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CRESTVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday, January 14: Crestview Neighborhood Association Meeting. 7:00 pm at the Crestview United Methodist Church, 1300 Morrow Street. Agenda: Presentation of the results of CNA's recent Bulk Pick Up Survey.

Thursday, February 7: Brentwood Elementary School Welcome Walk at 9 am. Contact Brentwood Elementary at 512-414-2039 for more information. Know any future bulldogs or families interested in learning about Brentwood? Invite them to a welcome walk. During a welcome walk, visitors have an opportunity to learn about Brentwood, tour the campus, and meet Principal Laroche.

Christmas Tree Recycling

Wondering what to do with your Christmas tree after the holidays? Give it another life by recycling it. City of Austin curbside customers can recycle their trees by leaving them at the curb on their regular collection day. (All other residents can drop trees off at Zilker Park between 10 am and 2 pm on Saturday, January 5 or Sunday, January 6.) Just be sure to remove all decorations and stands from the tree (Trees with flocking {artificial snow} are not recyclable.) and set out on your regular collection day. Trees over 6 feet tall should be cut in half. Do not place trees in a plastic bag.

Trees collected will be turned into mulch and will be available for free on a first-come, first-served basis beginning January 17 at 9 am. Please bring your own tools and storage containers for loading and transporting the mulch.



TreeFolks Offering Free Trees

TreeFolks is a local urban forestry non-profit organization with a mission to grow the urban forest of Central Texas through volunteer tree planting events, free tree programs, urban-wildland reforestation efforts, education courses and community partnerships.

They are currently offering free trees through their NeighborWoods program. Each year, in partnership with the City of Austin, they give out 4,600 5-gallon trees to Austin Area residents and Austin Energy customers. Participation in the program is completely free, and they deliver the trees directly to your home. The only 'catch' is that participants have to plant and care for the trees for a minimum of two years.

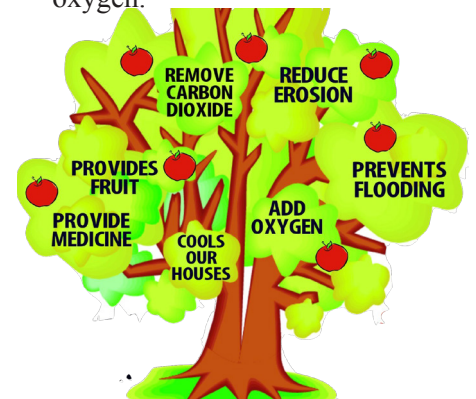
Tree adopters can choose from large stature trees, ornamental/flowering trees, and fruit/nut trees. There are two ways to participate: 1) Attend a giveaway event to take home a tree or 2) Sign up for the free home delivery service at www.treefolks.org/nw. You can also do both! To learn more about TreeFolks programs and volunteer opportunities, visit www.treefolks.org/, call 512-443-5323 or sign up for their newsletter at <https://www.treefolks.org/news/>.

You may be interested in another TreeFolks program called Urban Forest Stewards. The program, also in partnership with the City of Austin, is a chance for community members to be educated and trained on the workings of our urban forest ecosystem. From tree biology and tree care to placemaking and ecosystem services, these informative and interactive adult-education sessions are designed to inspire the confidence and actions required to become a steward of Austin's urban forest. To learn more, visit www.treefolk.org/ufs/ or call 512-443-5323.

Benefits of Trees in our Communities

Can you imagine a community without trees? Trees help to improve everyone's quality of life. They provide many benefits to people and our communities including environmental, economic, health and social.

- Trees reduce air pollution by absorbing carbon dioxide and other dangerous gases from the air while replenishing the atmosphere with oxygen.



- Trees help keep cities cool by providing shade, which prevents urban heat islands (heat given off from buildings and paved surfaces).
- Trees act as natural water filters. Their roots absorb chemicals reducing the amounts that are transported to streams.
- Trees slow the movement of storm water reducing soil erosion and preventing flooding from excessive runoff. Trees allow storm water to soak into the ground, increasing ground water recharge.
- Trees provide habitat and food for many wildlife species.
- Trees help homeowners by increasing property values. Strategically placed trees can also help lower a home's heating and cooling costs.
- Shade from trees reduces cracking, rutting and other stresses on paved roads, lowering repair costs.

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Trashcan Etiquette

By Nancy Harris, CNA Treasurer

Recently we wrote about how to properly use your blue and green bins and where to go to find alternatives for items that did not go in them but could be saved from the trash bin. This month let's review some of the decorum for use of your trash bins that follows the city's guidelines and will be appreciated by your neighbors.

Let's start with the placement of your bins. According to the city, each of your bins should be placed 3 to 5 feet apart if at all possible (while trying to avoid tree limbs, too). This makes it possible for the "arms" on the city vehicles to easily pick up the bins when they are dumped into the truck. As a rule, bins should be put out the evening before or by 6:30 am the morning of pickup and secured off the street by that evening. This keeps the streets clear and tidy looking and improves car, bicycle and pedestrian safety as vehicles have a clearer view of the street and foot traffic does not have to walk as far into the roadway. If you live where there is a sidewalk, be sure not to place your bins on the sidewalk as it obstructs pedestrian traffic. Of course there are times (such as when one is out of town) when it is difficult to set out or bring your bins in according to the city rules. In those cases you might enlist the help of a neighbor or friend to take care of your bins while you are away. (As a safety issue, leaving your bins out for a prolonged period may alert thieves to the fact that no one is around and make you an inviting target.)

Solid Waste Services also requires that the lid on your bin should be able to close securely when filled. While this is because individuals should be utilizing a bin that is large enough to accommodate the trash generated by that household, from a neighborly and environmental stand point, allowing the bins to close reduces the amount of debris that might get blown away when the lid is left open or dropped when the truck is picking up the cans and thus reduce the trash left in the streets and blown onto your neighbor's properties. Keeping the lid closed also reduces the odors generated by the garbage inside which can get pretty intense especially during the hot summer months.

Speaking of odor – how often do you clean out your trash bin? Depending on how clean your trash is, this is something you might want to do periodically, particularly if you keep your bins in an area that is frequented by people, say in your garage (enclosed areas tend to retain odors), or near your patio, your neighbor's yard, or a pedestrian area. A clean bin also attracts fewer flies, ants and other

pests. If your bin is really nasty, you may have to use a stick or old broom handle to loosen stuck on objects in the bottom and rubber gloves to take items out. Then squirt a generous amount of dish liquid or a cup of baking soda (good for deodorizing) into the bin and fill about a quarter full with water. (Some folks like to use vinegar, but just remember it will kill any plants that it comes into contact with, so use caution.) Use a long handled brush if it is particularly moldy or dirty to loosen any stubborn particles. Rinse out with water. You may want to give the outside some attention, too. Finally to prevent future odors, you can spray the inside with vinegar, sprinkle



See Trashcan Etiquette, continued on page 5

Reduce Winter Water Use and Save All Year

You can lower your wastewater costs for the next year by reducing your water usage from mid-November through mid-March.

Your water meter measures your monthly water use, but there is no meter on your wastewater line. To calculate your wastewater fee, Austin Water monitors your water usage during three consecutive winter billing periods and bases the fee on the daily average use during those months. Since water usage during these months is generally only inside household use, it's a good measure of the volume flowing through your wastewater system. You can lower your wastewater costs for the next year by minimizing water use during these billing

Annual Crestview Neighborhood Association Membership Renewals Due

Thank you to all of the folks who sent in their CNA membership dues for 2019 and to everyone who has supported the association's work. If you haven't had a chance to pay your dues yet, membership dues are \$10 per household per year on a calendar basis with renewals due in January. Renew your membership 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!

Please make checks payable to Crestview Neighborhood Association.



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Crime	Street	Date	Day	Time
ASSAULT CONTACT - SEXUAL NATURE	8XX ST JOHNS AVE	11/13/18	Tue	19:54
ASSAULT WITH INJURY	21XX ANDERSON LN	11/24/18	Sat	22:26
BURGLARY OF RESIDENCE	78XX WOODROW AVE	11/10/18	Sat	9:35
BURGLARY OF VEHICLE	1XXX BANYON ST	11/2/18	Fri	19:41
BURGLARY OF VEHICLE	77XX WATSON ST	11/9/18	Fri	10:59
BURGLARY OF VEHICLE	72XX EASY WIND DR	11/10/18	Sat	10:47
BURGLARY OF VEHICLE	7XXX EASY WIND DR	11/14/18	Wed	13:46
CRASH / LEAVING THE SCENE	78XX GAULT ST	11/21/18	Wed	11:38
HARASSMENT	75XX PANTHERPAW ST	11/13/18	Tue	12:43
RAPE	77XX LAZY LN	11/20/18	Tue	21:13
SUSPICIOUS VEH	1XXX TAULBEE LN	11/1/18	Thr	9:32
THEFT	8XX MORROW ST	11/21/18	Wed	16:31
THEFT	7XXX EASY WIND DR	11/26/18	Mon	8:04
THEFT	18XX PASADENA AVE	11/26/18	Mon	19:56
THEFT	71XX WOODROW AVE	11/27/18	Tue	18:36
THEFT	18XX MORROW ST	11/30/18	Fri	13:47
THEFT	18XX AGGIE LN	11/30/18	Fri	15:18
THEFT FROM PERSON	71XX WOODROW AVE	11/9/18	Fri	17:22
THEFT OF BICYCLE	8XX ST JOHNS AVE	11/7/18	Wed	14:30
THEFT OF BICYCLE	72XX EASY WIND DR	11/16/18	Fri	8:38


January Crime Prevention Tip: “You must act NOW!” “You have won a FREE vacation!” These are typical lines used by telephone con artists to get your money or gain information to perpetrate scams. Other “offers” may ask you to only pay postage and handling, to send in a check or money order, to give a bank account or credit card number, or a password. Don’t fall for these scams, which come in many variations. Check out any deals carefully beforehand. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.



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with baking soda, or add a dryer sheet or a few cotton balls with a drop or two of essential oils. Just remember, you will have to replenish these each week after trash day. Closing plastic trash bags securely and not over filling them so that they might split open and leak will also help keep your bin clean, prevent odors, and attract fewer pests.

Undoubtedly, the touchiest issue of neighborly manners regarding trashcans is the use of other people's trashcans to dispose of pet waste. Forget for a moment it is technically an act of "theft of services" to use a bin that is not yours or that you do not have express permission to use. Using another person's trash bin without their permission can be considered rude, offensive and inconsiderate. Regardless of whether you personally agree that one should not use another person's trash bin for your dog poop or not, out of respect for the owner's wishes, don't, unless you know they have no objections. It is understandable that someone might be very upset if they have gone through the above steps only to have a stinky mess of "doggie do soup" in the bottom of their bin. Considerate neighbors will tote their own waste home, use a neighbor's bin that they have permission to use or find a public trash container to use instead of leaving a potential mess for someone else to deal with. Let's all try to be mindful of our trashcan etiquette!

The Austin Animal Center Needs Your Help!

Austin is home to the largest No Kill community in the United States. They provide shelter to more than 16,000 animals each year and animal protection and pet resource services to all of Austin and Travis County. The Austin Animal Center (AAC) is an open-intake facility where lost and surrendered animals from all of Travis County in need of shelter are accepted regardless of age, health, species or breed. The goal of the Austin Animal Center is to place all adoptable animals in forever homes. But maintaining that status requires help from everyone in our community as animal intakes reach high levels. No amount of effort is too small as it greatly impacts the lives of the pets Austin serves. Here are ways that you can help.

Adopt - hundreds of animals are at the shelter right now waiting for their forever home. If you think you're ready for the responsibility of adding a pet to your family, you can visit the Center at 7201 Levander Loop or browse the adoptable pets online at <http://www.austintexas.gov/adoptablepets>.

Foster - this is a great way to help a pet in need, especially if you are not yet able to adopt. Time commitments range from just a weekend, to a few weeks and possibly even several months, depending on your availability and interests. To complete a Foster Application, go to <http://www.austintexas.gov/online-form/foster-care-application>.

Volunteer - help is always needed to enrich the lives of the animals at the shelter. You can sign up to volunteer to walk dogs or adoption matchmaking. Whether you're a group looking for a one-time opportunity, a youth group needing service hours, or an individual who wants to commit to regular volunteering, there is a place for you at Austin Animal Center.

Donate - the shelter is always in need of treats, toys and pet supplies. You can make a tax-deductible gift of cash or needed items. Go to <http://www.austintexas.gov/departmentsupport-animal-center> to see what you can do to help.

For additional information about AAC, visit <http://www.austintexas.gov/departmentsupport-animal-center>.



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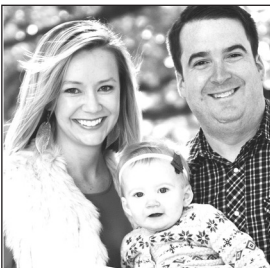


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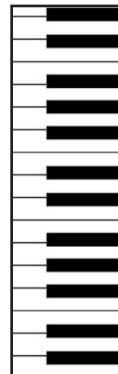
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