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CRESTVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, July 10: CNA Ice Cream Social, Noon–2:00 PM, in front of the Little Deli at the Crestview Shopping Center, 7100 Woodrow Ave. Note: the annual Ice Cream Social takes the place of the July CNA meeting

Saturday, August 6: Brentwood Elementary School PTA Kindergarten Play Date, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM at the Brentwood Schoolbus Playground, 6700 Arroyo Seco. Light refreshments provided. Open to all incoming Brentwood Kindergarten families. Questions? Email brentwood.pta.president@gmail.com or visit www.brentwoodpta.com

Monday, August 8: Crestview Neighborhood Association Meeting. 7:00 PM at the Journey Imperfect Faith Community Church, 7500 Woodrow Ave.

Announcements

Long time Crestview resident and original homeowner Edgar Stevens passed away on June 23. Our condolences to his family. He will be greatly missed by his friends and neighbors.

Quote

Give yourself a break. That doesn't mean to say that you should drive to the closest bar and have lots to drink or go to a movie. Just enjoy the day, your normal existence. Allow yourself to sit in your home or take a drive into the mountains. Park your car somewhere; just sit; just be. It sounds very simplistic, but it has a lot of magic. You begin to pick up on clouds, sunshine, and weather, the mountains, your past... You begin to pick up on a lot of things. Just let them pass like the chatter of a brook as it hits the rocks. We have to give ourselves some time to be.

-Chögyam Trungpa



Welcome to the 26th Annual Ice Cream Social

Mark your calendars! Get out your bibs! The Crestview Neighborhood Association's 26th annual ice cream social is Sunday, July 10th, from Noon–2:00 PM in front of the Little Deli at the Crestview Shopping Center, 7100 Woodrow Ave.

There will be music from the Utley 3, a raffle of local business gift cards and goodies, and of course, ice cream and toppings—and possibly our 2nd annual ice cream eating contest. Interested in volunteering or have questions? Contact Nancy Mohn Barnard at okra@austin.rr.com.

Notes from CNA's June 13 Meeting

By Chip Harris

A good turnout contributed to an exciting meeting with three important topics being discussed including higher traffic volume on Morrow St., a developer's lawsuit to allow increased development on his lot and an update on proposed changes on Grover Avenue.

Morrow Street

CNA President Dave Considine gave a report on the current status of the efforts to have the "porkchop" at the Morrow/Lamar intersection removed which was followed by a motion that the CNA reaffirm its position to prohibit westbound traffic across Lamar onto Morrow and northbound traffic on Lamar turning west onto Morrow by means of a physical traffic barrier. The motion was seconded and passed on a vote of 33–2.

Traffic volume on Morrow St. in the early 1990s was measured at 9,000 vehicles per day and rising—an alarming rate when compared with most residential streets that have 500 trips per day or less. The problem was lack of access from Lamar onto westbound Anderson Ln. At the time, there were only two options: go through four signal lights or cut through Crestview on Morrow Street.

City and state traffic engineers worked together to develop a permanent and sustainable solution that had two main elements: to provide an easily accessible route to Anderson (the bridge) while prohibiting cut-through traffic on Morrow. They knew it would need to be a permanent solution because the intersection of Lamar, Anderson, and 183 would always create pressure for arterial traffic to cut-through Crestview. The enduring improvements were completed in 1996 with safety and community being restored.

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Violet Crown Festival Review

By Nancy Mohn Barnard, CNA Secretary

The weekend sun stuck around just long enough to provide perfect weather for the Violet Crown Festival on Saturday, May 7th. This year's festival was once again held in Brentwood Elementary School's parking lot, which provided a neighborly setting for this favorite community event, with plenty of room for vendor tents and lots of green space and shade.

Over fifty artists sold their crafts and services at the festival, and several commented on the steady stream of customers throughout the day. Many attendees sought last-minute Mother's Day gifts for their loved ones, and they were not disappointed.

The entertainment line up was the best yet! The Tree Man once again delighted crowds with his life-like appearance; jugglers circulated throughout the festival

wowing people with their gravity-defying talents; and a flash mob enacted scenes from Shakespeare to a surprised crowd. On the music stage, belly dancers encouraged people to shake their hips, and many could be seen dancing and singing along to the talented bands that performed. Plus, Council Member Leslie Pool stopped by to update community members on District 7 news.



Children were delighted by all the activities, many of

which focused on Mother's Day gift-making. Violet Crown Community Works (VCCW) is grateful for the many involved businesses, clubs and non-profits that contributed to the festival and created a safe, creative and fun outlet for the children.

The festival would not have been possible without all of the incredible businesses that helped to sponsor the festival. Our GOLD sponsors include Amy's Ice Cream, Arlan's, The Austin Chronicle, Blum Firm Estate Planning, Burnet Road Storage, Dave's Ultimate Automotive, DPS Credit Union, Grande Communications, Hilton K. Moore, Juice Homes, Jump Gymnastics, Native Edge, Roger Beasley Mazda, Snapology, and Wiewel Firm Estate Planning.

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It truly takes a community to put on the Violet Crown Festival, and none of it would be possible without all of our many wonderful volunteers. So many of you offered your help throughout the day, stepping in wherever needed. Thank you everyone who contributed to the festival and helped in making this year a success.

VCCW is always interested in your feedback and ideas. Please email Nancy Mohn Barnard with your thoughts at okra@austin.rr.com.

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Grover Avenue Update

Roland Rodriguez, Place 4 CNA officer and chair of the Grover Avenue project, reported that surveys had been distributed to the residents of Grover and the houses that side Grover to determine what configuration of street changes, if any, they would prefer.

Officers of a prior administration had proposed striping Grover with narrower traffic lanes, eliminating parking on one side and striping one side of the street for bi-directional bike lanes that would double as a walking path, limiting cyclists and pedestrians to only one side of the street. The new administration, elected in May of 2015, wanted feedback from those most impacted by the proposed changes, the residents of Grover. So a survey was developed to gauge their preferences on four potential options. Option 1 is described above. Option 2 is to have two vehicle lanes and a one-way bike and pedestrian lane on both sides of the street and prohibit any street parking. Option 3 calls for narrowing the two vehicle lanes and centering them on the roadway, placing parking lanes along both curbs with designated bike lanes between them and the vehicle lanes. Option 4 is to leave Grover as it is. A good number of completed surveys have been returned and a full report will be made once the outstanding surveys have been submitted.

Deed Restrictions and Development

A report was given by one of the residents of the Meadowlawn subdivision regarding a lawsuit filed by Dawson Homes against some Meadowlawn residents who feel the developer is violating the deed restrictions for the subdivision. At issue is whether or not two houses are allowed on each lot, something that is prohibited by language included in the amended deed restrictions. Note: the Meadowlawn subdivision includes most of the houses on both sides of Mullen Street and the east side of Hardy Drive. After discussion, the association passed a motion stating that the CNA supported the homeowners of the Meadowlawn subdivision in the lawsuit against them.

Vamonos After School!

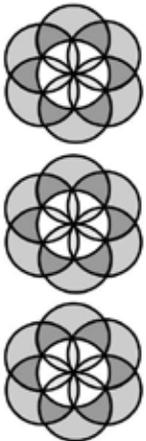
By Megan Baker

Camp Vamonos! is expanding its offerings to include after-school care in the fall! Brentwood Elementary families will be able to enjoy a local, home-based after-school program that encourages kids to relax and play in a wholesome environment with a big backyard and no instruction of any kind.

I'm the director of Camp Vamonos! and I believe kids need time each day to enjoy the outdoors, attend to their friendships, and make decisions about what they will do. At CV! we'll unwind from the school day (completing homework after some play time) by lounging, swinging in the hammock, catching up on our Garfield reading, games and free play, doing kitchen experiments, and baking treats occasionally. No teaching, no pressure, no problem.

The cost is \$250/month, with a \$100 deposit check requested as incentive to give adequate notice before leaving the program: 20 days notice the first month of attendance and 30 days after that. Kids will be picked up at Brentwood Elementary at the end of the school day and will go home at 6:00. Children from other schools are welcome to attend as long as they can be transported to my house or to Brentwood by pick-up time.

Feel free to direct any questions my way: (512) 453-8382 or megarito@juno.com. Let's have fun after school in the fall! Vamonos!



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Crime	Street	Date	Time
Assault with injury	69XX Burnet Rd	5/19/2016	14:26
Burglary non residence	9XX Anderson Ln	5/2/2016	6:30
Burglary non residence	9XX Anderson Ln	5/13/2016	19:15
Burglary of vehicle	12XX Piedmont Ave	5/6/2016	10:02
Burglary of vehicle	21XX Anderson Ln	5/12/2016	20:53
Burglary of vehicle	78XX Gault St	5/24/2016	10:15
Burglary of vehicle	2XXX Cullen Ave	5/26/2016	13:01
Crash/no injury	X St Joseph Blvd	5/27/2016	16:56
Criminal mischief	75XX Lamar Blvd	5/9/2016	3:08
Criminal mischief	75XX Lamar Blvd	5/21/2016	2:09
Criminal mischief	74XX Lamar Blvd	5/24/2016	10:04
Criminal trespass notice	17XX Anderson Ln	5/4/2016	14:24
Criminal trespass notice	8XX St Johns Ave	5/13/2016	10:12
Disturbance - other	8XX St Johns Ave	5/18/2016	11:10
DWI	78XX Woodrow Ave	5/13/2016	3:41
Public intoxication	8XX St Johns Ave	5/19/2016	23:55
Suspicious person	78XX Mullen Dr	5/9/2016	11:42
Theft	8XX Justin Ln	5/4/2016	14:49
Theft	18XX Anderson Ln	5/6/2016	15:24
Theft	15XX Aggie Ln	5/8/2016	1:13
Theft	73XX Burnet Rd	5/13/2016	17:40
Theft from auto	18XX Morrow St	5/30/2016	6:52
Theft of license plate	72XX Easy Wind Dr	5/13/2016	15:24
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Neighborhood Artist Profile

By Marilyn Querejazu

I have a backyard studio on Madison Avenue where I create art in several media. Mostly I do oil paintings and watercolor. I paint whatever strikes me as beautiful, usually from nature—trees, landscape...the odd human. I enjoy open air painting as well. I've taken art classes and studios at the Dougherty Arts Center and The Art School at Laguna Gloria here in Austin. I also took a studio class in Bilbao, Spain.

Painting is a second career for me. I wanted to do something challenging and completely engaging in this unstructured phase of life—painting is all that and more. I feel very fortunate to live in a neighborhood that supports art and artists.

There are many artists in Crestview, as you know if you participate in the WEST open studio tours in the spring. The idea of a Crestview Studio Tour is enticing—I've given it a lot of thought, although I would need the help of several creative and energetic neighbors to make it happen. If you want to help, let me know at marilyn.querejazu@gmail.com



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Summer Crime Tip

It's the time of year when many of us plan our summer vacations. Be sure to also make plans to protect your home by being aware of signals you may be sending to criminals that you are away.

Newspapers that pile up, trash cans left out for days, unmowed lawns, and the same mail stuff in the box all give thieves a hint that you might be gone and an attractive target. Consider stopping newspaper and mail delivery, or engaging the help of family, friends and/or neighbors to collect them every day. They can also put out and take in your trashcans.



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