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CRESTVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Saturday, November 5: Friends of Brentwood Park Work Day. See the article for more information.

Saturday, November 5: Fire Station 16 Community Work Day and Mural Painting, 10:00 AM. See the article for more information.

Tuesday, November 8: Election Day!

Saturday, November 12: Hazardous Household Materials Drop Off, 9:00–11:00 AM at Crestview United Methodist Church. See the article for more information.

Monday, November 14: Crestview Neighborhood Association Meeting, 7:00 PM at Journey IFC, 7500 Woodrow Ave. Agenda: City of Austin staff present the Burnet Road corridor improvements approved in the 2012 bond election, update on the Meadowlawn deed restrictions lawsuit, Friends of Brentwood Park playground improvements, and Grover Ave. striping.

Thursday, December 1: Brentwood Elementary School Welcome Walk, 9:00 AM. Do you know a parent of a future Brentwood student or a community member interested in learning about our wonderful campus? Invite them to attend one of our welcome walks. For more information, contact Brentwood Elementary at 512-414-2039.

Thursday, December 8: City of Austin Public Works Presentation Meeting on the Burnet Road Corridor Improvements, 6:30–8:00 PM at the Northwest Recreation Center, 2913 Northland Dr.

We think sometimes we're only drawn to the good, but we're actually drawn to the authentic. We like people who are real more than those who hide their true selves under layers of artificial niceties.
—Elisabeth Kübler-Ross

Burnet Road and North Lamar Corridor Improvements

As a result of a transportation bond initiative that was approved by voters in 2012, the City will be implementing more than \$19 million in mobility improvements on Burnet Rd. from Koenig Ln. to MoPac Expy. and North Lamar Blvd. from Hwy 183 to Howard Ln.

Scope of project improvements

- Sidewalk, bicycle and shared use connectivity throughout both corridors in accordance with priorities outlined in the respective Sidewalk, Bicycle, Urban Trails Master Plans, and adopted neighborhood plans
- Intersection improvements, to include crosswalks and Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons
- Optimized signal timing
- Improvements around Lamar Middle School at Burnet Rd. and Koenig Ln. to include streetscape, sidewalks, pedestrian crossing and bicycle lanes
- Complete Street section on N. Lamar between W. Rundberg Ln. and W. Longspur Blvd.
- Landscaping throughout both corridors
- Art in Public Places features

City staff, depending on availability, will be attending the CNA meeting on November 14 to give an overview of the project and answer questions. The City will hold a public meeting covering the project from 6:30–8:00 PM on Thursday, December 8, 2016 at the Northwest Recreation Center at 2913 Northland Dr.

2016 Violet Crown Arts Festival



Great quality artwork is standard, unique designs expected. New and experienced local talent showcase paintings, sculpture, pottery, fiber art, woodworking, glass art of all kinds, metal work, and jewelry. Shop for hand-made gifts and support artistic cottage businesses in a family friendly environment.

See www.violetcrowncommunity.org/artsfest_2016.html for more information.

Violet Crown Arts Festival
Sat. Dec. 3 and Sun. Dec. 4
10:00 AM–5:00 PM
Brentwood Elementary School
6700 Yates Ave.

Roger Beck 1931–2016



It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing of Roger Beck, our beloved Barber Shop family member, friend and all-around wonderful man.

We will miss the many great stories that Roger told—some G-rated and others, well, a little more colorful. We will miss his warm smile and kind heart. Roger has hung up his clippers here on earth, but will open up a shop for the Angels real soon and certainly will be joining a Country Swing Band in the sky.

We will miss him greatly, love him always, and are so grateful for the laughs and tears we shared and the lessons he taught us over 13 years together at the shop.
The Crestview Barber Shop

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CNA General Meetings are held the second Monday of every month at 7:00 PM.
Location to be announced.

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Calling All Park Lovers!

It's My Park Day (IMPD), Fall 2016 is scheduled for Saturday, November 5 and is a great opportunity to get outside, give Brentwood Park some love, and meet your neighbors. IMPD is a citywide service day organized by Austin Parks Foundation and Austin Parks and Recreation and sponsored by many local businesses.

Friends of Brentwood Park (FOBP) has organized projects and neighbors for IMPD at Brentwood Park each year since 2010. Although FOBP has organized past workdays in the fall, 2016 is the first year an official Fall IMPD is being held by Austin Parks Foundation and the City, and we are very grateful for their support. Genuine Joe Coffeehouse and Tacodeli have also supported Brentwood Park projects every year; thank them if you get the chance!

FOBP will be sending out emails with information about projects for this year's IMPD and about how to register and what to bring. Information will also be available through our Facebook page and through our website at www.friendsofbrentwoodpark.org. If you would like to get involved with FOBP's leadership team, please let us know! We can be reached through our group email address at friendsofbrentwoodpark@gmail.com

Fire Station 16 Community Work Day



Visit the Fire Station, see the fire truck, meet some of your neighbors and work alongside the firefighters that respond in your neighborhood! Come to Station 16 to help with a community workday on Saturday, Nov. 5.

The goal will be to revitalize the landscape beds for the designated wildlife habitat and paint a mural on the hose rack and shed along the Grover side of the station. You can see in the picture what the landscape looked like in 2012 when Crestview neighbors helped to get Station 16 designated as a Certified Wildlife Habitat.

We need your help in rejuvenating the landscape.

Please bring basic lawn tools, such as rakes, pruners, wheelbarrows, etc. for the yard work.

AFD will provide paint and brushes for the mural and this will be a great opportunity to see the Fire Engine and take a Station Tour.

Treats and drinks are welcome if you would like to share and if you have any questions, feel free to call Station 16 at 512-974-0016.

Fire Station 16 Work Day

Saturday, November 5

10:00 AM

7000 Reese Ln.

Household Hazardous Products Drop Off

A recycling collection of household hazardous products will be held by the Crestview Neighborhood Association and Crestview United Methodist Church in the church parking lot at 1300 Morrow Street on Saturday, November 12. Items will be accepted from 9am to 11am (unless the trailer fills up before 11am). Simply drive up and volunteers will help unload your items. The city requests that you give your zip code for their records so a volunteer will ask for that.

They can accept ONLY:

- Batteries of all kinds
- Oil of all kinds (in a closed container)
- Paint of all kinds, wet or dry (in a closed container)
- Antifreeze (in a closed container)

No other items will be accepted; no electronic items this time.

Volunteers from the neighborhood will be needed! If interested, please contact Elaine Stegant at atxes1945@gmail.com

Save Money on Your Water Bill

What is a wastewater average? Wastewater averaging is a way for you to save money. Wastewater averaging takes place during the late fall and winter months and determines a cap on the volume of wastewater you will be billed for each month for the next year.

Wastewater Averaging FAQ

Why does the City use a wastewater average as the basis for my wastewater bill?

Your water meter measures your monthly water use, but there is no meter on your wastewater line. Wastewater averaging provides a measure that is generally reflective of the amount of water that goes directly into the sanitary sewer system from your property.

How do I know the specific dates my water usage will be monitored for my new wastewater average?

Find a copy of your recent bill and use Austin Water's Wastewater Averaging Period calculator at www.ci.austin.tx.us/water/wwaverage/wwaverage.cfm

How is my wastewater average calculated?

Wastewater averaging is calculated from mid-Nov. to mid-Mar. when most of the water goes directly into the sanitary sewer system versus being used for outdoor watering. To calculate your wastewater average you must have at least 60 consecutive days of water use with a minimum of 100 gallons used per billing period. If less than 100 gallons is billed for two or more months of the averaging period, the wastewater average will be set at a default of 5,000 gallons.

Why is wastewater averaging done mid-November to mid-March?

Usually outdoor watering is minimal during the late fall and winter months; therefore it is easier to estimate the actual amount of water that goes directly into the sanitary sewer system versus being used for outdoor watering.

For more information, see www.austinwater.org.

Oktoberfest

Everyone had a terrific time at the Oktoberfest enjoying perfect weather, free beer, tasty brats, fine music, and great company!



Great music at the Oktoberfest!



Laura is the lucky winner of the opal ring and necklace given away in a raffle at Oktoberfest by Ricky Wilson who owns the jewelry store in the Crestview Shopping Center.

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Crestview Artist Profile – Andrea Christie

By Marilyn Querejazu

Andrea Christie is a clay artist and instructor who works primarily with slip cast porcelain.

Describe your foundation as an artist.

My mother is an artist. When I was a child she taught painting at the local art center in South Bend, Indiana. I went to work with her and took ceramics classes from the age of eight through high school. I have a BFA in Ceramics from Indiana University, and an MFA in Ceramics from Tulane University.

Where do you make your ceramic art?

In my studio on Pasadena. This space is perfect because it has always been used for building and creating. The previous resident built it to work on his boat, so it is big and airy with lots of shelves.

Who were your early influencers?

I grew up near Chicago and we could take the train to the Art Institute, other art museums and galleries and large expositions. These trips (enabled by my mother) gave me exposure to great art and artists.

What artists inspire you?

I love to see painting and drawing on ceramic pieces—applying typically 2D art to a 3D object. I like the texture in paintings by Richard Diebenkorn—he paints on cigar boxes and found objects. I also like the art of Jim Dine and Grayson Perry.

Where do you go to see cool art in Austin?

I go to the Blanton often, as well as to art shows at Canopy in East Austin. To see the best ceramic art in Austin I go to the Art of the Pot tour every year in May.

What advice do you have for kids who want to be potters?

Local art schools like Dougherty and Laguna Gloria have great programs for kids. Both have a casual, welcoming atmosphere and hire professional artists as instructors.

What is the most incredible art show you have ever seen?

I was very impressed by a Richard Diebenkorn retrospective in Fort Worth. I happened to see it while I was attending a clay conference and the combination of ideas that I was able to take home with me was astounding.

Where do you derive inspiration?

I enjoy traveling, seeing new places and getting out of my comfort zone—it reenergizes me about my own work. I love going to museums and galleries.



You can see Andrea's work at www.christieceramics.com and at the Ogden Museum Store in New Orleans.



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Crime	Street	Date	Time
Aggravated Assault	8XX St Johns Ave	9/10/2016	1:34
Aggravated Robbery	73XX Lamar Blvd	9/12/2016	1:38
Auto Theft	21XX Anderson Ln	9/4/2016	23:18
Burglary of Residence	13XX Morrow St	9/19/2016	18:28
Burglary of Residence	19XX Piedmont Ave	9/27/2016	21:14
Burglary of Vehicle	21XX Pasadena	9/4/2016	23:45
Burglary of Vehicle	14XX Cullen Ave	9/17/2016	11:25
Burglary of Vehicle	21XX Anderson Ln	9/27/2016	12:42
Crash/Leaving the Scene	7XX Easy Wind Dr	9/5/2016	10:20
Criminal Mischief	1XX St Johns Ave	9/23/2016	14:54
Cruelty to Animals	14XX Justin Ln	9/2/2016	8:27
Cruelty to Animals	17XX Cullen Ave	9/10/2016	15:13
Cruelty to Animals	69XX Ryan Dr	9/19/2016	15:31
Cruelty to Animals	7XXX St Johns Cir	9/20/2016	16:41
DWI	77XX Lamar Blvd	9/14/2016	1:59
Theft	75XX Sugar Magnolia	9/4/2016	12:04
Theft	72XX Easy Wind Dr	9/8/2016	20:56
Theft	76XX Grover Ave	9/29/2016	17:53
Theft from Auto	75XX Hardy Dr	9/14/2016	9:53

November Safety Tip

If you receive a call from your credit card company about potential fraud on your account, hang up and call the number printed on the back of your card. The same holds true for any call that you receive from a party asking for any private information or for you to take a risky action. Always hang

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