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Summer in the Neighborhood

by Jim Walker

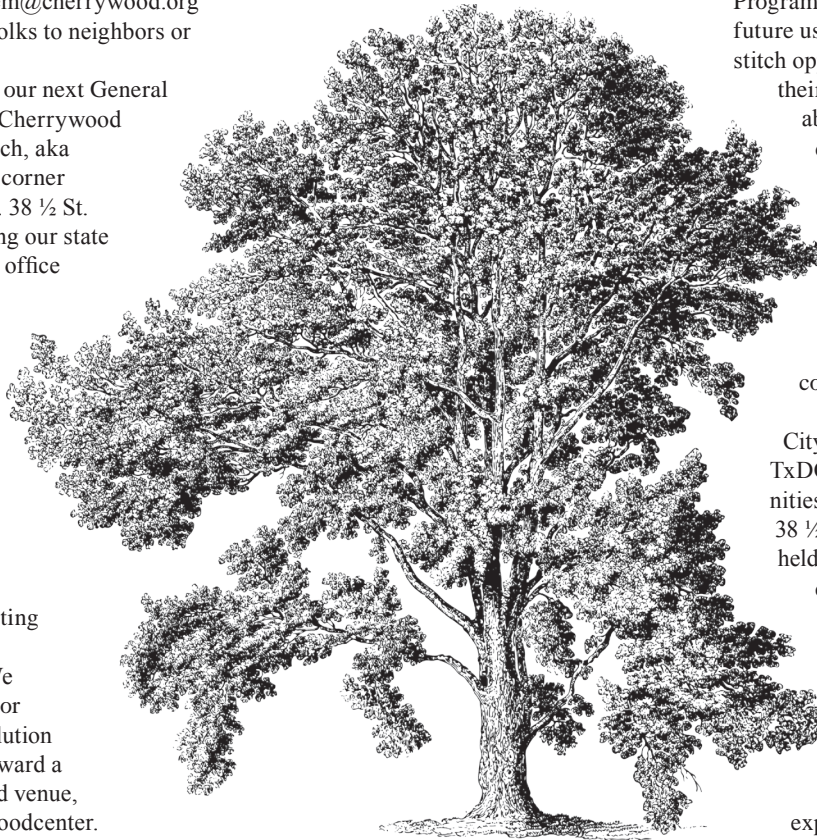
This summer heat is as heavy as I can remember ... I hope everyone is in a position and has resources to manage their preparation and exposure! If you are in a household that's having difficulty with the heat, please send a note to buddysystem@cherrywood.org and we'll try to connect folks to neighbors or others that can help.

We'll be in-person for our next General Meeting on August 16 at Cherrywood Center (aka Servant Church, aka Asbury Methodist) at the corner of Cherrywood Rd and E. 38 1/2 St. We look forward to hosting our state Senator Sarah Eckhardt's office to recap the Legislative session (it's still going!) and chat with us about I-35 issues (that's still going too!). We'll talk quite a bit about I-35 and the most recent news about possibilities of an expanded cap in our section.

But first, a look back. The May 17 General Meeting had a very sparse turnout at Cherrywood Center. We learned from current pastor Liz Spence about the evolution of Cherrywood Center toward a more community-oriented venue, (check out www.cherrywoodcenter.com). We continued to discuss the I-35 Capital Express project as TxDOT's current design winds through the Draft Environmental Impact Statement process (see last several issues of the Flea newsletter). We also continued open discussion about the land history of our neighborhood and the pros/cons of the

neighborhood association filing to become a formal non-profit organization.

We also discussed how to encourage more Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) in



Cherrywood, and the types of variances and design elements the neighborhood association might proactively support and even encourage property owners to pursue. See the cover article for the May 2023 Flea. If this topic is

meaningful to you for any reason, drop an email to chair@cherrywood.org.

In June, the Steering Committee heard from Michelle Marx, Division Manager for the Our Future 35 – Austin's Cap and Stitch Program about the City's efforts to determine future uses and to "stretch" existing cap and stitch opportunities suggested by TxDOT in their current design. We had a lively Q&A about the various rumors of major design revisions all along the corridor, including our long-standing pursuit of a 'North Central Deck' in the Cherrywood/Hancock section, the various constraints guiding staff considerations, the timeline of the process and what kind of financing strategies the City was considering.

Then, in mid-July came news from City of Austin elected officials and TxDOT regarding late-breaking opportunities for larger caps/decks around the East 38 1/2 St. bridge. The Steering Committee held a special meeting on Tue, July 18 to discuss and approve a letter expressing excitement for the direction of these new ideas but also noting how the new options could be further improved. The Steering Committee is hyper-conscious that this is a multi-generational infrastructure project and we expect to have to advocate consistently and strongly for every improvement.

We'll discuss I-35 even further at our Aug. 16 General Meeting.

Moving on ... We're fast approaching the annual cycle of seeking new residents (homeowners and renters and business owners) to serve on the Steering Committee. The

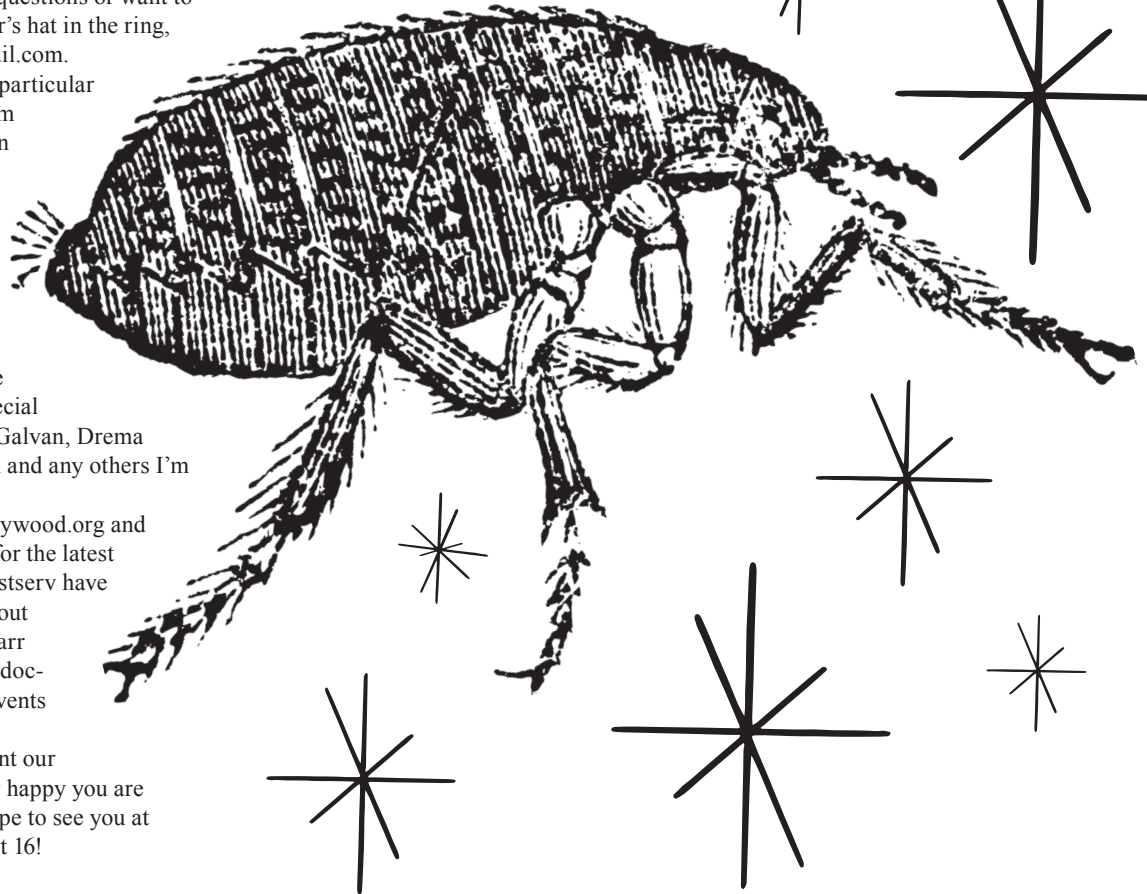
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Nominating Committee is currently chaired by Sean Griffin. If you have any questions or want to throw your next-door neighbor's hat in the ring, email Sean at seangrffn@gmail.com.

And as a follow-up from a particular low voltage restoration problem in sections of Duplex Nation in Cherrywood during the Feb 2023 power outage event (see the May 2023 Flea online for a recap), I want to give a kudos to Austin Energy for their responsiveness to a formal request for assistance from the neighborhood association. Special thanks to Stuart Reilly, Jerry Galvan, Drema Gross, Michael Noth, Tri Tran and any others I'm inadvertently omitting.

As always, check out cherrywood.org and join the Cherrywood listserv for the latest news. Recent threads on the listserv have included raising awareness about the ongoing renovations of Pharr Tennis Center, contractor and doctor recommendations, parks events and gatherings.

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CHERRYWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

General Meeting

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Wednesday, August 16 @ 6:30 pm
in-person at Cherrywood Center!



Agenda

- Sen. Sarah Eckhardt Office
- I-35 expanded cap update
- Project updates

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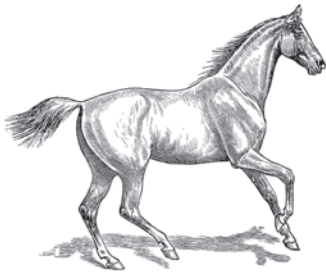
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Mustang Dispatch

by the Maplewood PTA

As the new school year approaches, here are two events for Maplewood students. If you are an incoming Pre-K or Kinder family, please join us for a casual meet up on Saturday, August 12 at 9:30 am at Patterson Park (4200 Brookview Rd, Austin, TX 78722). You can meet other incoming families and others that have been at the school longer that may be able to answer your questions. Also, we look forward to the Meet the Teacher event for all new students on Friday, August 11. Watch for more details from the school about the Meet the Teacher event.



Cherrywooders Welcome New Coffee Shops, Food Trucks Around Neighborhood

by Adam Packer

Cherrywooders, already accustomed to excellent coffee shops by way of Cherrywood Coffee House and Thunderbird, now have three more ways to get their buzz on. Opened in February, Progress Coffee + Bar is serving up hot and cold caffeine beverages made from small batch coffees roasted on site. The storefront also serves beer and cocktails, including the aptly named Cherrywood smoked Old Fashioned. Located at 3421 I-35 North, it's at the corner of Frontage Road and Concordia Ave. In addition, food trucks Pueblo Viejo and Li'L Nonna's are parked out back for those looking to enjoy authentic Mexican street food from the former and made-from-scratch vegan pizza from the latter. Not to be outdone, Civil Goat Coffee opened up their third location in March at 2610 Manor Road, the former location of Vida Pura (and before that, In.gredients). This specialty coffee roaster also offers several food options for breakfast and lunch, including specialty toasts, acai bowls, and more. Last but not least, Fleet Coffee opened their second location in July. Located at 2806 Manor Road, the trailer is serving coffee beverages with beans roasted by Parlor Coffee and Sweet Bloom Coffee Roasters, as well as teas from Spirt Tea. Sharing the space is La Santa Barbacha, a food truck serving homemade barbacoa, specialty tacos, and refreshing agua frescas. With these welcome additions, Cherrywooders may continue to boast having one of the best walkability scores in Austin.

Coyotes Among Us

by Dolly Ensey

Coyotes are known to kill pets in Austin. Overnight in Cherrywood recently, both a cat in a frontyard and a small dog inside its fenced yard were killed. Vigilance on behalf of your pets during outside activity is life-saving. Because we share greenspace and dense habitat supporting wildlife including coyotes, please be aware of the need to proactively protect your pets.

Typical coyote activity occurs from dusk to dawn, though they can be seen during daylight as well. If you see a coyote during the day, then try to haze it with noisemaking: shouting, clapping, and throwing non-edible objects in a coyote's direction such as rocks or tennis balls. Hazing strengthens coyotes' natural wariness without harming them while associating negative consequences with their proximity to humans and pets.

Don't haze a coyote at night, or if it is with or near offspring, sick, injured or cornered – give it the space to leave.

Limit attractants on your property such as food sources like pet food and bird seed; fruit or nuts on the ground can also be alluring to a

coyote; secure garbage and compost bins; keep pets securely on a leash (avoid retractable), accompany pets outside, and bring pets indoors overnight, especially cats. Austin's coyote management policy uses science to manage coyote-human interactions. Austin does not remove or relocate native wildlife.

Report sightings, encounters, incidents or concerning behavior to 311, which is monitored by Wildlife Officers who can help mitigate issues and provide further information:

<http://www.austintexas.gov/page/coyotes-central-texas>



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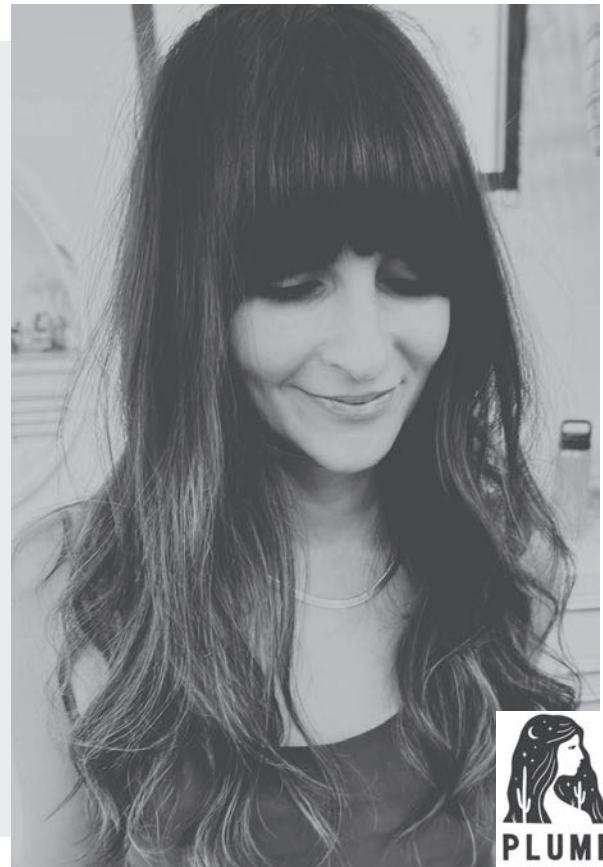
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