

# MESA PARK MESSENGER

A Mesa Park Neighborhood Association monthly newsletter for the residents of Mesa Park

[www.main.org/mpna](http://www.main.org/mpna)

## NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

The **Neighborhood Meeting date has changed** and is currently scheduled for **Tuesday, March 28th, 7 PM** at the Covenant United Methodist Church, 4410 Duval Road. (Please see agenda below)

Thank you to all of those who have stepped forward to volunteer for the MPNA! We greatly appreciate it and look forward to working with you on making Mesa Park a great place to live.

As we drove around to judge homes for the holiday decorating contest, we noticed in many cases it was difficult to make out addresses on the houses. For safety, please check to make sure your **home number is clearly visible** from the street for emergency vehicles, neighbors, etc.

A reminder that our Board Meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. If you're interested in volunteering, would like to discuss ways to improve Mesa Park or just want to meet your neighbors, please stop by. Our meetings are held the second Saturday of every month at the Milwood library public meeting room. Our next meeting will be **February 11, 10 AM**.

### March 28th, 7 PM Neighborhood Meeting Agenda

- 1) Police and Fire Appreciation
- 2) State of MPNA Union –
  - Introduction of Board of Directors
  - Current Budget and Assets
  - Mission Statement – including more information on volunteer jobs.
- 3) Questions and Feedback –
  - Neighborhood Watch Program
  - Contests for National Night Out
  - Buying Committee
  - Kids Activity Group
  - Merging with other Associations
  - Park Clean-up

## COMMANDER'S FORUM – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH

### *Town and Country Optimist Sports Complex*

The quarterly Commander's Forum with the public is scheduled for **February 7th, 7 PM** at the Town and Country Optimist Sports Complex (off Anderson Mill Road). As we have reported in the past, they present statistics on what crimes are occurring and police response in the Northwest district of Austin to resolve some of the high-occurrence incidents. If they see a definite increase in a certain type of crime, they create a team to address that specific crime until the situation is resolved. They **encourage public participation** and questions at these meeting. The last forum I attended, I discovered that burglary events are definitely increasing; primarily of garages and sheds in the back yard. This is one of the reasons the Board is trying to revitalize our MPNA Neighborhood Watch program. These incidents are not as far away as we would like to believe. These are crimes occurring on the other side of 183 or even Duval. We can only benefit from information on what is happening in our area. We hope to see you there!

For a map to the Town and Country Optimist Sports Complex please go to:

<http://www.townandcountryoptimist.org/TCMapAreaFallo3.pdf>

## CRIME REPORT 12/1/05 - 1/23/06

LEAVING THE SCENE CRASH/ACCIDE	116xx ANGUS RD	12/8/05	STREETS / HWY / ROAD / ALLEY
LEAVING THE SCENE CRASH/ACCIDE	116xx RESEARCH NB SVC RD	12/6/05	BUSINESS / OTHER
LEAVING THE SCENE CRASH/ACCIDE	116xx ANGUS RD	12/19/05	BUSINESS / OTHER
ABANDONED VEH	46xx BEAVER CREEK DR	12/9/05	STREETS / HWY / ROAD / ALLEY
ASSAULT BY CONTACT	115xx PYRENEESE DR	1/10/06	RESIDENCES
ASSAULT W/INJURY- FAM/DATE VIOL	46xx BEAVER CREEK DR	12/30/05	RESIDENCES
BURGLARY OF VEH	116xx BLACKHAWK DR	1/5/06	PARKING LOTS / GARAGE
BURGLARY OF VEH	116xx RESEARCH NB SVC	12/21/05	BUSINESS / OTHER
BURGLARY OF VEH	115xx MURCIA DR	12/13/05	STREETS / HWY / ROAD / ALLEY
BURGLARY OF VEH	116xx NATRONA DR	1/6/06	STREETS / HWY / ROAD / ALLEY
BURGLARY OF VEH	116xx SPOTTED HORSE DR	1/22/06	RESIDENCES
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	52xx THUNDER CREEK RD	1/12/06	BUSINESS / OTHER
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	52xx THUNDER CREEK RD	1/4/06	PARKING LOTS / GARAGE
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	52xx THUNDER CREEK RD	12/10/05	
CUSTODY ARREST TRAFFIC WARR	xx RESEARCH NB SVC RD	1/15/06	STREETS / HWY / ROAD / ALLEY
DISTURBANCE/OTHER	52xx THUNDER CREEK RD	12/20/05	RESIDENCES
DISTURBANCE/OTHER	115xx ANGUS RD	12/24/05	RESIDENCES
DWI	116xx RESEARCH NB SVC	1/18/06	STREETS / HWY / ROAD / ALLEY
DWI	116xx RESEARCH NB SVC	12/29/05	STREETS / HWY / ROAD / ALLEY
FAMILY DISTURBANCE	43xx RED CLOUD DR	1/3/06	RESIDENCES
FAMILY DISTURBANCE	115xx ANGUS RD	12/26/05	RESIDENCES
FAMILY DISTURBANCE	43xx RED CLOUD DR	12/11/05	RESIDENCES
FORGERY AND PASSING	117xx SANTA CRUZ DR	12/7/05	OTHER / UNKNOWN
FORGERY AND PASSING	116xx RESEARCH NB SVC	12/9/05	LIQUOR STORE
FOUND PROP	117xx SPOTTED HORSE DR	1/9/06	RESIDENCES
FOUND PROP	116xx RESEARCH NB SVC	12/27/05	BUSINESS / OTHER
HARASSMENT	116xx ANGUS RD	1/3/06	BUSINESS / OTHER
POSS OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA	xx RESEARCH NB SVC RD	12/6/05	STREETS / HWY / ROAD / ALLEY
PUBLIC INTOXICATION	116xx RESEARCH NB SVC	12/20/05	PARKING LOTS / GARAGE
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	117xx BIG TRAIL	1/3/06	GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS / PUBLIC
THEFT	116xx RESEARCH NB SVC	1/14/06	HOTEL / MOTEL
THEFT	116xx ELK PARK TRL	12/22/05	RESIDENCES
THEFT	116xx RESEARCH NB SVC	12/17/05	CONVENIENCE STORE
THEFT	46xx WIND RIVER RD	12/13/05	PARKING LOTS / GARAGE
THEFT	46xx WIND RIVER RD	12/13/05	STREETS / HWY / ROAD / ALLEY
UNAUTHORIZED USE OF VEH	116xx ELK PARK TRL	1/15/06	RESIDENCES

## WHAT IS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH?

Crime or the fear of crime provides the impetus for residents to become better informed on how to protect themselves and their property.

Getting back to the old adage of being our "brother's keepers," means neighbors watching out for other neighbors. Neighbors are asked to be the eyes and ears in helping the police in apprehending criminals. Crime Watch is not designed to substitute for police protection. Rather it is an extension or supplement in assisting the police in **making neighborhoods safer for all residents.** (continued on next page)

Neighborhood Watch operates under two principles. When neighbors get to know and watch out for each other, they watch out for each other's property as though it was their own. Second, Neighborhood Watch helps to create an identity within the neighborhood, which in turn **fosters sense of pride and belonging for the participants.**

The participants make their neighborhood a safer place to live by adopting a more observant and active attitude and, as a result, become more aware of strange cars, persons, or circumstances. This will not take a lot of time and soon will develop into a daily habit of becoming more aware of what is going on in the neighborhood.

MPNA is asking people to step forward to volunteer as a **Block Captain** for their street. **Please come to our March 28th Neighborhood Meeting to find out more.**

LATE WINTER IS A GREAT TIME TO PLANT SHADE TREES

The following is a partial list of suggested tree species that are resistant to oak wilt. For additional information, go to:

[www.ci.austin.tx.us/oakwilt/faqs.htm](http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/oakwilt/faqs.htm).

**BUR OAK:** *An excellent tree. This oak is a tall, stately tree that can grow to 60 ft. or more with large, beautiful leaves. Once it is established, this is very drought resistance.*



**CHINQUAPIN OAK:** *This deciduous grows up to 50 feet tall. Its saw-toothed leaves are shiny green above and fuzzy underneath. It grows fairly quickly and makes a good yard tree. A very nice tree and highly recommended.*



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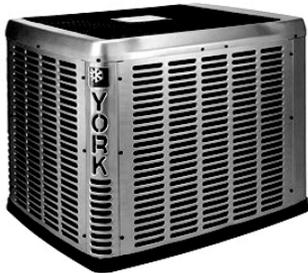
**MONTEREY OAK:** *This tree can reach 70 feet tall. It's semi-evergreen, that is, it remains green until a cold snap in the winter turns its leaves brilliant colors (red, orange, and yellow) Monterey oak is a fast growing oak and prefers a little more water than a live oak.*



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**Volunteers Needed**

1) Yard of the Month Committee:  
We still need 2-3 individuals to scout the best yards and select a monthly winner.

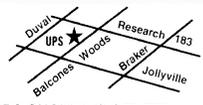
2) Meeting Posters:  
We still need someone to put up meeting posters at six neighborhood locations for our neighborhood meetings.

3) Park Cleanup - March 2006  
Help keep Schroeter Park beautiful! Volunteer for 15 minutes or all day, it's up to you! Anything helps. Please sign up on our list. More details to come.

*If you are interested in volunteering please e-mail Ruth Kidwell:*  
[rkidwell@austin.rr.com](mailto:rkidwell@austin.rr.com)

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Police Non-Emergency: 311

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