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1989 Dues

In an effort to conserve resources, BWNA historically has not sent a separate dues statement, choosing instead to use the first newsletter published after the first of the year as our dues statement. So... please consider this your notice that your 1989 dues, in the amount of \$5.00 per household are now due. Please send your dues to our treasurer Mr. Fred Schmidt, 1714 West 34th Street, Austin, TX 78703 or to BWNA 3307 Bryker Dr. Clip the application/renewal form set forth below.

Around the Neighborhood


1988 was a relatively good one for the neighborhood. Since our bitter but successful zoning battle in December of 1987 concerning property across the street from Bryker Woods Elementary School, all has been quiet on our eastern front. Meanwhile, representatives of the neighborhood continued their work on the Sector 2 Plan --- the part of the City's comprehensive land use plan dealing with West Austin. In the Fall of 1988, the Sector 2 Plan was approved by the AustinPlan Committee and forwarded to the City Council. The Sector 2 Plan reflects the concerns for the conservation and improvement of our neighborhood as detailed in our own neighborhood plan. If adopted and implemented by the Council, the Sector 2 Plan will go a long way toward preserving Bryker Woods as a

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land. That's about the size of Highland Mall and Barton Creek Square Mall combined! The estimated traffic generated by development of this magnitude would be about what you will find on some portions of Highway 183. While it is unlikely that this amount of development would be built, it demonstrates that the City was being asked to agree to standards which gave the City's blessing to massive development without realistic restrictions to protect West Austin neighborhoods or to prevent further degradation of the water in Town Lake, which adjoins the property. Our drinking water comes from Town Lake. Even if only one-half of the maximum was built, it would be far more development than could be justified by accepted planning standards. Both the City Staff and the Planning Commission recommended to the City Council that they reject it. Faced with a public outcry over the proposal, U.T. agreed to negotiations, which are ongoing at this time. If you support reasonable development of the Brackenrige tract along with preservation of the golf course, write to our public officials and let them know that private development of the property should be compatible with the surrounding area and protective of the environment:

Mayor Cooke and Council
P.O. Box 1088
Austin, TX 78767

Curbside Recycling: Thursday Morning

 What if someone actually came by your home once a week to pick up your discarded glass bottles, aluminum cans and newspapers for recycling? Would you participate? Well, as many of you know, the City does just that. Every **Thursday morning**, the City truck drives the neighborhood to pick up these materials; all you have to do is to separate them and set them out at the curb. We really need to increase our participation in this very worthy program. If you have one hour a month and want to help promote participation in the program, consider volunteering to be a block leader. If you would like more information or would like to be a block leader, call 472-0500. Recycling saves trees, cuts down on pollution and reduces the amount of landfill space required.