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Help Clean-Up Shoal Creek !!!

Saturday, April 10, 9-11am

The Bryker Woods Neighborhood Association (BWNA) will be participating with other organizations in cleaning-up sections of Shoal Creek on Saturday morning April 10th.

BWNA, in conjunction with St. Andrews Elementary School, will be cleaning up Shoal Creek from behind Bryker Woods Elementary upstream to as far as 38th street. The Ridglea neighborhood will clean up their area along Shoal Creek north of 38th Street. Whole Foods and GSD&M will be focusing their efforts on the southern part of the creek near Townlake.

This event presents an opportunity for residents of Brykerwoods to assist in improving and maintaining a park area important to our neighborhood.

The schedule for the Clean-Up is to meet at 9am, Saturday, April 10 at the gazebo in the Park behind Brykerwoods Elementary. Beverages and refreshments will be available. Our goal is to collect trash along Shoal Creek for an hour or so. Trash bags and plastic (read "lightweight") gloves will both be provided. Those eager individuals interested in the Shoal Creek Clean-Up might also consider wearing boots, jeans and heavy gloves. For more information please call Edward at 478 -1337.

- Edward Tasch

Current BWNA Officers and Board

Please feel free to raise neighborhood issues and concerns with anyone on this list.

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Association today! BWNA is as strong and as active as its members. By joining BWNA, you can help shape the community we all share. Membership form is on Page 3.



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For other dates to remember, see the
EVENTS CALENDAR on page 2

Why Ride the #19 Bull Creek Bus?

For those wanting to get to the University and Downtown areas without the hassle of parking, a tremendous resource runs right through our neighborhood.

The #19 Bull Creek Capital Metro bus goes through Bryker Woods every hour on Jefferson and Northwood roads. The cost is \$.50 each ride, however half price passes may be purchased at Randall's on 34th street. The busses used for the #19 route are new, clean and quite comfortable.

The University and Downtown areas are destinations for the southbound #19 bus. The Children's Discovery Center, Public Library and Austin Historical center are along the #19 route. Barnes & Noble is just one of the many shops accessible on the Drag. The #19 bus is a marvelous way to get to the Travis County courthouse when you get summoned for jury duty. When family or friends visit, put them on the #19; the Capitol & visitors center, University, Downtown and the parks along Town Lake all make fine places to visit.

The Northbound #19 bus has Northcross Mall as a final destination. Besides shops, Northcross Mall has a movie theater, and the Village Theater is just across the street. Restaurants along the northbound route include Chez Zee at Balcones and Mangia Pizza at Mesa.

Why ride the #19 Bull Creek bus? Convenience for one thing. Riding the bus is a great way to commute downtown to work. With the car at home, you don't have the hassle of parking and you get extra time to read the paper. Riding the bus helps the community, too, by reducing the number of cars on the road.

Consider riding the #19 bus for whatever reason - for your own convenience or to help the community. More information on the schedules, routes and bus stops for the #19 Bull Creek bus may be obtained by calling 474-1200 or by visiting the web <http://www.capitalmetro.com>

-Edward Tusch

Events Calendar

The BWNA Newsletter will include an events calendar in each issue to keep residents informed of upcoming activities. If you have submissions for the Calendar, send them to Susan Handy and Matt Richter at 1701 W. 30th St.

April 5: West Austin Neighborhood Group monthly Board Meeting 7pm at Howson Library, Tarrytown. The City of Austin presents a Visual Preference Survey - evaluating images of housing, businesses and streetscapes showing various design styles and Smart Growth principles. Come indicate your preferences!

April 9: Dedication ceremony for new building additions at Bryker Woods Elementary School.

April 10: Shoal Creek Clean-Up (see pg 1)

April 10: Mayfield Park's annual fund raiser, "Trowel and Error", at Mayfield Park 9am-noon.

April 17: The Austin City Council presents "Creating a Livable Community Neighborhood by Neighborhood Workshop," 7:30 am to 4:30 pm at the Austin Convention Center. No registration fee. Box lunches provided for everyone who pre-registers. Contact Meghan Wieters (499-6386).

August 3: 2nd Annual BWNA sponsored National Night Out Ice Cream Social.

West Northwood Road Improvements

West Northwood Road (area between MoPac and Jefferson) is now more user friendly for pedestrians and residents. Recent improvements include oak trees planted in the two public triangle medians and the installation of a Johnson Creek Watershed sign. The most notable improvement is the new bicycle lanes along Northwood Road between MoPac and Jefferson.

Not only does Northwood Road carry many automobiles and trucks, it also serves as a primary route for cyclists and pedestrians crossing under MoPac. The bicycle lanes provide a space for both cyclists AND pedestrians traveling through the neighborhood. Furthermore, the bicycle lanes send a message to the over twelve thousand cars and trucks using Northwood Road each day that the road exists within a neighborhood and should be shared with both cyclists and pedestrians.

-Edward Tusch

1999 Bryker Woods Neighborhood Association Membership Form

Attached is \$5.00 per household for membership in BWNA.

Attached is a \$_____ contribution to Bryker Woods Elementary School through BWNA and Partners in Education

Name: _____ Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email Address: _____

Please mail or deliver to: BWNA c/o David Boenisch 1804 W. 34th, Austin, TX 78703

☉ Thank you for supporting your BWNA ☉

Additions to the Bryker Woods Community

Have you moved to Bryker Woods recently? Had a baby? Gotten married? If you want to announce these events to your neighbors, please contact Susan Handy and/or Matt Richter (480-0800 or 1701 W. 30th Street). Since the newsletter comes out twice a year, please be patient.

Pauravi Rana and Prentiss Riddle announce the birth of Malini's baby sister, Uma Elise Riddle ("Chiku") on September 15, 1998.

Chris and Christine Cook at 3102 Beverly moved back to Texas from California in December 1998. Chris works for Vantive Software in sales while Christine is an account director at GSD&M.

BWNA Goes Electronic!

The Bryker Woods Neighborhood Association is getting its own web site! The site will be online this summer. Look for the website address in the next BWNA newsletter.

BWNA would also like to build a list of email addresses to remind members about upcoming neighborhood meetings and events. The list will NOT be given to anyone outside BWNA. Please include your email address on your membership form.

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