

# SLNA Newsletter

South Lamar Neighborhood Association [www.southlamar.org](http://www.southlamar.org)

## CALENDAR

- June 7 \* Fool at Large Clown Show  
June 11 **Run-off City Council Election**  
June 14 \* Greyhound Pets of America  
June 16 **SLNA Meeting**  
June 19 Father's Day  
June 21 \* Telephone Company  
June 23 **Tentative Zoning Hearing for Trailer Park**  
June 28 \* Drums Around the World with Stu  
July 5 \* Bicycle Safety with Texas Department of Public Safety  
July 12 \* Reptiles of the Tropics with Austin Reptile Service  
July 19 \* Storytelling with Esther Malone  
July 26 \* Mystery Detective & Magician with Steve Farmer



### Aug 2 National Night Out

\* Events for kids 10:30AM at Twin Oaks Library 2301 S. Congress.  
For more information call 442-4664.



## SLNA Mom's Group

Moms of the 'hood - unite! Are you interested in getting together with other moms for play dates etc.? Let's meet for a mom's group.

For more information, please contact **Lisa Mae** at home (462-2214) or on her cell phone (689-6037.) You may also email her at [sheena.7262@yahoo.com](mailto:sheena.7262@yahoo.com).

## Summer: Loved by Wasps and People

Wasps are beneficial predators of insects and pollinators of plants. Wasps can be dangerous though; female wasps are capable of stinging multiple times with a modified egg-laying structure.



There are various kinds of wasps found around or near the home. Paper wasps are usually reddish-brown with yellow markings. Their nest is made from chewed wood fibers and hangs from a single filament. Nests have a single layer of hexagonal cells in which young develop. Paper wasp nests usually have 20-30 adults.



Yellow jackets are often confused with paper wasps. Yellow jackets are yellow with black markings. Their nest is constructed from paper-like material and is completely enclosed except for a single opening. Typically yellow jacket nests are located within the ground, but can sometimes be aerial. Yellow jacket nests can have 10-20,000 workers depending on the size and maturity of the nest.



Mud daubers come in a variety of colors, from black with yellow markings, to iridescent blue-black. They have a very slender, thread-like waist. Mud daubers are solitary and build nests out of a mud-like substance.

### Control Hints:

- Only control wasps that are a threat; if they are nesting away from the structure, leave them be as they are beneficial.
- Paper wasp nests can be treated with a contact kill pesticide; treat nest in the evening when wasps have returned from foraging; remove nest once wasps are dead.
- Underground nests are best treated using a dust; dust the opening lightly and let the wasps carry the insecticide into the nest and disperse it; be careful, yellowjackets can be aggressive.
- Mud dauber nests can be scraped off with a putty knife a disposed of; mud daubers will not defend the nest.

For more information, contact Wizzie Brown. Texas Cooperative Extension Extension Agent-IPM Travis County 1600-B Smith Road Austin, TX 78721 Phone: 512.854.9600 Fax: 512.854.9611 Email [ebrown@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:ebrown@ag.tamu.edu).

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

## June 16 SLNA Meeting Agenda

- Austin Clean Water Project
- Development Updates
- Caritas Food Drive

If you want to make an announcement at the meeting, please contact Carol in advance to get some time set aside on the agenda. Call her at 442-8060 or [cgibbs1@austin.rr.com](mailto:cgibbs1@austin.rr.com).

## Austin Clean Water Program (ACWP) Plans Sewer Line Upgrades in SLNA

Representatives from ACWP will be at our **June 16** meeting to explain the planned upgrades to sewer lines in our neighborhood. The actual construction will not begin until 2006, and more meetings will be offered as the time approaches, but this will be our first opportunity to ask questions about it. The recommended areas for upgrading to 8" and 12" wastewater lines:

- Southridge Drive / Southport Drive
- Cinnamon Path / Thornton Road / Bridgeway Drive
- Southland Drive / Delcrest Drive
- Kinney Road / Lamar Blvd.
- Del Curto Road / Iva Lane

If you are unable to attend the meeting, or have questions later, you are invited to call the ACWP hotline at **684-3204** and leave your name and phone number. Or email **Crispin Ruiz** at [cr@groupsolutionsrjw.com](mailto:cr@groupsolutionsrjw.com).

## SLNA/Unity Church Food Drive

SLNA & Unity Church continue to host a Food Drive for **Caritas of Austin**. (See their website at [www.caritasofaustin.org](http://www.caritasofaustin.org).) Bring **non-perishable foods and/or baby supplies** to the SLNA meetings. Caritas is most interested in **non-perishable food items**. They're also interested in hygiene items (e.g. shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, razors) and gently used paper grocery bags to distribute the items. Thanks to SLNA Secretary and Unity Church member **Roberta Leahy** for coordinating this project!

## Membership Statement

- Membership in the Association shall be issued on the basis of residency (**renters** and **homeowners**) and timely payment of annual dues.
- 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](http://www.southlamar.org).



From the President - Trailer Park Development

The SLNA Zoning Committee has reached a tentative agreement for the remaining 2 acres of the Trailer Park on Bluebonnet. The Agreement is with Richard Coons, the prospective developer of a Mixed Use (Office/Residential) project. In exchange for his commitment to the conditions listed below, SLNA will support his application for a zoning change when it goes to City Council. We hope the application hearing will be slated for **June 23rd**, giving us time to discuss it among ourselves one last time at our June 16 SLNA meeting.

- Here is what has been agreed to so far:
- 1. Double-gated residential access off Bluebonnet, preventing any commercial traffic from using the residential Bluebonnet driveway.
  - 2. Exterior lighting will be shielded, complying with the same standards as Walgreens agreed to (based on Westlake Hills' ordinance).
  - 3. Exterior signage will consist of monument signs only, and no business signage along the Bluebonnet frontage.
  - 4. Commercial (Office) uses will comprise 20% to 40% of building square footage (no medical offices allowed).
  - 5. Residential portion will be limited to a maximum of 40 units, comprising 60% to 80% of total building square footage.
  - 6. \$50,000 Performance Bond to be posted by the developer, for litigation expenses incurred by SLNA, if the developer or any successor fails to honor any conditions of this agreement.

If you have any concerns that might affect our position on this case, please do not hesitate to **contact me** directly – **immediately** — at **442-8060**. **Do not wait** until the SLNA meeting, and please don't wait till the City Council hearing. We have an excellent rapport with this developer and would like to keep it that way by not dropping any last-minute challenges on him.

Carol Gibbs, SLNA President



Go Wild... Read!

Youth Events:

Austin Public Library's **2005 Summer Reading Program** begins June 6. For more than three decades, the Austin Public Library has provided a **free** annual reading program for Austin youth of all ages. Each year the Austin Public Library provides programs and activities for thousands of youth throughout the summer. The 2005 program theme will be "Go Wild...Read!" The eight-week program begins on **Monday, June 6, and ends on Saturday, July 30**.

The Austin Public Library Youth Services mascot "Echo" the Bat presents over 150 free special event programs for Austin youth during June and July. Each branch library will host a special event one day a week. The Faulk Central Library will offer special events on Saturdays. Please visit [www.cityofaustin.org/library](http://www.cityofaustin.org/library) for a complete event listing or call the Events Hotline at (512) 974-7302.



For Adults:

The Austin Public Library, in conjunction with the mayor's office, launches its fourth annual citywide reading campaign to develop a community experience through reading and discussion of a shared book. This year we are reading **Writing Austin's Lives** as an opportunity to celebrate Austin writers and citizens. The book is now available for check-out at all library locations and for sale at the Austin History Center, 810 Guadalupe Street, all Library locations and at area bookstores or purchase a copy online. For more information about the book club and other programs visit [www.cityofaustin.org/library](http://www.cityofaustin.org/library) or call (512) 974-7400.

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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: [    ]