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CRESTVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Monday, January 9: Crestview Neighborhood Association Meeting. 7:00 PM at Journey IFC, 7500 Woodrow Ave. Agenda: Presentation of the proposed playscape equipment for Brentwood Park and vote. See article for details.

Thursday, January 12: 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. Contact Brentwood Elementary at 512-414-2039 for more information.

Thursday, January 12, Talk Green to Me: Book Club – Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed by Jared Diamond. 7:00–8:00 PM at Recycled Reads, the library's bookstore, at 5335 Burnet Road. A discussion about sustainable communities, co-existence with nature and small footprint living. The program also emphasizes that shared library resources are intrinsically green. For more information on Austin Public Library programs, see library.austintexas.gov.

Tuesday, January 17: Town Hall meeting about Brentwood Park playscape equipment. 7:00 pm at the Crestview United Methodist Church at 1300 Morrow Street. See the article for more information.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

From the Crestview Neighborhood Association

Art should be like a holiday: something to give a man the opportunity to see things differently and to change his point of view.
-Paul Klee

Brentwood Park Playground Improvements

By Kristine Poland, Playground Improvement Team Member

Neighbors in Brentwood and Crestview will have the opportunity to provide input on playground improvements to Brentwood Park. Nancy Barnard and a small team have introduced the idea of bringing in grant funds from city programs and partnerships as well as private donations to fund new play equipment at the park. The idea was presented at Brentwood and Crestview Neighborhood Association meetings in November, and will be brought before members at the January CNA meeting for a vote. Additionally, the group will hold town hall meetings early in 2017 to hear what specific improvements to the play structure neighbors would like to see.

Town Hall #1
Crestview UMC
1300 Morrow St.
January 17, 2017
7:00–8:00 PM

Town Hall #2
Crestview UMC
1300 Morrow St.
March 7, 2017
7:00–8:00 PM

Council Member Leslie Pool's office (District 7) has been very helpful in assisting the group in navigating the City's funding sources and regulations pertaining to city parks, and will continue to work closely with stakeholders to ensure the project moves forward successfully. Austin Parks Foundation and the Neighborhood Partnering Program provide multiple grant opportunities and additional guidance. Other neighborhoods have had great success with park improvements (Ramsey Park and Balcones Park) over the last few years and provide excellent models of success for this type of renovation. To submit your ideas for play structure improvements, attend a town hall meeting or contact okrasalad@gmail.com.



Fire Station 16

Photo: Marilyn Querejazu

Free Art

By Marilyn Querejazu

On even the dreariest winter day, art is everywhere - you just need to look for it. Tie up your sneakers and let's check out a just a few of the stand-out efforts in our neighborhood.

1) Let's begin at Fire Station 16 (7000 Reese Ln.; corner of Reese and Grover).

Fire Station 16 has benefitted from several recent community efforts: landscaping on the east side and art on the west side. Because the station has neighbors on all sides and many windows, someone remarked that it felt like a

fishbowl. The fishbowl idea took hold and eventually became the aquatic-themed painted surfaces on the west side of the building with the inspiration of artist/neighbor Kathryn McWilliams.

2) From the fire station, walk south on Grover to the northwest corner of Grover and Justin. This mural is a giant postcard from Texas—from coiled rattlesnake to the Emerald City of Austin. Find more in the May 22, 2016 issue of the Statesman.

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Monday of every month at 7:00 PM.
Location to be announced.

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Get Behind Us!

by Dr. Beverly Hamilton



One in four children in the Austin area live in poverty. The tiniest members of our community don't care yet about toys but they might know what it's like to not have enough diapers. Diapers are not covered under assistance programs and cost \$800 to \$1,000 per year. This price tag means some families have to decide between paying their rent or paying for diapers. A national study showed that 1 in 12 mothers reported leaving their baby in a soiled diaper longer than necessary due to limited resources.

In 2013, I started the diaper bank out of my spare bedroom after learning this sad fact. Now the organization has grown exponentially and occupies a modest warehouse on Burnet Road in north Austin.

Austin Diaper Bank helps make sure that Central Texas families have the diapers they need to keep babies healthy. By working with a network of over 40 partner agencies, the diaper bank serves thousands of people from Georgetown to San Marcos.

The diaper bank is a grassroots community effort, largely donation driven and volunteer run. To directly help babies in Central Texas, you can host a diaper drive, donate much needed funds, provide diapers (larger sizes are especially in demand) or volunteer.

Individuals and groups can spend time in the warehouse sorting, counting and bundling diapers for distribution to the community.

For more information, contact Jayme Wood at jaymewood@austindiapers.org. The littlest Central Texans thank you.



CNA Membership Renewal

Thank you to all of the folks who supported the work of the Crestview Neighborhood Association through their memberships this past year. Membership dues are \$10 per household per year on a calendar year basis with renewals due in January. Please renew your membership at this time by using the form below or by visiting www.crestviewna.com and paying through PayPal. You can also use the form to become a new CNA member. Thank you!

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Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

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3) Cross Justin and walk eastward on the south side of the street to the third house. The garage door at 1107 Justin is painted with a lovely O’Keeffe-like flower. This is an excellent example of turning an ordinary garage door into something of beauty.



Garage door

Photo: Marilyn Querejazu

4) Make an about face and head west on Justin Lane. At Woodrow look both ways and cross to the west side of Woodrow and walk northward. Walk two blocks on west side of Woodrow, cross St Johns and continue to the Wall of Welcome. You may have seen this incredible tile mosaic in passing, but have you ever really looked at it? This massive community project was completed in 2008 under the guidance of artist Jean Jean Graham. It tells the story of the Crestview/Brentwood neighborhoods from cotton fields to the famous runaway pig. Google “wall of welcome crestview” for more.

5) Walk west on St Johns to Arroyo Seco and turn left (southbound). Continue south, crossing Justin. (You’ve left Crestview and entered Brentwood, but don’t worry – no passport required). On your right: Brentwood Park and Brentwood Elementary School. In the middle of the park near the volleyball court is a traveling installation entitled Hyperprism, consisting of aluminum panels embedded with hundreds of crystal prisms which explode in color on a sunny afternoon. Hyperprism is temporary—don’t miss it.



Brentwood School Mural

Photo: Marilyn Querejazu

6) Walk to the west side of the school building and look for the tall brick chimney. Behind the chimney on the wall of the school is another excellent tile mosaic, created by Jean Graham with the assistance of art teacher Linda Anderson and Brentwood students.

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7) Turn westward from Brentwood School and walk south on Yates for one block to the northwest corner of Burbank and Yates. Here the landscaping includes a table set for Alice in Wonderland. See the lifestyle section of the Statesman (11/18/2016) for details. You might want to stay here for a glimpse of the Mad Hatter, but we have one more stop.

8) Walk to the east side of the school and cross Arroyo Seco to the southeast corner of Ruth and Arroyo Seco. This yard is a work in progress—it grows and changes over the years. Take in the red bicycles, the white manikins, the used paintbrushes nailed to the fence—and dozens of other flourishes. I love the quote from Peter Pan across the threshold.



Postcard from Texas

Photo: Marilyn Querejazu

Become a Volunteer with Austin Partners in Education

By Penny Driver, Community Volunteer Recruiter VISTA

Classroom Coaching supports middle school students in AISD Title 1 schools with the aim of helping the students in these communities build their confidence and engagement with 8th grade pre-algebra. Austin Partners in Education works hard to educate the students about STEM education and STEM professions. We also offer an opportunity (Career Conversation) for STEM professionals to come into the classroom and engage with the students about what they do and what it took to get there.

We are in need of volunteers for our spring semester. We would love to have you join us in our mission. Some highlights of our programs are:

- Classroom coaches meet once a week for 45 minutes for a semester or a year
- Student groups have a ratio of 3:1/2:1
- Lessons are pre-planned and all materials are provided to you in advance
- APIE staff and the teacher remain in the room for the entire period

Classroom Coaches and Career Conversation Volunteers are asked to complete a background check and a 2-hour training before working with the students.

Our schools and schedules can be accessed on our website at www.austinpartners.org.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me (pdriver@austinpartner.org or 512-637-0981) or our Recruitment specialist Andrea Panter (apanter@austinpartner.org).



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Crime	Street	Date	Time
Aggravated Assault/Suffocate	72XX Easy Wind Dr	11/26/16	21:30
Agg Robbery/Deadly Weapon	75XX Burnet Rd	11/21/16	5:03
Assault by Contact	69XX Burnet Ln	11/28/16	17:22
Auto Theft	71XX Easy Wind Dr	11/6/16	9:45
Burglary Non Residence Sheds	11XX Morrow St	11/14/16	12:25
Burglary of Non Residence	72XX Easy Wind	11/18/16	11:58
Burglary of Residence	15XX Cullen Ave	11/28/16	7:49
Burglary of Vehicle	74XX Wolverine St	11/2/16	10:05
Burglary of Vehicle	8XX St Johns Ave	11/2/16	11:58
Burglary of Vehicle	8XX Taulbee Ln	11/2/16	12:44
Burglary of Vehicle	21XX Anderson Ln	11/27/16	9:21
Crash/Fatality	7XXX Lamar Blvd	11/25/16	19:47
Criminal Mischief	77XX Woodrow Ave	11/3/16	18:55
Criminal Mischief	73XX Burnet Rd	11/14/16	20:53
Criminal Trespass	78XX Mullen Dr	11/3/16	23:04
DWI	76XX Easy Wind Dr	11/21/16	1:36
Theft	12XX Pasadena	11/9/16	22:10
Theft by False Pretext/Bunco	73XX Easy Wind Dr	11/17/16	13:22
Theft from Person	73XX Burnet Rd	11/10/16	15:06

January Security Tip

When using an Automated Teller Machine (ATM) it is best to use a terminal located inside a bank or business rather than independent terminals. Never walk away with cash in hand; count it before you leave or after you are in a secure place. If

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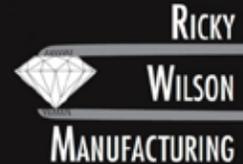
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