

Bouldin Bulletin

28th Annual Creek Cleaning March 2, 2019

The Bouldin Creek Neighborhood Association’s Annual Creek Cleaning will take place on Saturday, March 2, 2019 in conjunction with the Austin Parks Foundation’s “It’s My Park Day” celebration. (Rain date: March 9)

Since 1991, neighbors have met once a year to collect trash in both East and West Bouldin Creek. Together we have removed enough parts and tires to build a small fleet of cars, carpets and appliances to furnish several homes, cans and bottles to open a convenience store and styrofoam to last quite a few lifetimes. In addition, innumerable pieces of found art made it home with their proud finders.

We have been keeping up with trash in West Bouldin Creek Greenbelt throughout the fall, so hopefully it won’t find too much in March.



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However, Nicholas Dawson needs attention; last year, we had to exclude it from the clean-up because a sewer spill made the water unsafe. With the recent rains, the creek now looks better than we have seen it in years – the water is almost pristine.

We’ll meet at 8:30 am at the entrance to Nicholas Dawson Park on the corner of Gibson and South 1st for coffee and snacks provided by neighborhood restaurants, then send teams of people to different parts of the two creeks. Around 11:30 am we meet back in N. Dawson Park for lunch, again courtesy of our business friends. Gloves and trash bags will be provided. Please dress in long sleeved shirts and long pants to guard against possible contact with poison ivy and wear sturdy shoes. Be prepared to get muddy and dirty and have a very good time. Kids, dogs and family friends welcome.

And if you register on the Austin Parks Foundation’s site (<https://austinparks.org/events/spring-its-my-park-day-2019/>) for our creek cleaning, you’ll get a t-shirt in the bargain.

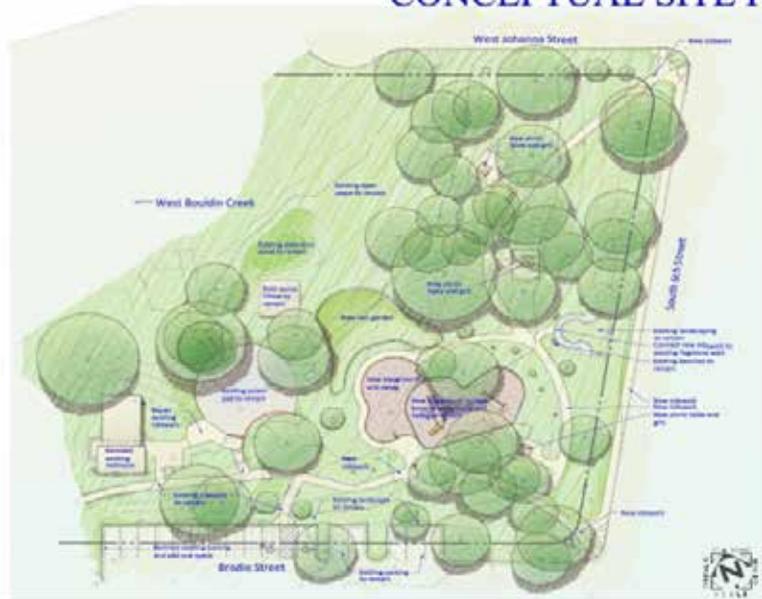
Ricky Guerrero Park

The long-talked-about Ricky Guerrero Park Improvement Project is about to begin! The Parks and Rec Dept. (PAR) 'Notice to Proceed' for construction was issued in January, with construction starting around February 15. PAR says the project should be completed in early summer 2019, weather permitting.

Planned renovations include demolition of existing non-ADA sidewalks, tree protection, landscaping, rain gardens, site grading for drainage control (including a remedy to the muddy ponding on walkways around the splash pad), new picnic tables and pads, construction of new sidewalks, curb ramps, upgrades to the playground and other furnishings, and new site lighting fixtures to enhance park safety.

Importantly, the project also consists of new ADA compliant sidewalks, installation of a new ADA accessible parking space, and retrofitting of existing restrooms to meet ADA compliance. Improvements will provide a more accessible and enjoyable play area for the community.

CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN



RICKY GUERRERO PARK IMPROVEMENTS

The improvements are funded through the 2012 Capital Improvement Bond as well as Parkland Dedication Fees. While this project has not been on the timeline we would have liked, please be patient as the construction teams get busy on our little park. And keep your fingers crossed for nice spring weather – here defined as: ample water to keep our native and well-adapted plants happy, but not so much rain that it delays construction on the park.



You can find more information at:

<http://www.austintexas.gov/departments/ricky-guerrero-neighborhood-park-%E2%80%93-general-park-improvements> . And if you have questions or comments, you can contact PAR staff listed on that website, or contact the BCNA Parks Committee at parkscommittee@bouldincreek.org.



Neighborhood Plan Contact Team

Meets Feb. 9, 4:30 PM

The Bouldin Creek Neighborhood Plan Contact Team (BCNPCT) will hold its annual meeting Saturday, February 9 at the High Road, 700 Dawson Rd., at 4:30 PM.

As a bit of background:

- Neighborhood plan contact teams are separate from neighborhood associations.
- Their sole purview is stewardship of the neighborhood plan.
- They operate under city-dictated bylaws, elections, meetings, notification, and reporting.
- All BCNPCT meetings are open to the public and anyone who resides in or owns a business or property in the neighborhood plan area may participate on the contact team.

You can read more about Plan Contact Team responsibilities and processes at: <http://austintexas.gov/department/neighborhood-plan-contact-teams>.

The Bouldin Creek Neighborhood Plan has been amended several times since its 2002 adoption.

Sector Information

See map below to discover in which BCNA Sector you reside. Or, view a larger, full-color version of our neighborhood sector map at: <http://www.bouldincreek.org/sector-map/>

BCNA Officers as well as your sector rep and his/her information are always listed on the back page of the Bulletin. Or here: <http://www.bouldincreek.org/contacts/>



Amendment requires city application and notification. No amendments are scheduled for this meeting.

The February 9 meeting agenda will include officer elections, a review of the team bylaws, and review and vote on a couple of optional planning resources the team has traditionally not opted for.

You can read about them at:

<http://austintexas.gov/department/front-yard-parking>

<http://austintexas.gov/department/mobile-food-establishments>

What Can BCNA Do for You?

— Melynda Nuss – VP Neighborhood Affairs

Most of our BCNA meetings are important, but a little bit boring. Unless you're directly affected, issues involving zoning, traffic, parking and crime can make a pretty dull evening.

From time to time we've had activities that are a little bit more fun. We have a neighborhood happy hour on the last Friday of the month at El Mercado, and the parks committee has organized some great park and greenbelt cleanups. But as the new Vice President of Neighborhood Affairs, I want to create activities that will get a broader group of people involved in neighborhood activities. We're stronger when we know each other and communicate with each other. And since this is Austin, we're at our best when we're having fun.

So if you're someone who has been reading this newsletter but hasn't gotten involved yet, I'd like to hear from you. What activities would bring you out to meet your neighbors? An early morning walk on the greenbelt? Neighborhood Night at the Food Trailers? A repeat of last year's Easter Egg Hunt? A block party featuring neighborhood bands? A Beauty Contest for the neighborhood dogs?

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I'm particularly interested in hearing from people who are new to the neighborhood, people with young children, and people who live in apartments or condos. (Yes, renters, you too are members of the BCNA!) If you have any ideas, and especially if you'd like to help organize, please email me at mellynuss@yahoo.com.

Lavender Sector – *Kate Francis*

If you've been by the intersection of Crockett and S. Congress lately, you might have noticed the chain link fence and construction going on at the SW corner (the former location of TG&R Discount Food Mart). It is the future home of The Meteor Cafe, a locally focused cafe and bike shop that will open in May/June later this year. The footprint of the store is getting bigger with small expansion in the back. The site offers plenty of parking, but hopefully neighbors will be riding their bikes or walking to this new community hot spot.

The Meteor Cafe was founded by two friends who met in the biking community in Chicago, Doug Zell and Chris St. Peter. Doug is the founder of Intelligentsia Coffee and a pioneer of the "third wave" coffee movement - artisanal flavors, fair trade, single origin sourcing - the reason coffee tastes so good! This will be the Meteor's second location. The first opened in Little Rock in 2017, and planning is currently underway for a third location in Bentonville, Arkansas.

The cafe will offer specialty coffee drinks, tea, beer and wine, artisanal baked goods, seasonal soups, salads, and sandwiches, a pretty impressive brunch menu, and pizza.

In addition to the cafe and convenience store atmosphere, the shop will also have a selection of curated bikes for sale and service. Tsunami Cycles, almost next door, has expressed excitement about having the new shop since both will offer different services



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and repair options, and hopefully bring more foot traffic to this little strip of Bouldin.

Yellow Sector – *Elizabeth Howard*

I'm sure many of you are wondering what is going on at the old Uncommon Objects space on S. Congress? Well, I'm happy to report that our Yellow zone neighbors and native Austinites Lauren and Sean Greenberg are opening Maufrais,* a lifestyle shop selling customizable Stetson hats and vintage housewares. There's also space for art exhibits, pop-ups, and a cool local group plans to sell coffee. Sean's family owns Allens Boots which has been at 1522 S. Congress since his dad, Steve Greenberg, came to Austin from Dallas in 1977 to move his brother into UT. He bought the building 2 years later and now his son's business will be next door. Can't wait to see what they have in store for us!

*The name of the shop is a nod to the mysterious and iconic name you see stamped on the sidewalks around town, Maufrais Brothers, which was a family run concrete company that poured sidewalks in Austin for about 90 years beginning in 1893.

Pink Sector – *Scottie Downing*

Howdy Neighbors,

I've lived in Bouldin from the first day of my transplantation to Austin. I am originally from California, but don't hold that against me. Both my chosen profession, as well as my desire to build deep community roots have perked my interest in serving with the BCNA. The longer I live in Bouldin, the more I fall in love with its funky charm and develop strong concerns about the happenings of the neighborhood. In my time here, I've witnessed rapid transformations occurring in the area. The most noticeable changes have been largely in property style, an increase in multi-family housing, and the ever-expanding Warren Wildlife Gallery. My main interest in serving as the sector rep is to help inform and stay on top of the concerns that are specific to the Pink Sector. Please feel free to reach out with any specific concerns you'd like to have addressed, or if you have any information to share with the neighbors. Also, don't be shy to say hello to me, my husband Sean, or our Goldendoodle Stanley.

Brown Sector – Stephanie Scholten

With the new year in full swing, it is a good time to take a look back at our community's safety in 2018. The following list of noteworthy reported crimes were gathered from the *Austin GIS Crime Report Viewer*:

Timbercreek & Oak Knoll

- 5 burglary of vehicle
- theft auto
- 1 theft auto parts
- 5 theft bicycle
- 1 theft other
- 4 assault with injury
- 1 assault by contact
- 1 assault by threat
- 1 terroristic threat (family/date)
- 2 family disturbance
- 1 criminal trespass notice

The Willows

- 1 agg assault strangle/suffocate
- 3 burglary of vehicle

Viewpoint

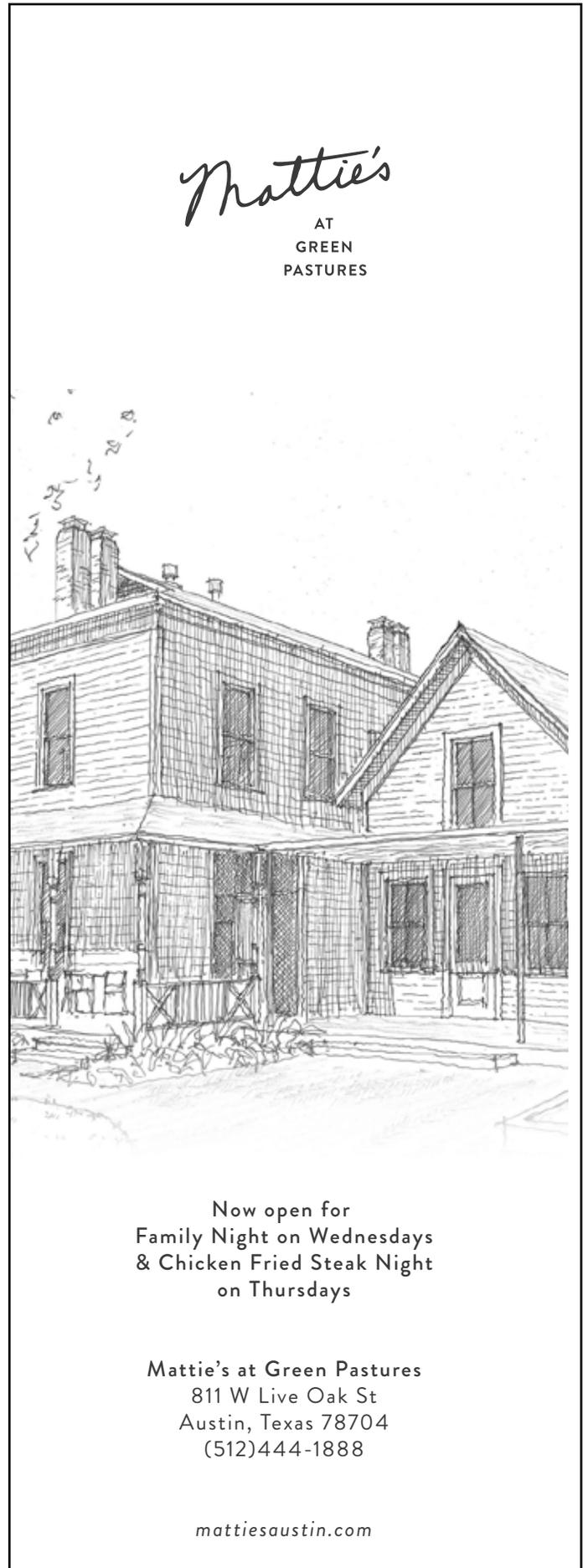
- 2 harrasment
- 1 criminal mischief

Bouldin Creek Condos

- 1 burglary of vehicle
- 1 criminal mischief

Vehicles and bicycles are a frequent target in our sector. Ensure your car doors are locked and all possessions - including loose change - are hidden out of view. Park in well-lit areas. Bring your bicycles inside, or double-lock them with two different types of locks if they are stored in a place reachable by others.

Unfortunately, the number of assaults and other violence were also quite high. Get to know more of your neighbors and look out for each other. Don't hesitate to call the police if you hear sounds or see behaviors that concern you.

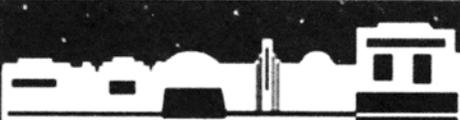


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