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**IDEAS**

## Behold the Future!

*CNA as a nonprofit? French Place as a Shared Street? Neighbors renovating homes together like barn-raising Amish? It's do-able* | by The Flea Staff

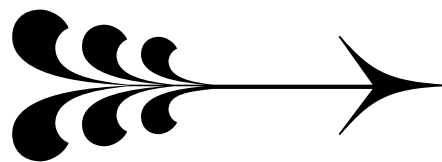
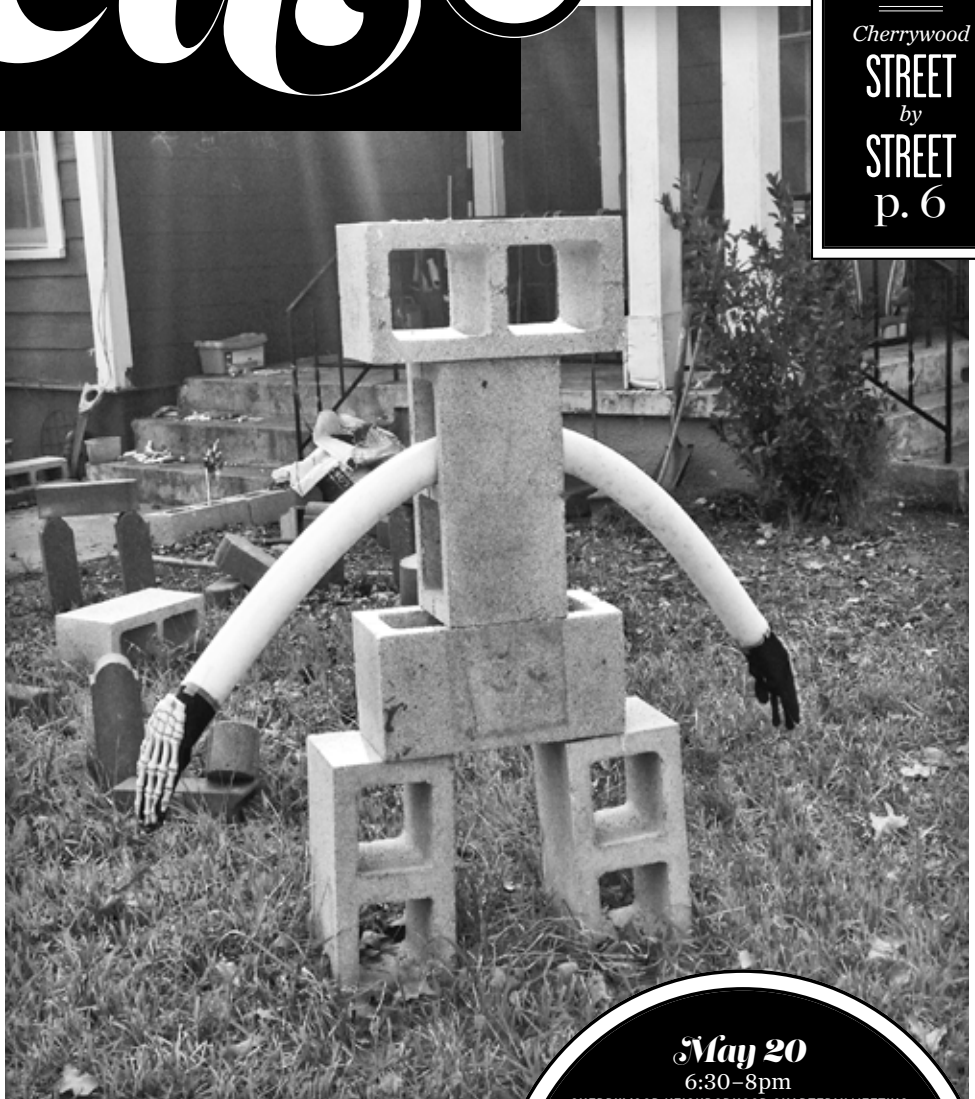
Cherrywood's been a-buzz lately with ideas big and small about ways the neighborhood can work better. Here's a sampling of the more notable notions on the table:

**CNA: A Nonprofit Joint**

In December, CNA created an incorporation task force to take a look-see at the advantages of making CNA a nonprofit. The group has taken its findings to the CNA steering committee, and the rest of the neighborhood gets the lowdown at the general meeting May 20 (6:30 p.m., Servant Church).

Here's the short version of what the group found: Becoming a 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) organization would let CNA raise money for park improvements, a community gathering place, you name it. This would be a vast change from CNA's current set-up—its only regular source of funding comes from largely break-even *Flea* advertising.

For a picture of what a nonprofit neighborhood association can achieve, look no further than Cherrywood's pals over in Blackland. The Blackland Community Development Corporation's 501(c)(3) status gave it the cojones to fight off UT from taking over the neighborhood in the 1980s and 1990s. Blackland now manages 20 percent of the neighborhood's residential units, assuring they stay affordable for low-income families (and that none of them get hooked by horns). The nonprofit has also created the Fannie Mae Stewart Conservatory, a community >>



**GOT TIME?  
GET INVOLVED**

**May 20**  
6:30-8pm  
CHERRYWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD QUARTERLY MEETING  
Servant Church

**June 13**  
9am-noon  
NEIGHBORHOOD-WIDE YARDSALE

**July 4**  
10am  
INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE  
French Pl. and 28th St.

If even Ted Cruz can get motivated to mount a presidential campaign, surely you can donate a volunteer hour or two. (pgs. 2-3)

<< meeting hall.

CNA Secretary Terry Dyke, who worked on the incorporation task force, says 501(c)(4) status may make the most sense for CNA, since it would allow the group to stay active in City Hall. "Things like having a say in TxDOT's I-35 plans has always been important to CNA," he says.

On the other hand, 501(c)(3)'s tend to attract more donations because they're tax-deductible.

Should the nonprofit idea move forward, making the change would involve a vote at a neighborhood meeting and an eventual bylaws change. CNA would then apply for incorporation and, after that, tax-exemption status with the IRS.

**IMAGINE THAT!**

Thinking even further ahead, 20 neighbors gathered in April for the first Imagine Cherrywood meeting, a conversation about Cherrywood's future. After agreeing on various things they love about the hood (the sharin' and swappin', etc.), some neighbors expressed a keen desire for monthly block parties and "barn-raising" style group-project events, such as tending to green spaces.

Talk inevitably turned to pedestrian and cyclist safety, especially the need for a traffic light at Lafayette Ave. and E. 38½th St. and more bike trails and crosswalks, recommendations the group sent along to the Upper Boggy Creek Neighborhood Planning Contact Team. On a more abstract but no



A typical French Place parade. Who wouldn't want to share the street with these two? PHOTO BY JENNIFER POTTER-MILLER

less important note, attendees discussed how the neighborhood might retain its socioeconomic diversity, and the role CNA and its Land Use Committee may play in the neighborhood's overall development.

**FRENCH PLACE: A SHARED STREET**

A less formal idea heard only as vague whispers in the most quiet corners of Cherrywood is to designate French Place as a Shared Street. Though the definition and execution of the Shared Street concept varies, it essentially means a street used by cars, pedestrians, bicyclists, skateboarders, and anyone else in equal measure.

French Place, where holiday-lovin' neighbors parade and no motorists in their right mind would go over 20 mph, totally fits this bill. Fondly do some Cherrywood residents recall one Halloween when a driver grew irate that he couldn't cross French Place during the parade. He called the cops, who made a weak attempt at shutting down the gathering. Everyone politely ignored them. That's what shared streets are all about.

**IF THAT DON'T BEAT ALL!**  
**Drury Story**

Legend has it that Drury Lane was the king of Cherrywood streets at one time. Now all it's got is the sign. Next time you pass this sad little stretch of gravel, spare a kind word or two, because a fall from grace like this could happen to the best of us.



PHOTO BY WILSON MAYES



**GET WITH THE PROGRAM** Erin Tassoulas, CNA's new program director, is lining up guest speakers for neighborhood meetings. Scheduled for August: representative Kathy Tovo. **DEVELOPER COOL WITH CHANGES TO 3900 CHERRYWOOD** Mad props to developer Jimmy Dimanoff for being flexible with his plans for his build at 3900 Cherrywood. When the permit-scanning software used by CNA Chair Jules Kniolek spotted Dimanoff's design, neighbors suggested tweaks to fit better with the surrounding aesthetic. Dimanoff agreed and made the changes, which ain't something every developer would do. **4020 AIRPORT STILL A GO FOR MID-SUMMER** To recap: 16-19 single-family detached townhomes on 30 ft. lots.

**CHERRYWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

*Meetings*



**Wednesday, May 20**  
**Cherrywood Quarterly Meeting**  
**@ Servant Church 6:30-8 pm**

**AGENDA:** Presentation: Getting to Know Blackland. CNA as a non-profit. Officer elections. I-35 ramp at 38½ (action)

**RECURRING MEETINGS**

- FIRST WEDNESDAYS:** Land Use and Transportation Committee . . . 7:15-9 pm
- FIRST TUESDAYS:** CherryBiz Happy Hour . . . . . 5:30 pm
- SECOND MONDAYS:** Friends Willowbrook Reach/Patterson Park . . . 6:30 pm
- SECOND TUESDAYS:** Austin Neighborhood Council East Sector . . . noon-1 pm
- SECOND TUESDAYS:** Blackland Neighborhood Association . . . . . 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](http://cherrywood.org) for more information. Want to submit something for the online and FLEA calendars? Contact [flea@cherrywood.org](mailto:flea@cherrywood.org).

## MAPLEWOOD ELEMENTARY UPDATE

# Robin Hood Switches Sides

With apologies to Jim Hightower: Robin Hood school funding scheme more like a plot cooked up by dastardly Prince John | by Steve Wilson

**A**t a recent Maplewood Campus Advisory Council meeting, much to-do was made about the ills of Texas' "Robin Hood" school financing system, and for good reason. The system makes wealthy (Chapter 41) school districts share dough with the poor school districts, but its criteria for "wealthy" is fairly messed-up. For instance, though 62 percent of Austin Independent School District students are economically disadvantaged, the district had to cough up \$128 million last year, more than tony Highland Park in Dallas, whose students are better off by far. This year's estimate? \$135 million.

It gets worse. Chapter 41 schools don't get transportation dollars either, meaning AISD has to look under a lot of sofa cushions to find the money for hauling 22,000 students around every day.

A reform bill floating around the Texas House would fix some of these problems, giving schools an extra \$3 billion and reducing Robin Hood reliance. However, the bill may face a difficult time in the Senate, whose members tend to favor school vouchers and tax cuts.

Whatever happens, any legislative effort could become null and void after the session, when the state Supreme Court will hear the court battle that's raged over the funding since



Maplewood relies on events like Spring Fling to raise sorely needed funds, because let me tell ya, the state ain't coughing up much. PHOTO BY JENNIFER POTTER-MILLER

2011. But reform bill sponsor Jimmie Don Aycock told the *Austin American Statesman* that he hopes his reform will be enough to settle the case.

More info: [www.austinisd.org/legislature](http://www.austinisd.org/legislature)

### FOR \$14K, PRINCIPAL HOPS ON ROOF

In more cheerful school funding news, the second annual Maplewood Stampede fundraiser at Mueller Lake Park in late March raised \$14,498.22. Fulfilling her promise to perform a mystery stunt if the goal was met, Principal Vicki Jacobson walked on Maplewood's roof dressed as a bunny a few days later.

## NEW PROGRAMS

# Toxic Avenger

CNA launches hazardous and e-waste collection May 23

Neighbor DonJon Vonavich has graciously offered to haul away hazardous waste and e-waste to the proper city disposal sites. He'll park his truck at Cherrywood Green on May 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for drop-offs. This may become a quarterly thing.

### WHAT CAN GO

- Fluorescent bulbs
- Batteries (car and household)
- Cell phones and other e-waste
- Cleaners
- Automotive fluids
- Oil filters
- Paint and thinners
- Pesticides and herbicides
- Photographic chemicals
- Mercury
- Aerosol cans
- Pool chemicals
- Cooking oil
- Outdoor grill propane cylinders

### WHAT CAN'T GO

- Radioactive materials
- Syringes or medical waste
- Tires
- Explosive materials
- Business-generated waste

# 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*

## BUTTERFLY BAR

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

## 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*

**Stay Free**  
*Independence Day Parade*  
**July 4**  
**10am**

If we can make it through this one without getting killed by cops, blown up by drones, or denied our reproductive rights by bitter old men, we'll be luckier than many of our fellow Americans out there.

## NATURE'S TREASURES

**Daily** 11am  
*New Age Readings*  
**5/23** 10am-5:30pm  
*Oneness/Wellness Fair*

## VORTEX REP. CO.

**5/22-6/6** 8pm  
*New Electric Ballroom*  
**6/12-20** 8pm  
*Voyager I*  
**8/7-22** 8pm  
*Robin Hood*

## SALVAGE VANGUARD

**5/22-6/6** 8pm  
*King of Hearts*  
**6/17-7/11** 8pm  
*Doctah Mistah Productions*





Caught on camera, the felonious fowl plays it innocent.  
PHOTO BY JIM REED

## Grand Theft Turkey

No gravy train for this highjacking hen! | by Jim Reed

One afternoon in late March, I was sitting on my front porch, enjoying a nice ice tea, where I heard a strange scratching noise in the driveway where my classic 1972 Datsun 240Z was parked. Curious, I got up and peeked around the corner.

There to my amazement was a hen wild turkey, using her beak to pick the door lock of the 240Z. At first I could not believe my eyes. I thought maybe there was a peican resting on the edge of the door, but as I

from my Z car!" I might have had an explicative or two, but that is not important.

Well then, the turkey acted like nothing was wrong, started pretending to be looking on the ground for food, as it walked away from the car and sauntered to my backyard. Once it rounded the corner of the house, she booked it fast. She was over the fence and running north on Werner Ave when I called the cops.

So, keep an eye out. It appears there is no one you can trust these days.

looked closer, indeed, she was using her beak to pick the lock.

At this point, I can't really say what happened. I was overcome with emotion, a sense of protecting what is mine, things got fuzzy. I believe I yelled something like, "You TURKEY, get away

### SWAP & SELL

## Scored!

Everything else about March's Book and Plant Swap (the Maplewood Ukelele Choir, the Epic Pi Day pies) paled to the discovery of Jim and Tammy Faye Bakker's forgotten masterpiece, *How We Lost Weight and Kept It Off!* Heaven knows what you'll score at these events in the same vein:

➤ **Austin Sustainable Swap**

Cherrywood Coffeehouse  
3rd Saturdays, noon-4 p.m.

➤ **Cherrywood Neighborhood Yard Sale**

All Over Cherrywood  
June 13, starting at 8 a.m.



## { GREEN SPACES }



**FEWER PLASTIC BAGS AT WILLOW-BROOK:** In April, 40 volunteers, including two UT groups (far left), de-littered the creek. Now dig this: On previous cleanups, plastic bags comprised almost half the litter, but this cleanup only yielded 21 bags. The ban may be working. More info: lclippard@gmail.com



**PATTERSON PIZZA, EGGS:** In January, 10 neighborhood families met at Patterson Park for a spontaneous pizza party organized by the Patterson Park Family Fun group on Facebook. In April, on Easter, 40-some-odd kids raced around the park on the hunt for eggs and the ultimate sugar-high (center).



even a couple of artichoke bushes, and the lineup of herbs now includes epazote, a hot-climate annual that makes a classic addition to your pot of Austin-style black beans.

Cherrywood Farm sponsored a table at the spring Plant and Book Swap (far



right) that brought two new members into this circle of neighbors who grow together, bringing healthy, hyper-local produce to member families. Members can participate through cash subscription, work-share, or half and half. More info: terry.dyke@cherrywood.org.

**THINGS GET BLARNEY AT CHERRYWOOD GREEN:** The new Cherrywood Parents Facebook group organized a St. Patrick's Day celebration free of drunken louts; just excitable kids. In other news, everyone's favorite pocket park just got a new info kiosk!

**URBAN FARM UPDATE:** Cherrywood farmers transplanted the first batch of seedlings from the new greenhouse to kick off the Spring 2015 season, with crops that include okra, green beans, tomatoes, tomatillos, zucchini and watermelon. There're

**PATTERSON PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN FUND GOAL MET!** Waiting for the city to sign off on final license agreement canceled spring planting for the Patterson Park Community Garden. But hey, at least we raised the dough we need. Plots available. Just shoot an email to: smolen@sbcglobal.net.





Ingredients, one of the many locally owned establishments making Manor Rd. a shoe-in for IBIZ District status.  
PHOTO BY JENNIFER POTTER-MILLER

house on that subject in April, pairing neighborhood artists and small-business owners with six CherryBiz design pros for short consultations followed by more informal

conversations about unique projects and potential collaboration.

“The format was a perfect way to do some introductory visioning with thoughtful design-build people from the neighborhood, as well as get some technical code questions answered,” says Eric Vogt, a participant.

In May, CherryBiz hosted another happy hour, this one about “Creating a Manor Road IBIZ District.” Run by the Austin Independent Business Alliance, IBIZ Districts are 75 percent of more locally owned. Manor Road business owners met with IBIZ District Director Rebekka Adams about the support the program offers, including marketing the district on AustinIBIZ.com, social media, and the Guide to IBIZ Districts.

Annual membership dues for CherryBiz are \$25.

**More info:**

[www.facebook.com/groups/cherrybiz](http://www.facebook.com/groups/cherrybiz)

**MERCANTILE WATCH**

## Cherrybiz Like Pharrel in 2014

*That is to say, all over the freaking place* | by The Flea Staff

Not even a year old, the Cherrywood Business Council has hit the ground running. Dedicated to connecting, educating and promoting Cherrywood business owners, the group has hosted a series of ambitious meetings and other gatherings over the past few months.

In March, CherryBiz hosted its first happy hour, “So you want to build a studio at your home?”, detailing the finer points of design and code compliance (the restrictions on signage, noise, smells, parking, etc.). The group offered a follow-up open

**NEW PROGRAMS**

## Exporting Help

*Servant Church’s Justice for Our Neighbors turns one year old*

In April, Servant Church feted Breeze Terrace resident Elizabeth Dickey as “volunteer of the year” for her work with Justice For Our Neighbors. The program, which Dickey helped bring to Servant Church, provides assistance to immigrants.



The monthly Saturday morning clinic offers citizenship seekers legal advice

from two lawyers, a paralegal and volunteers. “We’ve met a bunch of people in the neighborhood who aren’t affiliated with the church but are passionate about helping with this issue,” says Dickey, principal of Rosedale School.

Dickey says a highlight of the JFON anniversary party where she got the award was speeches from two of the minors the program has helped toward citizenship. “It’s amazing to meet these wonderful people who are working hard and genuinely want to be citizens.”

### Stay Connected

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### RUBBLE, RUBBLE, FECES AND TROUBLE

No longer may we enjoy the graffiti and poop stains left behind at the Vivo site. In April, the building’s new owners tore down the space and boarded up a nearby church they also own. As they’ve applied for a multifamily dwelling permit, condos may be afoot.



### FLEA A FINALIST

Neighborhoods USA, a group dedicated to, well, neighborhoods, chose this here publication as a finalist in its 2014 Newsletter Competition. The organization announces the winner in late May, after the Flea’s press time, so stay tuned to see how we did.



### CROSSING HOPE

Cars, trucks, not even cops stop for kids crossing the street to Maplewood Elementary. That’s why the school teamed with Austin’s Safe Routes to School to place volunteer crossing guards at 38½ St. and Airport Blvd. Sign up at [maplewood.srts@gmail.com](mailto:maplewood.srts@gmail.com).

SO VERY CHERRYWOOD

# Takin' It to the Streets

On *Epic Pi Day*, an epic quest to walk every road, lane, drive and avenue of Cherrywood | by Steve Wilson

An epic day like Epic Pi Day in March (3.14.15) called for an epic gesture: walking every single street of Cherrywood. If it was asphalt between I-35, Airport Blvd. and Manor Rd., I aimed to set my foot on it. Here's my journal of that fateful day, a day that changed me and this entire neighborhood forever.



34TH ST., 10:30 A.M. Nothing says Cherrywood like ugly sofas in the open air.

## CHERRYWOOD GREEN, 10:30 A.M.

At the Plant and Book Swap, I chat with people, applaud the Maplewood Ukelele Choir, sample pie. Should I be surprised that some Cherrywooder has dropped off *How We Lost Weight and Kept It Off* by Jim and Tammy Faye Bakker?

## MERRIE LYNN AVE., 11:03 A.M.

If Cherrywood was Middle Earth, this hilly area would be the Misty Mountains. But it's worth the climb to reach what may be the first-ever Cherrywood-wide brunch, hosted by chess club organizer Mansoor Kapasi. First, though, I must free myself from the dog who's entangled me in his leash. "He might be Javanese," says his young owner. "He had surgery when he ate a sock."

## KERN RAMBLE, 11:50 A.M.

The yard sale's wrapping up, but the rooster in the next yard's just getting started. "Don't they only crow in the morning?" I ask a Kern Rambleian who lives a few houses down. "I wish," he sighs.

## LAFAYETTE AVE., 12:05 P.M.

Pit stop at home. I almost decide to stay, but Jim and Tammy's encouraging words about exercise inspire me to hit the streets again.

## GILES ST., 1:57 P.M.

Back in full swing, I take in the funkiness of Giles: a carport festooned with boas, a mailbox on a tomato planter, zombie flamingoes. A forlorn dog behind a fence eyes three loose hens in the shade a few feet away.



MERRIE LYNN AVE., 11:10 A.M. Neighborhood-wide brunch, everybody invited for food and hammock time.



LARRY LN., 11:17 A.M. One of the few gated driveways in Cherrywood, and hands down the best.



BASFORD RD., 2:45 P.M. Cherrywood has trouble letting go of Halloween.

## BANTON RD., 3:02 P.M.

After a long talk with a friend on Vineland, I wind my way along the colored bungalows of 38½ St. and on to the Basford/Banton region, where they break all the rules: Halloween pumpkins still on display, a 70s era art van, a guy removing his front door to fit in a huge fridge. That's how they roll here.

## SCHIEFFER AVE., 3:46 P.M.

No matter which side you chose when Schieffer-Willowbrook did-but-didn't break from Cherrywood Neighborhood Association, you've got to admit that this street at least looks more Wilshire Woods than Cherrywood, what with all the brick and actual lawn care going on. A man on his





**BANTON RD., 2:52 P.M.**  
The dream of the '70s is alive in Cherrywood.



**PATTERSON PARK, 4 P.M.** In a hood full of flamingos, these rule.



**KIRKWOOD RD., 4:13 P.M.** Cardinals take flight at Duplex Nation.

porch scowls at me. Is this a neighborhood association turf war thing? Or is it because at this point in the day I look like a sweaty drifter?

**MAPLEWOOD AVE., 4:04 P.M.**

For all its wackiness, Duplex Nation seems to have fewer lawn ornaments than other sections of Cherrywood streets. Maybe that's because the homes themselves function as lawn ornaments. In a good way.

**WERNER AVE., 4:30 P.M.**

After limping through Ladybird Market, the latest Cherrywood Coffeehouse happening, I stumble across the vast wasteland that is the Westbank Drycleaners parking lot and tackle Mount Werner. The last thing I need is another hill. But up I go.



**39TH ST., 3:11 P.M.** Leave it to Cherrywooders to invent lawn ping pong.



**ROBINSON AVE., 4:45 P.M.** SXSW, Cherrywood style (which is to say, you can get in).

**ROBINSON AVE., 4:45 P.M.**

I follow the siren song of live music through an open front door and out into a backyard concert. What gives? Ah, an early SXSW party. The music (and sitting down for a bit) is a balm to my weary soul.

**HOLLYWOOD AVE., 4:48 P.M.**

In his front yard, a man sits smoking next to a giant BBQ smoker as it warms up. That's Cherrywood in a nutshell.

**BREEZE TERRACE, 5:32 P.M.**

Before shuffling home, I graze the Little Lending Library cabinet. Most of the books are ones I left here two or three weeks ago. There's something very Cherrywood about this, but I'm not sure how exactly.



**BREEZE TERRACE, 5:32 P.M.** Of course the neighborhood famed for its book swap would sport a Little Free Library. Not much turnover, but you can't beat the price.



# MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

## Guggenheim Greatness

Filmmaker PJ Raval | by Dan Proctor

In April, Robinson Ave. resident PJ Raval won a 2015 Guggenheim Fellowship for Creative Arts. *The Flea* spoke with him about the award and the documentary film work that made him a shoe-in: *Before You Know It* (2013), about gay seniors, and *Trinidad* (2008), about women undergoing sex-change surgery.

**Flea:** *Your works are about LGBT issues, but you focus on individual men and women.*

**Raval:** I'm not interested in representing a whole community. I think it's kind of impossible to do. And it's something I'm not interested in doing, because I think in the process of doing that it really overlooks all the diversity and differences and commonality between people.

**Flea:** *How do you think the Guggenheim may change your career?*

**Raval:** Now potentially other people will pay attention in a different way because they can see that I have support and acknowledgment from a major foundation. ... I'm proud that I didn't listen to people who tried to discourage me actively from making these types of films, the subjects, the content.

**Flea:** *What can you share about your upcoming projects?*

**Raval:** Hopefully, within the next couple of years I will have both a fiction feature and a documentary feature completed.

**Flea:** *What about 10 years in the future?*

**Raval:** I would like to think that 10 years from now I will still be making films in one capacity or another. ... I helped co-found an organization called Outsider, which is a queer multi-arts organization. We just had our first festival last February. We're a nonprofit and we definitely intend to expand and grow, and I would love to see that still in existence, bigger and much more developed 10 years from now. And I would love to see a lot of the things in my house that need fixing. (Laughing) You know that's a big thing—to be able to get to it and afford it. That's a huge thing.

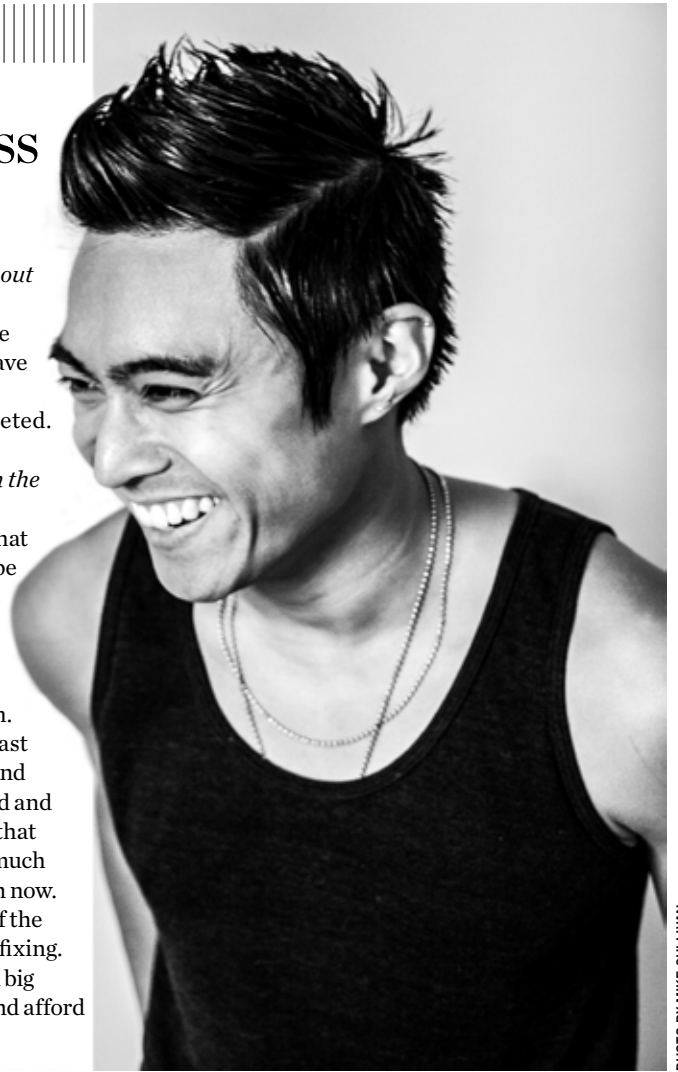


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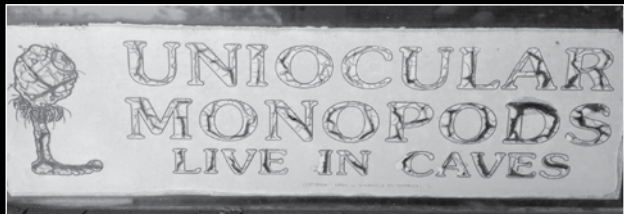
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**BUMPER CROP** | by The Motorists of Cherrywood



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# WHAT'S HOT IN CHERRYWOOD

## Historic Sales Price Trend Jan 2005 to Jan 2015

This information relates to homes in the 78722 zip code and is based on 808 sales in the past ten years. I can't explain the strange dip in Dec 2014, but you can see that our area remained strong during the market crash of 2007-2012 and has more than recovered.



## Feng Shui Tips

### Undulating Land Is Excellent Feng Shui

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## 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 11 homes sold or on the market for the period from February 15, 2015 to April 15, 2015.

- Homes sold in the past 90 days: **6**
- Homes currently pending sale: **4**
- Homes actively listed: **1**
- Average home sold: **3 beds, 2 bath.**
- Average size home for sale: **1,305 sq. ft.**
- Average list price: **\$377,933.**
- Average home's selling price: **\$373,500.**
- Average price per square feet: **\$288.64.**
- Average time on market: **77days.**

If you have your last issue of this report from February, you can see that while homes are about the same size, they are selling for prices more in turn to the Fall of 2014. Neighbors continue to be aware of the value in their homes and are making significant updates to help fetch top dollar in today's market. I should know, a house on my street just sold for over \$600K!

**If you'd like to know how your homes measures up to other properties in the area, call me and let's set**



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