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Newsletter of the Bryker Woods Neighborhood Association, Austin, TX

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## MONAC

At a meeting on May 11th, MONAC (the MoPac Noise Abatement Coalition) decided to change its name to the MoPac Neighborhood Associations Coalition, thus reflecting its interests in the recent TXDOT decisions to "improve" MoPac. MONAC, which has representatives from all Neighborhood Associations which border MoPac from Town Lake to Parmer Lane, works to inform neighbors bordering MoPac of developments effecting them.

Most recently MONAC informed neighbors of TXDOT's various proposals to "improve" MoPac. MONAC has taken a strong stand against TXDOT's proposals to widen MoPac, construct HOV (High Occupancy Vehicle) lanes, and condemn private property for on/off ramps. Many Bryker Woods residents are concerned about TXDOT's plans and attended the public meeting held at Camp Mabry on March 21st.

Of particular concern to those of us who live in Bryker Woods is the possible expansion further into our neighborhood and the increase in noise and pollution associated with any major freeway. MONAC has adopted the position of "sinking" MoPac as the best alternative (i.e. depressing it below grade). This would help with noise and accidents, as well as allow TXDOT to make improvements to traffic flow.

One point upon which most experts agree is that we cannot help the traffic situation by widening highways. Studies have shown that "if you build it, they will come;" widening highways only increases the number of vehicles.

-Bill Woods

## Current BWNA Officers and Board

President: Bill Woods (454 - 9180)  
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## EMAIL?

Do you have an email address? Please let your Board of Directors know so we may communicate with our neighborhood quickly should occasions arise. Please email the BWNA President, Bill Woods at: [billw@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:billw@mail.utexas.edu). In the subject line, simply put BWNA and he will know to save the address for our future use. Thank you.

## SUMMER BABYSITTING!

I am a college student home for the summer and I love kids!  
I have lots of experience with childcare.  
Heather Curry on Bryker Drive  
453-7512

## TO THE AIRPORT FOR 50 CENTS

Capital Metro has recently announced an "Airport Service Task Force," with a goal of providing route improvements for the August schedule change. If certain changes are made, it could be a big bonus for West Austin neighborhoods. Possible changes could include an airport drop off/pickup point near the Doubletree Hotel on 15th Street. Convenient connections with the route 19 bus are also a possibility. An austin360 public input forum can be found at

[http://austin360.com/travel/airport\\_bus\\_talkback.html](http://austin360.com/travel/airport_bus_talkback.html)

Citizens' comments and suggestions are encouraged. Additional information can be found at

<http://community.austin360.com/airportbus>,

including pictures of current and proposed bus stops.

-Jerry Balaka  
838 8294

## BRYKER WOODS PARK NEWS

Beginning with the Tree Week on Shoal Creek planting on February 21, 1998, Bryker Woods park has undergone a major transformation. Soon after the tree planting, Charles S. generously donated plants, trees, his expertise, and a great deal of time to landscape our park. In an effort to conserve water and improve soil conditions for vegetation other than grass, Charles has added terraced flower beds and trees. In addition to the common flowering plants and trees, Charles has been careful to include a variety of native vegetation. Native grasses Side Oats Grama (our State grass), Spartina, Big Muhly (Lindheimer) and Little Blue Stem. Native plants include Yuccas, Yellow Bells, Fox Glove, Daturas, Yellow Buttercups, Lantanas, and Blue Salvia. Native trees include Live Oak, Lacey Oak, Nuthall (Eastern Red Oaks) and Huisache. Charles' great effort has improved the quality of our park and our community. He could use our help. If you are interested in keeping the park a pleasant place to visit please call Joyce Basciano at 454.0207.

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In By 8:30 - Out By 5:00



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Westbank Market  
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The Village at Westlake  
Loop 360 & Bee Caves  
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Davenport Village  
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## 2000 Bryker Woods Neighborhood Association Membership Form

\_\_\_\_ Attached is \$5.00 per household for membership in BWNA.

\_\_\_\_ Attached is a \$\_\_\_\_\_ contribution to Bryker Woods Elementary School through BWNA and Partners in Education

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail or deliver to: BWNA c/o David Boenisch 1804 W. 34th, Austin, TX 78703

☉ Thank you for supporting your BWNA ☉

### Zoning at 34th and Glenview

J.P. Goodwyn (real estate company) plans to purchase property at 34th and Glenview. JPG is seeking local office(LO) zoning to accomodate 18 parking spots (LO allows 70 square feet of impervious cover for this lot). The BWNA Board prefers neighborhood office (NO) zoning which limits impervious cover to 60 square feet. JPG suggested LO zoning with a conditional overlay on part of the property that institutes NO conditions. The Board, led by the efforts of Tom Sheffelman, is pursuing a plan to put JPG's desired number of parking spots on 60 square feet, allowing NO zoning. We will present the plan to JPG to see if it is acceptable.

*Editor's Note: J.P. Goodwyn has since withdrawn from the deal.*

### Traffic Calming on 29th St

At the May meeting of the BWNA Board, long-time member Greg Chico agreed to investigate the feasibility of a traffic calming plan for 29th St and report back to the Board.

### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2000

Come join your neighbors and participate in National Night Out. The Neighborhood Association will host an ice-cream social at Brykerwoods Elementary from 7pm to 9pm on Tuesday, August 1. Frozen yogurt treats are generously provided by TCBY. An Austin Fire Department truck is scheduled to stop by.

### BWNA Membership – Join Today!

Those of us who live in Bryker Woods feel fortunate to be part of such a nice neighborhood. Your Neighborhood Association fights hard to keep it that way and provides a way for residents to band together and make our voice known.

Won't you please make a modest annual investment of \$5.00 by becoming a member of the neighborhood association. We know you will be glad you did and have the satisfaction of helping to support your friends and neighbors to help keep Bryker Woods the very special neighborhood that it is.

