

Beverly Hood Firewise Community



Smokey the Bear helps Beverly Hood Neighbors get Firewise!

Neighbors in the Beverly Hills area of neighborhood are again discussing Firewise with the Austin Fire Department and Texas Forest Service. They call their area of about 100 homes the "Beverly Hood" and most of them know each other. A recent small deck fire made them revisit Firewise as many have wooded lots and/or live right next to the large Bright Leaf Nature Preserve. The first step will be a Firewise survey to determine firewise awareness followed by a neighborhood and home/lot assessments, including neighborhood evacuation. This evacuation is important as this area is in a no outlet zone which means there may be serious difficulty getting in and out of the neighborhood in an emergency situation. All this effort will help get the discussion going about how to make their homes and area safer, and how to help keep their families safer in a fire situation.

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Save the Date!

Perry Park Spring Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 30th

9:30 a.m.

Don't be Late!!

Participants will be divided into the following age categories:

0-2

3&4

5-7

8 & up

Only elementary age children are invited to participate, please. Older children can volunteer to hide eggs.

SEE THE EASTER BUNNY!

FIND THE GOLDEN EGG!

Guess the number of Jelly Beans and win a Prize!



Highland Park West Balcones Area

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The HPWBANA Board meets on the third Monday of each month except December. Please go to HPWBANA.org for our current meeting location or contact president@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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And what a great way to kick off the Firewise discussion by having a 20 foot Smokey the Bear visit the neighborhood during a social event! John Berry's Annual Pancake Race draws out lots of families and this definitely got people's attention. Many thanks go out to Will Boettner from the Texas Forest Service for bringing Smokey out for the visit.

Lt Josh Portie is Austin Fire Department's Firewise contact. Lt Portie is working with managers of all the various preserves and parks in our area. And he is talking with other neighborhoods that express interest in the wildfire threat. It really does take someone in a neighborhood to help get organized so if you want to discuss Firewise feel free to contact him. There are many neighborhoods within the HPWBANA area that are similar to the "Beverly Hood" and could benefit from these discussions.

Check out the Firewise website for more information: <http://www.firewise.org/>

Ready, Set, Go!: <http://www.austintexas.gov/department/homeland-security-and-emergency-management>.

Registering cell-phones for EMS to contact us in case of emergency: <http://wireless.capcog.org/ENS/PhoneMap.aspx?NewUser>

Contacts for the Beverly Hood Firewise activities are John Berry and Nadene Morning.

Join The HPWBANA Yahoo Group

The HPWBANA Yahoo Group is a neighborhood listserv intended for discussion and announcements of interest.

It is also the best place to find out about activities in the neighborhood, lost or found pets, crime, & recommendations.

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National Day of Service at Perry Park

Friends of Perry Park hosted a brush clean up event for the January 21 National Day of Service. About 18 people helped out, many of them kids in our neighborhood. The quarry area of the park and the Balcones Dr side of the park was targeted. Dead and down trees and branches were collected and drug across the field in preparation for a bigger workday on January 23. This helped clean up our park and made it safer as this accumulation of dead wood can be a fire hazard.

Many thanks go out to all those that help out in our local park!



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American Youthworks E-Corps Crew Works at Perry Park

On January 23rd an American Youthworks E-Corps crew joined PARD and the Friends of Perry Park for a heavy duty Perry Park workday. It was a full day of hard work with lots accomplished. The E-Corps crew was outstanding!

- One primary task was to trim back the main and nature trails which over the years had become single file width.
- Another task was to remove dead cedar and brush. The dead cedar was a real fire hazard so getting that out of the park was great.
- Invasive plant removal was also done. E-Corps has been to Perry Park a day or two in past years just to do invasive plant removal.
- Trailing lantana is becoming a problem at Perry Park as it starting to blanket everything. It is very pretty with the purple flowers but we have too much of it and a lot was cut back.
- Brush was collected along Balcones Dr and chipped. A Girl Scout troop will get a good start at spreading the mulch pile in Feb.

This is the 4th year that HPWBANA has funded E-Corps crews at Perry Park thanks to your donations. This is a great way to invest in our local park.



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Saturday, April 6, 2013 Rain or shine!!

9:30 A.M. – 1 PM

Mayfield Park 3505 W. 35th Street Austin, Texas(next to Laguna Gloria Art Museum)

On April 6, historic Mayfield Park combines topics dear to the heart of Central Texas gardeners in a series of “must hear” lectures.

- 10 AM Jay White, avid gardener, writer for Texas Gardener, Texas LIVE, The Masters of Horticulture blog Weed Free Organically

- 11 AM Vicki Blachman, certified master gardener, food stylist, professional chef, contributing writer for Texas Gardener

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- 12 noon Robin Howard Moore, garden and landscape designer Striking Color Combinations with Shade-taking Perennials

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Sponsored by Friends of the Parks of Austin, a non-profit organization, TROWEL AND ERROR is the solitary fund-raiser

for historic Mayfield Park. Although admission is free, a \$5.00 donation is requested.

For more information: 1-512-453-7074 , neenok@aol.com or mayfieldpark.org



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HPWBANA Listserv Recap

Join the HPWBANA Listserv to stay informed and share information about what is going on in our neighborhood. Joining the listserv means emails will be forwarded to you directly. Just click on the Join the Yahoo Group to get started. Recently several topics were discussed, such as:

- Neighborhood events such as Perry Park workdays
- Selling of miscellaneous items
- Lost and found pets
- Thefts of delivery packages
- Safety related topics like car break ins and an APD alert
- HPWBANA board meeting reminders
- Posts on hot topics like:

-The Bull Creek Road Coalition - a collection of neighborhood associations discussing the possible development of Bull Creek Rd/45th.

-Safety concerns at the Balcones/Parkcrest pedestrian crosswalk

-Neighborhood speeding concerns - discussions about speed bumps, police patrols and ideas to get people to drive more carefully.

-Concerns about neighborhood solicitors

-A fire in the neighborhood near a forested area

- And much, much more!

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Austin Newcomers Club is dedicated to introducing new residents to Austin while extending a hand to make new acquaintances and join fun Interest Groups.

This month our luncheon program will feature Brigadier General Charles A. Miller, Jr., the Chief of Staff of the Texas State Guard. He'll speak to us about our own Texas State Guard, and its mission to serve Texas.

General Miller is a native Texan, born in Taylor TX but as the son of an army officer moved around the country to a series of military installations during his growth years. He is a graduate of Killeen High School, in Killeen TX in 1961, the United States Army Armor School, the Military Police and the United States Army Command and General Staff College. He holds a Masters Degree from Southwest Texas State University.

As the Chief of Staff, General Miller is the second in command of the 2,000-plus Texas State Guard, which has Army, Air, Maritime, and Medical components. Its members, all volunteers, owe allegiance exclusively to the Governor of Texas, which is different from the National Guard. Each member is screened prior to entry and generally serves for no pay unless there is a state emergency. Their primary mission is disaster relief, especially in case of hurricane strikes.

The monthly luncheon will be held on Wednesday, March 20 at Green Pastures restaurant, located at 811 West Live Oak in Austin. We get together at around 11:00 a.m. for a social hour with lunch at 12:00 noon. The luncheon is \$20 per person; reservations are required, and payment must be received by Thursday, March 14.

The club website is www.AustinNewcomers.com and the telephone number is 512-363-2566.

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