

December 2008

## HANCOCK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

The Hancock Neighborhood extends from 32<sup>nd</sup> to 45<sup>th</sup> and Duval to I-35. HNA bimonthly meetings take place at 7:00pm on the third Wednesday of the month (usually) in January, March, May, July, September, and November.

Meetings take place at the Hancock Recreation Center (downstairs and in the back). The Recreation Center entrance is on 41<sup>st</sup>. Street just west of Red River.



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### OFFICER ELECTIONS

Officer elections were held during the November meeting. The new slate of officers is:

President- Carolyn Palaima  
Vice President- Rafi Anuar  
Treasurer- Mark Burch  
Secretary- Angela Pack Zia.

These individuals have been diligently looking out for neighborhood interests and will no doubt do a great job throughout the next year. Much of their success is dependent on the support of all of us in the neighborhood working together. If your schedule allows for it, please consider getting involved in a committee. Thanks to everyone for making the Hancock Neighborhood Association a strong organization that helps make our portion of the city a great place to live.



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## OCTOBER 29 MEETING NOTES

1. Peck trail section discussed with Austin Parks Department. Parks will have trail built by a Public Works contractor and Parks will correct any deficiencies in the contractor's work.
2. Reclaimed water line- This line will be installed under Red River starting around June 2009. They will stage at the Hancock Recreation Area. Mitigation needs to be worked out, but Parks is leaning towards Public Works paying for leasing parkland by providing the golf course a certain amount of free irrigation.

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## NOVEMBER 19 MEETING NOTES

1. Officers were elected- President: Carolyn Palaima, Vice President: Rafi Anuar, Treasurer: Mark Burch, Secretary: Angela Pack Zia.
2. East Avenue townhouse setback variance request discussed. Will meet again Nov 23 on site.
3. 909 Duncan Lane variance request- agent did not show for meeting. Request to not abide by compatibility requirements. This will be discussed further in a future meeting.
4. 38<sup>th</sup> Street house functioning as a Buddhist center- neighbors expressing concerns about parking and a separate personal services business run out of a back apartment. Neighbors will discuss with property owner.

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## CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS ONLINE

A new video-on-demand service offers complete video coverage of the past year's City Council meetings.

Council Meeting video-on-demand allows users to skip to specific points of interest and agenda items. Transcripts of the meeting will be available from the video viewer to assist those users who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Video of Council meetings beginning with the Sept. 8, 2008, meeting are available at [www.cityofaustin.org](http://www.cityofaustin.org). Most Council meetings will appear on the site the Tuesday after a Thursday meeting. For special called meetings of City Council or for marathon Council sessions, the video will appear within four business days.

Council meetings will be available online for at least one year. Issues and discussions of great interest and importance to Austinites will be available for longer times. After this, Council meeting video will be accessible at the [Austin History Center](#), 810 Guadalupe St.

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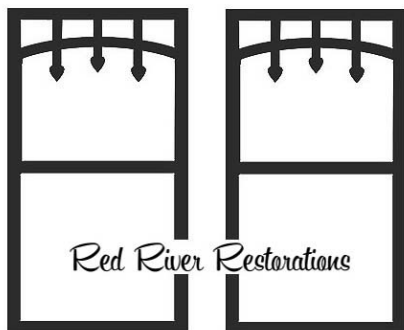
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## HOLIDAY SECURITY PRECAUTIONS

Austin police have warned that a bad economy could mean earlier and more theft and burglary during the holidays.

Please be advised that a locked gate can reduce your vulnerability to burglars. Many break-ins take place through the back door and when no car is in the driveway.

Porch lights, a light kept on inside during the night or when you are away, a noisy dog, locked doors – all are deterrents to potential thieves. Don't overlook the simple ways to keep your home secure. Most burglars are looking for easy targets.

Investigate security audits available from home security companies. One such local company is Allsafe Security at 990-9000, recommended by a Hancock Neighborhood Association member

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## SHORT TERM HEALTH INSURANCE

Short term health insurance is an option for people who are between jobs and depend on their employer for health coverage. It can be written for as little as 30 days and as long as 18 months.

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Depending on your circumstances, if you plan on not securing another position in 18 months that will provide medical insurance, an individual policy could be more suitable. Before making a decision, contact your insurance agent for the policy that best suits your needs.

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## PICK UP FOR BIG BLUE RECYCLING

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### Labyrinth Walks

Sunday, Nov. 30,  
from 6:00-8:00pm

Wednesday, Dec. 31,  
beginning at 7:00pm

### Christmas Eve Services

Wednesday, Dec. 24  
at 5:30 & 7:30 PM  
(Labyrinth Walk follows)

600 E. 50<sup>th</sup> St. / Austin, TX 78751  
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## LABYRINTH AS METAPHOR

A labyrinth is an ancient symbol that combines the  
imagery of the circle and the spiral into a meandering  
but purposeful path. The Labyrinth represents a  
journey to our own center and back again out into the  
world. Labyrinths have long been used as meditation  
and prayer tools. It is a symbol that creates a sacred  
space and place and takes us out of our ego to "That  
Which Is Within."

A labyrinth has only one path. It is unicursal. The way  
in is the way out. There are no blind alleys. The path  
leads you on a circuitous path to the center and out  
again.

At its most basic level the labyrinth is a metaphor for  
the journey to the center of your deepest self and back  
out into the world with a broadened understanding of  
who you are.

(source: Wikipedia)

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## BUDDHIST TEMPLE ON 45TH

You may have noticed the construction of a building on the north side of 45th Street, just east of Duval.

Set back from the road and nestled in the trees, the Nyingma Buddhist meditation and study center, Palri Pema Od Ling, is nearing completion. For more information and a calendar of events, go to [www.palri.org](http://www.palri.org)



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## HANCOCK TRAIL OF LIGHTS

Each December Hancock Recreation Center sponsors a trail of candles along the paths at the golf course. Setting up the lights is a lovely way to involve the neighborhood in this seasonal tradition.

If you would like to help light the candles, come to the Hancock Recreation Center between 4:00 and 4:30 p.m. on Friday, December 12, or from dusk to 9:00 pm Saturday, December 13.

Join your neighbors and family to walk the trails of thousands of luminaria around Hancock Recreation Center and Golf Course. Enjoy hot chocolate, holiday carols, and a visit from a special guest. This gathering is free for the family.

Hancock Recreation Center is located at 811 East 41st Street (on the corner of 41st Street and Red River, right in the middle of the Hancock Golf Course). For more information, call Hancock at 512-453-7765.

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<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/development/default.htm>

City of Austin Green Garden Project

<http://www.cityofaustin.org/greengarden/>

City of Austin Neighborhood Planning

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/zoning/default.htm>

Hancock Recreation Center

<http://coawebparks.ci.austin.tx.us/registrationmain.sdi>

## TRIANGLE ACTIVITIES

The Triangle currently has the Farmers Market every Wednesday 4-8pm (3-7pm Oct 29 until March) and the "Music in the Park" series - which is a free music event that would take place every Thursday 7-9 pm at Triangle Park.

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### Neighborhood Dues:

January is the month that the neighborhood association collects dues. Dues are not required unless you are a regular member and wish to vote. Dues are appreciated and are only \$5.00. Some of the items that dues help fund include The Summer Watermelon Social, events like the Pet Parade, membership in groups such as the Austin Neighborhood Council, Trail of Lights donation, and donations to the Hancock Recreation Center. The neighborhood can also meet to discuss using dues for other neighborhood promotion/preservation and charitable events. Thanks!

*HNA Membership yearly dues \$5 to HNA. Mail to HNA Treasurer Mark Burch, 510 E. 39th, Austin, TX 78751.*

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