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Fall 2005 Newsletter

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**BCA Annual Meeting
Tuesday Sept. 20, 2005 at 7 PM
Anderson High School Theatre**

**Speakers: Mike Dunn, Sr. Officer
Austin Police Department
Brewster McCracken, Member
Austin City Council
Tom Arbuckle, President
Balcones Civic Association**

Our annual meeting this year is going to concentrate on issues that are of immediate concern to residents of our neighborhood. There have been several burglaries of residences in our area in the past eight months, so the area crime update from our APD liaison, Sr. Officer Mike Dunn, should be of particular interest. Brewster McCracken, a member of the Austin City Council and a resident of the northwest area, is scheduled to give us updates on several projects of local interest, including the coyote removal project, the Mesa-Greystone water mains project, and toll roads. In addition, our BCA President, Tom Arbuckle, will introduce our new webmaster, Thomas Hudson, and make residents aware of useful new information that is available on our BCA website. The continuing success of traffic patrols on Adirondack Trail and Wildridge Dr. will also be discussed.

As usual, we will finish the annual meeting by electing new sector representatives to serve on our BCA Exec. Committee for the next two years. We have one or two openings in three of the four sectors this year, so please consider volunteering to be a sector representative. The BCA Exec. Committee meets the third Wednesday night each month for about an hour.

Mark your Calendar! BCA Monthly Meetings

**Bank Building at 7800 MoPac
NW corner of MoPac Expwy. &
Spicewood Springs Rd.
First floor east conference room
Third Wednesday of each month**

**Oct. 19, 2005 7:00 PM
Nov. 16, 2005 7:00 PM
Jan. 18, 2006 7:00 PM**

BCA Officers 2004-2005

President	Tom Arbuckle	454-9003
Vice President	Louise Epstein	502-0300
Secretary	rotating position	
Treasurer	Jack Jennings	231-1032
Past President	Mary Tannahill	343-1573

BCA Executive Committee Representatives

	Sector 1	
Belinda Herrera & Ann Trentin		346-6126 346-6974
Tony Aterno		346-3437
Elizabeth Gunter		343-1218
Mary Tannahill		343-1573
	Sector 2	
Joe Makeever		345-0800
John Rhodes		345-0778
Gwen Sederholm		345-0720
Monroe Zoch		345-0687
	Sector 3	
Tom Arbuckle		454-9003
Watson Howell		346-6042
Jack Jennings		231-1032
Linda Keeling		345-4704
	Sector 4	
Louise Epstein		502-0300
Rick Bradstreet		338-9907
Stanley Moos		345-4594
Martha Blomquist		343-2429
	At-Large Representatives	
Bill Walters		231-0866
Sam Robertson		343-7659
	Advisors	
Jim Hooser		345-0817
Bill Pierson		343-9122

USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

AUSTIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

New Non-Emergency number	311
Main Switchboard	974-5000
WebSite	www.cityofaustin.org/police
Northwest Area Command	974-5500
Abandoned Vehicles	280-0075
Auto Theft Info (H.E.A.T. & VIN etching)	974-5713
Crime Stoppers	472-8477
Graffiti Removal	854-4125
Community Liaison Office	459-1877
Traffic Office	974-5789
Victim Services	974-5037

CITY OF AUSTIN

Main Switchboard	974-2000
WebSite	www.cityofaustin.org
Animal Control	972-6060
Dead Animals (Solid Waste Services)	494-9400
Dogs running loose	974-6033
Flooding Complaints	974-3355
Garbage Pickup (Solid Waste Services)	494-9400
Handicapped Curb Ramps	974-6426
Home Chemicals Collection	974-4343
Illegal Dumping	494-9400
Mosquito Infestation	972-5692
Night Watchman Lights Installation	505-7617
Noise Complaints	311
Pothole Complaints or obstructions in roadway	440-8444
School Sidewalk Safety	974-7240
School Zone Light Malfunction	457-4851
Stop Signs	457-4885
Street Light Installation	505-7617
Street Light Repair (Austin Energy)	505-7617
Street and Bridge Repairs	440-8444
Street Signs Down	457-4885
Traffic Signal Malfunction	457-4850
Weeds & Trash on private or city property	972-5600
Watershed Protection Dept.	974-2550
Call to report environmental spills or deliberate dumping (e.g. dumping of used motor oil, etc.)	

Austin Police Department Northwest Area Commander's Forum

Date/Time: Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2005 7:00 PM

Location: West View Middle School
1805 Scofield Dr., Austin

Interesting & informative sessions.

Sex Offenders in Our Area

One of our residents with young children has brought to our attention that several registered sex offenders live in or near our neighborhood. To help keep our area children safe, we want residents to have the information necessary to view the names and addresses of registered sex offenders living in our area. We found that the easiest way to find this information is by going to the Texas Dept. of Public Safety records database on their website. The State website hyperlink is:

<https://records.txdps.state.tx.us/sosearch/default.cfm>

1. Log on to the state website hyperlink. At the bottom of the first screen will be a statement: "I have read the Web Site Caveats and agree to the terms." You must click on the "Agree" box in order to be able to go any farther.
2. After clicking on the "Agree to terms" box, a new screen will appear asking for the sex offender's name, address, etc. Just enter your local zip code in the appropriate box and click "begin search."
3. A list of registered sex offenders in that zip code will appear. Under each sex offender's name is the last known address. Beside each sex offender's name is an icon on which you can click to view that person's record.

Our thanks to the resident who provided this information to us. He wishes to remain anonymous.

Useful Web Sites & Phone Numbers

Balcones Civic Association

Need information on oak wilt or deed restrictions or Austin's Land Development Code? Just log on to www.main.org/bca and click on "Oak Wilt" or "Deed Restrictions" or "Land Development Code Info." (See example on p. 4.)

League of Women Voters, Austin Area

For information on candidates and/or propositions in upcoming elections, call 512-451-6710 or go to www.leaguewv.austin.tx.us

City of Austin Construction Awareness

Want to know about construction-related traffic delays around the city? Then log on to the City's new web link about construction projects at:
www.cityofaustin.org/ca

Broaden your horizons: Volunteer to be the new BCA Newsletter Editor

The current editor of the BCA newsletter will be leaving Austin in the spring or summer of 2006, so we need a new editor. The major responsibility is to write articles for the newsletters, which are published two to three times per year. Ideas for articles come from other members of the BCA Executive Committee or neighbors, from newspaper articles, from the City Public Information Office monthly bulletin, etc. Time required to assemble the entire newsletter is about 6 hours.

Other responsibilities, which could be shared with another member of the Exec. Committee, are to take the hard copy of the newsletter to the printing company, pick up the printed copies, and deliver them to the distribution company.

If you would like to help the Association keep its members informed, please contact Mary Tannahill at 343-1573 or send an e-mail to: m2tannahill@att.net This is an interesting and vital position that needs to be filled as quickly as possible. Thanks!

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Inside Story Headline

*“To catch the reader’s attention,
place an interesting sentence or
quote from the story here.”*

Site Development Regulations – Austin

Several people have asked about finding information on city restrictions for erecting homes and other buildings on residential lots (e.g., shed behind home). Listed below are instructions for finding this information. These are also on our BCA website.

Details are listed below on how to find the Site Development Regulations table in paragraph 25-2-492 of the City of Austin Code of Ordinances. The section of the City Code which contains the Site Development Regulations table is: **Volume II, Title 25. Land Development**

Chapter 25-2. Zoning

Subchapter C. Use and Development Regulations

Article 2. Principal Use and Development Regulations

Div. 1. Regulations Tables

1. Log on to the Am. Legal Publishing Corp. web link at www.amlegal.com/austin_tx (There is an underline between austin and tx.) Choose the “no frames” option on the main screen.
2. In the search box on the upper left side of the next screen, type in a number for a particular section of the Land Development Code (e.g., type in 25-2).
3. On the next screen, click on “Title 25. Land Development.” A list of chapters will appear on the screen. Click on 25-2. Zoning.
4. A list of subchapters and articles for Chapter 25-2 will soon appear, with Subchapter A at the top of the list. Scroll down this list until you get to “Subchapter C. Use and Development Regulations.”
5. Under Subchapter C, keep scrolling down until you get to Article 2. Div. 1. “Regulation Tables.” Click on 25-2-492. “Site Development Regulations”
6. The site development regulations table will soon appear. Look under the appropriate zoning classification (e.g., “SF-3) to find the minimum requirements for the property of interest. Definitions of the various zoning ‘districts’ or classifications, are given in Subchapter A.
7. Printing the table is a bit more tricky. Follow these steps to print a useful copy of the table.
 - a. Click on File, then click on Page Setup. Select “landscape” rather than “portrait.”
 - b. Click on File, then click Print Preview. Scroll through the first 110 pages one by one until you find the pages containing the Site Development Regulations Table. (There are 369 pages total in Chapter 25-2 in ‘landscape’ format.)
 - c. Click on Print and enter pages 108-111 in the page range box. Click OK.

Information compiled by Mary M. Tannahill, BCA Zoning Chair