

The ROSEDALIAN

Newsletter of the Rosedale Neighborhood
Austin, Texas 78756

“Working together to keep our neighborhood a nice place to call home.”

July 2015

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Ramsey Park — It's OUR Park!

On March 7, we gathered to celebrate the completion of phases II and III of our Ramsey Park Renovation Project. We were joined by Mayor Adler, Mayor Pro Temp Tovo, Council Members Gallo and Pool as well as representatives of the Parks and Recreation Department, Public Works, the Austin Parks Foundation and the city of Austin to proclaim March 7 as Ramsey Park Day to mark our accomplishments.

By March 7, as a community we were able to clearly see the fruits of the many hours that went into transforming our vision into a reality. We could enjoy the new nature play area along with the climbing structures, spinners, and baby swings. We could play tennis and basketball on our renovated courts. Listen to great music from the Ramsey Park Rounders on our stage and amphitheater. We could take a leisurely walk around or scoot or bike the new cycle tracks. We could hang out on our new benches and picnic tables.

Since March, the committee has been hard at work collaborating with PARD to make further improvements. We added lights, painted, changed out the doors, and fixed the floors of the pavilion. We added stop, yield, and speed signs to our cycle track along with a safety rail and enclosed garbage cans. We aerated and fertilized the field which after the heavy rain is now a lush green.

By the time you read this, we will have completed some cosmetic upgrades to the pool bathhouse - including a thorough cleaning, drain fixes (so we don't need those moldy mats), new paint, new toilets, new mirrors, and moved hanging wires. Thanks to the new aerator the pool should stay cooler throughout the summer. We also fixed the water fountain and shower and by the end of July we'll be adding a few big blue umbrellas for more shade. Somewhere along the way we also are hoping the tile will be fixed too. (cont. page 2)



Thanks To The Park Committee!

The Ramsey Park project has been a major undertaking, and we couldn't have come this far without support from a number of our friends and neighbors. Special thanks to the park committee which is a subset of the RNA.

Alison B. Alter — Chair

Erika Brown	Karen McLinden	Jeff Archer
Sunitha Downing	Dale Gray	Matt Haney
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Rosedale July 4th Carnival!

Join your neighbors at Ramsey Park to celebrate the 4th of July! Here is the schedule:

- 9:30 am:** Gather at the bleachers to decorate bikes, hats, pets, etc.
- 10:00 am:** Parade around the park.
- 10:10 am:** Return to the bleachers for watermelon and a water balloon toss.
- 10:30 am:** Carnival games and baked goods in the middle of the park.



We need donations of baked goods and sliced watermelon. To donate, please contact carnival chair Mindy Marble at mymarble@juno.com.

Volunteers are also needed for 45-minute shifts from 10:30–11:15 and 11:15–12:00 to help with carnival games, food sales, set up, and clean up. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Rachel Gray at Goldra360@hotmail.com. It will be a pleasure celebrating in the park together with all the new renovations! *Mindy Marble — RNA carnival chair*

Was Your Home Flooded On Memorial Day?

Many of our neighbors had water enter their homes during the flood on Monday, the 25th of May, 2015. Several homes were damaged not by rising creeks but by street flooding. Inadequate drainage, especially on Shoal Creek Blvd. contributed to overflow rainfall entering their properties. If your house was affected in such a way please report it to Jay Carpenter. Email to secretary@txaa.org or call 512-453-5111 and let him know your own situation on that day. All names and address will be kept confidential. With this information we can present a case to the city for remedial action.

Rosedale Neighborhood Membership Form

Name _____
Address _____
Telephone _____
Email _____

Dues are \$10 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 Ave., Austin, Texas 78756

I would like to help with:

Newsletter____ Zoning____ Neighborhood Events____ Traffic/Parking____ Community Relations____ Neighborhood History Project____
July 4th Carnival____ Ramsey Park Revitalization____ Graffiti Removal____ Electronic Communication____

(Ramsey Park from p.1) We will be adding two new water fountains to the park, one along the pathway towards Rosedale and a chilled fountain in the pavilion. Note we will be removing the two old water fountains for safety and ADA accessibility reasons. We will be moving seven limestone blocks from the basketball area and the amphitheater over to the nature play area for more seating.

We've ordered new bleachers and a new dugout fence along with six additional picnic tables (with two of the old tables relocating to the pool area). We will be power washing and repainting the basketball court surface.

We are working diligently to find a shade solution for the nature play area and are finalizing plans for a new adult fitness area. We'll keep you posted as those plans solidify. Come fall, the Forestry division of PARD will be planting many trees in the park to add more natural shade. We also await some owl boxes to provide a home for our friendly owls.

The last step in the process will be the Friends of Ramsey Park walk which is slated to lie next to the nature play scape where the gravel currently sits. Since we cannot design it until the possible shade structure is decided on and installed, we are excited to offer you more time to donate and to send in your inscription. The new deadline will be July 31, 2015. To donate please visit ramseypark.org/donate/ and to send in your inscription go to ramseypark.org/pavers/. All funds will go to Ramsey Park renovations and/or our maintenance fund to help keep the park beautiful over time.

Thank you for all your support and patience.

Sincerely,
Alison Alter
Ramsey Park Renovation Committee Chair

Information from Lamar Central's Community Outreach Team

David Bodenman, Vice President, Highland Resources, Inc., recently shared updates regarding the Lamar Central project on the northwest corner of 38th and Lamar. He extended gratitude on behalf of everyone at Highland Resources for working with them over the past year. He also offered a special thanks to Austin Parks and Recreation, Austin Public Works, the Rosedale Neighborhood Association and all other parties that have been a part of these projects.

Medical Parkway and 42nd Street Crosswalk Signage Approved

The City of Austin has agreed to move forward with Highland Resources' request for the installation of crosswalk signage at 42nd Street and Medical Parkway. This request originated from concern for pedestrian safety and frequent motorized traffic, as the Rosedale area is highly active and home to families with young children that enjoy playing outside, riding bicycles and the like. The City will move forward with crosswalk signage installation at the end of this year. Mr Bodenman reports that Highland Resources hopes that this will begin the conversation for further crosswalk infrastructure, such as pedestrian-activated flashing lights, to be considered in the near future.

Continued Improvements at Ramsey Park

Highland Resources and Rogers O'Brien, the general contractor for Lamar Central, have received the green light from Austin Parks and Recreation to assist with Ramsey Park improvements. Weather permitting, they will help move the large rectangular stones at the newly renovated Ramsey Park amphitheater to their designated positions using the construction equipment at 3800 N. Lamar Blvd. They were thrilled to find a way to work with the Ramsey Park committee and the City of Austin to be a part of the solution.

Highland Resources Sponsors Shakespeare in the Park

This year, Highland Resources is pleased to be a sponsor for Shakespeare in the Park (see article in the next column).

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Is 24,000 Trips per Day Too Many?

Milestone, the developer of the 75 acre tract at 45th and Bull Creek Rd., will be filing their Planned Unit Development (PUD) with the City of Austin in mid June. This document will detail land use restrictions on the tract with regard to height, density, impervious cover, uses, and setbacks.

Currently, the developer is assuming the new land use will bring approximately 24,000 trips per day to the site which is slated to have over 1,515 residential units, a 400 unit assisted living center, 150,000 square feet of retail, 225,000 square feet of office, and a hotel.

This number of trips will be added to 44th/Bull Creek Road which had traffic counts of 6,250 cars per day in 2010. Other area traffic counts from 2010 on 45th/Bull Creek were 20,970, while 45th/Shoal Creek had lower counts of 18,780 and 4400 Shoal Creek counts were 3,810. These numbers are from the CAMPO website. Solutions to the traffic increase include studying a traffic circle at 45th/Bull Creek instead of the red light there now. Questions? Please contact Gina Allen, gina@somearchitect.com

Free Shakespeare Production in Ramsey Park Starts June 11

An annual summer tradition returns to Ramsey Park! Something for Nothing Theatre presents Henry IV, Part 1 for this year's Shakespeare in the Park. This will be the first theater production in the newly renovated Ramsey Park amphitheater. Shows begin at 8:00 p.m. for three weekends (Thursdays – Saturdays, June 11 – 13, 18 – 20, and 25 – 27, 2015). Admission is free and seating is first come, first serve. Highland Resources (a supporter of Ramsey Park and the developer of Lamar Central at 3800 North Lamar) is sponsoring this free event and has special treats planned for the showings on Saturday, June 13th and Saturday, June 20th. So bring friends and family, and join us for Shakespeare in the Park!

Ramsey Pool Swim Schedule

June – July 17, 2015

Weekdays – Closed on Thursdays

8:00 am – 10:00 am Lap Swim
10:00 am – 12:00 pm Swim Team
12:00 pm – 8:00 pm Recreational Swim
5:30 pm – 7:40 pm Swim Lessons

Weekends
11:00 am – 8:00 pm Recreational Swim

July 18 – August 22, 2015


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8:00 am – 11:00 am Lap Swim
11:00 am – 8:00 pm Recreational Swim
5:30 pm – 7:40 pm Swim Lessons

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Donate Today!

Today you have an opportunity to show that you too  Ramsey Park. Please make your secure tax-deductible donation online at ramseypark.org/donate or send a check payable to: Austin Parks Foundation with "Ramsey Park" in the memo line. Mail checks to: Austin Parks Foundation, Attn: Ramsey Park, 507 Calles St., Suite 116, Austin, TX 78702.

Listen To The Cicada Sing

Male cicadas are well known for their "song." They rest on a tree and produce a whining sound to attract females. The sound is produced by two vibrating membranes on the side of the abdomen. Females do not "sing." Adults feed on juices from tender twigs, but usually do not cause lasting harm to the plant from feeding.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600.

Check out Wizzie Brown's blog at urban-ipm.blogspot.com

