

## Cherrywood Neighborhood Quarterly Meeting

Agenda items include:

- Steering Committee member appointments (for action)
- M Station and affordable housing at Mueller presentation
- 4020 Airport rezoning discussion (for potential action)
- Other neighborhood updates

All Cherrywood neighbors are welcome and encouraged to attend!

**Wednesday  
February 15  
6:30–8:00pm  
MAPLEWOOD  
ELEMENTARY**

# Cherrywood Art Fair 2011



The 10th Anniversary Cherrywood Art Fair at Maplewood Elementary in December showcased more than 100 artists, four food vendors, 10 live bands, a silent auction and an interactive drum jam. With approximately 7,000 shoppers attending, the event raised more than \$8,000. The money, as well as a grant from the City of Austin Cultural Arts Division, will allow Chula League to expand its Little Artist/Big Artist program and fund other projects. Over the years, Chula League has donated \$16,000 to support art and gardening programs on the Maplewood campus. Thanks to all of the artists, volunteers, sponsors, musicians, friends, family and neighbors who make this all possible every year.

*By Ed Arevalo, CHULA Board Member and 2011 Fair Chair.*  
For more info: [www.chulaleague.org](http://www.chulaleague.org)



# Cherrywood Calendar of Events

Dates, times, and locations are subject to change. Please refer to the Google calendar on [cherrywood.org](http://cherrywood.org) for more information. Want to submit something for the online and FLEA calendars? Contact [flea@cherrywood.org](mailto:flea@cherrywood.org).

## FEBRUARY 2012

- 2/6 Community Garden Meeting at Patterson Park Pavilion ..... 7 pm
- 2/8 CNA Steering Committee Meeting ..... 6:30–8 pm
- 2/12 Mueller Neighborhood Association Meeting ..... 3–5 pm
- 2/14 Austin Neighborhood Council East Sector Meeting ..... noon–1 pm
- 2/15 Cherrywood Neighborhood Quarterly Meeting ..... 6:30–8 pm
- 2/22 Austin Neighborhoods Council General Meeting ..... 7–9 pm
- 2/27 Upper Boggy Creek Neighborhood Planning Team Mtg ..... 7–8:30 pm

## MARCH 2012

- 3/3 It's My Park Day at Patterson Park ..... 9am–noon
- 3/4 Patterson Park Mosaic Ceramics Workshop ..... 1–3 pm
- 3/5 APD Central East Commander's Forum ..... 6–8 pm
- 3/7 CNA Land Use & Transportation Committee Meeting ..... 7:15–8:45 pm
- 3/11 Mueller Neighborhood Association Meeting ..... 3–5 pm
- 3/13 Austin Neighborhood Council East Sector Meeting ..... noon–1 pm
- 3/14 CNA Steering Committee Meeting ..... 6:30–8 pm
- 3/18 Patterson Park Mosaic Ceramics Workshop ..... 1–3 pm
- 3/26 Upper Boggy Creek Neighborhood Planning Team Mtg ..... 7–8:30 pm
- 3/28 Austin Neighborhoods Council General Meeting ..... 7–9 pm
- 3/31 Plant and Book Swap at Cherrywood Green ..... 9am–noon

## APRIL 2012

- 4/4 CNA Land Use & Transportation Committee Meeting ..... 7:15–8:45 pm
- 4/8 Mueller Neighborhood Association Meeting ..... 3–5 pm
- 4/10 Austin Neighborhood Council East Sector Meeting ..... noon–1 pm
- 4/11 CNA Steering Committee Meeting ..... 6:30–8 pm
- 4/23 Upper Boggy Creek Neighborhood Planning Team Mtg ..... 7–8:30 pm
- 4/25 Austin Neighborhoods Council General Meeting ..... 7–9 pm

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# Your Neighborhood Needs You

Thanks to the efforts of our neighborhood groups, Cherrywood continues to be a great place to live. Consider what they've accomplished in the past few months alone: the Cherrywood Art Fair was bigger than ever (pg. 1), Cherrywood Green has a nearly completed set of steps to the creek (pg. 5), and the Cherrywood Neighborhood Farm has grown bigger than ever (pg. 3).

I hope you will consider helping with one of the many neighborhood groups working on other efforts. We still need bylaws committee volunteers to review and revise

our bylaws and nominating committee volunteers to help keep our steering committee diverse and representative. You can learn more by visiting [cherrywood.org](http://cherrywood.org) or by contacting me at [achoate@gmail.com](mailto:achoate@gmail.com). Also, you're invited to share your views at the next general neighborhood meeting on Feb. 15 at 6:30 p.m. at Maplewood Elementary.

—By Aaron Choate, CNA Steering Committee Chair

## CHERRYWOOD PLUGS INTO SMART GRID

**What:** Pecan Street will install a variety of products to help homeowners better understand and control energy consumption.

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More info: [pecanstreet.org](http://pecanstreet.org)

### Pecan Street Inc. to install free energy management technologies for testers

Pecan Street Inc. seeks Cherrywood volunteers for its smart grid research project, a deployment of home-based consumer technologies designed to make energy management more efficient, intelligent and cost-effective for Austinites. The nonprofit plans to deploy systems in over 700 houses to test smart appliances, green building materials, energy storage, plug-in electric vehicles and more.

Pecan Street Inc. and research partners from The University of Texas, National Renewable Energy Laboratory and Environmental Defense Fund are working together to understand the impact of smart grid technologies in residential homes. The work is funded largely by a \$10.4 million smart grid demonstration grant from the Department of Energy, and fully supported by Pecan Street's local partners: the City of Austin, Austin Energy, The University of Texas, the Austin Technology Incubator and the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce all endorse our first-of-its-kind research.

The project intends to not only "smarten" the utility's grid, but to find true benefits that energy customers desire.

—By Cate Smithson, Research Programs Manager, Pecan Street Inc.

## URBAN FARM UPDATE

### Distribution Goes Weekly, New Members Sought

Having wrapped up its first season providing 10 families with shares of healthy local produce every two weeks, the Cherrywood Neighborhood Farm enters a new phase in 2012. The farm will increase its distribution to weekly and assume more control of organizational and planning functions previously provided by Urban Patchwork.

### New Members, New Land

As the farm prepares the ground for a new lineup of crops chosen by members, it seeks to expand its circle of neighbors who like to make food for each other. Members sign up for an 18-week growing season and can choose to pay in money, time or a combination of the two. New members can get an "early bird" discount if they subscribe before Feb. 16. Interested in joining? Stop by the Cherrywood Neighborhood Farm booth at the Plant and Book Swap at Cherrywood Green on March 31, or contact Terry Dyke at [tdyke@bga.com](mailto:tdyke@bga.com). For more info, visit [urbanpatchwork.org](http://urbanpatchwork.org).



**Size:** Four plots totaling about 3,000 square feet

**Members:** 10

**Partner:** Urban Patchwork, a nonprofit dedicated to community-supported agriculture

**Plans for Spring Growing Season:** Upping distribution to weekly, adding new growing plots and new members

—By Terry Dyke, Urban Farming Task Force Manager, Pecan Street Inc.



# SERVICE WITH A SMILE

## Austin State Hospital Clothing and Toy Drives

Give to Servant Church's toy and clothing drive for patients at Austin State Hospital. Please bring donations of clothing, stuffed animals or toys to Servant Church by Feb. 12.

Servant Church is more than a group of people who drink coffee outside on Sunday morning. We are a community of Christians growing in commitment to serving Austin and working toward living our mission: to

## Servant Church Settles in by Shaking Things Up

be inviting, becoming and demonstrating of God's love. In just over a year since our founding, Servant Church members have had hands and hearts in many places. We have connected with Maplewood Elementary, providing teachers with encouragement and love while assisting kids with supplies. A trip to poverty-stricken areas of south Texas inspired our church members to host a fund-raising dinner for Justice for Our Neighbors, a nonprofit providing legal assistance on immigration issues. Servant Church's monthly Community Meals invite neighbors, regardless of faith, to join in fellowship and free hot food. In December, Servant Church members biked over 8,000 miles for

pledges to donate nearly \$4,000 for Living Water International to build a well in Africa. You may have seen us helping with periodic cleanups and plantings at Willowbrook Reach.

As Servant Church expands, so does our invitation to Cherrywood to join in the mission. Servant Church welcomes all individuals, with the hope that this church may be a place to grow in faith, community and service.

For more information, come to our home at Cherrywood and 38½ St. some Sunday morning at 11:11 or visit [www.servantchurchaustin.org](http://www.servantchurchaustin.org)!

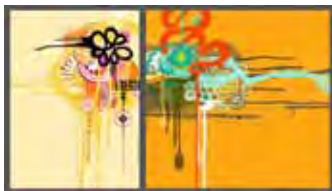
—By Colleen McCollough

# Know Your Local (E.A.S.T.) Artist

A VISUAL GUIDE TO CHERRYWOOD PARTICIPANTS IN THE EAST AUSTIN STUDIO TOUR LAST NOVEMBER



1. Jennifer Balkan  
Oil Painting  
[jenniferbalkan.net](http://jenniferbalkan.net)



2. Misha Maynerick Blaise  
Mixed Media  
[mishablaisedesign.com](http://mishablaisedesign.com)



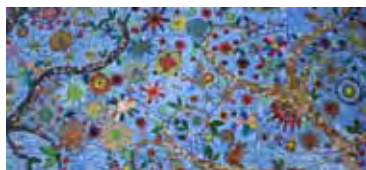
3. Aimi Dunn  
Painting, Sculpture  
[dunnart.net](http://dunnart.net)



4. The Zü – sculpture, ceramics  
woodworking and gardening  
[alecappl.wordpress.com](http://alecappl.wordpress.com)



7. Ron Telposky,  
Wandering Glass Studio  
Lampworking, glass  
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8. Cut It Up Mosaics  
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9. Karen Maness,  
Rust Red Studio  
Painting, Design  
[karenmaness.com](http://karenmaness.com)



10. Ines Batllo,  
Ines Batllo Visual Arts  
Encaustic, oil, pastel, painting  
[inespaintings.com](http://inespaintings.com)



13. Alex Abel  
Oil and acrylic painting,  
drawing  
[artinfinity.com](http://artinfinity.com)



14. Andrew Minneck  
Acrylic on canvas  
[9amart.com](http://9amart.com)



15. Heidi Schlenk  
Painting, textile, photography  
[heidischlenk.com](http://heidischlenk.com)



16. David Leonard  
Painting  
[davidleonardpaintings.com](http://davidleonardpaintings.com)

## FRIENDS OF PATTERSON PARK

### Purple Martins, Welcome Home

Friends of Patterson Park has received a \$900 grant from Austin Park Foundation for the installation of Purple Martin Housing in Patterson Park. The housing will be installed prior to March to attract nesting birds that are already beginning to arrive from their winter homes in South America. Interested in helping maintain the housing once it's installed? Contact Mark Smolen at [smolen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:smolen@sbcglobal.net) or 913-9868.

### Workshop Generates Park Ideas

Friends of Patterson Park conducted an Idea Workshop in December to collect neighborhood input on priorities for Patterson Park. FoPP will prioritize the list of ideas generated from the workshop for future action, and the list will be shared with the neighborhoods for comments once the initial prioritization has taken place.

### Patterson Garden Gets Approval

Now that the Upper Boggy Creek Neighborhood Plan Contact Team has approved the Patterson Park Community Garden, it's time to plan how the garden will look. The first workshop to discuss design goals, objectives and constraints is scheduled for Feb. 6 at 7p.m. at St. George's Kleberg Hall on Ardenwood.

## IT'S MY PARK DAY

**When:** Saturday, March 3

**Possible activities:** trail maintenance and tree mulching

**Sponsor:** Austin Parks Foundation

**Contact:** Mark Smolen at 913-9868

## PATTERSON PARK MOSAIC FREE CERAMICS WORKSHOP

**When:** March 4th & 18th, 1–3 p.m.

**Where:** Patterson Park Pavilion

Suitable for all ages. Younger children must be accompanied by an adult.

**About:** Artist Stefanie Distefano of Flamingo Ranch and Studio ([flamingoranch.com](http://flamingoranch.com)) hosts two workshops to produce mosaic tiles that will cover Patterson's pool equipment building. Come and help make a piece of art that will join a bigger piece of art that will last for years to come.

**More info:** [stefanie@flamingoranch.com](mailto:stefanie@flamingoranch.com)

## FRIENDS OF THE GREEN

# Cherrywood Green: Step by Step

### Stairway Nears Completion

In late January, seven members of the American Youth Works Environmental Corps worked with Cherrywooders to further construction of the stairway from the creek to the Green. The crew prepared treads from an old utility pole, excavated areas for the treads, prepared the reinforcing rods, mixed and placed concrete, and placed more treads, nearly completing the stairway.

Thanks to the corps members for their inspired work, Joe the ferrier for lending us power, and to the other Cherrywooders who help improve and maintain the Green.

### Non-Native Plants Removed

The corps also helped with the effort to permanently rid the Green of invasive species (including Logustrums, Nandinas, Red-tipped Photinias, China-berries and Chinese Tallows), using the brush to build and reinforce rows for erosion-control and animal habitat. The crew also cleaned the creek and did some pruning, weeding, mulching and mowing.

### Plant and Book Swap: March 31

This spring's Plant and Book Swap will be held on Saturday, March 31, from 9 a.m. to noon.

**More FROG info:** Mike Damal ([michael.damal@gmail.com](mailto:michael.damal@gmail.com), 799-0287) or Girard Kinney ([gkinney@kinneyarchitects.com](mailto:gkinney@kinneyarchitects.com), 478-5042).



5. Ryan Cronk  
Printmaking, Collage  
[ryancronk.com](http://ryancronk.com)



6. TR Rodriguez Studio  
Mosaic  
[trrstudio.blogspot.com](http://trrstudio.blogspot.com)



11. Christine Terrell, Adaptive  
Reuse Studio – Art jewelry from  
upcycled decorative tins  
[christineterrell.com](http://christineterrell.com)



12. Katy David, Katyegg Design  
Pysanky, batiked eggshells  
[katyegg.com](http://katyegg.com)



17. Shawn Camp  
Painting, mixed media  
[shawncamp.net](http://shawncamp.net)



18. Scott Rolfe  
Assemblage,  
mixed media  
[srolfe.com](http://srolfe.com)



19. Erik Tragus  
Ceramics  
[austinwoodfiredceramics.com](http://austinwoodfiredceramics.com)

*by Girard Kinney, AIA, CNA Land Use and Transportation Committee Chair*

# LAND USE

## **4020 AIRPORT BLVD.**

The hearing that was posted at the Planning Commission for the project on Airport Blvd, south of Schieffer (plan amendment case NPA-2011-0012.01), was postponed to Feb. 24. Because the neighborhood has not yet had the chance to engage the immediate neighbors and to thoroughly vet this issue, and because medical issues that the representative of the applicant has experienced, it is likely that this issue will be again postponed until later in the year. If it is not postponed, Cherrywood Neighborhood will oppose the application for a variety of reasons based on established CNA Policy. There will be an update and discussion about this case at the LUT meeting on Feb. 1, the Steering Committee on Feb. 8 and at the CNA General Meeting at its regular quarterly meeting on Feb. 15.

## **VIVO & RED HOUSE PIZZERIA**

The Blackland Neighborhood has not yet taken a position on requests from the applicant to mitigate the fact that they do not have the required amount of parking for their enlarged exterior seating area. One LUT member has recently pointed out that in addition to the fact that this business illegally removed large trees along Manor Road to create its current parking lot, it has done nothing to make its north facade a pedestrian-friendly addition to the streetscape. There is also a similar question of adequate parking, protection of trees, off-site parking and other issues in a case at Red House Pizzeria. The city is viewing these as landmark cases in dealing with the pervasive problem of businesses—many of which are frequented and even loved by the adjacent neighborhoods—increasingly contributing to overflow parking. Upper Boggy Creek will probably support whatever

position is taken by the neighborhood in which the projects are located (Blackland, in this case). However, as LUT has argued in the past, projects that occur on the border between two neighborhoods (such as those on both sides of Manor Road) really should involve a joint consultation between those two neighborhoods, with the goal to take a joint recommendation to UBC.

## **CREEKBANK STABILIZATION PROJECT**

This project will stabilize the north bank of Upper Boggy Creek between Willowbrook Reach and Wilshire Blvd. Kristin Pipkin, the COA Case Manager for the project, has reported that the plans are far enough along to present on them at the Cherrywood Neighborhood Association at our general meeting on Feb. 15.

# TRANSPORTATION

We have received no further information about the start date of the bicycle lane striping on Cherrywood Road, or the sidewalk on Maplewood, both of which have been approved by Cherrywood Neighborhood Association and which will probably be done (or at least started) this year. At our request, the city is investigating signalization at this intersection, either a full traffic signal or a button-activated pedestrian crossing signal. The LUT is also considering various solutions for the overflow parking onto LaFayette and E. 37th.

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**JOIN FRIENDS OF LUT**

All Cherrywooders are invited to join the Friends of LUT, which meets every first Wednesday of the month at 7:15 p.m. at Cherrywood Coffeehouse.

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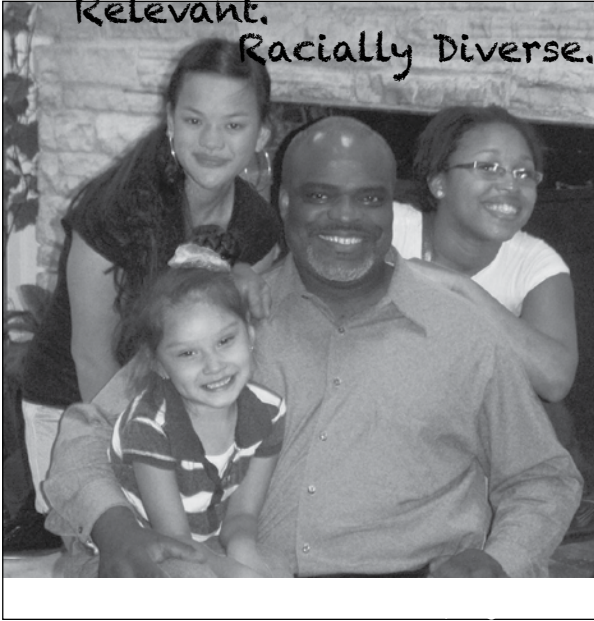


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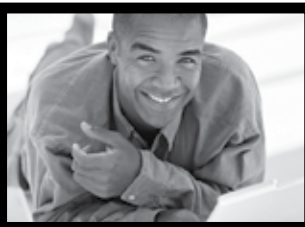
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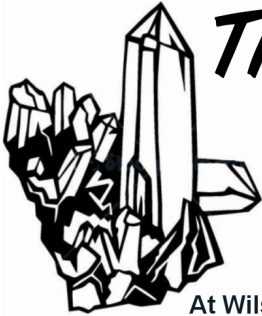
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**02/19/2012: LIVESTRONG Austin Marathon and Half Marathon:** Run through some of Austin's most scenic and historic neighborhoods on the popular 26.2-mile course while more than 40 local bands cheer you on.

**2/4/2012: Sixth Annual Jo's Chili Cold Blood Chili Cook-Off:** 6th Annual Chili Cold Blood Chili Cook-Off, Two Steppin' Competition and Benefit sponsored by Shiner and all proceeds benefit the Lila Tenenbown Recovery Fund. 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM. 1300 S. Congress Ave Price: \$20.

**2/4/2012: Carnaval Brasileiro:** Hailed as Austin's wildest party, it's the city's annual Brazilian style Mardi Gras celebration. Palmer Events Ctr, 900 Barton Springs Rd, Price: \$35.

**02/23/2012 to 06/02/2012: The King James Bible: Its History and Influence:** The Ransom Center's rich collections will also offer visitors the opportunity to see the King James Bible's far-reaching influence on the arts and humanities.

**03/02/2012: Gruene's 3rd Annual Texas Independence Day Celebration:** To celebrate the 176th anniversary of Texas independence, Gruene Historic District is throwing a Texas-sized celebration with special offers and events!

**3/9/2012 – 3/24/2012: Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo:** The Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo has grown from a Show featuring 16 animals into one of Austin's premier events, featuring Pro-Rodeo events, daily Concerts, Livestock Show and more.

**3/13/2012 – 3/18/2012: SXSW Music:** Need I say more?

**3/25/2012: Capital 10K**—it's a wild and crazy run for your life!

## Cherrywood Real Estate Report

Information below is based on active, pending and sold homes within our Cherrywood boundaries and come from a total of 20 homes sold or on the market for the period of November 1, 2011 to January 30, 2012.

Average home for sale in Cherrywood is **3 beds, 2 baths**.  
Average size home for sale is approximately **1,337 sq. ft.**  
Average list price is **\$253,820**.  
Average home's selling price is **\$255,264**.  
Average price per square feet is **\$197.66**.  
Average time on market is **58 days**.

Trends from the previous 90 day sales statistics show that the average list price is stable or down slightly, while the percentage of list price to sales price remains near the same at 95%. Homes are also selling at about the same number of days on the market. The highest priced home sold in our neighborhood was over \$356,000 while the lowest was around \$145,000.

This means that our neighborhood compares very favorably to the rest of Austin where the average home price is \$189,000 and homes stayed on the market for about 81 days.

According to the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) report released by the Austin Board of REALTORS®, single-family home sales in December 2011 outpaced the same month of the prior year for the seventh straight month, and year-end figures show momentum in Austin real estate heading into 2012. In December 2011, a total of 1,581 single-family homes were sold in Austin, which is 11 percent more than December 2010. During the same time period, the median price for Austin homes was \$187,940, which is one percent less than the same month of the prior year.

Average prices and values vary widely with the Cherrywood neighborhood boundaries. For a professional analysis of how your home compares in our market, call Rebecca at 415-9876.

*The data for this report is provided by the Multiple Listing Service from the Austin Board of Realtors.*

A Cherrywood resident since 1972, call me if you're planning a move to a larger home, need to relocate, or know someone on the move.

Let me show you what I can do for you and how I can make your next move the best move of your life!



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