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## Annual Meeting November 6, 10am Bryker Woods Elementary

The annual meeting of the Bryker Woods Neighborhood Association will be held on November 6 at 10 am in the cafeteria of Bryker Woods Elementary. All residents of the neighborhood are encouraged to attend. Once again, refreshments are courtesy of Randall's.

At the top of the agenda will be the election of the association's officers and board members. President Bill Woods has graciously agreed to serve an additional one-year term.

We will then hear from Ernie Martinez of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) about the agency's current study of transportation issues in the Mo-Pac and US 183 corridors (see article on page 2). Mr. Martinez, the project manager for this study, will be discussing the purpose of the study and opportunities for the public to get involved. **This is a great chance for you to find out more about this important study and the potential impacts on our neighborhood.** *www.mopac183.com*

In addition, we will be distributing a survey at the meeting to get your input on the Mo-Pac study, your concerns about the neighborhood and the importance of neighborhood planning (see story on page 2), and your priorities for the activities of your Neighborhood Association. Please come share your thoughts!

## Proposed BWNA Officers and Board

At the November 6 meeting, BWNA residents will vote on the proposed slate of officers and board members. This slate was put forward by the Nominating Committee at the October 5 meeting of the Executive Committee.

- President: Bill Woods (454 - 9180)
- Vice President: Joyce Basciano (454 - 0207)
- Secretary: Jimmy McWilliams (458 - 4333)
- Treasurer: David Boenisch (453 - 0304)
- Newsletter Editors:  
Susan Handy and Matt Richter (480 - 0800)

- Members at Large:
- Jerry Balaka (453 - 1072)
- Greg Chico (482 - 8755)
- Michael Curry (453 - 7512)
- Tom Shefelman (477 - 9176)
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- Barbara ten Brink (482 - 0532)
- Irene Pickhardt (451 - 6820)
- Donald Zappone (477 - 4395)



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## Mo-Pac - US 183 Study

Are you in favor of widening Mo-Pac? What about having elevated HOV (high-occupancy vehicles) lanes? Well, these are questions being considered by Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) right now for both Mo-Pac and US 183. It's part of a larger plan to study how transportation on Mo-Pac and US183 might be improved. This new proposal by TxDOT also includes other, less intrusive methods of improving traffic, such as having metered on-ramp entry (i.e., a stop/go light at the end of the on-ramp to regulate traffic), more mass transit (such as buses), etc. These Transportation Systems Management and Intelligent Transportation Systems may go a long way toward improving traffic jams.

Seven Bryker Woods residents attended TxDOT's Public Meeting on September 30th. And, of the eleven people to speak against HOV and widening Mo-Pac, five were our neighbors, including your Neighborhood Association President.

At its October 5th meeting, your BWNA Board of Directors voted to go on record as being opposed to any elevated addition to Mo-Pac, and also against any widening which would require TxDOT to use private, residential property. Also, the Board voted to encourage TxDOT to: 1) build noise abatement walls along the Mo-Pac corridor; and, 2) widen the intersection at 35th and Jackson Streets, as long as this can be done using currently owned State property and right of way, without encroaching on private, residential property.

For now, TxDOT is holding public hearings, but soon they will move into the project selection process. Thus it is important for us to let them know how we feel about these matters. To that end, we have invited a TxDOT official to meet with us at our Annual Meeting on November 6th. I hope you will attend so that you may learn more about these proposals and ask questions and make your opinion known.

- Bill Woods

## Neighborhood Planning Program

The City of Austin has proposed over 50 neighborhood planning areas in the urban core for which neighborhood plans will be completed over the next five years. Bryker Woods is included in the proposed "Windsor Road" neighborhood planning area bounded by Enfield Road, MOPAC, 35th Street and Lamar Blvd. The planning process is expected to take one year from kick-off to adoption by the City Council.

Austin and Bryker Woods have changed dramatically since 1987, the year BWNA published our current neighborhood plan. Although our current plan provides a starting point for the new one, the City requires a thorough and inclusive planning process. Volunteers will be needed to update and reformat the current plan and to gather and analyze new data. If you are interested in participating in this exciting process, please contact Joyce Basciano, 454-0207.

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## Bryker Woods Elementary's 60th

You are cordially invited to attend Bryker Woods Elementary School's 60th Anniversary Celebration at our campus, 3309 Kerbey Lane, on Friday, November 19, 1999 from 6-9 p.m. Bar-B-Q Dinner from 6:30 -7:30 by Dagar Catering. Open House from 7:30-8:00 and entertainment by the Eggmen, a local Beatles cover band, from 8:00-9:00. Dinner reservations with payment is required by November 12. Cost is \$6.00 per adult and \$4.75 per child. Dinner tickets will NOT be sold at the door on November 19. Call 414-7195 for more information.

### Thank you

Thanks to all the volunteers (Greg Tipple, Randy and Kathy Schrecengost, Nancy and John Holston, Bess Hamilton, Betty Gross, Lisa Render, Cam Snyder, Catherine Hawkins, Edward Tasch, and Judy Taylor), who came down to Bryker Woods Park along Shoal Creek on July 17th and 31st to mulch our young trees. The mulch helped our trees survive the hot, dry summer. We all thank Ronnie Taylor for the cold drinks Randalls provided.

- Joyce Basciano



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