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CRESTVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday, February 13: Crestview Neighborhood Association Meeting. 7:00 PM at Journey IFC, 7500 Woodrow Ave. Agenda: Report on the January 17 Town Hall meeting on the proposed playscape equipment for Brentwood Park and vote.

Sunday, February 19: Austin Marathon and Half Marathon. Vehicular access into and out of Crestview will be limited during the race until 1:00 PM or so—plan your day with that in mind. Information at www.youraustinmarathon.com.

Monday, February 27: Brentwood Elementary 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.

Saturday, March 4: Friends of Brentwood Park Spring Work Day—see the article for more information.

Saturday, March 4: Sunshine Gardens Spring Plant Sale, 9:00 AM at 4814 Sunshine Dr. Organic & Heirloom Plants: Tomatoes, Peppers, Eggplants, Herbs, Ornamentals & More! Live Music. Information at www.sunshinecommunitygardens.org

Tuesday, March 7: Second Town Hall meeting about Brentwood Park playscape equipment. 7:00 PM at the Crestview United Methodist Church, 1300 Morrow Street.

Thursday & Friday, March 9 & 10: Brentwood Elementary Used Book Sale—see article for more information.

Announcements

Longtime Crestview resident and CNA member, Harold Loftis passed away on December 30. Our condolences to his family and friends. He will be sorely missed.

Friends of Brentwood Park Spring Work Day

by Denman Globber Netherland, FOBP

Calling All Park Lovers!

It's My Park Day (IMPD) 2017 is scheduled for Saturday, March 4 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and is a great opportunity to get outside, give Brentwood Park some love, and meet your neighbors. IMPD is a city-wide 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.

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



Brentwood Elementary School Used Book Sale

by Candace Pruett, Used Book Sale Coordinator

Brentwood Elementary School needs your book donations!

The Brentwood Elementary PTA is holding its annual Used Book Sale March 6–10, 2017. Take advantage of this opportunity to jump-start your spring cleaning and donate:

- Books (children and adult)
- CDs, DVDs, and VHS Tapes
- Puzzles or board games
- School supplies, new or gently used
- Magazines

Items are priced very affordably, from \$0.25 to \$2.00, so everyone has the chance to buy some great books. Proceeds from the sale will help purchase new books and materials for the Brentwood Elementary School library. Last year, we earned over \$2000 for our library and put books into the hands of the students and community at Brentwood. This year our goal is to collect and sell even more!

Donation boxes are located just inside the front doors of Brentwood Elementary, next to the front office. Please drop off your donations by Friday, March 3. Need someone to pick up your items? Email Candace Pruett at kandachu@gmail.com.

The community is invited to buy books on March 9 from 7:30 AM to 3:15 PM and on half price day, March 10 from 7:30 AM–1:00 PM.

Check in at the front office at 6700 Arroyo Seco and bring your ID. Look for signs to the library.

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School Used Book Sale**
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CNA General Meetings are held the second
Monday of every month at 7:00 PM.
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Former First Texas Honda Site to be Redeveloped

by Barbara McArthur, Vice-President, Brentwood Neighborhood Association

The Brentwood Neighborhood Association (BNA) has been meeting with the developers of the former Honda Car Dealership at 1301 West Koenig Ln. The applicant has been asking for rezoning from CS-MU-CO-NP to MF-6-CO-NP for Tract 1 and CS-MU-CO-NP for Tract 2, which comprises 5.415 acres combined. This site will be mainly apartments (350+) with a small commercial building at Woodrow Ave. and Koenig Ln. The rezoning was approved with conditions by the Planning Commission on December 13, 2016 and is scheduled to go before the City Council on January 26, 2017. The following conditions have been accepted by the planning commission and were supported by the BNA and the developer:

- Limit height on Tracts 1 and 2 to 40 feet and four stories. (Previous Neighborhood Plan conditional overly limited height to 3 stories and 40 feet.)
- Limit building coverage on Tract 1 to 60%. (Current CS zoning allows 95% coverage.)
- Limit building coverage on Tract 2 to 70%. (Current CS zoning allows 95% coverage.)
- Prohibit certain uses.
- Prohibit additional uses as conditional uses.
- The non-residential use must be a minimum of 5000 square feet. (So that the commercial space at the corner of Woodrow and Koenig is not merely a leasing office)

At press time, there were additional traffic concerns that were still being worked out with the access on Woodrow Ave. BNA successfully negotiated primary garage access onto Grover Avenue, and the position of the parking garage to abut the bowling alley rather than the single-family homes on Woodrow Ave. The developer has also added some 3 bedroom family units to the property. A restrictive covenant is being prepared to reflect additional traffic concerns.

Austin Korean Presbyterian Church Rezoning Update

by Chip Harris, Newsletter Editor

The zoning change application that was submitted to the city in February of 2015 expired on November 6, 2016 without being approved. It requested that the zoning be changed from single-family to multi-family (apartments).

A Brief History

Developer David Kahn contracted with the church to purchase their 2.3 acre property at 2000 Justin Ln. and to consummate the deal when the church vacated the premises and moved into their new home on Yager Ln. after its construction was completed. A zoning change was submitted to the city in February of 2014 that would allow a four-story office building and multi-level garage to be built on the site.

When that stalled, a second zoning change application was submitted for a large apartment complex. It was approved on the second of three readings by meeting the requirement that it be passed by a simple majority (51%) of the City Council. After the zoning was approved on second reading in November of 2015, the applicant had one year to request the third and final reading. However, because so many of the surrounding property owners signed a petition opposing the new intense zoning, approval on the third vote required a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote, not just 51%. A request by the applicant for a third vote was never made and the application expired.

Many of the surrounding property owners who opposed the intense rezoning offered to compromise with the developer if he would only agree to develop the property in a way that was comparable with the surrounding area. Their offer still stands and they are hoping that the developer will join them at the table. As February is the month that zoning changes can be submitted to the city, it's anticipated that a new application will be submitted in February.



What's Happening in the Neighborhood?

Justin Lane waterline/road work update

From Courtney Black in the Public Works Department of the City of Austin:

At present, crews are installing approximately 657 linear feet of waterline on Justin Ln. from Reese Ln. to Grover Ave. There are traffic controls in place. This work will continue through early February. After this work is complete, crews will install approximately 965 linear feet of waterline from Grover Ave. to Woodrow Ave. This work will continue through early- to mid-March.

Renovation of the old Dallas night club space on Burnet Road

According to an article in CultureMap Austin, the former Dallas Nightclub space has been remodeled into a new restaurant and bar called the Local Post and will specialize in Texas comfort food. While the daytime hours will cater to family-friendly patrons, the evenings will be for adults.

The renovated space is large and will include three separate bars. Seating will be available both inside and outside and there will be a room with games such as shuffleboard. Hours are 11:00 AM to 2:00 AM.

(Editor's note: While you're at the shopping center, stop by The Kolache Shoppe for the best kolaches in Texas!)

New Apartments on Anderson Lane at Northcross Drive Replacing Chase Bank

An article in the January 18 edition of the Austin American-Statesman reported that the property at the southwest corner of Anderson Ln. and Northcross Dr. currently occupied by Chase Bank has been sold and will be redeveloped. It said that the current structure, a two-story building with 31,326 square feet, will be replaced with a much larger building five stories tall and having 293,708 square feet, almost ten times larger. In addition, there will be a five-story parking garage with 294 spaces. While there will be a small portion allocated to retail space, the new development will be primarily an apartment complex with 199 one-bedroom apartments and 69 two-bedroom apartments for a total of 268 residences. (Editor's note: The Brentwood Neighborhood Association was able to negotiate with the developer redoing the old Honda dealership on Koenig Ln. to include some three-bedroom units that would better accommodate families.) Chase Bank will be maintaining their other nearby branch at 7600 Burnet Rd.

Free Income Tax Help Available

Foundation Communities will be providing free tax help for low-income families and individuals in Austin.

Assistance will be provided until April 18 at the Community Financial Center at 5900 Airport Blvd.

For hours and days of operation, visit CommunityTaxCenters.org or call 211 for more information, to schedule an appointment and find out what to bring.

The service is free for individuals and families who make less than \$55,000 annually; income eligibility increases by \$5,000 for each additional person for families with more than four members.

Don't Blow It!

PSA from the City of Austin

Fallen leaves & grass clippings are great for your yard's soil and plants! If you prefer to clean them up, please don't blow them into the street—they'll wash into our creeks, potentially harming aquatic animals as they decompose & reduce oxygen in the water.

Instead, put them in your compost pile, your green bin that holds compostable materials, or bag them in paper bags for the City to pick up.

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Public Art at the University of Texas

by Marilyn Querejazu

One of the many benefits of living in Crestview is our proximity to UT and its growing collection of accessible and engaging public art. Catch the #5 bus on Woodrow and within minutes you're there.

There is much to see, so plan your outing with the help of Landmarks (www.landmarks.utexas.edu). Landmarks takes the lead in the acquisition, conservation, and promotion of free art on the 433-acre campus. They provide maps, videos and historical information about the art and artists.

One of the most intriguing options is Skyspace by artist James Turrell. Skyspace is a naked eye observatory on the rooftop of the Student Activity Center at 2201 Speedway. Colored lighting within the manmade environment enhances the changing light of the sky—the art is what you see and feel as you sit in this intimate space. Because sunrise and sunset are the most dramatic show times, reservations are required (and free).

While the Skyspace experience is on the quiet, contemplative side, this next suggestion is not. The impressive Spiral of the Galaxy, a monumental conch shell by sculptor Marc

Quinn stands in the Health Learning Center Courtyard (near 15th and Red River). This is the kind of art you can touch and feel while walking around the shell, taking in the bronze-gold smoothness, speckled with reflections of yourself and the sky. This courtyard is the perfect environment for an outdoor art experience, complete with shady oak trees and picnic tables.



Spiral of the Galaxy by Marc Quinn

Also Recommended

Harry Ransom Center

The collection is apparently endless—I love the busts of great writers and thinkers in the lobby. Each has a story worth exploring (always free).

LBJ Presidential Library

In addition to the fabulous historical exhibits, prints of portraits of all the US presidents and first ladies are displayed on the fourth level. Don't miss Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson by John Singer Sargent or the portraits of both JFK and Jack-

ie by Aaron Shikler (not free, but worth paying for).

Blanton Art Museum

In addition to temporary exhibits, there are excellent portraits by Robert Henri and Andy Warhol (free on Thursdays).



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Austin PD Crime Search Report for December 2016

Crime	Street	Date	Time
Assault by Contact	9XX Taulbee Ln	12/28/16	12:10
Auto Theft	71XX Easy Wind Dr	12/8/16	20:39
Auto Theft	72XX Easy Wind Dr	12/15/16	7:34
Auto Theft	72XX Easy Wind Dr	12/16/16	12:55
Burglary of Residence	2XXX Hardy Cir	12/20/16	20:16
Burglary of Residence	13XX Morrow St	12/22/16	14:56
Burglary of Residence	75XX St Cecelia St	12/23/16	8:24
Burglary of Residence	17XX Barbara St	12/25/16	22:43
Burglary of Residence	69XX Hardy Dr	12/29/16	13:55
Burglary of Vehicle	72XX Easy Wind Dr	12/7/16	16:58
Burglary of Vehicle	8XX St Johns Ave	12/7/16	19:27
Burglary of Vehicle	71XX Easy Wind Dr	12/12/16	14:43
Burglary of Vehicle	15XX Richcreek	12/21/16	13:33
Crash/Leaving the Scene	72XX Easy Wind Dr	12/1/16	10:54
Theft	72XX Easy Wind Dr	12/9/16	13:01
Theft	78XX Wildcat Pass	12/20/16	8:41
Theft	73XX Grover Ave	12/26/16	10:43
Theft	72XX Easy Wind Dr	12/30/16	14:25
Theft of Bicycle	72XX Easy Wind Dr	12/22/16	10:59

February Security Tip

Many people use the bus to get to their destinations. If you travel during peak times, this is usually safe as there is safety in numbers. But if you travel at slower times or after dark, you need to take more precautions.

Sit near the driver to minimize the chance of being targeted

or accosted on the bus. When exiting, pay attention to who else gets off. If you feel you are being followed, call the police if you have access to a phone, and get to a public location as quickly as you can or join a larger group of people if you see them. Do not go directly home if you think you are being followed, as this will give the person your address.

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