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President's Message

by Thom Parker, BCNA President

I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying some unexpected cooler weather. The August BCNA Bulletin is being shared via Email rather than in print. The Steering Committee is moving forward with increased digital communications. It is our hope to provide more timely updates to the Listserv, the BCNA website and our Facebook and Instagram sites. Periodic printed bulletins will be delivered to Members and Residents home addresses. The October and December bulletins will be printed and delivered to 2800 Bouldin Creek residents.

Our August 13th General Association Membership Meeting will be via Zoom. A Zoom invitation will be sent out first week of August. Please plan to join us the evening of August 13th at 6:45 pm via Zoom. A draft of proposed revisions, additions and corrections of the BCNA Bylaws will be posted in August to the BCNA Website and the BCNA Listserv. This will be the first of two required postings. At our October General Association Meeting we will ask for your vote on the Bylaw revisions. Please take time to review the Bylaw revision summary that will be included with the August posting.

Several Zoning and Land Use changes have been adopted or are being proposed by the Austin City Council. Many of these changes will affect what is expected to be density increases in the neighborhood. Some proposed changes will require additional affordable housing which the Association continues to support. The BCNA Zoning Committee is working to understand these changes and their impact to the neighborhood as well as our ability to influence future development. Most of this development will take place along South Congress, South First Street and Riverside with some incursion into residential streets. Watch for Zoning Committee updates on how the Zoning Committee will continue its work on behalf of Members and Residents.

NEXT GENERAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13TH, 6:45 PM

VIA ZOOM MEETING ID: 830 673 3796

SoCo PTMD and Parking Updates

by Traffic & Safety Committee

RESIDENT INFORMATION MEETING TUESDAY AUGUST 6TH , 6:00 PM TWIN OAKS PUBLIC LIBRARY

SoCo Parking and Traffic Management District General Information:

Following years of City of Austin research, planning and discussion - The SoCo PTMD (Parking & Transportation Management District) previously approved by CoA City Council will roll out in Bouldin's Yellow & Purple Sectors and across into Travis Heights between now and the end of the year 2024.

Why BCNA agreed to participate in the SoCo Parking and Traffic Management District:

The City of Austin, Parking Enterprise Department was tasked to set up the program by City Council. By agreeing to participate in the program, participating neighborhoods will receive 51% of parking fees after expenses. These funds can be used to address safety and traffic management issues on neighborhood streets.

Our streets are receiving PTMD paid parking in the form of a Hybrid program including Resident Permit Parking/Pay to Park Zones and Employee Permit Parking. These blocks will cover all the Yellow Sector and many of the Purple Sector blocks. Hybrid indicates that visitors (without a visitor hang tag permit) will pay hourly to park with a maximum \$39/Day.

Hybrid Resident Permit Parking/Pay to Park Zones

These areas will continue to allow residents to park with registered vehicles and visitor hang tags/daily passes. Visitors will be allowed to pay and park during certain hours. Streets are subject to change, and all drivers should check signs before parking. Eligible residents will continue to use the <u>Residential Parking Permit site</u> for vehicle registration and guest passes.

Resident/Pay-to-Park zones activation

Times below reflect when streets are open to the public for paid parking. Outside these times, parking is by resident or visitor permit only. Monday – Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Hybrid Employee Permit Parking (EPP)/ Pay-to-Park Zones

These areas allow employees with permits to park and visitors to pay to park at all hours. These are selected locations around the SoCo Parking District for employees to use. There are no employee parking permits allowed on South Congress Ave.

Residents who never had RPP on the street at the front of their house will get resident only parking in the evening to overnight and can park anytime day or night with a required, paid annual permit. Visitors will be allowed to pay-to-park on these Hybrid blocks by paying hourly during non-resident only hours using the ParkATX application or using a Text To Park website. Some employees of local business will get an EPP permit allowing them to park on the EPP Hybrid blocks, these blocks are shared with Visitors who can pay-to-park (Resident Visitor Hang Tags will not work for Hybrid EPP blocks). Generally, most EPP Hybrid parking is on block faces that are not directly fronted by a main residence with a few limited exceptions.

If you currently have RPP you will likely see a change in your RPP hours and you will have Paid Hourly Visitors parking during the daytime; If you are accustomed to finding a space directly out front - you may be looking for a space elsewhere on your block or on adjacent blocks during visitor paid parking hours are allowed; Resident Permits will be valid for the entire Bouldin area so you'll be able to park without paying hourly in any Bouldin Hybrid RPP area. Bouldin RPP permits will not be valid for any Hybrid EPP blocks or in Travis Heights RPP Hybrid areas. Resident Parking Permits are available for purchase and will be valid through 2024, these permits are digital and connected to your license plate. Resident Visitor Hang Tags are available for purchase for 2024 as a transition year, though Resident Visitors will likely need to pay hourly like any other Paid Visitor beginning in 2025 and beyond. Enforcement Officers have been employed and are using license plate readers to identify violators. Parking ticket revenue goes to the City of Austin general fund, not the SoCo PTMD.

If you've never had RPP before, your address will be automatically enabled for purchase of the new Hybrid RPP permits. 2024 Resident permit fees and limits per household will remain the same as 2023. Generally, if you have an A/B (1/2) duplex or ADU on your lot and there's a separate utility bill for each unit, then each should qualify for separate permits purchase. RPP permits will not be available for apartment or condo developments.

To see if your residence is eligible for a parking permit use the following link:

https://www.austintexas.gov/department/residentialpermit-parking

Park for free, 15 minute free parking for short term pick up or drop off needs. Use the Park ATX app.



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Map of parking zone types across South Congress PTMD Subject to change, please check signs when parking

President's Message... Continued

I want to recognize the many hard-working volunteers that make up the Bouldin Creek Neighborhood Association. Officers, Sector Representatives, Committee Chairs, Parks Committee, Roundabout and Community Engagement volunteers strive to make Bouldin Creek Neighborhood a great place to live. Many of our volunteers have served for several years. New faces are always welcomed. I appeal to you to consider taking on a volunteer role within the Association.

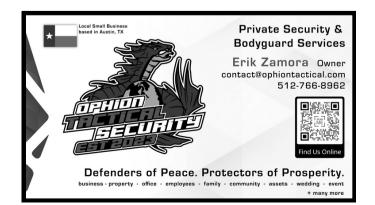


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Mayoral Candidate Forum

by Ingrid Weigand

SAVE THE DATE: Mayoral Candidate Forum Scheduled September 11, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

The Bouldin Creek Neighborhood Association and the South River City Citizens (a.k.a. Travis Heights) will hold a joint Mayoral Candidate Forum in September at the Wildflower Church located at 1314 E. Oltorf. (wildflowerchurch.org)

All four candidates were invited. In alphabetical order: Doug Greco, <u>www.grecoforaustin.com</u> Carmen Llanes Pulido, <u>www.carmen4mayor.com</u> Kathie Tovo, <u>www.kathieforaustin.com</u> Mayor Kirk Watson, <u>www.kirkwatson.com</u>

Each candidate will be given time to introduce themselves; they will then be asked three or four policy questions crafted by BCNA and SRCC. This will be followed by questions from the audience and finally, a closing statement from each candidate. At this point, all but Mayor Watson's campaign have confirmed their attendance.

Updates will be posted to the BCNA Forum and on our website. Please plan to attend. If we want our voices heard at City Hall, it is important for candidates to see that our neighborhoods care and vote!

Mystery Tree-trimming in Blue Zone

Comments compiled by Terri St. Arnauld

We had a very large, high branch cut from an elm in front of our house almost 2 weeks ago and just left in the street.

A neighbor thought it was cut by Austin Energy for power line purposes. I called 311 to ask if Austin Energy would come back to get it and was told Austin Energy doesn't do that. If the tree is on private property, the homeowner is responsible.

Someone cut some branches (a ladder would have been needed) from our live oaks and then left them on the side of our property for us to clean up. The City always notifies us, then removes the cuttings. These substantial branches weren't in the power lines but were arching out over the road. It looks like they used a chain saw. They didn't treat the cuts as they should have, which isn't great for oak wilt. Someone thought it was to clear sidewalks, though another neighbor had the same thing happen but has no sidewalk on either side of the corner lot.

There has been a vigilante branch-cutter around for years. They cut and leave the remnants. It's irritating, as a note would be much more neighborly, but apparently feel they have a duty.

COA has asked neighbors to help with trimming back overgrown greenery. We walk all over the neighborhood, and it's aggravating to come across branches, bushes (especially cactus) growing over sidewalks forcing us to walk onto the street. Maybe in the future you could keep the sidewalk clear next to your yard. You'll still have to remove the branches yourself, though.

City Code Info:

The code, which is rarely enforced, is that plants should be no more than 18" tall and at least 10' back from the road, your easement basically. This is so cars can drive and easily see pedestrians, and vice versa. Most of the time the COA will ignore the 18" tall and 10 feet back part. What they will rigorously enforce (if you call it in) is any vegetation protruding into the sidewalk and/or the street. That's dangerous.

The second part of the code is that even if all vegetation is cleared back from the sidewalk/street, it can protrude into the street if the branches do not hang lower than 12' from the height of the street (vertical dimension). This is so any trash truck, EMS, fire truck, street sweeper, and other City services vehicles can safely navigate without damaging their vehicles, the trees, or need to maneuver into oncoming traffic.

Use 3-1-1

For anyone who sees these issues, please call 3-1-1 or report it online. If it's into the street/sidewalk have 3-1-1 put the request into COA Roads & Bridges Dept.

If it's trees/branches are protruding into the power lines (remember, fire bad, and loss of a transformer in this heat will upset your neighbors) have 3-1-1 send the request to Austin Energy.



Twin Oaks Library: A Major Neighborhood Asset

by Joyce Bertolacini, Green Sector Rep.

Have you visited your neighborhood library lately? Twin Oaks offers us so much: it's a cozy spot on a rainy (or sunny) day, where you can work on a communal jigsaw puzzle, an oft-used polling place where you can cast your vote, somewhere to do crafty projects with others, and a seed bank, where you can get free garden and native plant seeds. It's where you can share those magazines you've already read, recycle your household batteries, and take a free yoga class. Oh, and they have books, music, and movies to check out too!

Twin Oaks History:

The current Twin Oaks Library is a state-of-the-art branch that opened in August 2010 at the corner of South 5th and Mary Streets. The building includes a large number of green features, such as solar panels and a rainwater harvesting system that can store up to 5,000 gallons. The extensive grounds are also xeriscaped to conserve water.

Two Live Oak trees flank the entrance, but also refer to the shopping center where the branch library was originally located. Twin Oaks was the second branch library in the city's system, but operated out of leased space in a shopping center for nearly 54 years! The first location opened in 1956, in the Twin Oaks Shopping Center at Oltorf Street and South Congress. The library moved several times to different spaces within the shopping center.



Photo: Twin Oaks Library Scrapbook

Many Bouldin neighbors attended the opening ceremony for the library in 2010, which featured speeches, music, food, and much celebration!



Photo: Joyce Bertolacini.

Twin Oaks Fun Facts:

- Some bricks from the neighborhood post office that previously stood on the site were reused in the library building.
- The huge ceiling trusses are made of Douglas Fir that was salvaged from Mississippi River barges.
- "Black Well," a sculpture created by local artist Stephanie Strange out of parts from 40 vintage typewriters hangs above you in the main entryway. Don't forget to look up!

Library Resources:

Besides using your library card to check out books, Blue Rays, DVDs, books on tape, music, and other materials, you can also read ebooks on OverDrive/Libby, or stream movies, TV shows, and documentaries on Hoopla or Kanopy. For more info about these services, visit: https://library.austintexas.gov/digital/streamingmovies-and-music

If something isn't on the shelf, always check the online catalog — you can put items on hold and have them sent to Twin Oaks from other branches.

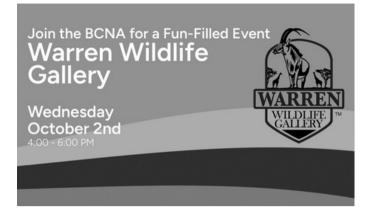
The Twin Oaks staff is wonderful—they can help you get a new library card, assist you with computers or printers, and answer multitudes of questions.

To find out about upcoming programs, check out the events page on the APL website at: <u>https://library.austintexas.gov/events</u> and filter the location for Twin Oaks.

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Save the Date!

by Desirae Pierce, Community Engagement Chair



Warren Wildlife Gallery + BCNA Meet Up and Tour Date: Wednesday, October 2nd Time: 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Join Us for a Fun-Filled and Exciting Event at the Warren Wildlife Gallery! Come and be a part of the BCNA community at the Warren Wildlife Gallery. Explore the museum with guided tours, enjoy a round of mini golf, and try your hand at corn hole and other family-friendly games. For the adults, there will be a delightful happy hour with appetizers. We are thrilled to showcase this incredible museum right here in our Bouldin Creek neighborhood. We look forward to seeing you there!

Tours are 30 minutes long, and you will need to RSVP to: communityengagement@bouldincreek.org



Twin Oaks Library... Continued

There are LOTS of activities for all age groups. Here are just a few examples:

- Free Yoga with Patti (adult class) on Monday afternoons
- The Crafty Adult (the next one will be "Quilling" on August 9th from 2-4)
- Children's storytime (with NEW international sessions in Spanish, French and Japanese coming this fall)
- Animanga Club for Teens
- Practiquemos Español Spanish practice
- Seed Gathering Group (ongoing)
- Reading the Rainbow Book Club
- Online homework help every day from 2-11 PM

Twin Oaks also offers meeting space for non-profit groups, but you must reserve rooms online in advance <u>here</u>

If you're looking to help the library out, you can apply to be a Twin Oaks volunteer at the following link: https://www.givepulse.com/group/membership/7668 And don't forget that you can always donate books for upcoming public book sales at Twin Oaks. Speaking of book sales, did you know that there's a shelf of constantly changing books for sale in the back right hand corner of Twin Oaks? Year-round? Our neighborhood library really does offer something for everyone—go by for a visit soon!



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" will be 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.

Proposed Timeline for Bylaw Review and Recommendations for Revisions/Amendments

- AD Hoc Committee Established June 2024
- First Reading of Bylaw Changes August General Association Meeting. *Note: August meeting will be virtual, proposed changes will be posted on member listserv and available on the BCNA website
- Second Reading of Bylaw Changes- October General Association Meeting
- Effective date, Approved Bylaw Changes Dec 2024

<u>This link</u> will allow you to view the complete draft of proposed bylaws revisions.

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.

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.

*A draft of proposed revisions can be found <u>here</u> and at: www.bouldincreek.org/we-are-updating-our-bylaws/



Spotlight on VP, Greg Smith



by Rebecca Harrell

BCNA Communications Director shares selections from a Q & A with VP External Affairs, Greg Smith

How long have you lived in the neighborhood?

My wife Morgan and I have been in Bouldin for 11 years, but both raised in Austin.

How long have you been involved with the BCNA?

This will be my 3rd year to be involved.

Do you have any connections to the neighborhood?

No connections to Bouldin, but almost 100 years of other neighborhoods around Austin. My Grandfather and Mother both played golf at Butler Pitch & Putt as well as Lyons Muny 70 plus years ago.

What does the neighborhood need right now?

With the many changes and challenges Austin is experiencing and will continue to see, I think more participation in the Neighborhood Association meetings is critical.

What is your favorite neighborhood or neighborhood adjacent event?

Austin City Limits. Easy access to UT sports as well.

Is there an architectural site you are curious about?

Very curious what becomes of The High Road location, if done correctly, I think there is an opportunity to have a nice addition to our neighborhood.

What is your favorite thing about this neighborhood?

The proximity to what I think is the crown jewel of Austin, Lady Bird Lake Trail is it for me!!

Is there a song that sums up the neighborhood?

Home With The Armadillo (London Homesick Blues) by Gary P Nunn.

Describe Bouldin Creek neighborhood in 5 words:

Established, Changing, Creative, Location and Fun



Free Family Yoga!

Brought to you by Desirae Pierce Community Engagement Chair

You are invited to a wonderful morning of free family yoga at Ricky Guerrero! Whether you're a seasoned yogi or a complete beginner, this event is perfect for everyone. Bring your family and friends and enjoy a rejuvenating session of stretching, breathing, and bonding in the beautiful outdoors.

Date: Saturday Mornings, August 3, 10, 17, 24 Time: 8:30 - 9:30 am Location: Ricky Guerrero Park

What to Expect:

- **Guided Yoga Session:** Desirae Pierce, owner of Breath and Body Yoga and BCNA Committee Member will lead a gentle and inclusive session suitable for all ages and skill levels.
- **Breathing Exercises:** Learn calming and effective breathing techniques to help reduce stress and increase mindfulness.
- **Family Bonding:** Strengthen your family connections as you practice yoga together in a fun and supportive environment.
- **Community Spirit:** Meet other families in the neighborhood and enjoy a sense of community as we come together for this healthy activity.

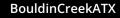
What to Bring:

- Yoga mats or towels
- Comfortable clothing suitable for movement
- Water bottles to stay hydrated
- A positive attitude and a smile!

This event is completely free and open to everyone. It's a fantastic opportunity to introduce your family to the benefits of yoga while enjoying the fresh air and scenic surroundings of Ricky Guerrero Park.

We look forward to seeing you there for a morning of relaxation, fun, and family togetherness. Let's create beautiful memories and promote a healthy lifestyle in our community!





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Free Family Yoga Ricky Guerrero Park

Saturday Morning August 3, 10, 17, 24

8:30 - 9:30 AM

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Join the Bouldin Creek Neighborhood Association and Desirae Pierce of Breath and Body Yoga for a free family yoga session at Ricky Guerrero! All levels are welcome. Bring a mat, towel, water and your loved ones for a refreshing morning of stretching, breathing, and bonding in the beautiful outdoors.





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BCNA Meeting Schedules

<u>General Association</u>: 2nd Tuesday every other month

<u>Steering Committee</u>: 1st Monday of each month

<u>Zoning Committee</u>: 2nd Monday of each month

Sector Information

