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Congrats!

Congratulations! Clay Garner, senior at McCallum, will be attending West Point this fall.



Thank You

Many thanks go out to Frances Allen, a past HPWBANA President and long-time member of the HPWBANA community and board, for her generous donation to the Crime and Safety committee of \$50.00.

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SAY NO! TO PRUNING *March to June*

Representatives from tree services are going door to door in our neighborhood giving free estimates for pruning. Don't prune oak trees until mid-summer. The City Arborist confirmed that our neighborhood has trees infected by Oak Wilt, and we should NOT prune trees between the months of March and June.

Diseased oak trees will form fungal mats, a mushroom-like structure just under the bark. These sweet smelling mats attract sap feeding beetles, which after feeding on the fungal mats, fly away covered with diseased spores seeking their next meal of tree sap. If they happen to feed from a wound on a freshly cut oak tree, the spores can dislodge, germinate and infect the new oak – and the rest of the neighborhood. This is the beginning of a new oak wilt disease center.

In Texas, fungal mats can form on diseased oaks from February through May. Sap beetle activity, and thus dispersal of fungal spores, is also at its peak during this time of year. Add to the equation the oaks being more susceptible to infection in spring makes this time of year the wrong time for oak pruning. The long standing recommendations to avoid pruning or injuring oaks from February through June and to paint oak wounds year-round tie directly to the life cycle of the oak wilt pathogen.

MANY THANKS GREENLEAF BOOK GROUP!

This spring is a busy time for projects at Perry Park. In late March a very enthusiastic group from Greenleaf Book Group LLC (http://www.greenleafbookgroup.com/)

spent an afternoon helping out with some park spring cleaning. If you visit the park you will notice that the rusty soccer field posts are now sparkling with a new coat of white paint. This was no easy task as the rust and old paint had to be removed first. They also aligned rock along the base of a cliff area in the quarry. This defines a restoration area with new planting of mountain laurels and argarita. Also tackled was cutting back the trailing lantana that took beating during the cold winter and some invasive plant removal.

What is planned next for Perry Park? More invasive plant removal, work on the Dino Pit, and possibly replanting a few trees if we get volunteers to help with watering them. Nadene Morning

Beautification and Parks Committee

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Austin Citywide Information Center 974-2000 or 311
Emergency Police
Non-emergency Police (coyote sighting, etc.) 311
Social Services (during work hours)211
SPO David J. Knutson
Central West District APD Rep974-5917
Wildlife Rescue 24 Hour Hot Line 210-698-1709

09' BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT

The HPWBANA Board meets on the 3rd Monday of each month except December at the Yarbrough Library on Hancock. Meetings are held from 7:00 - 8:45 p.m. All neighbors are invited to attend. www.hpwbana.org

HWPBANA 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

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HPWBANA: A GREEN NEIGHBORHOOD? Yes, We Are!

The HPWBANA Board wishes to acknowledge and thank Grant McClure and Kyle Oberman, high school students at McCallum High School, for their vision and effort in getting HPWBANA recognized as a Green Neighborhood." The neighborhood received a Certificate of Appreciation from Mayor Lee Leffingwell and the Austin City Council on February 25, 2010 regarding this achievement.

Honor the Distinction

Since Grant and Kyle worked to gain this distinction for our neighborhood, please do you part to honor their efforts. How? Reduce your water consumption by installing low-flow toilets, high efficient washer and dishwasher. Simple things like taking a shorter shower, choosing a shower instead of a bath and turning the water off while you brush your teeth reduce your water usage. And don't forget to recycle! Individual home can still participate in the Green City Challenge at http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/watershed/ greenneighbor/.

HPWBANA will honor Kyle and Grant at the HPWBANA meeting in April. Please join us in and congratulate these young leaders, Kyle Oberman, and Grant McClure, for their contribution to making our neighborhood a better place to live!

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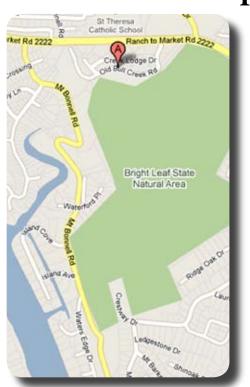
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Highland Park West Balcones Area HIKE BRIGHT LEAF



Bright Leaf is a natural area over 200 acres in size within the city limits of Austin, Texas. It began as the inspiration of Georgia Lucas. She purchased the land in 34 separate real estate transactions in order to put together the property she named Bright Leaf. At the end of her life, she wanted to preserve the land so others could appreciate it and benefit from its beauty. It is a place for visitors to take guided hikes to learn about the land and as a place of reflection and meditation. The land was first under Texas Parks and Wildlife management and is now owned by the Austin Community Foundation. This private foundation is committed, like TPWD was, to maintaining the area and upholding the Lucas will. To gather 216 acres of contiguous undeveloped land within the city limits of Austin today would be impossible. This is a treasure we can thank Georgia Lucas for and do our part to hand down to future generations. Monthly Hikes:

Free and open to the public.

Second Saturday & second Sunday of each month at 9:00am.

Hikes are approximately 4 miles long and last 2 1/2 hours.

Meet at the parking lot off 2222 and Creek Mountain Road.

Dress for the weather & bring a water bottle.

For shorter hikes or hikes on other days, please call the park at 459-7269.

Rules to protect the fragile nature of Bright Leaf:

- All hikes are guided hikes
- No dogs allowed
- No bikes
- No fishing
- No camping

Additional information can be found on the web at http://brightleaf.org/ See the Calendar page for dates and more information.

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3RD ANNUAL GREAT BEVERLY HILLS PANCAKE RACE A FLIPPIN' SUCCESS!

A fun-loving crowd of neighbors gathered to watch the competition at the 3rd Annual Pancake Race at the intersection of Beverly Hills and Westview on Mardi Gras, earlier this year. Each contestant was given a pancake (a crepe) and had to continuously flip it in his or her pan while racing down the street!

Congratulations to our three winners:

First Place: Two-time Champion Andreas Toprac Second Place: First time medallist Brett Smith Third Place: Once-and-we-hope-future champion Audrey Lewis.

Special mention and congratulations to:

First place, Junior Division: Peyton Casey

First Place, Senior Division: Floy Lee Hemphill.

John Berry is the organizer of the event and sends out thanks to our photographers, Ingrid Edlund-Berry and David Knoll, to Sally Scott and Heidi Toprac for "manning" the Finish Line, to David Knoll and Audrey Lewis for cooking pancakes, and to Ingrid Edlund-Berry for cooking Swedish marzipan buns and chocolate-covered strawberries and bananas.

Congratulations to all!

If you're having some neighborhood fun, let us all know about it by emailing your article and photo to Susan Fannin, HPWBANA newsletter editor at sfannin@austin.rr.com

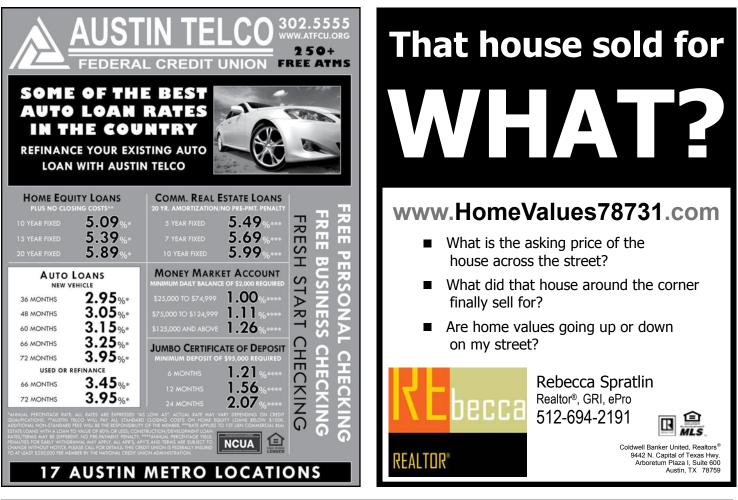
Additional Information on Oak Wilt

http://txforestservice.tamu.edu/main/ default.aspx Texas Forrest Service type "oak wilt" in search to see a list of articles

http://www.wildflower.org/ Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center - general information along with suggestions for trees to substitute for diseased trees

http://texasoakwilt.org/index.html Texas Oak Wilt Information Partnership - links to information on various sites

http://www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/pubs/ howtos/ht_oakwilt/toc.htm USDA Forrest Service - brochure with details and diagrams describing oak wilt



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Highland Park West Balcones Area

Austin Newcomers Club May Luncheon

Austin Newcomers is a social organization dedicated to introducing residents to the Austin Community and giving them the opportunity to meet and make new friends. Join us at our monthly luncheon as well as take the opportunity to learn about and become involved in many of the varied fun Interest groups.

Time: 11:00 AM Social - 12 Noon Luncheon

Date: May 19, 2010 (Reservations required by Thursday, May 13th)

Location: Green Pastures Restaurant 811 W Live Oak Street, Austin, 78704

Luncheon Cost: \$20 per person

For Luncheon Reservations email: LuncheonDirector@ AustinNewcomers.com or contact Marilyn Amey, 473-0118

For other Newcomers Information Visit: www.austinnewcomers.com or call 512-314-5100

May Program: Dillard's—For the Style of Your Life

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Spring is here with summer not far behind. It's time to perk up your wardrobe to be fashionably ready for fun in the Austin sun! Let the Newcomers Fashion Show featuring our very own models help you learn what's hot and what's not in this year's styles and hues.

May's program will feature outfits from Dillard's, Inc., one of the nation's largest fashion apparel and home furnishings retailers. Amy Fitz, manager of the Hill Country Galleria location since its opening in September 2007, will be the show commentator. Amy has been with Dillard's for 21 years and has worked in seven locations throughout Texas and Kansas.

The Newcomers Fashion Show is always a popular event.

Hope to See You There!



Children's Fine Arts Workshop | June 21-25 Preschool/Kinder Day Camp | July 26-30 1st & 2nd Grade Day Camp | July 26-30 Great Kids (3rd-5th) at Camp Tejas | July 3-6 Collide Student Camp | July 2-6

Learn more and register online at www.ghbc.org today!

Don't miss **Relationships in Christ's Inner Circle**, our latest Sunday Morning Sermon Series. **Sunday Morning Schedule** 9:30 - Traditional Worship | 11:00 - Contemporary Worship 9:30 & 11:00 - Bible Life Groups (all ages) **Great Hills Baptist Church | www.ghbc.org** 10500 Jollyville Road . Austin, Texas 78759 | 512,343.7763

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PERRY LANE TRAFFIC UPDATE

In last month's newsletter, we informed you of the upcoming changes to Perry Lane. For clarification, we would like to point out that the changes along Perry Lane will include the following. The existing speed bumps will be removed and replaced with speed cushions. 7 Sets of speed cushions will be installed from Horseshoe Bend to Balcones within 400' of each other. Two sets of speed cushions will be installed on Big Bend between Balcones and Fairview. A small traffic circle will be installed at the intersection of Fairview and Perry Lane. The median of the traffic circle will be landscaped with low-water maintenance plants. A gateway (a slim median) will be installed on Perry about one hundred yards east of Horseshoe Bend.

Traffic circles and speed cushions (which allow emergency vehicle access) are designed to slow, not stop, traffic. Slowing traffic is the energy-saving approach to traffic calming. Cars use more fuel when forced to come to a complete stop and restart again. These changes will force cars to slow down, yet not stop, and will only add a few seconds to the time it takes for cars to travel the length of Perry Lane. The residents of Perry Lane will appreciate your reduced speed, and your commute time will be only slightly impacted.

At this time, construction is due to begin in June. We will keep you informed as the date approaches.



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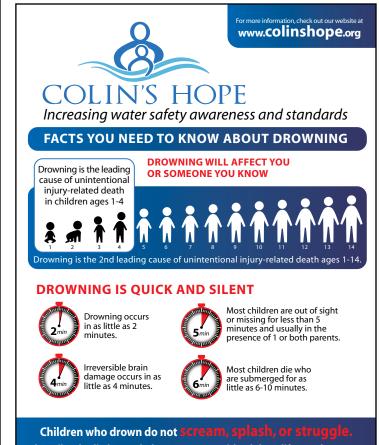
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