



The ROSEDALIAN

Newsletter of the Rosedale Neighborhood
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“Working together to keep
our neighborhood a nice place
to come home to.”

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Rosedale July 4th Carnival

Join your neighbors at Ramsey Park to celebrate the 4th of July! We'll gather at the bleachers in the park at 9:30 am on Monday, July 4th, to decorate bikes, hats, strollers and anything else needing decorating. At 10:00 am we will form a procession around the park (it is looking positive that the street will be passable despite the storm drain project!)



After the promenade, we will gather back at the bleachers and enjoy watermelon and a water balloon toss. At 10:30, stroll over to the playscape to purchase delicious home-baked goods and enjoy carnival games, such as fishing, stuffed animal walk, lollipop tree, golf, treasure dig, face painting, nail salon, spin art, and fish pond. There will be wonderful live music as well. There will not be a silent auction this year. All proceeds benefit the Rosedale Neighborhood Association's park fund.

We need your donations, including small and large gently used stuffed animals, small toys for games, baked goods, and watermelon. To donate toys, please contact carnival co-chair Rebecca Ray at runrebeccaray@gmail.com. For donations of baked goods, please contact Felicia Adams at adams4203@yahoo.com. To donate watermelon, bring sliced pieces to the table near the bleachers starting at 9:30 am.

Volunteers are needed for 45-minute shifts from 10:30 – 11:15 and 11:15 - 12:00 to help with games and with ticket and food sales. We also need help before and after with set up and clean up. To volunteer, please contact carnival co-chair Melinda Marble at msmarble@juno.com or call 709-1407.

Happy 4th, everyone!

Utility Work Continues

As everyone is well aware, we have a lot of utility work going on in our neighborhood. The main work is storm drain improvements, but water and gas lines are also being upgraded and relocated in some areas. There are four work areas right now: Shoal Creek, Lewis Lane, and 40th and 46th streets. Here's some information provided by the project to the neighborhood association about each area:

On Shoal Creek and 46th streets:

In this area, the water line work should be finishing about now. This will be followed by the installation/repair of some individual water service lines. The storm drain work will be starting soon, either on Shoal Creek or on 46th; this heavy work will involve some lane closures on Shoal Creek over the next few weeks. The gas company is also relocating gas lines on 46th and 40th Streets.

Lewis Lane:

The storm drain work is still ongoing on Lewis Lane from 40th street to 42nd street. This work will require some 24-hour road closures of Lewis Lane. Driveways on Lewis Lane may be blocked during the day. At night there will be driveway access, although the street will not be fully opened. A second crew, working behind the storm drain crew, will soon be installing a water line and individual water service lines in this area, with work scheduled to be completed by mid-July. When work is completed, the street will be repaved and disturbed lawns will be restored. No one, including residents, may park on the street in the blocks that are immediately under construction between 6:30am and 7:00 pm.

On 40th Street:

Here the wastewater lines have been completed and waterline installations are mostly complete. When the water line work is complete, the storm drain work will begin (a few weeks away). As on Lewis Lane, the storm drain work will be more disruptive than the earlier work.

It's a mess! Be careful. It will surely all be worth it to have well-drained streets ... when (if?) it ever rains again ...



Texas Gas Service Maintenance

During June, Texas Gas Service (TGS) started planned maintenance and work to upgrade its natural gas system in the Rosedale neighborhood that will cause some short interruption of service and temporarily affect traffic. TGS has two separate projects underway in the neighborhood.

The first project is to replace 6,800 feet of natural gas main and related services (the pipe that connects the main to the yardline, which serves the house). The streets to be affected include:

- Shoalwood, between 44th and 45th streets
- Sinclair, from 41st through 48th streets
- Ramsey, from 41st through 44th streets
- Rosedale, from 42nd through 45th streets
- 42nd street between Ramsey and Rosedale
- 44th street between Ramsey and Rosedale
- 46th street between Shoal Creek and Sinclair

Approximately 115 homes will be affected. The gas may need to be shut off at the meter during the time when the new services are connected. Customers will need to be home when TGS restores service. Information on how to get gas service restored promptly will be left with each house.

In addition to the main replacement project, TGS will be relocating sections of pipe and other equipment as part of the City of Austin's CIP project to replace storm drains and perform street reconstruction. In effect, TGS is required to relocate their infrastructure to accommodate the City's work.

The project is planned to include the following streets:

- 47th and Shoal Creek, Shoalwood Ave, Sinclair, Ramsey, and Rosedale
- 46th and Shoal Creek, Shoalwood Ave
- 44th street and Rosedale through Burnet, Rosedale North and South of 43rd
- 42nd and Rosedale and Burnet to Medical Parkway
- Burnet Road (43rd through 42nd Street)
- Lewis lane from 40th through 42nd street
- 40th street, Ramsey through Rosedale

Texas Gas Service thanks everyone in the Rosedale neighborhood for their patience and understanding as TGS performs this work.

*** Crime Safety Tips ***

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

Bikes and cars in the 'hood: Keeping it safe out there

One of the endearing things, among many, about living in Rosedale is the rich mixture of transportation modes people use to get around, be it for business or pleasure. Between walkers, runners, drivers, bikers, skate boarders, and more, we have it all. And the lack of sidewalks for many of the streets in the hood makes this conflagration of travelers that much crazier. With this diversity of conveyances, conflicts are inevitable.

Knowing and following the rules can help others on the road know what you're up to and what you're likely to do next. Cyclists are required to obey their rules of the road just as drivers of motorized vehicles are required to follow theirs. While a listing of all the rights and regulations for cyclists and cars would take up the whole newsletter (and then some), there are plenty of great resources on the web to brush up on the rules of the road. Two great starting points are bicycleaustin.info/ and www.austincycling.org/, which present rules for both bikes and motorists, class info and links to other resources. So have fun, ride and drive "Rosedale friendly", and above all: Be safe out there!

2011 Summer Playground Program at Ramsey Park!

This program offers a wide variety of recreation activities for children who are 6 - 12 years old. And, it's offered right here at Ramsey Park! Playground Leaders create safe, supervised and fun-filled environments with activities including sports, games, arts and crafts, nature activities and cook-outs. For more information, call 512-974-3910 or visit www.ci.austin.tx.us/parks/playgrounds.htm

Ramsey Pool Hours

- June 6– July 15
 - ♦ *M-F*: 8-10 AM Lap Swimming; 10-12 Swim Team, 12-8 PM Recreational Swim; 5:30-8 Swim Lessons
 - ♦ *Sat-Sun*: 11-12 Lap Swim; 12-8 Recreational Swim
- July 16–August 12
 - ♦ *M-F*: 8-10 Lap Swim; 5:30-8 Swim Lessons
 - ♦ *Sat-Sun*: 11-12 Lap Swim; 12-8 Recreational Swim
- August 13-August 21
 - ♦ *Mon-Sun*: 1-7 Recreational Swim
- August 22– August 28
 - ♦ *M-F*: 4-7 Recreational Swim
 - ♦ *Sat-Sun*: 12-7 Recreational Swim
- August 29 Pool closes for 2011

Pool Schedule can be found at: www.ci.austin.tx.us/parks/pools_schedule.htm#Ramsey



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