

Mesa Park MESSENGER

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Some of the volunteers who worked at Schroeter Park on It's My Park Day 2012



The Linton family, Mary, Natalie, Rachel, and Rob, hauling bark mulch.



Rafael Paonessa and Carl Willmann work to level a pile of bark mulch.



Edgar Barton Bollfrass volunteered to beautify park trails. "I love doing this!" he exclaimed.



Ed Reynolds and David Crowley



Jim Morrow getting ready to work Schroeter Park's trails.

It's My Park Day!

by Phil Coleman

Over 30 "friends of Schroeter Park" participated in It's My Park Day, March 3, 2012. The weather was beautiful and so was the park after the volunteers completed their morning work.

Participants spread bark mulch on interior trails, did weed eating, placed rock borders on trails, and generally cleaned up the park. Workers included families with children, couples, and singles. Everyone enjoyed socializing while working on the trails.

This annual event was sponsored by Mesa Park Neighborhood Association, Austin Parks Foundation, and Austin Parks and Recreation Department. The Schroeter Park work morning was one of 61 park projects city-wide that day, involving over 2,000 volunteers throughout Austin.

Austin Parks Association provided some tools and lots of healthy snacks and drinks. Danielle Hall, representing Starbucks (Mopac & Parmer) provided coffee. Many volunteers brought their own tools.

If you haven't already, visit Schroeter Park (11701 Big Trail) soon and enjoy hiking the trails and viewing the natural environment.

Acacia Hernandez remembers visiting her grandparents, Hector and Flora Saenz, Beaver Creek Drive residents, when she was a child living in Houston. One of her fondest childhood memories is playing in Schroeter Park during those visits.

Acacia, who lives near Round Rock, regularly participates in the Schroeter Park "It's My park Day" each year. It is a positive way to give "pay-back" for good family memories. Thanks, Acacia!



We need a volunteer to deliver the newsletter for Fast Horse. It takes less than 30 minutes, 6 times a year. Contact Susan McVicker (512-917-3018) if you have any questions.

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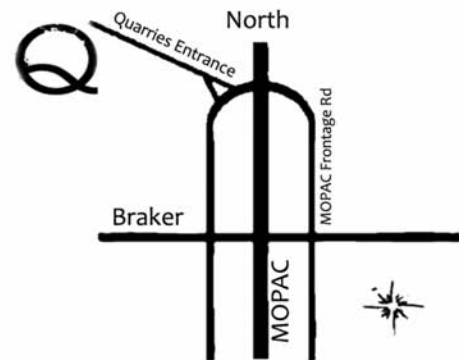
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Driving Directions:

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.

Butterfly gardening



Butterfly gardening can be a wonderful way to invite nature into your backyard. With a little knowledge on local butterflies and the correct plants, you can create a garden that allows you to watch butterflies in various life stages. Adult butterflies feed on nectar, gathering it from flowers. Larvae, or caterpillars, feed on plant foliage, so if you do not like to have your plants eaten by insects, butterfly gardening may not be for you.

Some larvae feed only on particular plants. The following is a list to help you with your plant selection:

Butterfly	Plant
Monarch butterfly.....	milkweed, butterfly weed
Queen butterfly.....	milkweed
Viceroy.....	cottonwood, poplar, willow
Black swallowtail.....	parsley, dill, fennel
Spicebush swallowtail.....	spicebush, sweet bay, sassafras
Pipeline swallowtail.....	Dutchman's pipevine
Giant swallowtail.....	citrus, Hercules club
Brazilian skipper.....	canna
Brush-footed butterflies.....	nettles, thistles
Hairstreak butterflies.....	pecans, walnuts
Gulf fritillary.....	passionflower vines
Giant purple hairstreak.....	mistletoe
Gray hairstreak.....	legumes
Question mark.....	hackberry, elm
Texas crescent.....	shrimp plant, dicliptera, ruellia
Painted lady.....	hollyhock, thistles
Buckeye.....	plantain, snapdragon

Adult butterflies need a source of nectar in the garden. The following is a list of plants they might like:

Plant name	Flower color
Asters.....	lavender, pink, purple, white
Blazing star.....	lavender
Butterfly bush.....	lavender, purple, white
Butterfly weed.....	orange, yellow
Cone flower.....	fuchsia
Flame bush.....	red-orange
Goldenrod.....	yellow
Ironweed.....	pink, purple
Lantana.....	combinations, lavender, orange, pink, white, yellow
Loosestrife.....	lavender
Mexican heather.....	lavender
Mexican milkweed.....	red-orange, yellow
Mexican mint marigold.....	yellow-orange
Mist flower.....	blue, white
Phlox.....	pink, purple, red, white
Salvia.....	blue, lavender, pink, red
Verbena.....	blue, lavender, pink, purple, red, white
Zinnia.....	orange, pink, red, white, yellow

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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Save your empty aluminum cans all year round

by Bob Grissom

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.



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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Command 512-974-5591

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http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Mesa_Park_Neighborhood/messages

Neighborhood contacts:

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