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Police Appreciation Event

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On Thursday the 29th of April, 2010, Mesa Park, Balcones Woods and Angus Valley hosted the 16th Annual Police Appreciation Event at Covenant Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. We had a great crowd of approx. 45 of residents and police officers.

David Crowley, President of

MPNA, welcomed and introduced the speakers. Chuck Pace with Angus Valley spoke about how much our residents appreciate the APD and all that they do for us. Allison Dady with Balcones Woods presented the boxes of goodies that had been donated.

Each of the officers, including Sgt. David McDonald, NW DR., Cmdr. Romoser, Cmdr. Gonzales, and Asst. Chief Al Ellis, introduced themselves and told a little about themselves and how long they have been with APD. One officer was 1 week new. Many of the officers personally let us know how much they appreciate this event every year.

Special thanks to all the Mesa Park residents for their generous contributions, whether it was baking cookies or boxes of goodies. We appreciate the donations from Costo (fabulous cake), Walgreens and Sam's Club of various goodies. They helped to make this a successful event.

Next year we hope to see new faces involved in this worthwhile event and keep the tradition going. You'll be glad you did.



National Night Out 2010

Neighborhoods throughout Austin are invited to join with thousands of communities nationwide on Tuesday, October 5, 2010 to participate in the 27th Annual **National Night Out**. APD officers, EMS and fire fighters will join City Council Members and other City officials in attending neighborhood parties throughout Austin.



National Night Out is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
- Generate support and participation in crime efforts
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community relations
- Send the message that your neighborhood is a safe place to live

National Night Out is a great opportunity for citizens, law enforcement and other public safety officials to join forces. Events are planned to promote crime prevention and drug prevention awareness and to strengthen the police - community partnership. We encourage neighborhoods to come together and send the message that we are all working together to prevent crime and keep our neighborhoods safe. On October 5, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., residents are asked to turn on their porch lights, lock their doors and spend the evening outside with their neighbors, police officers, EMS, and fire fighters. Officers will be out in neighborhoods attending block parties from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Events in the past have included cookouts, block parties, parades, flashlight walks, contests, and youth activities. You are limited only by your imagination. If you register your party, you MAY receive a visit from public safety officials. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee a visit by police, fire or EMS because we typically have over 400 registered parties.

For the past 14 years, Texas had led the nation in citizen and police involvement. Your participation in the Austin area **National Night Out** will show neighborhood strength, increase the police officer/citizen bond and help to make our community a safer place to live.

The MPNA encourages every block in our neighborhood to have a registered party. Please consider being the point person on your block. If you would like to volunteer as host, please email Gina Mattiza at gmattiza@austin.rr.com and we will send you the 1-page registration and provide you with a ready-to-print invitation for your block. This is done block party style in the front yard and can be a potluck, BYOM (bring your own meal) or a simple meet and greet. Mark your calendars and start planning the fun!

Upcoming Events In this issue

Watermelon Social June 26, 6:30pm

Neighborhood Meeting July 8, 7pm

National Night Out October 10, 6pm

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Market report for Mesa Park---. Between Mar.1st to May 29th: 3 Properties have sold, avg.price--\$224,000; 1 properties under contract, avg price \$164,000; 16 properties currently on the market, avg. price \$222,000, avg. 60 day on market. Highest days on mkt is 208. Contact me if you need further information.

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ARE YOUR KIDS READY FOR SUMMER YET?

We can't wait for summer at Quarries Camps!
Campers will have an awesome
experience right around the corner!

Weekly camps for kids entering 1st-6th grades

June 14-18 Tip Off Basketball Camp

June 21-25 Outback Outdoor Camp

July 6-9 Adventure Austin Camp

July 12-16 Ballin' All Sports Camp

July 19-23 Splash Camp

July 26-30 First Down Flag Football and Cheer

QUARRIES CAMP

For more Quarries Camps information visit the
Quarries Website

Have a question or concern about something in the neighborhood?

Notice something of concern in the area? Want to share tips with your neighbors? Just want to keep in touch with what is happening? Join our list serve! The Mesa Park Neighborhood list serve is a relatively new yahoo group. It's easy to sign up, and all we need is you! We currently have 75 members, but with under 600 households, we have a long way to go!

To sign up, you first need to set up a yahoo account. Once you have set that up, you can subscribe by sending a message to Mesa_Park_Neighborhood-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. Please include your address in the initial message, or your specific interest in the neighborhood. This step is for spam protection.

Once you are subscribed, you will receive messages as they are posted to the list (sometimes there is a slight delay- about 10 minutes- for the message to make it through the yahoo system.) Some links that you will find helpful:

Group Homepage:	http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Mesa_Park_Neighborhood/
Post message:	Mesa_Park_Neighborhood@yahoogroups.com
Unsubscribe:	Mesa_Park_Neighborhood-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com
List owner:	Mesa_Park_Neighborhood-owner@yahoogroups.com

If you have problems or questions during the subscription process, feel free to email me at mkbarber1@gmail.com, or the list owners at the address above.

This list is set up to be an unmoderated list, so each member can post to it. This format will enable us to have more real-time information dissemination and will hopefully lead to more contributions. However, the moderators reserve the right to remove inappropriate posts and/or posters.

Please feel free to use this list to discuss topics of interest to your neighbors. As a reminder: **Appropriate Post Topics:** Crime information to help in neighborhood crime watch; neighborhood event notifications; garage sales; referrals of home services/report poor service or scams; post pictures of lost pets to co-ordinate efforts to assure their safe return.

Inappropriate Post Topics: Advertisements for businesses; religious or political opinions.

Coyotes in Mesa Park by Sandra M Cutcheon

Just wanted to give everyone a heads up. On May 27th about 10 pm, when I got home from work, there was a coyote across the street from me headed toward Duval Road. The coyote headed on down toward Duval, then veered onto Beaver Creek – guess maybe he or she was headed toward Schroeter Park.

The coyote was obviously very well fed – that may account for some of the missing kitty cats in the neighborhood.

If you have small dogs, or outdoor cats, please take measures to safeguard them. I know my Pomeranians are not going outside after dark unattended anymore!

Some good friends lost their sheltie to coyote's right before Christmas several years ago – they lived off 2222.

Park Sign Update by David Crowley

Thanks to your generosity, we have raised about \$250 for the park kiosk replacement. Adding these donations to some expected volunteer hours from neighbors, we are requesting a matching grant from the Austin Parks Foundation for the total of around \$2000 needed for the city-approved design. The grants will be reviewed this May and hopefully the project will be funded in time for us to install it at our next park work day in October. Thanks again for your support in this long process of replacing our ragged park kiosk.

Neighborhood Meeting

David Crowley

When: July 8 at 7PM

Where: Covenant United Methodist Church 4410 Duval Rd

Speaker: Master Gardener What we need to know about Oak Wilt (unconfirmed, please check email newsgroup for latest details)

Agenda:

- HPBC Quarries building plan: develop list of neighbor concerns to present to HPBC and city planning office
- City development updates
- Wind River traffic calming petition
- General neighbors concerns and questions

Save the Date! Mesa Park Summer Watermelon Social!

Come meet your neighbors and enjoy a cool, healthy summer treat!

We'll provide cool watermelon, you provide your chair, bug spray, etc.

June 26, 2010 at 6:30pm

Schroeder Park Pavilion

Any questions contact Mary Kay at mkbarber1@gmail.com

Save Your Empty Soda Cans

Cindy Lindsay

Hey Folks.....

Don't forget to save your empty soda cans to donate to the Blue Santa project. This is an ongoing project, not just for Christmastime. The cans are redeemed, the money going to purchase toys, so that not one needy child goes without a toy at Christmas. This program is sponsored by the Austin Police Department, and is another way our crime fighters work to make our community a better place to live.

It is easy.....just save your drink cans and **drop them off at 11703 Shoshone Drive**. There are receptacles by the garage just waiting to be filled. You can **also drop off your cans at 11620 Elk Park Trail**. There is a blue bucket on the front porch.

MPNA Crime Reports from APD for Mesa Park Neighborhood

April 5, 2010 - May 15, 2010

Crime	Address	Date	Time
ASSAULT W/INJURY-FAM/DATE VIOL	.115xx FAST HORSE DR	4/5/10	00:13
BURGLARY OF RESIDENCE	.117xx NATRONA DR	5/11/10	14:18
BURGLARY OF RESIDENCE	.117xx SANTA CRUZ DR	5/21/10	18:41
BURGLARY OF VEH	.117xx BLACKHAWK DR	5/20/10	12:54
DATING DISTURBANCE	.117xx SANTA CRUZ DR	5/22/10	2:25
FAMILY DISTURBANCE	.116xx ELK PARK TRL	5/3/10	21:20
FAMILY DISTURBANCE	.43xx STEVE SCARBROUGH DR	5/8/10	18:39
HARASSMENT	.48xx GRAY FOX DR	5/10/10	14:13
THEFT	.50xx POWDER RIVER RD	5/5/10	21:14
THEFT	.46xx BEAVER CREEK DR	5/15/10	12:51

Wind River Traffic Petition Making Rounds

Have you seen how fast cars go down a Mesa Park neighborhood street, Wind River? Some neighbors have been steadfastly working to slow the cars down. The speed meter signs temporarily installed on Wind River showed cars speeding in excess of 50MPH in front of our neighbors homes. Nils and Jewels Marchand are bringing around a petition to get the city's attention to the danger and get some traffic calming measures in place. If Nils and Jewels have not made it to your door yet and you would like to help neighbors to keep our streets safe, please sign the petition at our next neighborhood meeting, July 8th.

Thank you for your Donations!

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

Helpful Numbers

Police Headquarters
Main Switchboard 512-974-5000

Homicide tip line 512-477-3588

Robbery Hotline. 512-974-5092

Sex Crimes tip line 512-974-5095

Auto Theft tip line 512-974-5096

Abandoned Vehicle
tip line. 512-974-8119

Northwest Area
Command 512-974-5591

Neighborhood contacts:

President/Quarries Representative: **David Crowley**, mesapark@crowleyhome.net or 11621 Spotted Horse Dr., 78759

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

Volunteer Coordinator and Newsletter Editor: **Susan McVicker**, susanmcv@att.net

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Emergency: 911

Police Non-Emergency: 311

NW Austin Police District Representative: SPO Mike Dunn, mike.dunn@ci.austin.tx.us, 974-5553

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!