



The Flea

TRAFFIC CALMING

By Stefan Schuster

The Cherrywood Neighborhood Traffic Calming Working Group has met five times and has been working with the city and emergency services to investigate traffic calming solutions for the major arterials in the neighborhood. The relative effectiveness, cost and legal requirements of the various devices are becoming more apparent, and the group is tackling specifics. It is our goal to share our vision with the neighborhood before the end of the year.

Immediate solutions that you may have noticed are new and reversed stop signs and new street markings. City staff has heard our concerns over traffic on streets that are not emergency access corridors and has used a separate program to fund these welcome changes. You will notice new and reversed stop signs at the intersections of Werner and Concordia, Lafayette and Concordia, and 34th at Lafayette. New traffic counts show a 12 per cent reduction in speed coming off the stop sign at 34th and Lafayette. Look for more progress in the next few months.

The group is ready to work on the positioning of speed cushions, signs, striping, and other calming devices. Since the only recognized traffic calming method for emergency evacuation routes is speed humps, the working group had asked city staff to report what funds were left over after putting measures in place for these streets. As you will recall, it cost nearly our entire budget of \$300,000 to put cushions on 38½, Cherrywood, Clarkson, Maplewood and Wilshire. Each cushion costs approximately \$2,200.

Staff reported on some spacing varia-

tions, but the group could not endorse a final configuration. Smaller teams were selected to address problem areas such as 38½ east of Cherrywood, Cherrywood south of 38½, the general area around Maplewood School, Clarkson, Wilshire/Schieffer, and other potential areas not already covered. At the Sept. 23 meeting, three proposals were recommended, and preliminary design specs from the city will be developed for the next meeting in late October. So far, we plan to put calming devices on 38½, Cherrywood, Wilshire, Schieffer, Lafayette, Werner, Robinson, Dancy and Clarkson. The complete traffic-calming plan will be circulated to all residents via a survey from the city before final adoption.

The city has agreed to re-measure several streets in our neighborhood for speed and volume by doing new counts now that UT is back in session. Several streets have been monitored in the past several weeks.

The next meeting of the traffic calming work group will be on Oct. 23. Look for an open house before the end of the year and a final update in the January Flea. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 322-0059 or at hydroplan@hotmail.com. ■



Can you see the message neighbor Ken Casey mowed into his front yard? Remember the advice on Nov. 2. Photo by Courtney Waldren.

Cherrywood Neighborhood
quarterly meeting:

Wednesday, Oct 20
6:30 - 8:00 pm
Maplewood School library

Open to ALL residents
of Cherrywood.
We need your input!

Agenda:

- Welcome and Agenda Review
- Housekeeping and Public Comments (10 minutes)
- 1. Officers' Reports (10 minutes)
 - a. Chair, Stefan Schuster
 - b. Vice Chair, Maddie Kadas
 - c. Secretary, Jen Smith
 - d. Treasurer, Rebecca Kohout
- 2. Committee Reports (5 min. each)
 - a. Communications
 - b. Parks and green spaces
 - c. Planning and zoning
 - d. Traffic and transportation
 - e. Security
 - f. Hospitality
 - g. Pets
 - h. Nominating
- 3. Issues brought to the membership (10 minutes per issue)
 - a. Cherrywood Art Fair
 - b. Traffic Calming
 - c. Steering Committee-election of seven members to two-year terms
 - d. Upper Boggy Creek planning
 - e. Neighborhood Watch & security meeting
 - f. Update on bylaws
 - g. GET OUT AND VOTE
- 4. Other Issues: (varied, 5 min. each)
- 5. Next Meeting: January 19, 2005
- 6. Adjourn (90 minutes maximum)

Contact Stefan Schuster at 322-0059, if you have an item you would like to add.

CHERRYWOOD CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- OCT 11** 7:00pm — Friends of Patterson Park (FoPP), Genesis Presbyterian Church. (See Page 8)
- OCT 13** 6:30pm — CNA Steering Committee meeting, Taqueria los Altos
- OCT 19** 6:30pm — Upper Boggy Creek Planning Team meeting, Alamo Park. (See Page 4)
- OCT 20** 6:30pm — Cherrywood Neighborhood Association meeting, Maplewood School library. (See Agenda Page 1)
- OCT 23** — Traffic Calming Working Group meets. (See Page 1)
- OCT 27** 7:00pm — Cherrywood Book Club. For information e-mail thedelaunes@austin.rr.com.

NOVEMBER

- NOV 8** 7:00pm — Friends of Patterson Park (FoPP), Genesis Presbyterian Church. (See Page 8)
- NOV 10** 6:30pm — CNA Steering Committee meeting, Taqueria los Altos

DECEMBER

- DEC 2** 7:00pm — Cherrywood Book Club. For information e-mail thedelaunes@austin.rr.com.
- DEC 8** 6:30pm — CNA Steering Committee meeting, Taqueria los Altos
- DEC 11** 11am - 5pm — Cherrywood Art Fair, Maplewood Elementary School. (See Page 3)
- DEC 13** 7:00pm — Friends of Patterson Park (FoPP), Genesis Presbyterian Church. (See Page 8)

BYLAW REVISIONS READY FOR REVIEW

By Randall Terrell

The Cherrywood Neighborhood Association Steering Committee has been working on revisions to the Association's by-laws, and after months of hard work the draft revisions are nearly complete—at least complete enough for a review by the membership at large. Now, it's time for Cherrywood residents to take a look and provide feedback on the proposed changes.

You can find copies of the current by-laws, the proposed changes, and a "red line/strike out" version of the changes online at cherrywood.org. If you don't have a computer or need a hard copy of the bylaws, please call Randall Terrell at 473-8483 (after business hours) and leave a message.

The proposed changes will be discussed at the next general membership meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 20, at Maplewood Elementary School. You are invited to attend the meeting and discuss the proposed changes. You may also provide feedback through e-mail to rterrell@starbirdterrell.com. ■

Cherrywood Neighborhood Association

<http://www.cherrywood.org>

Steering Committee

Chair	_____ Stefan Schuster ('04)*	322-0059
Vice-Chair	_____ Maddie Kadas ('05)	478-7966
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	_____ J. Scott Chasteen ('05)	791-6755
	_____ Alex Garcia ('05)	474-7532
	_____ Peter Ketter ('04)	473-2736
	_____ Girard Kinney ('04)	478-5042
	_____ Jack Newman ('05)	476-6616
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	_____ Dave Westenbarger ('05)	494-9905

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	_____ Brent Hay	236-8721
• Patterson Park	_____ Isabelle Headrick	499-0621
• Willowbrook Reach	_____ Dianne Sullivan, dianne@e-side.com	
Planning & Zoning:	_____ Girard Kinney	478-5042
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Blue Ribbon Yard:	_____ Mike Damal	478-9622
Maplewood:	_____ Kelli Kirk	414-1086
Mueller Redevelopment:	_____ Jim Walker	499-0526
Tree Planting:	_____ Mike Damal	478-9622
Upper Boggy Creek Planning:	_____ Stephen Kreger	477-4216

Cherrywood Art Fair 2004

ORGANIZING UNDER WAY

By Maddie Kadas,
Art Fair publicity coordinator

Thanks to the addition of five new members to Cherrywood's dynamic and creative art fair team, planning for the Third Annual Cherrywood Art Fair is well under way.

Building on the success of the last two events, this year's fair is bound to be a great one. Highlights for this year will be the works of at least 40 local artists, all day live music, neighborhood restaurant fare, free art activities for kids, a silent auction and a free raffle for all who attend.

Best of the Basics

Mark your calendars—The fair is scheduled for **Dec. 11, 2004, at Maplewood Elementary School from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.** Proceeds will go to the Maplewood Elementary School PTA and the school's art program. Donations, sponsorships and auction purchases are

tax deductible this year, and admission is free.

Want more info? Check out the award-winning Web site developed by resident painter and Web goddess Marilyn Fenn at www.cherrywoodartfair.org. The Web site will be updated frequently to include photos of artists' works, the musical line-up, sponsors and more.

We Need Business Sponsors

The Fair is a wonderful and affordable way to promote your business.

If you have a business and would like to be a fair sponsor, we have several levels of sponsorship this year, ranging from \$50 to \$250. In return, the fair will make much of your sponsorship—on our Web site, in our promotional material, at the fair itself and in follow-up coverage of the fair. Nichole Flanagan, new Cherrywood resident and jewelry designer, can fill you in on the details and develop a sponsorship package that's right for you. Contact Nichole at nichoblu@yahoo.com.

How Can I Rent a Booth or Be in the Music Lineup?

If you are an artist or musician and would like to have a spot at the fair, we still have space available. Space is lim-

ited though and will go fast. Please contact art cloth designer and instructor Kathy McTee at artcloth@grandecom.net if you would like information about reserving a vending booth. Contact Cynthia (Rosie) Ballesteros, who works in oil and canvas, at cynthia.ballesteros@quintiles.com to participate in the musical line-up.

Neighborhood Volunteers Wanted

Yup that's you. We are counting on our fabulous neighborhood folks to help make this year's event another success. This is a big event requiring a lot of logistics and we will need your help. We don't have all tasks lined up, but we know for sure that we'll need walkers to distribute fair announcements, strong folks to help set up, all-purpose event helpers, greeters, and numerous folks for the clean-up crew. If you've got a couple of hours to spare for this great community event, please contact our volunteer coordinator Kelly Miles at kdeslattem@yahoo.com. She – and we – really won't be able to do it without you.

If you have a suggestion you'd like to share or foresee an issue that needs consideration, please contact the Art Fair coordinator Priscilla Boston at peboston@juno.com or 478-1867. ■

MEET OFFICER GAMBLE

By Stefan Schuster

In response to repeated requests for assistance with our representative, the Austin Police Department has appointed a new district representative, Officer Joy Gamble. We learned of this welcomed change from Officer Troy Officer at our June Steering Committee meeting. I'd like to introduce Officer Gamble:

"Hi and thank you, I am Officer Joy Gamble with the Central East District Representatives and at the present time I am responsible for District Charlie 6, which includes Cherrywood. I was assigned to this area in July."

"My duties include but are not limited to meeting with neighborhood associations, helping neighborhood associations set up Neighborhood Watch programs, tagging junked and abandoned vehicles, and home security surveys. My primary responsibility is to assist residents in efforts to reduce crime and improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods by being a liaison between residents, the police department and other city services."

Welcome Officer Gamble. You can contact her by e-mail at joy.gamble@ci.austin.tx.us or by phone at 974-4214. ■

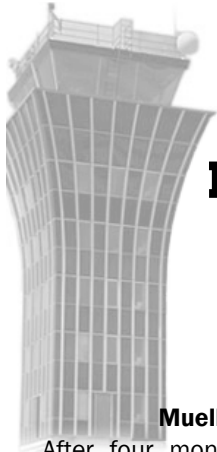
WEIRD, BUT WIRED

By Gordon Bennett

Visit the Cherrywood Web site by opening cherrywood.org. That's all you need. No URL. No <http://www.cherrywood.org> all by itself will get you there. Easy to remember.

You'll find much local information. Austin Police Department emergency and city phones. Cherrywood Art Fair info. Neighborhood association committees. Neighborhood Watch. How to get on the e-mail list. Recommendations neighbors give for providers of services (housekeeping, plumbing, yard work, etc.)

Join the NeighborNet e-mail list. It posts reminders of neighborhood activities, postings about neighborhood concerns, notices of lost pets, garage sales, etc. Some venting of opinion from subscribers, as long as it's local. The list has 400 subscribers as of early September. ■



MUELLER PROJECT

By Jed Buie

Mueller gets street names

After four months of brainstorming and researching, Mueller has names for 44 streets.

The City of Austin and Catellus, the developer, working with the Austin History Center, identified the names to honor people who made significant contributions to Austin.

Criteria for selection were that the names reflected the city's diverse culture and history and represented "famous firsts" for Austin. No street could be named for a living person, and the names could not be similar to an existing street name because of the needs of emergency response agencies.

Mueller 201

On Aug. 25, about 100 people attended Mueller 201, a comprehensive project overview and update. The event was a follow-up to Mueller 101 in April. It was sponsored by the Mueller Neighborhoods Coalition and the City of Austin.

Jim Walker welcomed everyone and introduced Pam Hefner from the City of Austin and Greg Weaver of Catellus. Guests were encouraged to visit "topic tables" set up throughout the room. Topics included: Design Guidelines/Regional Retail led by Jim Adams of ROMA Design; Affordable Housing facilitated by Paul Hilgers and Greg Weaver; Community Governance led by Bob Burton; Construction led by Carl Paulson of Catellus; and Capital Metro's Long Range Transit Plan led by Capital Metro staff.

Each table was covered with butcher paper for guests to record their questions and comments, and feedback sheets were provided to capture this information.

Master Development Agreement

The City of Austin and Catellus con-

tinue to work toward the signing of the Master Development Agreement for Mueller. This agreement, which details the financial component, codes, covenants, restrictions, and zoning for the redevelopment, is projected to go to City Council for review at the end of October.

Other developments

—On Aug. 26, the City Council unanimously approved zoning for the entire Mueller redevelopment.

—The project Web site has been renamed www.muelleraustin.com. The site has construction updates and traffic information.

For more information, visit www.muelleraustin.com or contact: Greg Weaver, vice president of Catellus; phone 473-0400; fax 472-4414; greg_weaver@catellus.com. Pam Hefner, City of Austin principal planner; phone 974-3511; fax 974-78225; pam.hefner@ci.austin.tx.us. ■

Jed Buie is with TateAustin, the public relations firm for Catellus, which was chosen by the city to develop the former Robert Mueller Municipal Airport.

UPPER BOGGY CREEK PLANNING TEAM

By Stephen Kreger

At the Aug. 17 meeting, the Upper Boggy Creek Planning Team (UBCPT) agreed to support the Vortex Theater's request for a zoning change to allow beer and wine sales. The agreement requires a document be created to have the zoning revert to its current status if the property is sold. The owner will work with city staff to create the document.

The team decided to postpone action regarding the new planning tools because not all neighborhoods had made a decision regarding the tools and a new tool was available that none of the neighborhoods had reviewed. The

group agreed to review the tools before the next UBC meeting, when the team will address the issue.

The team discussed the CAMPO staff's decision not to follow the City of Austin's recommendation to downgrade Manor Road. The CAMPO board has been dealing with Austin's toll road issue and it is uncertain when it will take final action on the staff recommendation. It was decided that the neighborhoods and other interested parties would send letters to CAMPO board members expressing support for the Manor Road downgrade in October and follow with additional letters when it is placed on the agenda for action (maybe early in 2005).

A preliminary process regarding how the team will address planning and zon-

ing issues was presented. There was general support for the process, but it was decided that it needed to be more detailed. A more in-depth process will be presented at the next meeting.

The team discussed the height addition at St. David's Hospital. The hospital is asking for a variance on a project at 3000 N. Interstate 35 that would increase the allowable height for a medical office building from 60 feet to 175 feet. Additional review will be done, but the item is scheduled to go before the City of Austin's Board of Adjustment before UBC's next meeting, so each neighborhood will have to address it itself.

The next UBC meeting is at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2004, at Alamo Park on Alamo Street between 21st Street and 22nd Street. ■

A WORD ABOUT THE STEERING & NOMINATING COMMITTEES

By Michael McClendon

A lot of work is involved in handling the business of the Cherrywood Neighborhood Association, and the Steering Committee is the primary body making sure the work gets done. The Steering Committee meets monthly and ensures that the Flea is published and delivered and that the quarterly meetings are held according to the association's by-laws. Many other matters are overseen by the Steering Committee, such as bookkeeping, planning and zoning, traffic calming, hospitality, parks and green space, yard of the month, and security issues.

Five Steering Committee members complete their service in October and deserve special thanks: Stefan Schuster, chair, Meg Brooks, Bree Buchanan, Girard Kinney and Lex Dale Owens.

You can help the Steering Committee conduct its business or bring ideas for improving the neighborhood to its attention. All Steering Committee members are listed in the Flea. Please feel free to contact any member with your offer to help or your ideas.

The Nominating Committee seeks Steering Committee candidates for election at each October membership meeting and to fill vacancies between elections. If you are interested in serving on the Steering Committee please contact any Nominating Committee member. Also, there is a vacancy on the Nominating Committee, so if you wish to serve on it, contact any of the members: Michael McClendon, Priscilla Boston, Lex Dale Owens or Jim Walker. ■

STEERING COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

By Michael McClendon

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce these candidates for your consideration and possible election at the Oct. 20 neighborhood meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Maplewood School. This is a diverse group both geographically and in age, gender, occupation, and interests. Since this is an even numbered year, there are seven candidates to be elected to two-year terms. Six others will be nominated next year. Nominations may also be made from the floor, so be sure and come to the meeting and vote for the best candidates.

Jennifer Elsner, a graphic designer and small business owner, recently moved to Austin from Brooklyn, N.Y., with her husband and 17-month-old son. Jennifer and family fell in love with the Cherrywood neighborhood after being shown areas of Austin by her Realtor. They live on 34th Street. Jennifer wants to take an active role in CNA and is especially interested in preservation of the neighborhood and its history and welcoming new neighbors.

Peter Ketter is a current Steering Committee member and is employed as a historic preservationist. Peter has lived in Austin 10 years and on Clarkson for more than two years. Peter is particularly interested in planning issues, developing policies, parks and green space, and transit matters.

Kyle King is a project manager for a general contractor who builds high-end homes and commercial buildings. Kyle and his wife are first-time home buyers and are remodeling their house on Robinson Avenue. They have lived in Austin 10 years and in

Cherrywood for three years. Kyle, who also has an architecture degree and is working toward obtaining a real estate inspector's license, has special interest in Mueller redevelopment, density and land use planning, and issues concerning the homeless.

Maxwell McDaniel is a Realtor who has lived in Austin for six years and in Cherrywood for two months. Maxwell lives and offices at his recently remodeled home on Walnut Avenue. Besides real estate matters, he has experience in dealing with elected officials. Maxwell's primary interests are in improving the appearance of the neighborhood and creating a vision for the neighborhood association.

Charlie Roadman has lived in Austin for five years and on Kern Ramble about a year and a half. Charlie is an attorney practicing primarily criminal defense law. He has offered to help the Steering Committee conduct its business in whatever way needed during the first year of his term.

Jennifer Smith is a current Steering Committee member serving as secretary. Jennifer has lived in Austin 10 years, and in Cherrywood for six years both as a renter and a home owner (on Hollywood Avenue and Kern Ramble). She works for Dell and is active in the Woman's Soccer League. Jennifer wants to continue being a part of the decision making process that affects our neighborhood.

Randall Terrell is an attorney with 13 years experience in administrative, environmental, and open government laws. Randall has lived in Austin for 11 years and in the neighborhood for about 18 months. He lives on Cherrywood Road and is interested in maintaining the quality, diversity and character of the neighborhood. ■

CAP METRO'S NOV. 2 BALLOT

The general election ballot asks whether Capital Metro should be allowed to operate passenger trains on its existing 32-mile freight rail line from Leander to downtown Austin. The passenger service, if approved, would be part of the bus/rail system.

This is the railroad track that goes through the Cherrywood Neighborhood. The track crosses I-35 just east of Hancock Center, runs along the west side of Maplewood School and alongside Clarkson Avenue until it crosses Manor Road east of Randolph Street.

Under plans adopted by the Cap Metro board, the closest stops to our neighborhood would be on Martin Luther King Boulevard and at or near Highland Mall. There would be eight stops including Leander and downtown, and each stop would connect to frequent "circulator" buses and/or "rapid buses."

The wording you will see on the ballot is:

"The operation of a fixed rail system by Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority." For or Against.

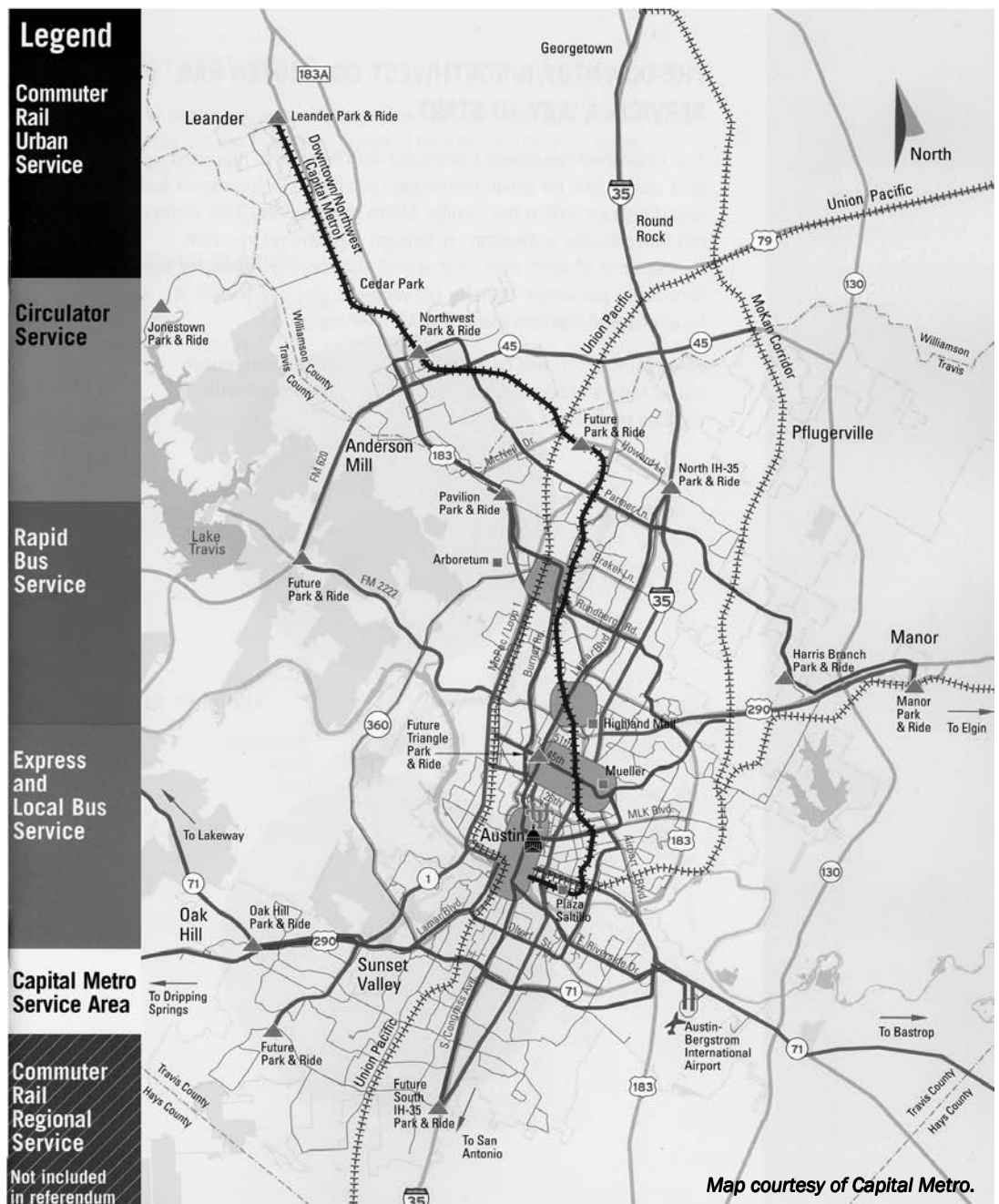
Cap Metro has issued a "Notice of Election" that says:

"The purchase, acquisition, construction, operation and maintenance by Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority of or relating to an urban commuter rail service between the Austin Convention Center and Leander, Texas, on an existing railroad line owned by Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority. This starter urban

commuter rail service is part of the All Systems Go Long-Range Transit Plan of Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority that also includes hike and bike trails along some existing railroad right-of-way, expanded local and express bus routes, new Rapid Bus routes and high frequency shuttle circulators that together provide connections to rail stops, new transit centers, new park-and-ride facilities, as well as major destinations in the Austin area, and would be implemented with no new or increased taxes and no issuance of bonds."

Based on overwhelmingly favorable response to a mid-August NeighborNet poll, the steering committee sent a letter to CapMetro reporting Cherrywood's apparently strong support of the All Systems Go plan.

A lot of information is available at capmetro.org. Gordon Bennett has summarized some pluses and minuses on the cherrywood.org Web site. Click on the traffic link. Or go to http://asnic.utexas.edu/~bennett/n-is_trffc.htm#ASG ■



Map courtesy of Capital Metro.

CAP METRO RAIL PLAN AND THE BOGGY CREEK BIKEWAY

By Dave Westenbarger

Sharp-eyed readers may have noticed Cap Metro's legal notice for the rail election (Statesman, Aug. 31) included "hike and bike trails along existing railroad right-of-way."

As the first component of the rail plan, Cherrywood's tracks top the list for rails WITH trails a relatively new idea that pairs multi-use trails with operating rail service—that is, the rails are not removed but are in use.

This concept has been successful in scores of projects throughout the United States, including the Cotton Belt Trail alongside DART tracks in Grapevine.

Cap Metro has indicated interest in making rail-trails a reality in Austin. On Aug. 19, I had the pleasure of touring the future "Red Line" in Cap Metro's rail-truck with the Texas Bicycle Coalition and our guest, nationally recognized bicycle planner and UT grad Mia Burke of Alta Planning.

Pedestrian and bicycle advocates are cautiously optimistic about cutting the ribbon on a new trail when Cap Metro's rail service becomes operable. That assumes that rail is approved on the November ballot.

At a public meeting Oct., 11 Cap Metro will present All Systems Go and its implications to cyclists. The meeting is hosted by Austin Cycling Association, Austin Metro Trails and Greenways, Downtown Austin Alliance, and Austin Parks Foundation. City staff will discuss other trail projects—the Lance Armstrong Bikeway and ideas to connect it to the future MoKan Railroad trail. ■

PLANNING AND ZONING

By Girard Kinney, chair, P&Z Committee

St. David's Health Care Tower

At Jack Newman's suggestion, we invited Bart Whatley, vice-chair of the Hancock Neighborhood Association, to present the position of that neighborhood on an application to change the height allowed in St. David's proposal from 60 to 175 feet. The committee voted Sept. 21 with 10 in favor, with one abstention, to support the Hancock Neighborhood position that the height should be limited to 120 feet. A letter was sent to the City Board of Adjustment stating our position, since there was not time to bring the matter to the Steering Committee nor the general membership. Neither Hancock Neighborhood Association nor St. David's Hospital is located in the Upper Boggy Creek Neighborhood Planning Area.

Upper Boggy Creek planning tools

We briefly reviewed the two planning tools favored by the Cherrywood Subdistrict of the Upper Boggy Creek Neighborhood Plan, one of which would limit impervious cover (concrete, asphalt, etc.) to 40 per cent in the front set-back area

of single family houses; and the other to allow open (covered and uncovered) front porches to encroach to within 15 feet of the front property line.

A third tool has been added by the City. Lisa Kocich, City of Austin neighborhood planner, who attended our meeting, confirmed that if it is not adopted along with the other two, we will have to wait two years before it could be reconsidered. This tool would limit the size and placement of garages and carports and, like the other two tools, would only apply to new construction. Basically, new carports and garages could not extend closer to the street than the front of the house and, if placed closer to the front facade than 20 feet, would be limited in width to half the width of the house. This tool is intended to reduce the proportion of the front yard used for parking cars, and to prevent "snout" garages.

The committee voted 6 in favor, 4 opposed, and 1 abstaining, to support this third tool. The Upper Boggy Creek Planning Team will decide Oct. 19 whether to adopt these three tools. The Steering Committee will vote Oct. 13 to establish our neighborhood's position on the third tool.

Airport Boulevard south of Schieffer

A 2.9-acre tract about 160 feet deep

extends south from Schieffer along the west side of Airport Boulevard. It backs up to a tributary of Upper Boggy Creek and 10 homes on Vineland. Three homes on 40th Street abut the south end of the property.

A potential developer, misled by an error in the published Upper Boggy Creek Neighborhood Plan, has a contract to buy the property and has envisioned a project of condominiums above retail and offices. The developer has only recently learned that such a project is not allowed, because of the LO (office) zoning and a 1985 deed restriction that further restricts the uses and imposes design restrictions.

Before 1985 the property had been zoned SF3. The owners at that time wanted to develop it and came to agreement with the Schieffer Neighborhood Association, which did not become a part of CNA until the '90s. That agreement allowed LO zoning and the new deed restrictions, which can only be overturned by a two-thirds vote of the City Council. Ms. Kocich said the UBC plan will be amended to correct the error. So, unless and until further action is taken by UBC, it is likely that the property will remain undeveloped. The P&Z committee decided to discuss deed restrictions further. ■



MAPLEWOOD NOTES

**Your Neighborhood School
3808 Maplewood Ave., 414-4402**

Maplewood Elementary School is often dubbed by visitors as an "urban oasis." For those of us deeply connected to the school, this is not news. Evidence of the community's awareness can be seen in the school's recent addition of a kindergarten and first grade class due to unexpected high enrollment of neighborhood children. Serving a diverse student body of 340 pre-K through sixth grade students and having a plethora of caring adults, including teachers, family, and community members, it's easy to understand an outsider's reaction to stumbling upon a gem such as Maplewood.

As the 2004-05 school year progresses, there are many exciting events taking place on campus and other projects in the planning stage. Maplewood was thrilled to receive two grants this year. The funds will support teacher training, parent involvement and student achievement. Specific student services outlined in the grants are after-school classes. The class content can be anything related to student achievement, including any and all sciences, physical well being, etc. I specify because I am inviting community involvement in after-school classes by teaching our students a course in your expertise. Students enjoy and greatly benefit from involvement of adults other than parents in their lives. If you are interested or want more information, please call Kelli Kirk at 414-1086.

Maplewood functions with a foundation philosophy of "green living." This is evident in curriculum emphasis as well

as extra-curricular activities provided for students. To support this effort and build on the fantastic science program that already exists, in large part due to expert kindergarten teacher Dr. Pauline Walker, our school is embarking on a partnership with the UT School of Architecture to create a "solar science lab." The lab will be a building that incorporates the use of solar power, rainwater collection, and recycled and alternative, environmentally friendly building materials. It will provide a unique opportunity for east Austin school children to see a project through from start to finish with a high level of expert review. The cost of construction of the lab is approximately \$200,000 and funds must be in place by mid-November for a summer construction start date. Teachers and parents have begun fundraising efforts, and we welcome support that any community members may be able to contribute. Please call 414-1086.

Don't go to Genie or pull out that hose and chamois from the shed just yet (even though the love bugs along 290 East have been thick). On Saturday, Oct. 16, students will have a car wash and bake sale in the Maplewood parking lot. Stop by, get your ride shined up, and purchase some sweet treats to benefit your neighborhood school.

Thanks to Jim Walker and Michelle Blood for serving on the Maplewood Campus Advisory Committee. We appreciate their insight, expertise and advice concerning decision-making matters for the school.

There are many volunteer opportunities on campus, from one-on-one work with students, to campus landscaping. Please call 414-1086 or stop by school if you are interested in tutoring, mentoring or any other type of volunteer job. ■

This Maplewood news column is written by Kelli Kirk, a counselor at Maplewood who lives in our neighborhood.

FRIENDS OF PATTERSON PARK

By Isabelle Headrick

The main news for Friends of Patterson Park is that we are seeking new members. We have a fantastic team of folks who have worked hard to bring major improvements to the park, but we are still a very small group. In order to live up to our potential and bring about even more positive changes in the park, we need fresh blood. If you have an interest in the park and can attend monthly meetings, please contact Isabelle at isanews@texas.net or 499-0621. Our meetings are the second Monday of each month at Genesis Presbyterian Church and last approximately one hour. If you have an interest, but

that is a bad time for you, please contact me anyway.

In other news, Patterson Park is buzzing with its usual activities. At least one group of kids, moms and dads meets every Tuesday afternoon after school at the playscape. Families come from Maplewood Elementary, Open Door Pre-school and across the neighborhood (and from others as well). We have babies through elementary age children. Please join us—it's a great way to meet your neighbors. If you are interested in starting a FoPP-sponsored playgroup for weekday mornings, please let me know.

In addition, Pharr Tennis Center offers tennis lessons for kids ages 6 to 16. My son Zel and his friends have

been having a blast taking lessons with Coach Ricky Steinberg. Lessons are inexpensive (and I love how conveniently located they are). For more information, call Ricky at 507-8495 or Pharr Tennis Center at 477-7773.

The next Friends of Patterson Park meetings are scheduled for 7 p.m. Oct. 11, Nov. 8, and Dec. 13 at Genesis. For more information on FoPP, call Isabelle at 499-0621 or e-mail isanews@texas.net. As always, donations to Friends of Patterson Park are tax-deductible and greatly appreciated. You may send a check payable to Austin Parks Foundation with "Patterson Park" on the memo line. Mail to: APF, 815 Brazos St., Suite 1001, Austin, Texas 78701 ■

CHERRYWOOD GREEN

By Brent Hay

This has been a big year for Cherrywood Green. We started the year with a Happy Hour at the Green. More than 40 friends and neighbors gathered in the spring for hot dogs and all the fixins.

Every summer, maintenance becomes the order of the day. For the second year in a row, we recruited a mowing brigade to keep the lawn looking good. Kudos to the men and women who kept things manicured: Chris Buitron and Eva Riquelme, Katharine Beisner and Joe Alquist, Steve Wilson, Maddie and Chris Kadas, Brian Keenan, Mike Damal, Brent Hay and Jimmy Harper.

We are also moving forward on a larger project: installing a water line and faucet in order to water the plants occasionally. Mike Damal and Girard Kinney have taken the lead. They have located the main water line and are asking the city to waive many of the fees associated with the installation.

A fall garage sale is in the works. Stay tuned to the Cherrywood listserv.

As always, thank you for your support. ■

8TH ANNUAL CHERRYWOOD TREE PLANTING

By Mike Damal

In the past seven years, 195 trees have been planted during the neighborhood association's fall tree plantings. This year we will try something a bit different— coordinating the tree planting with the planned garage sale for Cherrywood Green.

Trees ordered will be available at the event. Watch NeighborNet for the date. You can pick them up, take them home and plant them yourselves, or neighborhood volunteers will plant them for you on this date. If you cannot attend the garage sale, we will make arrangements to have the tree planted on another day.

Anyone interested in trees can e-mail (preferred) at mdamal@grandecom.net or call me at 478-9622. The cost per tree runs from \$15 to \$20, and we usually have a selection of Chinese pistache, burr oak, red oak, live oak, cedar elm, crepe myrtle, or redbuds. These trees range in height from 6 to 10 feet, and if you want larger trees I can pick them up on request.

We have neighborhood volunteers to plant the trees, and we have people experienced in the best places to plant them, so all you have to do is sign up. For the price of a pizza you can help the environment and beautify Cherrywood.

If you want to help plant the trees on a Saturday morning, please e-mail me or call the above number. This is not hard work and it is a lot of fun. ■

"CONCORDIA TRIANGLE?"

By Gordon Bennett

We tried this summer to name the nameless green space at Concordia Avenue and East 37th Street. Neighbors had anonymously added a picnic table under the shade tree, fixed the table, and kept the area mowed. It has become a very pleasant addition. So we thought it should join similar public-spirited efforts and become a proper pocket park with a proper appellation.

Many interesting names were suggested. We tried taking an electronic poll. But it yielded a first-place tie. What to do?

One winner is "Concordia Rest." It uses the name of one of its streets, and suggests a place where walkers or joggers might enjoy a few moments out of the sun. But to some, concept of a "Rest" sounds funereal.

The other is "Bermuda Triangle." It plays on the curiosity that people get lost in these curvy blocks, as they do in the legendary area where sailors are supposedly lost and never heard from again. And the parklet is triangular in shape. But to some, there is simply nothing local about "Bermuda."

So, at the neighborhood meeting Oct. 20, I will propose that we adopt the natural compromise suggested by Jeanne Arbuckle, "Concordia Triangle." ■

WILLOWBROOK REACH

The back of the new Willowbrook Reach sign near Cherrywood Road has a new container for plastic bags that may be used as "poop bags" by people walking their dogs. Neighbors are invited to use them and also to contribute plastic bags to the box.

After some reports of a suspicious person in the green belt at night, the city cut the high grass to improve safety. Neighbors are urged to use caution walking in the green belt, especially at night, and to report any suspicious activity to the police. ■



Season Cornett and daughter Fenix Cornett enjoyed a landscaping workday at Maplewood Elementary School, organized by Shani Snoddy. Their work with a dozen other willing hands spoke the message loud and clear: Shade, greenery and landscaping are wonderful. So is the wildlife they attract.

Photo by Dolly Ensey.

CARROLLS' HAVE "YARD OF FAME"

By Mike Damal



The winner of this quarter's yard of fame goes to Rosana and Patrick Carroll at 3505 Lafayette. Described by neighbors as "a lush tropical jungle, unique," this yard is filled with an eclectic array of plants, including two peach trees and a pine tree framed in crushed granite walkways.

While being "jungle" looking, this yard avoids the appearance of being overgrown. The array of varied plants gives the area a multidimensional look. Rosana said the inspiration began four years ago when they planted their pine tree, which they had used as a Christmas tree. What developed was a low maintenance garden containing many herbs, and some years it provides excellent peaches. The jasmine, when in bloom, provides an alluring scent to passers by.

Rosana and Patrick do not have grass. Rather they use crushed granite, lush vegetation, and periodic weed pulling to create a very green space while preventing the area from turning into an untidy jungle. I invite everyone to walk by their Lafayette address and check out this great yard and the plant selections.

Patrick and Rosana will receive a \$25 gift certificate from our sponsors, Big Red Sun. This nursery on East Cesar Chavez Street has many items that can't be found in the "big box" stores.

Thanks for all who voted and nominated yards in this quarter's competition. It is becoming more competitive and includes more people. ■

CNA ARCHIVES

By Gordon Bennett

Cherrywood Neighborhood Association lacks a physical home and permanent records. It's a weak spot in the life of our effective association. While all issues of the Flea from its beginning in 1995 have been archived at the Austin History Center, how about minutes? Financial records? Correspondence? Committee reports?

For years each incoming chair has taken possession, from his or her predecessor, of a file box or two of what records there were. Much has been kept. But it is incomplete, poorly organized and not publicly available.

Now, Lex Dale Owens has donated a file cabinet. And the Maplewood Elementary School Library has agreed to house it. This year's librarian, Kathryn "Ramy" Garcia, has had it put behind the checkout desk where it is publicly accessible, and has lettered an identifying label. This is yet another instance of school/community cooperation. We are grateful to Lex, Ramy, Principal Luis Lazaro and last year's librarian Meredith Osborn for helping bring this to fruition.

Having an archive significantly strengthens the Cherrywood Neighborhood Association. It gives us an "institutional memory." It will now be possible to look up what we have decided, done and spent in the past. And it will all be conveniently open to the neighbors. ■

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