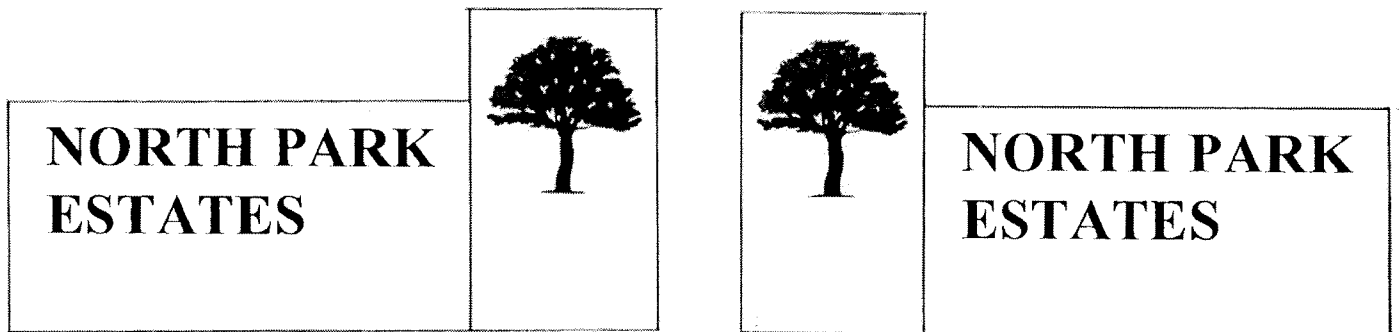


NORTH PARK ESTATES ENTRANCE SIGN FUND RAISER
April, 2005

The North Park Estates Neighborhood Association Entrance Sign Committee is pleased to be able to present its plan for replacing the broken existing entrance signs with new ones that will be made of building block materials like the pillars of the wrought iron fence of the Oracle building on Lamar and North Bend. The new signs will look like the drawing below.



Plans are being drawn up for City of Austin approval, and work will be begun as soon as finances are raised to build the signs and approval is received. Cost is estimated to be between \$2600 and \$3500 and we need everyone's help to raise this amount. Since there are about 200 homes which are served by these signs, if every household would make a \$15-\$20 donation to NPENA (North Park Estates Neighborhood Association), we could have these funds raised.

Your block captain or their helper has delivered this notice to you or your front door – and will be back within a week to receive your contribution. As you may imagine, not everyone in the neighborhood will be able or willing to contribute so if you can give more that would be greatly appreciated. If you would rather mail in your contribution, or you are not home when the volunteer comes by to pick up donations, please mail your contribution to NPENA, P. O. Box 81395, Austin, TX 78708. Please make your contribution by check (made out to NPENA), for record keeping and security purposes.

Those who will donate \$100 or more may have their name or the name of someone they wish to honor or memorialize, sandblasted into a brick or construction block, which will be set in or in front of one of the signs.

Various other fund raisers have been suggested such as a neighborhood garage sale, a raffle, auctions for goods or services, a pot luck supper or a pancake supper with people paying to eat. However, we would like to try to raise all the money necessary by simply

asking everyone to contribute first. So, if you can give at this time – an amount you feel is appropriate as your share for the signs that represent the entrance to your neighborhood – an amount that will keep the value of your property up, we would appreciate that.

Some volunteer labor will be needed also. Please call or e-mail the committee chairpersons, Wes or Mary Allen, who will coordinate the work, at 836-1215 or wesandmary1@ev1.net, if you are willing to do any of the following:

1. Help smooth the new concrete foundations when they are poured.
2. Help in the actual construction of the new signs by working with a mortar mixer to keep mortar mixed when the blocks are placed for the signs, or handing the blocks to the skilled stone mason we will hire. (The blocks weigh about 48 pounds each.) The actual building project is expected to take two full days, but you may volunteer to help just a few hours on either day. Hopefully, we will have enough volunteers so that no one will wear themselves out.

The following is our cost estimate. If you have materials to donate or know of less expensive ways to acquire some of these items, let the committee chairpersons know.

Concrete foundations	\$250.00		
Rebar, ties, etc.	100.00		
Plywood, lumber (for forms)	50.00		
Metal letters and tree art	300.00	to	\$ 550.00
Permit fees	35.00		
Anchors for metal pieces	15.00		
Concrete blocks, mortar, delivery	1,250.00		
Skilled labor (stone mason)	<u>600.00</u>	to	750.00
Sales taxes, misc. - ?			<u>500.00</u>
 TOTAL	 \$2,600.00	to	 \$3,500.00

Thank you for your anticipated participation in this project. Having a nice entrance is a benefit to each of us as it enhances the value of each of our properties.

P.S. If you are a renter in this neighborhood, and you do not feel inclined to contribute toward this project, please pass along this flyer to your landlord, perhaps with your next rent check.