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## CodeNEXT Looming!

by Girard Kinney, Chair LUT Committee

he CNA Land Use and Transportation (LUT) committee continues to work on the process by which we respond to upcoming construction and transportation projects in the neighborhood, but most of our recent activities have been focused on CodeNEXT. We need more participating members; please consider joining the LUT Committee.

We recommended, coordinated and participated in the Special Called Meeting at Maplewood Cafeteria on August 29th where Mayor Steve Adler and Mayor Pro-Tem (and our District 9 Council Representative) Kathie Tovo were our guests; Jim Reed, CNA Steering Committee (SC) Chair facilitated.

An online survey was conducted prior to the meeting with active participation and presented at the meeting. It indicated that about half of the people polled had "limited" understanding of how CodeNEXT would affect our neighborhood and roughly half with "basic understanding." Participates indicated that the reasons for "limited" to "basic understanding" were related to the frequent changing of the zone maps, confusing zoning terms, and overall poor presentation by the city. The concern was also expressed that CodeNEXT is unbalanced in regards to incentivizing densification in the interior residential area with minimal incentives for densification along our business corridors.

An estimated 150 attendees heard introductory presentations by our guests, then Q&A from our four person panel, and finally questions posed from the audience. Topics ranged from understanding the new zoning

Austin Mayor Steve Adler and Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Toyo at Maplewood Elementary School for the Cherrywood Code Next special meeting, August 29. PHOTO BY SUSAN POTTER.

categories to concerns about local residentialand corridor impact of CodeNext to where we are in the process. Both the Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem stated that they could not support the CodeNEXT proposal as currently written, but both acknowledged that our land development code is antiquated, hard to use and needs to be revised.

The Mayor stressed the need for more compact development, more housing choices particularly along nodes and corridors, and adoption as early as April 2018, while the Mayor Pro-Tem inclined toward take the time to do it right. Our guests promised to return after the next draft has been published and analyzed by the community.

There is consensus among the LUT Committee members that there remain serious flaws in the proposed code with respect to its potential impact on Cherrrywood, and we hope that our remaining concerns will be addressed in future iterations. After the Draft3 CodeNEXT version is published,

#### Nov. 15 6:30-8pm

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**STUDIO TOUR** 

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CHERRYWOOD QUARTERLY MEETING in.gredients

> **Дес. 9–10** CHERRYWOOD ART FAIR **Maplewod Elementary**

Last Mondays MANOR MONDAY Manor Road Businesses

possibly late Nov, we plan to have an informational Special Called Meeting, where we will attempt to formulate our next organized input into the CodeNEXT process, before requesting another meeting with Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem.

Please review the CodeNEXT table on page 3, which draws comparison of the current SF3 zoning to the proposed R2C/ R3C residential. We urge all Cherrywooders to become involved in the community conversation about the needed change to our City Code. It is undeniable the quality of life in our neighborhood is tied inextricably to this looming change in our Code.



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#### CHERRYWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION





Wednesday, Nov. 15 Cherrywood Quarterly Meeting @ in.gredients 6–8 pm

AGENDA: Patterson Neighborhood Park Plan, Code Next Draft2

#### **RECURRING MEETINGS**

$eq:FIRST WEDNESDAYS: Land Use and Transportation Committee \ldots 7:$	15–9 pm
SECOND WEDNESDAYS: CNA Steering Committee Meeting6:	:30-8 pm
FOURTH MONDAYS: Upper Boggy Creek Neighborhood Team 7-	-8:30 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.

## **Stay Connected**

CNA WEBSITE www.cherrywood.org NEIGHBORNET groups.yahoo.com/group/NeighborNet FACEBOOK www.facebook.com/cna.austin

# CHERRYWOOD CALENDAR OF CULTURAL EVENTS

#### CHERRYWOOD Coffeehouse

Monday-Friday 8 am Yoga Sundays 10 am Kids Music Nov. 8 7:30pm Cherrywood EAST opening reception Nov. 17 7pm Music by Neal Mehta

#### MI MADRE'S Dec. 2, 9 & 10 10am Tamale making class

IN.GREDIENTS

First Fridays 7-9 pm Block Party

2nd and 4th Wednesdays 7 pm Independent Trivia 2nd Saturdays 12–2pm Crafternoon

#### NATURE'S TREASURES

**Dec. 1-3** 10am–5:30pm *Michal Mael : Rock Our World Hollywood* 

Jan. 20 11am–5:00pm Healing Arts Festival and Market

#### MANOR ROAD

last Mondays Manor Mondays

UNIT-D PIZZERIA Nov. 11 12-2pm Brewer's event with Live Oak Brewery

Nov. 25 12-2pm Brewer's event with Austin Beerworks

#### MAPLEWOOD ELEMENTARY

Dec. 9-10 10am-5pm Cherrywood Art Fair Jan. 27 Parent Prom @ SpiderHouse

#### PATTERSON PARK

Dec. 9 9am Tree planting volunteer day Dec. 15 6pm Patterson Luminarias

#### VORTEX REP. CO.

Nov. 17-Dec. 9 The Member of the Wedding Nov. 26 5-10pm Mini Witches Market Thursdays 9-10pm Tarot

Dec 21-Jan. 7 The Muttcracker

**Dec 23** 2-10pm *Winter Emporium* 

CITY THEATRE Nov. 3-27 The Seafarer

#### CHERRYWOOD

Nov. 11-12 & 18-19 East Austin Studio Tour

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Current Land Development Code	PROPOSED CodeNEXT DRAFT 2 - R3C ZONE	PROPOSED CodeNEXT DRAFT 2 - R2C ZONE	
NUMBER OF UNITS PER LOT			
Two dwelling units on lots 5,750 square feet or larger	Up to three dwelling units on lots of 5,000 square feet or larger, in most situations	Up to two dwelling units (House + ADU) on lots of 5,750 square feet or larger, in most situations	
	Up to six cottage units are allowed on lots at least 10,000 SF with a minimum street frontage of 100 ft. Note that all other development standards (parking, impervious, building coverage, etc) must still be met	Duplexes are allowed on lots at least 7,000 SF with a minimum street frontage of 50 ft. No ADU's are allowed in combination with Duplexes within R2C. Note that all other development standards (parking, impervious, building coverage, etc) must still be met.	
	A cottage corner (3 Units) requires a lot at least 5,000 SF with a minimum street frontage of 50 ft	There are no options for more than two units per lot within R2C	
UNIT SIZE			
Building form is required to fit inside a specific area (height, width, length) known as the "McMansion Tent"	Total area of all buildings on site may be sized to an overall 0.4 FAR, or 2300 SF, whichever is less restrictive. Contained within this overall site restrictions, ADU's may account for up to .15 FAR or 1100 SF, whichever is less restrictive.	Total area of all buildings on site may be sized to an overall 0.4 FAR, or 2300 SF, whichever is less restrictive. Contained within this overall site restrictions, ADU's may account for up to .15 FAR or 1100 SF, whichever is less restrictive.	
	Minimum property setbacks are as follows: 25' for Front Yard, 15' for Side Street, 5' for Side Yard, 10' for Rear Yard. Where existing adjacent buildings are in front of the minimum front setback or side street setback, the building may be set to align with the facade of the front-most immediately adjacent building	Minimum property setbacks are as follows: 25' for Front Yard, 15' for Side Street, 5' for Side Yard, 10' for Rear Yard. Where existing adjacent buildings are in front of the minimum front setback or side street setback, the building may be set to align with the average front yard setback of the four nearest residential structures within 50' of the front lot line	
	Specific height restrictions are based on the distance from the front property line and provide guidance on maximum eave height, and overall maximum height. Beyond 80' from the front property line, buildings are limited to 22 ft overall height	Specific height restrictions are based on the distance from the front property line and provide guidance on maximum eave height, and overall maximum height. Beyond 80' from the front property line, buildings are limited to 22 ft overall height	
	Additional specific criteria are included in the code for building articulation, encroachments, and frontage requirements	Additional specific criteria are included in the code for building articulation, encroachments, and frontage requirements	
PARKING			
Two off-street parking spaces per single-family house, one per accessory dwelling unit (ADU), zero for ADUS within Đ mile of a business corridor	One off-street parking space per residential dwelling unit (except where reduced in some circumstances)		
No restrictions on open parking setbacks, some restrictions on garage placement	Parking to be 30' from the front building setback line, cannot be in front of the front facade of the building, occupying no more than one third the width of the facade	One off-street parking space per residential dwelling unit (no reductions offered)	

Table Provided by Jonathan Schwartz

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# Patterson Neighborhood Park Plan

by Jennifer Potter-Miller

riends of Patterson Park has developed a Neighborhood Park Plan that is intended to guide our work in the coming years. It is considered a "dream plan," the vision for improvements to the park not just now, but 10 and 20 years from now. The plan is based on the 2016 Survey of Community Priorities for Patterson Park and community meetings held in June and September 2017. It was developed using guidelines from the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department.

This fall the plan will be presented to the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department, the Cherrywood, Delwood 2, Mueller, Schieffer Willowbrook and Wilshire Wood/Delwood 1 Neighborhood Associations for approval, as well as to the Upper Boggy Creek Neighborhood Contact Team.

Read the full plan at: http://bit.ly/PattersonParkPlan2017 Community Priorities & Potential Projects

- 1. Playground improvements
- 2. Pool improvements
- 3. Bathroom improvements
- 4. Trail improvements
- 5. Amenities
- 6. Landscaping
- 7. Shade covers
- 8. Athletic field/court improvements 9. Skate park improvements
- 10. Lighting
- 11. Fitness equipment
- 12. Other

#### Infeasible

The following elements were identified as priorities in the survey but are not viable for Patterson Park.

- **1. Dog park.** Not allowed in neighborhood parks by PARD.
- **2. Splash Pad.** Not included in the 2017 PARD Aquatic Master Plan.



ILLUSTRATION BY CAITLIN ALEXANDER

#### Patterson Community Garden Grows into Fall By Mark Smolen

It has been a year now since our first garden plots were built and the area has been transformed. What was a flat lawn is now home to many garden plots overflowing with organic vegetables and fruit. Along the way the garden has hosted an open house, educational events, a seed exchange and children's pumpkin patch.



PHOTO CREDIT: J. POTTER-MILLER

#### 21st Neighborhood Tree Planting By Mike Damal

On Saturday October 21st Brent Hay. Girard Kinney, Mike Sullivan, and Mike Damal continued the Cherrywood fall tree planting tradition, by delivering/ planting 18 trees. This was the 21st year of planting, giving us a grand total of 676 trees planted with this program. No doubt throughout the years some of these trees have not survived, but it has made a huge contribution to the neighborhood. There is hardly a street in Cherrywood that has not benefited. Proceeds from this program benefit Cherrywood Green-this year \$325 has been raised in addition to the cost some perennials and a replacement for a diseased oak tree at the Green. This is just more reinforcement to continue to plant new trees in Cherrywood, to preserve our wonderful tree canopy!

#### Grackle Green update By Linsday Olinde

Thanks to community support, the proposed microplayground near Lafayette and Dean Keeton was unanimously approved by the CNA at the general meeting in August. While the space is small, proposed features included new native trees, a small playscape, an herb and butterfly garden, ADA access, and a pool-code fence. As discussed at neighborhood meetings, the City will be funding the vast majority of the park's construction with the commitment of neighbors to maintain our new green space after construction. The final application for the Grackle Green was submitted to the City in August, and we are still waiting to hear back from Public Works. Stay tuned for updates on this exciting addition! Please email gracklegreenatx@ gmail.com for more information.

# Maplewood Celebrates 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary

by Maplewood PTA

Maplewood Elementary is turning 65, and is celebrating with a new piece of public art, some fresh landscaping, and a commemorative illustration of the school. Chris Levack, who created the Rocket Ship and Pollen Grain at Mueller and is the father of two Maplewood alumni, created Peace Sculpture (steel) and installed it at the entrance this summer. In September the school celebrated it's anniversary and the new sculpture with a morning birthday party attended by members of the AISD board, several media outlets, and many neighbors and alumni. The sculpture was donated by Nicolas Colimon, Mustang Class of 2017.

More changes were implemented to the school's exterior in October. Through a partnership with the nonprofit Austin Partners in Education, the Austin office of Ernst & Young LLC gave Maplewood a \$2,000 grant and held a volunteer work day to install new landscaping at the school entrances. Urban Patchwork created a landscaping plan, Keep Austin Beautiful loaned us tools, and Organics by Gosh donated mulch and compost. Eighty volunteers worked a half day at the school on October 6, transforming the exteriors facing Maplewood Ave. and Ashwood Rd. Stop by and check out our new look! The PTA commissioned an illustration of the school by East Austin artist Caitlin Alexander, and is selling them for \$20 to raise funds for programming. To buy yours email maplewoodpta@ gmail.com.



DANIEL COLIMON SPEAKS TO THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY AT THE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRAtion. Photo by J. Potter-Miller.

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## GOODBYE EL SAPO, HELLO YUYO & TSO

The burger joint closed down this summer and will be reopening as the Peruvian restauran Yuyo any day now. The menu will feature lots of seafood and ceviche.

We now have Chinese food in the hood, and it is fantastic! TSO Chinese Delivery has opened next to Fiesta. tsodelivery.com

## MANOR MONDAYS

The new Manor Road Merchants Association continues to organize a special event on the last

Monday of the month featuring specials, promotions and programming at 20 businesses. Grab a Manor Road Bingo Card and join in



## **SPOOKY TIMES IN THE HOOD**

Maplewood's Fall Fest on Oct. 28 was a blast, with hundreds of neighborhood kids and their families running through the Haunted Portable, dressing up at the Spooky Salon and playing carnival games. And the colder weather and rain did not deter the Halloween Parade on Oct. 31, which this year had more notable adult refreshments.

### **BOOK TOUR TO CHINA**

Misha Blaise is on her way to China this fall for a book tour promoting This Phenomenal Life, an illustrated

collection of science factoids about how we are interconnected. It's already been translated into five languages and received a great review by Publisher's Weekly.



## **ROCKING THE BLUES**

Kathy & the Kilowatts won the Heart of Texas Blues Challenge finals at Antone's this summer in the solo/duo

category, and will compete in the International Blues Challenge in Memphis in January 2018. Their new album will be released in February.



### CHERRYWOOD Art fair



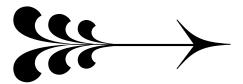
The 16th annual fair will take

place Dec 9 & 10 at Maplewood Elementary. , and will feature handcrafted items from Texas artists and live music The event supports the Little Artist BIG ARTIST program, which pairs professional artists with 5th and 6th graders in East Austin schools.

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# AROUND THE HOOD EAST Enders

East Austin Studio Tour stops in Cherrywood | map by Caitlin Alexander





**63 Charles Heppner** 4001 Bradwood Rd Painting, photography, mixed media



**64 Claire Bresette** PINK BOX STUDIOS 1500-A Kirkwood Rd Ceramics, design, drawing



**65** Jennifer Hill PINK BOX STUDIOS Guest of Claire Bresette 1500-A Kirkwood Rd Ceramics, sculpture



**66 Karen Maness** RUST RED STUDIO 3902 Cherrywood Rd Painting



**67** Anne Marie Adonyi PILGRIMAGE Servant Church, 1605 E 38th 1/2 St Painting



**68 T.R. Rodriquez** 3514 Clarkson Ave Painting, furniture, mixed media



**69 Jess Butler** 1713 Giles St Painting, mixed media



**70 Cindy Stinson** 3315 Cherrywood Rd Collage, design, mixed media



**71 Erik Tragus** TRAGUS CLAY CO. 3307 Lafayette Ave Ceramics, design, sculpture



**72 Matthew Kressin** SAWTOOTH DESIGNS OF AUSTIN Guest of Erik Tragus 3307 Lafayette Ave Furniture, wood



**73** Shequita Akplogan Guest of Erik Tragus 3307 Lafayette Ave Drawing, mixed media, wood



**74** Smoke & Daggers 1304 Edgewood Ave Jewelry, metal, stone



**75** Nikki Alexander Atkinson Guest of Smoke & Daggers 1304 Edgewood Ave Painting, fiber, mixed media



**76 Jennifer Balkan** Little Blue House www.jenniferbalkan.net 3109 Lafayette Ave. (back)



**77 Virginia Brown** 3106 French Pl Drawing, mixed media, painting



**78 Karen Alexander** 2806 French Pl Painting, fiber



**79 Caitlin B. Alexander** CBA ILLUSTRATIONS Guest of Karen Alexander 2806 French PI Design, painting, printed matter



**80 Free Rent ATX** Press Fest ATX 2017 The Vortex, 2307 Manor Rd Printed matter

Cherrywood artists Inés Batillo, Felice House and Dana Younger will be showing their work at Canopy (916 Springdale Rd.) during EAST.



# EAST is Back in Cherrywood!

by Jennifer Balkan

At my first tour, the very first tour in 2003, I was invited by my dear friend and fellow painter Pablo Taboada to show some work at his studio Art Amici on San Marcos St. Back then, the tour was only one weekend in November, and it was all bikeable! There were 28 studios and they were only makers' spaces. You got to see the space where the art was made. Over the years, the tour has grown with more studios and more artists. In 2010, there were 150 studios and 340 artists showing their work.

Now, in 2017 there are 495 studios plus several East Austin libraries participating. The tour has put Austin on the national map as an art destination, and Cherrywood has become an EAST mecca over the years. In 2009, I hosted EAST in my home studio for the first time. Having been part of the bustling area of studios around East Cesar Chavez St., where our studios got a lot of foot traffic, I was a bit discouraged at how quiet my studio was that year. It was hard to compete with the large art complexes and clusters of home studios further south. But that changed. As the tour has continued to grow, more and more artists are populating our neighborhood, and Cherrywood has become an EAST destination. It is wonderful to be able to send my visitors to my artist neighbors' spaces and to hear that many of them have come to my studio after already having been at another art studio in the neighborhood. There are now 18 Cherrywood studios on the tour!

So folks, get out there this November 10-11 and/or 17-18, bring your friends and families and check out what your creative neighbors are up to! Read more about all the artists at www.eastaustinstudiotour.com. inviting, becoming, demonstrating

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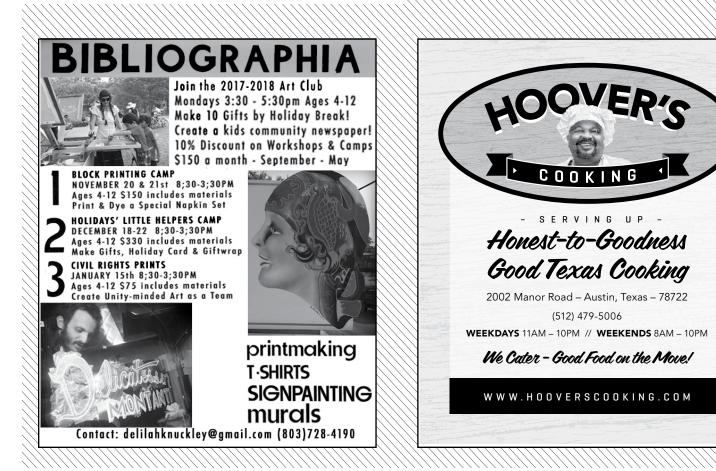
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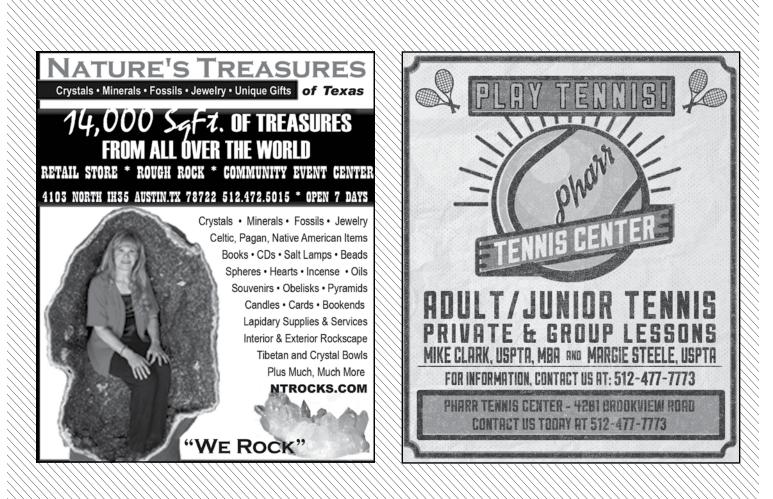
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