

Annual Creek Cleanup February 9, 2008

Neighbors, please join us for the 18th Annual Bouldin Creek Neighborhood Association Creek Cleaning on Saturday, February 9th 2008 from 9 am – 12:30 p.m. (Rain Date: February 16). We will meet at the northwest corner of West Gibson & South 1st. We'll provide coffee in the morning - please bring your own mug.

Refreshments, donated from neighborhood businesses and restaurants will be served at 12:30 p.m. Wear sturdy shoes, hat, long pants, long-sleeved shirt and work gloves. Poison Ivy will be dormant, but still can get you!

We will be working on both East and West Bouldin creeks. It's a great way to get to know your greenbelts and meet your neighbors. Last year, over 50 neighbors, joined by about 20 community volunteers, filled more than 200 bags with trash.

For further information call 663-4632 or 443-8141.
Ingrid Weigand

BCNA Schedule

General Association meetings: Held at Becker Elementary School, every other month, on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Next Meeting: Tuesday Dec. 11, 2007

Steering Committee meetings: Every Month, the First Wednesday.

Bouldin BULLETIN publication: Every other month, before the week preceding the General Association meeting.
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MEETING

BCNA General Assoc. Meeting

Tuesday, Dec 11, 2007 6:45 pm.

Becker Elementary School

Agenda:

Officer Elections * Creek Cleanup

*Want to join the neighborhood email list? Go to
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BCNA/> or link from the
Bouldin Creek website*

About the Money:

A Message from the Treasurer

Dues payments and donations are the motor oil that lubricates and enables the activities of the Neighborhood Association. They help to cover the expenses such as the P.O. Box, website hosting, printing of documents for zoning cases, membership in the Austin Neighborhoods Council, occasional legal fees for advice or representation, etc.

The suggested annual dues are only \$25 per household and completely voluntary. Dues payment also automatically registers you to vote in the BCNA officer elections, coming right up at the December 11 General Association meeting, (We need candidates, let Ingrid Weigand know if you're interested – contact info on last page) as well as all other issues where a vote is taken. Thank you to all who have kicked in your annual dues in recent months.

Other ways to ensure your voting member status: Fill out and send the registration form on the last page of this newsletter, or just email your name, address and phone number to: ronniedittmar@sbcglobal.net. Put "BCNA registration" in the subject line.

Speaking of officer elections, we need some new folks to volunteer for the many opportunities to serve the neighborhood interest. The 'hood has grown and changed considerably in the 14 years that I've lived here. And new folks do step up fairly regularly, but it's mostly a lot of the same people that maintain the continuing interest needed.

Sometimes it can seem difficult to devote the time or energy, that's why we suggest getting started with a committee or Sector Rep position. You can focus on a narrow range of issues, or your own immediate section of the 'hood while you get to know the workings and other volunteers of the Association. Or if you feel especially motivated, there are various Vice-President and Secretary positions available, in which you would help run the meetings and formulate Association policy over a wide range of issues and opportunities.

So don't be shy, call or email Ingrid and share your interest. It's your neighborhood, and you can shape its future in any way you like.

Thanks yall,
Ronnie D

News Up From The Street

BCNA has partitioned the neighborhood into 7 zones for the purpose of newsletter distribution and individual zone representation. The boundaries are listed on the back page.

Green Zone-Cynthia Schiebel

The Green Sector does not have much news to report. The construction on Oltorf is finishing up in our sector. The construction crew was very hard working and did a great job of being considerate to the neighbors down at this end.

New shops are opening in the 2210 S. 1st plaza, including a new coffee shop.

Green Neighbors participated in a neighborhood block "progressive dinner" recently. What a great way to meet, greet and really get to know the folks on the block. We have such an interesting mix of people...what a treat!

Please email Cynthia at cschiebel@austin.rr.com if you would like to be included (or deleted) from the "Green Zone List".

Respectfully submitted, Cynthia Schiebel

Lavender Zone-Sara Clark

Is anyone out there in the Lavender Zone interested in volunteering to take over my Sector Representative position on the BCNA Steering Committee next year? The only requirement is that you live in the area of the Bouldin Creek Neighborhood that is bounded by Johanna Street, Oltorf, South 1st, and South Congress. If you are or think you might be interested, and would like to learn more about what's involved, please contact me at 495-6318 or SClark@ScottDoug.com.

Sara Clark

Yellow Zone-Jody Zemel

Take a look at the sidewalks (or lack thereof) in Bouldin Creek. When our neighborhood was first settled, there were a lot fewer cars, fewer driveways and more pedestrian traffic, maybe even some horses. Now with cars parked on both sides, and two full-size vehicles trying to maneuver in opposite directions, it's become the South Austin version of the Texas "Stare Down" to see who pulls away first. Wouldn't it be great to see some new sidewalks near Congress Avenue, especially on Eva Street, to accommodate our kids, our visitors and all of us who like to walk and wander around near Congress Avenue?

I have enjoyed serving as Yellow Sector Rep for the last two years and will be relinquishing my sector post this upcoming election. For all of you who live in the area

bounded by Congress, Nellie, Newton, Elizabeth, 1st Street and Johanna, please think about volunteering to represent the Yellow Sector in our elections coming up in December. Thanks, Jody Zemel

Pink Zone - Matt Coldwell

I'd like to thank Ingrid Weigand, BCNA Parks Chair for standing up to protect Nicholas Dawson Park. Recently Ingrid focused her efforts to minimize the impact of the Austin Clean Water Project sewer line project slated to run under East Bouldin creek. The project is an EPA mandated replacement of old leaky sewer lines that are contaminating the creek.

The main line will originate just South of Gibson Street and run north, under the park and creek and through to South Second Street. A new sewer line will also be bored down South Third Street from Christopher to West James to replace the aerial line now spanning the creek.

The park was at risk due to a very large pit to be dug in the greenbelt. Ingrid met with ACWP managers, PARD staff, and attended a City Parks Board sub-committee meeting to make sure every effort possible was made to minimize the damage to the park. It appears as if her determination and perseverance has paid off. Engineers went back to the drawing board and discovered they could use a reverse boring approach that required a significantly smaller pit in the park. In addition, it looks like a very significant fund will be created to mitigate the impact of the work in the park. This is great news because the City is now treating the park as an important, urban forest asset, worthy of saving and returning to a more natural state.

There is still further negotiation that needs to be done, more details to be hammered out and a lot of monitoring before and after the City Council approval of the project. But I want to thank Ingrid for her work now, in the past and likely in the future. Work could begin as early as March 2008 with portions of West Gibson Street, West James Street and South Third Street affected with visible work zones. Many Thanks, Matt Coldwell.

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Brown Zone: Stuart Hampton

Wild ... life in the Brown sector

Three examples:

- 1) Traveling home on a Tuesday night from north Austin I was heading south up S. First, past the Whataburger, when suddenly a blur of fast hairy animal flashed across the front of my pick up truck at high speed. Dog? Cat? Raccoon? What was it? My lasting memory of that instantaneous blur of fur was of a huge bushy tail about the size of the animal's body. It was a fox, the infamous gray fox that hangs around East Bouldin Creek. I had seen it with my own eyes (and thankfully missed hitting it with my truck). What a glorious creature. I felt privileged just catching a glimpse of it.
- 2) The sun was setting as a college age female was slowing her car as she approached the traffic lights on S. First, near Whataburger, heading north. She was driving with her knees, her body at right angles to the steering wheel so she could see her blackberry/cell phone which she was manipulating (text messaging) with both hands (thumbs). And the car was moving.
- 3) At the Stevie Ray Vaughn statue on Town Lake (OK, so it's outside the Brown Sector) a strange looking middle-aged woman asked me a question while I was walking the dog:

Woman: Is Stevie Ray still alive inside this statue?

Me: Ummm, I really don't think so.

Woman: Then how come his eyes are still moving?

Me: Ummmmmm.

(end of conversation) ... Wild.

GREEN CLASSROOM THRIVING, VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Green Classroom, Bouldin's hidden garden across Milton from Becker Elementary, is thriving. The volunteers who teach, water, weed, and provide plants have made the past two years among the garden's best.

The garden is actively used by a number of community groups, including: Becker Elementary School classes (pre-K through 5th grade), Earth Camp (a water quality field study program for 5th graders from low-income schools), Earth School (an outreach program for 5th graders using watershed models to teach the effects of pollution on water resources), and Keep Austin Beautiful's Green Teen (an after-school training program in horticulture, urban ecology and sound environmental practice for teens thirteen and older).

We currently have a volunteer for every Becker class. These volunteers make it possible for teachers to bring their classes to the garden to see butterflies, grow vegetables, eat healthy foods, and much more. But we can always use additional help.

We're currently looking for volunteers to commit 45 minutes per week to be an assistant to an assigned Becker class. The class will already have a lead volunteer who will coordinate with the teacher and plan activities. The assistant will help the teacher while the kids are in the garden.

We also need help with: web design and layout, organization of our tool and supply shed, fundraising and collection of "clean" (free of animal scat) leaves for our compost pile.

If you're interested in helping, please call Kelly Haragan at 441-7721.

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