

July 4th celebrations in Rosedale

<https://rosedaleaustin.org/celebration-july-4th-2021/>

Part 1) In-person event at Ramsey Park

Sunday, July 4th starting at 10:00am

Arrive by 10:00am to decorate bikes / scooters / strollers / pets using decorations we will provide or decorate at home if you prefer! A bit after 10:00, join our traditional promenade around Ramsey Park. After that, everyone can enjoy music provided by *Bill Oliver and the Otter Space Band* and purchase breakfast tacos and ice cream from local food trucks. Please bring chairs, sunscreen, hats, and other items that will help you stay comfortable in the heat. Don't forget cash / credit card for buying food/drinks!

If you have ideas or would like to help, please contact Rachel Gray, goldra360@hotmail.com

NOTE: Due to continued concerns about close contact, the RNA will not hold their traditional carnival and bake sale again this year.

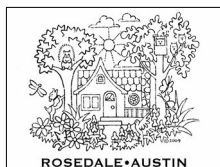


Greetings from Rosedale Neighborhood Association!

Long-term residents of Rosedale know about the Rosedale Neighborhood Association, but we have many new neighbors who may not, and the Pandemic has kept us from holding in-person meetings or many of our other regular activities. With this newsletter, the RNA wants to catch up with our old friends and introduce ourselves to the rest of Rosedale.

The RNA is an all-volunteer informal nonprofit organization that exists to help preserve the neighborhood and provide an independent voice to the residents of Rosedale on matters of community concern. We are not an HOA, governmental body, or arm of the city. We are Rosedale neighbors committed to the well-being of our neighborhood and city. The RNA is widely respected for our work. We provide leadership, advice, and public comment on matters before local governmental bodies that affect us as a neighborhood, such as zoning and transportation issues, and work in many other ways to make and keep Rosedale a nice place to live and work. RNA has worked for decades to preserve Ramsey Park and Pool, and maintains an invaluable email group, useful website, and a Facebook page to keep the neighborhood in the loop and give everyone an effective way to speak up, ask for help, or share timely information. We hope you find this newsletter informative and that it inspires you to join the email group, attend a meeting, and participate in an RNA event.

Jeff Archer and Carl Reynolds
RNA Co-Presidents
president@rosedaleaustin.org



RNA Steering Committee meeting IRL
Monday, June 21, 2021 at 7:00pm
Outdoor patio at Rudy's BBQ (Lamar at 40th St.)
Everyone welcome!

Part 2) Rosedale's self-guided patriotic hunt

July 4 – 10, Find patriotic decorations, answer questions

Join Rosedale's 2nd annual self-guided patriotic hunt!

Decorators needed: Please consider decorating your home as a location for the hunt. Set up decorations by the morning of July 4th. To volunteer, submit your address using this registration form so we can add it to the self-guided tour document and map: <https://forms.gle/YbPMrgXRDesZQK5K9>

Blank signs: The RNA is providing blank signs that you can decorate! To request a sign send an email to Kelly Lancaster, kelly.pirkl@gmail.com

To participate in the hunt: Download the list and map, tour the included addresses, admire the decorations, and find answers to the questions. Look for decorations at your convenience from the morning of Sunday, July 4th through the evening of Saturday, July 10th. Additional information:

- The 2021 list of addresses: <https://tinyurl.com/rosedaleaustin4th2021-homes>
- The 2021 map of addresses: <https://tinyurl.com/rosedaleaustin4th2021-map>
- Pictures from 2020's hunt: <https://rosedaleaustin.org/pictures-rosedale-20200704/>



Ramsley Pool Update

When the city filled Ramsey Pool recently, many of us got our hopes up that there would be the chance for public swim and lap lanes this summer. Unfortunately, it is extremely unlikely that Ramsey Pool will be open to the public this year. The pool equipment is in need of repairs, and the city-wide lifeguard shortage has made it impossible for the Parks and Recreation Aquatics Department to staff all the pools for public use at this time. You may see Ramsey Pool in use by youth swim teams and for swimming lessons, but these activities do not require city lifeguards. We are all disappointed, but the city is committed to maintaining public swim opportunities at other pools and to returning to normal operations next summer.

Rosedale School Update

RNA co-president Carl Reynolds recently contacted AISD Trustees Lynn Boswell and Kristin Ashy (whose District 4 includes Rosedale) about the AISD property that currently houses the Rosedale School at 49th and Ramsey. That campus will become vacant after the school moves to its new building at the Lucy Read campus (2608 Richcreek Rd., southwest of Anderson and Burnet). The AISD page tracking progress on the Rosedale construction was updated May 11, 2021 and currently shows completion in October 2021:

<https://www.austinisd.org/schools/rosedale/projects>

While AISD has no specific plans for the Rosedale campus yet, the AISD school board voted March 25 to hire a real estate consultant to evaluate possible uses for unused AISD properties, including the Rosedale property. Based on the board's discussion, the Rosedale campus is likely to be one of the first three properties to be evaluated, a process that will involve community engagement, so the RNA will follow this closely. The relevant portion of this archived video from the March 25th board meeting (3 hours total) begins at the 1 hour 50 minute mark (labeled "Item 15.2: Approval of Contract for Real Estate Consultant"):

<https://vimeo.com/channels/austinisdboard>

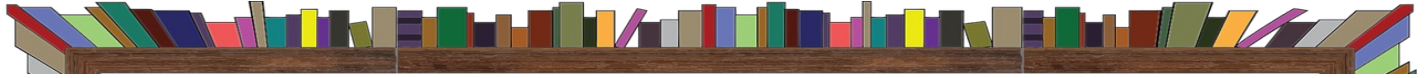
News from Yarborough Library

Hello Rosedale Neighborhood!

My name is Aaron Goldman, I am the Program Specialist at the Yarborough Branch of the Austin Public Library. It is a pleasure to E-meet you! After over 2 years, our beautiful building has finally reopened to the public. We invite you to come in and peruse our shelves, talk media recommendations with our friendly staff, drop off your dead batteries, and take advantage of our many other services.

At this time, our meeting rooms are not open to the public, but we hope if things continue on this trajectory, we will open them for access in the fall. We currently offer several virtual programs, including story times, book clubs, and language learning, all listed on our website: <https://library.austintexas.gov/>. Our branch invites you to a special virtual event on Wednesday, June 23, from 6:30-8:30 PM CST that will explore the crossroads of black liberation, food justice, and Austin history, titled *The Black Farmer Files*. Find out more information and register for this free event on our calendar: <https://library.austintexas.gov/events/calendar>

We hope you will come and visit us soon!



Update on Austin State Hospital project

The construction project currently underway at the Austin State Hospital is of great interest, given the proximity of ASH to the Rosedale neighborhood. Recently, the RNA received an update regarding the project.

Summary: About one quarter of the hospital construction has been completed, with twelve buildings demolished and a new warehouse and temporary kitchen complete. Ongoing work includes creating an historical education center, implementing policy and procedure changes, and constructing the replacement hospital. The new hospital is expected to open in June 2023.

Please visit the RNA website to read and download the flyer about the project:

<https://rosedaleaustin.org/flyer-ash-project-202106/>

From Leslie Pool, District 7 Council Member

I'm sure that you're as glad as I am that with the success of COVID-19 vaccinations in our area, we have a growing ability to have community gatherings in the area, especially as we celebrate the summer. I look forward to us resuming events like Rosedale's Fourth of July Celebration, and seeing y'all at Ramsey Park and the Yarborough Library. Even though Ramsey Pool will not open fully, the rest of Ramsey Park is fully open to the public. I'm so glad we can also now enjoy the Yarborough Branch Library, which opened this month for Express in-person services.

I also want to address the topic of homelessness in Austin with you all, since the City is experiencing major changes with the passage of Proposition B in May. Some of you have contacted my office regarding sites being considered for sanctioned encampments, including a few in District 7: to be clear, the list is preliminary, and no sites have been finalized. I have been vocal with the community and City leadership that I do not support the use of the nearby Northwest Recreation Center as a site for encampments, nor the use of any City of Austin parks. I've encouraged the City to explore collaboration with local partners to find more suitable sites to help ensure the safety and health of everyone in the community.

Please don't hesitate to contact the District 7 office if we can ever help with anything: District7@austintexas.gov. Additionally, if you haven't already, I encourage you to sign up for the District 7 newsletter for regular City of Austin and District 7 updates (see website link to the right in this newsletter).

Thank you, everyone, and happy summer!

New fence at State Records Center

The State Records Center, located on Shoal Creek Blvd. south of 45th St., is adding a new security fence, which will be identical to the current fence in design and appearance. The fence will follow the south and east property lines starting at the northeast corner of the property, running south along Shoal Creek Blvd., tying in to the existing front gate, continuing along Shoal Creek to the south end of the property, and following the easement to the creek. The 25-foot easement will remain unfenced and open to the public. The fence is motivated by incidents on the property as well as anticipated increases in foot traffic near the site related to the potential foot bridge across Shoal Creek to the Grove.

Mark Smith, Director and Librarian, Texas State Library and Archives Commission, explains that the facility currently stores some 380,000 cubic feet of official State documents and records for over 80 State agencies. The Records Center provides a safe and secure environment for storing records to prevent identity theft and breaches of personal information.

Stay Connected to Your Neighbors!!

Join our popular e-mail list — A great neighborhood resource since 1999, hosted now on groups.io (previously on Yahoo groups). Subscribe to share news, learn about events, discuss local issues, learn of garage sales, etc.

- Mailing list website: <https://rosedale.groups.io/>
- Subscribe via email: main+subscribe@rosedale.groups.io
- Send email to list moderators: main+owner@rosedale.groups.io

Visit the RNA website:

<https://rosedaleaustin.org/>

RNA Facebook page for Rosedale Neighborhood — Follow here: <https://www.facebook.com/rosedaleneighborhoodaustintexas/>

Nextdoor — A social networking service for neighborhoods; their validation process ensures members reside in the neighborhood. <https://nextdoor.com/neighborhood/rosedale--austin--tx/>

Our Austin City Council Members — The Rosedale Neighborhood is split between two districts. The Council Member webpages provide useful information such as contact, how to sign up for newsletters, email notices, and recent updates.

- District 7 (north of 45th Street) Council Member **Leslie Pool** <https://www.austintexas.gov/department/district-7>
- District 10 (south of 45th Street) Council Member **Alison Alter** <https://www.austintexas.gov/department/district-10>

Rosedale Neighborhood Association Membership Form

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Get involved in Rosedale!

Volunteer to help with one of the RNA committees:

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

Parks ____ Traffic/Parking ____ Zoning ____

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

Annual dues are \$20 per household, \$10 for retirees; any additional amount will be donated to the Ramsey Park fund.

To join the RNA for 2021, choose one of these options:

- 1) Fill out this paper form and send with a check payable to RNA to: Kim Relph, 4510 Rosedale Ave., Austin, Texas 78756
- 2) Pay using the PayPal button; in the comments include your street address if different in PayPay from your actual Rosedale street address <https://rosedaleaustin.org/the-rna/membership-information/>