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EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday, April 6: 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. Please contact Brentwood Elementary School at 512-414-2039 for more information.

Sunday, April 9: Spring Egg Hunt, 3:00 PM at Brentwood Park—see article for details.

Monday, April 10: Crestview Neighborhood Association Meeting, 7:00 PM at Journey IFC, 7500 Woodrow Ave.
Agenda: Green stormwater infrastructure presentation by City of Austin Watershed Department staff and community feedback opportunity—see article for details.

Tuesday, April 18: Crestview Neighborhood Plan Contact Team (CNPCT) Meeting, 6:30 PM at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection Parish Hall, 2008 Justin Ln.
Agenda: Bi-annual election of Facilitator and vote to cancel the June meeting. Contact Chip Harris at austinchip@hotmail.com for additional information.

Saturday, May 6: Violet Crown Spring Festival, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM at Brentwood Park. Free admission. See the article for more information.

Saturday & Sunday, May 13–14 and 20–21: West Austin Studio Tour (WEST). See the article for more information.

Thursday, May 18: Brentwood Elementary School Welcome Walk, 9:00 AM. Pre-K and kinder kid friendly focused walk for a kid audience and Q&A for adults.

Neighborhood Egg Hunt

By Nancy Barnard, CNA Secretary

Come join your friends and neighbors for a spring, egg hunt at Brentwood Park. Festivities will be held on Sunday, April 9 at 3:00 PM. Please bring a dozen plastic eggs per participant, stuffed with candy, stickers or toys. When you arrive, check-in with volunteers at the pavilion. Anyone under the age of 18 is invited to participate. The egg hunt will begin at 3:30 PM, and there will be juice and cookies for your enjoyment.

During the event, a Friends of Brentwood Park subcommittee will be discussing ideas for improving the playground equipment. Don't miss this opportunity to hear more about the project and provide feedback.

For more information, contact Nancy Mohn Barnard at okra@austin.rr.com.

Violet Crown Spring Festival

By Nancy Barnard, CNA Secretary

The 2017 Violet Crown Festival is returning to Brentwood Park on Saturday, May 6. This year's festival will be held from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM and will once again offer unique and local handmade goods just in time for Mother's Day.

The proceeds of this year's festival will support the Brentwood Park playground improvement efforts, a project headed by a subcommittee of the Friends of Brentwood Park (FOBP). Info at www.brentwoodplaygroundproject.com. The committee is hoping to raise money to both expand the playground equipment and add pieces on which older age groups can play. You can help support this effort by sponsoring the festival, donating items to the silent auction, or by purchasing a yard sign (\$100 donation), thereby showing your love and support for our park.

As always, the festival would love volunteers from the neighborhood; we also need people willing to put yard signs out promoting the festival.

If you are interested in any of the aforementioned items, contact Nancy Mohn Barnard at okra@austin.rr.com.

Waller Creek Clear Water Revival

by Staryn Wagner, Environmental Scientist Associate, City of Austin, Watershed Protection and Development Review Department

Editor's note: At our April 10 meeting, city staff will discuss their project designed to reduce flooding and improve water quality in the Waller Creek watershed.

Urban development without the benefit of stormwater controls degrades streams by reducing baseflow and habitat while increasing erosion and frequency of flooding. Our present stormwater infrastructure prevents the rain from infiltrating into the ground by diverting it over impervious surfaces and into storm drains that pipe the stormwater in a short amount of time directly to the streams.

The City of Austin's Watershed Protection Department is building on an international movement toward small-scale distributed green stormwater solutions. A proof-of-concept project is taking form that will test the hypothesis that dense, distributed stormwater control measures, throughout an entire watershed can reduce negative effects of urban development on streams.

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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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Crestview Pharmacy Essay

by Theresa LaPera

My first impression of Crestview as a new resident really came from the pharmacy. We had just closed on our house, which coincided with coming down with a major head cold. We went straight from the closing to Little Deli to get some lunch, and I spotted the pharmacy and wandered in to find some cold medicine while my husband ordered our lunch. As I entered, a woman was coming in to pick up a prescription—the pharmacist didn't even have to ask her name! It was in that moment, with tears in my eyes, that I realized we had, through amazing luck, found exactly the right neighborhood. We already knew we loved the little houses, the location, etc., but you don't really know if you will "fit" until you start meeting some people. Relocating from far away is never easy, especially when it isn't by choice (my husband's work relocated us). But at least I know that somehow we had happened upon a small town in the middle of a city. We will miss the pharmacy, but are so happy for them to move on to the next chapter including grandchildren.

Celebrate National Arbor Day April 28

Plant a tree!

As trees grow, they help stop climate change by removing carbon dioxide from the air, storing carbon in the trees and soil, and releasing oxygen into the atmosphere. Trees provide many benefits to us every day. They offer cooling shade, block cold winter winds, attract birds and wildlife, purify our air, prevent soil erosion, clean our water, and add grace and beauty to our homes and communities.

There are about 60 to 200 million spaces along our city streets where trees could be planted. This translates to the potential to absorb 33 million more tons of CO2 every year, and saving \$4 billion in energy costs. *Source: National Wildlife Federation*

The planting of trees means improved water quality, resulting in less runoff and erosion. This allows more recharging of the ground water supply. Wooded areas help prevent the transport of sediment and chemicals into streams. *Source: USDA Forest Service*

Why do trees seem suspicious? Because they're a bit shady.

After-school Care Group Looking for Seniors

by Megan Baker

A Crestview-based after-school care program is looking for community members who would like regular visits from a group of 7 to 10 children, depending on the day. These youngsters are between 6 and 10 years old. If you or someone you know is elderly, disabled, a stay-at-home mom or dad, or simply in need of weekly companionship or light help around the house or garden or with pets, please let us know. These are sweet, smart, caring kids, and they want to get to know their neighbors better! Call Megan at (512) 453-8382. Thanks!

Lifeguards Wanted for City Pools

Spend the summer on the water, saving lives and supporting your neighborhood and community. The City of Austin Parks and Recreation Aquatics, Environmental & Adventure Programs Division is hiring and training hundreds of individuals, ages 15 years and older, to be lifeguards, swim instructors, swim coaches and cashiers for the 2017 swimming season.

Starting pay begins at \$13.50/hour. Evening and weekend training courses are available, and the flexible work schedules are ideal for students, teachers and retirees. Find out more about job opportunities and the nationally recognized American Red Cross training at lifeguardaustin.com. For questions, call the Aquatics office at 512-974-9330.



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The location for this project is the one square mile of headwaters above the United States Geological Survey flow gauge at the Koenig Lane Bridge over Waller Creek.

Reilly Elementary School GSI

Reilly Elementary School, located in the headwaters of the Waller Creek Watershed, was chosen as the site for a green stormwater infrastructure (GSI) demonstration project because of the vast opportunities and need for stormwater controls on the campus and because of the public access created by a joint use agreement between the City of Austin and Austin Independent School District. The goals of the demonstration project are to create an awareness of GSI, educate the community about the importance of GSI, and to assist the community with design concepts and ideas for private GSI installations.

This campus-wide approach to dealing with stormwater looks at every opportunity on site for stormwater capture and infiltration. A key goal is to size the GSI components (rain gardens, rain tanks, etc.) so that they are capable of capturing up to 1.3" of rain within a 24-hour period. This rainwater is then infiltrated into the ground instead of being directed to the stream through storm drains. The increase of infiltration and decrease of stormwater levels in the stream should decrease the frequency of erosive flows while increasing the standard baseflow and thus improving water quality.



Community Not Commodity

How It Can Help Your Neighborhood and You

Who we are: Community, Not Commodity is a project of Save Our City Austin, a local grassroots nonprofit that informs, organizes, and advocates on local neighborhood, environment, and economic justice issues.

Community Not Commodity aims to promote neighborhood integrity, environmental protection and equity in the CodeNEXT process.

Our goals are to:

- Inform people across the city on CodeNEXT, the city's new land development code, and what it means concretely to their neighborhoods
- Develop jargon-free, useful information and spread it far and wide through social media and traditional organizing
- Engage people across the city to assist them in preventing further displacement.

We want the new CodeNEXT to reflect the wishes of your community. We are committed to providing you user-friendly information so you can:

- Protect the character of your neighborhood and community
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Go WEST Without Leaving Crestview

by Marilyn Querejazu

Ready. Set. Go WEST. The West Austin Studio Tour is right around the corner. Over two weekends in May (May 13-14 and May 20-21), participating artists throughout Austin invite you into their work spaces. You might be surprised by how many of your neighbors have art studios in their garages and backyards. In past years, there have been dozens of WEST participants in Crestview and Brentwood. You don't have to leave the hood to enjoy WEST.

WEST is an expansion of the East Austin Studio Tour which kicked off in 2003. The studio tours and support activities are products of the innovative, energetic folks at Big Medium, who know that art is about exploring and sharing. Big Medium also presents noteworthy exhibitions throughout the year in the Big Medium gallery located at Canopy, 916 Springdale Rd, Building 2, #101.

The West Austin Studio Tour Catalogue is a gorgeous guide to the activities happening over the two weekends: full of art,

information and maps. In past years catalogues have been free at Austin Public Libraries. You can also plan your WEST tour with online resources at west.bigmedium.org.

If you plan your weekends around food, like I do, get a tour map and consider these ideas for enjoying WEST:

1) Start with some hearty Tex-Mex on Anderson Lane (you've got options!)—walk or bike between studios in Crestview and Brentwood, replenish with coffee and dessert on Koenig Lane.

2) Grab a burger and local brew at Midtown Commons—mingle with neighborhood artists as you make your way west to ice cream or cocktails on Burnet Road.

3) Meet up for a picnic at Brentwood Park, circumnavigate the hood as you explore and share art, then compare notes at any of the growing number of nearby watering

holes and coffee shops.

Whether on foot or wheeled, get out there and get yourself some art!



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Assault by Contact-Sexual Nature	69XX Burnet Rd	2/11/17	18:09
Assault with Injury	75XX Grover Ave	2/25/17	22:24
Auto Theft	72XX Easy Wind Dr	2/9/17	23:55
Burglary of Residence	78XX Tisdale Dr	2/10/17	16:14
Burglary of Residence	21XX Anderson Ln	2/14/17	0:10
Burglary of Residence	76XX Hardy Dr	2/23/17	18:23
Burglary of Vehicle	72XX Easy Wind Dr	2/3/17	19:14
Burglary of Vehicle	72XX Easy Wind Dr	2/6/17	11:00
Burglary of Vehicle	17XX Cullen Ave	2/22/17	7:38
Crash/Fail to Stop and Render Aid	8XX St Johns Ave	2/25/17	17:17
Crash/Leaving the Scene	17XX Justin Ln	2/8/17	23:18
Crash/Leaving the Scene	69XX Burnet Ln	2/13/17	13:28
Crash/Leaving the Scene	2XXX Cullen Ave	2/22/17	8:46
DWI	72XX Easy Wind	2/17/17	22:36
DWI	15XX Piedmont	2/22/17	0:39
DWI	7XXX Lamar	2/24/17	1:20
Evading / Vehicle Pursuit	75XX Wildcat Pass	2/12/17	23:08
Theft	77XX Mullen Dr	2/1/17	15:56
Theft	75XX Hardy Dr	2/2/17	8:30

April Travel Safety Tip

Contact your bank in advance to let them know where and when you'll be traveling, especially if you're going out of the country. Unfamiliar purchases on your debit or credit card are often a signal of fraudulent activity to your

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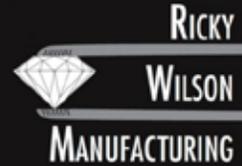
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