

The ROSEDALIAN

Newsletter of the Rosedale Neighborhood
Austin, Texas 78756

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

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July 3rd Carnival

That's right! Following tradition, the carnival will be held on Saturday, July 3rd as [always happens when the 4th falls on a Sunday]. It's not too early to start making plans for RNA's biggest (and only) fundraiser of the year! Join us in the park on Saturday, July 3rd at 9:30 at the bleachers to decorate bikes, hats, strollers and anything else needing decorating and then stroll around the park.



Enjoy a watermelon and a water balloon toss after the promenade and then amble over to the playscape for delicious baked goods and carnival games. We'll have plenty of games on hand: fishing, lollipop tree, golf, treasure dig, face painting, nail salon, spin art, and fish pond, as well as music and goodies to eat.

In addition, since this is the RNA fundraiser, we're hoping to have a silent auction with items and services donated by businesses in the 'hood. If you would like to make an in-kind or cash donation for the auction, we'd love to hear from you! We also need small and large stuffed animals and bunches of those irritating little happy meal-type toys that get opened and played with once and then tossed aside. To donate toys or silent auction items, please contact carnival co-chair Rebecca Ray at runrebeccaray@gmail.com.

Volunteers are needed for 45-minute shifts to help with games, silent auction, ticket sales, set up, and clean up. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact carnival co-chair Melinda Marble at msmarble@juno.com. For donations of baked goods, please contact Felicia Adams at adams4203@yahoo.com.

The Great Austin Tree Roundup

The Great Austin Tree Roundup is an ambitious collaboration between the UT Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center and Tree-Folks to map urban trees in the Austin area. Rosedalians with a basic knowledge of trees can take part in the Roundup by joining the Rosedale Posse (or any other).

Armed with a tape measure, you'll go out into the neighborhood and identify trees, note their location and condition, and transfer the information into a database via a simple-to-use website. This represents an easy and fun way to accomplish several things:

- Help manage Austin's urban forest by identifying and mapping trees
- Increase interest and participation in efforts to preserve Austin's urban forest
- Encourage public participation, youth involvement, and volunteerism.

WHY COUNT TREES?

Austin is a community that loves its trees. But more than that, trees represent a valuable asset to our homes and our city in ways we don't often think about. Awareness is growing; our urban forests make important contributions to our communities in filtering pollutants, sequestering carbon, absorbing storm water run-off, reducing energy costs



and overall increasing property values. Trees improve our quality of life. We recognize the need to evaluate our trees and assess their economic value. Because the economic benefits of our urban forest are often discounted or ignored in development decisions, it is vital that we be able to evaluate benefits in order to move trees to the fore of the planning process.

HOW CAN I JOIN?

Join the efforts to map Rosedale and Austin's urban forest – help to identify our beautiful trees while creating awareness of the need to protect and nurture them. Go to www.treeroundup.org and peruse the website. Sign up and join the Rosedale Posse.

For a brief presentation on the basics of the Great Austin Tree Roundup contact Dianne at dholley@texas.net or Aletha at aletha@alethaart.com.

Meet Officer Nicole Gray

I would like to introduce myself as your new Central West District 2 representative. For those of you that haven't already met me, Officer Kelly LaHood will be promoting to Detective in the near future and she is turning over Baker 2 to me. Since taking over the area I have noticed three predominant issues: criminal mischief, burglary of vehicles, and burglary of residences.

I have recently gone through the police bike school and I am eager to start patrolling the area on bicycle. Unfortunately, officers in patrol cars can be spotted from far away but officers on bikes blend in, giving officers the opportunity to roll up on criminals in the act.

While patrolling the area on bicycle I am also going to be "mouse trapping" cars parked in the neighborhoods to educate people on hiding their belongings and making their vehicle appear devoid of anything valuable. I would also like to remind you that the District Representatives can come to your house and perform a security survey on your home to help you make it safer. You can also do this by "casing" your own house. Walk around the perimeter of your home and view it as if you were the criminal. How much of the interior can you see from the outside? Where are good hiding spots outside your home for criminals to stay out of view of your neighbors or patrolling officers?

If you were going to break in, where would be the easiest spot to get in? Remember doors are only as strong as their weakest point! What kind of lighting do you have around your house and when is it on? Make sure to do this self-survey during the day as well as at night.

Citizens are the key to helping us do our job. You are the eyes and ears of your community and no one knows your neighborhood as well as you. You can help out law enforcement by being alert and observant and, if you call 911, be a great witness!! The better the description of suspects, suspect vehicle, and events the easier it is for us to catch the criminals. I look forward to being your district representative and keeping Baker 2 a safe place to live.

Senior Police Officer
Nicole Gray #3466
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Police Officers Gray (at left) and LaHood speak during Science Exploration Day at Bryker Woods Elementary last November, when the officers demonstrated a Crime Scene Investigation activity with 1st and 2nd grade students.

Sidewalks at Ramsey Park

Great Job, Rosedale!!! We fulfilled our obligation to the Austin Parks Foundation for the grant we received for our wonderful sidewalks around the park. Many thanks to all our neighbors who joined us for a workday at Ramsey Park on Saturday, March 6th. There was lots of weeding, mulching, and working on the softball fence to make Ramsey Park even better.

Another note of thanks to Sam Hackworth, Melanie McLeroy, Sunitha Downing and other members of the RNA Steering Committee for organizing this event.

Stage One Water Use Restrictions

Beginning Saturday, May 1, residential water customers in Austin will follow a twice-a-week watering schedule. Depending on the street address, customers may water as needed only before 10 a.m. or after 7 p.m. on their days. Odd-numbered addresses water on Wednesdays and Saturdays, while even-numbered addresses water on Thursdays and Sundays. These restrictions will be in effect until further notice.

In Stage 1, the following additional restrictions apply to the use of potable water:

- Mandatory Watering for Commercial and Residential
- Commercial and Multifamily water on Tuesdays & Fridays
- Single family homes have 2 watering days a week
- Odd addresses: Wednesdays and Saturdays
- Even addresses: Thursdays and Sundays
- No outdoor irrigation between 10am and 7pm
- Hand Watering allowed anytime

Ramsey Pool Hours

Weekdays	June 7—July 16	Weekends
8—10 AM	Lap Swim	11 AM—Noon
Noon—8 PM	Recreational	Noon—8 PM
	July 17— August 13	
8—10 AM	Lap Swim	11 AM—Noon
10 AM—8 PM	Recreational	Noon—8 PM
	August 14-28	
1-7 PM	Recreational	1-7 PM

Swim Lesson Link

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/parks/swimlessons.htm>

*** Crime Safety Tips ***

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

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 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.

The next RNA Steering Committee is on June 28th at 6:45pm at the Rosedale School! Among the agenda items is the proposed expansion of the All Austin Co-operative Nursery School at 2301 Hancock. All neighborhood residents are invited to attend!!