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# Local Businesses!

We invite you to support your neighborhood with a Business Membership in the **Highland Park West Balcones Area Neighborhood Association** (HPWBANA) for 2019. Our local businesses are a vital part of our everyday life, and just as the residents support wonderful businesses such as yours, we ask our businesses to support the neighborhood through membership in the Neighborhood Association. Membership funds are critical to the support of many neighborhood activities and projects, such as the following:

> Highland Park Elementary/Perry Park Neighborhood Events Neighborhood Beautification Advocacy

Neighborhood Preservation Transportation and Safety Community Communication

Your Business Membership dues and donations will help us continue these efforts in 2019. Keep in mind you're welcome to contribute more than the standard membership amount if you like – additional funds allow us to do more for the neighborhood! You can even designate where you would like these additional funds to go. Just fill out the included membership form below and mail it in.

We'll say thank you to all our Business Memberships at the end of 2019! All will be listed on our neighborhood website and some will be included in two of our neighborhood publications. See below for more details.

Thank you!

Board of Directors - Highland Park West Balcones Area Neighborhood Association (HPWBANA) www.hpwbana.org

- 2019 Business Membership PLUS (\$100)
- 2019 Business Membership (\$50)

Name of Business
Type of business
Name of Business Owner
Business Address
Business Phone
Email
Website

• Additional Donation amount: \$\_\_\_\_

Businesses contributing at the \$100 **PLUS** level:

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- Recognition in the "Life in Highland Park West" N2 Neighborhood Publication
- Listed on HPWBANA website directory of supporting business members
- Attractive HPWBANA window decal so you can show your support

Businesses contributing at the \$50 level:

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Area of interest:

- Neighborhood Preservation
- Transportation & Safety (Constable Patrol)
- Beautification
- Events
- General



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Austin Citywide Information Center 974-2000 or 311
Emergency Police
Non-emergency Police (coyote sighting, etc.) 311
Social Services (during work hours) 211
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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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#### 2019 Business Membership Form (Continued from Cover)

1. **MAIL IT IN.** Send in Membership Form (above) with a check made payable to:

HPWBANA

PO Box 26101

Austin, TX 78755

2. VENMO! HPWBANA Treasurer @HPWBANA, please include

the following info in the "what's it for?" field:

- 1. "2018 Business Membership Dues!" 5. Business Address
- 2. Name of Business 6. Business Phone
- 3. Type of Business 7. Website
- 4. Name of Business Owner
- 3. Go to our website and sign up! http://hpwbana.org/2019-

#### business-membership

Thank you for your support!



## Land Development Rewrite\_Code Next Round Two



On October 4, the Austin City Council intends to release a new zoning code and maps rezoning all of the City. They will be making changes that will impact neighborhoods all over the city, including the Highland Park West/Balcones Area neighborhood. **Controversially**,

the City is not going to provide anyone in the City notice that it has changed your zoning and property rights, unlike any other zoning change. It also claims property owners do not have protest rights. Therefore, it is important for neighborhoods and homeowners to understand the process and to protect their rights.

The new code will add increased density to neighborhoods. A major strategy for doing that is the process of carving out "transition" zones in single-family neighborhoods. Those living in transition zones, should be aware that neighboring lots could be redeveloped with multi-unit complexes out of scale with your street, reducing the tree canopy and increasing flood concerns. In some cases, commercial businesses would be allowed.

If a residence within a transition zone is demolished, its replacement would have to conform to the new zoning (multiunits. The city plans to create transition zones in neighborhoods adjoining Imagine Austin corridors, Imagine Austin activity centers, and Transit Priority Networks. For these neighborhoods, the city wants to eliminate the current requirements that commercial properties meet compatibility standards (height and other restrictions) that protect nearby homes.

Going deeper into the neighborhood, upzoning would "generally" extend 2-5 (or more) lots deep. This could cover a distance of up to 2 ½ blocks, depending on street orientation. In some cases, homes that now abut designated corridors could be upzoned to the same zoning as the corridor which in the last version of CodeNEXT allowed up to 85 feet. These corridor heights would be stepped down into neighborhoods.

To find out if you are in a transition zone, go to <u>https://</u> <u>communitynotcommodity.com/2019/06/10/will-city-halls-</u> <u>transition-zones-push-austin-check-map-find/</u>.

Even outside these zones, it is clear that all neighborhoods will be allowed to have large accessory dwelling units (ADUs), and the new zoning will allow more existing lots to be re-subdivided for more units. Parking will be pushed to the streets. In addition, the City Council directed Staff to consider upzoning lots outside of transition zones. An email blast from Mayor Adler to select members of the community suggests that portions of neighborhoods outside transition zones would be upzoned for duplexes, triplexes and fourplexes "that are built in the same form and scale as a single-family home."

There are currently only two public hearings scheduled for the public to voice their opinions about these changes to our Code. Below are key dates the City has scheduled on this topic:

October 4, 2019: Proposed New Land Development Code and Map Released

October 26, 2019: Only Planning Commission Public Hearing

#### Mid November 2019: Council Public Hearing Early December 2019: Council votes

We encourage everyone who will be impacted to come to the Planning Commission and to Council to share your opinion and concerns. Below are some additional resources for more information:

Land Development Code Information.

https://www.austinchronicle.com/media/blogentry/2478801/ ldc\_council\_directives\_clean\_5-8-19.pdf.



# BRINGING FAMILIES CLOSER TOGETHER

The YMCA of Austin has something for the whole family– from youth programming like sports, dance, gymnastics and swimming to state-of-the-art exercise equipment, gym facilities and pools. Time spent together at the Y will help build your family's connections, health, confidence and well-being. If you're looking to strengthen your family, the Y is the perfect place to start.

PLUS, Y MEMBERS SAVE ON Youth Sports, Dance, Gymnastics, Swim Lessons, AfterSchool, Camps and more

#### Learn more at AustinYMCA.org



## Planning to Buy or Sell Your Home this Fall?

Work with the <u>Leading Broker</u> in Highland Park West, Balcones Park and Area Neighborhoods

#### COMING SOON

Location, Location, Location. Coming to the market soon, a lot in Barton Hills. Walking distance to Barton Hills Elementary. Also feeds to O'Henry Middle School and Austin High School.

Close to S. Lamar and all it has to offer in retail, restaurants and parks. The lot is 0.24 acres, flat in the front and drops down to flat in the back. Current duplex is a teardown. Best and highest use would be highend duplex. Private, on dead-end street. Great for astute investors and builders. Call, text or email for more information.

Rebecca Wolfe Spratlin Broker/MBA Cell: 512-694-2191 Rebecca@RebeccaRealtyLLC.com www.RebeccaRealtyLLC.com



## HPWBANA Neighbors:

Highland Park Elementary begins on Tuesday, August 20. In preparation for the first day of school, School Zone and No Parking Signs have been checked, teachers are preparing for the first day of school, and school buses are practicing their routes for Highland Park Elementary.

Since we do not have enough sidewalks in the neighborhood, it seems most children are brought to school by their parents with resulting very heavy traffic on Fairview Drive and the intersecting streets. Efforts are underway to encourage more



walking and biking to school. School Crossing Guards are at the busy crossings for the safety of pedestrians. Some of the street area on the north and west side of Highland Park Elementary is signed as **No Parking, Tow Away Zones** to allow adequate street area for the large buses and cars to safely get by. However, there are often times when parents either do not see or ignore these No Parking Areas and needlessly place pedestrians and traffic at risk with the much reduced street travel area. These traffic control signs and No Parking signs have been installed for student safety. And for the start of this school year there will continue to be further congestion because of a new home being constructed at 3203 West Highland Terrace.

The AISD Bus Stop Utility was not available for the 2019-2020 school year at the time this article was written to inform the pickup/drop-off locations and times for middle school and high school students; it should be available in mid-August at https://www.austinisd.org/transportation . Students are everywhere around Highland Park Elementary during the school day.

AISD's Department of Transportation encourages drivers to reduce their speed when driving near schools and follow posted signs that require drivers to slow down to 20 miles or less when lights are flashing. Police officers will be enforcing reduced speed limits from approximately 45 minutes before school opens, during lunch periods, and for 30 minutes at the end of the school day.

Failure to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks or stop when school bus lights are flashing for students boarding or exiting the *(Continued on Page 7)* 

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bus, and speeding through school zones when lights are flashing could result in a fine of up to \$400 dollars.

AISD's transportation team offers tips for driving in school zones:

- Follow all posted speed signs
- Be aware of surroundings at all times and eliminate distractions
- Find alternate routes if possible
- Stop at all crosswalks marked and unmarked, as pedestrians have the right of way
- Stop for all buses with red flashing lights

And also remember, cell phone use is prohibited in School Zones.

Excerpts from the T*exas Driver's Handbook (Revised July, 2012):* "Yield Right-of-Way to School Buses

You must yield the right-of-way to school buses. Always drive with care when you are near a school bus. If you approach a school bus from either direction and the bus is displaying alternately flashing red lights, you must stop. Do not pass the school bus until:

1. The school bus has resumed motion;

2. You are signaled by the driver to proceed; or

3. The red lights are no longer flashing.

It isn't necessary to stop when passing a school bus on a different road or when on a controlled-access highway where the bus is stopped in a loading zone and pedestrians aren't permitted to cross. A person who fails to obey the law regarding yielding the right-of-way to school buses displaying alternating, flashing lights is subject to the penalties listed in the Penalties for Failure to Yield Right-of-Way to School Bus.

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"Do Not Park or Stand a Vehicle

# Whether occupied or not, do not park or allow a vehicle to stand idling:

- 1. In front of a public or private driveway
- 2. Within 15 feet of a fire hydrant
- 3. Within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection

4. Within 30 feet upon the approach to any flashing signal, stop sign, yield sign, or other traffic control signal located at the side of a road.

5. Within 20 feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station and on the side of a street opposite the entrance to any fire station within 75 feet of entrance

<u>6. At any place where an official sign prohibits parking or standing."</u>

Let's have a Safe School Year.





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#### **EXCITING RECYCLING NEWS!!!!!** CURBSIDE COMPOST COLLECTION EXPANDS **TO 53,000 MORE HOUSEHOLDS!!**

As of September 23, 2019, curbside composting will expand. To see if your address is in the expansion area, go to https:// austintexas.gov/page/my-collection-schedule. Type in your address and go to the September calendar to see if compost collection begins. Here is a website with information about curbside composting http:// austintexas.gov/austincomposts.

A week or so prior to September 23rd, a 32-gallon green collection bin will be delivered and collection will begin the week of the 23rd. Compost is collected weekly. The green bin can also be used for leaves and sticks as well as food product. Only compostable plastic bags can be used to collect food product that is placed in the bin. The plastic bag must be BPI-Certified Compostable.

STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILED COMPOST COLLECTION INFORMATION IN THE OCTOBER "LETTUCE RECYCLE".

### TIRE RECYCLING IN AUSTIN

Tires can be taken to the Recycle & Reuse Drop-off center OR picked up curbside during bulk collection. They are then taken to a facility where they are shredded by a giant tire shredder. A strong magnet pulls the steel belts out of the tires and the shredded rubber is then recycled to build playgrounds, roads, and track and field surfaces.

### **RECYCLING FACT CHECK!**

There are three areas in which many City of Austin recycling customers still recycle incorrectly. As a Recycling Block Leader, I feel it is very important to demystify this confusion. The three areas are as follows:

1. Coffee cups and cardboard milk cartons CANNOT be recycled in the blue curbside bin.

2. Plastic bags (full or empty) CANNOT be placed in the blue curbside bin.

3. STYROFOAM IS RECYCLABLE in Austin at the Recycle & Reuse Drop Off Center.

### **COFFEE CUPS AND CARDBOARD** MILK CARTONS

Coffee cups are coated in plastic so that they won't leak. This

plastic coating keeps the cup from being recyclable. Coffee cups go into the trash cart.

Cardboard milk and juice cartons are made up of layers of paper, plastic and aluminum. There is no way to separate those layers to make these containers recyclable. They must go into the trash cart.

### **BAGGING RECYCLABLES**

Many people are in the habit of putting their recyclables in a plastic bag before they put it in the recycling cart, just like they do their trash and compost. However, plastic bags (empty or full) cannot be placed in our blue recycling bins!

When a full plastic bag arrives at the recycling sorting facility, it is immediately thrown into a pile that goes to the landfill. The sorters do not have the time to open the plastic bags and determine which materials are recyclable. In addition, it is a safety issue because there are often hazardous materials in the bags (broken glass, needles etc.). The City of Austin (and ultimately the rate payer) ends up paying to have these bags carted from the sorting facility to the landfill. So, all the hard work of collecting the recyclables and putting them into your blue bin is wasted because they end up in the landfill!

### **STYROFOAM**

The Recycling & Reuse Drop-Off Center will take Styrofoam (meat trays, egg cartons, cups, plates, and block Styrofoam). All must be clean and dry. At the facility, it gets shredded, then melted down and shipped out to be made into other plastic products. The only Styrofoam not accepted is packing peanuts. Please take those to Pak Mail, UPS, FedEx, or other mailing facilities. They will reuse them.

The reason we cannot put Styrofoam into our blue curbside bin is that it gets broken so easily into small pieces that cannot be contained or sorted.

**QUESTION FROM A READER:** WHAT DO I DO WITH AN OLD BARBEQUE GRILL? CAN I PLACE PARTS OF IT INTO MY CURBSIDE RECYCLING BIN? Metal grill parts cannot go into the blue curbside bin. You can take the grill to the Recycle & Reuse Drop Off Center where the steel components will be recycled OR wait till the next bulk item collection date when the entrepreneurs will pick it up.

Here is a very informative City of Austin recycling website: http:// www.austintexas.gov/what-do-i-do

Stav tuned for future tips that will include creative ways to recycle or reuse. If you have any questions or recycling ideas, please send them to: recycling@hpwbana.org

#### PLEASE REMEMBER - WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!!!

## Highland Park West Balcones Area

MAKING CONNECTIONS BRAIN INJURY RESOURCE FAIR & CONFERENCE

## 10/26/2019

Woodlawn Baptist Church 4600 Manchaca Road Austin, Texas 78745

Registration opens at 8:30 am Conference from 9-4:00 pm Making Connections is a pediatric brain injury resource fair and conference presented by Team Luke Hope for Minds. The purpose is to connect families and provide helpful resources and education. Parents will explore services, products, technologies, and other resources that would be of benefit to their children.

PRESENTED BY:

# Keynote Speaker Paul G. Harch, M.D. TOPICS INCLUDE:

Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy for Rehabilitation of Acquired Pediatric Neurological Disorders

Stem Cells & Exosomes

Applying Functional Medicine and Nutrition to Pediatric Brian Injury

Strategies for Life: Maximizing Function after Brain Injury in Children

Transition 101: Transition to Adulthood

Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services Waivers

Grief and Trauma in Families with a Child with a Brain Injury

Navigating Public Education When Your Child has a Brain Injury

Bent, Not Broken: The Management of Scoliosis and Spinal Deformity after Brain Injury

Outpatient Cognitive Rehabilitation for Pediatric Brain Injury

Music Therapy: Mind-Body-Spirit Connection

# TICKETS:

Register at teamlukehopeforminds.org under the "Events" tab. Payment can be made online or at the door. Cost is \$10/person

Continental breakfast & lunch provided There will not be childcare.

Email ronda@teamlukehopeforminds.org for scholarships for admission and/or travel expenses

# Get Skin Ready for Fall & School with Breakthrough Acne Options

*Heads up!* There's a new game in town when it comes to treating acne. In fact, there are many new games in town. Gone are the days when Dermatologists could solely rely on Accutane or wipes from the grocery store to treat clogged pores and red bumps.

New acne medication and procedure breakthroughs now offer treatments for adults and teens. Options are available through a doctor\'s prescription, at pharmacies, and through dermatologist office procedures.

A prescription-strength option:

In 2018, the FDA approved a new medication called Altreno. This 0.05% tretinoin lotion has a new formulation that has been a game-changer for acne patients. Its healing ingredients are powerful: hyaluronic acid, glycerin, and collagen. Plus, the lotion formulation allows Altreno to be more easily spread over larger surface areas like the face, chest, back, and shoulders, all of which are common locations for acne blemishes.

An over-the-counter option:

Differin was only available by prescription for many years. But

it recently became available in drug stores at a reasonable rate of \$12 per tube. There are many cases where Differin is the first medicine Sanova Dermatologists recommend before looking at more advanced medicines or procedures.

An in-office procedure option:

Sebacia is a brand new acne treatment that launched in 2019. In Austin, only Sanova Dermatology offers this new in-office procedure. Sebacia represents the newest innovation in acne in two decades because it uses gold microparticles and common dermatology lasers to target oil-producing glands – a root cause of acne – and reduce their size and oil production.

If you have questions about your acne, please reach out to us. Find the Sanova Dermatology location nearest you by visiting www.sanovadermatology.com. If you're interested in participating in clinical trials for a new acne product at any of our 3 research locations (Pflugerville, Central Austin, Dripping Springs), please visit www.atxresearch.com.



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