



The HPWBANA News

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Message *From the Board*

Happy February! It seems like yesterday that I put away all my Christmas decorations and now we are getting ready for Valentine's Day.

I have lived in this neighborhood for 16 years and I can still remember the first time I drove by my house and fell in love with it. It was early summer and the pecan trees cast a cool shade over the house. And I remember seeing and loving all the big, beautiful trees in our neighborhood. I still do and I know many of you feel the same way.

For many of us the drought has taken a toll on our trees and soon oak wilt season will be upon us. Now is a good time for a reminder that tree maintenance is important, but for oaks the City of Austin recommends to avoid pruning or trimming from March to June.

Let's do what we can to keep the love affair with our trees healthy and strong!

Andrea Torres
HPWBANA President

Highland Park Wins Austin Community Tree of the Year Award

Highland Park was recently honored by the City of Austin Climate Protection Program with the distinction of City of Austin Community Tree of the Year Award, for the glorious Bur Oak Tree in front of Highland Park Elementary, on Fairview Drive. Everyone in the school came together to illustrate how much the tree meant to them and added to the community. Students and teachers wrote about how it provides shade, habitat, gathering space, beauty, and so much more. A landmark for our neighborhood, it was planted in memory of a Highland Park child who died, many years ago. It is a tribute to the neighborhood to see it thrive and get the recognition it deserves.



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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

HPWBANA 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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Volunteer in Local Park *this Spring!*

Volunteering in a local park or preserve is great outdoor event for the entire family and our neighborhood has lots of opportunities to choose from.

- Bright Leaf Nature Preserve – Located in the heart of our neighborhood this 216 acre nature preserve is a gem. Monthly hikes are led by docents and they have special events on a regular basis. Check out the Friends of Bright Leaf website to get involved <http://brightleaf.org/>
- Perry Park – The HPWBANA has worked with PARD over the last several years to clear Perry Park of invasive plants and help is needed keeping these plants from becoming reestablished. If you are familiar with invasive plant species and want to help out please contact the HPWBANA Beautification and Parks Committee, HPWBANA.org.
- Mt Bonnell – Mt Bonnell is one of the most visited parks in Austin. The West Point Society of Central Texas adopted Mt Bonnell and welcomes help with improvements. Events will be listed on the HPWBANA.org website. And if you visit Mt Bonnell please be good stewards and pick up any trash.
- Mayfield Park and Preserve – Most people visit Mayfield to see the many roaming peacocks but it also a great place to volunteer. There is monthly workday the second Saturday of every month with projects in both the park and preserve. Volunteers are welcome in this popular park! You may also want to consider adopting one of the 30 volunteer garden plots. Information and events are posted on the <http://mayfieldpark.org/> website.
- Austin Parks Foundation – Most volunteer workdays and events at parkland across Austin are posted on the <http://austinparks.org/> website. There is such a wide variety of ways to get outside and help out. And you won't have to go far with all the nearby parks looking for help.
- Keep Austin Beautiful – This is another great place to look for outdoor events in parkland across Austin, <http://keepaustinbeautiful.org/> Keep Austin Beautiful has been providing volunteer opportunities for 25 years now.
- Treefolks – For the tree lovers out there check out <http://www.treefolks.org/> as they are busy planting trees during the winter months. This is also a great source of information for a variety of tree topics.
- Travis County Audubon Society – For the bird lovers out there check out <http://www.travisaudubon.org/>. They have several sanctuaries that have regular events and they usually include educational components.

Mid-Century Modern Homes *Preservation Tour*

The neighborhood association in conjunction with individual and business sponsors committed to our neighborhood is hosting a tour which will feature 10-12 homes that exemplify the architectural design and characteristics of Mid-Century Modern in a celebration of the Mid-Century Architecture our neighborhood is both rich in and known for. Our goal is to maintain that image and preserve an architectural design that has been admired since the mid 20th century.

The tour is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 26th, 2011 from 1-5pm.

Do you have a Mid-Century home that you would like featured on our preservation tour? It could be a newly remodeled or new construction home that fits the architectural style of classic Mid-Century Modern architecture? Want to show it off to other admirers that love and respect these homes and their architectural design and characteristics? Home selection process will take place mid December so please contact us sometime before then if you would like your home to be featured.

If you are interested and for more information please contact: Tonianne Soster, VP of the Neighborhood Association and Chair of the Home Preservation Committee.

Mid-Century Modern is an architectural, interior and product design form that generally describes mid-20th century developments in modern design, architecture, and urban development from roughly 1933-1965. The Term was coined in 1983 by Cara Greenberg for the title of her book, Mid-Century Modern: Furniture of the 1950's (Random House), celebrating the style which is now recognized by scholars and museums worldwide as a significant design movement. Thanks for your interest.

HPWBANA *Neighborhood Meeting*

**PLEASE ATTEND OUR
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MEETING:**

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7:00-8:30 pm**

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Right of Ways Trees

This article is about protecting trees in our neighborhood. From the City of Austin website, Parks and Recreation Department Urban Forestry Reporting Public Tree Concerns webpage, <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/parks/publictrees.htm>: The City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PARC) Urban Forestry Program is responsible for trees growing in over 2,000 miles of right-of-way and over 16,800 acres of park land.

And what is a Right of Way (ROW) tree?

- Any tree with the base of its trunk located at least 2/3 within the City right-of-way easement is considered a right-of-way tree. Most often, right-of-way measurements extend about 10 feet past the curb onto an adjacent property.

This means many of us have ROW trees in our yards which are affected by ROW tree ordinances as documented on the Tree Regulations page, <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/parks/treeregulations.htm>. This page is lengthy, detailed and updated as ordinances change. Basically these ROW trees have specific ordinances in place to protect the tree from harm, such as cutting it down or killing it.

Trees add such beauty to our neighborhood and are valued by many. Please check with local ordinances before taking action on ROW trees as fines can be significant.

Mt Bonnell Update

Congratulations West Point Society of Central Texas!

Mt Bonnell is about to receive some much needed help to open up the incredible views this park is known for thanks to the West Point Society of Central Texas. This group was awarded a grant from Austin Parks Foundation to help fund part of the cost to raise the canopy and remove dead vegetation at four sites on the summit.

The West Point Society of Central Texas is also working to have the damaged historic stone marker replaced, address safety issues, coordinate more workdays and they have some great spring events planned.

Part of the grant requirement is a matching component to demonstrate community support. Many people from our neighborhood are regular visitors to Mt Bonnell and the park was packed with holiday visitors. We are asking members of the community to show support by making a tax-deductible donation to the APF Friends of Mount Bonnell account by going on line at <http://connect.austinparks.org/specialfunds>, selecting "Mount Bonnell Covert Park" under "Choose a Program". Or they can make out a check to Austin Parks Foundation, with "Mt. Bonnell Covert Park" indicated on the memo line and send it to Austin Parks Foundation, 816 Congress, Suite 1680, Austin, TX 78701. Contact Stan Bacon at sbacon58@sbcglobal.net with questions. Thanks for your help! Nadene Morning

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Silverfish

I recently noticed silverfish lurking in my house after I put away my holiday decorations, so I'm sure others may have the same problem. Silverfish can eat and stain books, fabrics, food and wallpaper, but are often considered being more of a nuisance than a pest. These insects have flattened carrot-shaped bodies with three long "tails" that come off the tip of the abdomen. The body is covered with fine scales that give them a silver sheen. Immatures look just like the adults, only smaller in size.

Usually silverfish are not seen by homeowners because they tend to be active at night. They can commonly be found in attics, closets or near bookcases. They will often be found behind baseboards or around door and window casings. Silverfish feed on starchy foods like paper, flour, oats or glue. *For more information, contact Wizzie Brown at 512.854.9600 or log on to www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com*

Tips for managing silverfish:

- Remove old books, papers & magazines
- Store items in sealed, plastic bags or containers
- Clean closets on a regular basis / Repair and water leaks
- Reduce humidity with fans, air conditioning or dehumidifiers
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Contact Nadene Morning with questions, ntmorning@hotmail.com, 467-8132.

Updates will be posted on <http://mayfieldpark.org/>

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
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Advocates for Neighborhood on City Issues
Strengthen Neighborhood Safety Network and Communication

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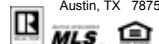
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