



Meet Ocho – Mueller’s Newest Sculpture By Front Porch Flyer Staff



Ocho, by Shawn Collins

What is the most exciting part about moving to Mueller for you?

I’m excited about people discovering me on their own. I want families to be out for a leisurely bike ride or a stroll and come across my path. I don’t mind if they jump at the first site of me, as long as they quickly learn I’m not going to eat them...unless I’m provoked. I’m also eager to try Kerbey Queso, fried green tomatoes at Colleen’s Kitchen, vegan cheese at Rebel Cheese and some goat cheese, thyme and honey ice cream at Lick!

Have you met the Spider or Nessie?

I’ve met Nessie. Colorful gal. She always seems to have a smile on her face and she has the brightest blue eyes I’ve ever seen. The spider, however, is a little skittish, so I haven’t had the pleasure yet.

Do you miss the water?

Not at all because I still have access to the water. Overnight, when everyone is fast asleep, I venture over to any of the nearby ponds for

a little late-night snacking. The Southeast Greenway pond may be closer, but there are tastier morsels in the pond over at Lake Park.

Would you say Dixie Friend Gay is your BEST friend? What have you enjoyed most about working with her?

Indeed, I do. I feel like Dixie gets me. She is such an amazing artist. I think I admire her creativity the most, as I love my glowing bulbous eyes and my iridescent skin tones. It has been fun to watch her working with her team: they are intelligent, kind and they have so much fun. You can see it in their work. It was not easy to get me up on top of this building, gracefully draping and curling over the edges. Would you believe that just two years ago I was only 10 inches tall, living in Dixie’s studio? They thought of everything, how every angle will show me in a different light, including from above.

What’s your favorite feature of Jessie Andrews Park?

I’m a pretty big fan of the top of the restroom facility. It’s a great perch to keep my big eyes on so much happening around Mueller. You probably know I have a large brain, so I also love strategic games. The game tables where parkgoers can play chess, checkers or backgammon are a unique touch to Austin parks, and I look forward to seeing how well opponents do against one another.

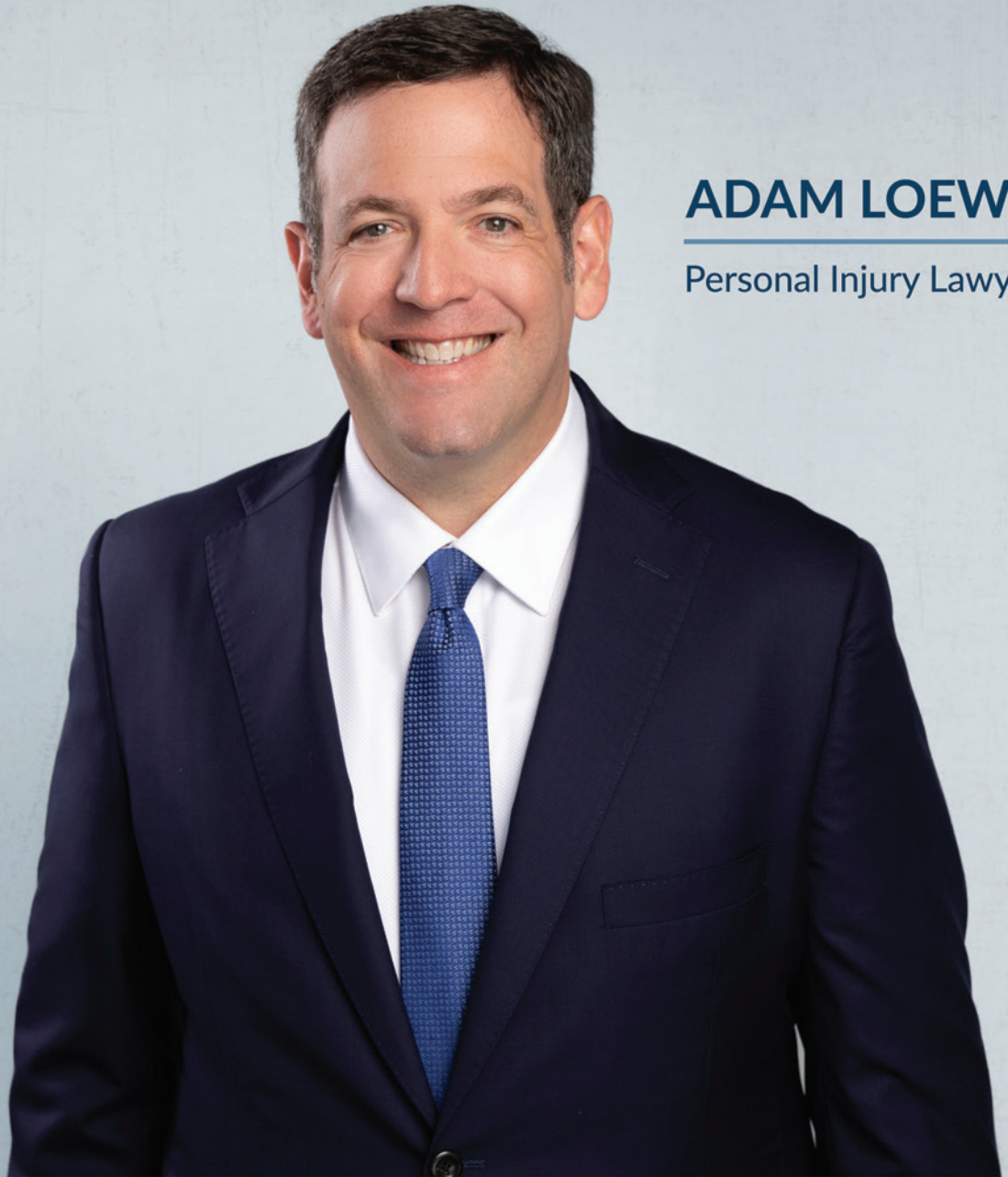
What do you hope to see happen at Mueller over the next few years?

Well, I have a fantastic view of the Northeast Austin middle school site, and I’ll enjoy watching such an appealing public building design get constructed over the next 18 or so months. And, like so many in Mueller, I’m looking forward to seeing everything under construction in the town center open up.

Are you excited to meet the neighbors?

Yes, there are so many great families who call Mueller home with may more on the way. If they leave me alone, I promise to leave them alone, and we’ll get along swimmingly.

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Letter from the Chair

Dear Neighbors,

By the time you are reading this letter, voting for the 2020 elections will be over and, hopefully, most of the results for those races will be known. However, there is another election that will take place in November and that is the election for members of the Mueller Neighborhood Association Steering Committee that will take place at our virtual November General Meeting on Saturday, November 21st.

Our organization offers a plethora of ways to get involved and serving on the Steering Committee is a great example. If you are interested in building community, neighborhood advocacy, and shaping our experiences here in Mueller, then I would urge you to consider running for a seat on the Steering Committee. Dennis Mick, Chair of the Nominations Committee, has more information on how to run a little further into this issue of the Front Porch Flyer.

I hope you'll consider running for the Steering Committee and look forward to seeing you at the November meeting!

Take care,
John

Be the Light for Families with Sick Children this Holiday Season



Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Texas is our Mueller neighbor. Located across from Dell Children's Medical Center on Barbara Jordan Blvd., RMHC CTX keeps loved ones near their critically ill and injured children by offering families a place to sleep, meals to eat, access to do their laundry, and social connections with other families going through similar circumstances.

This year, the Mueller neighborhood is invited to play a very special role in RMHC's Be the Light campaign. Since volunteers won't be able to light up the Ronald McDonald House in person this year because of the pandemic, we're asking Mueller residents to light up their own homes in honor of families with sick kiddos. It's so difficult to have a child in the hospital any time of year, let alone during the holidays. Together, we have the chance to make this time of year as bright and cheerful as possible for these families.

Mueller neighbors are invited to:

- Make a gift of any size at rmhc-ctx.org/bethelight. Yard signs will be provided to donors at the \$250 level and above to showcase support and encourage others to join in. Every gift will help keep RMHC CTX open and available for families with sick kids.
- Participate in the Mueller-wide home decorating contest with your block. Homes will be judged by RMHC families and staff during the week of December 14. Channel your inner Clark Griswold and let's show these families lots of love and light!
- Sign up here: <http://bit.ly/rmhccctxdecoratesignup>
- Invite your friends, families, and places of business to do the same. Special corporate sponsorship opportunities are also available.

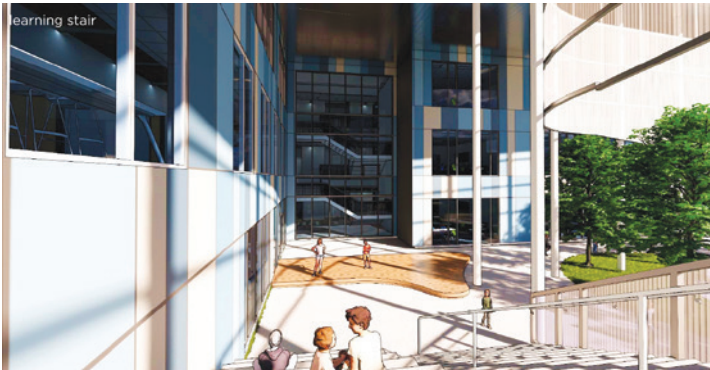
For any questions, please feel free to contact fellow Mueller neighbor and RMHC CTX Chief Development and Communications Officer, Kristin Campbell at kcampbell@rmhc-ctx.org.

New Northeast Middle School in Mueller

By Kathy Sokolic

Thanks to the 2017 Austin Independent School District's (AISD) bond and Austinites voting in favor, there will be a new middle school in Mueller at the corner of Tilley and Zach Scott, just in time for the 2022 school year.

The new middle school will provide a facility to the Northeast Austin neighborhoods, with a planned capacity of 800 to meet the needs of the community. A team of parents, community members, teachers, and others has been meeting regularly since September 2019 as a Campus Architectural Team to help guide the planning process for the campus.



Learning Stair at New NE Middle School

With a design theme inspired by the site's former airport use and built with sustainable processes and guidelines, the school will provide both indoor and outdoor learning opportunities for students. The campus will follow the AISD vision of creating 21st-century learning spaces for students, incorporating flexible spaces allowing for collaborative, interdisciplinary, and project-driven learning.



New Northeast Middle School

The building will accommodate some public use with minimal after-hours staffing as well. Construction is expected to begin in Fall 2020, and anticipated to open in Fall 2022. School attendance boundaries will not be decided until closer to the opening of the school and bus routes are finalized about two weeks prior to the start of the school year.

For more information, visit www.AISDFuture.com.

Mueller Commission Update

By Rick Krivoniak

Catellus presented information on the Mueller Control Tower block at September's Mueller Commission meeting, though no developer has yet signed on to do the project. Commercial uses will face Berkman Drive and the Tower plaza, with the rest of the block occupied with apartments, sliced by a "paseo" view corridor from the Tower to the corner of Vaughan & Sorin Streets and beyond John Gaines Park. It's still unlikely the public will be able to enter the Tower, partly due to the enormous cost of its renovation. However, efforts continue to explore strategies, such as guided tours, that might allow some accessibility exemptions.

The Art In Public Places panel met on September 14th and approved AKIRASH's metal "chair" sculptures that were presented to the Mueller Neighborhood Association in the past. The 51st Street Mobility Project should start construction in the spring of 2021 and take about eighteen months to complete. The six sculptures – each slightly different and spaced strategically, with four on the south side and two on the north side of E. 51st Street between Berkman and Cameron – will be installed near the end of the project.

The City's Transportation Department has new measures operational October 1 affecting public, on-street metered parking downtown and at Mueller. When parking at metered spots, you no longer need to secure a sticker to the windshield, but instead enter your vehicle's license plate number at the pay station. The first two hours remain at \$2/hour; subsequent hours gradually increase in price to encourage parking turnover, though paid time limits are extended to up to ten hours. Also, a processing fee of \$0.25 for credit card use at a pay station is being added.

Stair Workout – Mueller Lake Park

By Fuerte Fitness

Need a little fitness motivation? Here's Fuerte Fitness owner and Mueller resident, Ryan Parzick, with a great way to get outside and enjoy the beautiful weather with a quick bodyweight stair workout at Mueller Lake Park. All of these exercises can be modified to fit your needs. Give us a call or email us if you have questions!

4 Minute Rounds, as many times through as you're up for! Take a break between rounds. For all exercises images, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/y5quc59h>

Round 1, Lower Body, 4 Minutes:

Minute 1 - Right side single leg step up 40 seconds / Squat hops 20 seconds

Minute 2 - Left side single leg step up 40 seconds / Squat hops 20 seconds

Minute 3 - Right side split squat 40 seconds / Squat hops 20 seconds

Minute 4 - Left side split squat 40 seconds / Squat hops 20 seconds



Squat Hops

Round 2, Upper Body and Abs, 4 Minutes:

Minute 1 - Right side plank crunch 40 seconds / Mountain climbers 20 seconds

Minute 2 - Left side plank crunch 40 seconds / Mountain climbers 20 seconds

Minute 3 - Incline or decline pushups 40 seconds / Mountain climbers 20 seconds

Minute 4 - Tricep dips 40 seconds / Mountain climbers 20 seconds



Mountain Climbers

Round 3, Mobility, 4 Minutes:

Minute 1 - Right side lateral lunge 40 seconds / High knees 20 seconds

Minute 2 - Left side lateral lunge 40 seconds / High knees 20 seconds

Minute 3 - Walking lunges 40 seconds / High knees 20 seconds

Minute 4 - Stair climb 40 seconds / High knees 20 seconds



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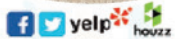
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