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MPNA Board of Directors continues to work for you on a volunteer basis. All residents of Mesa Park Neighborhood are members of Mesa Park Neighborhood Association, whether you rent or own your home. If you receive this newsletter, delivered at your door, you are a member. Mesa Park does not charge annual dues, unlike most other neighborhood associations, but we do accept donations.

Donations pay for the "Mesa Park Messenger" newsletter, gift cards for the Holiday Lighting Contest, neighborhood garage sale, "Its My Park Day", the Annual Police Appreciation Event, and other events. We really need your help to keep the newsletter going.

We want to thank all the residents that have donated for the past few months. We really appreciate your generosity.

If you would like to make a donation, please complete the form below and include your check. A minimum amount of \$5.00 would be greatly appreciated.

Donation for MPNA \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone and Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail check to MPNA, PMB 104, P.O. Box 200255, Austin, TX 78720

Do you have an announcement to share or neighborhood news? Is there something you would like your neighbors to know? Please send us your news or stories and we will publish them in the next issue of the *Mesa Park Messenger*.

### Classifieds:

Sitter for babies through older adults. Retired nurse/active grandmother, flexible schedule. Call Ruth at 343-1638. Please leave a message.



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We are looking for unwanted lawn equipment (lawn mowers, edger's, compressors, high pressure washers, tools, BBQ's, ETC, or anything of value. We will haul off for free, but please no trash or rust buckets. We have to be able to repair it or use it for parts or salvage. Thanks, call Rayne at 913-3600

**GO GREEN FOR AUSTIN!** 

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Police Non-Emergency: 311

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Reminder: The MPNA is not an HOA (Homeowner's Association). If you have a complaint or need to report a violation, please contact the appropriate city official for assistance. Thank you!

# Mesa Park MESSENGER

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## Police Appreciation Event

This is Mesa Parks 15th Annual Police Appreciation. We are being joined by Balcones Woods and Angus Valley's residents to share in this great tradition. We are grateful that there is a contingent of 300 police personnel located in the NW Lamplight Station that are dedicated to help when we ask. If you have not participated in the past, please do so. This is a family event and a great way to meet your neighbors and the police officers of the NW District.

### Typical Agenda:

- Recognition of officers and presentation of awards and plaques
- Presentation of "gift" boxes for each of the three shifts
- Refreshments and mingling with the officers

### Items needed for the gift boxes:

- Homemade cookies – individual bags & sealed with 3-5 cookies in a bag.
- Chewing gum (regular and sugar free)
- Small bags of peanuts or assorted nuts
- Breakfast bars
- Individually wrapped biscotti or jerky
- Small packages of pretzels
- 3" x 5" spiral-bound notepads that would fit in an officer's pocket
- Small packages of cheese and peanut crackers

Mesa Park donations, "drop off your items before April 27th." Drop off your homemade cookies only on the 30th. Keep them in your freezer until the day of the event.

Contact Susan McVicker, at 917-3018, 11620 Elk Park Trail for drop off. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call. We really appreciate your donations for this event.



2008 Police Appreciation event

## Police Appreciation Event

Thursday, April 30th, 2008

Doors open at 6:30pm, meeting begins at 7pm

Fellowship Hall of Covenant Methodist Church

4410 Duval Rd

*In the past couple weeks, my wife walking on the Schroeter Park trail along Blackhawk Drive has sometimes heard a rattlesnake rattling. She has not seen it, but has heard it multiple times, near where the trail branches towards the playscape. Please be careful.*

— Gary Sutorius

# MPNA Crime Reports from APD

January 27, 2009 - March 27, 2009

Crime	Address	Date	Location
THEFT	52xx THUNDER CREEK RD	1/27/09	RESIDENCES
DWI 2ND	116xx ANGUS RD	1/29/09	PARKING LOTS / GARAGE
HARASSMENT	116xx RESEARCH BLVD SVRD NB	1/30/09	BUSINESS / OTHER
DRIVING WHILE LICENSE INVALID	117xx ANGUS RD	1/31/09	STREETS / HWY / ROAD / ALLEY
TERRORISTIC THREAT	52xx THUNDER CREEK RD	2/4/09	RESIDENCES
THEFT	49xx WIND RIVER RD	2/4/09	RESIDENCES
CHECK WELFARE	52xx THUNDER CREEK RD	2/6/09	RESIDENCES
LOST PROP	43xx STEVE SCARBROUGH DR	2/6/09	RESIDENCES
THEFT	116xx RESEARCH BLVD SVRD NB	2/8/09	CONVENIENCE STORE
THEFT	116xx RESEARCH BLVD SVRD NB	2/9/09	CONVENIENCE STORE
CHECK WELFARE	115xx ELK PARK CIR	2/10/09	RESIDENCES
LEAVING THE SCENE CRASH/ACCIDE	114xx MOPAC EXPY SVRD SB	2/11/09	STREETS / HWY / ROAD / ALLEY
BURGLARY OF VEH	116xx RESEARCH BLVD SVRD NB	2/13/09	BUSINESS / OTHER
POSS MARIJUANA	116xx RESEARCH BLVD SVRD NB	2/13/09	STREETS / HWY / ROAD / ALLEY
DOG ORDINANCE VIOL	52xx THUNDER CREEK RD	2/15/09	RESIDENCES
DISTURBANCE/OTHER	116xx RESEARCH BLVD SVRD NB	2/18/09	CONVENIENCE STORE
ASSAULT WITH INJURY	116xx RESEARCH BLVD SVRD NB	2/20/09	HOTEL / MOTEL
THEFT	116xx RESEARCH BLVD SVRD NB	2/22/09	CONVENIENCE STORE
FAMILY DISTURBANCE	52xx THUNDER CREEK RD	2/23/09	RESIDENCES
CHECK WELFARE	115xx ELK PARK CIR	2/24/09	RESIDENCES
LEAVING THE SCENE CRASH/ACCIDE	116xx RESEARCH BLVD SVRD NB	2/24/09	BAR / NIGHT CLUB
THEFT	116xx RESEARCH BLVD SVRD NB	2/25/09	CONVENIENCE STORE
THEFT	115xx PYRENEESE DR	2/25/09	RESIDENCES
DEATH DUE TO NATURAL CAUSES	42xx RED CLOUD DR	2/27/09	RESIDENCES
ASSAULT W/INJURY-FAM/DATE VIOL	52xx THUNDER CREEK RD	3/1/09	RESIDENCES
BURGLARY OF VEH	52xx THUNDER CREEK RD	3/1/09	PARKING LOTS / GARAGE
BURGLARY OF VEH	52xx THUNDER CREEK RD	3/2/09	PARKING LOTS / GARAGE
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	52xx THUNDER CREEK RD	3/2/09	PARKING LOTS / GARAGE
PUBLIC INTOXICATION	52xx THUNDER CREEK RD	3/5/09	RESIDENCES
ASLT BY CONTACT FAM/DATING VIO	52xx THUNDER CREEK RD	3/6/09	RESIDENCES
BURGLARY OF VEH	116xx RESEARCH BLVD SVRD NB	3/6/09	HOTEL / MOTEL
LOST PROP	115xx RESEARCH BLVD SVRD NB	3/7/09	OTHER / UNKNOWN
POSS MARIJUANA	52xx THUNDER CREEK RD	3/7/09	STREETS / HWY / ROAD / ALLEY
BURGLARY OF VEH	115xx ANGUS RD	3/8/09	PARKING LOTS / GARAGE
BURGLARY OF VEH	116xx RESEARCH BLVD SVRD NB	3/8/09	PARKING LOTS / GARAGE
POSS MARIJUANA	116xx RESEARCH BLVD SVRD NB	3/10/09	STREETS / HWY / ROAD / ALLEY
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	117xx SHOSHONE DR	3/11/09	RESIDENCES
ASSAULT BY THREAT	116xx RESEARCH BLVD SVRD NB	3/12/09	BUSINESS / OTHER
DISTURBANCE/OTHER	115xx ANGUS RD	3/12/09	RESIDENCES
LOST PROP	116xx SPOTTED HORSE DR	3/12/09	RESIDENCES
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	115xx ANGUS RD	3/14/09	RESIDENCES
ASSAULT W/INJURY-FAM/DATE VIOL	52xx THUNDER CREEK RD	3/15/09	RESIDENCES
CRIMINAL TRESPASS/TRANSIENT	116xx RESEARCH BLVD SVRD NB	3/15/09	CONVENIENCE STORE
BURGLARY OF RESIDENCE	48xx WIND RIVER RD	3/16/09	RESIDENCES
CUSTODY ARREST TRAFFIC WARR	48xx WIND RIVER RD	3/16/09	PARKING LOTS / GARAGE
LOST PROP	52xx THUNDER CREEK RD	3/16/09	RESIDENCES
BURGLARY OF VEH	52xx THUNDER CREEK RD	3/17/09	PARKING LOTS / GARAGE
CRED CARD ABUSE/OTHER	116xx RESEARCH BLVD SVRD NB	3/18/09	HOTEL / MOTEL
BURGLARY OF VEH	115xx ANGUS RD	3/25/09	PARKING LOTS / GARAGE

## Helpful Numbers

Police Headquarters Main Switchboard	512-974-5000	Auto Theft tip line	512-974-5096
Homicide tip line	512-477-3588	Abandoned Vehicle tip line	512-974-8119
Robbery Hotline	512-974-5092	Northwest Area Command	512-974-5591
Sex Crimes tip line	512-974-5095		

# Families, Weather Make "It's My Park Day" a Success

On March 7, more than 40 people showed up at Schroeter Park to participate in "It's My Park Day," sponsored by the Austin Parks Foundation. Adults and kids of all ages were on hand on a balmy Saturday morning to help beautify our neighborhood park. If you haven't noticed already, next time you visit Schroeter Park, you can look for some of the improvements, courtesy of Mesa Park residents:

- Several trails were re-mulched and lined with rocks (with lots of help from some of our smaller volunteers)
- A new trail was added on the south side of the park to connect outer ring to the inner trails
- Leveled out playscape and swing area groundcover
- Removal of unsightly tumbleweed and cumbersome roots
- Cleaned up trash, brush, and dried cactus



Photos of the event are posted on the following Flickr site:  
[http://www.flickr.com/groups/mesa\\_park/](http://www.flickr.com/groups/mesa_park/)

Although we distributed a lot of mulch to the trails, a few piles of mulch still remain on the Big Trail side of the park. We will be having another work day soon (probably May) to distribute the remaining mulch around the park.

If you weren't able to join in this year, we hope to see you next year!



To place an ad in the *Mesa Park Messenger*, please contact Cindy at [TreeTopProperties@prodigy.net](mailto:TreeTopProperties@prodigy.net) or 346-2232.

## Banana Crumb Muffin Recipe

Yields 10 muffins

### INGREDIENTS

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour	1 egg, lightly beaten
1 tsp. baking soda	1/3 cup butter, melted
1 tsp. baking powder	1/3 cup packed brown sugar
1/2 tsp. salt	2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
3 bananas, mashed	1/8 tsp. ground cinnamon
3/4 cup white sugar	1 tablespoon butter

### DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Lightly grease 10 muffin cups, or line with muffin papers.
2. In a large bowl, mix together 1 1/2 cups flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt. In another bowl, beat together bananas, sugar, egg and melted butter. Stir the banana mixture into the flour mixture just until moistened. Spoon batter into prepared muffin cups.
3. In a small bowl, mix together brown sugar, 2 tablespoons flour and cinnamon. Cut in 1 tablespoon butter until mixture resembles coarse cornmeal. Sprinkle topping over muffins.
4. Bake in preheated oven for 18 to 20 minutes, until a toothpick inserted into center of a muffin comes out clean.

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*Market report for Mesa Park: Between 1/1/09 & 3/31/09...10 properties have sold, average price of \$189,273; avg. price sq.ft. \$137.66; avg. of 42 days on the market.*