone if needed."


Take the opportunity of National Night Out on October 7 and organize your street. Once you do, let HPWBANA representative Frances Allen fba100@juno.com know about your networking.

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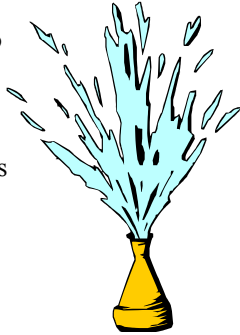
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The HPWBANA beautification committee has the responsibility of watering several green spaces in our neighborhood. Oops--did I say GREEN spaces? Because right now our so-called green spaces are BROWN, and we need your help. Can you donate even one evening or early morning a month? Your help is VITAL. Please contact Carolyn Robinson if you can pitch in to water in one of the neighborhood spots--some areas that need help are:

- (1) the median across from Randalls,
- (2) Trees near the tennis court at HP Elementary and
- (3) Ridge Oak triangle.

You may think, "Someone else will do this job--someone who has more time than I do...". And just to be clear, we're not over-watering, or wasting water. We are just trying to keep the plants and trees ALIVE!



*I appreciate your help in advance.*  
 Carolyn Robinson  
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## NatureWatch

by Jim and Lynne Weber

### Dazzling Dragonflies

With their large, multi-faceted eyes, two pairs of strong, transparent wings, and an elongated body, the dragonfly is an ancient insect that inspires myth and lore in many world cultures. For Native Americans, their form can represent swiftness and energy, pure water, and even symbolize renewal after a time of great hardship.

Usually found around lakes, ponds, streams, and wetlands, dragonflies typically eat mosquitoes, midges, and other small insects such as flies, bees, and even some butterflies. They capture their prey by claspng them with their spike-studded legs, and their prey cannot use their usual form of escape by diving away, since dragonflies always attack from underneath! Normally, dragonflies do not bite or sting humans, but if you grasp one by the abdomen, it will bite in order to escape.

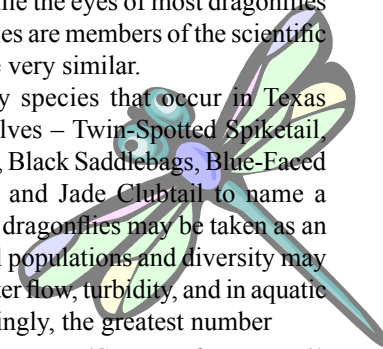
The lifecycle of a dragonfly consists of three stages: egg, nymph, and adult. The female will lay her eggs directly on aquatic plants or merely drop them in water. Once hatched, these nymphs begin their life living underwater, eating other aquatic creatures. Nymphs of larger dragonflies will even eat the nymphs of smaller species! This nymphal stage can last as long as four years in some species, but most overwinter in ponds and marshes and emerge in the spring as adults. Once fully grown, the nymph will crawl out of the water

on the stem of a plant, break through its' skin (called the exuvia) and enlarge its' body and wings by pumping fluids into them.

Mature dragonflies are known for their aerial acrobatics, capable of hovering and rapid acceleration, and can both hunt and mate on the wing. They need to make the most of their time as aerial predators, since adults live only up to two months. Adult dragonflies are often confused with damselflies, but they are two distinct insect species. When at rest, damselflies often hold their wings together or slightly open above their body, whereas dragonflies hold their wings fully open horizontally or slightly down and forward. Additionally, the eyes on a damselfly are separated, while the eyes of most dragonflies touch. Both damselflies and dragonflies are members of the scientific order Odonata, so their lifecycles are very similar.

The common names for dragonfly species that occur in Texas are as colorful as the insects themselves – Twin-Spotted Spiketail, Roseate Skimmer, Eastern Pondhawk, Black Saddlebags, Blue-Faced Meadowhawk, Halloween Pennant, and Jade Clubtail to name a few. To some extent, the presence of dragonflies may be taken as an indicator of ecosystem quality. Local populations and diversity may be strongly affected by changes in water flow, turbidity, and in aquatic or waterside vegetation. Not surprisingly, the greatest number

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of species are found at sites with natural water flows, high water quality, native plants, and a variety of microhabitats.



When you see dragonflies this summer, admire their maneuverability, enjoy their jewel-like colors, appreciate their mosquito-eating, and be thankful that we no longer have the “giant dragonflies” from the Jurassic & Cretaceous geologic periods, when their wingspans were up to six times larger than those we have today!

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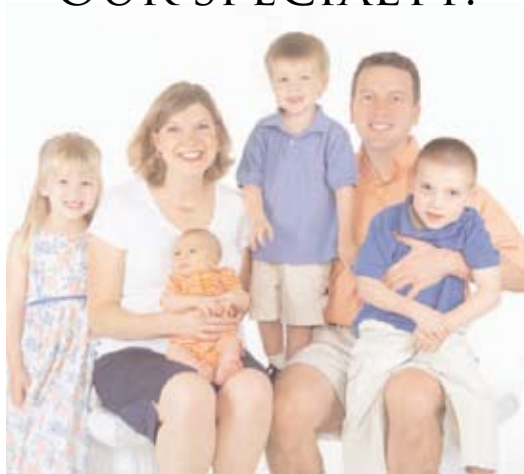


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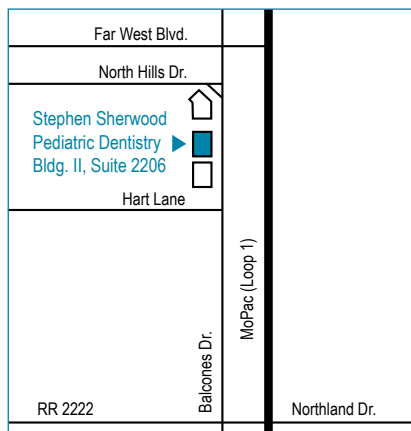
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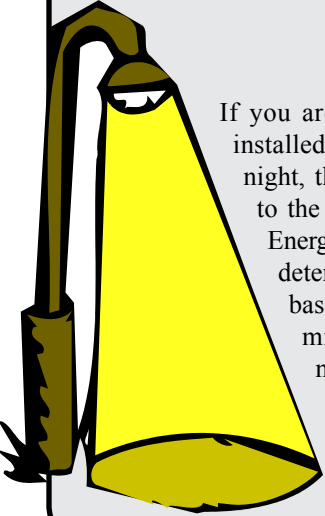
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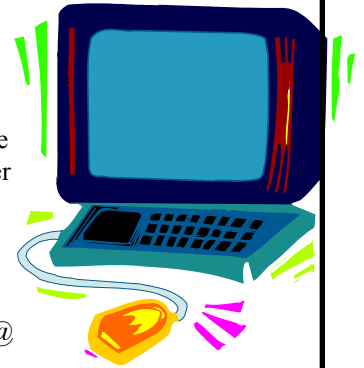
If you are interested in getting a street light installed to help light up dark street areas at night, the first step is to submit your request to the Street Lighting Department at Austin Energy (505-7617). They will investigate and determine the need for the specific lighting based on a set of city standards. Keep in mind that the street light would probably need to be installed in someone's yard, so there are many issues to consider, such as location, easement issues, tree trimming, power cables, etc.



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