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BNA Annual Meeting and Election of Officers Wed., Feb. 21st at 7 pm 1103 Justin Ln. (North Austin Lions Club)

The annual General Membership meeting and Election of Officers and Steering Committee Members will be held **February 21, 2018 at 7:00 pm** at the North Austin Lions Club at 1103 Justin Lane. BNA members will elect officers and a steering committee to serve in 2018. We will also review our achievements over the past year.

The slate of Officers and Steering Committee for 2018 includes Bill Spiesman (President), Barbara McArthur (VP), Angie Ward (Treasurer), Evan Rivera (Sec'y) with Pam Leighton-Burwell, Bill Morgan, Diane Larson, Ryan Kirk, Lauren Waters, Rachel Copperman, and Don Leighton-Burwell (SC Members). Officers and Steering Committee are elected in February for a one-year term. If you are interested in serving, please contact an officer. It is a great way to meet others in your neighborhood, work to improve the neighborhood, and have fun.

The Annual Meeting is an excellent opportunity to **renew your annual dues** or join for the first time - only \$10/Household or \$5/Senior Citizens. Your membership helps fund annual events and neighborhood endeavors. Our neighborhood is bounded by Justin Lane, 45th Street, Lamar Boulevard and Burnet Road. Whether you rent or own, if you reside within these boundaries you are encouraged to join the BNA. Learn more about Membership options here: <http://brentwoodaustin.blogspot.com/p/join-bna.html>

As a member of the Brentwood Neighborhood Association, you are always welcome to attend the Steering Committee's regular monthly meetings. They are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the North Austin Lions Club (1103 Justin Lane). If you have an issue that you want added to the agenda, please contact us at brentwood.austin@gmail.com

Save the Date - Spring 2018 Violet Crown Festival

The annual Violet Crown Festival will be on **Saturday, May 5 from 10 am – 5 pm** in Brentwood Park.

Register to Vote!

By Vanessa McDougal

All registered voters should have received a voter registration card in the mail in the last month. If you didn't, that means the county doesn't have your current

address. It doesn't automatically follow you when you move.

If you moved here from outside Travis County, you can register by printing out a form from here: <https://tax-office.traviscountytexas.gov/voters/voter-registration> and mailing it in or use the same URL to update your registration online here, if you've moved within Travis County since your registered. The deadline to register for primaries was February 5th. See you at the polls!

Spring It's My Park Day — Saturday, March 3rd

The biggest city-wide volunteer event, **It's My Park Day, Spring 2018** is coming! Each year, thousands of volunteers work to improve parks and greenbelts throughout the city. Last spring, in Brentwood Park, almost 80 volunteers, spent over 250 hours mulching trees and weeding flower beds. Without the help of volunteers, our park would not look like it does today.

Registration opened on February 5 for It's My Park Day Spring 2018. As in years past, we will be mulching and clearing root collars of the trees (planted by neighborhood volunteers) and weeding and removing Bermuda grass from the garden beds (also created by neighbors).

We will provide links to register through our Facebook page, the neighborhood listserv and NextDoor when registration is open. Go to <https://www.austinparks.org/project-volunteer-faq/> for general information, and feel free to send any questions to Friends of Brentwood Park at friendsofbrentwoodpark@gmail.com.

First-ever Violet Crown Car Show!!!!

By Ryan Kirk

Join us on **Sunday, March 4th from 1-5pm** at the Crestview Shopping Center for the first ever Violet Crown Car Show.

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This event is being sponsored by the Violet Crown Clubhouse, Ryan Kirk at Capital Strategies, and Juice Homes. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Brentwood Park Playground Improvement Project. Interested in showing off your car? Please email Ryan Kirk for more information:

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CodeNEXT Update

By Barbara MacArthur

Although a third and final draft of CodeNEXT was supposed to be released in late November, that release has been pushed back to February 12, giving the public a short time to digest the final version of the text and maps before the city council attempts to review and pass the document in April. Currently, they have scheduled only two public hearings for consideration before the council and one opportunity before the Planning Commission. Look to the BNA website for updates on the status and a review of Version 3. There is also a movement to allow citizens to vote on the rezoning of the city, instead of it being passed by a simple majority of the council. For more information on the latest draft, go to <https://www.austintexas.gov/codenext>

Ryan Drive Redevelopment

By Anne-Charlotte Patterson, CNA Vice-President

Things are finally starting to brew for redeveloping the parcel of land at the intersection of Ryan Drive and Justin Lane. Currently underutilized as an Austin Energy storage facility, the City of Austin is now exploring a more appropriate use for this centrally located space near Crestview Station.

In spring 2018, the City of Austin Office of Real Estate Services will draft a request for proposals to redevelop this Crestview site. Because the City is planning to retain

ownership of the land, city staff would like to determine and define best use of the land through the solicitation of community input.

A working group of 14 citizen volunteers was formed in January to review the plan and to gather input from residents of nearby neighborhoods. The group represents a cross-section of residents, professions, and perspectives from the Crestview, Brentwood, Midtown, and Highland neighborhoods and is facilitated by CNA executive board members Anne-Charlotte Patterson and Nancy Barnard, with support from the office of council member Leslie Pool. The group will create an online community survey, review and quantify survey results, and craft a recommendation matrix. A community meeting will be held in the early spring to update neighbors and to present the group's findings.

The online survey is open to any Austin resident and is accessible on the Crestview Neighborhood Association website: <http://crestviewna.com/>

Keep Austin Beautiful!

As we look forward to the new year, we draw hope and inspiration from young people across our city. In each classroom they visit, Keep Austin Beautiful educators ask students, "what does it mean to 'keep Austin beautiful?'" In a growing city in a complex world, these kids — the leaders of the future — get it right. We hear:

- "pick up trash off the ground"
- "plant trees and flowers to give us oxygen"
- "keep trash out of the landfill"
- "keep the creeks clean so we can drink the water"
- "help our neighborhood be nice"
- "plant vegetables to be able to eat healthy food"
- "keep calm and recycle more"

Young or old, each of us can help our city stay clean, beautiful, and sustainable. We love Austin today, and we want it to be a place to love for years to come, for us and for future generations. For more information about KAB and to find out about volunteer opportunities, go to <https://keepaustinbeautiful.org/>

Romeria Bicycle Project Proposal

Submitted by Mike Schofield and Laura Dierenfield,
City of Austin Transportation Department

An East-West Bicycle mobility corridor is proposed for Romeria and Denson, with Romeria being designated a neighborhood bikeway. ATD is proposing safety enhancements on Romeria Drive and Denson Drive that are expected to provide a positive impact on calming traffic speeds, improve crossings for people walking and improve comfort and safety for people traveling by bicycle. The City Council Bicycle Master Plan recommends that Denson and Romeria be part of a cross town east-west bicycle route with proposed improvements intended to make these streets suitable for bicycling by people of all ages and abilities. The east-west bicycle route would connect to Lamar Middle School, McCallum High School, Reilly Elementary School, Austin Community College Highland Campus, and Harris Elementary School from Brentwood to Windsor Park.

The proposed improvements include (see next page):

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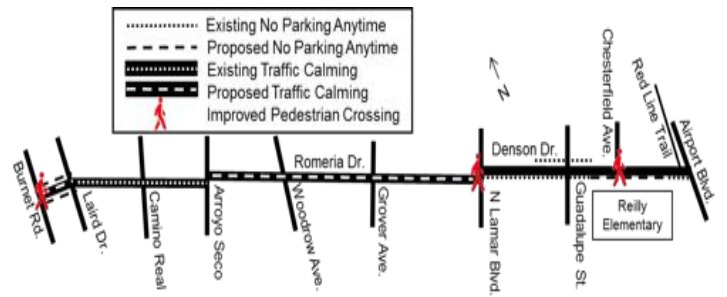


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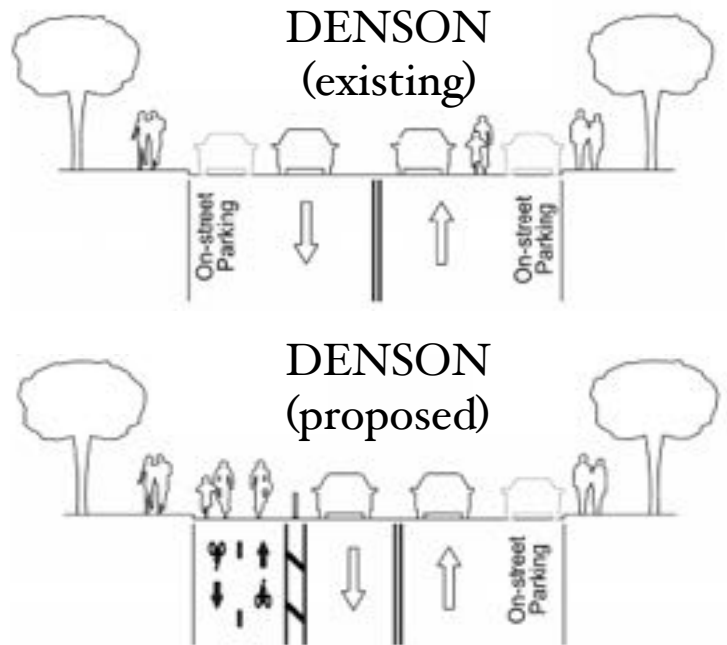
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Romeria Drive (from Burnet Road to N. Lamar Blvd.) This a low-volume neighborhood street has received several applications from residents for speed mitigation. The proposal is to make this road a Neighborhood Bikeway, otherwise known as a “Quiet Street”. Neighborhood Bikeways are low speed and volume streets with convenient and safe crossings of busy streets, good wayfinding, and clear support for people riding bicycles in the street. This proposal includes new locations for traffic calming devices to reduce auto speeds, including planted median islands. The 300’ of Romeria Drive between Burnet Road and Laird Drive is proposed to prohibit on-street motor vehicle parking on both sides of the street to accommodate a dedicated left turn lane and bicycle lanes.

Denson Drive (from N. Lamar Blvd. to Airport Blvd.) The proposal includes two-way protected bicycle lanes on the south side of the street, adjacent to Reilly Elementary. To add bicycle facilities, on-street motor vehicle parking is proposed to be prohibited on the south side of the street in locations as shown here:



Brentwood Elementary Modernization

By Brian Ross

AISD published a preliminary schedule for construction activities related to the 2017 bond measure, including the project to modernize Brentwood Elementary. Selection of contractors for the project and design work will happen

between January 2019 and March 2020. It is expected that AISD will collect community feedback during this time. Construction at Brentwood is scheduled to begin in April 2020 and should be complete by August 2022. The plan is to sequence construction to allow students to stay on-site while the project is ongoing. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$35.764 million. As part of the district-wide modernization plans, Lucy Read will close as a Pre-Kindergarten and some students from nearby Doss Elementary will attend Lucy Read during construction at Doss. The Lucy Read site will be the new home of the Rosedale School after its modernization is complete in 2021.

Brentwood Elementary School Used Book Sale

Your book donations are needed for the annual Used Book Sale on **March 5-9, 2018**. Take advantage of this opportunity to jump-start your spring-cleaning and donate:

- BOOKS (children and adult)
- CDs, DVDs, and VHS TAPES
- PUZZLES or BOARD GAMES
- SCHOOL SUPPLIES, new or gently used
- MAGAZINES

Items are priced from \$0.25 to \$2.00, so everyone has the chance to buy some great books. Proceeds from the sale will help purchase new books and materials for the library. Last year, we earned over \$2000 for our library and put books into the hands of the students and community at Brentwood. This year our goal is to collect and sell even more! Please drop off your donations by Friday, March 3rd.

Donation boxes are located just inside the front doors of Brentwood Elementary School, next to the front office. If you need someone to pick up your items, email Candace Pruett, Used Book Sale Coordinator, at kandachu@gmail.com.

Lamar Middle School and Fine Arts Academy

This February dare to enter a world of pure imagination when Lamar Middle School and Fine Arts Academy presents **Willy Wonka Junior!** -- **February 22nd and 23rd**, 7:00pm at the Austin ISD Performing Arts Center 1500 Barbara Jordan Blvd, Austin, TX 78723.



About the show: The adventures experienced by Charlie Bucket on his visit to Willy Wonka's chocolate factory light up the stage in this colorful adaptation of Roald Dahl's tale. Featuring the catchy songs from the 1971 film starring Gene

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Wilder in addition to a host of fun new songs, Willy Wonka Junior! is the type of musical that will certainly appeal to all ages. For more information and tickets: <https://www.lamarproductions.org/willywonka>

McCallum Youth Dance Company presents "The Butterfly Effect"

By Amy Hufford

AISD's only high school fine arts academy is just south of Brentwood! The McCallum Youth Dance Company invites you to join them in March as they perform dances created just for them by professional choreographers. Dancers will share through movement the concept of the Butterfly Effect, where small causes can have larger effects. Live musical accompaniment will be featured in two dances, including one original composition written just for this concert.

Dance styles include flamenco, modern, contemporary, and contemporary ballet. Guest choreographers include Olivia Chacon with Flamencura Music and Dance, Rachel Meador, Kelsey Oliver, Wendy Rucci, Kirstan Clifford, and Lisa Kobdich. Refuse Exclusion, a student-choreographed piece, will also be performed.

The concert, showcasing the talents of more than 50 dancers, runs **March 23rd and 24th at 7 pm** at the McCallum Arts Center at 5600 Sunshine Dr. Tickets, \$7 for students, \$10 for seniors and \$12 for adults, are available for purchase at the door or online at <https://squareup.com/store/MACDANCEDREAMS/item/spring-show-tickets>

Save the date for the Student-Directed Benefit Dance Show to be held April 26th and 27th at the same location!

Senior Class of 2018 Needs Your Help!

Submitted by Micaela Hernandez

Every Year the Senior Class holds GRAD KNIGHT for all the graduating Seniors; this year it will be held at the Main Event. The cost is \$70 per student. We want to raise enough money so we do not have to charge anyone. So far, we have raised \$12,000, but still need to raise \$12,000 more.

The Special Events listed below are some of the opportunities to help us raise money! You can always make a tax-deductible donation through PAYPAL or donate to our Special Fund Raisers! Start Spring Cleaning early and donate your goods to us!

- Savers Collection: Feb 17th and April 21st from 1:15pm – 2:45pm. Drop off at McCallum parking lot – Sunshine and Koenig. We will accept the following items: Books, clothes, shoes, backpacks, sheets, towels, blankets, anything soft and we do not care what kind of shape it is in.
- Mattress Sale Feb 10th Norris Conference Center: we get a % of the sale on all types of mattress.
- Silent Auction at La Mancha Tex-Mex Tavern in April TBA: we will gladly accept baskets loaded with goodies, gift certificates and items for auction!
- Kona Ice: After school in April

For more information, go to: <http://macgradwebsite.wixsite.com/redesign/2018> Be part of the planning if you like to plan events or need volunteer hours. Please feel free to contact Karrie Mannella at

karriemann@aol.com or text 512-468-5746 if you need a front porch pick up.

McCallum Band Party Day

The McCallum Band Party Day is **March 26th** at Phil's Ice House and Amy's Ice Cream at 5624 Burnet Rd. Come eat some delicious hamburgers and ice cream and support the band at the same time! Just mention at the registers of Phil's and Amy's that you are there to support the McCallum Band and they will count everyone in your party towards our total. It's easy and TASTY!

McCallum Football Historic Season: 14 Victories, 2 Steps Short!

By John E. Byers, MAC Grad and Dad

After 5 months of workouts, weights, August practices, ten regular season games and a deep run into the UIL Playoffs, McCallum football suffered its lone loss December 16 at NRG Stadium in Houston. The 14-1 win/loss record is the best since MAC first "teed it up" in 1953. College Station High School, barely 5 years old, simply had a little more speed and great skilled talent, beating the Knights 49-21. The McCallum 1966 football team, the only other MAC football team to achieve 12-0 before losing in the Playoffs, was honored in a pre-game ceremony along with Coach Pete Peterson at the Dec 2 game.

Providing exceptional support all season was the outstanding A.N. McCallum High School Marching Band, the Color Guard and the Cheerleading Squad. The band marched in the Alamodome in November, as a Finalist in the UIL State Championships.

Free Clothes Swap for Little Women

By Joy Stollings

I've been to clothes swaps before and can never find anything my size, so decided to put together a swap for little women. Our 6th annual Size 0-4 swap will be **Sunday, February 18th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm**. Each person cleans out their closets and brings their unwanted clothes to my house.

There are separate rooms for tops, pants, dresses/skirts, and shoes/accessories. When you arrive, you'll put your clothes in the room where they go, then start shopping. I take any leftovers that haven't been chosen to the clothes closet at the community center where I work (where low-income people can apply for free clothes) or you can take your clothes to the charity of your choosing. Please email

joy_stollings@yahoo.com for more information.

La Paloma Apartments on Woodrow Avenue

Representatives from Austin Police Department, Austin Public Health and La Paloma met with neighbors at the January BNA steering committee meeting to discuss issues concerning pan-handling in roadways and other troubling behaviors of some of the residents. The apartments are located on Woodrow Avenue just south of Koenig Lane. At the request of concerned neighbors, the staff at Integral Care created a Frequently Asked Questions document, available at this link: [La Paloma Letter to BNA](#)



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Representatives from Integral Care plan to attend the March 7 BNA meeting to learn if neighbors are experiencing any changes – positive or negative – from the new strategies they are deploying. They also offer an 8-hour training class - [Mental Health First Aid](#), similar to CPR training - to provide information on how to respond to someone having a mental health issue.

Spring Fling Arts & Crafts Fair

Submitted by Rachel Harmon

Faith Lutheran Church is holding a Neighborhood Spring Fling Arts and Crafts Fair on **Saturday, April 14th** in the Activity Center at Faith Lutheran Church, 6600 Woodrow. It will be family friendly with games, face painting, and BBQ.

We would like to invite local artists and crafters to reserve a table for \$20. All proceeds benefit the Faith Youth Group. If you would like to reserve a table, or for more info, contact Rachel Harmon at rlh5553@yahoo.com

February = Dues Renewal Month!!

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