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## PARKING

# You Down with RPP?

*Residential parking permits may be salvation from vehicular hell* | by Michael Damal

I have seen the future, and it is Residential Permit Parking.

Having lived on Cherrywood Road for over 20 years, I saw a big change this fall, when new businesses on Manor Road turned our street from the quiet residential street it's always been to something more like a parking lot. The change was dramatic and neighbors were upset of this perceived "invasion." "Our property values

will go down." "What right do people have parking in front of my house?"

While it may be considered undesirable to have cars parked in front of your house, we have become a very popular central neighborhood, and Manor Road has developed into a hub of activity. People want to be in Cherrywood, making the neighborhood more desirable and valuable. This trend will only continue, putting more pressure on our residential streets for parking.

### RPP A-OK?

The city has dealt with this issue in denser areas—including West Campus and South Congress—with the Residential Parking Permit program. The basics of the program are as follows:

- The purpose, according to City of Austin's website: "To increase the amount of >>

**May 21**  
6:30–8pm  
Cherrywood Neighborhood Quarterly Meeting  
Asbury Servant Church

**July 4**  
10 a.m.  
Parade—French Place & 28th St.

**July 10**  
8 p.m.  
Salvage Vanguard B-Day  
2803 E. Manor Rd.

# GOT TIME? GET INVOLVED

Don't let your relationship with your neighborhood go the way of Gwenyth and Chris. Attend somethin'! (pg. 2–3).

<< on-street parking available to residents and their guests while balancing the needs of others who desire to park along the street.”

- A resident fills out an application for the area (done block by block only) and the days and hours requested for the restricted permitted parking. The city then gives the resident a petition to be signed by all neighbors affected on the block. Austin requires a minimum of 60 percent approval from residents to proceed.
- As it gathers signatures, the resident must notify the neighborhood association of the plan. The city prefers the association sign off in support of the RPP, but it's apparently not necessary. An RPP under consideration in Cherrywood sought and received CNA approval.
- The city analyzes parking in the area during the requested times. If it finds

the problem excessive, it implements the program, making parking permits available for residents only. (The city may also tweak the restricted hours and days.)

- Residents apply and pay (\$10 each) for up to two permanent stickers or hang tags that let them park in the restricted area. Residents can request free extra hangtags for one-time events (such as planned parties) and construction vehicles working on houses on the street.

#### RPP in the CW

RPP is already in effect on two southwestern streets in Cherrywood to cope with UT daytime parking, and four other neighbors are considering or have already applied for RPPs in their blocks, including the first block of Lafayette after 38 1/2 Street. Though RPPs often “push” the traffic to the following block (a cascading effect that may dump the

problem on adjacent areas once removed from congestion), other streets will likely consider this program as more businesses move into Cherrywood.

In the meantime, as you rue the lack of parking in front of your house, take comfort: the owners of those cars envy that you live in Cherrywood!

**More info:** <http://austintexas.gov/departments/residential-permit-parking>.

## I-35 Changes May be Closer than They Appear

The Texas Department of Transportation has supposedly dropped the “super streets” idea that would close I-35 street crossings between Manor Rd. and Airport Blvd. But don't worry, the fun just keeps coming with more Mobility 35 plans to make our relationship with the interstate all the more interesting. In response, a number of potentially affected Central Austin neighborhood associations have formed the North Central I-35 Neighborhood Coalition 2. Check out the latest news at [ncinc2.org](http://ncinc2.org).

#### WHAT GIVES?

### Trash Mountain

Cherrywood got an extended Residential Bulk Collection in January, its streets resembling Bubonic-Plague-era London well into February. But in the presence of all those moldy sofas and stained carpets, at least we could take comfort in knowing that when it comes to hoarding, we are not alone.

PHOTO BY STEVE WILSON



#### CHERRYWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

## Meetings

DON'T MISS OUT!



Wednesday, May 21  
Cherrywood Quarterly Meeting  
@ Servant Church 6:30–8 pm

**AGENDA:** TXdot's Mobility 35 Plan (for action), NCINC2 response to Mobility 35, Bylaws Amendment regarding notice for general meeting (for action).

#### RECURRING MEETINGS

- FIRST MONDAYS:** APD Central East Commander's Forum . . . . . 6–8 pm
- FIRST WEDNESDAYS:** Land Use and Transportation Committee . . . 8–9:30 pm
- SECOND SUNDAYS:** Mueller Neighborhood Association Meeting . . . 3–5 pm
- SECOND MONDAYS:** Friends of Willowbrook Reach . . . . . 6:30 pm
- SECOND TUESDAYS:** Austin Neighborhood Council East Sector . . . noon–1 pm
- THIRD WEDNESDAYS:** CNA Steering Committee Meeting . . . . . 6:30–8 pm
- FOURTH MONDAYS:** Upper Boggy Creek Neighborhood Team . . . . . 7–8:30 pm
- FOURTH WEDNESDAYS:** Austin Neighborhoods Council . . . . . 7–9 pm

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).



#### CNA UPDATE

**BYGOLLY: BYLAWS!** Special shout-out to members of the Bylaws Revision Taskforce: Chair Rich Heyman, Terry Dyke, Francie Greene, Girard Kinney, Jules Kniolek, Rebecca Kohout, Emily Schwartz. See what they done did on page 9. **FINAL REPORT FROM “COMMITTEE COMMITTEE”** In January, the Organizational Review Task Force delivered its final report, identifying 30 committees in CNA. See the final report here: <http://tinyurl.com/na6ykam>. CNA may vote on its recommendations for committee restructuring at the May general meeting. **WHERE WE'RE GOING** Cherrywooders had the chance to examine its “neighborhood DNA” at the Imagine Austin event. More info: see page 3.

# I Cherrywood, Therefore I am

**C**SI: Cherrywood this ain't, but eight neighbors studied the neighborhood's "DNA" just the same when they met in early April for Imagine Austin. The program and its CodeNEXT initiative, gathers micro-level data on neighborhoods to help revise the land development code. Participants made a map of Cherrywood and listed their favorite and less-than-favorite aspects of the neighborhood. The list of positives (Cherrywood Coffeehouse, Cherrywood Green, etc.) is long, so let's skip to what needs work:

**CONSTRAINTS**

- **Hangars/West Bank Dry Cleaning:** underused parking lot is a functional blight
- **Oversized stealth dorms** on Robinson and Concordia Aves. and other areas
- **Curb cuts:** Manor Rd. sidewalks and Hoover's parking lot thwart pedestrians
- **Off-ramp flare** at I-35 and Airport Blvd.: inefficient and ineffective

**OPPORTUNITIES**

- **Patterson Park:** could have stronger programming and tie into regional trails better
- **4020 Airport Blvd.:** likely to be developed into either residential or mixed-use project in next year or two
- **Future 7/11:** listened to neighbors about design, but Cherrywood could do without

gas pumps/auto-oriented businesses.

*[Ed note: And hopefully they'll replace the 20-year-old Burr oak they damaged and had to remove.]*

- **Bike/pedestrian connectivity:** potential for better connections to trails at Mueller
- **Rail:** a rail stop that we can all walk to (closer than MLK station)
- **Manor Rd.:** potential for vertical mixed-use projects, especially between Walnut Ave. and Airport
- **Parking inundation:** possibly addressed with Residential Parking Permit (see pg. 1) and parking meters
- **More rental properties,** including garage apartments, to keep diversity as property values increase
- **More backyard art studios**
- **A permanent decision** about the future of I-35 so people who own property along the frontage road can make investments.

Marilyn Fenn, Nathan Lynch, Jennifer Potter-Miller, and Mike Sullivan submitted nearly 100 photos to support the neighborhood map.

**More info:** [cherrywood.org/mapping-cherrywoods-character](http://cherrywood.org/mapping-cherrywoods-character).

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*Cherrywood Green, an essential nucleotide in the neighborhood's DNA.*

**DISTRICT 9**

**TOGETHER AGAIN FOR THE FIRST TIME**

You name it, they probably talked about it at the first District 9 Neighborhood Leaders Meet Up in March. More than 30 representatives from the neighborhood associations of District 9 gathered to rap about the upcoming election in which District 9 will choose a councilperson, as well as I-35 changes, the new medical school coming down the pike, urban rail, and on and on.

Likely mayoral and city council candidates addressed the group on the importance of engaging the community, which could prove a challenge in our fair district. As Mueller Neighborhood Association's James Nortey noted, District 9 residents may be a vocal presence at City Hall meetings, but they turn out in the lowest numbers at elections. Blame the college students, if you must.

The group met again in April, after *The Flea's* press time.

## CHERRYWOOD CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**FRENCH PLACE & 28TH**  
 July 4 10am  
*Independence Day Parade*

**VORTEX REPERTORY COMPANY**  
 5/16-5/31 8pm  
*What's Going on?*  
 6/6-6/21 8pm  
*Cuchulain Cycle*  
 6/27-7/19 8pm  
*Pygmalion*  
 7/25-8/2 8pm  
*Summer Youth Theatre*  
 8/10-8/23 8pm  
*Octia of the Pink Ocean*

**VORTEX BUTTERFLY BAR**  
 Tuesdays 7pm  
*Trivia*

Thursdays 5:30pm  
*Happy Hour*

**CHERRYWOOD COFFEEHOUSE**  
 Tuesdays 10pm  
*Open-Mic Comedy*  
 Thursdays 7-9pm  
*Music*  
 Sundays 10am  
*Kids Music*  
 Sundays dusk  
*Movie Night*  
 Monday-Friday 8am  
*Hatha Yoga*

**THE SKYLARK LOUNGE**  
 Mondays 9pm  
*Stand-up Comedy*

**Shop Art**  
 Saturdays, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.  
*East Austin Handmade Arts Market* ([easeaustinhandmade.com](http://easeaustinhandmade.com))  
 opened early in the year sportin' around 100 rotating local artists, a few farmer's market types and a regular rotation of entertainment on Saturdays from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Vortex Repertory Company, 2307 Manor Road.

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**IN.GREDIENTS**  
 Wednesdays 5pm  
*Happy Hour*

Thursdays 7pm  
*Geeks Who Drink*  
 Thursdays 9pm  
*Homegrown Comedy*  
 Friday 6:30pm  
*Acoustic Music*  
**SALVAGE VANGUARD**  
 5/22-6/7 8pm  
*Glass Half Full Theatre*  
 6/5-6/7 8pm  
*Lucky Chaos*  
 6/10 8pm  
*20th Anniversary*  
 6/11 8pm  
*NMass*  
 6/19 8pm  
*Doctah Mistah*

# The Need for Milkweed

*Milkweed gardens feed imperiled Monarchs* | by Lindsay Olindel

It takes four generations of Monarchs to make their annual migration from Mexico to Canada and back, a trip that's grown harder in recent years due in part to the scarcity of milkweed, the caterpillar's staple, and pesticides on crops along their path. Planting milkweed can help feed the Monarchs caterpillars as they fly through central Texas in the Spring and Fall. We recently fell for the charisma of a few Monarch caterpillars in our yard (full story with video on [cherrywood.org](http://cherrywood.org)). Here are some milkweed and caterpillar cultivation tips we learned from our experience:

- While there are lots of milkweed varieties (bushes, vines, red, purple, green, yellow...), all their seeds look similar and sail in the wind. Always ask for pesticide-free milkweed. Also, washing hands after handling milkweed and keeping it away from small children are good ideas.
- Right before the first freeze, cut stems and store them in water on a windowsill for the winter. You may not see many roots at first but by mid-March they'll be ready



COURTESY OF LINDSAY OLINDE

for replanting. Once planted, water often until established. Repeat next winter for a Monarch haven of your very own.

- When caterpillars slow down or stop moving for a couple days, they're usually just saving energy for a big change— like to shed their skin or go into chrysalis.
- About 24 hours before a Monarch is ready to emerge, the chrysalis turns almost immediately from a jade green to what

looks like black. Looking more closely, it's really so transparent you can see the orange of their wings.

- Eric Carle's *The Hungry Caterpillar* is pretty accurate! At peak eating, our caterpillar friends went through about a leaf every half hour.

**More info:** [www.monarchwatch.org](http://www.monarchwatch.org)

## COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

### Plans Ripen

After enduring a prolonged fallow season, not to mention a plague of locusts or two, The Patterson Park Community Garden may finally come to fruition this fall. CNA's garden task force has put the finishing touches on an application that now includes official neighborhood approval from CNA, Schieffer-Willowbrook Neighborhood Association and Wilshire Wood/Dellwood I, as well as letters of support from the likes of New Covenant Fellowship at Genesis Church. Task force chair Mark Smolen says the garden group is moving forward to finalize its application with the city while firming up the garden design, the first year budget and fundraising, as well as construction schedules, garden bylaws and membership agreement.

**More info:** [smolen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:smolen@sbcglobal.net)

## GREEN GOINGS-ON



**URBAN FARM UPDATE:** *Jacob and Ellie Greene—plus a cow's hindquarters—joined Cherrywood Farm members on a recent tour of their egg source, Chris Moreno and Eric Hartzell's Morehart Farm. (The spring 2014 season is under way, with 20 families growing food for each other. Memberships are still available. **More info:** [terry.dyke@cherrywood.org](mailto:terry.dyke@cherrywood.org) or [urbanpatch-work.org](http://urbanpatch-work.org). **PLANT AND BOOK SWAP:** Cherrywood Plant and Book Swap no. 19 featured the strings of ukulele rockers Kathy and Bill Jones, Maplewood's Ukulele Choir, and violinist Luke Fuca. Four Travis County master gardeners answered questions, and Mike Damal mowed the Green (beforehand, fortunately). Coming up: the big 2-0 in October. **LANTERN FESTIVAL:** In March, Cherrywooders celebrated the Persian/Baha'i new year and the first day of Spring with a lantern walk from Cherrywood Green to ingredients.*



FARM PHOTO COURTESY OF TERRY DYKE; SWAP AND LANTERN FEST PHOTOS COURTESY OF JENNIFER POTTER-MILLER

## FRIENDS OF PATTERSON PARK FRIENDS AND LOVERS OF WILLOWBROOK REACH Mulch to Think About



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Neighbors celebrated the March It's My Park Day in high style, spreading 30 yards of mulch around Patterson Park and seeding the island of the Brookview turnaround with wildflowers. Later in the day, at Willowbrook Reach, volunteers with the Youth River Watch Program pitched in as well to plant 1,360 sq. feet of "seed islands" along the creek to create a Monarch Way Station. The six species of Milkweed and one hundred other nectar and host plant species are meant to attract multiple types of butterflies, bees and birds. The Austin Park Foundation and Watershed Protection Department donated materials.

## Vivo: Vandalism then Vamoose?

Vivo, the 10-year-old tex-mexery, closed its doors and its beloved patio deck for good in early March, posting an online farewell about an “ongoing dispute with the property owners.” That dispute (apparently over unpaid rent) turned even uglier weeks later when Quander Management filed a lawsuit against Vivo Restaurant Group, claiming major damage to the 2015 Manor Rd. building. The suit says Vivo people attacked the walls, patio and air-conditioning ducts with sledgehammers, trashed windows and furnishings, and spread around graffiti and excrement for good measure. No word yet on whether the excrement was human or otherwise.



COURTESY OF VIVO

### El Sapo hops in

Emblazoned with what may be the coolest mural of a toad anyone’s ever bothered to paint on a wall, El Sapo arose from the char-broiled ashes of Flat Top Burger Shop in March. This “cantina for El Chile,” as El Chile group owner Carlos Rivero calls it, opened with a string of South by Southwest



COURTESY OF EL SAPO

parties that introduced the public to its menu of burgers and the stray hot dog dish. Most of the offerings have a Tex-Mex twist, and the booze leans heavily toward the Texas-made.

### Quoth the Raven, “Accessorize!”

In non-restaurant-related Manor news, Raven + Lily opened in March, selling gifts and accessories handmade by women in India, Africa and other locales. Dai Due and Sugar Mama’s Bakeshop are set to open nearby in the coming weeks.



COURTESY OF J. POTTER-MILLER

### Monarch emerges from cocoon with new owner

When his son chose to pursue his MBA instead of taking over the family business, the longtime owner of Monarch sold the convenience store and it changed hands early in the year. Hence, the interior remodeling (but the new owner plans to keep the name and the sign).



COURTESY OF JENNIFER POTTER-MILLER



### NICE SPREAD

Camera crews shut down a block and then some all day on Lafayette in the darkest hour of Snowpocalypse to get the approximately two seconds of footage used in this Miracle Whip commercial. See it here: [tinyurl.com/ka55urb](http://tinyurl.com/ka55urb).



COURTESY OF JENNIFER POTTER-MILLER

### LET’S PUT ON A SHOW!

Vortex Repertory Company turned 25 years young in January, celebrating with a party that reflected the wacky and whacked sensibility that has made it a beloved neighborhood joint for a quarter century.



COURTESY OF JENNIFER M. RAMOS

### ARTISTS BIG AND LITTLE

Still time to catch Chula League’s Little Artist BIG ARTIST exhibit at Pump Project Art Complex before it closes May 10. Funded by Cherrywood Art Fair proceeds, the program pairs East Austin elementary school kids with professional artists to get creative (and commercial). [chulaleague.org](http://chulaleague.org)



*Class picture from 1952, when Maplewood was new.*

# Maplewood Memories

*Reuniting Mustangs recall the school's formative years* | by Rebecca Kohout

**F**ormer students of Maplewood Elementary School held their second class reunion in late April at Patterson Park, reminiscing over hot dogs and sausage wraps and striking up a rousing game of good old-fashioned box hockey. Some attendees were among the first students at the school, built in 1951 on pastureland with only five classrooms (and a cafeteria that converted into a classroom). Back then the principal, Roy Shelton, was a part-timer, also serving as principal of John B. Winn Elementary. However, he went full-time at Maplewood in 1952, the same year the PTA formed.

Here are some of the memories these early Mustangs shared:

## THE MORE THINGS CHANGE...

### Jennifer Ussery Hall

Surprisingly the first time I went back after several years it was amazingly similar to what I remember. The office is in the same place, so is the library and the gym.

## THE PLAYGROUND

### Alan Atherton

I remember that merry-go-round and the slide, especially the slide, the flesh-searing-in-the-summer-time-so-hot-it'll-melt-lead slide.

## B.A.C. (BEFORE AIR-CONDITIONING) David Wingard

Maplewood was not air conditioned back then, which made the aroma from the cafeteria that more intense, especially on humid, warm days. I remember the smell of baking rolls that would waft from the cafeteria and subsume the entire school.

## FAVORITE AND NOT-SO-FAVORITE TEACHERS

**Doug Green** Ms. Rehms, the P.E. teacher, had played professional softball in her younger days. She taught me and others how to play washer. ... One year me and Mike Foster went to a washer tournament and she drove us there in her little Yellow Corvair. I still have the blue ribbon that we won!

**David Wingard** Ms. Sparkman was put out with Dale Robertson's messy desk one day. So she picked it up, turned it upside down so that all of the stuff he had inside his desk fell to the floor. Made quite a pile. She then told him to clean it up.

## HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

### David Wingard

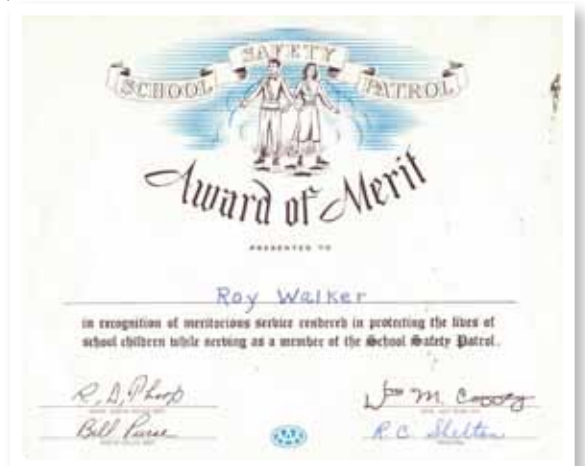
I always enjoyed the Halloween carnival. That was the big school social that brought parents/kids together for the night at Maplewood. Especially

remember going through the haunted house a few times, which was in the room where we saw movies. Lots of activities, booths, parent participation.

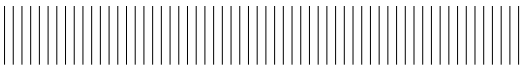
## DOWNTIME AT PATTERSON PARK

**John C Caffey** The [summer] dances were pretty cool. They were on Tuesday nights on the basketball court.

**David Wingard** All we had was a record player that played 45s. There were special occasions where we actually had real band, which was great. The younger kids (me) hung out on one side of the court; older teens hung out on the other.



COURTESY OF ROY WALKER

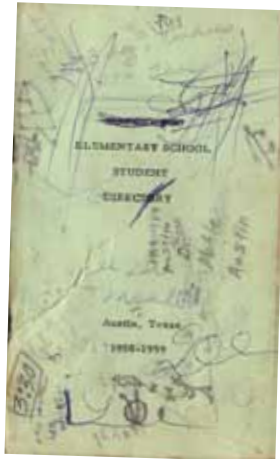


End-of-school hijinks at Patterson Park in 1962 and 2014.

### A BRUSH WITH HISTORY

**Doug Green**

I was in Ms. Rehms class on Nov. 22, 1963 and she was the one that had to tell us that John Fitzgerald Kennedy had been shot and for us to go home. We were getting out early anyway that day so we could go the parade in Austin for the president.



COURTESY OF ROY WALKER

### FRIENDS FOREVER

**Jennifer Ussery Hall**

Several of us still hang out and live near each other and have maintained contact through our adult lives. I met my best friend, Janie Lamme Hilliard, at Maplewood and we have been and still are best friends for over 50 years. Maplewood had that kind of magic.

## HOW DIVERSE IS CHERRYWOOD?



A Maplewood Elementary classe in 1970, after AISD stopped dragging its heels on desegregation. (More info: <http://tinyurl.com/kvyoj3q>.) Over the past seven years, African-American students at Maplewood have dropped from 40 percent to 18 percent.

Last issue's inaugural "Cherrywood Reader" literary section featured "Little Known Facts about Cherrywood," in which, among other quips, long-time Cherrywooder Vicente Lozano lampooned gentrification in the neighborhood. That prompted Josefina Castillo to write in asking just how diverse Cherrywood actually is.

The answer: getting less diverse all the time. Cherrywood may be home to Spanish immersion daycare Escuelita del Alma, as Molly Wetterschneider reminded The Flea, but Central East Austin as a whole is whitening. The area has seen a 27 percent decrease in African Americans, a 9.3 percent decrease in Hispanics, and a 40 percent increase in whites, according to 2010 census data. The Flea couldn't find a census breakdown for Cherrywood itself, beyond web sites such as City-Data.com, whose credibility it couldn't confirm.

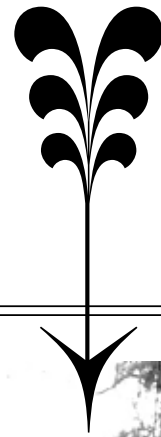
Meanwhile, a Feb. 18 KUT report on African Americans leaving Austin Independent School District ([tinyurl.com/ml3lr2s](http://tinyurl.com/ml3lr2s)) said that African-American students at Maplewood Elementary have dropped from 40 percent to around 18 percent over the past seven years. The latest Maplewood School Report Card breaks down the 2011-12 enrollment:

- ☞ Hispanic: 38.9%
- ☞ White: 32.4%
- ☞ African American: 18.2%
- ☞ Asian: 1.7%

Have additional info or comments? Contact: [flea@cherrywood.org](mailto:flea@cherrywood.org)

—Steve Wilson

# Cliffhanger Resolved: TV Sculptor Found!



**A**s detailed last issue, Cherrywood resident Marcus Brown plopped 34th Street’s fabled cement TV in a willing neighbor’s yard until he could find it a permanent home. Brown passed away a few years later, and the neighbor, Jeff, has kept the TV there as a tribute to his friend. Jeff lost touch with Tamsie Ringler, the TV’s creator, but neighbor John Mitchell helped *The Flea* track her down in St. Paul, Minnesota, where she works as a sculptor to this day.

Ringler, a Wisconsin native, lived in Austin from 1988–1991 for the graduate sculpting program at UT-Austin. In that time she made a lot of friends in the city’s creative community, including Brown and people involved with *Slacker*, a film in which she and her husband both appear. The Flea caught up with her on the phone a week before she left for Latvia to help organize an iron sculpting conference.



*Sculptor Tamsie Ringler with the Garden House installation in which the TV first appeared in 1991.*

COURTESY OF TAMSIE RINGLER

**So how did the TV come to be?**

It was part of a bigger installation called Garden House, my final MFA project. It was kind of a riff on concrete yard sculpture, a shotgun shack with small living room space that had a TV, kitchen table, bathtub and a bed full of flowers. The idea was that the outside is our house and it’s not a separate world. People would sit and “watch” the TV, and we joked about “mass” media.

**So to make it, did you pour concrete in an old TV set or what?**

I made a mold off the front of a TV and attached it to a box that I filled with concrete. I didn’t want it to look exactly like an old-fashioned console TV, since it was meant as a garden sculpture in the oriental garden tradition.

**Did you expect the TV to last all these years?**

It’s so funny, when I saw the picture of the TV in *The Flea* I thought, “Oh my god! That’s exactly where Marcus and I dropped off the TV 20 years ago!” It’s cool to see that moment back in time again.

**Done any other “TV work” since?**

When I lived in Portland I did a cast bronze TV set for one of their transit stations. It was there for 12 years, but they just took it down because teenagers were hanging around it and dealing drugs. It was sad to hear about that, but that made me even more glad to know the cement TV in Austin is still appreciated.

**Yes, about that. You don’t want it back, do you? Because we’re all sort of attached.**

I gave it to Marcus, who loved to collect weird stuff. So I don’t feel any ownership.

See more of Ringler’s work at [www.tamsie.com](http://www.tamsie.com).

*Ratings are through the roof: Cherrywood loves the TV.*



**I Want My Cement TV!**

*Finally, an issue on which all Cherrywooders can agree: the TV stays.*

When Jeff of 34th St. asked *Flea* readers if he should keep the fabled cement TV in his front yard, fervent praise for the sculpture flooded our editorial offices. (Actually, we’re talking 20 or so emails, but for us, that’s huge.)

Here’s a typical response: “We have loved your concrete TV for the past 20 years and it should definitely STAY!!! It has spurred many interesting conversations about the TV’s deep meaning...”

Jeff has this to say: “Several people walking by also have said they like the TV but did not respond to the survey. I have also had two letters from people asking if they could move the TV to their homes. The TV is staying where it is.”



# Time to Change the Bylaws

Taskforce proposes change to CNA meeting agenda process | by Rich Heyman

**Here's the problem:** The bylaws of Cherrywood Neighborhood Association require that every household in the neighborhood receive a written copy of the Cherrywood Quarterly Meeting agenda five days in advance. In the past, CNA has relied on *The Flea* to meet this requirement, but it usually takes several weeks to edit, design, print and deliver the publication. That means the steering committee must create the agenda up to six weeks ahead of every quarterly meeting and leave out any important items that come to light in the meantime

**Here's the fix:** To give the steering committee time to put last-minute issues in the agenda and deliver that information to neighbors, CNA's bylaws revision taskforce has proposed a few changes.

- Post written notice of the meetings, including the agenda, in publicly accessible locations around the neighborhood. The information will also be distributed electronically.
- No single person will control the agenda; it will be agreed on by the steering committee.

- Neighbors will have a mechanism for placing items on the agenda.

Our guiding principles in thinking through these issues have been to ensure that we have an informed and engaged membership, that our rules do not prevent us from acting in a timely manner, and that the agenda is as open and democratic as possible.

In coming months, the taskforce will also look at committee structure, record keeping and membership categories. More info or suggestions: heyman@austin.utexas.edu or 512-744-3945.

## EXISTING ARTICLE V. MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERSHIP

### A. Notice of Membership Meetings

All general and special membership meetings shall require written notice specifying the date, time, place and an agenda describing issues to be discussed, and any possible actions, including the determination of a policy position, on which a vote may be taken. Meeting notices shall be delivered to each member household residence no fewer than 5 days nor more than 30 days prior to the meeting. Notice of membership meetings should be posted at Maplewood School 5 days before a meeting. When practicable, notice of membership meetings should also be posted on the CNA on-line calendar and to subscribers of the CNA email list, "NeighborNet."

### B. General Membership Meetings

Membership meetings shall be held at approximately quarterly intervals at a time and place to be determined by the membership at a previous meeting, or by the SC. The requirements for written notice of general meetings may be satisfied through an announcement in the newsletter.

## PROPOSED ARTICLE V. MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERSHIP

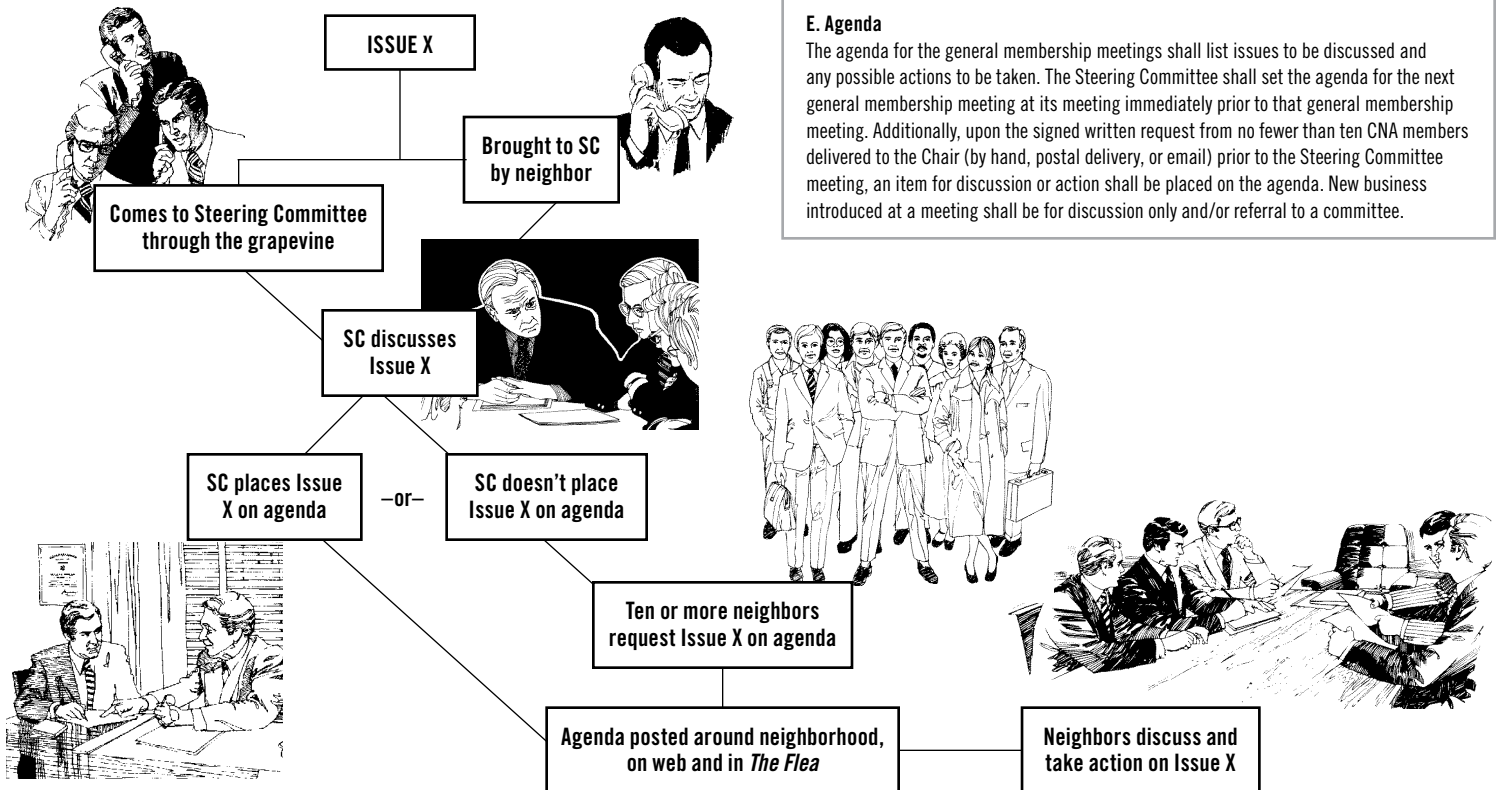
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### B. General Membership Meetings

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## AGENDA: PROPOSAL FOR A NEW PROCESS



## NEW LANGUAGE ADDED

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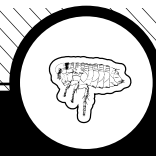
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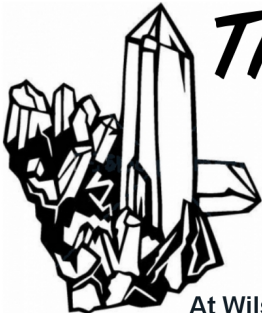
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The expansion site is located at Park St. David's within the St. David's Medical Center complex. In addition to a full-time OB-GYN and a nurse practitioner, there will be a health educator who will instruct patients on topics including lactation and family planning after pregnancy. Also, most sonogram services will now be performed in-house.

"In Texas, more than one in three babies are born to a mother who has received little or no prenatal care, emphasizing the critical need for greater access to prenatal services," said Regina Rogoff, Chief Executive Officer for PCC. "At People's we provide the highest quality care, assuring that more babies are born at normal birth weight and giving these youngest Texans the best chance for a healthy start in life."

Despite passage of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), the need for PCC's low cost health care services is more acute than ever. Not only is one in four Texans uninsured, the state has declined Medicaid expansion as provided by the ACA leaving a large portion of the state's population lacking health care coverage, Rogoff said.

PCC has offered comprehensive medical care to the uninsured and underinsured in Central Texas for more than 40 years. In 2013, the Clinic's various programs saw more than 34,000 medical visits by Central Texans, and those numbers are likely to increase.



L-R: Regina Rogoff, Marina Sifuentes, Nona Niland, Milton Hime

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Plant	Butterfly
Dill, fennel, parsley	Black & anise swallowtails
Snapdragons	Common Buckeyes
Milkweeds	Monarchs
Oaks	Hairstreaks & Duskywings
Asters	Pearl & Northern Crescents
Clovers	Clouded sulphurs & acmon blues
Hollyhock	Painted ladies
Wild Petunias	White Peacocks

### Feng Shui Tips for Your Home

#### How to attract Million \$\$\$ Opportunities

If any of our neighbors haven't benefited from the fast paced economy, then here's a tip that might help! When there is a view of a natural waterfall that appears to bring water to your home, you will definitely become rich. In the Far East countless people have become millionaires after introducing an artificial waterfall to their gardens. But remember not to overdo it. Balance is vital— too much water can drown you.

Oh, and if you put it in the front yard, be sure and put it to the right of the front door. Water on the left-hand side causes husbands to have a roving eye. Just sayin'.... And I'll be putting in my waterfall this summer!



## Cherrywood Real Estate Report

Information below is based on active, pending and sold homes within our Cherrywood boundaries. The data derives from a total of 14 homes sold or on the market for the period from January 5, 2013 to April 5, 2014.

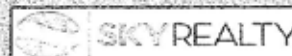
- Homes sold in the past 90 days: 7
- Homes currently pending sale: 7
- Homes actively listed: 0
- Average home for sale: 3 beds, 1 bath.
- Average size home for sale: 1,310 sq. ft.
- Average list price: \$357,214.
- Average home's selling price: \$381,214.
- Average price per square feet: \$298.40.
- Average time on market: 19 days.

These figures are definitely up from the previous three months. While the average size is around 100 sq. ft. smaller, the average sales price is up by \$30,000. And NO this isn't a type-o of selling price and list price. Homes are selling higher than they are listed!!! Price per square foot is also up by almost \$30 per sq ft. Days on the market is cut in half from the fall which was 40... to the current 19. So hold on to your seat. It's a seller's market, and buyers are in for a possible multiple offer situation.

If you'd like to know specifics about your home in order to compare it with other sales, please feel free to call me. I'm always available to assist you with upgrade choices to maximize your property values, too.

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