

SLNA Newsletter

South Lamar Neighborhood Association www.southlamar.org

CALENDAR

Feb 16 SLNA meeting - Foundation Communities
Feb 25 SLNA at the Austin Toros!
Mar 4 Keep Austin Beautiful/Galindo NA
and SLNA Clean Up West Bouldin Creek



SLNA Meeting
THURSDAY, February 16
7:00 to 9:00 P.M.
UNITY CHURCH MAIN BUILDING
2806 Del Curto Road



From the Prez.:

By Carol Gibbs

This month's SLNA meeting will feature a presentation by **Walter Moreau**, Executive Director of **Foundation Communities**, a non-profit organization that specializes in providing affordable housing and support services to low-income individuals and families. Their proposal for the current Ramada Inn at Banister & Ben White is to convert it into single-room occupancy housing for 100 single adults. If you can't make the meeting, check their website at www.foundationcommunities.org or call them at 447-2026.

Neighborhood Planning for the combined neighborhoods along South Lamar Blvd. is in full swing. As the planning sessions proceed from this point forward, it will become more cumbersome to "catch up," as each meeting will build on the work of previous meetings. If you haven't already done so, please contact **Alex Koenig** at 974-3515 to be added to the list of folks he notifies of each meeting. Even if you are not able to participate directly, you can keep up with our progress by perusing the many attachments and links at www.ci.austin.tx.us/zoning/slcnpa.htm. You can also contact **Bill Stoughton**, **Neighborhood Planning Committee Chair** (see Contacts, back page).

SLNA **Newsletter** still needs several **Distributors**. Obviously, if you received a newsletter on your front door, your street has a volunteer delivery person. However, several sections of the 'hood are not receiving newsletters because we don't have enough volunteer distributors. It involves a commitment of about one hour, once every two months, usually around the first weekend of each even-numbered month. If you might be interested in adopting a route, please call **Roberta Leahy (415-9075)** to see what routes are still available.

Membership in SLNA: If you've never joined, now is the best time to do so. And if you have been a member but haven't renewed for 2006, this is also the best time! Details below, and the form is on the back. Simple as that.

Hope to see you at the February meeting!

-- Carol

Wanted: Neighborhood History

One section of the **Neighborhood Plan** will be a brief **HISTORY** of the neighborhood... If you have any history or stories about this area that could be incorporated, please share them! If we get more than what can fit in the Plan, we'll just post it all on our website — so send your photos too! Send your prose (or tidbits) to **Bill Stoughton, 3104 South Oak Drive 78704**.

Several of our streets are named after early families, such as the Lightseys and Del Curtos. What can we find out about them?

Let's Clean up W. Bouldin Creek!

On March 4th, SLNA joins Keep Austin Beautiful, the City's Watershed Protection Dept, and Galindo Neighborhood Association in cleaning up one section of W. Bouldin Creek. The site has lots of trash that needs to be removed, but once it's cleaned up it will be a beautiful place to visit and enjoy. Come help us take care of what little green-space we do have near our neighborhood!

- **When:** March 4th, 2006, 9am-11am
- **Check-in:** West end of South Center Street (one block north of Banister Lane, at Garden Villa Lane) There's limited parking along the streets. Please carpool - or walk!
- **Volunteers Duties:** collect trash and bulky items, distribute door hangers that explain the cleanup and the problems that result from littering/dumping trash

KAB/WPDR will provide safety guidelines, informational door hangers, all cleanup supplies, bottled water, snacks arrange for some of the invasive overgrowth to be removed prior to the cleanup, for the trash to be properly disposed of

Please wear old clothes and shoes because the site is boggy in some areas. Please bring work gloves if you have them!

For more information on this Clean Sweep, please contact Chad Hymel (chadhymel@sbcglobal.net) 512-916-8707.

For more information about Keep Austin Beautiful, check out their website: www.keeppaustinbeautiful.org.

SLNA is FIVE years old!

We're celebrating by resurrecting the SLNA socials! Bryan King proposed titling it the "SLNA Friday Night Galloping Gourmet Club" in which participants will join for happy hour and/or dinner at a close by favorite spot.



It's galloping because it will move from location to location every week to explore the undiscovered gems in the hood. The first FNGGC social was held at La Feria on January 20th.

Bryan describes it as, "a great way to see and visit with your SLNA neighbors more often than at the every other month formal meetings." The weekly destination choices will be posted on the SLNA email group, so if you're not already a member of it, go to www.southlamar.org/email_list.htm to join! It's open to all residents of our neighborhood, not just members of SLNA. Come one and all!

SLNA Cries "Toro! Toro!"

Roger Moreno, SLNA's liaison with the Austin Toros Professional Basketball team, proposes we hit the court and attend a game as a group! Check out the team at www.austintoros.com.

Game: Saturday, Feb 25, 1pm vs. Tulsa

Where: Austin Convention Center

Cost: \$11 per person (discounted price) includes free Toros T-shirt, autograph session, and close to mid-court seats. Roger must order the tickets by February 21st to ensure the discount, so he needs payment information or checks ASAP. To RSVP, email Roger: just_4_fun_2001@yahoo.com or call him on his cell phone: 512-750-8211 (after 6pm.)



Membership Statement

- Membership in the Association shall be issued on the basis of residency (**renters** and **homeowners**) and timely payment of annual dues [January].
- SLNA boundaries: **North** - Oltorf; **South** - Ben White; **East** - Union Pacific Railroad; **West** - S. Lamar / Manchaca.
- Persons meeting the above criteria but who are unable to pay membership dues may **request a reduction in dues or a waiver**.
- The privilege of introducing **motions and voting** shall be limited to those who have joined the Association at least ten days prior to any regularly-scheduled or special-called meeting.
- **Complete bylaws** -- and **links** to lots of other useful information -- are available at www.southlamar.org.

For Sale in the Hood

PROPERTIES & LOTS FOR SALE IN SLNA AS OF 1/24/06 (incl. properties under contract)

Beds	Baths	List \$	SQFT	Street Name
2	2	\$129,900	1,132	1401 Bridgeway Dr
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2	2	\$132,000	1,136	1402 Bridgeway Dr
3	2	\$495,000	1,492	3504 Clawson Rd
3	3	\$439,000	2,400	2608 Del Curto
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2	2	\$1,100,000	2,206	2705 Del Curto Rd
3	2	\$549,900	2,200	2309 Kinney Rd
2	1	\$300,000	654	2500 Kinney Rd
4	2	\$349,900	2,398	2821 Kinney Oaks Ct
2	1	\$535,000	1,144	4101 Manchaca Rd
1	1	\$110,000	400	2103 Thornton Rd
4	3	\$437,500	2,439	2105 Thornton Rd
3	3	\$298,500	1,792	1802 Village Oak Ct

PROPERTIES SOLD IN SLNA DECEMBER 01, 2005 THROUGH JANUARY 24, 2006 (including properties under contract)

# Properties sold	25	Average \$ per sqft	\$159
Average sales price	\$229,156		

RENTALS

Average lease price per sq ft	\$0.52
Average square footage	1,791
Average lease price	\$941.00

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Neighborhood Q & A

Neighbor John Bissell: I hardly ever see anyone walking their dog and carrying a bag. It's a real mess in some places. What's the city's scoop on pet poop?



SLNA News: Well, John, a quick click takes us to the City's website addressing just that issue: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/watershed/petwaste.htm>.

Mainly, we're asked to pick up after our pets for health and safety. Pet waste is a health risk to pets, bodies of water, and people, especially children. It may contain harmful bacteria and viruses, and because it flows into our water ways, it can render the water unfit for irrigation, recreation, or other uses.

There's even a City Ordinance that makes it unlawful for anyone to fail to promptly remove and dispose of *messes* left by a dog or cat on a walk, unless it's in the owner's yard! The potential fine is 86\$.

Thanks for asking, I think!

--Beth Troell, Newsletter Editor

Are you Registered to Vote?

New to the neighborhood? Forgotten which precinct we're in? Use this website from Travis County to check your voter registration status, including your precinct #, legislative districts (useful in this time of redistricting circus) and voter #. www.traviscountytax.org/goVoters.do



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South Lamar Neighborhood Association Membership Form

Initial Application / Renewal

PRINT NAME (Couples, please use both first names): _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____ / _____

If you live outside SLNA's borders, the address of SLNA property you own: _____

Annual Membership: \$10 per Household -OR- \$20 to be a "Big Bubba/Bubbette" - **TOTAL ENCLOSED \$** _____

Make check payable to "SLNA". Mail/Deliver with completed form to Don Ewalt, Treasurer, 1605 Lightsey, Austin, TX 78704
- OR - Check here if you are requesting a Waiver of this year's Membership Fee: []