

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 4th celebration in Rosedale

<https://rosedaleaustin.org/rosedales-july-4th-celebration-for-2023>

Join us Tuesday, 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.

Cash preferred! We are making arrangements for PayPal + Venmo as well.



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 Pirkl, Kelly.Pirkl@gmail.com

To sign up, use either the QR-code at right or the direct URL:

signupgenius.com/go/4090C4EA4AE29A7FD0-2023



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 will offer tacos (first come, first served) and would welcome additional business donations (contact Felicia at the number or email below!).

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, e.g. banana, pumpkin, etc.
- whole loaves of cakes and breads, (e.g. pound cake, pumpkin bread)
- 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 do not sell well are large and elaborate cakes.

Please bring items to the bake sale tables by 9:30 - 10:00.

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



Neighborhood updates

Greetings from Rosedale Neighborhood Association!

Hello Neighbors! Whether you are a long-time neighbor or relatively new to Rosedale, thank you for taking a few minutes to peruse this newsletter. The RNA is an all-volunteer informal 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. 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.

The 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 this newsletter is informative and inspires you to join the email group, attend a meeting, or participate in an RNA event.

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

Ramsey Pool is open this summer!

We are excited that our beloved neighborhood pool is available this summer! Ramsey Pool is free for admission and includes a chair lift for accessibility. The pool depth varies from 3' to 9' 2", with a length of 33 yards and a width that accommodates up to 6 lanes. The pool area includes benches, picnic tables, restrooms, and an outdoor shower.

Pool hours for recreational swim:

- noon-8pm weekdays except Thursdays 6/5-7/15
- 11am-8pm weekends
- noon-7pm on 4th of July

For the full schedule, which includes lap swim starting at 8am on weekdays, swim team times, and times for swim lessons, see

austintexas.gov/departments/ramsey-pool

Rosedale School Repurposing: AISD action on Rosedale School property is progressing. For the Rosedale School repurposing, the district has summarized the community feedback with four priorities: 1) Supportive of building housing on site but not density; 2) Prefer to see single family homes or townhomes; 3) Concerns about impact on traffic and neighborhood character; 4) Preserve park and green space. AISD will hold community meetings during July to share their goals for the site. They expect to submit an implementation plan for board approval in September.

For more information: austinisd.org/repurposing/rosedale

Bridge to The Grove: Management of The Grove reports that they are preparing the site for the bridge between Shoal Creek (from south of the State Archives fence) to the southeast corner of the Grove. The materials should be on site about the end of June. Fabrication of the bridge has been done off-site and has taken longer than expected. Once the bridge is delivered and the abutments have been prepared, it should be fascinating to watch them install the bridge itself. The final steps will be to complete landscaping and hardscaping.

Austin State Hospital Redesign project: The State Hospital east and north of Central Market is rapidly being redeveloped into a world-class mental health center. Find the most recent update here: ashredesign.org/03-hospital-construction-completion-2023

Seton Medical Center Project: Seton Hospital is making big changes to its hospital on 38th Street. Check out their latest update: setonfund.org/2023/04/ascension-seton-breaks-ground-on-new-womens-tower/

Yarborough Branch Library

Location: 2200 Hancock Dr.

Hours: Mon-Thu 9am to 8pm, Fri 9am-5pm, Sat 10am-5pm, Sun closed

Library catalog + services + calendar: library.austintexas.gov/

History: family.do512.com/venues/austin-public-library-yarborough-branch

From Alison Alter, District 10 Council Member

Dear Neighbors,

I hope your summer is off to a great start! I'm Alison Alter, and it is my honor to represent my home neighborhood of Rosedale on the Austin City Council.

I appreciated the opportunity to visit with many of you at the recent Rosedale Neighborhood Association meeting on June 13, where we discussed my policy priorities. I am working to improve public safety response times and delivery of essential services by addressing recruitment and retention needs across the organization. I am pleased, for instance, that Ramsey Pool is staffed with lifeguards and open for you and your families to enjoy this summer.

As your council member, I am committed to strengthening Austin's long-term health, sustainability, and emergency preparedness. This year, I have focused on preventing wildfire, expanding access to medical care, improving Austin's response to hate and sexual assault, investing in our workforce and local businesses, and bolstering our climate resilience. To learn more about my recent work, I invite you to read my latest newsletter, which shares updates on City, County, federal, and non-profit efforts to strengthen our gun violence prevention ecosystem. Find this at bit.ly/preventinggunviolence.

I also want to let you know about an exciting new program we are piloting in City Council District 10. If you live in D10 (i.e. south of 45th St.), you can now safely dispose of paint cans, oils, lightbulbs, batteries, and more by scheduling a home pickup through Austin Resource Recovery's Household Hazardous Waste Pickup Pilot. See the full list of eligible items and schedule your pickup at austintexas.gov/hhwipilot. Help spread the word—the more neighbors participate in this program, the more likely it is to become permanent and expand city-wide!

Finally, I want to share several opportunities to meet with me and my staff. City budget season is here, and I will be hosting a Budget Town Hall at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 27 in Huffman Hall at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church (8134 Mesa Dr.). I'm inviting several City departments to provide resources at the town hall and be available to answer specific questions you may have about City services. The town hall also will include a virtual attendance option – more details to come in my July newsletter. I also will be holding office hours from 12:30-1:30 on Tuesday, July 25 at 5280 Burger Bar (7032 Wood Hollow Dr.). I'll be in the meeting room behind the sliding glass doors to the right of the host stand. I hope to see you there!

As your representative and a proud Rosedalian, I want to be accessible to you. You can keep up with my work via my email newsletter (subscribe at bit.ly/d10newsletters), or on Facebook ([Council Member Alison Alter](https://www.facebook.com/CouncilMemberAlisonAlter)) and Twitter ([@AlterForATX](https://twitter.com/AlterForATX)). If you have a question that needs a response, you can call my office at (512) 978-2110 or send an email to District10@AustinTexas.gov.

I wish you and your family a safe and fun summer!

Regards,

Alison Alter, Rosedale Resident
Council Member, District 10



Shoal Creek Conservancy (SCC)

From SCC executive director Ivey Kaiser

What's Shoal Creek Conservancy all about?

Shoal Creek Conservancy champions the 13 square-mile Shoal Creek watershed and the Creek and Trail running through it. We restore fishable, swimmable waters, empower the public to steward Shoal Creek, and spearhead on-the-ground improvements that make Shoal Creek and its Trail safer, more accessible, and more inspiring places to be. We envision the Shoal Creek Trail and Bikeway as part of a citywide network of urban trails that makes being active a fun, easy, and daily choice for all Austinites.

What's on the horizon?

Shoal Creek Conservancy's work is guided by two community-created plans.

- The **Shoal Creek Trail Plan** lays the groundwork for improving the Shoal Creek Trail to make it accessible for people of all ages and abilities and connect it to other urban trails and greenways. The Shoal Creek Trail is poised to become the 13-mile western stretch of the "Big Loop", a 30+ mile loop of urban trails and bikeways around the city.
- The **Shoal Creek Watershed Action Plan** is a guide to restoring our ability to fish, swim, and play safely in Shoal Creek. It is a set of science-based, actionable steps to dramatically improve the health of the creek. In the current phase of the Plan, we are working to restore creekside vegetation, expand creek-friendly landscaping practices, and install more pet waste stations and trash cans.

Get involved! Join a volunteer cleanup, restoration workday or tour of Shoal Creek. Visit the SCC website for more details and to RSVP: shoalcreekconservancy.org

Household Hazardous Waste Pickup Pilot
For Central and Northwest Austin

Keeping household hazardous waste out of landfills keeps everyone safer and helps meet our zero waste goals.

Schedule up to 3 pickups per household per calendar year.

Available to every Council District 10 household in the Austin Resource Recovery service area, including multifamily units who pay the clean community fee (visible on your Austin Energy bill).

Visit austintexas.gov/hhwipilot or use the [Austin Recycles App](#) to schedule your pickup and see a full list of eligible items.

Stay Connected to Your Rosedale Neighbors!!

Join our popular e-mail list — A great neighborhood resource since 1999, hosted on groups.io. 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; they use a validation process that 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: \$20 per household, \$10 for retirees

Any amount above that is donated to the Ramsey Park fund.

<https://rosedaleaustin.org/the-rna/membership-information/>

Options to pay RNA dues for 2023:

- 1) Use this paper form and send with a check payable to RNA to:
Kim Relph, 4510 Rosedale Ave., Austin, Texas 78756
- 2) Pay electronically at <https://pay.rosedaleaustin.org/> (use either PayPal or Venmo). Please include your street address in the comments if the app indicates a different address than your actual Rosedale street address.

