



The HPWBANA News

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Speeders Beware!

In an effort to make our streets safer for drivers and pedestrians, the board has hired a constable to do a limited patrol of the neighborhood. Please slow down and be a considerate driver.

Volunteers Needed! The board will have a few vacancies next year, and we need concerned neighbors to step forward and volunteer. Board members are required to be present at monthly meeting and help out with project throughout the year. We are particularly in need of a newsletter editor. If you are interested in learning more, or if you want to volunteer, or if you want to volunteer your neighbor or spouse, please contact Carolyn Robinson at 750-4072 or carrob99@hotmail.com. Thanks to all the neighbors who attended the August meeting to voice concerns about the re-zoning and traffic concerns. We appreciate your involvement.

HPWBANA Neighborhood Meeting

- October is the Annual Meeting which will be held at the Movie in the Park
- 6:30 on October 17, 2010
- Perry Park

Meetings are normally held on the 3rd Monday of each month from 7:00-8:45 p.m. at the Yarbrough Library, 2200 Hancock Drive. There is no meeting in December. All neighbors are invited to attend.

MOVIE IN PERRY PARK IS FINALLY HERE!

Sunday, October 17th

Madagascar at 7:00 pm

HPWBANA Annual Meeting at 6:30

A very Special Thank You to Alamo Draft House's Traveling Road Show and our Community Sponsors for making this event possible.

The event will begin with our HPWBANA Annual Meeting and election of the 2011 Board at 6:30 pm. The movie will begin at dusk after the meeting around 7 pm.

What should you bring?

1. Blanket if you want to sit up front
2. Folding chairs if you want to sit behind the blankets
3. Flash light – the park will be dark!
4. Picnic from home
5. Money for HPWBANA concessions
\$15 Large Cheese Pizza \$18 Large Pepperoni Pizza
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6. ADMIT ONE TICKET (see page 2) to enter for DOOR PRIZE!

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See you in the Park!



Highland Park West Balcones Area

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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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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17th
6:30 PM
more details inside newsletter

Are you unemployed? Underemployed? *Looking to make a Career Change?*

Covenant Presbyterian Church, 3003 Northland Drive, is hosting its fall Career Transitions program meets Thursday, at 7 p.m. in Covenant's Fellowship and Education Building, FE 100. The six-week curriculum (that concludes on October 14) takes participants through a new stand-alone topic during each class. You can attend one or all of them. The program is Christ-centered with a brief devotional at the beginning of each course. Participants are responsible for completing assignments and the group atmosphere fosters accountability in each person's job search.

ALL are welcome and this event is FREE. For more detailed information, here is a link to the class listing:

<http://www.covenant.org/news-events>

To register for the course, please contact Kay Austin, at 334-3003 or write kaustin@covenant.org

Parks and Beautification Committee Update

*There are lots of things going on in the various parks and medians near us.
Here is a brief update to keep you all informed.*

Mt Bonnell Covert Park:

- The West Point Society group has stepped forward to adopt our local Mt Bonnell Covert Park. Their first act of duty will be opening up the beautiful views and bringing the historical aspect of the park back in focus. They will also be working with HPWBANA and WANG to help address community concerns such as the crime and safety of the park, along with having some park cleanup workdays. As mentioned by our Police Rep Officer Grayson, our communities are affected by the criminal element that is drawn to this neighborhood park.
- We welcome the West Point Society and encourage residents to support this group's interest in helping Mt Bonnell/Covert Park. Please consider donating to their Austin Parks Foundation "Mt Bonnell Covert Park" account:
<http://connect.austinparks.org/specialfunds>
- West Point members Stan Bacon (sbacon58@sbcglobal.net) and Fred Bothwell (frebo3@yahoo.com) are leading this charge so contact them with questions!
- For historical information about Joseph Bonnell check out the West Point Society website page:
http://www.west-point.org/joseph_bonnell/

Perry Park:

- PARD forest department has started removing some of the larger invasive trees in Perry Park. This will be a slow going project, a few at a time. We will be scattering native seed this fall to help with restoration.
- We have two active eagle scout projects this fall. Pierce Fuller is making improvements to the pre-school playground. Andrew Hafermann is upgrading the Perry Park sandbox to a permanent dino pit for the kids.
- The trees along Balcones Dr were very stressed during the August drought and we lost a few. We are talking to PARD about another tree planting maybe next year, this time with some type of irrigation.

Mayfield Preserve and Preserve: (mayfieldpark.org)

- Another peacock was accidentally killed on the 35th street in August. Please drive carefully in this area as the peafowl wander freely.
- Two new peafowl chicks are strutting around the park. Look for a white peahen tending her adorable little hatchlings.
- Friends of Mayfield Preserve received a Keep Austin Beautiful grant to help with improvements in the nature preserve. The overlook dock will be rebuilt, more trees will be planted and more native seed scattered for restoration. The community match (donations) will be used for more trail markers.
- Workdays start up big time this fall. Join us the second Saturday of every month to help with gardening and preserve projects. We sign forms for community service hours for those kids out there who need volunteer hours.

Medians:

- We are working with the city on the landscape for the planned roundabout on Perry Lane and Fairview.
- To all those helping keep the medians watered and looking great during the hot, dry summer – we Thank You!!!

More on these projects later!

Nadene Morning

Parks and Beautification Committee

Highland Park Baptist Church *Blessing of the Animals*

- Saturday, October 9, 2010
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Woolly Aphids

I've been getting calls about fluffy, white flying things in backyards or falling out of trees. I finally tracked the critters down and identified them as woolly aphids. These aphids are small, and look like most other aphids but they secrete a waxy covering over their body (this is the "fluff"). Some of the woolly aphids have wings and can fly, but not all of them are winged.

These aphids really do not harm the trees, but they can be very annoying from the large amounts of honeydew that they produce. Honeydew is a sticky substance that can get on plants and lead to sooty mold growth. Honeydew also can get on vehicles or patio furniture and create a mess.

If you find that you are battling these aphids, you can try spraying the tree with high pressure water. Treatment with a pesticide generally is not needed, but if you choose a pesticide option, a professional should be hired to treat large trees.

- For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com
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\$90M Mobility Bond Election *Coming this November*

Austin City Council unanimously approved recommended a \$90 million mobility bond proposal to be sent to voters Nov. 2, 2010. The mobility package includes both short-term transportation projects and long-term design and engineering projects to prepare the City for future funding opportunities.

"Mobility continues to be one of the highest priorities for our citizens. This proposal, which enjoys a broad base of support from numerous business and civic associations, is a solid step to addressing our mobility issues," Mayor Lee Leffingwell said.

A nine-member Citizens Task Force endorsed the proposed 2010 bond package and sent its recommendation to the City Council on July 14.

"Improving the local transportation network has been a priority since the day

I came here to Austin," City Manager Ott said. "What the community will see here is a comprehensive step toward long-term solutions that includes a variety of investments in roads, sidewalks, bike paths, trails and transit infrastructure. I'm proud of the work our staff has done to this point, and I'm glad that we're now in a position to take this to the voters."

The goal of the package, if approved by voters, is that approximately 77 percent of the bond proposal could be immediately implemented and another 23 percent may be used for design and preliminary engineering to develop additional projects for future construction. Road reconstruction projects totaling an estimated \$19.5 million and \$10 million for Americans with Disabilities Act projects are included.

Developed as part of the City's "Austin Strategic Mobility Plan (ASMP)," the draft bond package takes into account a number of criteria including severity of mobility issue, cost-effectiveness, environmental impact, safety, sustainability, relationship to regional projects, speed of project delivery, and the potential to leverage state and federal aid. The ASMP offers a way for City decision-makers and the community to evaluate transportation options in line with these and other criteria aligned with community objectives and developed with extensive public input.



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Proposed Mobility Bond Package Details

The array of proposed projects may include:

- Interim improvements for the "Y" at Oak Hill.
- I-35 preliminary traffic engineering (with the Texas Department of Transportation).
- Guadalupe/Lavaca streets utility relocation design.
- Third Street reconstruction, including the Lance Armstrong Bikeway.
- Airport Boulevard Corridor arterial design.
- Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard Corridor preliminary engineering.
- Manor Road redesign and reconstruction.
- Boardwalk at Lady Bird Lake construction.
- Traffic flow improvement - U.S. 183 between U.S. 290 and Texas 71 (with the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority).
- MoPac Corridor Downtown Access preliminary engineering (with CTRMA).
- Sidewalk improvements on Burnet and Manchaca roads and Brodie Lane.
- Rundberg Lane roadway extension.
- City/Travis County pool of funds for joint project development.

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- 10:00 – 1:00

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