

Annual Crime and Safety Meeting

featuring Officer Darryl Grayson

April 15th, 6:30pm

Chez Zee

Light refreshments served.

Get the latest scoop on crime in our neighborhood, visit with HPWBANA neighbors, and learn about volunteer opportunities at the HPWBANA Crime and Safety meeting this month at Chez Zee. Officer Darryl Grayson, our neighborhood APD representative, will be on hand to answer questions and present his annual neighborhood crime report, including trend data for our neighborhood. Mary Rudig, the Neighborhood Watch Trainer for the North Austin Coalition of Neighborhoods, will also be in attendance to discuss how to develop an effective neighborhood watch program. In addition, she will cover strategies on how to deal with solicitors, offer tips for home protection, and discuss other issues related to neighborhood safety concerns. Building a strong network of connected and informed neighbors is the first step to creating a safe community, so we encourage you to attend.

APF It's My Park Day 2013 at Perry Park a Great Success!

March 2nd was a beautiful day to be out working in our parks, and about 25 volunteers gathered in Perry Park to participate in the citywide 'It's my Park Day' event. Led by scout leaders Todd Olsen and Steve Reedy, the event went very smoothly and much was accomplished in a short amount of time. Protecting the trees in Perry is a priority for the Friends of Perry Park, so mulching trees was the focus for this particular workday.

Scouts and volunteers worked as a team to mulch the two big oak trees by the tennis courts with top quality mulch provided by Austin Parks Foundation. Because these trees get lots of foot traffic from

the kids at HPE, they are in need of protection. The large oak tree by the quarry was also mulched. This tree provides much needed shade for the many events held on the quarry playing fields. Trees from the tree planting event a few years ago were also mulched. This mulch will help maintain soil moisture by reducing evaporation and will also serve as an insulating blanket, keeping soils warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer. The mulch also acts as a visual barrier to reduce some of the foot traffic around root zones, which is important for all trees, especially the trees at Perry Park.

The last item on the project list was adding sand to the ever popular dino pit!

PARD was also on site for the event. The HPE PTA funded crushed granite to be used to repair a handful of areas along the running track and PARD brought in heavy equipment to make these much needed repairs.

More is planned this spring for Perry Park and we will be sure to keep you posted of other opportunities to help with the proposed improvements.

Questions? Email Friends of Perry Park, beautification@hpwbana.org



Boy Scouts and neighbors joined forces for
"It's my Park Day!" at Perry Park

Highland Park West Balcones Area

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Girl Scouts Give Back to Perry Park

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Girl Scouts hard at work at Perry Park.



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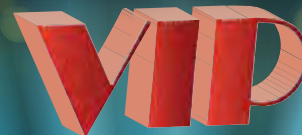
Thursday, April 18th, 6pm. Free.

It's hard to beat a good book, but you have to admit some of the greatest movies in the history of cinema were based on books. So why not ditch the book and head on down to the Yarborough Library for the BASED ON BOOKS Movie series showing of Romeo and Juliet? Starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Claire Danes, Shakespeare's famous play is updated to the hip modern suburb of Verona while still retaining its original dialogue.

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American Heroes Air Show
Food Vendors and Souvenirs

SUNDAY

Gate Opens (8 am)
Texas Military Forces Museum (8 am-5 pm)
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Camp Mabry
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Evening Under The Stars, Live From Camp Mabry
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Saturday, April 13, 2013 6:00 p.m.

Benefit for the Seton Community Health Centers and the Sister Gertrude Levy Endowment for the Poor, a permanent endowment that helps sustain the long-term growth and operations of the clinics for years to come.

For more information, go to <http://setonfund.org/easb/2013-gala/information>

Muster Day and American Heroes Air Show
April 20 & 21, 2013 8am-5pm

Muster Day traces it's roots back to when Texas was still a Republic. In the early days, specifically during the Civil War, the troops were 'mustered' or called to report on an annual basis. This served two purposes. One, to verify if the individual was still alive, and two, verify they had a weapon to fight with. Camp Mabry continues to hold an annual symbolic Muster Day where enthusiasts of all periods from the Civil War through current times can display their historical items of significance and show them to the general public. In combination with the Camp Mabry Open House which will include helicopter demos, a live battle reenactment, a traveling Vietnam Wall Memorial, vendors, the American Heroes Airshow (Saturday Only) and much more. Show battles at 2:00pm Saturday and Sunday.

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Recycling the Right Way

Austin has had the big blue single-stream recycling carts now for a few years and it is heartwarming to see that folks are really committed to filling those carts and putting less into our landfill, especially since the City of Austin has a goal of reducing the amount of trash by 90% by 2040. While the single-stream system makes it easier for us to recycle, it is more difficult for trash collectors to find and correct mistakes made by homeowners. Therefore, if collectors do find prohibited items in recycling carts, the cart contents are taken to a landfill rather than recycled in order to prevent damage to recycling machinery and save taxpayer money. We all want our efforts to be successful, so here are some refreshers on recycling.

What Goes in the Recycling Cart?

• **Paper:** (newspaper, office paper, junk mail, envelopes, wrapping paper)

• **Boxboard and cardboard:** Corrugated cardboard and boxboard including:

- cereal boxes
- shoe boxes
- most gift boxes
- soda/beverage containers
- most food packaging containers such as boxes of macaroni and cheese, rice, microwave meals

• **Aluminum and Metals:** food cans (labels left on OK), soda cans, clean, balled aluminum foil (2 inches or larger) aluminum foil baking, pans, pie plates, tins, trays (free of food residue)

• **Glass:** Jars and bottles

• **Plastic containers:** #1 through #7, including yogurt and margarine tubs

Please remember: **DO NOT PUT PLASTIC BAGS** or **STYROFOAM** into your recycling cart. The cart contents will be taken to a landfill (NOT recycled) because these items impact recycling machinery.

Recycle plastic bags at your grocery store.

Be sure to rinse out your recycling items before you put them in the bin.

Please keep your trash and recycling bins at least 5 feet apart on pick-up day.

If you have any tips for cutting waste or recycling, please send them to dlewis@sbcglobal.net

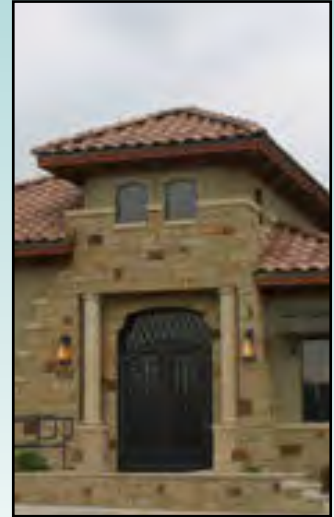
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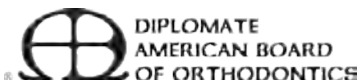
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COA Home Composting Rebate

Although our neighborhood was not selected to participate in the COA Curbside Organics Collection Pilot Program, you can still get some green by being green. The City of Austin's Home Composting Rebate Challenge is a rebate program challenging Austinites to do three things:

- Downsize to a 24-gallon or 32-gallon trash cart
- Take a free home composting class
- Purchase a home composting system

Austin Resource Recovery curbside customers who do these three things are eligible for a rebate on a home composting system. The rebates are for 75 percent of the total cost of the composting system (taxes excluded), up to \$75 in value.

Once you learn the basics of composting, you will be amazed at how easy it is to reduce the amount of trash you accumulate every week. As an added bonus, food scraps and lawn clippings that would normally end up in the landfill can be composted into a nutrient rich fertilizer for your garden or lawn. Definitely a win-win situation for everyone!

For more info, go to <http://www.austintexas.gov/composting>

Don't Prune through June!

Regardless of what tree trimming companies may tell you, COA recommends that residents avoid routine trimming or pruning of live oaks and red oaks (Spanish, Shumard, Texas Red, and Blackjack oaks) from Feb 1 to June 30 to prevent the spread of oak wilt. Should your oaks require routine trimming or pruning, please do so after the month of June. Your cooperation is appreciated by everyone in our neighborhood.

According to TexasOakWilt.org, oak wilt fungus is spread overland by insect vectors and by man through movement of wood from infected red oaks to other locations. Fungal mats form beneath the bark of certain diseased red oaks in spring, attracting many kinds of insects, including the sap-feeding nitidulid beetle. The fungus is transmitted by these small beetles as they emerge from mats and visit fresh wounds on healthy oaks, including live oaks. Fungal mats are most commonly formed on standing trees, but they can also develop on logs, stumps, and fresh firewood cut from diseased red oaks.

Once an oak wilt center becomes established, most of the tree mortality results from tree-to-tree spread of the pathogen through interconnected or grafted root systems. The fungus is transmitted from one tree to another through these root connections at an average rate of 75 ft per year, varying from no spread to 150 ft in any one direction.

Regardless of the reasons or time of year, proper pruning techniques should be used, including making proper pruning cuts and avoiding injurious practices such as topping or excessive crown thinning. In addition, all cuts and wounds to ALL oak trees should be dressed immediately using a non-phytotoxic tree wound dressing. Stump cuts and damaged roots (both above and below ground) should also be dressed.

If you are uncertain about any of this information, you should contact COA staff with the Oak Wilt Suppression Program 512-974-1881

If you suspect or discover a tree on your property infected with oak wilt, please notify beautification@hpwbana.org. Although we cannot eradicate the disease entirely, knowing the locations of diseased trees will allow neighbors to consider taking preventive measures to protect their own trees, which may help slow the progression of oak wilt in our neighborhood.

For general questions concerning oak wilt, including a list of certified private arborists, please refer to TexasOakWilt.org.

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<http://www.brightleaf.org/>

The hike starts from the parking lot off 2222 and Creek Mountain Road. Please bring a water bottle and dress for the weather. The hike is approximately 4 miles long and will last about 2 to 2 1/2 hours.

Spring has sprung, so get out there and enjoy the cooler temperatures while you still can!

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We live in a wonderful neighborhood and are fortunate to have worthy events and activities that help make it a great place to live. All year long, your Highland Park West Balcones Area Neighborhood Association (HPWBANA) works to ensure that this great neighborhood continues to thrive.

But we need you and your support! It's important for you and your neighbors to join and stay active in HPWBANA. A growing membership makes us a stronger force with the City of Austin and allows us to tackle projects within our neighborhood. Even if your only involvement is to contribute membership dues, you are helping to make a difference in your neighborhood.

During the year, HPWBANA plans community events, advocates for our neighborhood with the City of Austin, coordinates beautification efforts, and strengthens our crime prevention efforts.

In 2012 alone, HPWBANA members helped to achieve the following:

- Complete redesign of our website, hpwbana.org
- Neighborhood Beautification projects, including non-native species removal in Perry Park, watering of trees and green spaces, and oak wilt prevention efforts
- Revival of our popular Movie in Perry Park event and the continuation of our other neighborhood events including the Spring Egg Hunt and the July 4th Parade and Celebration
- Notifying APD and COA of traffic concerns, including the upcoming modification and improvement of the Balcones/Parkcrest Pedestrian Crosswalk.

We need your help to achieve these goals in 2013:

- Continuing our beautification efforts at Perry Park and our latest project: The Ridge Oak Triangle.
- Enhancing and continuing our popular neighborhood events
- Developing a strong program to welcome new neighbors
- Strengthening our beautification, crime prevention, and traffic calming efforts.

It's never too early (or too late) to join or renew your membership with HPWBANA, and with membership dues starting at just \$20 (\$25 per family), it truly is money well spent. Please take a moment to fill out the form on the following page and return with a check at your convenience. Additional donations are also welcome to help us increase the size and scope of our work.

Your involvement IS important. We hope you will join us in 2013 for another productive and rewarding year!

See you in the neighborhood,

Trey McWhorter

Membership Chair and HPWBANA President

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