

Bryker Woods

BRYKER WOODS
NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION

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Lee Jones, Editor

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED

To the delight and excitement of all residents of Bryker Woods neighborhood, the annual meeting of the Neighborhood Association has been scheduled for Saturday, October 8th, at 9:30 AM in the cafeteria of Bryker Woods Elementary School, 3309 Kerbey Lane.

Anyone receiving a copy of this newsletter is a member of the Association, either paid or unpaid.

If your household is in the latter category, bring the membership form on the reverse side of this newsletter with \$5 to the meeting; the treasurer will be present to receive it. You are welcome to attend in either capacity.

Besides election of officers (proposed slate below), the meeting will feature two live examples of our city tax dollars at work, Mike Howe from the Water and Wastewater Department, and Rhonda Pennington from Environmental and Conservation Services Department (see articles elsewhere.)

In addition, (ta-da!) those attending the meeting will be able to order packages of bluebonnet seeds which they may plant wherever they like (October is the month to plant for spring blooms), for ONLY \$1 PER PACKAGE (that's one-half or less of the nursery price - Keep Austin Beautiful is underwriting the planting project, which they intend to make an annual one.) We will be taking orders only during the annual meeting, so you need to attend to take advantage of this special opportunity! You can order packets directly from KAB, but then you will have to go downtown during business hours to pick them up, whereas we will arrange a pick-up place here in the neighborhood.

PROPOSED SLATE OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

President: Betty Gross (453-3504)

Newsletter Editor: open - volunteer welcomed*

Vice-President: Lisa Curry (453-7512)

Directors-at-Large: Gregg Chico (482-8755)

Treasurer/Mbrshp: David Boenisch (459-4572)

Irene Pickhardt (451-6820)

Secretary: Rachel Kolberg (477-0026)

open positions for nominees/volunteers*

*qualifications for nomination/volunteering: primarily interest in neighborhood and/or Shoal Creek environmental issues; also time for infrequent evening meetings and willingness to carry out anything you've offered to do; newsletter editor needs computer and minimal (obviously) DTP skills.

HEY, BUDDY, GOT A MINUTE? - GOT 30?

Sure you do, you have 30 minutes once a week; now, can you think of any better way to spend it than giving a child the boost only an adult friend can give? It's a very little amount of time to make such a difference - and the best way to find out if this is your cup of tea is to attend the AISD Project Mentor Training Session, 11:00-1:00, Friday, September 30th at Bryker Woods School library.

They'll give you lunch while you're there; from then on, half an hour once a week will do it - call Randie Fraser, Bryker Woods Elementary School counselor, at 459-0932 between 7:30 AM and 1:30 PM to find out more about it, and to

PAY-AS-YOU-THROW EXPLAINED AT BWNA MEETING

Prepare yourself!! Pay-As-You-Throw is coming this spring, when sixty-gallon garbage carts will be delivered to all homes in the area. These carts allow for an automated disposal system with a number of benefits; pick up of yard waste will be increased during the summer and there will be twice-annual pick up of brush and bulky items.

A downside is that garbage pick up will be limited to once a week; fees may increase for some users. An increase in recycling and reduction of garbage should save tax payers in future landfill costs.

Environmental and conservation Public Information Specialist Sheryl...

1994 BRYKER WOODS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM
____ Yes, I/we would like to join/renew membership for 1994 in Bryker Woods Neighborhood Association. Accompanying this form is \$5 per household annual dues (checks payable to Bryker Woods Neighborhood Association.)

NAME(S) please print _____

ADDRESS _____

Please detach and mail or deliver to BWNA c/o Mr. David Boenisch - 1804 West 34th Street - Austin, Tx 78703

SHOAL CREEK PROJECT UPDATE

Mike Howe, community relations representative of the Austin Water and Wastewater Department, plans to attend the BWNA annual meeting. He will give us a history of events surrounding the project along Shoal Creek behind Bryker Woods School, and will describe ongoing work.

All indications are that the final steps have been completed and the long awaited restoration of this area will begin shortly. Earth will be moved to fill a large, old dumping spot, trees are to be planted and the area seeded with grasses. Any further fencing or trail building will be taken on by the school district.

SHOAL CREEK PARK VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Bryker Woods School has a number of adopters who provide invaluable services to our students, teachers, and parents. Now the school itself has become an adopter of the park land between the school and Shoal Creek. (This is the area that Mike Howe will be discussing.)

In coming months, Austin Parks and Recreation maintenance people will team up with parent volunteers and school children to make this area beautiful. Interested neighbors are invited to join in these efforts by calling Betty Gross at 453-3504.

SETON'S PLANS CHANGE

This time last year, the Neighborhood Association was concerned about a Planned Unit Development proposed by Seton Medical Center that could have dumped a large number of cars onto 34th Street to pass Bryker Woods School on their way to Jefferson Street and MoPac. To our relief, BWNA President Betty Gross has been informed by a Seton representative that, rather than making major additions to Seton Medical Center, Seton is beginning interior renovations and conversion of several existing nursing units to "maximize the use of currently available space."

The Daughters of Charity have acquired Medical Park Tower to the west of Seton Hospital, which gives them additional office space in which to expand. In place of the proposed addition to the south parking garage, a 55-car surface parking area for employees will be created just east of the garage.

A new League House is planned to be built on a portion of Seton's parking lot at Wabash and 32nd St, and St Andrew's Episcopal School holds an option on a vacant lot in that same area, but none of the programs and renovations now planned should generate the additional volume of traffic originally anticipated from the PUD.

LAMAR HOMES PRESENTS:

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