

BRYKER WOODS  
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## BRYKER WOODS NEIGHBORHOOD UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, October 14, 7:00 PM, Bryker Woods Elem. Sch.  
Annual Meeting of Neighborhood Association: *Discussion of Current Business and Activities; Crime Issues Presentation by Austin Police; Election of 1994 BWNA Officers; Refreshments*

Saturday, October 23, 5:30 - 8:30 PM, Bryker Woods Elem. Sch.  
Fall Carnival: *Theme will be "Hoe Down Halloween", costumes and/or western wear encouraged; variety show, raffle, food and drinks, fun*

## SETON HOSPITAL ZONING APPLICATION UPDATE

After extensive negotiation, representatives of three Neighborhood Associations (Bryker Woods, Rosedale, and Heritage) reached a compromise with Seton Medical Center on their application for planned unit development zoning on their property.

As originally proposed, the PUD was a two-phase project designed to re-orient the hospital entrance to 34th Street, increase its size by approximately 464,000 sq. ft., and increase its structured parking. BWNA's concerns centered on traffic implications of the proposed expansion, specifically the likelihood of dramatically increased traffic on 34th Street.

The main features of the compromise included deletion of phase two of the project (limiting the expansion to 264,000 sq. ft.), controlling direct access to the site from 34th, improving the 38th

Street entrance and widening the driveway connecting the south side of the property to 38th to encourage use of that entrance rather than 34th, and improving landscaping for the expanded 34th Street parking garage. Further information will be available at the Annual Meeting.

## CAT ABUSE UPDATE

All Bryker Woods households should have received a door flyer about the cat abuse scare. For you concerned cat owners, there has been a somewhat encouraging development. The Austin Police Dept. now has a case on file, and Dusty Heskew is in charge of the investigation.

If you have any information, or know of any happenings, please call him at 480-5022, or call Allison (a concerned neighbor) at 473-9662. Both people will be at the Annual Meeting on October 14th to address concerns.

## BRYKER WOODS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING OCTOBER 14TH

All residents of Bryker Woods Neighborhood (that includes you, if you are reading this) are urged to attend the Association Meeting Thursday, October 14th, at 7:00 PM in the Bryker Woods Elementary School cafeteria: meet your neighbors, hear the latest news, and elect Association officers. The slate to be presented (including phone numbers for future reference) is:

President: Betty Gross (453-3504)

Vice President: Lisa Curry (453-7512)

# 1992 BRYKER WOODS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

- \_\_\_\_ Yes, I/we would like to join/renew membership for 1994 in Bryker Woods Neighborhood Association. Enclosed is \$5 per household annual dues. (Checks payable to Bryker Woods Neighborhood Association)
- \_\_\_\_ I/we would like to contribute to Bryker Woods Elementary School through BWNA and Adopt-a-School. Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NAME(S) (please print)

ADDRESS

Please detach and mail or deliver to BWNA c/o Mr. David Boenisch  
1804 West 34th Street  
Austin, Tx 78703

## RESTORATION OF AREA BEHIND SCHOOL PLAYGROUND PLANNED

Last May, a leaking sewer line between Shoal Creek and Bryker Woods Elementary School created an environmental hazard. The Water/Wastewater Department of the City of Austin started digging to locate the line and repair it.

Accurate maps of older sewer lines are not always available. Apparently, the leaking line was buried under fill material dumped near Shoal Creek when Shoal Creek Hospital was under construction. Crews had to dig down twenty to thirty feet to locate and replace the collapsed clay line.

Extensive bulldozing and trenching necessary to locate the sewer line left its own environmental damage. Trees and shrubbery were killed or damaged.

Water/Wastewater representative Mike Howe met with school representatives to determine how best to restore the damaged area. It was agreed that providing additional recreational and learning areas for students would be a plus.

However, since the area is adjacent to the creek, it is environmentally sensitive, so it was important to create a use that would not require the use of herbicides,

pesticides, or other chemicals.

Sarah Simpson of Bryker Woods Elementary School and other parents met with representatives of the City of Austin Environmental and Conservation Services to develop a site plan that would be suitable for the creek environment. Tentative plans include:

- level the site, restore natural drainage to creek
- sod with buffalo grass or other native grass
- remove dead foliage
- bring in topsoil
- plant native trees, including oaks, crape myrtles, and pecans
- mechanically remove poison ivy
- terrace the path to the outdoor classroom
- fence the reclaimed land
- create a walking track along the border of the fenced property.

According to Simpson, work on the area may not begin until spring. A target date for completion of restoration is March 26, when Bryker Woods School will host an activity day which includes an arts-and-crafts fair and silent auction. For more information on the project, contact Simpson at 480-0966.

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## MENTORING

One day, there was a little boy walking with his mom along the beach. Suddenly, he noticed hundreds of starfish being washed up with the tide. Knowing that they would die if left without water, he methodically began to place them, one by one, back into the sea. After watching this go on for a while, his mother gently came up to him and said, "Sweetheart, there are too many starfish for one little boy. Let's go home - you can't save them all." "No", he replied as he carefully scooped up yet another, "but I've saved this one, haven't I?" and quietly placed it back into the sea.

This is what Mentoring is all about.

The future is our kids, and some of these children are in trouble. Approximately 200 freshmen at Austin High flunked last year (out of a class of 720.) But - maybe there are solutions:

## AUSTIN HIGH TUTORING PROGRAM

A volunteer - you, perhaps? - works with a student (usually ninth grade) to improve reading, organization,

## PROJECT MENTOR/ELEMENTARY LEVEL

Be that special friend to a child needing extra support and encouragement. 2-hour training session in