

Bouldin Bulletin

BCNA Officer Elections - Coming Up In December

The Bouldin Creek Neighborhood Association will hold its annual Officers election at the next General Association meeting on Tuesday, December 8 – most likely via ZOOM.

In order to vote in the election or to run for office, you have to be a registered member of the Neighborhood Association. The deadline for registering prior to the election is November 30. Please contact Treasurer, treasurer@bouldincreek.org to sign up or to check whether your registration is current. Attendance (with sign-in) at any meeting within the last 2 years automatically updates your registration.

We are always looking for new members of the Executive Committee, either as Officers or as Sector Representatives. Being a Sector Rep is a great way to get to know neighborhood issues, and then move on to other positions.

If you have any questions about the roles below, you can contact any of the current Officers. An Election Committee will be formed soon; in the meantime, if you are intersted in running for a position, please email Ingrid Weigand at ingweig@gmail.com. We will publish a list of known candidates in the December newsletter.

President is the primary spokesperson of BCNA. S/he presides at all meetings of BCNA general membership and the Steering Committee, makes appointments with the advice and consent of the Policy Board, and cosigns all checks drawn on the account of BCNA.

Vice President – Neighborhood Issues shall assist and support committees related to zoning, development, parks and traffic. S/he will preside at BCNA meetings when necessary due to the absence of the president.

Vice President – External Affairs shall assist and support activities related to community ambassadors, neighborhood wide social events, creek clean ups, neighborhood outreach, resource persons

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and serves as the Austin Neighborhood Council Representative.

Communications Director shall assist with and support activities related to information dissemination, newsletter publication, web sites and other mass media.

Treasurer shall assist and support activities related to finance, including account record keeping, fund deposit and withdrawals, and other related business management with respect to fundraising. The Treasurer shall cosign all checks drawn on the account of BCNA; s/he will give a full report of all accounts on a monthly basis to the Steering Committee and shall keep the General Association apprised of all transactions to the BCNA accounts.

Secretary shall record minutes of the General Association Meeting and the Steering Committee meetings, as well as assist and support activities related to record and agenda keeping, membership validation, and database managing.

Sector Representatives – must live in the sectors they represent (see sector map on page 5)

New By-laws Amendment

— Matt Coldwell, Secretary

An anti-racism & anti-discrimination amendment to the BCNA by-laws was read for the first time at the August 2020 General Association meeting, a virtual meeting on ZOOM. The amendment adds to the existing text further clarification and strength about our purpose and goals. The BCNA includes all residents within its boundaries since its inception as a City-recognized Neighborhood Association. The new amendment underscores our commitment to condemn racism and support changes that lead toward diversity, inclusion and ending racism against any person or group at large.

The second reading and vote on the amendment will occur at the upcoming General Association meeting on October 13 – to be held via ZOOM.

For a glimpse of the full text and its incorporation into the existing by-laws please go to: bouldincreek.org

BCNA Charitable Contributions

At the August General Association meeting, it was decided to distribute some of the accumulated funds in the BCNA Treasury to charity. Ten percent of the Association total funds balance was distributed to the following charitable organizations:

The Other Ones Foundation, the city's partner non-profit that is cleaning up homeless camps throughout the city.
<http://toofound.org>

Austin Creative Alliance – Artist Emergency Relief Fund
<https://www.austincreativealliance.org/emergency>

Housing for Musicians & Entertainers:
<https://www.homeaustin.org>

Two neighbors also anonymously matched these donations at the levels of \$2500 and \$500 respectively. Thank you for your generosity!

Coming back every Thursday from 6-8 pm, the Bouldin Stroll!

Do the Bouldin Stroll on Thursdays 6-8 pm. Get out and sit in your front yard or on your porch, go for a walk and wave and chat to neighbors, or take the kids on their bikes around the hood. Many of you already do this, but sometimes having a reminder on the calendar is a nice way to make sure you are connecting with others, and it gives us all an opportunity to check on those who may not have a lot of social interactions in their lives these days. This is very informal and there is no official starting time or location. Consider it a motivation to get out if you are finding yourself stuck in a rut and craving a wave from a kind (masked) face.

I'll be sending email reminders out on Thursdays about the Stroll, and if you are setting up a table with something to offer people coming by, or want others to join you in your yard for a distanced drink, please reply all to any of my email reminders to let others know how to find you.

By now we all know the guidelines to follow. Please wear your masks to keep others safe (or at least take one with you in case you want to stop and chat to a neighbor). If you are feeling under the weather or have been in a situation that would make you more likely to have been exposed, please do not risk the health of others, stay home, and join us another time.

Thank you,
Kate Francis
VP of Neighborhood Issues, BCNA

**Stay informed on neighborhood meetings,
events, street closures, and more at
Bouldincreek.org**

It's My Park Day

The Fall It's My Parks Day has been canceled. We are hoping that the Spring one will take place for some much needed maintenance. In the meantime, as you walk in our parks and greenbelts, please consider taking a bag and picking up any trash you might see.

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SoCo Shops Need Your Business

Neighborhood Food Pantry – The Buy Nothing Project

Howdy, neighbors!

It's no secret that during these unprecedented times that the small businesses that are the standard-bearers for our local economy are hurting like never before. The iconic local shops, clubs, and restaurants that make Austin Austin are under a threat unlike any we've ever faced. Your small business owning neighbors are fighting to keep the landscape of local businesses and shopping districts from being irrevocably changed, and it is something that can only happen with the help and support of our community. As you face the challenges of your own day to day struggles during Covid-19, we hope you will consider how vitally important it is to choose local options to help see you through.

Many South Congress businesses remain open to serve your needs, more often than not operating at a loss as we try to maintain employment for staff and to continue serving our loyal customers. Please consider your continued and ongoing support of South Congress shops and restaurants in the upcoming months, whether it be grabbing some curbside food, coffee, or cocktails to go from local institutions like Enoteca, Vespiao, Homeslice, Farm to Market, or Guero's, replacing those worn-out Covid comfort clothes at Co-Star or By George, or grabbing gifts for those birthdays and events that are still happening from our local retailers like Parts & Labour, Maya*, Tesoros, or Monkey See, Monkey Do!

Lots of businesses are offering specials and incentives, and we encourage you to follow your favorites on social media, and to keep an eye out for the community social media that puts everything in one place, Instagram: @southcongressatx Facebook: m.facebook.com/SouthCongress

Austin is home to us all, and safely preserving what we've built together is the only way out. We hope to see you 'round SoCo!

Brandon Hodge,

President, South Congress Merchants Association

**Be part of the neighborhood
visit us at
Bouldincreek.org**

Looking for something to do with those 10 bags of pasta, 8 cans of black beans, and 5 packs of ramen you bought at the start of the pandemic? It's time to clean out your pantry, and there's a great place to put all of those items to use. Sherry Holdridge and the Buy Nothing Project have stepped up and organized a neighborhood food pantry, (and delivery for those who cannot drive!!). They have provided a place where you can drop off your goods, and others can pop by to receive a little help. The group started the pantry on August 29, and it has been stocked weekly from the generosity of the neighbors cleaning out their pantries, harvesting their gardens, and purchasing extra goods. Any food left over is picked up by Austin Shift Meal to serve hospitality workers by allowing them to reserve meals online and take from the pantry. Here's the skinny on what/when/where:

Where: 2004 Wilson

Drop Off: Friday & Saturday every week

Pick Up: Saturday 12-6PM every week

Delivery: Upon Request

Pantry Favorites: bananas, avocados, oranges, onions, peppers, potatoes, mini carrots, Amy's chili, Amy's mac & cheese, Annie Chun Noodle Bowls, oatmeal variety packs, tortilla chips, salsa, Oreos and other dry goods.

Contact: Sherry.Holdridge@Gmail.com

Buy Nothing Project: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/870507623472431>

Austin Shift Meal: www.AustinShiftMeal.com

New BCNAForum Listserv

The Steering committee of Bouldin Creek Neighborhood Association is testing a new Listserv platform, to replace the BouldinForum@yahoo.com platform.

The new listserv is named BCNAForum@groups.io.

It is a full function listserv platform that allows all of the features that were recently discontinued by Yahoo, such as Digest, Webview, archiving, etc.

Watch the Bouldinforum and the website (bouldincreek.org) for updates in coming weeks.

Sector Information



Discover which BCNA Sector you reside in 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/>



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Brown Sector – Stephanie Scholten

What additional precautions have you taken as a resident of multifamily housing during the COVID-19 pandemic?

"I have stayed at home mainly, socially distant for the most part, and if I go out, I like to run or bike around the neighborhood and wear a facemask in public places. I am just abiding by the city recommendations."

— Bouldin Creek Condos resident

"Wiping down shared laundry room surfaces. Door knobs, machine buttons."

— Will Stewart

"I stay home as much as possible and avoid the common areas. I wear a mask in the laundry room or mail room, try not to touch anything, and always wash my hands and wipe things down as soon as I get home."

— Timbercreek Apartments resident

ART-ON-THE-CORRIDOR SHARE YOUR STORY!

ABOUT ART-ON-THE-CORRIDOR

The City of Austin's Corridor Program Office is working with communities to identify opportunities for public art and cultural spaces along nine designated roadways in Austin.

The **Art-on-the-Corridor Project** is gathering stories from community members in order to understand the culture and community unique to each corridor. Even if you don't live on one of the nine corridors, you may interact with them in other ways.

These stories will help identify opportunities for public art that best support each unique community in their expression of identity and in meeting other key community goals.

SUBMIT STORIES TO HONOR IMPORTANT PARTS OF YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND GIVE INPUT ON FUTURE PUBLIC ART PROJECTS THROUGH OUR WEBSITE!



[BIT.LY/CORRIDORART](https://www.artonthecorridor.org/south-lamar-boulevard)

Contribute to Art on the Corridor

The City of Austin is sponsoring art on the South Lamar corridor to tell the story of life in Bouldin (see above.) Please share this link and contribute your story here:

<https://www.artonthecorridor.org/south-lamar-boulevard>

Bouldin Creek Neighborhood Association Meeting Schedules

General Association:

2nd Tuesday every other month, 6:45 pm at The High Road on Dawson (700 Dawson Rd)

2020 Dates: October 13, December 8. (Watch the BouldinForum and Bouldincreek.org for ZOOM invitation)

Steering Committee:

1st Monday of each month, subject to change for Holidays, etc. (same time/place as General Association meetings)

2020 Dates: October 5, November 2, December 7.

Zoning Committee:

2nd Monday of each month, subject to change for Holidays, etc. (same time/place as General Association meetings).

2020 dates: October 12, November 9, December 14.



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If you would like to join the Neighborhood Association to be able to vote or pledge a candidacy, please send your name, address, phone, and email to:

Ronnie Dittmar treasurer@bouldincreek.org
BCNA Treasurer
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