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## BWNA Sponsors National Night Out Frozen Yogurt Social

One of the best ways you can help prevent neighborhood crime is to know your neighbors. With that in mind and as part of the "15th Annual National Night Out," BWNA is sponsoring a Frozen Yogurt Social on Tuesday, August 4, 1998.

National Night Out is a nation-wide program designed to help prevent crime. On August 4th from 7 to 10 PM, participants all over the country will be locking doors, turning on outside lights, and spending the evening outside with neighbors.

To encourage Bryker Woods residents to participate, BWNA is sponsoring a Frozen Yogurt Social. Walk on over to the Bryker Woods Elementary School parking lot from 8-9 pm on August 4th, meet your neighbors, and have some frozen yogurt. We will try to have a member of the Austin Police Department on hand to answer your questions on how to make our neighborhood a safer place. Bring a folding chair if you want to be more comfortable.

Frozen yogurt treats are being very generously donated by TCBY at 3710 Crawford, near 35th St. BWNA wants to give a big **THANK YOU** to TCBY for helping make our National Night Out event possible.

### Norwest Bank to Increase Parking, Landscaping on 35th Street

Norwest Bank recently filed a site application plan with the City of Austin to add additional parking to its branch office; add another drive through lane; and provide additional landscaping at its front entrance. According to Patrick Rainwater, the branch manager, these improvements are needed because of increased customer demand at the 35th Street location. Norwest bank recently acquired First State Bank, which has one of its branch offices across the street on Kerbey. Plans are to close the First State bank location, which is a leased office, and consolidate banking services at the Norwest site.

The site application plan filed with the City indicates that Norwest will convert the vacant lot on the south side of the bank into a parking area to allow for a better drive through and to keep traffic from backing up on 35th. The Executive Board of the BWNA has had a chance to review these plans. The plans will mean an overall increase of only five parking spaces and a limited impact on local traffic. Additional landscaping that should enhance the overall appearance of the bank site is also included in the plan. However, the Executive Board was concerned that as the plans now stand one large Sycamore tree would have to be removed.

The Board suggested a possible alternative that would save the tree. President Donald Zappone has sent a letter to the bank reflecting the Board's opinions and presenting the Board's suggested alternative.

Mr. Rainwater invited anyone in the neighborhood to stop by and view the plan in the bank's lobby and or talk with him for more information.

*-Don Zappone*

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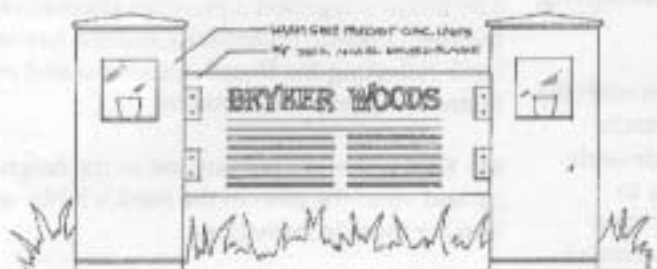
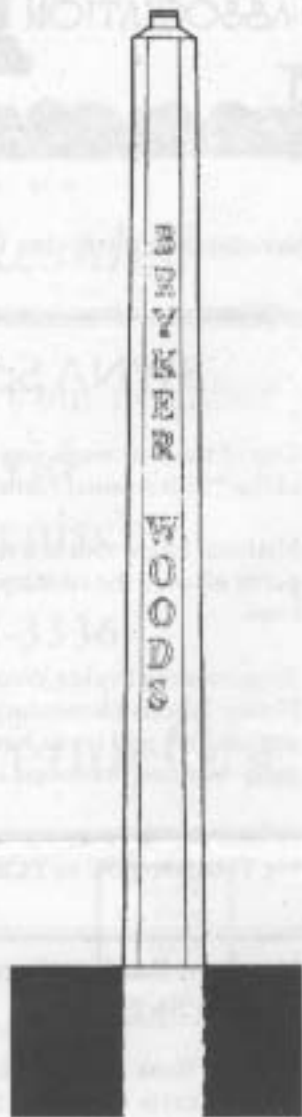
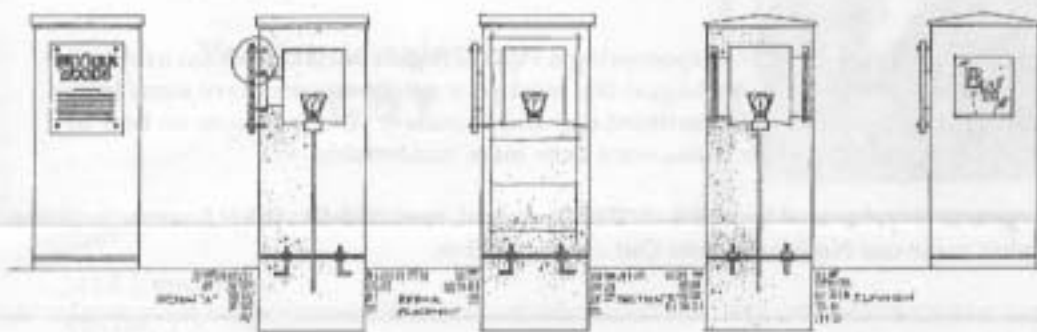
## UT School of Architecture Assists in Neighborhood Marker Proposals

At the BWNA meeting last Fall, we began to explore the possibility of installing markers that would identify the Bryker Woods neighborhood to those passing by and through the neighborhood. Sixteen architecture graduate and undergraduate students from the University of Texas investigated "marker" concepts for a few weeks as part of their design studio with Professor Jeffrey Chusid, director of the Historic Preservation Program. The students then presented their concepts to BWNA President Don Zappone and members Jim Nelson, Susan Handy, and Matt Richter. The drawings on this page are just a few of the many wonderful ideas generated by the students. We are extremely thankful for Professor Chusid's leadership and the students' excellent work.

Later this summer there will be a meeting of all neighbors interested in this work. We will discuss the sixteen proposals and their feasibility, and develop a recommendation to present to the Board and then to the Neighborhood Association.

Neighbors who expressed interest in the markers project at last Fall's BWNA meeting will be contacted. Others interested in joining the markers project should please call Jim Nelson at 472-5524 and leave word.

- Jim Nelson



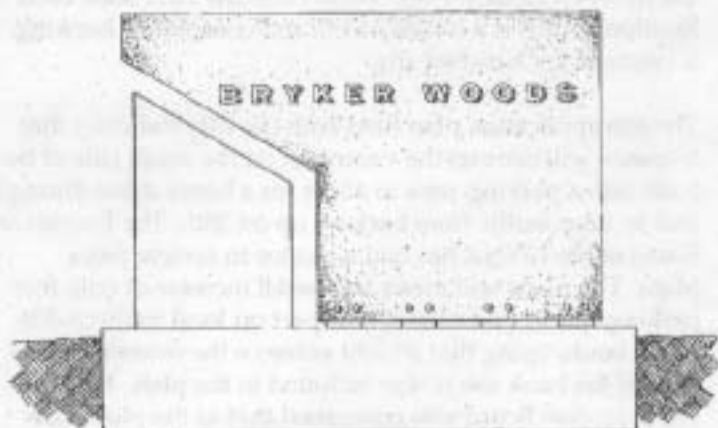
Drawings by Leigh Patterson (left),  
Garth Russon (above), and  
Jeremy Evard (below)

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### Membership Form

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☉ Thank you for supporting your BWNA ☉

#### City of Austin Publishes "Neighborhood Resource Guide"

Wondering what to do with your yard clippings? Want to know when your street is going to be cleaned? To help residents find answers to these questions and others frequently asked by residents about their neighborhood, the City of Austin published its "Neighborhood Resource Guide: Resource Guide for Citizens" in March. Topics include:

- How can I start a Neighborhood Watch group?
- How can our neighborhood organize a neighborhood clean-up?
- Who do I call to replace a burned out streetlight?
- How can we have a 'children at play' sign installed in our neighborhood?
- Who do I call to repair a pothole on my street?

This guide is a part of the City's Neighborhood Planning Program, established last Fall. To get your own copy of the resource guide and find out more about the City's Neighborhood Planning Program, call 499-2856 or check the City Web Page at <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us>.

- S. Handy

#### Did You Know? - Historical Tidbits about the Bryker Woods Neighborhood

- The origins of the neighborhood can be traced at least as far back as 1886.
- West 35th Street has been known as the Burnet County Road and, in the early 1900s, as State Street.
- The first subdivision with the name "Bryker Woods" was platted in 1936.
- The name "Bryker" is said to come from the first three letters of the last names of two developers, JC Bryant and McFall Kerbey.

#### School Construction Update

Thanks to AISD voters a large bond package was passed last year allowing numerous construction projects to begin at various area schools. One of the schools benefiting from the bond package is Bryker Woods Elementary. A number of improvements are being made to the school. The most notable ones are: the school library is being expanded, a new gym is being built on the site of the basketball court, the basketball court is being moved to an area south of the sixth grade portables, and the old gym is being converted into two classrooms. Principal Randall Thompson has said that all projects, except for the new gym, should be completed by the time school starts on August 12. The gym is expected to be completed in December.

-Jean and Don Zappone

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