

September 2009



TTC NOTES

Don't know what to do, my head's in a haze.... It's like a heat wave!*
I thought summer was over, didn't you?

UPCOMING EVENTS

TC TOWN HALL MEETING

September 22, 2009
6:30 p.m. - BV Pavilion
Discussion Topic:
"Exercise Swim
Without Monitors"

TC COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

October 3, 2009

TC ARBOR DAY

October 24, 2009
Order Your Trees NOW!

TC FAMILY FUN DAY

October 31, 2009

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END OF SUMMER BASH IN PICTURES

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REMINDER: Sidewalk Repair for SW Austin Begins in October

By Pat Epstein

Sidewalks, like the rest of us, just get old. Nature pulls and tugs, the ground shifts beneath them, and it all eventually takes a toll. And like us, they "rearrange" themselves to adapt to these uninvited forces of nature. That's when it's time for a facelift.

The July 2009 edition of the *TC Notes* included an article about the City of Austin's program earmarking \$1.6 million of Austin's 2009 Federal stimulus money specifically for sidewalk repair. But after talking to some friends at Book Club, it became apparent that many folks were still unaware of the program, and that a page-one, follow-up article might be warranted.

As most of you who walk Travis Country sidewalks know, there are some pretty uneven patches along the way, particularly in the original sections of the neighborhood. This writer has personally tripped on uneven sidewalks at least a dozen times, injuring mostly just the ego, but receiving a few scrapes and bruises as well. There are some particularly dangerous elevations along Trail West and Sendero.

There was a time when homeowners were held responsible for maintenance of sidewalks abutting their property; however, the work now falls to the City of Austin (CoA). Unfortunately, the City's mandate to repair sidewalks came with no funding, so the CoA adopted an "as-needed" policy carrying the caveat that knowledge of what is "needed" is dependent on information provided by the residents. That caveat remains in place even with the stimulus money program.

The 78735 zip code is on the CoA's repair rotation schedule for October. Typically, city workers will come out and make a temporary repair (that black tar "stuff"), then return to make the permanent, concrete repair during the scheduled rotation.

This is our opportunity to make TC sidewalks safer and easier to navigate for everyone. However, unless residents pick up the phone and make that call to 3-1-1, our neighborhood stands to miss out on this opportunity. So neighbors, it's time for all of us to locate all our sidewalk humps and bumps, then pick up the phone, and call 3-1-1 to report each one to the City. *And we need to do it now!* Time is running out!



TC Arbor Day - October 24 By: Melanie Miller

The first ever TC Arbor Day will take place on October 24 with the goal of reforesting our beloved Blue Valley. After the loss of over 25 trees to oak wilt and fungus, the TC Grounds Committee (GC) applied for and received a Neighborhood Beautification Grant from Keep Austin Beautiful (KAB) that will bring 27 young, new trees to the Valley.

But they have to be planted. TC Arbor Day was created to give all TC residents an opportunity to participate in this worthwhile project. Everyone is welcome. In fact, if your son's boy scout troop or your daughter's girl scout troop is looking for a service project, bring them along. Even if you can't dig, you can help by bringing drinks and snacks for the other workers.

Let's show Austin what a fabulous community of neighbors we have here in Travis Country. Email melanie_a_miller@yahoo.com for more info and watch the message boards for further information.

Family Fun Day & Halloween Party Coming October 31 - 10 am-2 pm



Blood Mobile - Games - Car Show - Dog Show - Food - Drinks - Holiday Pies & Cookie Bake-Off
Moon Walk - Book Drop/Plant Swap... and much, much more! VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!

Check the TC Website for More Info and Registrations



TCCSA Board of Directors Meeting Report - August 20, 2009 By: Pat Epstein

This report does not represent the official minutes of the meeting. Minutes are posted on the website and, once approved, are also in the Blue Valley office.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Anthony Peterman, Leonard Saenz, John McCulloch, Paul Salazar, Tom Curran, Mark Carroll, Wendy Primeaux (Ms. Primeaux had to leave about halfway through the meeting).

MOTIONS APPROVED (U=Unanimous)

- To approve Leigh Greiner, Dan Flannery, Tracy Remmert, Darrel Breedon, David Garrison, Ian Waggoner, Camden Bobek, Raymond Jackson, Inge Eichberg, and Chris Brown to serve on the Tennis Committee. (U)
- To approve the Alisa Hennenhoefer party at Blue Valley Park on September 13, 2009, from 2-7 p.m. Usage fee to be set at \$75 or whatever was set for last year, whichever is less. (U)
- To approve the two Trailwood Village amendments and move forward with the process of ratification. (U: Ms. Primeaux was not present at this time.)

MOTIONS TABLED

- To place a temporary halt on issuing any further TCCSA violations relating to rain-water collection systems, pending a refinement of ACC rules regarding their aesthetics. (Tabled pending joint meeting of the Board and the ACC.)
- Motion to approve installation of Wildflower Preserve curbing at the TCC end of the demolished roadway, amount Not to exceed _____.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Communications:** CC is requesting signs informing when/when not to trim trees to avoid oak wilt be posted at specific times of the year. No changes to E-Alert recommended; perhaps use another alert system or the Twitter account.
- Grounds:** TC Arbor Day on October 24. GC requests \$1850 used to restore greenbelt where trees were cut down not be counted against this year's budget since money was received last year. Board requested Manager receive three bids for each project, including for the mowing part of the landscaping budget.
- Pool:** LOE not being enforced by lifeguards. Possibly need to eliminate LOE. Discussed the HUD agreement and its impact. Changes to private pool policy discussed. Dedicated pool manager needed; too many issues for management to oversee, including enforcement inconsistency, lack of lifeguard authority. Lifeguard hours need to be reduced. Hilltop cleaning schedule needs to be revisited.
- Social:** TC Family Fun Day will be on October 31.
- Tennis:** Reviewed priority items, including resurfacing Hilltop this winter; adding benches and shading, including large shade structure for spectators (using TC labor). Adult socials going well. Bathrooms will be painted in September. New tennis t-shirts and hats coming soon. Pleased with current vendor and development of the program. Provided updated list of committee members.
- AISD:** AISD held its first convocation in 11 years; good community-building for all school employees. Boundary task force not yet formed.
- Firewise:** Ideas needed to get people to participate in the program. Comment that the fee might be discouraging people from applying. According to the Manager, there were three inquiries in June, two of which were discouraged by the fee. Recommendation to visit this at the next Annual Meeting.
- Travis Country Forum:** Meeting now being held the Tuesday following the Board of Directors meeting. Town Hall Meeting to be held on September 22.
- Envision Blue Valley:** EBV requires direction from the Board before moving forward.

VISITING HOMEOWNERS' COMMENTS

1) The morning swim program is successful. Would like to see it expanded; revisit removing monitor. **2)** CoA is patrolling for water enforcement. ACC is exploring the possibility of a fee structure for reviewing projects. Rain barrels need to be shielded. Please maintain current limit on size of sheds. Recommend adding the word "waiver" to ACC item being discussed in Executive Session discussion. **3)** Need someone to assist lifeguards; interference with lane swimmers. Consider a card entry system. Handed out a list of questions to investigate. **4)** Boat at 4902 Travis Country Circle and RV at 4903 Travis Country Circle. **5)** Commented about another RV.

BOARD COMMENTS

1) Wendy Primeaux: TC needs to take another look at the HUD agreement and possibly return to the CoA for discussion. **2)** Leonard Saenz: Agrees with concerns about boats and RVS; staff is doing a great job at enforcement. Agrees it's time to revisit

swim at your own risk. **3)** Anthony Peterman: SAYOR should be reviewed for early morning hours only. **4)** Paul Salazar: TC needs to revisit the HUD agreement; the neighborhood needs a year-round program.

FINANCIAL REPORT

\$4,400 in pool charges to be refunded when pools are closed for repairs, rain, etc.; The Tennis Committee would like to be able to raise money for its projects.

MANAGER'S REPORT/ACTION LIST/RECOMMENDATIONS

1) Manager has held interviews for a new office assistant to work on Tuesdays and Thursdays; will continue interviewing until the right candidate is found. **2)** Curbing at the Wildflower Preserve was discussed. Other designs are being considered other than a straight line. Manager to investigate and get bids.

Unfinished Business

Discussion of three draft amendments to TC Covenants: 1) changing the allowed maximum for a utility building from 100 to 250 square feet, giving the ACC specific rule-making authority over those between 120-250 square feet. (All TC lot owners could vote on this amendment). 2) Grant ACC the authority to approve fence materials other than just wood or masonry in Trailwood Village One (only Trailwood Village One lot owners to vote on this amendment). 3) Remove prohibition against use of metal roofs in Trailwood Village Two (only Trailwood Village Two lot owners would vote on this amendment). Follow-up discussion concerning the need to have the votes notarized. Will consult attorney. Hold off on utility building amendment.

New Business

1) Wildflower Preserve Curb. There was discussion about using boulders rather than curbing. Manager to investigate. Motion was tabled until the September meeting when the Manager will have more information. **2) Rain Barrels.** The ACC rule reads, "Section E. Fencing and non-vegetative screening: 11. Rain barrels must be screened from view of the street. The use of lattice work is not allowed for screening material." Board discussed screening options, including lattice and ivy shields. Consensus that fencing is not attractive. Motion tables pending discussion at joint ACC/Board meeting.

STILL NEEDED: TC NOTES BOARD REPORTER

Stay abreast of all that is happening with TC governance. Attend monthly Board of Directors meetings and take notes on meeting discussions and decisions. Transcribe the notes for publication in the *TC Notes*. Approximate volunteer time: 5 hours/month. For more info: tcnotes@traviscountry.com or 906-1737.

Be Cool!



TCCSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT: Anthony Peterman

VICE PRESIDENT: Leonard Saenz

SECRETARY: John McCulloch TREASURER: Paul Salazar

Mark Carroll, Kay Colvin, Tom Curran, Wendy Primeaux, and Janice Smith

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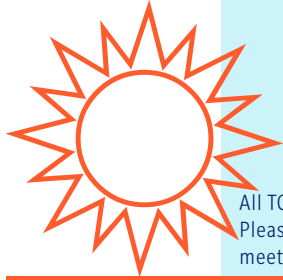
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TCCSA COMMITTEE REPORTS

All TCCSA Committee meetings are open to residents. Please see the Community Calendar on Page 11 for meeting dates, times, and locations.

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE (ACC). Submitted by Frank Krystopher

Twelve projects reviewed: Two house paintings, six fences, three home additions, one landscape retaining wall. Six approved, four disapproved, two under review. **ACC August Tip:** Renovation and placement of windows need to be approved by the ACC. Upon receiving exterior construction approval, owners should immediately notify adjacent neighbors. Applications need to be logged into the TC office prior to the ACC meeting night. **Next ACC Design Review: TUESDAY,** October 6, TC Office.

NOTE: *Through December, the ACC meetings will take place on the first Tuesday of the month. They will return to the first Wednesday of the month in January 2010.*

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE. Submitted by Pat Epstein

Resident Services List: CC to explore creating a "Resident Services List" for the website at which TC residents can post their name, contact info, and service provided free of charge. This option will be advertised in an upcoming edition of the TC Notes. **Oak Wilt Warning Signs:** CC will ask Management to create bandit signs indicating times to/not to trim trees. The signs will be placed at the entry to TC four times a year. **E-Alert System:** Current E-Alert should remain a communication tool for safety issues only; however, the CC suggests a possible second alert system to which people could subscribe (perhaps our Twitter feed) for other, less serious events, e.g. pool closures, street repairs, etc. **Website:** Reviewed list of concerns presented by the office, i.e., what has been done, needs to be done, and/or should be handled by the office. There are some functions regarding updates at the website that the CC feels falls within the purview of the management.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE. Submitted by Melanie Miller

Guest from Keep Austin Beautiful (KAB): Increase diversity, address oak wilt, remove invasives-these are all desirable goals of KAB. The grant trees come from Austin Energy; KAB will provide one load of dillo dirt. **Financials:** Mowing is under budget. Pond will go over budget; it is costing more to operate because it is failing. Inform Board about pond budget overrun. **Trees:** \$12K spent so far, primarily on tree removal. **MOTION (approved):** Request Board replace \$1,850 in tree budget that was removed for greenbelt damages. October 24 selected for TC Arbor Day. Plan to get help with digging holes for the trees in advance. **Wildflower Preserve (WFP):** Management is working on bids for curb; parking options being considered. **Hilltop Signage:** David will follow up with stonework company. **BV Tennis Court Ivy Problem:** The ivy is not coming back in some places. Consider non-native Leadword plumbago. George will research native groundcovers. **Volunteers: Irrigation.** Get Dennis to write what he does down so others can help with irrigation needs at BV. **Invasives.** Approved Zierer and Bishop families to help remove invasives. Melanie will show them where.

POOL COMMITTEE.

Lane Oriented Swim (LOE): LOE is not being enforced by lifeguards. Discussed returning to an adult swim period during this time for next year, including implications of HUD agreement on such a change. Motion to request Board to make this change, with a minimum age of 16. **Lifeguards:** Several lifeguards have worked 9-11 hour shifts this summer. FSG recommends 5-7 hour shifts, particularly in high intensity heat. PC liaison will contact FSG and request shorter shifts be enforced. **Pool Manager:** Discussed need for a dedicated Pool Manager for the 2010 season. Most all lifeguard issues could be solved with the presence of an on-site Pool Manager. PC requests TC management look into costs associated with this. **Pool Parties During Regular Pool Hours:** PC unanimously agreed to recommend to the TC Board that current policy be changed to allow small parties at BV only and only on Wednesdays/Thursdays, not to exceed ten guests, and with only four non-resident guests. HT will continue "no parties" policy. **Umbrellas:** Lifeguard umbrellas at BV and HT need to be replaced as soon as possible. **Dive Pool:** Discussed closing the dive pool at 8 p.m. This can be done if there is not a third lifeguard on duty. Otherwise, the dive pool can remain open. **2010 Season:** Hilltop hours need to be revisited to allow for maintenance time.

TENNIS COMMITTEE. Submitted by David Garrison

Current Projects: 1) Working on plans to add shading on court. 2) Landscape committee is working on doing more improvements to the landscaping at BV. 3) T-shirts and hat design complete; will print and start selling soon. Please contact the tennis committee if you would like to help with any of these projects. **Tennis Info:** Please send in any tennis news to tennis@traviscountry.com for us to post in the TC Notes, and please contact us if you would like to join the committee. **Yahoo Group:** If you play tennis, please take the time to join our new TC Yahoo Tennis Group. It's a great way to connect with other neighbors who play tennis in Travis Country. You can join the group by logging on at: http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/tc_tennis/. **Clinics:** Individual and group lessons are offered for TC residents. Contact: Brian Smithart@hotmail.com or 444-7040. All tennis lessons are now posted on the Yahoo calendar and the TC website. **Questions:** David Garrison at tennis@traviscountry.com.

TC FORUM. Submitted by Hope Bass

Town Hall Meeting: 9/22/2009, 6:30 p.m. at the BV Pavilion. **Topics:** TC Board revisiting unmonitored, early morning lap swim for lap swimmers. **TC Forum Meetings:** 4th Tuesday of every month, 6:30 p.m. at the BV Office. **August 25 Meeting Topics:** 1) **Enforcement of Covenant Violations.** Appearance of slow enforcement. Concerns about amending some covenants so they are uniform throughout TC, e.g., metal roofs and fencing. Possibility of TC Forum doing person-to-person mediation in covenant violation situations. 2) **Concern about the effect of the drought on the common areas and how to protect our trees and landscaping,** particularly with the plans for TC Arbor Day this Fall. Discussed possibility of installing rain barrels or some other water catch system for trees and shrubs. Need to increase volunteerism. 3) **Drawing community together in positive ways.** Vision for a dog park, possibly in conjunction with the City of Austin in Gaines Creek Park. 4) **Concern expressed that the TC Forum and Envision Blue Valley** have slowed down improvements necessary to Blue Valley; no decisions made regarding suggested changes. Feeling that price tag must accompany any plans.



Summer Swan Song

Nearing the End of a Long, **HOT** Summer

By Ian M. Crooks, MD - TC Pool Committee

What was your favorite Travis Country pool memory from this summer of record-setting heat? Was it the family get-together when you cooled off together in the pool, trading smiles and stories? Was it when your child took his or her first leaps from poolside into your arms, creating a splash and a squeal? Maybe your son or daughter participated in the Sharks Swim Team practices or meets, improving their skills in our wonderful neighborhood program. Or, maybe you worked to improve your own strength and speed at morning exercise swim, or enjoyed the collegiality (and exercise) at our very own Travis Country Water Aerobics class (thanks, Melanie!).

Regardless, most of us found time just to relax by the poolside, reading a summertime escape novel while soaking up sun and taking quick periodic dips in the pool to cool off. Let us know; your TC Pool Committee would love to hear your story.

Autumn Pool Schedule

Although the heat lingers here in Texas, the calendar says that summer is wrapping up. Unfortunately, so, too, must the summer pool schedule. Although there are two months of pool hours remaining, after Labor Day, the pool hours will change. Residents can find the new autumn pool schedule at the Travis Country website, but keep in mind that as the weather becomes a little more unpredictable so, too, do the pool hours.

The schedule is always subject to change.

Pool Rules

Past Pool Committee articles have focused on rules. We can all agree that rules allow us to create and maintain a safe, healthy environment at our most popular amenities for everyone to enjoy. The Pool Committee has stressed how each resident plays a part in ensuring the rules are followed, e.g., respecting the authority of the lifeguards, making sure kids who are not fully potty-trained wear appropriate swim diapers and plastic pants, immediately alerting the life guards to fecal or other contamination in the pool, not bringing glass containers to poolside, and clearing the pool the last 10 minutes of every hour for lane-oriented exercise.

The Pool Committee hopes you have benefitted by being a role model for your kids and others by following the rules of the pool. If you have seen - or see - instances in which the rules were/are not being followed, please inform the Pool Committee and/or management so corrective action can be taken.

During each meeting, the Pool Committee focuses our thoughts and plans on how best to improve the pool experience for each resident. We welcome your thoughts and comments and value your interest and input.

Thanks for a great summer, and enjoy the Fall!

- *The Pool Committee*

POOL LOST & FOUND

Wondering where that darling monogrammed beach towel or those new flip-flops might be? Chances are they are in the TC pools' Lost and Found. After Labor Day, everything in the bulging bins at both pools is headed to Goodwill. Even if you don't think you're missing something, come take a look. You might be surprised at what you find.

As most of you know, the Hilltop pool had to close due to fecal contamination this summer. Lifeguards closed the pool immediately and shocked it. Unfortunately, the incident was not immediately reported. This delays the pool's re-opening. Be sure and report such incidents immediately.

End of Summer Bash

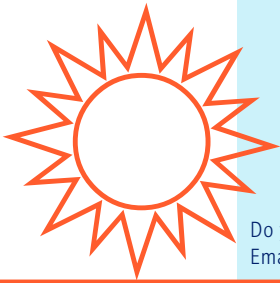
By Wendy Primeaux

The 2009 End-of-Summer Bash is now one for the history books... the history books on how to have a great neighborhood party for all! Although the skies looked threatening at times, teasing us with the possibility of rain (yeah, right!), the party carried on until the pool closed at 9 p.m.

Fabulous decorations, yummy tropical fruits, and delightful finger sandwiches highlighted the luau theme, but beyond a doubt, Jim's M's Water Ice was, as always, the big hit of the night. Kids of all ages (meaning those 30+ as well) participated in a variety of games, including watermelon and t-shirt relays, as well as a long game of limbo.

A huge thank you to organizer extraordinaire Cody Remsing for once again putting on this fun and much-anticipated event. And a huge shout out to her lovely daughters and faithful helpers, Jaclyn, Karen, and Kaylyn. What a GREAT party!





TC Life **STYLE**



LIFE AND LIVING IN TRAVIS COUNTRY

Do you have an idea for our TC Lifestyle section?
Email tcnotes@traviscountry.com.



TC Yard of the Month

The Ross Family
4125 Travis Country Circle

By: Rachel O'Leary

This TC yard shines even in the heat of the summer. A lovely perennial bed overflows with yellow bells and phlox. Tucked behind it is a cozy, shaded patio. A tropical oasis!



Thank you, **Ross Family**, for making TC look so beautiful!

Welcome to TC's Newest Residents!

Provided by the TC Office Staff

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| Miguel & Yvette Alvarado | 4209 Great Plains Dr. |
| John Barton | 5212 Moon Shadow Dr. |
| Ryan & Ashley Beard | 4412 Twisted Tree Dr. |
| Andrew & Carolyn Birge | 4804 Senora Creek Ct. |
| Benjamin Carter & Jennifer Hargrave | 4331 Sendero Dr. |
| Sally Cutherell | 4806 Canyonbend Cir. |
| Bryan & Brianna Donaldson | 4608 Fieldstone Dr. |
| Raymond & Allison Hayes | 4521 Eagle Feather Dr. |
| Andrew & Elysa Kuo | 5717 Hero Dr. |
| Kerry Lewis | 5624 Republic of Texas Blvd. |
| Kodikay McCrary & Diane Wren | 4608 Trail Crest Cir. |
| Michael Powers & Kathleen McWhirter | 5404 Painted Shield Dr. |
| Arlette Salvador | 5001 Trading Bend Dr. |
| Jason & Kathryn Sherman | 4131 Travis Country Cir. |
| Colin & Lea Slagle | 4707 Cap Rock Dr. |
| J. Scott & Cheryl Taylor | 5208 Moon Shadow Dr. |
| Robert & Gina Verduzco | 4812 Eagle Feather Dr. |
| Janet Ngo Vy & Shiva Peterson | 5716 Republic of Texas Blvd. |
| Ryan & Laura Jean Wooley | 5016 Calhoun Canyon Loop |
| Steven J. Zika & Kristin B. Guyer | 3904 Sendero Dr. |

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Everything you always wanted and needed to know about Travis Country - and then some!



TC Post-Its!

TREE PLEA

Dear TC Neighbors and Homeowners,
Please take care of your trees. They are a precious commodity and one that adds a great deal of value to Travis Country. I recently had a person "walk away" from a home sale because of concern about Oak Wilt. Please pay attention to all the ways to prevent this deadly disease, including trimming at the appropriate times. Thank you.

Sherri Williams, Realtor & TC Resident

TREE PLEA II

From a Concerned Homeowner

City waste trucks sometimes scrape and break tree limbs. To curtail Oak Wilt, please be careful, when possible, to place your trash and recycling containers away from overhanging limbs. Or, be sure to prune the limbs appropriately so they are not damaged by the trucks.

FLU SEASON - COA UPDATE

The Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department has scheduled seasonal flu shot clinics (walk-in and drive-thru) in September for those at greatest risk for complications from the flu. These shots are for regular seasonal flu and will not confer immunity to the H1N1 or "swine" flu. H1N1 vaccine will be available from health professionals later this cold and flu season.

Find ways to deal with stress, anxiety, and flu season.
Call 1-800-CDC-INFO for more information.

CUB SCOUTS

Be a cub scout! Join Pack 446 - Troop 446.

If you missed sign-ups on September 1, please come to the Pack 446 meeting with the "Zoo Guy."
Thursday, September 10, 7 p.m.
Mount Olive Lutheran Church

Pack 446 is available to all boys from 1st-5th grades.



How dogs say,
"Good Morning!"

TCCSA CLUB UPDATES

B K CLUB The Travis Country Book Club will hold its September gathering on Friday, 9/18, 7 p.m., at the home of Nola Ross, 5100 Trail West Dr. This month's book selection is *The Stone Diaries*, by Carol Shields.

BUNC CLUB TC Bunco will meet on the first Monday of September, even though it is Labor Day! We thought those who traveled over the weekend or who entertained out-of-town guests would like a "rest" from the whirl and have fun with others down at the TC Office! We will gather from 7:30-9 pm to play, snack, and laugh! Hope to see you there! Questions? Lindy, 892-3116.

September Events Calendar

Compiled By: Ruth Schwab

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Architecture Committee	9/1 (Tue.)	7 pm	TCCSA Office
Bd of Directors Meeting	9/17 (Thurs.)	6 pm	TCCSA Office
Book Club	9/18 (Fri.)	7 pm	5100 Trail West Drive
Bunco Club	9/7 (Mon.)	7:30 pm	TCCSA Office
Communications Committee	11/5 (Thurs.)	7 pm	TCCSA Office
Grounds Committee	9/2 (Wed.)	7 pm	TCCSA Office
Pool Committee	9/14 (Mon.)	7 pm	TCCSA Office
Recreation Committee	9/13 (Sun.)	2 pm	BV Pool/Pavilion
Tennis Committee	9/8 (Tue.)	6 pm	TCCSA Office
TC Town Hall Meeting	9/22 (Tue.)	7 pm	BV Pavilion
TC Notes Deadline	9/18 (Fri.)	5 pm	tcnotes@traviscountry.com
TC Notes Delivered	9/26 (Sat.)	N/A	Delivered to Block Captains



OHE Update



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

9/15/2009: Back-to-school Night Kinder, 1st, 2nd grades

9/17/2009: Back-to-school Night 3rd, 4th, 5th grades.

PARTNERS IN READING VOLUNTEERS

By: DeeDee Eastwood

Oakhill Elementary is working this year with Austin Partners in Education to implement their Partners in Reading Program in some of its second grade classrooms. If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity that requires a minimal time commitment but offers a huge pay-off for that time, this is the perfect program for you. The program benefits all students regardless of their reading level.

Both English speaking and bilingual volunteers are needed. Participants will spend 45 minutes per week in the classroom, working with a small group of kids and using the materials provided by Partners in Reading. Training takes place during September, and the program kicks off in October with a consistent weekly meeting time to be determined.

Volunteers do not need to be the parent of a second grader. All interested community members are welcome. In fact, we encourage everyone to invite their work community to participate in this worthwhile project. If you are interested in this extremely rewarding volunteer opportunity, please contact DeeDee Eastwood at 892-8765 or at meastwood@austin.rr.com.

PEER BUDDY PROGRAM

The Peer Buddy Program at OHE offers typically developing three/four-year-olds an opportunity to serve as peer models or "buddies" for three/four-year-old children receiving special education services in the public school setting. Peer models act as leaders and helpers; make new friends; and participate in a variety of activities such as art, music, and story time with a certified teacher and teacher assistant. They also learn basic school routines. Children selected to be a peer model attend school from 7:45 am-10:45 am, or 11 am-2 pm, Monday through Friday.

The program was developed to ensure appropriate peer role models students with needs in the areas of speech/language, listening, and social and behavior; therefore, no fees are charged. For more information and/or an application, please contact Ms. Lauri Schattenberg, Preschool Program for Children with Disabilities Teacher, at lschatte@austinisd.org or by calling 841-7847. Openings are available starting in September.

THE TC HAZARDOUS WASTE "BOPA+" RECYCLING EVENT IS BACK

NOVEMBER 7, 2009

8 AM - 10 AM BLUE VALLEY PARK



- BATTERIES**
- OIL**
- PAINT**
- ANTI-FREEZE**
- + CFLs**
- & ELECTRONICS**



When you clear out your garages for the Bi-Annual Garage Sale, set aside your old paint, used oil, dead batteries, lingering anti-freeze, and mercury-laden CFLs.

On November 7, 2009, bring them down to the Blue Valley Park area and toss them in the truck.

Volunteers will drive everything off to the City of Austin Hazardous Waste Center.

ELECTRONICS

This year, we're adding electronics: computers, monitors, cell phones, copier, laptops, and battery packs. CANNOT accept TVs, appliances (microwaves, refrigerators).

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS... PLEASE!

TRUCKS WITH DRIVERS NEEDED. If you would be interested in volunteering your time and/or your truck, please contact Pat Epstein at PatE3@aol.com or 906-1737.

*It's Back to School Time!
Slow down, and watch out
for kids and buses!*





CLASSIFIEDS

Just say, "I sold it in the *TC Notes*!"

CLASSIFIED AD POLICY

The Classifieds are open to TC residents only. To list services, you must be 18 or under. The service cannot be conducted on TC Common Property or use TC facilities.

ADS MUST BE RENEWED MONTHLY.

Non-service ads can be run for a maximum of three months. We reserve the right to edit ads. Services provided by adults can be placed on the website under **Classifieds**, or you may ask the TC Office (892-2256) to add your name to the list they maintain.

Questions or to advertise: tcnotes@traviscountry.com.

WANTED

Books and computer equipment for library in Patzcuaro, Mexico. Need current (not old) fiction and non-fiction books in English and Spanish. Also need used computer with minimum of Windows XP capability, scanner, digital camera, and other IT items. We have raised money for and helped this library for the past five years. 891-9815 or tracytracker@gmail.com. For more information, see <http://mypatzcuaro.blogspot.com/2009/07/library.html>.

Wanted: Moms with three-year-olds. Interested in starting or joining an existing Travis Country playgroup. Play at the park, at our homes, etc. Lisa_moe@austin.rr.com or 891-6877.

Horse Board. New to Austin area; small facility preferred. All leads welcome. 512-428-5050.

To lease a small house or condo in Travis Country. Regents family with one teen in the nest. Excellent references. 817-456-3727.

FOR SALE

SPORTSART C53R Recumbent Exercise Bike. Purchased new from Fitness HQ in 01/06. Like new; includes floor mat and manuals. Paid \$2,200; asking \$1,295. No AC or DC batteries required. 892-6064 or 663-5483.

Medium oak book case with two shelves, 36"x36", \$20. Microwave, \$25. Queen antique brass bed, \$50. Matching five-shelf hutch, \$25. Wii games: The Grim Adventures of Billy & Mandy, and Avatar the Burning Earth, \$8 each. PlayStation 2 Naruto: Ultimate Ninja 2, \$8. New DS game: Grand Theft Auto China Town Wars, \$19. 797-4311.

Weider Home Gym System: Stair Stepper, Bench, Butterfly, Ab Crunch, Pull-Up Bar. Weights from 12.5 lbs to 125 lbs with heavy floor mat. \$100. 892-4101.

BABYSITTING

Kaylyn Remsing (17) available to baby-sit your child(ren) ages three and above. CPR, first-aid certified and have taken the Seton Baby-Sitting Course. References available. 892-2246.

Babysitting Sisters @ Your Service. One call is all you need to find a responsible, experienced sitter. Lauritzen sisters: Blake (17), 785-1440, Lindsey (15), 527-4288, and Tessa (12), 284-2120. All of us have experience & would love to entertain your children. Saving money for college and high school study abroad program. 891-0527 or klauritzen@austin.rr.com.

Six years of babysitting experience (18). Seeking college money. Love kids. 694-6307 or jellybean535@aol.com.

Samantha Curran (15) would love to care for your children while you spend some time together or just take an hour or two for yourself. Great with kids. Earning money for Olympic Development Soccer Camp. Soccer training, no extra charge. Call Sam at 925-8694.

Need a babysitter? Call Sarah Escobedo (15). Experienced sitter (including with three younger siblings and two cousins). Raising money for school fieldtrip. Available most weekends, some week nights. 892-2935.

Do you need a full-time babysitter to play and have fun with your kids this summer? Julieth Wolf (17), experienced with kids of all ages. From Colombia and have lived here for three years; fluent in English but would love to help your child learn Spanish. 263-5146 or julieth@austin.rr.com.

Need a babysitter this summer? Heather Hugman (13), Red Cross Certified and love to play with kids. Very responsible. Reasonable rates. 891-0263.

Taylor Parker (18), experienced and available to watch your kids weekdays and weekends. All ages. Call 826-3391.

Need a date night out, time to work out, or simply have a cup of coffee? Elysa Wolf (12) would love to entertain your kid (s) so you can have a break this summer. Completed the Red Cross Babysitting course, has two younger siblings, and takes care of babies and older at church. 263-5146 or elysawolf@austin.rr.com.

Angel Bottera (16) would love to baby-sit your children. Red Cross and CPR certified; love children of all ages. Experienced. References available. 589-0208.

Rita Ostrander (16) available to watch your children. CPR and First Aid certified. Experience with all ages. 892-0820 or rjostrander@yahoo.com.

Ally Salazar (11). Eager to start my babysitting career. If you need a break to run some errands or just an extra hand, I am available during daytime hours on week-ends to care for kids ages two and up. Would require some coaching for younger children. allysalazar@gmail.com.

LAWN/PET/PLANT CARE

Take years off your home's appearance and improve curb appeal. Let me power wash your driveway or patio. Fast, courteous, dependable, reasonably priced, free estimates. RyanCole Weldon-Carroll (10). 892-1624.

Experienced and affordable lawn care you can count on. I have mowed lawns in Travis Country for the past year and look forward to maintaining your lawn. William Larkam (17). 358-8877.

Call Spencer Collins (18) for complete lawn service and pet sitting. Responsible and experienced. 899-8097.

Karyn and Jaclyn (13) would love to watch your pets and plants while you are away. Five years neighborhood experience. Parental supervision. 892-2246 or cody0463@yahoo.com.

Alicia Hill (12). Pet service--love animals and have experience caring for cats, dogs, and other small animals. 892-3878.

Twin Pet & Plant Sitting. Eight-year-old twin TC girls offering pet sitting, plant care, and dog walking services. Reasonable rates, excellent service, parental supervision. 891-5351.

3Rs Critter Care. Responsible, Reasonable & Reliable sisters to care for your special pets and home while you're away. Experienced with all kinds of animals. We'll walk, play, feed, and most of all love your special pets while you're away. No worries! We'll water your plants & check your mail, also. Tessa Lauritzen (12) and Lindsey Lauritzen (15). Saving money for college and high school study abroad program. Parental supervision. 891-0527, 577-0527, or klauritzen@austin.rr.com.

Let us "doo" your dirty work! "Pick up Poo." One time: \$8/one dog, \$2 each additional dog. Weekly: \$5, one dog, \$2 additional dogs. We pet-sit also. John (15) and David (16) Walter. 892-5531.

Angel Bottera (16) will care for your home and pets while you are away. Will water plants in addition to walking, feeding, and playing with your pets. 589-0208.

Eighth-grade Regents student will take care of your pets, water your plants, pick up your mail, even mow your lawn while you are away. Last minute calls okay. Four years experience petsitting in Travis Country. Also available for babysitting. 512-301-7702, 512-769-0353, or tbkuhn@gmail.com.

Keith McBrayer (11) will take care of your small pets while you are away! Specialize in small critters, such as reptiles, and rodents, etc. 5 years experience. 891-8103 or 388-8395.



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