

The ROSEDALIAN

Newsletter of the Rosedale Neighborhood
Austin, Texas 78756

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

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RNA Annual Meeting Mark Your Calendars!

The Rosedale Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting will be held on November 23, 2015 at 6:45 pm at the Yarborough Library. Neighbors will elect officers and Steering Committee members for 2016. All are invited!! Neighbors whose 2015 dues were paid as of October 23, 2015 are eligible to vote.

Dues for 2016 (\$10 per household) can be paid at the meeting or mailed. See form below.

New RNA Officers Nominated

The following is the slate of officers as proposed by the Nominating Committee for 2016. These Steering Committee members will be elected at the **annual meeting on November 23 at 6:45 pm in the Yarborough Library.**

RNA Steering Committee Officers:

Jeff Archer, co-President Dale Gray, co-President
Joyce Brown, Secretary Karen McLinden, Treasurer

Members at Large:

Chris and Gina Allen	Vicki Almstrum	Alison Alter
Alison Beck	Mark Brown	Jay Carpenter
Sunitha Downing	Mindy Marble	Kim Mosley
Scott Farnsworth	Dianne Holley Mountain	
Ryan & Kelly Pirkel	Richard & Kim Relph	

Update on Ramsey Park

Over the next month or two anticipate a few more additions to Ramsey Park. Expect delivery of six picnic tables and one ADA accessible picnic table. Two of the old tables already in the main part of the park will eventually move to the pool area. In addition, keep your eye out for new bleachers! Please stay clear of the bleacher demolition and be mindful of the concrete when it is poured for the new ones.

In the upcoming months, look for a new shade structure (four large shade umbrellas) in the nature play area and the installation of a new adult fitness area.

A big thank you to Erika Brown for taking the lead on meeting with vendors and orchestrating these installations!

Tree Planting at Ramsey Park on November 21

The City of Austin has scheduled a tree planting and meet the artist event on November 21st from 9 am to noon. You can sign up here: tinyurl.com/ramseytrees. In addition to the trees planted through this event, Ramsey Park is getting several large trees that will be professionally installed. These trees will come with guarantees!!



Success - July 4th Carnival!

Hi Neighbors,

Just wanted to thank the volunteers who made this year's event such a wonderful time! It would not have been possible without the help of many hardworking volunteers. Thank you so much to:

Austin Sweeney, Mark Levy, Pam and Jeff Archer, Karen McLinden and Randy Greenburg, Alison Beck, Kim and Richard Relph, Sunitha Downing, Novella Marble and Saira Khan, Gina and Chris Allen, and all the other volunteers who helped



during setup; Alison Beck for coordinating the parade and watermelon feast and Elissa Allen and her friend Hannah, Katelyn and Norman Horn, Joanna Rollings, Betsey Tieman and David Stephens for helping with the parade; Natalie Gauldin for coordinating the water balloon toss and filling tons of balloons, Nicole Wayman, Anne Walkup and Liza from Toybrary for filling water balloons and helping with the game; all the donors who brought slices of watermelon for the watermelon feast including Ann McGinley, Deborah Destefano, Lizan and Bob Gilbert, Nicole Wayman, Megan Ann Jones, Jenny Lloyd, Alison Beck and Gin Tolany, Pam Knight, Marisa Finley and Dauphin Ewart; Gina Allen and Chris Allen for bundling tickets and supplying decorations; Kim Relph for selling tickets; Sunitha Downing for spearheading the bake sale, and Dianne Holley Mountain, Allison Allen, Debra Leff, David Downing, David and Sunitha's son, Karen McLinden and the other volunteers who helped at the bake sale.

Orlando Arriaga of Taco Shack for 100 tacos, Kathleen and Greg McNelis of the Kolache Factory for 100 kolaches, Stephanie of Upper Crust Bakery for countless delicious goodies, Amanda Wadsworth Bates of Tiny Pies for 100 delicious pecan pies; Karen McLinden and Austin Sweeney for ice, and to all the resident Rosedale bakers that provided wonderful home-made cakes, cookies, brownies and other treats; Camp 4 Paws for the wonderful dog treats; Melanie McLeroy and Taurus Dog Training for the generous donation of 300 drinks, tables, and chairs.

Frost Bank for 6 cases of water, piggy banks, pouches and flashlights for fun prizes; Glenda Ripley for six cases of water and Rosedale Baptist Church for the refreshing water stand for people and pets; Hunter and Jamie Thompson and Dawn Piscitelli for selling cold drinks; Jeff and Pam Archer for the popular spin art for the kids; with our youngest carnival visitors, and John Matson, Andy McNelis and Debra Leff for helping the players catch ducks; (cont. on page 2)

Rosedale Neighborhood Membership Form

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Dues are \$10 per household; any additional funds 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

Get involved in Rosedale. Help with one of these committees:

Community Relations _____ Electronic Communications _____ Neighborhood Events _____ Neighborhood Features _____ Newsletter _____

Parks _____ Traffic/Parking _____ Zoning _____

Visit: <http://rosedaleaustin.org/the-rna/subcommittees/>

New trees in Ramsey Park

The RNA invites you to join your neighbors and the city's Urban Forestry staff on Saturday, November 21, from 9 am to noon in planting 30 new trees at Ramsey Park and spreading mulch around the park's trees and picnic tables. Hole excavators, wheelbarrow operators, and mulch distributors are invited to help complete this critical stage of the Ramsey Park Improvement Project. Capable teens and above-average kids are welcome to help too.



At 10:30 am we will have breakfast tacos from Taco Shack along with fresh juice and other refreshing drinks for the volunteers and attendees.

To sign up to help, send an email to Jeff Archer at jeffarcher@yahoo.com or sign up at this site: tinyurl.com/ramseytrees Or just go to givepulse.com and search "Ramsey Park." When you sign up at the website, you can say you are affiliated with the

Rosedale Neighborhood Association if you'd like. Come by any time between 9 am and noon to pitch in, even for just a few minutes. Even cheerleaders and hole-watchers are welcome.

You may have noticed the fantastic EARTH MOTHER sculpture emerging from the Ramsey Park turf near the new water fountain and the swings. Earth Mother's creator, EYULIYA LANINA, will be on hand from 10 am to noon to share her work with the community.



Ms. Lanina's Earth Mother sculpture symbolizes fertility and motherhood, motifs that appear often in mythology. The artist's dedication to the earth is illustrated as a large, whimsical female head that emerges from the earth and engenders awareness and respect for the natural world. The piece reminds us that as Mother Earth cares for us, we also care for her. Earth Mother will be on display at Ramsey Park until November 30.

Earth Mother is a project of the City of Austin's Art in Public Places' TEMPO program, which allows artists to explore a range of themes suitable for the outdoor environment and provides the opportunity for innovative, thought-provoking artwork that impacts the way people experience their environment, will also be on hand to discuss the program. So come meet the artist and learn more about Austin Art in Public Places and all 10 TEMPO projects from 10:00 am to noon on November 21st.

(Carnival—cont. from page 1)

Zhad Khan and Shannon Riemer for running the miniature golf; Melissa Lopez and Ian Hackworth for assisting at the treasure dig; Sheila Murphy and Lizan and Bob Gilbert for running the bean bag toss; Nicole Wayman and her family and Kaleta Krull for helping with the penny toss; Corinna Archer, Nathan Kinsman, and Spencer and Andy McNelis for helping kids fish at the fishing booth; Linda Mosley for inspiring budding potters with their clay pinch pots; Sarah Jumel, Carma Gorman, Kerry Edwards, and Nora & Terry O'Halloran for painting incredible designs on many young faces; Kitty Castellanet, Alison Alter, Kerry and Ellen Edwards, Mary and Laura Kelso for painting hundreds of fingernails; Austin Sweeney, designer and builder of the beautiful bean bag toss, fishing pond and lollipop tree; Austin Sweeney, Mark Levy, Zarqua and Saira Khan, Melissa Lopez, Sam Hackworth, Karen McLinden, Kaleta Krull and Rodney Cummings, Jeff and Pam Archer, David and Sunitha Downing, Nathan Kinsman, Nicole Wayman and kiddos, Meg Tynan and everyone else who helped clean up after the carnival.



My apologies if we've inadvertently left anyone out—we appreciate everyone's help!! The carnival netted \$2,000 for the Ramsey Park Renovations. Way to go!!

Lastly, thank ALL of you for coming out to celebrate this holiday—and our special neighborhood—together!

Mindy Marble and Rachel Gray
Ramsey Park 4th of July celebration co-chairs

GAP Letter to the Austin City Council

Dear Members of the Austin City Council,

The Great Austin Parks (GAP) coalition is an alliance of park advocates and organizations united to speak with one voice about the importance of parks and open space in Austin.

As members of the GAP coalition, we urge you to support the proposed changes to the Parkland Dedication Ordinance. Austin continues to be one of the fastest growing cities in the nation, yet our parkland fees rank among the lowest. Because the existing code will not allow Austin to maintain the current level of service as our city grows, we ask you to support the proposed changes. These changes will help us begin to achieve our shared Imagine Austin goals of increased recreation and open space by increasing our parkland level of service from 5 acres to 9.4 acres per 1000 people. Now is the time to increase these fees.

We cannot continue to postpone this change until it is perfect. If we do not pass this ordinance, we risk putting our parks system and Austin's quality of life in jeopardy.

While we support the proposed changes, we recognize this ordinance still needs work, as it only allows us to maintain the existing level of parkland and park amenities. While it is a good start, we believe that Austin deserves more, and we strongly encourage city council to continue working toward a more robust Parkland Dedication ordinance—one that will allow for an increasingly higher level of service. In addition, we believe the process by which Parkland Dedication funds are spent should continue to be made more transparent and also include stakeholder input. There is still work to be done.

In addition, we are cognizant of the urgent need to further diversify the funding structure for our park system. We recommend that you task the Parks and Recreation Board with researching alternative revenue sources and funding models to support our parks. On behalf of the many organizations that are leveraging millions of private dollars, and tens of thousands of volunteers annually for our parks system, we strongly urge you to update our Parkland Dedication Ordinance. The time is now.

Sincerely,
Austin Parks Foundation
Pease Park Conservancy
Shoal Creek Conservancy
The Trail Foundation



Dues Are Due

Each year neighbors are asked to pay annual dues to fund the operations of the Rosedale Neighborhood Association. Dues are paid during November/December each year and are used for expenses such as newsletters and tree planting in the park, among other projects.

Dues for 2016 are \$10 per household and are due now. Amounts over \$10 will be designated for park improvements. Thank you for your participation in the Rosedale Neighborhood Association!! (See form at bottom of page 1)

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: Austin Parks Foundation, Attn: Ramsey Park, 507 Calles St., Suite 116, Austin, 78702.

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
Mindy Marble	Melanie McLeroy	Michelle Voss
Nicole Wayman	David Wilson	

The Grove zoning case will be heading to City boards and to City Council soon! Get more information on the project and the Bull Creek Road Coalition's ongoing work to find a compromise solution by visiting bcrcatx.org (where you can also request a yard sign) and by keeping up with the Rosedale yahoo group for hearing dates and more news.

