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From the Prez

Hello February – wow that January was a fast one, wasn't it?

Did you know we are having a total lunar eclipse this month? A lunar eclipse occurs when the moon is full and it passes through at least part of the shadow cast by the earth. The eclipse is total if the entire moon passes through the darkest (center) part of the shadow. This eclipse will start about 7:43pm local time on Wednesday February 20th. At 9:01 the moon will be completely within the earth's shadow – this is the beginning of "totality". At 9:51pm the moon will begin to move out of the darkest shadow, ending the "total" eclipse, but it will take until 11:09 for the moon to move completely free of the earth's shadow. I hope we have clear skies that night so we can get a good view of the lunar eclipse. For more information on the eclipse see the NASA website : <http://sunearth.gsfc.nasa.gov/eclipse/LEmono/TLE2008Feb21/TLE2008Feb21.html>

See ya around the 'hood!
Nancy Maclaine

NEXT MEETING
THURSDAY FEB 21st
7:00pm
UNITY CHURCH

Do You Have a New Neighbor?

It naturally follows that with all the new development we will be having new neighbors at new addresses. Those folks will not automatically get the monthly SLNA Sentinel (because the addresses did not even exist when we created the list for Peel Inc., our printer and distributor). So spread the word -- anyone who is not getting the SLNA Sentinel newsletters in their US mailboxes each month should notify Peel Inc. of their address. Peel can be reached on the website at <http://www.peelinc.com/newsletterSignup.php> where there is a place to enter your address. Their local phone number is 989-8905.

BECOME A GREEN NEIGHBORHOOD!

When Austinites are asked what they like best about our city, our outdoor lifestyle is always near the top of the list. In large part that's because we are surrounded by accessible waterways – the creeks, lakes and springs that connect us to our environment.

The City of Austin's Green Neighbor Program helps homeowners preserve our waterways as well as our drinking water supply. The companion booklet, Clean Creek Challenge, provides useful suggestions on earth-wise landscaping, water conservation, car and pet care tips, toxic chemicals and many more. You can use the booklet as a helpful reference, to test how "green" you are, or take part in the Clean Creek Challenge by scoring your earth-wise actions to win either passes to Barton Springs pool or Green Neighbor t-shirts. If enough of your neighbors become Green Neighbors, you can become a Green Neighborhood and be eligible for Council and web site recognition as well as some neighborhood beautification awards.

To learn more about the Green Neighbor program please visit www.cityofaustin.org/watershed/greeneighbor/.

Copies of the Green Neighbor booklet are also available at all Austin libraries or 505 Barton Springs Rd, 11th floor.

You could be rewarded with prizes for helping out, but more importantly, you will be rewarded with clean and plentiful water for us and future generations!

The city of Austin is willing to send a speaker to one of our neighborhood meetings – if we are interested. **Are you interested?** Reply to nmaclaine@sbcglobal.net.



Happy
Valentine's Day!

Don't want to wait for the mail?

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2008 “Winter Series of Talks”, Austin Permaculture Guild

<http://www.permie.us/>

The Winter Series of Talks are free and open to all, on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Habitat Suites Hotel, 500 East Highland Mall Blvd. (north of Highland Mall), near the Sailboat Center. Hotel phone # (512) 467-6000. All the topics relate directly to sustainable designs, systems, and living. And all of them focus on solutions and positive actions we can take locally, using local resources. With local resolve and commitment (yours and mine), there is a whole lot we can do.

Please join us and become a helper.

Schedule subject to change; please check www.austinprogressivecalendar.com or call 512-619-5363 to confirm topics and speakers.

February events – come to the ones that interest you

Feb. 6th **The Next Industrial Revolution –**

Bill McDonough (Video) (far from greed and waste – see major companies profit from sustainable thinking)

Feb. 13th **Other Thoughts to Be In –** Hints from Other Times, Cultures (Dick Pierce) (what can other times, traditions, and cultures tell us about different ways to be?)

Feb. 20th **Food for Thought -** Local, Smaller, Organic Agriculture (Videos)(a collection of video excerpts - Polyface Farms, Organic Agric., French Gardener)

Feb. 27th **Local Food Production –** Local Farms, Gardens, Markets (TBD) (what is Austin doing to increase nutritious, safe, local food and small businesses)

We Need a Volunteer Newsletter Editor!

We are looking for someone to step up to the volunteer job of being the Newsletter editor. The scope of the job is simply to accumulate the articles from the various writers and email them to the printer/distributor Peel Inc. Maybe I've been making it sound too boring, too simple. The fact is you COULD just collect the articles and send them on, but if you were so inclined you could write some articles or create a regular column – jazz it up however you want. This isn't hard – it could be fun. I've heard many statistics to the effect that people would rather do anything – even have a root canal – rather than speak in public. The good news is being the newsletter editor is NOT public speaking.

If you want to volunteer or just find out more, reply to nmaclaine@sbcglobal.net.



LET'S DANCE!

More info on all of these events can be found at <http://aftm.us/dance/>. None of these events require a partner – just come and bring your dancing shoes.

Austin Barn Dance:

The Austin Barn begin dancing at 7:30pm every Wednesday in Hancock Recreation Center at 811 East 41st Street.

1st Friday Contra Dance FEBRUARY 1.

First Friday of each month, at 7:30 pm. Contra dancing in Carpenter's Hall at 400 Josephine Street (between Riverside Drive and Barton Springs Road).

2nd Friday English Country Dance FEBRUARY 8

Second Friday English Country Dance starts at 7:30pm every second Friday of each month in First Unitarian Universalist Church's Howson Hall at 4700 Grover St.

3rd Saturday Contra Dance FEBRUARY 16th

Third Saturday Contra Dance starts at 7:30pm every Third Saturday of each month at St. Paul Lutheran Church on 3501 Red River St.

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These dates were taken from the Texas Secretary of State office:
<http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/2008dates.shtml>

February 4th

the last day to register to be eligible to vote in the March 4th primaries

February 19th - 29th

these are the early voting dates all around Austin.

February 26th

this is the date by which a request for a mail-in ballot must be received by the clerk's office.

March 4th – Primary day:

both the Republicans and the democrats are holding primaries on that day. Not just for the office of US president.

Many helpers are needed and the Travis County Clerk's office will pay you to train and to work. Here's an article on the subject:
<http://www.statesman.com/news/content/news/stories/local/01/09/0109poll.html>

Are you interested in Austin events?

Your neighbors are too! Maybe you would like to take on the job of putting together a little column each month describing upcoming events for the next month. Who is performing where, what plays, what book clubs, what kids' activities? That sort of thing. Your neighbors would appreciate it.

If you are interested, then reply to nmaclaine@sbcglobal.net.

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Wanna Play?

Here are the theatre events happening around some of the theater venues of Austin in the month of February>

Zach Scott Theatre 476-0594

<http://www.zachscott.com/>
 Porgy and Bess continues through February 3rd.
 Speeding Motorcycle opens February 14, continues to April 13.

Austin Playhouse 476-0084

<http://www.austinplayhouse.com/>
 Les Liaisons Dangereuses continues through February 24
 Stones in His Pocket opens February 8th and continues through March 9th

Mary Moody Northen/St Ed's 448-8484

<http://www.stedwards.edu/hum/thtr/mmnt.html>
 Death and the King's Horseman opens February 13, runs through February 24

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http://www.finearts.utexas.edu/tad/productions/production_season/2007-2008/index.cfm

Big Love opens February 15, runs through February 24th at the Brokert Theatre

Vortex 478-5282

<http://www.vortexrep.org/>
 Troades: The Trojan Women opens February 29th and runs through March 29th.

Paramount 866-4GET-TIX

<http://www.austintheatre.org>
 Cowboy Noises February 1
 Damn Yankees February 28, 29, and March 1

FOR KIDS'

Madeline and the Bad Hat- February 3rd at Paramount (see contact info above)

Beauty and the Beast - Saturdays and Sundays throughout February (closes March 2) at Scottish Rite Childrens Theatre <http://www.scottishritechildrenstheatre.org/> 472-KIDO

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