

SLNA Newsletter

South Lamar Neighborhood Association www.southlamar.org

CALENDAR

Apr 8 "Clean Sweep" with KAB of Thornton Road and West Bouldin Creek
Apr 10 Neighborhood Planning Meeting
Apr 15 Austin Nature Day
Apr 20 SLNA meeting
Apr 22 It's My Park! Day
Apr 27 Texas Bike & Walk to School Day



Neighborhood Planning Update...

by Carol Gibbs and Beth Troell

SLNA Meeting
THURSDAY, April 20
7:00 to 9:00 P.M.
UNITY CHURCH MAIN BUILDING
2806 Del Curto Road

The **South Lamar Combined** (Zilker, Galindo, Barton, & South Lamar) **Neighborhood Planning** process is in month six of at least eighteen. Over 750 interested parties are registered, with ten or so new requests weekly, and an average of 60-100 turn out for monthly meetings. **Mark Walters**, Sr. Zoning Planner (mark.walters@ci.austin.tx.us and 974-7695) calls ours a "great turnout!" The working draft of our **Visions and Goals Statement**, developed through these meetings, is on the City's web site www.ci.austin.tx.us/zoning/downloads/southlamar_vg.pdf. This document will guide the ultimate recommendations to City Council on future land use, transportation, and recreational spaces throughout our 'hood and surrounding corridors, e.g. South Lamar and Manchaca.

Walters describes us as still at the beginning of the Neighborhood Planning process. **That means there's still time to get on board!** We have developed our laundry list of issues, but they have not been prioritized. That task will be addressed in future meetings. One such issue will be identifying "transportation gaps" that may necessitate additional pedestrian and bicycle arteries or bus routes, enabling us to access businesses without always driving to them.

Though the SLCNP group may not continue to meet regularly once our plan is fully established, we will be invited to provide input on other projects that affect the entire City.

Meeting Highlights

- Update on water & wastewater projects near Manchaca, Lamar, Bluebonnet.
- Open Government Online Charter Amendment on May ballot (pro and con).

Got Something to Say?

Any announcements you'd like to make at the SLNA meeting, please contact President, **Carol Gibbs** at **442-8060** or cgibbs1@austin.rr.com. She'll add you to the program!



Organic Veggie Gardening Group

The **Green Corn Project** (GCP) is an Austin-based non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that educates and assists Central Texans in growing organic food gardens. Volunteers help build gardens at homes, community centers, and schools for people who lack access to nutritious food due to income, disability, age, etc. They also educate on the benefits and methods of organic gardening and hold biannual skills workshops open to the public.

P.O. Box 49468

512-249-3171

Austin, Texas 78765

Last year, GCP built twelve new gardens at homes in Austin, and we started school-gardening programs at Metz Elementary and Blackshear Elementary schools. In 2006, we hope to expand our capacity to bring nutritious, affordable food to folks all over Austin by building 20 new gardens each season.



Front Yard Parking

SLNA is one of many neighborhoods in Austin that chose to **restrict front yard parking**. Note that we can revisit this issue during our Neighborhood Plan process

According to city ordinance, (www.ci.austin.tx.us/zoning/front_yd_parking.htm) that means a person may not park a motor vehicle in the front yard or side yard of a residential property, except in: (1) a driveway; or (2) a paved parking space depicted on an approved site plan.

The standard parking violation of front or side yard of a residential property is \$40.00. Early payment reduces the fine to \$20.00.

If you have questions, or would like more information, on the ordinance please contact **Annie Pennie** at 974-1403 or e-mail annie.pennie@ci.austin.tx.us.

Texas Bike & Walk to School Day

Texas Governor Rick Perry has officially proclaimed **Thursday, April 27, 2006** as **Texas Bike & Walk to School Day**. The event encourages students and parents to bike and walk to school. It encourages physical fitness through a healthy, active lifestyle and seeks to:

- Share the importance and fun of physical activity
- Teach children safe walking and bicycling behavior
- Help students arrive more alert and ready to learn
- Reduce traffic congestion and speed near schools
- Instill responsibility and self-confidence in children
- Reclaim neighborhood streets.

For more information, go to www.biketexas.org/. **Bike Texas** is a public, member, and educational service website of the Texas Bicycle Coalition.

In November, 2001, Bicycling magazine rated the best cities for bicycling in North America. Of cities with a population between 500,000 and 1 million, Austin ranked #2. For information about biking in Austin, see the **City of Austin Bicycle Program** (www.ci.austin.tx.us/bicycle/). Also, the **Austin Yellow Bike Program** (www.austinyellowbike.org/) is a community-supported all volunteer non-profit organization dedicated to providing human-powered transportation for the people of Austin. Yet another resource is www.bicycleaustin.info/. They cover bicycling as **alternative transportation**.



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

Beds	Baths	List \$	SQFT	Street Name
2	2	\$129,900	1,132	1403 Bridgeway Dr
2	2	\$132,000	1,152	1403 Bridgeway Dr
2	2	\$750,000	2,206	2705 Del Curto Rd
2	1	\$300,000	654	2500 Kinney Rd
4	3	\$415,000	2,439	2105 Thornton Rd
2	1	\$535,000	1,144	4101 Manchaca Rd
3	2	\$310,000	2,006	2717 Kinney Oaks Ct
3	2	\$315,000	1,694	2204 Delcrest Dr
2	1	\$115,000	923	3815 Manchaca #26
3	1	\$450,000	2,115	1503 Morgan Ln
3	3	\$469,900	2,400	2608 Del Curto
3	2	\$239,000	1,680	4202 Clawson Rd
3	2	\$399,900	1,800	2608 Del Curto
3	2	\$495,000	1,492	3504 Clawson Rd
2	2	\$289,500	1,500	1606 Morgan Ln
2	2	\$296,500	1,500	1606 Morgan Ln
3	3	\$449,000	1,892	2502 Kinney Rd
3	2	\$475,000	2,053	1304 Morgan Ln
3	1	\$215,000	1,000	2907 Burning Oak Dr
2	2	\$429,000	1,723	2502 Kinney Rd
3	2	\$519,000	2,200	2309 Kinney Rd
2	2	\$298,500	1,792	1802 Village Oak Ct
3	3	\$439,000	2,400	2608 Del Curto

PROPERTIES & LOTS FOR SALE IN SLNA AS OF 3/28/06
(not including properties under contract)

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RENTALS

Average Lease price per sq ft: \$0.52
Average Square footage: 1,791
Average Lease price \$941.00

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Austin Clean Sweep

Clean Sweep is Austin's Annual Citywide Cleanup, followed by a "Thank You Party" at Fiesta Gardens on Town Lake with live music by the Damns, event t-shirts, free lunch, a rock climbing wall, kid's activities, door prizes, environmental exhibits, green art and much more.



Clean Sweep is part of the **Great American Cleanup™**, the nation's largest annual community improvement program which rallies people to make sweeping, dramatic changes from coast-to-coast. On **Saturday, April 8th, 2006** our meeting place will be **Cinnamon Path and Del Curto at 9:00AM**. We will walk up Cinnamon Path to Waterloo and then to **Sweep Thornton Rd**. The **Volunteer Party** runs from **11:30am - 2:00pm** with live music.

If you'd rather help clean up **West Bouldin Creek**, contact **Chad Hymel** (916-8707 or chadhymel@sbcglobal.net) for information about the meeting place for that group.

KAB will provide you with supplies, wristbands to the party, t-shirts and arrange for the trash bags you collect to be picked up.



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Austin Earth Month

Clean Sweep is just one in a series of annual events dedicated to Austin's outdoor environs: Austin Earth Month (www.austinparks.org/austinearthmonth.htm). **Austin Nature Day** is April 15, 2006, and Austin Parks Foundation **It's My Park!** Day is April 22, 2006.



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We build strong kids, strong families, strong communities

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: []