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EVENTS CALENDAR

Tuesday, August 4: Executive Committee Meeting, 8:00 PM, location to be announced.

Saturday, August 8: Brentwood Elementary School Kindergarten Playdate, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM, Brentwood Elementary School on the north side. Open to all incoming Brentwood Kindergarten families, no RSVP required. See article for more information.

Monday, August 10: Crestview Neighborhood Association Meeting. 7:00 PM at the Journey Imperfect Faith Community, 7500 Woodrow Ave.

Saturdays: Johnson's Backyard Garden and Bikkurim Farms farmers' market, 9:00 AM–1:00 PM, at 7113 Burnet Rd., in front of Dallas Nightclub.

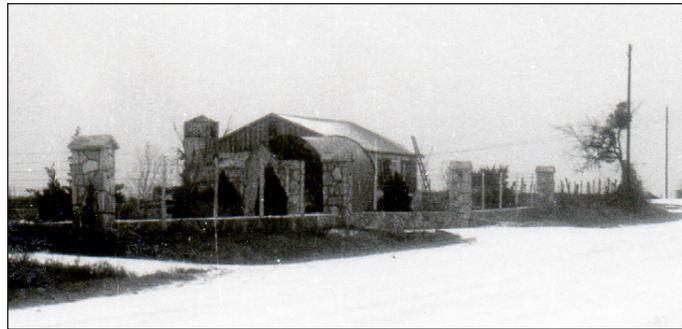
Saturday, October 17: Travis County Master Gardeners Association private garden tour, including a Crestview garden. See article for more information.

Local History: The Farmers' Market

By Susan Burneson, Voices of the Violet Crown

For 25 years, the farmers' market on Burnet Road was a popular gathering place for neighbors who visited its produce stands, craft booths, restaurants, and special events. Today, the rustic stone and metal buildings and the red barn to their south are being replaced by the five-story, mixed-use Burnet Marketplace.

Although the sign at the Burnet Lane entrance once read "Austin's Historic Farmers' Market," the buildings at 6701 Burnet Rd. were never officially designated historic. The land they were built on, though, has some historic Central Austin roots that date back to the Texas Revolution.



The view from Burnet Ln. in 1947

An extensive search of public records revealed that the farmers' market property was part of more than 3,000 acres once owned by George Washington Davis. He received the large land grant for his service in the decisive Battle of San Jacinto during the Texas Revolution.

The farmers' market site was among 162 acres purchased by W. P. Allen in 1921 after Davis and his widow, Elvira, passed away, and it was the four acres sold by Allen to Travis County in 1941.

While Travis County owned the four-acre property from 1941–2007, it was mostly used as a maintenance facility. On January 1, 1947, a member of the Frank Pease family, whose farm was across Burnet Ln. from the county-owned land, took photos of a rare Austin snowfall which also included the stone buildings. In 1947, Burnet Ln. was part of the original Upper Georgetown Road—today's Burnet Road. Sometime in the 1940s, a new section was built on the west side of the county site to help straighten the road through that area.

In the late 1980s, the county leased the property to Hill Rylander, and it became the Travis County Farmers' Market, according to the original 1989 sign along Burnet Ln. In 2007, the county decided it was time to sell. On March 21, 2007, three prospective buyers presented their ideas to county commissioners and neighbors. The county accepted an offer from Paz Dhody, a businessman known for his collection of large crystals.

Four years later, the site reopened as the 6701 Burnet Road Market and was managed by Jean "J" Kruse. At some point the sign was repainted to read "Austin's Historic Farmers' Market". The Violet Crown Festival was held there in May 2011, one of the few times it hasn't been held in Brentwood Park.

In 2012, when Dhody decided to sell, the City of Austin Historic Landmark Commission researched the property to determine if it could be considered historic. At the July 30, 2012 meeting of the commission, staff recommended a release of the demolition permit, rather than a historic designation. Paz Dhody, J Kruse, and five others appeared in support of the demolition. No one appeared in opposition.

Special thanks to Mickey Bauer for sharing her 1947 photos of the stone buildings and to Steven Zettner for sharing his 2014 photo of the "Austin's Historic Farmers' Market" sign.



The Farmers' Market in 2014

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Ice Cream Social 2015 a Success

By Nancy Barnard, Neighborhood Contributor

The Crestview Neighborhood Association would like to thank everyone who turned out for our annual ice cream social. There were many new faces as well as familiar ones, and it was lovely to see everyone hanging out and having a good time. In Austin, no event is complete without music, and we were lucky to have



two local bands provide entertainment: The Native Transplants and Pasadena.

In addition to music, many neighborhood groups were represented. Attendees learned about the Art at Entrances project, which CNA is working on with Violet Crown Community Works, and Voices of Violet Crown shared their impressive

historical display. The Girl Scouts were also on hand to spray colored hairspray on all who were willing, and face painter Alicia Fiedler decorated children with her phenomenal art. Children and adults alike were delighted when our local fire fighters showed up and provided tours of their fire engine!

This year was also the first for an ice cream eating contest. Participants were asked to consume a pint of ice cream; the first one finished won. In the children's competition, Evie Barnard won a gift certificate to Dragon's Lair; Roland Rodriguez won the adult division and was rewarded with a gift card to Barley Swine.

CNA would also like to thank everyone who helped to make the ice cream social possible. It was a truly memorable event thanks to all of the good people who live in our 'hood. We especially want to thank our sponsors who made this event possible: Crestview IGA provided ice cream, Little Deli allowed us to use their tables and grounds, TUC Managed IT Solutions provided solar power for the bands, and Toybrary handed out balloons. In addition, the following businesses generously donated gift cards for our raffle and ice cream eating contest: Top Notch, East Side Pies, Thunderbird, Tacodeli, and Barley Swine. These are all local businesses, so please thank them by giving them as much business as possible.

Inside Austin Gardens Tour Comes to Crestview



A Crestview garden is being included in this year's Inside Austin Gardens Tour, sponsored by the Travis County Master Gardeners Association. While the exact address of the garden to be toured is yet to be announced, residents interested in the tour should save the date, October 17.

For more information and discounted tickets, go to www.insideaustingardens.org. Tickets allow

access to seven gardens around town, including the demonstration garden that is always free at the Travis County Extension Agency office.

Photos and a description of the Crestview garden to be visited will be posted online. The garden is called "Cottage Natives".

Help Solve the Loose Dog Problem

By Abby Kaplan, Neighborhood Contributor



You may have noticed that dogs wander loose in our neighborhood quite often. If we work together, we can keep more dogs from leaving home, return lost dogs faster, and keep more people and animals safe!

If you own a dog, as a Travis county resident you can get a free microchip and ID tag for your pet at Austin Animal Center at 7201 Levander Loop, Bldg A. A pet that is microchipped, tagged, or both has a greater chance of returning to its owner once lost. Emancipet, also at 7201 Levander Loop, Bldgs I and K, offers low-cost spay and neuter services daily and also hosts mobile free days for Travis County residents.

When leaving the house, owners should be sure to make sure their pets are secure inside the house. If that is not possible, be sure to leave them in a fully-enclosed area outside that gives them access to shade, shelter, and fresh water.

If you lose a dog, visit Austin Animal Center at www.austintexas.gov/page/view-all-pets. If your dog has a microchip, call the microchip company to alert them about the situation. Make a lost dog flyer with a clear photo and easy-to-read contact information to post in your neighborhood and surrounding areas, and give copies to local businesses, especially if they're pet-related. Share photos online.

If you see a loose dog, call 911 if the dog is injured or running in traffic. If you cannot catch the dog, take a photo to share with the groups listed above, and email pass@austinpetsalive.org to have someone sent over to catch the dog.

If you catch a dog, call 311 to file a found dog report. If you cannot house the dog, any veterinarian can scan for a microchip. If you can't keep the loose dog and no microchip is found, drop off the dog at Austin Animal Center between 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM. For more information on lost and found dogs in Austin, see www.austintexas.gov/department/lost-found-pet.

Small Town Bike Repair

By Megan Baker, Neighborhood Contributor

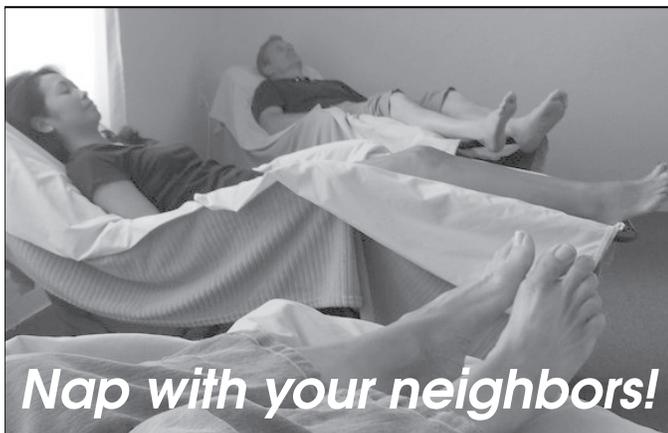
If your bicycle that needs work and you haven't had time to take it anywhere, Small Town Bike Repair and Maintenance can get you in the saddle again. Small Town was started and is run by local teenager, Paulo Hernandez.

The 14-year-old is a lifelong Crestview resident who operates the repair business out of the home he shares with his parents. Paulo charges \$14 per hour for repairs and maintenance—no job is too small—and will pick up your bike or work on it at your home. Either way, you get excellent work from a performance cyclist who is a fixture of the Austin cycling community.

Paulo learned bike maintenance while caring for his own four bikes and did maintenance for a participant in the 2015 Race Across America. As a crew member for that event, Paulo cared for the bikes of his friend and fellow Austin cyclist while honing his repair skills and enjoying his first trip across the U.S.

Paulo, a Crestview kid through and through, includes among his other interests soccer, photography, and playing the guitar. He has spent many hours playing at Brentwood Park, riding his bike around the neighborhood, and hanging out with friends at the IGA and Little Deli.

Small Town Bike Repair and Maintenance is a homegrown local business that can get you cruising the streets of our awesome neighborhood in no time. You can reach Paulo at 512-453-8382 or smalltownbikerepair@gmail.com.



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Annual Kindergarten Playdate Set

By Caroline O'Meara

The Brentwood Elementary School PTA is having its annual Kindergarten playdate on August 8 from 9:00 AM–11:00 AM.

Join us in the “little playground” at the elementary school; it is located at the back of the school on the north side, and is accessible from the parking lot on Yates Ave.

This is a great chance for your kids to meet other incoming Brentwood Bulldogs and to get a feel for the Brentwood playground. The PTA will provide light refreshments.

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Upcoming events at Brentwood Elementary

- Kindergarten Playdate, Saturday 8/8, 9-11am (above)
- Kindergarten Orientation, Friday 8/14, 10:30–11:30 AM
- Brentwood Open House (formerly Meet the Teacher) for K–5, Thursday 8/20, 4:00–6:00 PM
- First day of school; Boo-Hoo/Woo-Hoo Breakfast for parents of entering kindergarteners, Monday 8/24, 7:45–8:30 AM, in the library
- Meet & Greet with Brentwood's Interim Principal Amber Laroche, Tuesday 7/14, 6:30–7:30 PM, in the library
- Story Time at Brentwood, Thursday 8/6 11:00 AM–12:00 PM and Monday 8/10 2:00 PM–3:00 PM, in the gym

CNA Online Voting Test Complete

Over the last two months, more than 40 CNA members have been testing online voting as an additional method of voting on CNA business.

According to project sponsor, Advisory Chairman to the CNA Executive Council, Matthew Armstrong, many CNA members can not attend meetings regularly due to child care and other responsibilities. “This absence has created a unique vacuum in how CNA business is transacted—allowing a relative few to dominate the many, simply because they can physically attend a meeting,” said Armstrong.

In an effort to remedy this, a broad working group of CNA members has been testing two online voting platforms: Poll-Maker and Helios Voting.

Although the tests were not intended to select any particular platform, the project gave testers an understanding of how to implement online voting and best practices for security, privacy, and scalability.

“I am very excited by the amount of participation and the in-depth questions that the volunteers asked,” said Armstrong. “We got to the bottom of what we want to see in an online voting platform, so we can bring in more members and more opinions across Crestview.”

The next step for the online voting project is a formal motion to adopt a CNA bylaw change to allow online voting as an additional voting method. The motion is expected to be made at the August CNA meeting.

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The Redzone Project: New Floodplains for Crestview and Brentwood

In September 2013, the City of Austin adopted a revised floodplain map. In the revised map, a large area surrounding the Grover Tributary not previously designated as such, has been labeled as a floodplain, raising concerns among many residents of the surrounding neighborhoods.

Concerns arise from the fact that such a designation affects residents' ability to develop land and homes, and requires home owners with a mortgage to have flood insurance.

Neighbors have also voiced concerns that a floodplain label would result in repercussions in the market and tax value of their homes, and are unsure how to respond to the change or what their next steps must be.

Concerned members of the Redzone Project have expressed their gratitude to the Brentwood Neighborhood Association for allotting them time to meet with District 7 City Council Member Leslie Pool and Kevin Shunk of the Watershed Protection Department at the July 1 Brentwood Neighborhood Association meeting.

Future date, time, and location of The Redzone Project meetings will be announced as soon as the information becomes available.

For more information about the current and proposed floodplains, see www.atxfloods.com.

For more information about the Redzone Project, contact baihlah@grandecom.net.



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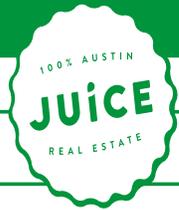
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