

MPNA Crime Reports from APD for Mesa Park Neighborhood

Crime	Address	Date
DECEASED PERSON	.117XX SANTA CRUZ DR 78759	09-03
DEBIT CARD ABUSE	.49XX BIG TRAIL CIR 78759	09-06
FAMILY DISTURBANCE	.116XX SHOSHONE DR 78759	09-07
FRAUD/OTHER (ATTEMPTED)	.115XX ELK PARK CIR 78759	09-16
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	.43XX RED CLOUD DR 78759	09-17
AUTO THEFT INFORMATION	.43XX ZUNI DR 78759	09-25
ASSAULT W/INJURY-FAM/DATE VIOL	.115XX MURCIA DR 78759	10-04
TEMP EX PARTE ORDER	.115XX MURCIA DR 78759	10-08
THEFT	.116XX SANTA CRUZ DR 78759	10-09
EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE ORDER	.52XX THUNDER CREEK RD 78759	10-10
THEFT	.115XX NATRONA CV 78759	10-13
BURGLARY OF VEH	.116XX SPOTTED HORSE DR 78759	10-18

Holiday Decorating Contest

Make sure your house is ready for the Holidays! The MPNA will be judging houses on Dec. 17th and 18th between 6pm and 8pm. We will be driving around the neighborhood and taking pictures of the best decorated homes in Mesa Park. Have your lights on by 6pm.



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All the messages are available on-line at
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.

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:

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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!

National Night Out 2010: National Night Out Block Parties Promote Safety and Fun

By Susan McVicker

In all there were eight National Night Out (NNO) block parties this year: Santa Cruz (hosted by Kay Wolking Bratton), Dull Knife (hosted by Jonathan Stilley, Patricia Barrueta and Gina Mattiza), Beaver Creek (hosted by Bernie and Stella Young), Wind River (hosted by Mary Thevenot), Shoshone (hosted by Claudia and Adam Ullrich), Running Fox (hosted by Karen and Johnny Porter), Zune (hosted by Ray and Christina Dufresne). The Austin Police department officers, Travis County Sheriffs department officers, the Fire Department officers, EMS officers, and Representatives from Austin Code Compliance. Here are a few excerpts from the parties:

Dull Knife By Gina Mattiza

Dull Knife had another great turnout for our 3rd Annual National Night Out event! Thanks to Jonathan Stilley, Patricia Barrueta, and Gina Mattiza for hosting. Attendance has increased each year, including this year with 25-30 people and many kids too! We had finger sandwiches, hot dogs with all the fixings, chips, tasty chicken wings, cookies and water. All of the agencies were able to attend, Police, Fire, City Ordinance, and even the Travis County Sheriffs rep! The highlight was the EMS truck and tour inside, and hat souvenirs for the kids! A very BIG fire truck created a lot of fun for all the kids and adults too. The kids were



able to get on and they had many questions to ask the friendly crew. Commander Raul Munguia stopped by for a visit as well.

We met some new neighbors, and chatted with some familiar faces—A good time was had by all!!!!

Wind River By Mary Thevenot

We had a nice turnout for NNO, with about 25 or so neighbors participating. We grilled hamburgers and hot dogs and neighbors brought sides, drinks and dessert to share, including a cute witch cake balls provided by Missy and Garrett Waters (4600 Wind River). The kids enjoyed playing with sidewalk chalk and getting to know each other while the adults got to know each other and exchanged information about the neighborhood.



We had visits from the local constable and fire fighters from two local stations (Duval/183 and Spicewood Springs). We especially appreciated the advice from the Lieutenant at the Duval fire station regarding speed abatement on Wind River. He sug-

gested we petition the city to install speed pillows rather than speed bumps. The reason is that emergency vehicles have a wide enough base (9') to sail right through the speed pillows without having to slow down, while regular vehicles have a smaller (8') width base.

We had about 20 people show up, several little ones, and two doggies! Attendees chipped in with a dish. There were hot dogs with all the fixin's, chips, ginger ale, deviled eggs, homemade spring rolls with sweet dipping sauce, Tiff's Treats, Oreo balls, and S'mores cake. Everyone pulled up a chair and we sat under the elm and visited. Firefighters showed up along with Police and Code Enforcement. It was a great night. The cool weather was perfect and getting to know our neighbors was the best part. We even had someone volunteer to do next year's party. Looking forward to it!

Shoshone By Claudia Ullrich

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Reminder, the ideal time to prune your oaks is when it is extremely cold. Always use pruning paint on all areas being pruned.

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National Night Out 2010

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Santa Cruz



Beaver Creek



Firefighter Appreciation

By Claudia Ullrich


Thank you to the Mesa Park residents who attended the Firefighter Appreciation night on Thursday, November 4th. Several neighbors attended and brought cake, cookies, and candy. The MPNA provided pie and ice cream. Those in attendance toured the firehouse and also received a lesson in kitchen safety. We got to see the fire trucks up close and personal as well as meet our friendly firefighters. They were greatly appreciative of us coming to show our support and gratitude for keeping us safe in times of need. They welcome visitors and they also welcome treats! Our goal is to make this an annual event. If you are interested in coordinating this event or more frequent "thank you" visits, please contact claudia.mpna@gmail.com. Thank you!

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Small group make big progress at Schroeter Park

David Crowley



We didn't have the best turn out at this fall's Schroeter Park work day on November 6th, but we did make some big park improvements. First of all, we replaced the old kiosk with a new eco-friendly Max-R recycled plastic kiosk. Thanks to Phil Coleman, Kendall Kelsoe, Sean Long, Mike Costello, and Kevin Weiss who volunteered to spread granite and mulch around to the trails. The parks department delivered 60 cu. yd. of tree mulch and we were only able to spread about 5 cu. yd. of it this fall, so we have a lot of work to do in the spring. It's My Park Day will be March 5, 2011. Please mark your calendars and come out and help maintain and improve Schroeter Park.



We appreciate all of the donations of time and money that neighbors made toward the kiosk. Your donations, volunteer hours, and a matching grant from the Austin Parks Foundation made this possible. We would like to know how you would like to use the kiosk. Send an email to mesapark@crowleyhome.net with your ideas or a message out to our email group, http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Mesa_Park_Neighborhood.



Excluding Pests

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When the weather becomes cooler, many pests start looking for a cozy place to spend the winter. This can often lead them inside your home. By performing a thorough inspection, you can locate areas where these pests may enter and stop them before they become a problem.

Inside your home, look around doors and windows during the day. If you see daylight, then there isn't a good seal around the door and/or window. Inspect the attic for holes that may have been chewed by rodents or other small mammals. Also, make sure that all attic vents are covered with stainless steel screening to block animals from entering. Outside, inspect the perimeter of the home for cracks and crevices in the foundation. Look at pipe and wire penetrations into the structure to see if they should be sealed.

Common ways to exclude pests from your home:

- Trim back trees and shrubs that touch or overhang the home
- Seal pipe and wire penetrations with steel wool, sealant or expanding foam
- Replace weather stripping around doors and windows if there is not a good seal
- Repair any window screens with holes
- For homes with brick or stone facades, stuff weep holes with steel wool* or copper mesh
- Inspect all furniture, boxes and bags for pests before carrying them into the home
- Inspect all plants for insect pests before bringing them into the home
- Do not store firewood inside the home, against the outside walls or near doors
- Use sheet metal, hardware cloth or steel wool to seal any areas where animals have chewed to enter the home**

*steel wool will rust if it gets wet, so do not use on light colored façades

**make sure the animal is not home or you'll seal it inside!

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out her blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com.

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the Quarries

ALL MESA PARK NEIGHBORS WELCOME!

Your kids won't want to miss this year's Christmas Camp!



Featuring new field trips every day, and a cool camp hoodie sweatshirt!*

Days: December 20 - 22.

Time: 8a - 4p (after camp care available)

Cost: \$150 for all 3 days or \$55/day for single days

*must attend 2/3 days for hoodie

To register and check out all the details visit us online at www.hpbc.org/quarries

Achieve your FITNESS GOALS in 2011!
Join the Quarries Fitness Center for our:

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- Relaxed environment
- Encouraging group fitness classes
- Non crowded facility
- Friendly Staff
- Great membership rates
- and so much more!!

Happy New Year!

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www.hpbc.org/quarries

Special Fitness Membership Rates for our Mesa Park Neighbors!

Just bring this ad in for

\$25/SINGLE MONTHLY RATE

\$45/FAMILY MONTHLY RATE

with no processing fee!



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 behind the sports fields, toward the back of the complex.