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NEXT GENERAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8TH , 6:45 PM

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BCNA Officer Elections in December

by Ingrid Weigand

The Bouldin Creek Neighborhood Association will hold its annual officers election at the December 10 General Association Meeting.

In order to vote in the election or to run for an office, you have to be a registered member of the Neighborhood Association. The deadline for registering prior to the elections is November 30. Please contact our treasure at: treasurer@bouldincreek.org to sign up or to check whether your registration is current.

We are a volunteer organization and depend on those neighbors who are willing to donate time and energy to make sure our interests are represented at boards & commissions, the Austin Neighborhood Council and in front of the Austin City Council. Our officers and committees deal with zoning issues, traffic problems and neighborhood parks; manage our funds, maintain the web site and publish newsletters. We are always looking for new members to join, either as officers or a sector representatives. Being a sector representative is an especially good way to get to know neighborhood issues.

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President's Message

by Thom Parker, BCNA President

Elections are on the way, not the ones we have been getting from national, state and local candidates. The elections I'm talking about are for Officers and Sector Representatives for Bouldin Creek Neighborhood Association. All volunteers, these Bouldin Creek residents guide our neighborhood through sometimes difficult, but more often rewarding experiences. The BCNA Elections Committee is beginning to develop a slate for 2025. Many of our current officers have served a number of years. In short, we hope to bring new faces to the Association. If you have an interest in serving your fellow residents please let us know. Email president@bouldincreek.org.

Membership renewal is underway. The BCNA membership roles have grown to almost 500 residents. BCNA does not require an annual dues to renew your membership. That said, an annual contribution to BCNA allows us to engage in new efforts. 2025 projects include enhancements of neighborhood parks, events for residents and families and efforts to protect the great neighborhood we live in. Please consider making a minimum contribution of \$35 to BCNA. Contributions can be made via check or pay pal. Checks can be made out and sent to the Bouldin Creek Neighborhood Association. Visit: bouldincreek.org/membership/.

Scan for membership info and to join the BCNA email group



BCNA Elections... Continued

If you have any questions about the roles below or are interested in running for a position, please contact elections@bouldincreek.org. We will publish a list of known candidates in the December newsletter.

The **President** is the primary spokesperson of the BCNA. S/he presides at all meetings of BCNA general membership and the Steering Committee, makes appointments with the advice and consent of the Policy Board, and cosigns checks drawn on the account of BCNA.

The **Vice President, Neighborhood Issues** shall assist and support committees related to zoning, development, parks and traffic. S/he will preside at BCNA meetings when necessary due to the absence of the president.

The **Vice President, External Affairs** shall assist and support activities related to community ambassadors, neighborhood wide social events, creek clean ups, neighborhood outreach, resource persons and serves as the Austin Neighborhood Council Representative.

The **Communications Director** shall assist with and support activities related to information dissemination, newsletter publication, web sites and other mass media.

The **Treasurer** shall assist and support activities related to finance, including account record keeping, fund deposit and withdrawals, and other related business management with respect to fundraising; co-sign checks and provide reports to Steering Committee and the General Association.

The **Secretary** shall record minutes of the General Association and the Steering Committee meetings, as well as assist and support activities related to record and agenda keeping, membership validation, and database management.

Sector Representatives must live in the sectors they represent.

Green Sector

N/S borders: North side of Oltorf to south side of Mary
E/W borders: Railroad tracks to west side of S. First

Purple Sector

N/S borders: North side of Oltorf to south side of Mary
E/W borders: East side of S. First to west side of S. Congress

Blue Sector

N/S borders: North side of Mary to south side of Monroe
E/W borders: Railroad tracks to west side of S. First

Yellow Sector

N/S borders: North side of Mary to south side of Nellie (south end of TX School for the Deaf)
E/W borders: East side of S. First to west side of S. Congress

Pink Sector

N/S borders: North side of W. Monroe to Gibson and north along East Bouldin Creek to Columbus.

E/W borders: Railroad tracks to the west side of S. First

Orange Sector

N/S borders: North side of Columbus to Barton Springs Road

E/W borders: Railroad Tracks to West side of East Bouldin Creek

Brown Sector

N/S borders: Copeland to Barton Springs Road

E/W borders: East Bouldin Creek to west side of S. First

Aqua Sector

N/S borders: North side of TX School for the Deaf to Lady Bird Lake

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Parks Update

by Ingrid Weigand

Oak Wilt

This spring, we asked all neighbors to check their oak trees for possible signs of Oak Wilt. It is in the neighborhood, but we don't know in which direction the fungus traveled. So, far, we have not received any reports of new infections but we suspect they are out there. Here are the signs:

Texas Red Oaks are most susceptible to the fungus. Infection can be spotted from a distance by bright, autumn-like leaf coloration in contrast to the surrounding greenery. Infected trees never survive and often die within 4 to 6 weeks following the initial appearance of symptoms.

White Oaks/Post Oaks are more tolerant of the fungus, but can still be infected. Fungus generally does not spread to adjacent trees, but occasionally will.

Live Oaks face intermediate danger, but are most seriously affected because of their connected root systems which facilitates spreading. These can be identified by loss of canopy and green leaves with clearly visible brown veins. Trees can defoliate within 3 to 6 months of infection and die; others will linger for years.

If you believe one of your trees might be infected, please contact an arborist and notify the Parks Committee at: parks@bouldincreek.org



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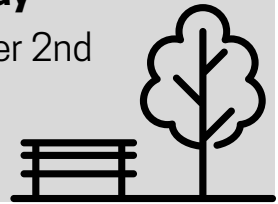
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It's My Park Day

Saturday, November 2nd

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& website for updates!



It's My Park Day

This fall's It's My Park Day has been set for November 2. We'll meet at 9 am for coffee and assignments at the Gibson entrance to Nicholas Dawson Park, adjacent to the El Mercado parking lot. The West Bouldin Creek Greenbelt as well as Ricky Guerrero and Nicholas Dawson parks are pretty clean, thanks to the continued effort of engaged neighbors, so this fall we will concentrate on trail maintenance and invasive-plants removal. Gloves and some tools will be provided. We'll post links for sign-up on the Austin Parks Foundation's site to the Forum.



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As your Mayor Pro Tem and Council Member, I championed the needs of Austin's working families. And as your Bouldin Creek NA President way-back-when, I worked with many of you to keep Becker Elementary open when AISD proposed its closure, to negotiate with developers for community benefits, and to create a community development corporation to support affordable housing.

As Mayor, I will:

- Support policies that favor renters and homeowners, not speculators and developers
- Champion reproductive health rights and access to affordable childcare
- Act with climate urgency and protect our water, air, and open space
- Partner to create affordable housing throughout our city



- Kathie
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BCNA Bylaws Review and Revision

Submitted by Ad Hoc Bylaw Committee

The Bouldin Creek Neighborhood Association's last major review and revisions took place in 2016. A singular change to the Bylaws took place in 2022 reflecting the need to provide for electronic communications; Section 10 Emergency Response – Virtual Assembly and Voting due to the pandemic.

An ad hoc committee was formed to review and propose needed revisions to the Bylaws. Section 8 of the BCNA Bylaws describes the process for Bylaw changes. Revisions and/or amendments must have 2/3rd majority of a quorum present provided that the amendments or revisions have been submitted in writing to members. A presentation of proposed changes, the "first reading" is made at a General Associating Meeting followed by "second reading" at a subsequent General Association meeting. Approval requires 2/3rd majority of quorum of members present.

A draft of proposed revisions can be found at: www.bouldincreek.org/we-are-updating-our-bylaws/

Timeline for Bylaw Review and Recommendations for Revisions/Amendments

- AD Hoc Committee Established - June 2024
- 1st Reading of Bylaw Changes - August General Association Meeting
- 2nd Reading of Bylaw Changes- October General Association Meeting
- Effective date, Approved Bylaw Changes - Dec 2024



Recommended Revisions and Additions by Ad Hoc Bylaw Committee:

Article II – Officers.

Section 3 – Provides for co-position by officers (two persons sharing officer duties) with the approval of the General Association. Provides for voting restrictions related to co-positions.

Article IV – Duties of Officers.

Section 1 F – President. Adds section 4 related to President serving as a chair to Ad Hoc Committees.

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Section 2 B – Vice President – Neighborhood Issues.

Adds the responsibility to VP Neighborhood Issues or a designee the administration of entire digital footprint, including, but not limited to: Overall Access & Password Control (Bitwarden), Domains, Word Press or other content management system, Shared Drive, Social Media Accounts, Website Admin, Zoom or Teams Meetings.

Section 4 C – Communications Director. Adds section C related to the recruitment of a Community Engagement volunteer(s) to facilitate Community Engagement efforts.

Section 5 C – Treasurer. Formalizes duties to facilitate annual membership drive and renewal.

Section 6 B – Secretary. Formalizes duties to maintain minutes and legal and other documentation including databases on Association Shared Drive.

Article V- Committees.

Section 4 B - Committee Meetings. Provided for in person or digital meeting notifications of date and time at least 48 hrs. in advance.

Section 5 J – Steering Committee. Steering Committee will provide the General Association at its first annual General Association Membership meeting with an annual budget detailing expected income and expense for the fiscal year. Increases the out of budget expense from \$750 to \$1,000 with the approval of 2/3rds of the Steering Committee.

Section 6 Zoning Committee. Clarifies the Zoning Committee's role to observe and if asked participate in the Bouldin Creek Neighborhood Plan Contact Team's implementation of the Bouldin Creek Neighborhood Plan.

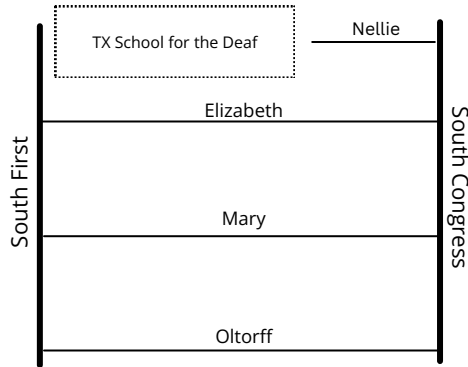
Article VII – Elections.

Section 2 Candidate Registration. A candidate does not have to be present to be elected.

SoCo PTMD Update

by Thom Parker

Residents in Yellow and Purple sectors now have posted signage for Resident, Employee & paid parking.



Effective September 1st, Enforcement Officers have begun citing vehicles parked along streets that are not registered with permits or who have not paid a fee through ParkATX.

Eligible Resident permits can be secured from the City at: <https://parkatx.cmrpay.com/permits/login>

BCNA's Traffic and Safety Committee has begun identifying pedestrian and cyclist safety projects. These projects will be paid for from parking fees generated from SoCo PTMD parking fees.

Spotted in the Blue Zone

by Terri St. Arnauld, Blue Sector Rep



photo by Terri St. Arnauld

This Waymo Jaguar was prowling the neighborhood for at least 3 weeks. It was spotted several mornings, stopping on S 6th St, as seen in this photo.

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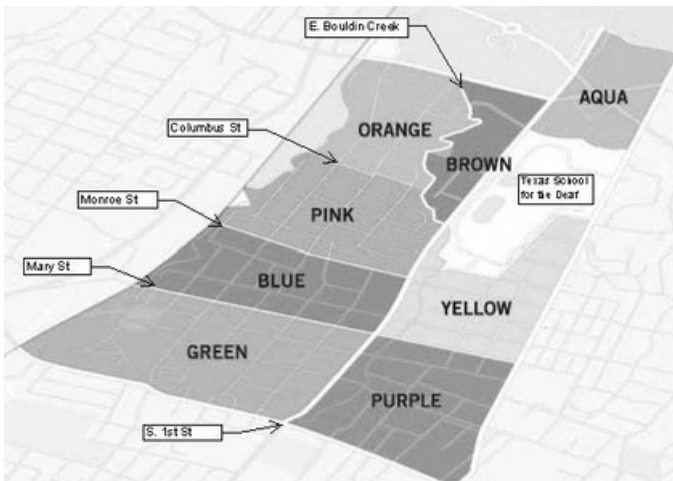


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Sector Information



BCNA Meeting Schedules

General Association:

2nd Tuesday every other month

Steering Committee:

1st Tuesday of each month

Zoning Committee:

2nd Monday of each month (as needed)

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