

July 4th celebration in Rosedale

<https://rosedaleaustin.org/celebration-july-4th-2022/>

Join us Monday, July 4th, 10:00am to noon

Our 4th of July celebration is fast approaching. We hope you can join us as neighbors come together and have a great time!

Arrive by 10:00am to decorate bikes/scooters/strollers/pets using decorations we provide or decorate at home if you prefer.

A bit after 10:00, join our traditional promenade around Ramsey Park, followed by watermelon slices, live music, the bake sale, a water balloon tossing contest, an ice cream food truck, and (if we have enough volunteers) carnival games for the kiddos.

All proceeds from the bake sale and carnival are used for park improvements. *IMPORTANT: Please bring cash!*



URGENT: Volunteers needed!

Please help bring our sweet neighborhood tradition back in full this year! Among the volunteer tasks: donating drinks and baked goods, loaning camping chairs and tables, setting up before, cleaning up after. We have many carnival shifts available (perfect for middle and high schoolers). The carnival can only happen if we have plenty of volunteers, so please consider volunteering for a shift.

Questions to Kelly Pirkel, Kelly.Pirkel@gmail.com

To sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/rosedale-4th-signup>



Greetings from Rosedale Neighborhood Association!

As Co-Presidents of the Rosedale Neighborhood Association, we want to remind our neighbors, old and new, about how the RNA serves our 'hood:.

- The RNA runs the RNA group email (hosted by groups.io) as a way of communicating effectively about local concerns, shared problems, missing pets, school events, and great plumbers. The archives are invaluable in finding something from a prior exchange of information.
- The RNA works with the City of Austin in the quest for win-win solutions to development, zoning, and transportation issues and to safeguard the best qualities of the neighborhood without opposing inevitable progress and density.
- The RNA partnered with Friends of Ramsey Park and Austin Parks and Rec to transform the park into the vibrant center of activity it is today.
- The RNA sponsors and supports events such as the 4th of July Celebration, an annual Pool Party, plays and movies at the park as well as planting trees, installing sidewalks, championing Ramsey Pool, and working with City staff.

The RNA Steering Committee and officers are all volunteers with busy schedules and many responsibilities. We seldom all agree on anything, but we try to use wisdom and consensus to address tough issues. We encourage you to attend an RNA meeting and consider pitching in on the steering committee, especially if an issue that concerns you comes up.

We will hold an RNA meeting in July to discuss items such as the ones presented in this newsletter. Watch the Rosedale group email for announcements about the date and agenda.

Jeff Archer, Rosedale Ave. & Carl Reynolds, Sinclair Ave.
RNA Co-Presidents, president@rosedaleaustin.org

News from Yarborough Library

Our Yarborough branch of the Austin Public Library on Hancock offers a variety of programs and events both virtually and in person, including the Austin Completely Booked challenge, the Older Adult Book Club, Docs & Talks [to screen and discuss documentaries], True Crime Book Club, and on July 9 a lecture about purple martins sponsored by Travis Audubon. Meeting rooms are once again open to the public and can be reserved up to 30 days in advance. Please contact Aaron Goldman, the Program Specialist at Yarborough, with ideas for programs and events you would like to see hosted: aaron.goldman@austintexas.gov.

Yarborough branch hours: 9am to 8pm Mon-Thu and 9am-5pm Fri-Sat
Library catalog + services + calendar: <https://library.austintexas.gov/>

July 4th Bake Sale - WE NEED YOU!

The bake sale is a popular spot at the celebration each year. It always raises a good amount of money and, like the carnival, 100% of the proceeds goes into the park fund to be used for Ramsey Park improvements.

Come by for a snack and fabulous cookies to take home with you! We expect to offer tacos from Rudy's and Taco Shack (first come, first served) and kolaches, as well as additional business donations (suggestions and donation offers welcome!).

The most popular items are lovingly home-baked goodies by our very own Rosedale neighbors. We normally sell out! Please consider donating items that kids find irresistible, as well as items for a more grown-up palate. Ideas of items to bring:

- individual baggies or plates of cookies or brownies
- decorated cookies, cupcakes, and cake balls
- individually packaged slices of bread, i.e. banana, pumpkin, etc.
- whole loaves of cakes and breads, i.e. pound cake, banana, pumpkin, apple, etc.
- small whole cobblers in takeaway pans
- pies in takeaway pans
- gluten-free items are also popular
- any kind of baked goods that neighbors might enjoy

The only items that don't sell well are large or elaborate cakes.

Be sure to bring your items to the bake sale tables by 9:30 - 10:00.

Questions to Felicia Adams, adams4203@yahoo.com / 512-426-4203

Neighborhood updates

Austin State Hospital Redesign Project — On March 24th, this project hit a major milestone. Construction crews placed the last steel beam into the new hospital, marking the completion of the building frame. A small ceremony was held to celebrate the progress. The hospital construction is expected to be completed in Fall 2023. During construction, archaeologists have been excavating around the campus and have found more than 6,500 artifacts, including some from more than 100 years ago. A few of the artifacts are currently on exhibit at the Bullock Texas State History Museum. The exhibit runs through October.

Email questions to: healthandspecialtycare@hhsc.state.tx.us

Rosedale School — Austin Independent School District (AISD) has finalized the summary report with feedback from the community regarding repurposing of several sites, including the Rosedale School. See it on the RNA website: [/tinyurl.com/AISD-repurpose-20220609](https://tinyurl.com/AISD-repurpose-20220609).

The top priorities identified in that process are open park space with playground, fenced-in park area for dogs, and a community center. AISD consultants are still conducting their site assessments and their findings are expected by the end of summer. The next round of engagement opportunities will be in September after school starts, at which time AISD will discuss the consultant's findings as well as the engagement results with the community and offer a few recommended new uses for discussion. Our contact with AISD is Gabriella Beker, the Community Engagement Coordinator. [Office: 512.414.9774; Cell: 512.925.5284, Email: gabriella.beker@austinsisd.org]

Ramsey Pool — Summer in Austin should be synonymous with neighborhood pools. Unfortunately the pandemic, lifeguard shortages, and maintenance issues have conspired to keep our beloved Ramsey Pool closed the last two summers. You may have noticed that the City Parks and Rec staff has filled the pool and are preparing it for possible opening later this summer. When and for how long it may be open for public swimming depends on how quickly the city builds up its lifeguard staff. As this newsletter goes to print, the Aquatics office is not able to provide more definitive information. If Ramsey Pool opens in July, expect to see limited hours or a staggered schedule, with the pool closed on certain days of the week as lifeguards are rotated from pool to pool. For those of us who love Ramsey Pool, it is the jewel of the neighborhood in the hottest summer months, a place where you get to know many neighbors you don't otherwise get to hang out with!

Seton Medical Center Project

Seton Hospital is making big changes to the hospital and the adjacent Medical Park Tower property, both south of 38th Street adjacent to the south end of Rosedale. Seton plans to expand the hospital, which will take city approval of changes to the existing Seton PUD (planned unit development) restrictions. Major changes to the parking areas of the Medical Park Tower tract are also planned. The parking changes do not appear to require city approval if the plans meet existing requirements. The project will take several years, and has a number of major elements.

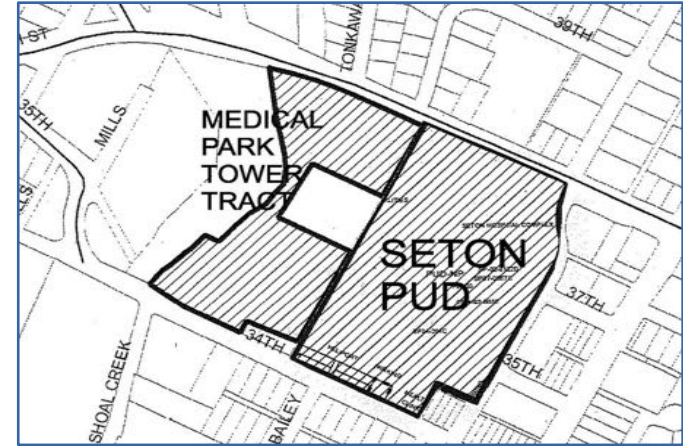
Beginning this fall, Seton will replace the visitor parking structure on 34th Street with a larger parking garage on the south end of the Medical Park Tower property where parking lot entrances are currently located on 34th Street. A major addition to the southeast corner of the hospital, a 9-story Women’s Health facility, will be built, with the entrance to the hospital moved from Medical Parkway to 34th Street. Later, a one-story cardiology expansion will be made on the north side near the current front door of the hospital. The project most likely to affect Rosedale will be the construction of an underground parking structure in front of Medical Park Tower on 38th Street. When completed, the surface will appear much as it does today. Where feasible, heritage and other larger trees will be relocated on the property.

A small group of neighbors from Rosedale and Bryker Woods, including including RNA Presidents Carl Reynolds and Jeff Archer, recently met with representatives of Seton and the primary contractor to begin a dialogue between the neighborhood and Seton. Seton has committed generally to keeping the work within reasonable daytime hours, with exceptions as necessary, and to not working on Sundays. Road closures will be minimized, and the RNA has contact information if the neighbors have concerns as the projects proceed.

Much more information is available and we expect to have Seton representatives present at our next RNA meeting to discuss these projects and their potential impacts.

If you would like to examine these projects yourself, go to this website and search by case number:

- <https://abc.austintexas.gov/web/permit/public-search-other>
- Seton PUD Amendment No. 2: Case # C814-0006.02
- Ascension Seton Medical Center garages: Case # SP-2022-0059C



From Alison Alter, District 10 Council Member

Dear Rosedale Neighbors, I hope your summer is off to a great start! It is my honor to serve as Mayor Pro Tem, and to represent my home neighborhood of Rosedale on the Austin City Council.

It has been a challenging year in Austin, but I am heartened by the strength and resilience I’ve seen in our community. This year, I have worked to increase safety and sustainability in Austin, focusing on bolstering our emergency preparedness, prevention and response systems, improving access to medical care, planning for climate change, and supporting our economic recovery.

In the sphere of public safety, my priorities have been addressing gun violence, wildfire risk, and sexual assault in our community. I know that the gun violence epidemic in particular has been on our minds and troubling our hearts, which is why I co-hosted a gun violence summit and town hall in June together with Mayor Adler, District Attorney Garza, and Judge Andy Brown. At our last council meeting in June, I also passed a resolution directing the City Manager to explore every legal option the City has to raise the legal age for assault rifle sales in Austin to 21 and co-sponsored a resolution updating our gun safety legislative agenda and prioritizing funding and support for our Office of Violence Prevention, which I created in 2020.

This summer is exceptionally high for wildfire risk in Austin. We are seeing the same conditions that led to the 2011 Bastrop fires. I encourage each of you to visit the Austin Fire Dept.’s Wildfire Division Webpage, connect with your local firewise community, and call 3-1-1 to request a home safety evaluation. While Rosedale’s risk may be lower than neighborhoods further west, embers do travel far and there are steps you can take to mitigate your risk.

Additionally, I want to share some of my emergency preparedness efforts. After the boil water notice in February of this year — the fifth major incident to our water supply in recent years — I called for an independent, external audit of Austin Water to examine management practices, operations, and the resiliency of our infrastructure investments. The Council passed my audit resolution unanimously, and the City Auditor’s office is working with UT-Austin to lead that audit. I’ve also worked with Austin Energy to improve energy reliability in the district, and I’ve advanced pilot resilience hubs for Austinites in the event of disaster.

To meet our City’s need for additional parks and green spaces, I’ve continued to push for two parkland acquisitions that would create a continuous trail from Bull Creek District Park east of 360 to St. Edwards Park. Earlier this spring I also authored and led the effort to begin requiring our commercial developers to pay parkland fees just like our hotel and residential developers.

There’s a lot more news that I wish I had the space to share! As your representative, I strive to be accessible to you. I send out an email newsletter where I share updates from City Hall—you can subscribe at bit.ly/d10newsletters. I also post updates on Facebook (Mayor Pro Tem Alison Alter) and Twitter (@AlterForATX). You can contact my office at (512) 978-2110 or District10@AustinTexas.gov.

Happy 4th of July and Happy Summer!

Alison Alter
Mayor Pro Tem and Council Member, District 10

Stay Connected to Your Rosedale 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,z 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 2022, 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/>