

The ROSEDALE News

Austin, Texas 78756

"Working together to keep our neighborhood
a nice place to come home to."

November 2009

RNA Annual Meeting: November 23, 2009

Wrapping up another year..... The Rosedale NA General Meeting will be on November 23, at the Yarborough Library at 6:45pm to elect next year's Steering Committee and Officers. After the elections and a brief meeting, we will adjourn to the Draught House on Medical Parkway for a year-end celebration! Everyone is encouraged to come to both the meeting and the celebration. It's a great opportunity get to know your neighbors and your 2010 RNA Steering Committee.

Continuing Members:

Felicia Adams
Chris and Gina Allen
Vicki Almstrum
Pamela and Jeff Archer
Mark and Joyce Brown (Co-presidents 2010)
John Burgess and Sarah Cunningham
Jay Carpenter
Sunitha Downing
Scott Farnsworth
Sam Hackworth and Melissa Lopez
Diana and Dave Heath
Melanie McLeroy
Karen McLinden (Treasurer)
Dianne Holley Mountain (Immediate past co-president)
Rebecca Ray
Kim and Richard Relph (Co-presidents 2010)
Aletha St. Romain (Secretary)
Nicole Wayman (Co-president 2010)
George Yang

Newly Nominated:

Yoed Anis
Mindy and Sandy Marble

Thanks to the 2009 RNA Nominating Committee, Dianne Holley Mountain - Chair, Vicki Almstrum, and Karen McLinden, for creating this list! A heartfelt thanks also goes to the 2009 Steering Committee for all their time and hard work. What a great team!

A huge round of applause to our Rosedale neighbors for all their participation in so many ways. You really care about keeping your neighborhood "a great place to come home to." We are also grateful to the many businesses that have helped keep the commercial parts of Rosedale neighborhood-friendly and chipped in fund-raisers and special projects.

Thank you, Rosedale!

Update on Phase II of the Rosedale Stormwater Drainage and Flood Prevention Improvements

Plans for the stormwater drainage improvements in Phase II of the Rosedale Flood Prevention Project are continuing. The next step in this process is a City Council public hearing about the use of Ramsey Park as the staging area for this project. Improvements to Ramsey Park will be financed with the mitigation funds resulting from the use of the park as the staging area.

The public hearing will be a part of the regularly scheduled City Council meeting on Thursday, November 19, 2009.

The agenda is not yet available but the link to that information when it becomes available is: http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/cityclerk/edims/council_meeting_info_center.htm

July 4th Thank You's!!

The Rosedale Neighborhood Association held its 16th annual Fourth of July Carnival this summer. Rosedale gives special thanks to Frost Bank in 26 Doors for their support again this year in providing prizes. In addition, American Bank of Texas on Medical Pkwy, funded the new fishing booth, designed and built by neighborhood artist, Austin Sweeney.

A number of neighborhood businesses came together and helped us create a silent auction that raised over \$700.00 for Ramsey Park. Rosedale sincerely appreciates the support and donations from the following businesses:

- The Art Pad
- Blue Sky Framing
- Camp 4 Paws
- Chili's at 45th and Lamar
- Gaynor Photography, Inc.
- Hansel's Swim Instruction
- Home Girls Home Furnishings
- Hyde Park Bar and Grill
- Ironsmith Fitness
- Lucinda Hudson
- Michelle Brown
- Pacha
- Rosedale Veterinary Clinic
- Starbucks at 45th and Lamar
- Taurus Training and Doggy Play Day
- Texas Rowing Center
- The Kolache Factory
- Upper Crust
- Taco Shack

Attention Tree Lovers!

The City of Austin Forestry Department will be planting approx. 60 trees in Crestmont Park on Saturday, December 5th from 9 a.m. to noon. TreeFolks, a local non-profit organization, provides the trees and helps with the planting. They have contacted the Rosedale Neighborhood Association asking for neighborhood volunteers to help.

Crestmont Park and the neighborhood need you! Crestmont Park is a strip of public green space beside the Hancock Branch of Shoal Creek. It runs along Crestmont Dr. between 49th and Hancock Dr. It has so much potential to be a real gem for our neighborhood. The city will have the holes dug, so volunteers would be assisting with getting the trees positioned and dirt filled back in. They will have equipment there, but you could bring your own if you like. TreeFolks will provide snacks and drinks.

Please be aware that the terrain is uneven, there is poison ivy in places, and there is a sharp dropoff to the creek. Wear sturdy shoes and watch out for your kids. This might not be a suitable activity for small children.

This is your chance to be a part of beautifying the park and adding trees for shade, wildlife, and to help cool our urban environment. Our volunteer efforts show the city how important the park is to us. This in turn helps the city see Crestmont Park as important.

*** Crime Safety Tips ***

Lock your car and house.
Install motion detector lights on home.
Get a yippy dog.
Report all suspicious activity to 911.

Traffic Calming Project: The collaboration between the City of Austin Transportation Division and the Rosedale for Neighborhood Traffic Calming Working Group was completed in the spring. Residents voted and the final result of the 61% of the Rosedale residents who completed the City of Austin Traffic Calming survey voted in favor of the plan. As this newsletter is delivered, crews are at work throughout the neighborhood to implement the plan.

Ramsey Park Sidewalk Project: The Ramsey Park Sidewalk Project was completed during the summer. Now we must complete some volunteer hours to fulfill our requirements for the Austin Parks Foundation sidewalk grant. Please watch the Rosedale Listserv for future announcements about this opportunity to help.

Triangle Holiday Celebration: The Triangle will be holding its 2nd annual holiday event. Activities will include carolers, movies, in-store specials, samples from the restaurants and pictures with Santa. Watch their website after December 1st for their schedule. www.triangleaustin.com. The Farmer's Market at The Triangle happens every Wednesday from 3:30 to 7:30 PM.

Rosedale T-Shirts: A popular item during the 4th of July celebration was "Color Your Own" T-shirts featuring a Rosedale cottage and designed by neighborhood artist Aletha St. Romain. The T-shirts will be available at the upcoming RNA annual meeting on the evening of November 23rd. We will have markers available to for those who wish to purchase and color their own shirt when we re-convene at the Draught House.



Join the **RNA yahoogroup** by sending a blank email to: rosedale-subscribe@yahogroups.com.

Join a committee—help make a difference in your neighborhood. To join visit: www.rosedale-na.org/opportunities.php
Email areas of interest and contact info to volunteers@rosedale-na.org

RNA Steering Committee meetings are generally held the fourth Monday of every month. Meetings are held at the Yarborough Library at 6:45 PM. To verify date and location email president@rosedale-na.org. All residents are invited to attend.

Rosedale Neighborhood Membership Form

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

I would like to help with:

Newsletter___ Zoning___ Neighborhood Events___
Traffic/Parking___ Community Relations___
July 4th Carnival___ Ramsey Park Revitalization___
Graffiti Removal___ Electronic Communication___

Dues are \$5 per household and extras will be donated to the Ramsey Park fund

If you would like to join the RNA, please fill out this form and either bring a check payable to RNA to the Annual Meeting or mail to:

Karen McLinden, 4401 Ramsey, Austin, TX. 78756

Can't remember if you already joined? A list of members will be available at the Annual Meeting.