



The Flea

TRAFFIC CALMING PLANNING UNDER WAY

By Stefan Schuster

I am pleased to announce that the traffic calming program for our area has begun. The process began with a neighborhood-wide survey of residents within the area bounded by Interstate 35, Airport Boulevard and Manor Road. On April 28, approximately 85 of you came out to hear from city staff members Gordon Derr, Alan Hughes and Peter Marsh

They explained the mechanics of the traffic calming program and what we should expect. The audience generally favored traffic calming but some expressed concern relating to emergency access and problems associated with humps, speed tables, and pads.

After explaining the program, staff reviewed the process and outlined **seven** sub-areas within our traffic calming area and asked for representatives from each area to serve on a working group to address our traffic concerns.

The seven sub-areas and their representatives are:

- **Area A:** North of Wilshire from I-35 to Airport. Representatives are: Leslie Lawson (302-0396, blawson@io.com) and Casey Blass (451-4568, casey.blass@tdh.state.tx.us)
- **Area B:** South of Wilshire to 38½ from I-35 to Airport. Representatives are: Earl Burg (476-3702) and Allison Ivey (695-6147, allisonkivey@yahoo.com)
- **Area C:** 38½ Street from I-35 to Airport. Representatives are: David Westenbarger (239-0835, daveintex13@yahoo.com) and Billy Pringle

(239-1820, citixen@newsguy.com)

- **Area D:** Cherrywood Road from 38½ to Manor. Representatives are: Kathy Murray Jones (472-1921, kathy-murrayjones@yahoo.com) and Delores Duffy (472-8178)
- **Area E:** South of 38½ from Cherrywood to Manor and Airport. Representatives are: Ken Casey (413-9960, kens_kingdom@hotmail.com) and Lisa Schemanske (477-5876, behal-ske4@earthlink.net)
- **Area F:** South of 38½ to Edgewood from I-35 to Cherrywood. Representatives are: Peter Ketter (473-2736, peterketter@hotmail.com) and Marilyn Fenn (476-0188, yiotta@grandecom.net)
- **Area G:** South of Edgewood to Manor from I-35 to Cherrywood. Representatives are: Glenn Reed (477-6102, egreed@grandecom.net) and Elizabeth Hilton (478-0538, ehilton@austin.rr.com).

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Cherrywood Neighborhood
quarterly meeting:

Wednesday, July 21
6:30 - 8:00 pm
Maplewood School library

**Open to ALL residents
of Cherrywood.**
We need your input!

Agenda:

- Welcome and Agenda Review
- Housekeeping and Public Comments (10 minutes)
- 1. Officers' Reports (10 minutes)
 - a. Chair, Stefan Schuster
 - b. Vice Chair, Maddie Kadas
 - c. Secretary, Jennifer Smith
 - d. Treasurer, Rebecca Kohout
- 2. Committee Reports (5 min. each)
 - a. Communications: Flea articles
 - b. Parks and green spaces
 - c. Planning and zoning
 - d. Traffic and transportation
 - e. Security
 - f. Hospitality
 - g. Pets
 - h. Nominating
- 3. Issues brought to the membership (5 minutes per issue)
 - a. Traffic calming: summary of meetings
 - b. Bylaws and mission
 - c. Non-profit
 - d. UBC Plan and amendments
 - e. Art fair
 - f. Design guidelines: discussion of modifications & possible action
 - g. Nominations
 - h. National Night Out
- 4. Other Issues: (varied, 5 min. each)
- 5. Next Meeting: October 20, 2004
- 6. Adjourn (90 minutes maximum)

Contact Stefan Schuster at
322-0059, if you have an item
you would like to add.

CHERRYWOOD CALENDAR

JULY

- JUL 8** Traffic Calming work group meets (See Page 1)
JUL 12 7:30pm—Friends of Patterson Park (FoPP), Genesis Presbyterian Church. (See Page 7)
JUL 14 6:30pm—CNA Steering Committee, Taqueria los Altos
JUL 21 6:30pm—Neighborhood Association meeting, Maplewood School library. (See Agenda page 1)

AUGUST

- AUG 3** National Night Out (See Page 9)
AUG 4 Registration for 2004-05 school year begins at Maplewood School. (See Page 8)
AUG 9 7:30pm—Friends of Patterson Park (FoPP), Genesis Presbyterian Church. (See Page 7)
AUG 11 6:30pm—CNA Steering Committee, Taqueria los Altos
AUG 17 Classes begin at Maplewood School (See Page 8)
AUG 17 6:30pm—UBCPT meeting, The Vortex Theater, 2307 Manor Road. (See Page 5)

SEPTEMBER

- SEP 8** 6:30pm—CNA Steering Committee, Taqueria los Altos
SEP 13 7:30pm—Friends of Patterson Park (FoPP), Genesis Presbyterian Church. (See Page 7)

WEB SITE GETS NEW LOOK

By Gordon Bennett

Cherrywood is wired. (1) Our **Web page** at cherrywood.org has lots of permanent information. (2) **NeighborNet**, our e-mail listserv, has 340 members who enjoy timely notices and discussion of local issues. Subscribe at cherrywood.org, or e-mail me.

NeighborNet mainly is served by Yahoo.com. Mostly this works well. But some subscribers do encounter problems with Yahoo. For them, we have a mirror list served by UT. If Yahoo doesn't work for you, e-mail me. I will add you to the other list. Both have identical content and access.

The Web site is 6 years old and has grown. So in June we gave it has a new look to make it easier to use. Now drop-down menus on each page allow you to skip directly to any other page. We hope the change puts more useful info at your fingertips.

The four menus are:

1. **CNA** (committees, projects, etc.)
2. **Communications** (meetings, NeighborNet, etc.)
3. **Links** (the popular recommendations list for services from air-conditioning to yard work, the traffic-calming plan, etc.)
4. **Calendar** (this month and next)

A new page announces the Blue Ribbon Yard winner, etc. ■

Cherrywood Neighborhood Association

<http://www.cherrywood.org>

Steering Committee

Chair	_____ Stefan Schuster ('04)*	322-0059
Vice-Chair	_____ Maddie Kadas ('05)	478-7966
Secretary	_____ Jennifer Smith ('04)	694-0298
Treasurer	_____ Rebecca Kohout ('05)	415-9876
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	_____ Bree Buchanan ('04)	482-8468
	_____ J. Scott Chasteen ('05)	791-6755
	_____ Alex Garcia ('05)	474-7532
	_____ Peter Ketter ('04)	473-2736
	_____ Girard Kinney ('04)	478-5042
	_____ Jack Newman ('05)	476-6616
	_____ Lex Dale Owens ('04)	477-6555
	_____ Dave Westenbarger ('05)	494-9905

* year term expires

Communications

NeighborNet & Web site:	_____ Gordon Bennett	477-7195
The Flea:		
• Editor	_____ Sue Taylor	476-1461
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• Advertising	_____ Rebecca Kohout	415-9876
	_____ Dave Westenbarger	494-9905
• Distribution	_____ Alex Garcia	474-7532

Committees

Hospitality:	_____ Rebecca Kohout	415-9876
	_____ Priscilla Boston	478-1867
Nominating:	_____ Michael McClendon	482-0016
Parks:		
• Cherrywood Green	_____ Katharine Beisner	708-9407
	_____ Brent Hay	236-8721
• Patterson Park	_____ Isabelle Headrick	499-0621
• Willowbrook Reach	_____ Dianne Sullivan, dianne@e-side.com	
Planning & Zoning:	_____ Girard Kinney	478-5042
Security:	_____ Jules Vieau	495-9569
Transportation:	_____ Stefan Schuster	322-0059
Welcome Wagon:	_____ Rebecca Kohout	415-9876

Projects

Austin Film Society:	_____ Dolly Ensey	494-9905
Blue Ribbon Yard:	_____ Mike Damal	478-9622
Maplewood:	_____ Kelli Kirk	414-1086
Mueller Redevelopment:	_____ Jim Walker	499-0526
Tree Planting:	_____ Mike Damal	478-9622
Upper Boggy Creek Planning:	_____ Stephen Kreger	477-4216

Traffic Calming

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• **At Large:** Cherrywood Neighborhood Association Chair: Stefan Schuster (322-0059, hydroplan@hotmail.com).

On May 26, the work group met for the first time to look at our traffic issues. The city presented detailed traffic volume and speed data, and provided more information about how we are to work together.

Out of 1,970 initial surveys mailed to residents, the city received 230 responses. The streets of most concern for both speed and volume include 38½, Cherrywood, Lafayette, Wilshire, Clarkson/Randolph, 32nd, and Maplewood.

Some of the statistics and stories are mind-boggling. The highest 24-hour volume on 38½ is nearly 12,000 cars a day near the Fiesta, and west of Cherrywood traffic had an 85 percentile speed of 39 mph.

The group began a list of potential streets and brainstormed these areas of concern: 38½, Cherrywood, Lafayette, Wilshire, Clarkson/Randolph, 32nd, Maplewood, Ardenwood, Schieffer and Robinson. The group selected Stefan

Schuster to serve as chair. The homework assignment was to speak with neighbors and get some feedback.

On June 10, the work group met again to further develop suggestions and ideas for improving the connectivity and mobility in our neighborhood. The group discussed questions and issues, relayed results from interim meetings with concerned neighbors, and talked about how to keep people involved.

There is a great deal of interest in using stop signs as traffic calming measures although the installation guidelines seem to make this a challenge. The group supported the "flipping" of stop signs to break up the through traffic patterns that may now exist. After a brainstorming and dot-preference exercise, the work group heard from EMS and fire department representatives about primary emergency response routes and their relationship with traffic calming measures. It boils down to response routes can only be calmed with speed cushions. The primary response routes in our neighborhood are 38½, Cherrywood and Wilshire.

Although most people want to do something about the traffic on their street or the secondary impacts on a neighboring street, the fact is we only

have \$300,000 to spend in our neighborhood and it's not enough to solve all of our concerns. After several deliberations and some lengthy discussion, the work group has submitted the following priority list to the city to get preliminary estimates for cost and coverage. The streets, in order, are:

1. 38½ Street
2. Cherrywood Road
3. Clarkson between 38th & Cherrywood
4. Wilshire Boulevard
5. Lafayette
6. Schieffer
7. Robinson

The work group will meet again on July 8 to hear preliminary cost estimates for equipping our primary response routes with speed cushions and see what we have left to address the remaining streets. Our next step is to draft the area-wide plan to submit to the neighborhood for discussion.

Once the plan is finalized, another mailout to the community will ask whether we want it implemented. Please stay in touch with your area representative or me to find out the latest on what is going on in traffic calming. Stay calm and wear your seatbelt. Peace be the journey. ■

CENTER ASKS HELP TO PREVENT GRAFFITI

By Rebecca Riojas

Business manager, Center for Child Protection

We need your help in keeping our neighborhood beautiful.

The Center for Child Protection (formerly the Children's Advocacy Center), at 1110 E. 32nd St. is experiencing a problem with graffiti. We ask that the people of Cherrywood keep an eye out for individuals who appear to be on the property at odd hours or for purposes other than services.

We have a great commitment to our community's children and want them to have a sense of safety while they are here. We thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Rebecca Riojas at the Center at 472-1164.

For more information visit www.centerforchildprotection.org. ■

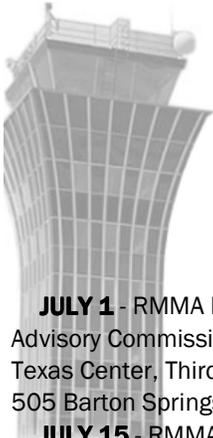


CNA BYLAW CHANGE PROCESS TO BEGIN

By Maddie Kadas

The Steering Committee is about to begin the process of amending the CNA bylaws, which are five years old. We hope to have drafts prepared for adoption at the October general neighborhood meeting.

Our objective is mainly housekeeping, as it has come to our attention that the way CNA is run is not always precisely what is called for in the bylaws or the bylaws are silent on what seems an important issue. For example, just last Steering Committee meeting, questions were raised about the Steering Committee's ability to authorize expenditures for publication of the CNA Design Guidelines, which are not truly part of The Flea. In addition, there have been several calls for establishing more specific record keeping and bookkeeping duties. If you have ideas about changes to the bylaws that you would like to see included, please e-mail Maddie Kadas mkadas@austin.rr.com. ■



GROUND BROKEN FOR HOSPITAL AT MUELLER

By Jed Buie

EVENTS

JULY 1 - RMMA Plan Implementation Advisory Commission, 6 - 8 p.m., One Texas Center, Third Floor Training Room 505 Barton Springs Road

JULY 15 - RMMA Plan Implementation Advisory Commission, 6 - 8 p.m., Waller Creek Center, 625 East 10th Street

JULY 27 - RMMA Plan Implementation Advisory Commission, 6 - 8 p.m., Waller Creek Center, 625 East 10th Street

AUGUST 10 - RMMA Plan Implementation Advisory Commission, 6 - 8 p.m., Waller Creek Center, 625 East 10th Street

PROJECT UPDATE

Children's Medical Center of Central Texas:

On June 6, Seton hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Children's Medical Center of Central Texas. More than 300 people joined the celebration. The new hospital will have 169 beds, 13 operating rooms, outpatient radiology and outpatient rehabilitation capabilities, a specialty care center and a medical office building.

Construction on infrastructure for the hospital was to begin June 25. This will include deconstruction of runways, installation of utilities and the construction of new roads, as well as other work on and off-site.

Name recommendation:

The City of Austin and Catellus, master developer for the former airport tract, sponsored a month-long public input program to solicit names for the new development. The public submitted 715 names. A five-member panel — consisting of two City of Austin representatives, two Catellus representatives and a member of the Mueller Plan Implementation Advisory Commission — recommended "Mueller" to the city. This was based on a substantial percentage of the public response suggesting that name. Also factored in were simplicity, meaningfulness and familiarity. The City Council passed a resolution accepting the recommendation June 10.

Construction Notification Program:

Catellus and the City of Austin have developed a notification program for the public regarding construction projects surrounding the redevelopment. Residents will receive updates through direct mail, e-mail, a hotline (512-473-9963) and a page devoted to this topic on the Web site (www.rmmanet.net).

Land Disposition for Mueller:

On May 13, the Austin City Council voted unanimously to recommend that city staff negotiate the terms of the Master Development Agreement with Catellus based on a sale of the land.

RMMA Zoning:

On June 24, the City Council approved on first reading zoning for the Mueller tract that was recommended by

the city staff and the Mueller advisory commission. The council did not accept on first reading the Planning Commission's May 26 recommendation to limit regional retail to exclude construction sales and services businesses. The council will consider the zoning on second and third readings after it resumes work following its July break

Installation of wastewater line along Airport Boulevard:

This project will begin mid to late summer and is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year.

Intersection at Wilshire and Airport:

As a part of the construction of this first phase, Catellus will modify the intersection as follows: Install a traffic signal that accommodates pedestrian and bicycle routes across Airport. Construct a raised island to prohibit left and through movements to and from the west. Extend northbound Airport right turn lane. Construct two left turn lanes on Airport.

RMMA Project Contacts:

For more information, please visit www.rmmanet.net, or contact: Greg Weaver, Catellus vice president, 473-0400, fax 472-4414, or greg_weaver@catellus.com, or Pam Hefner, City of Austin principal planner, 974-3511, Fax: 512-974-7825, pam.hefner@ci.austin.tx.us. ■

Jed Buie is with TateAustin, the public relations firm for Catellus, which was chosen by the city to develop the former Robert Mueller Municipal Airport.

CNA & UBC: COORDINATING PLANNING

By Girard Kinney

The Cherrywood Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Committee continues to monitor and coordinate various planning activities (zoning, green space system, parks, transportation and traffic calming, etc.), in our neighborhood, in surrounding neighborhoods and districts as well as those larger planning initiatives that will have some effects in our neighborhood. The current traffic calming process in the neighborhood (see arti-

cle, page 1), for instance, will eventually result in changes that will be incorporated into the CNA transportation plan, which will embody all transportation modes including motor vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians.

Where feasible, we also seek to advocate for land uses, construction projects and practices and transportation systems that achieve the letter and spirit of our neighborhood design

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guidelines (see article, page 7). Additionally, we try to provide information to residents about land development regulations, variance and zoning processes, and how we can all seek to achieve safe, walkable streets and a more pedestrian friendly neighborhood.

Process is important. One way that we seek to achieve these goals is by acting as a resource and, if necessary an advocate at the City of Austin Board of Adjustment, Planning Commission and/or City Council when variances or zoning changes, or changes in permitted land uses are sought in the neighborhood. In the case of any representation to public bodies, the P&Z Committee meets with the applicant, gathers information, and then makes a recommendation to the CNA Steering Committee, which may authorize the chair of the P&Z Committee to write a position letter and/or personally appear before the appropriate public body. If there is not an established policy, the item may also then go to the general membership of the neighborhood association for approval of any position to be taken.

We often support, support with conditions, or oppose specific applications, depending on the extent to which there is

support or opposition from the immediately affected neighbors and the extent to which our design guidelines will be served by the proposed changes.

The Upper Boggy Creek Planning Team has some overlapping roles that might appear to supplant the need for the role of our P&Z Committee. There has not been a process whereby our representatives are fully aware of the position of CNA on critical issues to be addressed by the Upper Boggy Creek Team. In fact, recently, proposed land-use and zoning changes have come to UBC before we were even aware of them at the neighborhood level.

I believe that the proper process needs to be in place for all matters that involve land development regulations, zoning changes, etc. and that those matters need to come first to the P&Z Committee, then to the Steering Committee, then (where policy has not been clearly established), to the membership of Cherrywood Neighborhood Association. Our representatives should then be fully briefed on the position of our neighborhood before discussion and actions are taken by Upper Boggy Creek.

For questions, please contact Girard Kinney, chair of the CNA planning and zoning committee, 478-5042. ■

UBCPT UPDATE

By Stephen Kreger

Several of issues have come before the Upper Boggy Creek Planning Team during the last several months. These include the downgrading of 38½ Street and Manor Road relative to CAMPO, the proposed development of the Featherlite tract, a proposed coffee shop in Cherrywood, the front porch and impervious cover planning tools, and some possible development projects.

The City Council had previously approved the downgrading of 38½ Street and Manor Road and the recommendation went to CAMPO, the Capital Area planning organization. At this point, it seems that the CAMPO staff supports the 38½ Street downgrade, but not Manor Road. UBCPT voted June 15 to have the Planning team to send letters to the CAMPO representatives supporting both downgrades with copies to all of the City Council members and to encourage individual neighborhoods to do the same.

Even though the proposed Featherlite

project is not in our geographic area, it could affect our neighborhoods with traffic and noise. The Planning Team is maintaining contact with the Chestnut Planning Team representative and will take action if and when it is necessary.

The proposed coffee shop at the corner of 38½ Street and Maplewood generated much discussion within Cherrywood, but no proposal has been brought to the Planning Team at this time.

The front porch and impervious cover planning tools have been briefly discussed, but will be discussed in depth at the next UBCPT meeting. CNA has endorsed both planning tools and wants the UBC Plan to be amended to include them. The Planning Team will have to decide whether to include them area wide or by sub-district.

Several development/planning issues have happened or may happen. At the June 15 meeting two of the proposed projects were discussed. The Planning Team unanimously approved the proposal to build a parking lot across from Hoover's Cooking on Manor Road for Hoover's employees. It should allow 17 spaces and hopefully alleviate some of

the parking problems around Hoover's. This project needs the City of Austin Planning Commission's approval as it is a conditional use of the existing property and no zoning change is needed. Without UBCPT's approval, the Planning Commission may not approve the conditional use.

The Vortex is a theater at 2307 Manor Road and the owner want to sell beer and wine. This requires a zoning change and the owner was requesting UBCPT support. However, there is a concern from some of the neighbors regarding noise from some late night parties at the theater. The neighbors and the owner will meet before the next UBCPT meeting to see if they can agree on the noise issue. There are also some other technical issues that the Planning Team wants the Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department to answer.

Another project that may come before the Planning Team is the development of the strip along Airport Boulevard south of Patterson Park.

The next UBCPT meeting will be on Tuesday, August 17, 2004 at 6:30pm at The Vortex, 2307 Manor Road. ■

STEERING COMMITTEE DECIDES AGAINST 501(c)(3)

By Maddie Kadas

After much soul-searching and review of IRS forms and requirements, the Steering Committee has determined that CNA should not seek 501(c)(3) non-profit status.

Our reasoning was several-fold. First, a 501(c)(3) would require the neighborhood association to be formally incorporated in some fashion under Texas state law. This would considerably alter the informal nature of the neighborhood association, with which we are comfortable and which we are reluctant to change.

In addition, there are numerous paper-work requirements — not only to become a 501(c)(3), but also, to maintain 501(c)(3) status. We were concerned that these paperwork requirements would be cumbersome or could be overlooked in future years as the CNA leadership changes. This could have legal and tax consequences for our organization.

Also, to obtain the full tax advantages of the 501(c)(3), our organization would have to demonstrate a threshold level of public funding. We currently do not have such public funding and it could require solicitation of membership dues, which was unanimously opposed.

Finally, we thought that there were many projects for which the CNA could team up with other non-profit organizations to obtain full tax deductions for donors. For example, the Cherrywood Art Fair could have donations given directly to Maplewood Elementary School, a non-profit, and to which all proceeds were given anyway in 2003. This would allow donations

to be tax-deductible without requiring CNA to deal with the administrative burdens of meeting all the 501(c)(3) requirements.

However, the CNA has left open the possibility of considering a separate 501(c)(3) in the future for large projects for which there is no readily available sister non-profit organization. This may be particularly attractive for large-scale capital improvement projects, such as water connections in parks, water fountains, sidewalks, bridges or other construction activities under consideration by the various “Friends” of our neighborhood parks. Funding issues for these projects may be a reason for the Steering Committee to re-examine this issue.

Mission meeting conclusions

As part of our evaluation of 501(c)(3) status, we did some pondering about what the CNA does and whether we need to do anything better or differently. We did not come up with any firm answers to this question, which is really an issue for the general membership. However, Gordon Bennett and Girard Kinney developed a marvelous list of the numerous things that the CNA and its members do. The CNA is an active and amazing organization.

It struck us that this list should be published for neighborhood residents (It will be posted on the Web site at www.cherrywood.org.) and perhaps used to open discussions on what CNA should do in the future, especially as the neighborhood faces increased density and development. But we also thought these larger issues were something that could be addressed later—perhaps in the spring 2005 when some of the projects on the CNA’s plate (bylaws, traffic and so forth) are behind us.

Many thanks to Gordon Bennett, Priscilla Boston, Meg Brooks, Girard Kinney, Michael McClendon, Lex Owen and Emily Schwartz for their help, time and expertise on these projects. ■

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

My Michael McClendon

If you have wanted to contribute to the Cherrywood Neighborhood Association but haven't figured out a good way to do so, please consider being a steering committee member.

Steering committee members serve two-year terms and meet monthly on the second Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Taqueria Los Altos on Interstate 35. These meetings last about an hour. The steering committee elects its own officers, and generally handles CNA business between the quarterly general membership meetings. Many new members use the first year of their term to learn the ropes, then take a more active role in their second year.

At the October general membership meeting, a slate of seven steering committee members will be presented for election to two-year terms. It is expected that some of the members whose terms are expiring may seek to continue serving, but it is estimated that we may need as many as four or five new members.

The nominating committee (Michael McClendon, Jim Walker, Dave Westenbarger, Priscilla Boston and Lex Dale Owens) is seeking volunteers to serve on the steering committee. If you are interested, contact Michael at 482-0016, or michaelmcclendon@juno.com or contact another nominating committee member. We will ask you to complete a short form regarding your interests, and the nominating committee will select the slate of candidates from the forms received. This form and more information regarding the steering committee is available at www.cherrywood.org. We need your form by September 1. ■

3 REASONS FOR 3 PEOPLE TO WAIT 3 MONTHS

By Gordon Bennett

We will enclose CNA's new design guidelines with the October issue of the Flea instead with this issue as intended. The final version was approved by the membership in April, and we had hoped to distribute it this summer. But...

First, we aim to increase the impact by illustrating more effectively. A picture is worth a thousand words, no? We anticipate including more than 20 photos depicting recommended design elements, and a few elements to avoid.

Second, doing it right — photographing, culling, captioning, laying out, etc. — is taking more time than planned. Peter Ketter, Girard Kinney and I try to meet to work on it together. And as a result, we think we will make the message clearer. But only eventually.

Third, the Steering Committee has decided it would like to formalize how CNA expends several hundred dollars before doing so for this project. No argument here. CNA has more than \$5,000 in the bank — from Flea ads, grants and donations. Publishing the design guidelines might require 10 percent of this sum. Our treasurer reports quarterly balances. What we lack, however, are any agreed rules for appropriating, bookkeeping, managing, and making public the status of the kitty. An amendment to the bylaws may be necessary.

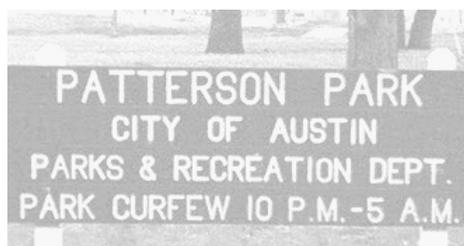
For all 3 reasons, the final edition will have to wait until next quarter. But hopefully no longer. Our design guidelines will be mostly voluntary. Their success in encouraging good construction practices will depend largely on whether everyone thinks they are a good ideas. Publicity will be key. Even though it takes an extra three months to get them in circulation, it will be important to make sure they meet three criteria — adequately funding, communicativeness, and acceptance.

In 3 short words — wait until October. ■

FRIENDS OF PATTERSON PARK

By Isabelle Headrick

Summer has come around again. This time two years ago I wrote about the first encounter with the idea of expanding the tennis center and the hope that we would get a shade cover over the baby pool. Last July I sent out a request for a landscape architect or civil engineer to draft construction-ready documents for part of a trail. It is shocking because all of these events feel so recent to me. True, my friends, kids, and kids' friends have made our annual abandonment of the playground and have migrated to the pool, where we hang out almost every day. And true, my Patterson Park world has expanded even more now that my son Zel is taking tennis lessons at Pharr Center. But it seems like yesterday that Kevin Sweat, an engineer who lives in Delwood 2, responded to our request and volunteered his services, which resulted in detailed, construction-ready plans for a path leading up to the playground.



Well, folks, I am proud to announce that the process that began then has culminated in the submission of a grant application to Texas Parks and Wildlife for an entire trail system in Patterson Park (\$66,000 was requested). This system consists of the aforementioned path and crushed granite jogging and biking trail around the park. Priscilla Boston discovered the grant and shepherded it to completion, including convincing the city to become the official applicant. Mark Smolen wrote large portions of the application. I am so grateful to Priscilla and Mark for all their hard work and ask you to please take time to thank them for their contributions to our park. We will find out in late August whether we got the grant. (If we do not receive the grant, we will still get the path to the playground, probably sometime in the fall.)

We hope to plan a community celebration in the park later this summer, so

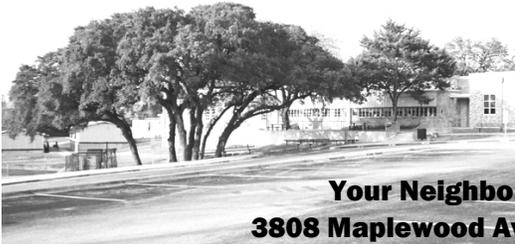
please stay tuned.

What improvements do YOU want to see in the park? FoPP members spent some time brainstorming in our last meeting and came up with the following ideas: amenities to the trail such as fitness stations and water fountains; additions to the playground such as monkey bars and more benches; and continued efforts to preserve our trees and halt erosion. We even decided to begin making inquiries about a possible renovation of the pool. If you have ideas, please join us in our meetings. The next three will be at 7:30 p.m. on July 12, Aug. 9 and Sept. 13 (second Monday of the month) at Genesis Presbyterian Church.

For more information on FoPP, call Isabelle at 499-0621 or e-mail isanews@texas.net. As always, donations to Friends of Patterson Park are tax-deductible and greatly appreciated. You may send a check payable to Austin Parks Foundation with "Patterson Park" on the memo line. Mail it to APF at 815 Brazos St., Ste. 1001, Austin, TX 78701.

P.S. FoPP is investigating rumors that there used to be a seep or spring in the park. If you have any information about this, please contact Isabelle at the above phone number or e-mail address. Thanks. ■

MAPLEWOOD NOTES



**Your Neighborhood School
3808 Maplewood Ave., 414-4402**

The 2003-2004 school year closed with a celebration at Maplewood's annual Spring Fling. Students, families, and community members came together for lots of outdoor fun including book and plant sales, a cakewalk, and music from the Maplewood Choir and 6th grade band. Winners of the pie-eating contest included Harold Eggers-Soo, Tafari Robertson, and Ryan Light. Thank you to the many hard working parents who organized and volunteered time at the Spring Fling, a favorite Maplewood tradition of students and teachers. Thanks also to our neighborhood businesses Sierra Spring Water and Grande Communications for their contributions.

Other highlights of the spring semester included a new business partnership with Austin Center. The downtown office building is managed by Crescent Real Estate, which facilitates the program "Faces of Change" involving three-year partnerships between employees at Crescent properties and public schools. We are enthusiastic about this new relationship that will include mentor opportunities and other exciting plans generated from a school wish list created by Maplewood teachers, parents and students.

Additionally, Maplewood is receiving a \$50,000 Capital Investment Grant for the 2004-2005 school year. Plans written into the grant by teachers and parents include after-school enrichment classes for students (fun stuff!) and extended building use hours, i.e. community use of the library and computers on Saturdays, adult ESL and parenting classes, etc. Please contact the Maplewood office at 414-4402 if you are interested in teaching an enrichment class beginning in September.

We welcome the community involvement.

Wondering how you can help out your neighborhood school, but don't have time to spare? Simply open up a Target credit card and 1 percent of your total purchases will go towards the public school of your choice (hopefully Maplewood). We all know those Target purchases add up all too quickly, may as well have them go to some good use.

Registration for the 2004-2005 school year for all grades, PreK through 6th grade, will begin Aug. 4. The first day of classes for students is Tuesday, Aug. 17. You can find a district list of school supplies at the Web site below, however individual teachers may request other items.

<http://www.austin.isd.tenet.edu/k12/parentsinfo/supplies.phtml>. ■

This Maplewood news column is written by Kelli Kirk, a counselor at Maplewood who lives in our neighborhood.

MAPLEWOOD EARNS CASH WITH BOX TOPS

By Ursula Banks

Maplewood Elementary is participating in Box Tops for Education fundraising campaign. With the help of families in the school and the neighborhood, Maplewood hopes to reach its goal of \$500.

Box Tops for Education is a school fundraising program sponsored by General Mills. You can help with when you buy groceries or shop online – all at no additional cost.

Maplewood will get 10 cents for each box top coupon it redeems from participating products. For a complete list of participating products, visit www.boxtops4education.com.

If you are able to help out, please drop off the box tops at the school's front entrance or mail them in. Your help is greatly appreciated. ■

8TH ANNUAL CNA TREE PLANTING

By Mike Damal

In the past seven years, 195 trees have been planted during Cherrywood Neighborhood Association's fall tree plantings. Some of the early trees are rather large now—we have beautiful established red buds on Robinson, a burr oak on Clarkson, and a Chinese pistache on Edgewood.

It gives me a great source of pride that our neighborhood with its volunteers has been able to do this. We will be continuing the tradition again this year with a tree planting in October or early November. Anyone interested in trees please e-mail mdamal@peoplepc.com (preferred) or call me at 478-9622.

The cost per tree runs from \$15 to \$20, and usually we have a selection of Chinese pistache, burr oak, red oak, live oak, cedar elm, crepe myrtle, or red buds. These trees range from six to ten feet high, and if you want larger trees I

can pick them up on request.

We have neighborhood volunteers to plant the tree, and we have people experienced in the best places to plant them, so all you have to do is sign up. For the price of a pizza you can help the environment and beautify Cherrywood neighborhood

If you are interested in volunteering to help plant the trees, it will be on a Saturday morning. This is not hard work and it usually is a lot of fun. Please e-mail or call me if you want to volunteer. ■

ART FAIR TEAM LOOKING FOR RECRUITS

By Priscilla Boston

The third annual Cherrywood Art Fair is scheduled for Nov. 20, the Saturday before Thanksgiving, and the organizing committee is looking for volunteers to help us make the 2004 art fair a smooth and fun production.

Last year a little more than \$1,500 was raised for Maplewood Elementary School's art program, and the sixth grade made another \$600 from food sales. Gross sales for the artists were pretty respectable as well; one artist reported sales of \$1,300.

After the 2003 show, many of the 44 artists who participated provided us feedback by completing a survey. Some comments indicated that the artists appreciated the organization and volunteer efforts that went into the show. One wrote:

"The Cherrywood event was the best show I have participated in because it was in a good location, the space was comfortable rather than a stuffy convention room with no windows, it had tons of vendors with varied work, was well organized, and the crowd was "Austin-y" and just really pleasant to deal with."

The team that orchestrated the event the first two years consists primarily of artists in the 'hood. Their experience has paid off. This year we're also looking for more involvement from neighbors so that the artists on the team can concentrate on producing their own art to sell at the show.

If you would like to be part of the team that coordinates this fun community event, please contact Priscilla Boston at 478-1867 or peboston@juno.com,

Here are the folks who have signed up so far, and the major positions for which volunteers are needed:

Art Fair coordinator: Priscilla Boston

Artist sign-up: Kathy McTee

Web site: Marilyn Fenn

Graphic arts: Liz Potter

Children's art activities: Jennifer Ober. Assistant needed to help organize kids' art gallery.

Art auction: Audrey Gray

Music coordinator: Cynthia Ballesteros

Logistics coordinator: Vacant: Plan the layout of booths, food sales, etc. and make parking arrangements. Put together a volunteer crew to help with loading and unloading artists' wares.

Media coordinator: Vacant: Develop communication plan to ensure good media coverage. Draft and distribute press release. Arrange radio and TV interviews. Track coverage. Work with graphic arts coordinator to develop ads and flyers. Arrange flyer distribution.

Bookkeeper: Vacant: Develop and maintain accounting system. Work with Cherrywood Neighborhood Association treasurer to secure advance money when needed and to develop final report.

Food Coordinator: Vacant: Work with Maplewood PTA to plan and coordinate food sales.

OTHER: Pitch and carry your own idea for ways to make the fair even better this year. ■



HAVE A PARTY FOR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

By Michael McClendon

National Night Out is Tuesday, August 3. Neighbors are encouraged to host or attend a block party that evening. If you were not

invited to attend a party on your street last year, please consider hosting one this year. Perhaps, you and your next-door neighbors could co-host a party. Or, you could simply turn on your porch lights and get out to walk the streets and meet your neighbors.

National Night Out is a good opportunity to gather support for the Neighborhood Watch program, and to promote crime prevention generally. If you host a block party, you can submit a written request for police, firefighters or EMS crews to visit your party. You can obtain this form at www.ci.austin.tx.us/police/nno or by contacting Rosie Salinas at 974-4900 or by e-mail at nno@ci.austin.tx.us. You will also receive a packet of crime prevention materials and other neat stuff to give to your guests.

National Night Out really works. Just meeting and getting to know more folks on your block increases the number of people looking out for each other and decreases crime. Don't delay — the deadline to request police, fire and EMS visits to your party is July 2, 2004, although Rosie might be able to accommodate a late request. ■

WELCOME

Rebecca Kohout has been delivering welcome baskets, courtesy of Fiesta, to the neighborhood's new residents. A warm welcome to homeowners who have moved here recently, including:

- Elizabeth Alexander, 3500 Clarkson
- Chris Cogburn, 4013 Vineland
- Todd Chalmers, 3106 French Place
- Dan Bettinger and Margaret Cochran, 4007 Brookview
- Ian and Nichole Flanagan, 3202 Cherrywood
- Lisa Knaggs and Ford, 3300 Merrie Lynn

If you have bought a home in Cherrywood in the past several months and have not heard from the neighborhood association's welcome wagon, it is because you weren't home when Rebecca came to deliver your basket. Please call her at 415-9876 to set up a time for delivery. Your basket is waiting. ■

FLEA DELIVERED DOOR-TO-DOOR BY VOLUNTEERS

By Alexandra Garcia

If you are reading this issue of the Flea, chances are it was delivered to your door. The Flea, which is issued four times a year, is delivered by a network of more than 15 volunteers to the more than 1,500 homes in the Cherrywood Neighborhood.

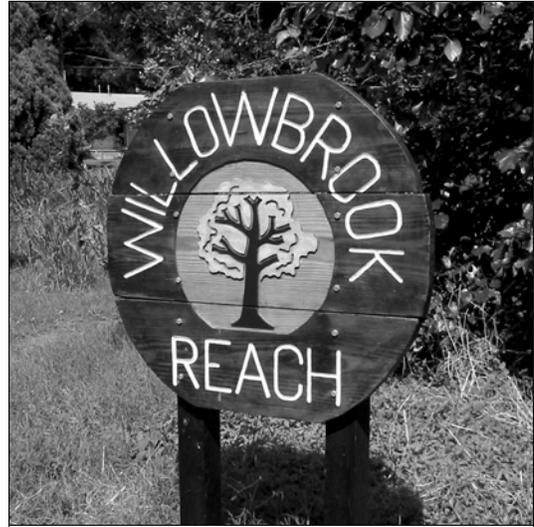
The printing and delivery of the Flea coincides with the four Cherrywood Neighborhood Association meetings each year to make sure all residents have a chance to be informed about neighborhood happenings and participate in making decisions.

For many years Jim Walker coordinated the Flea delivery. Jim recruited and tended a corps of dedicated neighbors to deliver the Flea door-to-door. He divided the neighborhood into sections, and each delivery person has a route.

After the Flea is printed, Jim counts out stacks for each volunteer and calls the delivery corps to let them know it's time to deliver the Flea. Then the delivery team takes over to get the Flea to each household before the quarterly meeting.

This summer Jim will pass the responsibility for Flea delivery on to Alexandra Garcia, who has delivered Fleas with her fiancé Jim MacKay in sections east of Cherrywood Road for seven years. Jim MacKay has been delivering the Flea since the very first issue in 1995. Many other volunteers also are long-time deliverers. We like meeting new neighbors and having a reason to get out and see our corner of the 'hood, one house at a time.

So when you see a friendly face folding a copy of the Flea into your screen door handle or fence railing, give a wave to your neighbor. And be sure to check out the agenda for the neighborhood association meeting, so you have a chance to get involved in the issues dear to you. ■



WILLOWBROOK REACH

The new Willowbrook Reach sign, just off the trail along the creek at the Cherrywood end of the green belt, was installed in June by Dave Westenbarger, who did a lot of the work to make the sign in the same style as the sign at Cherrywood Green.

Plans are under way to install plastic bag dispensers for scooping the poop of our many canine friends who walk along the reach with us.

Dave says he made the sign with the help of Brent Hay and his router. Brent designed the tree logo and made the Cherrywood Green sign. Dave says he overlaid a grid on a digital photo of the Cherrywood Green sign and transferred the image of the tree onto a pencil grid on the planks. The time-consuming part, he says, was staining and weatherproofing it. ■

JUVENALS HAVE BLUE RIBBON YARD

By Mike Damal

The tally was close this time, but the Blue Ribbon Yard award this quarter went to Sallie and David Juvenal at 3803 Grayson. Sallie and David will receive a \$25 gift certificate from Big Red Sun Nursery.

This compact yet varied garden features many beautiful perennials that do well in Austin, including salvia, rosemary and pride of Barbados. A huge sycamore tree has been gracefully pruned in front of the house, allowing sufficient sun for the garden below. Other interesting features include a rustic arbor with vines and a wooden pathway with stairs.

It is always an inspiration to see what others have done with their yards, and how unselfishly they share their beauty with the neighborhood. The next time you see someone in a lovely yard, either working or just being there, why not pay him or her a complement on how much you enjoy and appreciate it?

Voting for the Blue Ribbon Yard is conducted through the Internet via NeighborNet. If you have not subscribed to the NeighborNet, this is one of the exciting contests you could be a part of. If you don't have Internet access and are interested in this program, please call Mike Damal at 478-9622. ■



Blue Ribbon Yards winners:
Sallie and David Juvenal at 3803 Grayson.