



The ROSEDALIAN

Newsletter of the Rosedale Neighborhood
Austin, Texas 78756

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

November 2012

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2012 in Review

This has been quite a year in our normally quiet neck of the woods. Contentious national and local elections, commercial short-term rentals, and zoning issues have all produced a lot of lively and occasionally heated debate on our neighborhood listserv. Being part of a dynamic neighborhood and city puts pressure on all of us who wrestle with issues surrounding growth and change. Whether we've been here for 20 years or 20 days, we all care about Rosedale and want to be good neighbors to one another and to the neighborhood as a whole. While some of the issues this past year may have been divisive, our collective commitment to this wonderful neighborhood is not.

There will certainly be issues in the future that will challenge us as a neighborhood and we will meet those challenges together. Thank you for your civility and humor, your passion and commitment. Thank you for making Rosedale a place we are proud to call home.

Mindy and Sandy Marble
Karen McLinden
RNA co-Presidents

Ramsey Park July 4th A Success!

Hi Neighbors,

Just wanted to thank the volunteers who made the Ramsey Park July 4th celebration such a wonderful time! It would not have been possible without the help of many hardworking volunteers. So a big THANK YOU to the many folks who made this event possible.



The carnival raised about \$1300 for the Rosedale Neighborhood Association. Way to go!! Money raised at these carnivals is dedicated to Ramsey Park and has helped us fund such things as tree plantings, mulch, and sidewalks. Rest assured that we will be using a good part of it in the future to help provide more shade for next year's carnival! This money will really come in handy as we move forward with the master plan.

Lastly, thank ALL of you for coming out to celebrate July 4th— and our special neighborhood — together!

Mindy Marble and Rebecca Ray, carnival co-chairs

Ramsey Park Update

The Ramsey Park Master Plan was officially submitted to the City of Austin, Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) on September 25, 2012, after being approved at the September RNA meeting. As a reminder, the City is requiring all parks to have an approved master plan before any improvements can be made.

As a result, our master plan will need to be approved before we can use the mitigation funds allocated to the RNA as restitution for the City's use of Ramsey Park as a staging area for the Storm Drain Project. Our master plan was based on feedback that was gathered through emails and a brainstorming session. Feedback was also requested at monthly meetings from the RNA and its Steering Committee. The master plan is a high-level view of the park's current functions, with a look to the future. According to PARD, the approval process is expected to be a lengthy one.

Since the master plan was submitted to the City, committee members have been in regular contact (in person and by email) with several PARD to help develop a detailed “Concept Plan” for the scope of this project. The concept plan(s) will eventually outline specific improvements with assigned costs and will include a detailed map. In conjunction with working with PARD officials, David Wilson of David Wilson Landscape Design Inc., is assisting the committee with the concept plan's development phase.

It is the committee's goal to make the most out of this opportunity, both in terms of options for added features and aesthetic appeal, while avoiding any design pitfalls, which may be costly to correct. David's input has been invaluable and he is a neighbor! In addition to A park walk through, committee members have met with PARD twice to provide input on a draft versions of the concept plan. The committee has requested pricing for specific features, such as shade structures, play-scape equipment, tables, benches, water fountains, cost and options to better the tennis courts and basketball court (to name a few). PARD is currently working on developing a few iterations of concept plans after which the committee will seek input from the RNA prior to approval.

On a related note, the replaced sod in the outfield will be rolled to help with the unevenness. Low areas will first be filled with sand. PARD staff will be monitoring progress. (cont. on page 2)
If you have any questions or concerns please let us know at RamseyPark2012@gmail.com.

Thank you, Ramsey Park Committee

Sunitha Downing (40th) Co-chair

Alison Alter (Bellvue) Co-chair

Jeff Archer (Rosedale)

Erika Brown (Shoalwood)

Lizan Gilbert (Bellvue)

Melanie McLeroy (44th)

Mindy Marble (Shoalwood)

Nicole Wayman (Rosedale)

Rosedale History Project

A group of students from the University of Texas Historic Preservation Program is working together with the Rosedale Neighborhood Association to get important historic structures in the neighborhood onto the Austin Historical Survey Wiki. They introduced the wiki at the September meeting and recruited a team of volunteers to help them in this effort.

The Austin Historical Survey Wiki is a participatory, wiki-inspired web application for the City of Austin to support the comprehensive survey of Austin's historic resources. The goal of the Austin Historical Survey Wiki is to bring together citizens' local knowledge with the expertise of preservation professionals through an on-line application to improve the transparency, accuracy, and timeliness of historic survey information. Users can find and contribute information about historic buildings, sites, and landscapes of the past and present that tell the history of Austin.

The project is a partnership of the University of Texas at Austin Schools of Architecture and Information, the City of Austin, and the Heritage Society of Austin.

Many thanks to Karen Collins, neighborhood historian, who has agreed to submit her research of the history of Rosedale for the wiki. Her material is in print, so volunteers are needed to input information from Karen's research into the Wiki.

To see the Wiki, use the link: <http://beta.austinhistoricalsurvey.org/> You will need to "create new account" in order to view or add information about your own home.

Join the history-focused yahoo group, which will endure beyond the current work. You can either send an email to the address rosedale-na-history-subscribe@yahoogroups.com or join via the web interface at : <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/rosedale-na-history/>



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New RNA Officers Nominated

Slate of officers as proposed by the Nominating Committee for 2012-2013

Officers:

Co-Presidents, Karen McLinden and Mindy Marble

Co-President 2013-2014 Melanie McLeroy

Co-Secretaries Althea St. Romaine and Jay Carpenter

Treasurer, Kim Relph

Steering Committee Members:

Chris and Gina Allen

Alison Alter

Jeff and Pam Archer

Sunitha Downing

Denise Ketcham

Sandy Marble

Dianne Holley Mountain

George Yang

John Burgess & Sarah Cunningham

Vicki Almstrum

Yoed Anis

Joyce and Mark Brown

Scott Farnsworth

Karen McLinden

Kim Mosley

Nicole Wayman

Caroling In The Park

Come to an informal holiday caroling at the shelter in Ramsey park on Sunday, Dec 23, at 7pm. We will have songbooks and musicians. Bring your voice, your children and your holiday spirit. Cookies and warm drinks are welcome. Please contact Karen McLinden mclindenbaird@gmail.com if you would like to help with the event.



Mark Your Calendar

Next year's Rosedale Neighborhood Association meetings will generally be the 4th Monday of the month. Here is a list of dates reserved at the Yarborough Library. All are welcome.

Jan 28, 2013

Feb 25, 2013

Mar 25, 2013

Apr 22, 2013

May 28, 2013

(Tuesday due to Memorial Day)

June 24, 2013

July 22, 2013

Aug 26, 2013

Sept 23, 2013

Oct 28, 2013

Nov 25, 2013

No December meeting

*** Crime Safety Tips ***

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

Rosedale Neighborhood Membership Form

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

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:

Kim Relph 4510 Rosedale Ave., Austin, TX. 78756

Can't remember if you already joined? A list of members will be available at the Annual Meeting on November 26.

I would like to help with:

Newsletter _____ Zoning _____ Neighborhood Events _____ Traffic/Parking _____ Community Relations _____

July 4th Carnival _____ Ramsey Park Revitalization _____ Graffiti Removal _____ Electronic Communication _____