

CAMP MABRY OPENS UP PERRY LANE ACCESS TO NEIGHBORS

Many of the HPBWANA residents missed having access to Camp Mabry via Perry Lane and the board has been working with Camp Mabry to reopen the access which has been closed since 2001. Recently, Camp Mabry communicated that they are going to open that access to neighbors as is indicated in the copy of the letter they sent to the board. Below is the letter:

Dear Camp Mabry Neighbors:

On behalf of the Texas Military Forces, I am pleased to announce that beginning Friday, August 9th, 2013, Camp Mabry will open the 45th Street gate to pedestrians and bicyclists.

Pedestrians and bicyclists may enter the 45th St. gate between 11 a.m and 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Monday –Friday. Visitors must show a valid driver's license and children not showing a valid driver's license must be accompanied by an adult or guardian with a license.

Additionally, all bicyclists must wear helmets and reflective gear all times while on the post. Those wanting to remain on post after the closure of the 45th St. gate may do so but will have to leave via the 35th St. gate.

Anyone with questions regarding Camp Mabry may contact me at 512-782-6822 or may email me at john.davis116.mil@mail.mil or Capt. Rob Chamberlin, Camp Mabry Provost Marshall at 512-203-7044 or Robert.chamberlin.mil@mail.mil.

Sincerely,

John Davis
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RIDGE OAK RESERVOIR GREEN SPACE UPDATE

The Highland Park West Pump and Reservoir area located at 4400 Ridge Oak Dr. has been a topic for the beautification committee recently. This public green space has beautiful views overlooking Bright Leaf Nature Preserve and the hills of west Austin. It is not maintained as a public park though and we work with the water utility department when requests come up. Keeping the scenic view open, trash issues, sticker burr problems, dog waste issues, invasive plant management, dead brush hazards – all these topics have recently been brought to our attention. We are communicating with the city and neighbors to see how we can help with these, as we have in the past. If you have a Ridge Oak Reservoir topic to add to the list please send an email to Nadene and Juliee on the Beautification Committee at beautification@hpwbana.org.

WATCH OUT FOR OAK WILT!

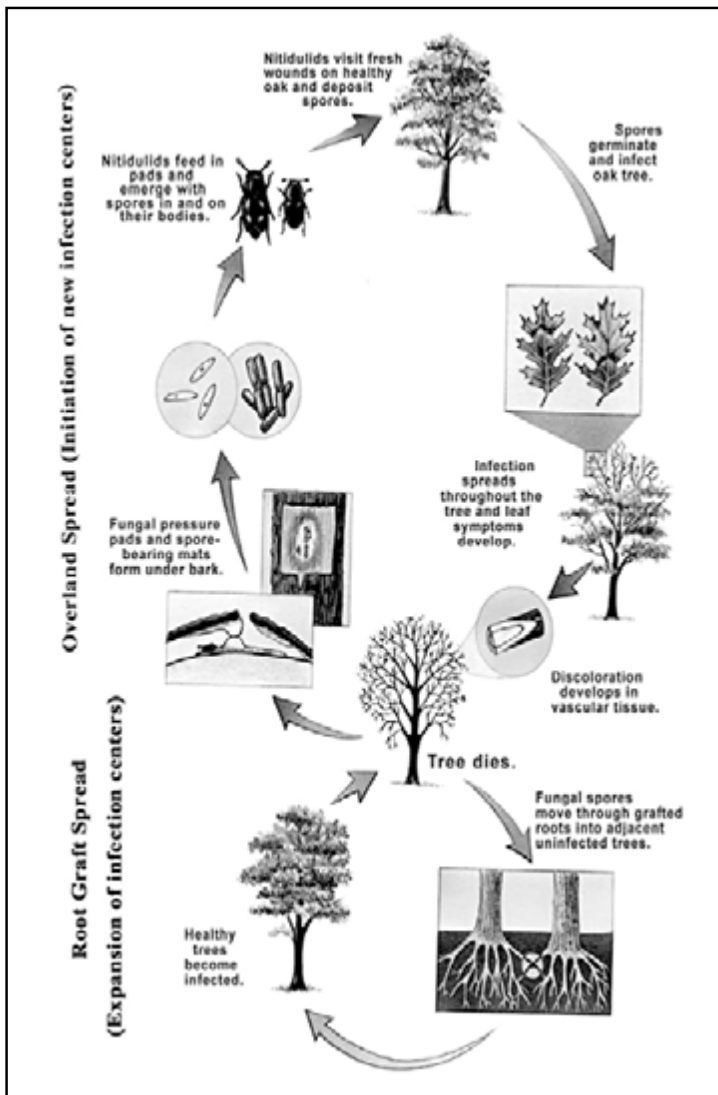
HERE'S HOW ONE OF YOUR NEIGHBORS HANDLED IT

By John Neutzling

Earlier today we learned several Live Oak trees in our back yard have succumbed to Oak Wilt. None of the trees in our front yard are affected.

Our "Tree Doctor" told us the trees were likely infected some time ago and there was little, if anything we could do. We did have all our trees injection-fed when we acquired out home.

During our review today, the doctor showed me how to use the leaves to determine the likelihood of oak wilt. He gathered some leaves off the ground and I've attached a photo showing the leaves condition. The leaves on the right illustrate *veinal necrosis*, which is a symptom. The two left leaves show *tip burn*, also a symptom.



Our Action Plan is as Follows...Neut

- As soon as possible, we will be removing the affected trees, leaving a flat, clean stump in the ground. The prescription for the stumps is to immediately inject them with a herbicide which will, hopefully, kill the root system. Oak wilt is largely transmitted through the interaction of the roots of infected and healthy trees and hopefully, this will prevent the further spreading of the disease.

- The remaining healthy trees which are proximate to the failing trees will be treated with an injection designed to prevent the spreading of the disease through the root system. Hopefully, this treatment is not too late and will succeed. Time, as they say, will tell.

- Of course, we will need to replace some of the trees and will do so with trees that are not subject to oak wilt.

For those of you who have native live oak trees, I strongly suggest you examine your trees and, in particular, look for leaves displaying the pictured characteristics. Look on the ground or on the branches. If you suspect you have issues, you may want to check in with your tree professional. Prevention might be a cure and timely removal is important due to the potential further spreading of the disease to other trees in your yard and the neighbors' yards. Below is the link to help in examining the leaves of your trees...

<http://texasoakwilt.org/oakwilt/oak-wilt-identification/>

Please do examine your trees for signs of oak wilt.

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FALL TREE PLANTING UPDATE

The fall tree planting season is coming up and the Beautification Committee is planning. For Perry Park we are talking with PARD about replanting the trees that died in the drought. These are trees that were planted in the big 2007 Perry Park tree planting that didn't make it. For our medians the city is working on new program to make planting in our public green spaces easier.

We would like to try out an adopt-a-tree approach in our neighborhood. Basically it would involve asking families to adopt a newly planted tree and water for it for two years. If we want more trees in public spaces in our neighborhood we need more people to help out. We will keep you posted.

Questions - beautification@hpwbana.org

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HOMES SOLD IN THE HPWBA NEIGHBORHOOD DURING PAST 12 MONTHS

By Rebecca Wolfe Spratlin

Many home sellers want to know when is the best time of year to put their homes on the market. Traditional wisdom is that the spring and summer months are the times when most buyers are looking for homes. But people have to move throughout the year based on 'life events' such as births, deaths, job transfers, job losses, new jobs, health issues and family obligations.

| | Number & Percent of Homes | Average Number of Days on Market |
|-------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2012 | | |
| August | 7 / 8% | 77 |
| September | 6 / 7% | 31 |
| October | 10 / 11% | 82 |
| November | 6 / 7% | 71 |
| December | 8 / 9% | 66 |
| 2013 | | |
| January | 4 / 5% | 91 |
| February | 2 / 2% | 105 |
| March | 8 / 9% | 134 |
| April | 6 / 7% | 26 |
| May | 13 / 15% | 39 |
| June | 8 / 9% | 39 |
| July | 7 / 8% | 44 |

year vary significantly. Homes sold in April were on the market for an average of 26 days, while homes sold in February were on the market for an average of 105 days. In general homes on the marketing in the fall and winter take a bit longer to sell than homes on the market in the spring and summer.

I thought it would be interesting to pull some statistics to see how our neighborhood has performed during the past twelve months. I was surprised to find that we clearly have had a bifurcated selling season.

Based on the 87 homes sold in our neighborhood in the past twelve months, 15% were sold in May, the peak month, with the second highest month being October, with 11% of the sales. This suggests that there is still time to put your home on the market to take advantage of the sellers' market, and to attract the fall home buyers.

The speed with which homes sell throughout the

BACK TO SCHOOL!

It is back to school and a big change for many after a long summer. Here are a few tips for getting adjusted:

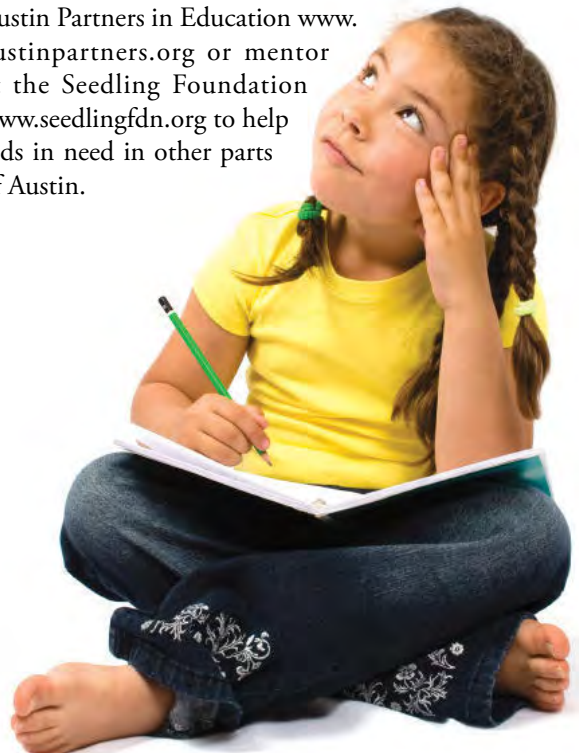
1. Bedtime should be as early as possible. School is physically and emotionally exhausting for children and adequate rest can truly help them make it through the school day.

2. Make sure your kids eat breakfast, bring a snack and have an adequate lunch. Again, it is a long day and brain power is fueled by healthy eating.

3. Completing homework after school is important but so is down time and physical activity—be sure to include both in your schedule.

4. Volunteer if you can schedule it. Helping out in your child's school helps them realize that their parents feel that their school and their education is important. That correlation makes for a successful academic career.

5. Volunteer as a mentor at a school that needs mentors, tutors and resources. You can volunteer or donate in-kind items at organizations such as Austin Partners in Education www.austinpартners.org or mentor at the Seedling Foundation www.seedlingfdn.org to help kids in need in other parts of Austin.



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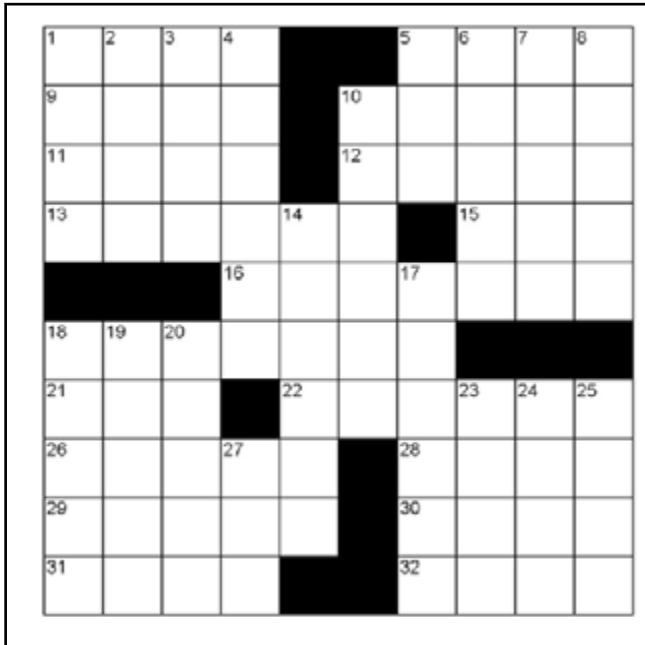
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9. Not there
10. Ask for legally
11. Smooth
12. Island nation
13. Fertilized cell
15. Ex-serviceman
16. Rovers
18. Covered in coarse hair
21. Single
22. Sacred songs
26. Scrimmage
28. Prophet who built the arc
29. Remove
30. Canal
31. Eye infection
32. Tear

DOWN

1. Virtuoso
2. Airy
3. "Ribbit" animal
4. Singing voices
5. Wing
6. Innocent
7. Meat curing ingredient
8. Gives off
10. Sharks
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17. Less nice
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