

Mesa Park MESSENGER

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Neighborhood Watch Meeting Recap

By David Crowley



We had a good turn out of about 30 neighbors at Schroeter Park for the Neighborhood Watch kick-off. Mangia provided a wonderful pizza and salad (be looking for their ads in our newsletter) for us. We placed stars on a map of Mesa Park for the home locations of each attendee and we had a good balance of participants across the neighborhood. Several residents answered to the need for block captains so be looking out for an invitation to meet neighbors on your street by National Night Out on Oct 4 if not sooner. Kay Wolk-

ing Bratton will be organizing the block captains, so please contact her if you would like to coordinate neighbors in your area at liveloughlove@austin.rr.com.com.

All Family Members Should Read This, Especially Teenage Children!

These crooks are getting very good!

A lady has changed her habit of how she lists her names in her cell phone directory after her handbag was stolen.

Her handbag, which contained her cell phone, credit card, purse, etc., was stolen. Twenty minutes later she called her husband, from a pay telephone telling him what had happened.

Her husband said, "I have just received your text message asking about our pin number and I have replied a little while ago."

When they rushed down to the bank, the staff told them all the money was already withdrawn. The thief had actually used the stolen cell phone to text her husband listed in the directory and got hold of their pin number. Within twenty minutes he had withdrawn all the money from their bank account.

Moral of the lesson:

Do not disclose the relationship between you and the people on your call list. Avoid using names like Home, Honey, Hubby, Sweetheart, Mom, Dad, etc., And very importantly, when sensitive information is being asked for through text messages, CONFIRM by calling back.

Also, when you receive a text message from friends or family to meet them somewhere, be sure to call back to confirm that the message came from them. If you do not reach them, be very careful about going places to meet "family and friends" who text you. **PLEASE PASS THIS ON.**

I never thought about THAT!

As of right now, do you have "home" listed in your cell phone directory?



2nd Annual Mesa Park Watermelon Social

Saturday, June 25

6:30 pm

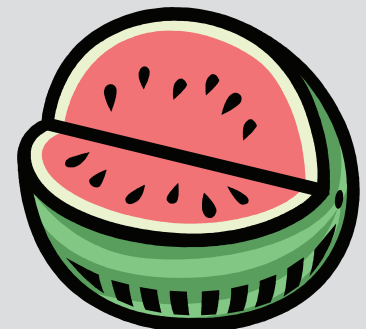
(note change of date)

At the Pavilion at
Schroeter Park

FREE!!!

Bring your
neighbors! Bring your
children!
(and a chair and
beverage, if
you want)

Come out to eat
watermelon and
meet other
residents of
Mesa Park



It's Near. It's Now. It's New!



The Quarries Church.

We have an exciting summer planned!

JULY 3
Austin's best fireworks show @ The Quarries!

EVERY WEEK
Services every Sunday morning at 9:30am!

- Contemporary Service Sundays at 9:30am
- Practical Biblical Teaching by Dr. J. Kie Bowman
- Worship with Jeff Newman and The Band
- Excellent Children's Program
- Midweek Small Group Bible Studies

Meeting in Leadership Hall at Hyde Park High School
11400 North Mopac . Braker/Mopac across from The Domain
quarrieschurch.com 512.459.6587

the Quarries

ALL MESA PARK NEIGHBORS WELCOME!

Six 1 week day camps for kids entering 1st-6th from 8:00am to 4:00pm.
*Junior High Camp only, those entering 6th-8th.
Extended hours (4:00-6:00pm) available for additional cost.

QUARRIES CAMPS


Register Now!

at www.hpbc.org/quarries
or see back for more information.

Quarries Summer 2011 Camps

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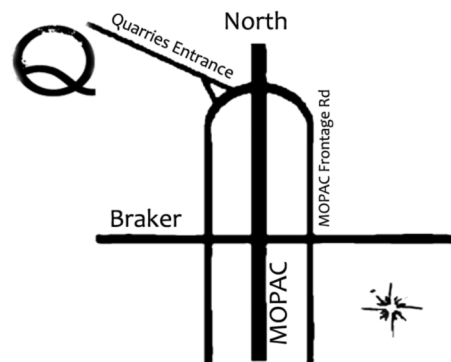
Check out our website to see more of what we have to offer!

 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 toward the back of the complex behind the fields.

MPNA Crime Reports from APD for Mesa Park Neighborhood

Crime	Address	Date	Time	Location
ASSAULT W/INJURY-FAM/DATE VIOL	.116XX NATRONA DR	5/28/11	10:28	RESIDENCES
ASSAULT W/INJURY-FAM/DATE VIOL	.52XX THUNDER CREEK RD	6/4/11	17:53	RESIDENCES
ASSAULT WITH INJURY	.52XX THUNDER CREEK RD	5/17/11	0:37	RESIDENCES
BURGLARY NON RESIDENCE	.52XX THUNDER CREEK RD	4/20/11	13:52	BUSINESS / OTHER
BURGLARY OF RESIDENCE	.46XX WIND RIVER RD	4/6/11	18:46	RESIDENCES
BURGLARY OF RESIDENCE	.116XX ELK PARK TRL	4/29/11	15:35	RESIDENCES
BURGLARY OF RESIDENCE	.43XX DUVAL RD	5/8/11	18:56	RESIDENCES
BURGLARY OF VEH	.117XX RUNNING FOX TRL	4/15/11	12:52	RESIDENCES
BURGLARY OF VEH	.116XX SPOTTED HORSE DR	4/23/11	13:22	PARKING LOTS / GARAGE
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	.47XX GRAY FOX DR	4/12/11	7:51	RESIDENCES
DISTURBANCE/OTHER	.53XX DUVAL RD	4/6/11	19:39	OTHER / UNKNOWN
DISTURBANCE/OTHER	.115XX ELK PARK CIR	5/19/11	7:36	RESIDENCES
FAMILY DISTURBANCE	.116XX SHOSHONE DR	4/15/11	22:39	RESIDENCES
FAMILY DISTURBANCE	.115XX ELK PARK CIR	5/1/11	10:52	RESIDENCES
FAMILY DISTURBANCE	.52XX THUNDER CREEK RD	5/7/11	5:19	RESIDENCES
FAMILY DISTURBANCE/PARENTAL	.115XX ELK PARK CIR	4/14/11	8:47	RESIDENCES
FORGERY BY MAKING	.51XX DULL KNIFE DR	5/18/11	11:15	RESIDENCES
GRAFFITI	.117XX NATRONA DR	5/14/11	15:39	RESIDENCES
HARASSMENT	.115XX ANGUS RD	4/20/11	9:23	RESIDENCES
HARASSMENT	.52XX THUNDER CREEK RD	5/15/11	1:37	RESIDENCES
HARASSMENT	.47XX BEAVER CREEK DR	6/3/11	17:06	RESIDENCES
POSS CONTROLLED SUB/SYN NARC	.117XX SANTA CRUZ DR	5/30/11	21:17	STREETS / HWY / ROAD / ALLEY
SUSPICIOUS VEH	X TOLEDO DR	5/16/11	21:16	STREETS / HWY / ROAD / ALLEY
THEFT OF BICYCLE	.52XX THUNDER CREEK RD	5/2/11	23:26	RESIDENCES

Do You Have a Child Who Will Attend Davis Elementary as a Kindergartener Next Fall?

If so, be sure to join the Welcome to Davis Club. All incoming Kindergarteners (and their families) are invited to the events, which are designed to help children ease the transition to the school plus meet some future classmates. Mom and Dad get to meet future and current Davis parents and ask/answer questions. These events are helpful and fun!

The Welcome to Davis Club sends periodic e-mails to parents who are interested in keeping up with the activities for incoming kindergarteners. To be included on the mailing list, please send an e-mail to welcometodavis@davidolphins.org

Save Your Empty Aluminum Cans

Cindy Lindsey

Don't forget to save your empty aluminum 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 aluminum cans and drop them off at 11703 Shoshone Drive. There are receptacles by the garage just waiting to be filled.

Fresh Eggs

Did you know you can test an egg and get an approximation of its age? All you need are the eggs and a bowl of cold water.

Gently drop the egg into the bowl of water. If it:

- Sinks to the bottom and stays there, it is about three to six days old.
- Sinks, but floats at an angle, it's more than a week old.
- Sinks, but then stands on end, it's about two weeks old.
- Floats, it's too old and should be discarded.

For a test just to see if the eggs are all right to use, dissolve two tablespoons salt in two cups cold water, then put the egg in the water. If it sinks, it's good; if it floats, it's too old.

Eggs act this way in water because of the air sac present in all eggs. As the egg ages, the air sac gets larger because the egg shell is a semi-permeable membrane. The air sac, when large enough, makes the egg float. Eggs are generally good for about three weeks after you buy them.

And how do you see if an egg is hard cooked? Spin it on a flat surface. If the egg wobbles, it's fresh because the insides are moving around. If the egg spins smoothly, it's cooked.

Town Lake Animal Shelter Offers Discounts During Adopt a Shelter Cat Month

Town Lake Animal Center is hosting Adopt a Shelter Cat Month for the entire month of June with special promotions for adopting the shelter's felines. For more information, visit www.austinanimalcenter.org or call 3-1-1.

Cicada Killers

AgriLife Extension • Texas A&M System

Many people panic when they see large wasps flying low over their yard during the summer. It can be a common sight and if one looks, they will often find holes in the yard or flower beds that are surrounded by small piles of dirt. The wasps are cicada killers and can be considered a beneficial insect.

Cicada killers are about 1 1/2 inches long with a reddish-brown head and thorax and an abdomen that is black with yellow markings.

Wings have a rusty color. Males can be aggressive and buzz near people, but they are unable to sting. Females are capable of stinging but are rarely aggressive towards humans or animals.

Females dig burrows in the ground for nesting areas. Females sting cicadas to paralyze them, take the cicada back to the burrow and then lay an egg upon it. When the egg hatches, the larvae feed upon the cicadas provided.

Cicada killers usually do not warrant any

control methods. They are actually beneficial insects that help to reduce populations of cicadas. If you feel that you must do something to manage them, you can sprinkle insecticidal dust around the opening of the burrow.

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

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

All the messages are available on-line at
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Mesa_Park_Neighborhood/messages

<p>Neighborhood contacts:</p> <p>President/Quarries Representative: David Crowley, mesapark@crowleyhome.net or 586-9583</p> <p>Mail donations to MPNA, PMB 104, P.O. Box 200255, Austin, TX 78720</p> <p>Newsletter Editor, Treasurer & Volunteer Coordinator: Susan McVicker, susanmcv@att.net or 917-3018</p> <p>Neighborhood Meeting Coordinator: Melissa Conant, celestembrown@gmail.com</p> <p>Board Members: Cindy Lindsay, 346-2232, TreeTopProp@prodigy.net; Gina Mattiza, gmattiza@austin.rr.com; Terry Tevis, 736-8469, mpnapres@yahoo.com; Claudia Ullrich, claudia.mpna@gmail.com; paulp.mpna@gmail.com, Mary Kay Tiernan, mkbarber1@gmail.com</p> <p><i>Mesa Park Messenger</i> design: Julie Kennedy, julie@digitalcitydesigns.com</p> <hr/> <p>Emergency: 911</p> <p>Police Non-Emergency: 311</p> <p>NW Austin Police District Representative: SPO Michael J. Whetson #5381, michael.whetson@ci.austin.tx.us, 512-974-5553</p> <hr/> <p>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!</p>
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