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WHA' HAPPEN?

Summer of Mysteries

*Disappearing homes, unexplained
holes, floating porta-potties—and it
keeps getting weirder* | by Steve Wilson

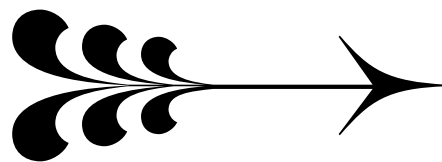
It started during the floods in late May, when a porta-potty floated down Cherrywood Rd. like a foul-smelling ghost. At least, that's what Cherrywood Rd. resident Erin Tassoulas figures must have happened. "I didn't actually see it float, but it was next to a curb of a house on Cherrywood being built," she says. "When I went outside to check out the flooding I saw it sitting three houses down right in front of the entrance to someone's driveway. Like a magic act. Thank god it didn't turn over."

The wandering porta-potty presaged several inexplicable events in Cherrywood last June and July. Here are just a few of the more bizarre moments in this season of the strange.

Leaving Lafayette

In early June, a duplex at 3404 Lafayette Ave. up and disappeared. Seriously, all the bulldozers left was an empty lot of dirt, rubble and toppled rubbish bins as the only sign a home had been there at all.

A post on the Neighbornet wondered why the city hadn't informed nearby neighbors of the demolition. Cara Fealy-Choate, who volunteers to check the CNA p.o. box, responded with the answer: No, the city hadn't given CNA a heads-up about the demolition, but it didn't have to. A disclaimer on all demolition permits says that the city only has >>



CNA AND FLEA TURN 20

In 1995, the little-neighborhood-that-could set the world on fire. *The Flea's* been there every flesh-eating step of the way. (pg. 11)

Aug. 19
6:30-8pm
CHERRYWOOD QUARTERLY MEETING
Special Guest: Rep. Kathy Tovo
Asbury Servant Church

October 10
9am-noon
PLANT AND BOOK SWAP
Cherrywood Green

<< to inform neighbors of a demolition if the structure or area has “historical significance.”

So what’s going up in the space? “Single Family House,” according to the short and sweet permit listed on the city’s site. About the only thing that stands out in the entry is the company that razed the structure, the evocatively named “Southwest Destroyers.”

Potholes in My Lawn

In July, a bunch of holes appeared in Cherrywood Green near the new kiosk. The holes cropped up in other places around the hood, but the ones at the Green seemed the most insidious. Rumors abounded that the city planned to install a utility pole there—exactly the sort of thing the neighborhood fought to avoid when it applied to create the Green. Adding to the mystery, Austin’s right-of-way coordinator and Austin Parks had no information on the holes.

But after a week of emails and phone calls, neighbors got an answer from Sergio Mendoza of Austin’s Watershed Engineering. Turns out the holes were “percolation test holes” to scope out possible rain gardens in 12 sites around the neighborhood.

Mystery solved. Or was it? One matter of unfinished business remained. Namely, what exactly is a rain garden? Turns out it’s a natural way to filter street water before it drains into creeks and rivers. Though funding is a long ways away, mark my words: Someday the Green will get a rain garden.

The Legality of Loppin’

Somewhere in the middle of all this, neighborhood plants affecting street visibility and blocking walkways started disappearing. No mystery this time around, just the work of a lopper cutting the offending vegetation. Trouble was the owners of the yards with the pernicious plants weren’t the ones doing the loppin’, and they made something of a stink about it on the NeighborNet.

An argument about the whole business raged on and on, but it wasn’t a complete waste of everyone’s time, as—let’s face it—these things usually are. Some useful information emerged when the police and at least one city employee weighed in:

➤ Trimming somebody else’s plants isn’t

exactly illegal if said plants block walkways or decrease visibility.

➤ One exception to the above is any tree of city property. You’d need a Public Tree Care Permit to prune, remove or aid that tree.

➤ Leaving the clippings on the street or in nearby yards are big no-nos.

➤ Loppers should clean trimmers betwixt every stop to avoid spreading diseases.

Obligatory Call for New LUT Chair

Maybe the greatest mystery is why these events haven’t inspired anyone to volunteer for the vacant chair for CNA’s Land Use and Transportation Committee.

Those up for the job should contact chair@cherrywood.org.

IF THAT DON’T BEAT ALL!

Green Art

Maybe it’s the new kiosk, maybe it’s the clean-up job on National Trail Day, maybe it’s just the boredom of summer, but somebody got inspired to spruce up Cherrywood Green with a lovely bit of poetry on a string. Check it out before some bird uses it to build a literary nest.



CNA UPDATE

CNA AND FLEA TURN 20 Y’all’ve come a long way, baby (pg. 11)

TOVO IN THE HOUSE District 9 City Council member Kathie Tovo visits the Cherrywood Quarterly Meeting again Aug. 19. Property taxes are bound to come up, given her work to prod the city into challenging appraisals on undervalued commercial properties.

INCORPORATION ANTICIPATION The committee tasked with exploring nonprofit status for CNA is set to present at the next Steering Committee meeting on Sept. 9.

GROUPS AND SUCH

Meetings



Wednesday, Aug. 19
Cherrywood Quarterly Meeting
@ Servant Church 6:30–8 pm

AGENDA: Check the kiosk and signs around the hood for posted agenda items.

RECURRING MEETINGS

- FIRST TUESDAYS:** 78722 Business Association Happy Hour 8 pm
- SECOND MONDAYS:** Friends Willowbrook Reach/Patterson Park . . . 6:30 pm
- SECOND TUESDAYS:** Austin Neighborhood Council East Sector . . . noon–1 pm
- SECOND TUESDAYS:** Blackland Community Development Center . . . 6 pm
- SECOND WEDNESDAYS:** CNA Steering Committee Meeting 6:30–8 pm
- THIRD SATURDAYS:** Mueller Neighborhood Association Meeting . . . 10 am
- FOURTH MONDAYS:** Upper Boggy Creek Neighborhood Team 6:30 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 for more information. Want to submit something for the online and FLEA calendars? Contact flea@cherrywood.org.

Upper Decks Going Nowhere Fast

TxDOT's about-face bring early-onset road rage | by Brendan Wittstruck

According to the Texas Department of Transportation and Senator Kirk Watson, the I-35 upper decks aren't going anywhere. Cherrywood residents and other members of The North Central I-35 Neighborhood Coalition 2 learned of this surprising about-face at a late May open house with the agency.

Throughout the Mobility35 Capital Area Improvement Plan process, TxDOT officials have repeatedly insisted that the upper decks could not structurally bear the load of another lane of traffic, ruling them out of the agency's plans to build managed toll/transit lanes and offering hope to nearby neighborhoods that the decks might ultimately be removed.

Announced by Senator Watson, the new 10-year plan calls for a retrofit to the existing support beams that will allow an additional auxiliary lane. While auxiliary lanes in practice have been shown to ease congestion caused by merging traffic, north central neighbors have been quick to note that the distance between ramps on the upper decks—in excess of a mile—means more vehicles, noise and air pollution, not to mention limited emergency access.

NCINC2 is drafting a resolution opposing the upper decks.

Also, the UT Center for Transportation Research presented a comparative traffic



The solution is simple: TxDOT should stop fretting over I-35 and simply invest in personal flight tech, the future of transportation.

analysis of the 38th Street ramp proposal (requiring acquisition of properties along the northbound frontage road), using modeling to predict traffic volumes with and without the proposed ramp. CNA had previously voted to neither support nor oppose the proposal until that info became available.

NCINC2 formed last year to share information on the developing CAIP proposals. The group, which includes Cherrywood, champions connectivity and pedestrian safety, burning issues for a city endeavoring to be sustainable, healthy and connected with an interstate that is anything but.

UPDATES

So Close!

Where things stand with on-going projects around the hood

4020 AIRPORT BLVD.

The development was supposed to break ground mid-summer, but now it's looking like September, according to Glen Coleman, spokesperson for developer PSW.

PATTERSON PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN

Money raised, permission granted, now it's just down to the city to sign a license agreement before proceeding with construction. Latest projection? September.

Plots available: smolen@sbcglobal.net.

RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMITS

RPP restricts parking to people with permits, and Austin don't take no jive where RPP is concerned: the city gave out 300 RPP-related citations last year. All it takes is a call to 311 to get illegally parked cars out of the picture. Streets close to UT in the southwest corner of the hood and Cherrywood Rd. from Manor Rd. to 32nd St. are down with RPP. Meanwhile, the block of Lafayette Ave. closest to the Cherrywood Coffeehouse is still working on it.

More info: austintexas.gov/department/residential-permit-parking.

CHERRYWOOD CALENDAR OF CULTURAL EVENTS

CHERRYWOOD COFFEEHOUSE

Tuesdays 9pm
Open-Mic Comedy
Thursdays-Saturdays 7pm
Music
Sundays 10am
Kids Music
Monday-Friday 8am
Free Hatha Yoga

NATURE'S TREASURES

Daily 11am
New Age Readings

MI MADRES

Third Thursdays 7-9pm
Lotería
Fourth Saturdays 7-10pm
Salsa Night

IN.GREDIENTS

Thursdays 7-11pm
Trivia/Comedy
First Fridays 6pm
Block Party

SCHOOLHOUSE PUB

2nd Mondays 7-9pm
Libations 101

5/11-5/17

Craft Beer Week

BUTTERFLY BAR

Tuesdays 7pm
Trivia
Thursdays 6:30pm
Hoopy Happy Hour
Fridays 6pm
Music

Makin' Hay

Haymaker 2nd Anniversary
Aug. 22
11am-1pm

For its second anniversary party, the Midwest-inspired restaurant will go British with fish & chips, games and free stuff. Patrons are encouraged to dress as their fave British character, fictional or otherwise.



HAYMAKER

Fridays 4-8pm
Sno Cone Happy Hour
8/22 11am-1pm
2nd Anniversary Party

VORTEX REP. CO.

8/7-8/22 8pm
Robin Hood: An Elegy
8/27-9/5 8pm
Hunger
9/17-9/26 8pm
Hands Up Hoodies Down

SALVAGE VANGUARD

Through 8/29 8pm
Breaking String
9/10-9/26 8pm
Glass Half Full Theater



PHOTO BY SUNSHINE MATHON

The Flood Next Time

Austin Neighborhood Council has a fix for flooding, but will it work? | by Steve Wilson

Hours without power, flooded garages, water knee-deep at the Kirkwood cul de sac, water-pressurized manhole covers auditioning for *So You Think You Can Dance*? And we've already mentioned the wandering porta potty of Cherrywood Rd. (see pg. 1). That was Cherrywood during the flooding of late May, and it could be Cherrywood all over again the next time around.

The Austin Neighborhoods Council issued a resolution of flood-prevention proposals that Cherrywood passed at the May neighborhood quarterly meeting. It asks the city council for dough and manpower to do the following:

- ✎ Reduce the number of variances granted for impervious cover, detention ponds and watershed restrictions for new developments within the city limits and other areas.
- ✎ Direct City of Austin staff to plan for flooding with Central Texas counties and

agencies.

- ✎ Use residential and commercial drainage fees to fund flood abatement projects and supplement federal buyout programs to remove highest risk residents from the flood plain. Make drainage fees and fee-in-lieu funds available for review on the city website.

- ✎ Direct Watershed Protection and other departments to remove obstructions created by flood debris.

- ✎ Work with other cities to give counties more control over inappropriate development in flood-prone areas.

- ✎ Evaluate and remediate inadequate storm-drain infrastructure in existing neighborhoods.

- ✎ Add a flood hazard and wild fire hazard overlay to CodeNext.

Sounds good on paper, but in practice, some neighbors have their misgivings. Friends and Lovers of Willbrook Reach member Dave Westenbarger wrote to the FLWR list that the resolution would do

more harm than good if adopted by the city.

“Flood abatement programs’ are not defined [in the resolution], but I am skeptical they would reduce in-stream flow rates and increase percolation into the ground,” he wrote. “More likely is that they would involve more channelization and moving water into creeks and rivers faster rather than removing upstream pavement and adding stormwater detention ponds and rain gardens which are what are needed. ... And ‘remediate inadequate storm drainage infrastructure’ sounds to me like ‘moving water from streets into creeks faster by installing larger pipes and keeping them clear,’ which will also increase flow rates and flooding.”

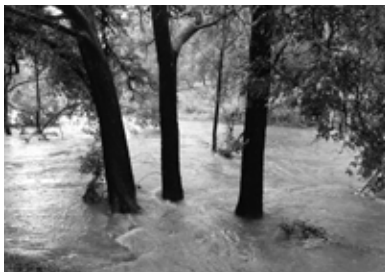
A few months after the floods, at the dry and hot end of summer, the very notion of rain seems like a distant memory. Drought prevention, anyone?

WILLOWBROOK REACH

Soaked

'Dem plants slowed the flow, but also snagged the trash

Flood waters came up to the red swing and to the edge of the street in several locations this May. It was gratifying to see all the vegetation slow down the effects of the flooding. Unfortunately, the plants also caught a lot of trash. Sixteen volunteers helped to pick up over 26 bags of trash on National Trail



day. Subsequently, we have had additional high water, which brought in still more refuse.

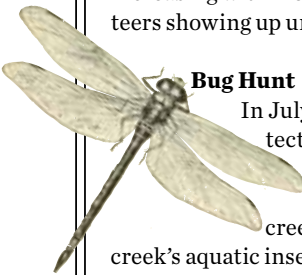
As an indication of the abundant rains and improved water quality, the fish population thrives in the creek. Sunfish tend to multiple spawning beds and minnows dart all over the place. The number of tadpoles are down, but hopefully this is a result of the running water rather than pesticide contamination. Frogs and especially toads prefer slow-moving water for spawning.

Flowers thrive along with the wildlife, their number and diversity increasing with more native volunteers showing up unexpectedly.

Bug Hunt

In July, Watershed Protection's bio survey on the Willowbrook section of the creek examined the creek's aquatic insect species. The types and numbers of bugs can be an excellent indicator of water quality and stream health. The data will be compared to historic data for this stretch to see if there is a measurable improvement in water quality since restoration began.— David Boston

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A Tree Falls in Cherrywood

Nothing a mobile sawmill can't fix | by Jim Reed

We pulled into our driveway at a highpoint of the big storm in May and it looked like the sky was falling.

Once safe inside, we all started laughing, our adrenaline still rushing. Then a flash of lightning lit up the back yard and I saw something out of place. As if on cue, the lightning flashed again while my eyes were focused through the glass, and what I saw stimulated an uncontrolled moment of Tourette Syndrome in front of my young kids, to the dismay of my wife.

A mighty pecan tree now lay on its side, partly crushing the roof of the backyard garage apartment.

I started interviewing tree service companies and two days later a three-man team from ABC Residential made quick work of the tree in just a few hours. I asked them to leave the larger limbs and logs for lumber processing and researched several milling companies in the area. None of these lumber yards would accept a residential tree. "They always have nails in them, no matter

what you tell me," I heard over and over.

But for roughly \$50/hr., J & S Portable Sawmill set up a sawmill in my backyard. It would have been possible to cut siding material—my initial objective—but the costs compared to final product volume wasn't a good investment with the mostly tree limb stock. I decided on cutting 3" thick circular sections on all limbs that could later be worked into functional objects. The long trunk we cut into planks for a future bench or countertop.

I treated the wood with a green wood sealer and have stored it in my backyard home office for the last two months, the cheapest timber dehumidified solution. Wood doesn't dry well outdoors in Texas.

All in all, the tree service cost \$900 and the portable mill service cost \$500. I kept a large volume of quality wood from "The Chipper" and have signed up for carpentry courses at WoodCraft in north Austin.

Plan on seeing me at the next Cherrywood Art Fair with lots of custom pecan cutting boards, plates and bowls.



Step 1: Have a tree fall on your house. Step 2: Chop it up. Step 3: Slice and dice. Step 4: Ready to make stuff!
PHOTOS COURTESY OF JIM REED



NEIGHBORHOOD-WIDE YARD SALE

Everything Must Go

Second Cherrywood Neighborhood-Wide Yard Sale draws over 60 homes and no end of hipsters

| by Jennifer Potter-Miller

This year's installment of the Cherrywood Neighborhood-Wide Yard Sale turned into a major To Do, with masses of people from all over town walking the streets looking for deals. Nearly 60 households signed up to participate in the June event, and lots more had pop-up yard sales or sold refreshments, tomatoes, plants, ceramics, and more to passers-by.

Sellers reported that it was a great family-friendly event, and that it was "adorable seeing little kids being taught how to make a purchase by their parents." Zaniest items sold included a 1950s wedding dress, a fish made from a steer horn (an old souvenir from New Mexico) and a Bela Lugosi life mask made from an impression of the man himself! Shoppers hopped from sale to sale with treasures stuffed into strollers, bike baskets and pickups, and a few were still hanging around after the noon witching hour. The whole shebang wildly exceeded expectations, and leftovers were donated to various organizations around town. A win-win all around!



PHOTOS BY JENNIFER POTTER-MILLER AND BENJAMIN JENKS

INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

Going Fourth

Flag-waving in French Place never felt so good

| Photos by Jennifer Potter-Miller



SENSE AND SUSTAINABILITY



E-WASTE NOT, E-WANT NOT: In May, neighbors dropped off several truckloads of the kind of waste Sanitation won't take away on a regular garbage day. Thank DonJon Vonavitch for hatching the plan, hanging around Cherrywood Green to collect stuff and hauling it all away in his truck.

More info: chair@cherrywood.org

CLEANING THE GREEN: An Austin Trails Foundation workday in June drew several neighborhood volunteers and some from as far as Lampassas. The crew also finally finished the last bottom step on the stairs to the creek, reinstalled the bench, pruned trees and bushes.

The team also installed a new bulletin board/kiosk for announcements, giving the hood an official area for announcements and other notices—garage sales, lost pets, etc.. Just no advertising if you please.

Just a block away, Concordia Triangle is lucky to get mowed every once in a great while. We've had a few false starts developing this area. Hopefully the renewed interest in the Green may spill over here. Any takers???

More info: michael.damal@gmail.com

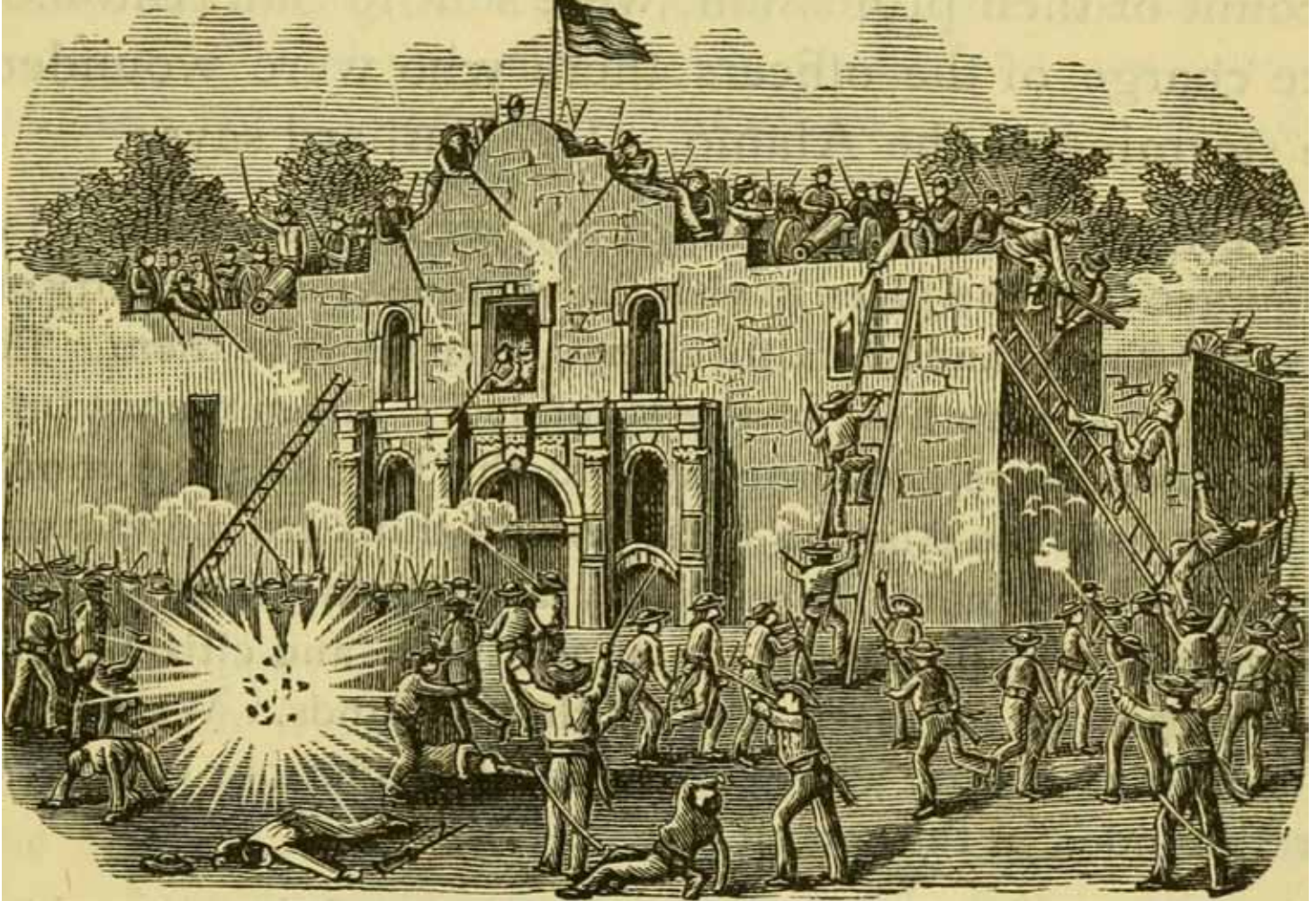


URBAN FARM UPDATE: In mid-July, Cherrywood Farm held the final distribution for its spring/summer season, with member families getting shares of just-picked tomatoes, onions, cucumbers, tomatillos, garlic and herbs. Farming continues informally over the summer, promising plentiful hot-weather bounty like okra and eggplant.

It's also an opportunity to take care of irrigation systems and other maintenance, to help keep on growing healthy local food for each other. There is plenty of room in this welcoming circle of growers for more neighbors who want to become part of it and do some growing of their own.

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PHOTOS BY JENNIFER POTTER-MILLER AND TERRY DYKE



Cherrywood resident of yore Almarion Dickenson Griffith happened to be the son of Angelina Arabelle Dickenson, the girl who survived the battle of the Alamo.

THEY LIVED HERE: NOTABLE PEOPLE OF CHERRYWOOD

Cherrywood's Alamo Connection

Almarion Dickinson Griffith, son of the "Babe of the Alamo" | by Rebecca Kohout

Almarion Dickenson Griffith, who organized one of Texas' first fruit growers' cooperative associations, lived at 3103 Robinson until his death in 1938 at the age of 85. He brought to Cherrywood a unique claim to fame: his mother, Angelina Arabella Dickenson, was the famous "babe of the Alamo." Angelina was carried as a baby from the conquered Alamo by her mother, Susanna Dickinson, wife of Lieutenant Almarion Dickenson. Many historians believe the mother and child are the only Anglo people who survived the battle.

No story of the Alamo is complete without the poignant drama of the Dickinson

family. On Feb. 23, 1836, as the forces of Gen. Antonio López de Santa Anna entered the city, Dickinson reportedly caught up his wife and daughter behind his saddle and galloped to the Alamo just before the enemy started firing.

They were among the heroic group within the Alamo walls when William B. Travis addressed his thrilling letter "to the people of Texas and all Americans in the world," telling them he was besieged by Santa Anna's forces of a thousand or more. Like Travis, the Dickinsons knew at that moment there was little hope that victory instead of death would come to the defenders. "The enemy has demanded a surrender

at discretion, otherwise the garrison are to be put to the sword if the fort is taken," Travis wrote to the world. "I have answered the demand with a cannon shot, and our flag still waves proudly from the walls. I shall never surrender or retreat."

Inside the Alamo, Travis tied his cat's-eye ring around Angelina's neck, and it became one of the few artifacts to survive the siege, eventually returning to the Alamo in 1955. After the final Mexican assault on March 6, 1836, it was all over within an hour and the dead lay in piles ready to be burned by their conquerors. Only the wife of Lieutenant Dickinson and her baby girl were spared. Santa Anna wanted to adopt

Angelina, but her mother refused. A few days after the battle, mother and child were released as messengers to General Sam Houston.

At the end of the revolution, Angelina and her mother moved to Houston. For their participation in the defense of the Alamo, they received a donation certificate for 640 acres of land in 1839 and a bounty warrant for 1,920 acres of land in Clay County in 1855. However, an 1849 resolution by Texas Representative Guy M. Bryan for the relief of “the orphan child of the Alamo” to provide funds for Angelina’s support and education failed.

Meanwhile, Susanna Dickinson married three times between 1837 and 1847. At the age of seventeen, with her mother’s encouragement, Angelina married John Maynard Griffith, a farmer from Montgomery County. Over the next six years, the Griffiths had three children, including Almarion, but the marriage ended in divorce. Leaving two of her children with her mother and one with an uncle, Angelina drifted to New Orleans. Rumors spread of her promiscuity.

Before the Civil War she became associated in Galveston with Jim Britton, a railroad man from Tennessee who became a Confederate officer, and to whom she gave Travis’s ring. She is believed to have married Oscar Holmes in 1864 and had a fourth child in 1865. Whether she ever married Britton is uncertain, but according to Flake’s Daily Bulletin, Angelina died as “Em Britton” in 1869 of a uterine hemorrhage in Galveston, where she was a known courtesan.



While A.D. Griffith, known in some corners as the “grandson of the Alamo,” had little more to add to the story, he loved telling it to people. It’s fitting that his great-granddaughter, Wilfreda Gustafson, was born on March 2, the anniversary of Texas Independence Day.

For the full-length version of this story and other Cherrywood history articles, visit Kohout’s site at cherrywoodinfo.com.



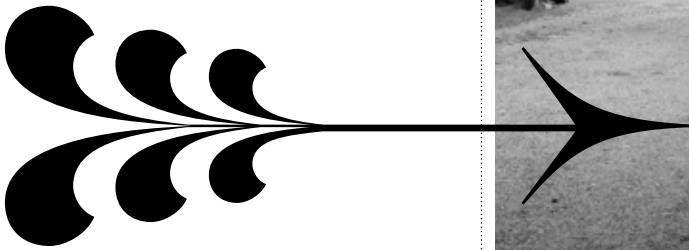
Above, the house where the babe of the “Babe of the Alamo” lived for several years until his death in 1938. Below, the only picture of Almarion we could dig up. Sorry about the poor image quality, but what are you gonna do?



Legend holds that William B. Travis (left), commander of the Alamo, gave his ring (middle) to Amarion’s mother (right) for safe-keeping soon before his death. The ring traded a few hands, but eventually wound up on display at the Alamo museum as one of the few surviving artifacts of the battle.

Drury Lane

*It's more than an alley,
it's history* | by John Christian



Last issue, The Flea wondered (in a fairly unhelpful way, admittedly) how Drury Lane, a gravel alleyway that only extends a few blocks, got its own street sign. John Christian, who's lived alongside Drury for years, can't exactly answer that question, but he can attest that this little lane deserves some respect.

Rebecca Kohout, Cherrywood's preeminent historian, has discovered that Drury Lane was named for the son of the Nowlin family, who died young. According to plat maps she's dug up, it's always been short. I always thought it originally began as far down as Calvary Cemetery, and many people share that perception, but there's no evidence to back this up.

Maybe Drury Lane isn't big and never was, but it looms large in my mind. It's a peaceful place, a shady, tree-lined cul-de-



When you look down Drury Lane, you see the neighborhood as it might have been long ago, opines John Christian (above).

sac unlike any other part of the neighborhood. Students and professionals walk through it as an easy, stress-free alternative to get to the Dean Keeton bus stop. They walk or drive their bikes through, often with their little doggies. You could even consider Drury a sound buffer—the city sometimes parks construction equipment here, keeping their noise and bulk off the busier streets. It's a delicate and nice area.

When you look down Drury, you can see the neighborhood as it might have been long ago. A remnant of a simpler time. Dig under the gravel and you won't just find pavement, you'll touch history.

Cherrywood was farmland, like much of East Austin. It was an idyllic area of oak woods and other trees. You get a taste of that when you stroll down Drury. It reminds you of a time before Asphalt Became King, before the dust disappeared, East Ave. was vanquished forever and we got I-35, the great divide.

I remember when the UT Facilities complex was a row of beautiful little houses belonging to humble, nice and interesting residents who had lived there all their lives. Some had even been born there. Several small streets traversed that area. It's where Roland DeNoie had his Salvation Sandwiches kitchen.

By eminent domain UT bought all that land and it was truly sad. The school didn't give residents much time to get out. Many of them told me, "what am I going to do now?" Some of these neighbors, up in years already, passed away within a year. Residents in the Blacklands neighborhood got a strong whiff of what was happening and stood up and gave the school a big black eye.

Through all the changes that followed in Cherrywood and the city as a whole, Drury largely stayed the same: a quiet little oasis in the middle of a neighborhood that's already pretty quiet to begin with.

Free Ranger: Jonathan, the 9-year-old Mayor of Cherrywood.

Flea: You really get around the neighborhood on that bike. Do you have a system?

Jonathan: I just see who's around and see if they can play. I could do three or four hours with them.

Flea: How often do you free-range?

Jonathan: Mostly every day I have time. And if it's not too hot or cold.

Flea: When do you have to be home?

Jonathan: Before dark. If I want to stay for dinner, I call my mom or grandma.

Flea: What do you like the most about the freeranging lifestyle?

Jonathan: That I get to go wherever I want and do whatever I want on my bike.

Flea: Does that philosophy freak out the parents of the kids you visit?

Jonathan: No, people just say hi and stuff.

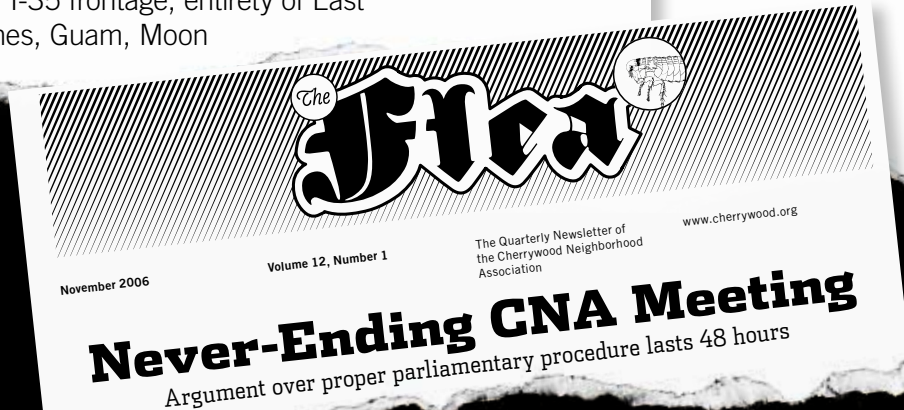
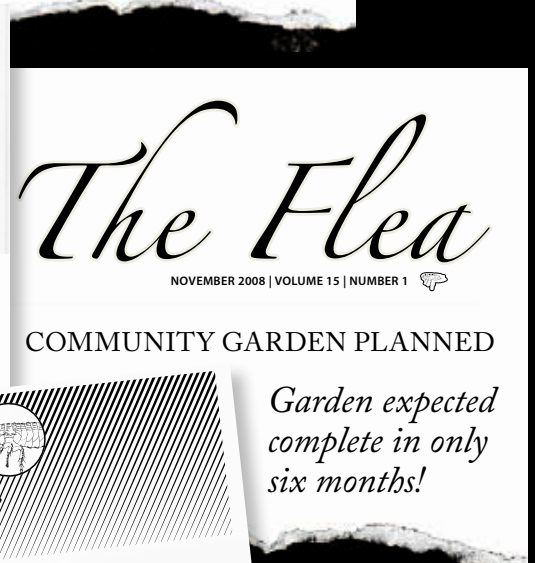
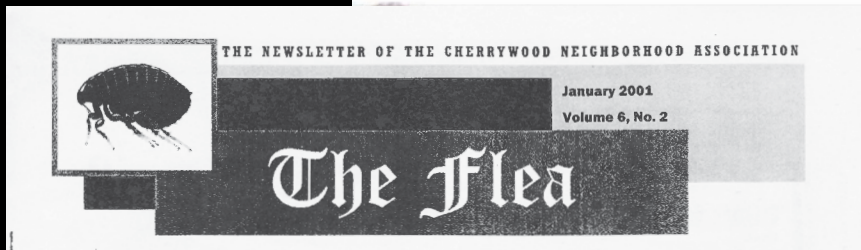


Self-portrait with moustache

— Steve Wilson

CNA AND THE FLEA: 20 YEARS OF MAKIN' MAGIC | Researched* by Steve Wilson

This incarnation of the Cherrywood Neighborhood Association launched in the summer of 1995, and *The Flea* has been nipping at its tender flesh ever since. Here's a look back at some of the more notable cover lines over the years.



* with some poetic license

Got a short story, poem, play, manifesto or constitution you'd like to share for this space? Send it to flea@cherrywood.org.

MERCANTILE WATCH

More for Manor

Three new businesses join Manor's embarrassment of riches | by Flea Staff

There is no wonder Manor businesses are looking into different ways to ensure their fellow merchants stay local—it's just a matter of time before somebody with money tries to turn the place into another Domain. To prevent that from ever happening, be sure to give these newest (local) Manor merchants a fair shake.



➤ **NUI ORGANICS**
2309 MANOR RD.
NUIORGANICS.COM

Whatever merino wool is, it must be good if it can handle pureed fruits, drool, urine and feces. Occupational hazard for the baby and toddler clothing sold by this boutique, which recently moved to Manor from W. 6th. The place sells stuff made from organic cotton too, ensuring children around the hood will ruin their clothes in style.

➤ **DANE'S BODY SHOP**
2701 MANOR RD.
DANESBODYSHOP.COM

Bringing yoga, strength and high-intensity Fusion workouts to a former Master Valet Cleaners space that already has the big windows passers-by can look into so they'll feel either guilty or inspired at the sight of all those people working out.

➤ **UNIT-D PIZZERIA**
2406 MANOR RD.
UNITDPIZZERIA.COM

Since Red House shut its doors a seeming eternity ago (2012 to be exact), we've suffered no end of pain and torment without a neighborhood pizza joint to call our own. Now the age of Unit-D is upon us, and

this is cause to rejoice. Named for its address in the building it shares with Dai Due and Sugar Mama's, this pizzeria offers Neapolitan pies made in an Acunto Mario wood-burning oven imported from Naples. The place also serves small plates and desserts paired with wine and craft beers. Fancy but not too fancy.



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DO SOMETHING Groups

A couple of new neighborhood groups have launched in the past few months, just FYI:

➤ **Imagine Cherrywood**

All about strengthening community connections by supporting neighborhood events and volunteer opportunities including clothing, plant and book swaps, parades, park cleanups, and more.

More info:
imaginecherrywood.org

➤ **Friends of Austin Neighborhoods**

Designed as an alternative hub for neighborhood associations to trade notes, unite on certain issues and just do their thang a whole lot better.

More info: atxfriends.org



ASPLUNDH, AT IT AGAIN

Nice work, Asplundh. Add this bang-up "trimming" job at Servant Asbury Church to your list of great accomplishments. The neighbors and heritage trees of the hood can't thank you enough.



FLEA A FINALIST

What better way to celebrate *The Flea's* 20th birthday than with a nifty plaque from Neighborhoods USA's 2014 Newsletter Competition. This humble rag didn't win the top prize, but NUSA cited us for "uncompromising valor on the battlefield" and "best pie."



LEAVE OUR BULK TRASH ALONE!

Some of the most majestic and inspiring trash heaps piled outside homes for this July's Bulk Trash Day didn't last long. The trucks of flea marketers swarmed the hood in greater numbers than ever, taking the loot before we could pick over it ourselves.

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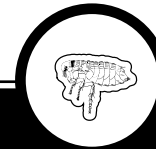
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CHERRYWOOD MEETING

Aug. 19 6:30pm
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We've mentioned this elsewhere in these pages, but seriously, it's a big deal to have Rep. Kathy Tovo at our humble neighborhood meeting, so try and make it, 'kay?

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