

# Mesa Park MESSENGER

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## Fireman Appreciation Event

November 4th, 7pm

Start thinking of your favorite baking recipes, and get ready to join us on Thursday, November 4, in tribute to our neighborhood Firemen at Station 25 on Duval Road. Mesa Park Residents will gather at the Station 25 at 7pm on November 4th to express our thanks to these gallant fire fighters. You can walk or park your cars at Davis Elementary.

Cindy Lindsay will be collecting baked goods for Mesa Park if you cannot be at the Fire Station with us. Please bring items for the fireman to Cindy's house at 11702 Shoshone Drive, between 6-8pm on Wed the 3rd of November. Any questions contact Cindy at 346-2232.

Have you ever thought just what you would do if your need for help became a matter of life and death? How about if your home ever caught fire? Well, we all know there are firemen for that sort of thing. They sort of stay in the background until we really need them, BUT what if they weren't there? Have you ever thanked a fireman for doing

this dangerous, yet thankless job? Well now is your chance. We are going to honor these unsung heroes in November, and we want you to join us. We'll have the baked goods provided by Mesa Park residents, along with ice cream and drinks. When I say the baked goods you provide, I mean the things YOU bake.



## Upcoming Events In this issue

National Night Out Tuesday, Oct. 5th

Park Day Cleanup Saturday, Oct. 23rd

Fireman's Appreciation Thursday Nov. 4th

## 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
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

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.

Each street that participates needs to have a "Host"/Contact Person, and needs to finalize participation by Sept 1, 2010 with the Mesa Park Neighborhood NNO Chairperson, Gina Mattiza. Please email her at [gmattiza@austin.rr.com](mailto:gmattiza@austin.rr.com), with Subject Line: NATIONAL



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*Market report for Mesa Park—Between 6/1/2010-8/2/2010. 2 properties have sold, avg. price—\$200,000; 2 properties under contract, avg. price \$203,000; 15 properties currently on the market, avg. price \$203,000, avg. 84 days on market. Highest days on the market is 273. Contact me if you need further information.*

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### A SPECIAL RATE FOR OUR MESA PARK NEIGHBORS:

BRING IN THIS AD TO JOIN THE QUARRIES  
FITNESS CENTER FOR NO INITIATION FEE  
AND \$25/SINGLE MONTHLY RATE  
\$45/FAMILY MONTHLY RATE.

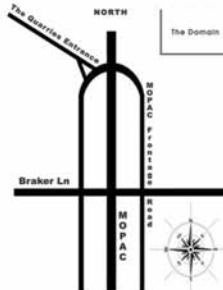
HOW TO GET HERE...

#### Walking Directions:

The Quarries walk-in gate is located at Spotted Horse and Mesa Woods Drive.

#### Driving Directions:

From Braker go north on the service road. The service road will turn to the left under Mo-Pac Expy and you want to be in the right hand lane. Immediately after crossing under Mo-Pac, take the first right into The Quarries, the Fitness center is toward the back of the complex behind the fields.



### A Quarries Fitness Membership offers:

Precor Cardio Equipment and Cybex weight machines  
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A variety of group fitness classes  
Full court basketball/volleyball courts  
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Check out our website to see  
more of what we have to offer!

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## National Night Out 2010 *continued*

NIGHT OUT and she will get the required info from you, and submit your application for participation. **The DEADLINE for ALL applications is: September 10, 2010.**

Every street that participates will have the opportunity to request a 1st Responder stop by their street for a brief visit: Police Officers, Firefighters, or EMS. This is a great way to teach our kids at an early age how important these people are in our community!

**Please be aware that unforeseen circumstances may limit the number of 1st responders available to attend even those parties that register early.**

Each street participant will also receive a National Night Out bag that contains crime prevention information, posters, party invitations, and other items to use at your party.

For additional info, please go to [www.ci.austin.tx.us/police](http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/police)

**Let's make a Mesa Park IMPACT and come together as a neighborhood and community by participating in the 27th Annual National Night Out!**

*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!*

Street	Host
Duval	NEEDED
Wind River	NEEDED
Natrona/Natrona Cove	NEEDED
Dull Knife	Gina Mattiza
Powder River	NEEDED
Elk Park/Elk Park Circle	NEEDED
Fast Horse	NEEDED
Big Trail/Big trail Cove Big Trail Circle	NEEDED
Running Deer	NEEDED
Blackhawk	NEEDED
Shoshone	Adam and Claudia Ullrich and Cindy Lindsay
Running Fox	NEEDED
Beaver Creek	NEEDED
Gray Fox	NEEDED
Santa Cruz	NEEDED
Spotted Horse	NEEDED
Zuni	NEEDED
Red Cloud	NEEDED
Pyreneese	NEEDED
Catalonia	NEEDED
Murcia	NEEDED
Toledo	NEEDED

## Watermelon Social

*Submitted by Mary Kay Tiernan*

On Saturday, June 26, the Mesa Park neighborhood had a watermelon social at Schroeter Park. We had a great turnout, and everyone enjoyed some nice, fresh watermelon! It was a great opportunity to come together to meet neighbors and renew acquaintances. In addition to eating watermelon and talking, there was also plenty of swinging and water balloon tossing. At one point, 48 people were counted in attendance. Many thanks to everyone who came out!

## Schroeter Park Sign Update

*By David Crowley*

After a great show of support from neighbors in \$280 of contributions toward the sign and completing a grant application with the Austin Parks Foundation we found out last week that the project will be fully funded by the Austin Parks Department. We are still trying to get more of the details but this may allow us to get the kiosk installed before our fall work day if the parks department does the installation. Stay tuned for more details. We are so excited that we will have a new kiosk soon.

## Neighborhood Meeting Notes

*Submitted by David Crowley*

The speaker, Jackie Johnson, from the Master Gardeners and Texas AgriLife Extension was very informative about oak wilt. Here are a few of my notes from what she said.

- It is best to plant diversity of trees. Red oak family are the most susceptible to oak wilt; live oak and white oak families are more resilient.
- It is best to prune oaks in the winter or in the heat of summer after a week or more of 90F.
- Wounds of oaks should be painted immediately with any type of paint you have available (pruning paint is not necessary).
- Infected or dead trees must be removed by city ordinance.
- Oak wilt infected trees show browning on the veins of the leaves, once you see this it is too late, but you should call the city to identify it and control it so it won't spread to other trees.
- If you think you may have oak wilt, call the city forestry department and they can help to identify it.
- Be careful when buying firewood as this may come from dead trees that have been infected. Infected trees need to be shredded or burned.
- Pruning tools can be disinfected with Lysol spray between trees.

On July 8th our car was broken into. Several items were taken, including two prescription pairs of sunglasses, used for umpiring. I posted notes on doors up and down Red Cloud, Zuni and some on Spotted Horse. Someone called me about the note and said both their cars were rummaged through sometime that same morning.

These occurrences seem to go in cycles. I heard from a couple of other neighbors on Spotted Horse, that their cars were broken into about 3 months ago.

—D Cortes

# TREE "101"

## The 6 Things You Need to Know to Make Your Trees Thrive!

Home Depot Garden Center



1. Dig a hole at least 3 times the width of the rootball and 1 inch SHALLOWER!
  2. Cut those roots that wrap around and around the pot. Slice them from the top of the rootball to the bottom. Do not unwrap the roots.
  3. Make a pile of the removed soil and mix one bag of DECOMPOSED GRANITE (40 LBS.) and one bag of SIMPLE COMPOST (Brand names are not necessary).
  4. Place the tree in the hole with the bare ground beneath the tree and add the mixed soil. Avoid touching the trunk with the soil.
  5. Mix up two gallons of ROOT STIMULATOR (about two CAPFULS per gallon of water) and saturate the rootball but do not water for at least three days.
  6. Cover the area from the trunk outward two feet with a 6" deep DONUT of Cyprus mulch (light in color, cool and moist – deters the summer sun. Do not touch the trunk with the mulch.
- (This works very well for shrubs too!!)

All the messages are available on-line at  
[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Mesa\\_Park\\_Neighborhood/messages](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Mesa_Park_Neighborhood/messages)

## 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.

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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:

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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!