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Annual Meeting on November 21, 1998

10 AM at Bryker Woods Elementary School

Annual Meeting

This year's annual meeting of the Bryker Woods Neighborhood Association (BWNA) will be on Saturday, November 21 starting at 10:00 am at the Bryker Woods Elementary School 3309 Kerbey. Everyone is encouraged to attend to receive the latest information about the neighborhood, plans for upcoming activities, and to enjoy food and fellowship with your neighbors. Special guests include Bryker Woods Elementary School Principal Randall Thomson and a member of the Urban Forestry Board. Coffee and food generously provided by our local Randalls on W.35th.

Agenda

- Minutes and Treasurer's Report
- Election of BWNA Officers and Board (See related story)
- Recognition of Outgoing Members
- "State of the School" by Bryker Woods Elementary School Principal Randall Thomson
- Adoption of a Section of Shoal Creek, Other Areas
- Urban Forestry Board Presentation Regarding Inventory of Trees
- Status Report on the Neighborhood Markers Effort
- Other Concerns or Issues

Election of BWNA Officers and Board

As part of the the Annual Meeting, we will vote on the following slate of officers and Board members for the coming year.

President: Bill Woods (454 - 9180)
Vice President: Joyce Basciano (454 - 0207)
Secretary: Alex Bradley (322 - 986)
Treasurer: David Boenisch (453 - 0304)
Newsletter Editors:
Susan Handy and Matt Richter (480 - 0800)

Members at Large:

Jerry Balaka (453 -1072)
Greg Chico (482 - 8755)
Michael Curry (453 - 7512)
Betty Gross (453 - 3504)
Tom Shefelman (477-9176)
Edward Tasch (478 - 1337)
Baraba ten Brink (482 - 0532)
Irene Pickhardt (451 - 6820)
Donald Zappone (477 - 4395)

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Shoal Creek Greenway

The following article comes from *Bark: Tree Folk Tales*

The Austin Metropolitan Trails Council (AMTC) has identified fourteen, out of over seventy, greenway corridors which it termed as "highest potential". AMTC has a goal of developing masterplans for several of these corridors. The Shoal Creek Greenway masterplan will be the first one to be developed. The trails council has over the last two and a half years, worked with the City of Austin and Travis County, to generate close to \$6.0 million for several greenway and trails project in the central city area.

Development and improvements on the Shoal Creek Greenway corridor will result in several benefits: flood control, erosion control, improved water quality, recreational facilities, alternative transportation modes, and preservation of wild-life. Each of these factors contribute to an improved quality of life for residents of the watershed, as well as economic benefits for businesses located in the corridor.

TreeFolks has presented our resources of volunteer tree planting expertise to the AMTC that we might join forces in the future at such a point when trees are ready to be planted.

Leonid Meteor Shower

The Leonid meteor shower peaks on the 17th and 18th of November, probably between 2am and dawn. Roughly every 33 years it produces a dramatic meteor storm, with thousands of shooting stars per minute. Although the shower is unpredictable, this may be a stellar year for it!



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Volunteer Opportunities Designed with Bryker Woods Residents in Mind!

Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic (RFB&D), located on the northeast corner of 45th St. and Burnet Road, is the nation's educational library for people with print disabilities. RFB&D provides educational materials in recorded and computerized formats at every academic level. RFB&D has 32 studios around the country with the Austin unit being the only Texas studio. Convenient location, flexible hours, friendly covolunteers and rewarding work make RFB&D the perfect volunteer opportunity for Bryker Woods residents. For volunteer information or a tour of our new studio, please call Mary Rusk at 323-9390. RFB&D looks forward to a strong partnership with the Bryker Woods Neighborhood Association and its neighbors.

- Mary Rusk

National Night Out Brings Neighbors

On August 14 about 75 neighbors gathered on the grounds of Bryker Woods Elementary School to participate in the "15th Annual National Night Out". This is a nationwide effort designed to prevent crime. Neighbors are asked to leave their porch light on for one evening and gather at a spot to show support for one another in combatting crime.

Having never participated in the National Night Out as a neighborhood association, we were very pleased to see so many neighbors enjoy time together and savor some frozen yogurt, courtesy of TCBY at 3710 Crawford. In fact, more people turned out than anticipated and BWNA Board member Greg Chico had to return to the store for more treats.

In addition to the yogurt, Austin Fire Department personnel were on hand with one of their fire engines. The kids (and adults) enjoyed the chance to visit with the firefighters and explore their truck.

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Membership Form

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

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

Name: _____ Address: _____ Tel: _____

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

☉ Thank you for supporting your BWNA ☉

New Feature: Additions to the Bryker Woods Community

With this issue, we would like to inaugurate a new, regular column in the Bryker Woods Herald: Additions to the Bryker Woods Community. We hope this space will serve to announce new arrivals to Bryker Woods. Please contact Susan Handy or Matt Richter at 480-0800 with news of births, marriages, or new neighbors. We'll put as many as possible in the newsletter to make the introductions. Please remember that the newsletter comes out twice a year, so please be patient.

Of course, there is a self-interested reason for us to start this column:

Susan Handy and Matt Richter would like to introduce Hannah Marie Richter. Hannah was born July 9, 1998. We hope you'll come say hello at the neighborhood association meeting.

Update from the Police Department

As the current President of the BWNA Board, I recently received a letter from the Austin Police Department. The following are excerpts from that letter - Donald Zappone

I do not know how often you have heard from your Police Department in a positive (no body's in trouble) letter, but I hope that is all about to change. I am Senior Police Officer Tim Atkinson and I am the District Representative for your neighborhood. This means that one of my primary jobs is to listen to your concerns and issues and then try to formulate a solution for them. I represent three districts in the Central West area [including Bryker Woods].

What my program will attempt to achieve is significantly increased citizen input in routine policing of neighborhoods and district centers. To this end, I am more than happy to hear every police concern you have. I can attend your meetings, I can come to your homes, and I can come to your office. I hope that you will feel free to write or visit (715 East 8th Street 78701) and telephone me (480 - 2121). I will not be the officer to respond to 911 calls, and I will not be the Detective who investigates a specific offense, but I do hope to be the officer that covers all the in-between issues.

David Boenisch

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