

SLNA Newsletter

South Lamar Neighborhood Association www.southlamar.org

CALENDAR

June 15 SLNA Meeting
June 17 9AM Keep Austin Beautiful Cleanup
Aug 1 National Night Out - location to be
announced via SLNA email group



SLNA Meeting
THURSDAY, June 15
7:00 to 9:00 P.M.
UNITY CHURCH MAIN BUILDING
2806 Del Curto Road



From the Prez...

By Carol Gibbs, SLNA President

In response to recent concerns expressed about the amount of crime in our neighborhood, I checked into the Neighborhood Crime Watch program, sponsored by APD. While it sounds like it involves a little up-front work by a few neighbors to get it rolling, for the majority of us it will just be a matter of changing our observation skills and habits. And the rewards can be not only that we prevent crime, but that we meet some of our neighbors we may not have met already!

The first requirement toward starting Crime Watch program is to **survey the neighborhood residents** to determine the level of interest! Obviously, if we don't want to participate, then APD can't do it for us! Ideally, we need **one person to volunteer as the SLNA Crime Watch Coordinator**, and then we need as many **"block captains"** as we can get -- one for each one- or two- block stretch of a street. Once we have several people interested (we certainly don't expect to get a block captain for every block in the 'hood, but might we get several to start with?), then we can set up a meeting with our APD District Representative, Officer **Robert Barboza**. He will **provide basic training and support** so we can then go to our respective neighbors on our street and pass that knowledge on.

The meeting with Officer Robert Barboza would be arranged after we knew who was interested in participating. **Please call or email me, Carol Gibbs** (442-8060 or cgibbs1@austin.r.com) **if you would like to help start a Neighborhood Crime Watch on your street.** Please include your **name** and **contact information** so we can get back in touch with you!

5-Day Watering Schedule

From May through September, water only on your assigned day before 10:00 am or after 7:00 pm. Just find the last number of your street address in the first column, then read across to the current month to find your watering day.
For example, the customer at 625 Water St. would begin watering on May 5th, and water again on May 10th, if needed.

Last # of Address	May	June	July	August	September
0 or 9	1,6,11,16,21,26,31	5,10,15,20,25,30	5,10,15,20,25,30	4,9,14,19,24,29	3,8,13,18,23,28
1 or 8	2,7,12,17,22,27	1,6,11,16,21,26	1,6,11,16,21,26,31	5,10,15,20,25,30	4,9,14,19,24,29
2 or 7	3,8,13,18,23,28	2,7,12,17,22,27	2,7,12,17,22,27	1,6,11,16,21,26,31	5,10,15,20,25,30
3 or 6	4,9,14,19,24,29	3,8,13,18,23,28	3,8,13,18,23,28	2,7,12,17,22,27	1,6,11,16,21,26
4 or 5	5,10,15,20,25,30	4,9,14,19,24,29	4,9,14,19,24,29	3,8,13,18,23,28	2,7,12,17,22,27

National Night Out



The 23rd Annual **National Night Out** will be Tuesday, August 1, 2006.
(www.nationalnightout.org)

NNO 2005 involved 34.8 million people in 10,750 communities from all 50 states, US territories, Canadian cities, and military bases worldwide. This year is expected to be even bigger. The National Night Out community-building campaign is designed to heighten awareness of crime prevention, generate support for local anti-crime programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit and partnerships with our police force as well as sending a message to criminals that

neighborhoods are organized and vigilant.

NNO includes city wide and neighborhood events. SLNA encourages you to host a block party or cookout in your corner of the 'Hood!

SLNA's Bill Stoughton on the RADIO!

KOOP Radio (91.7FM) has a weekly half-hour show on Wednesdays from 12:30 to 1:00pm called A Neighborly Conversation, focusing on community-wide issues from the neighborhood perspective, and one of its key participants is SLNA's own webmaster Bill Stoughton!

Go to www.ancradio.org to learn about the program, hear the archived segments, see the schedule of upcoming shows, and read the materials the segments are based on. There are already three airings "in the can" -- Downtown Planning, Neighborhood Watersheds, and Open Government.



Recycling

You can pick up a new recycle bin at any fire station just by showing a current utility bill. The nearest station to us is **1611 Kinney Ave.** at Collier St.

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	Address
2	2	\$132,000	1152	1403 Bridgeway Dr 1
2	2	\$132,000	1136	1402 Bridgeway Drive 2
3	1	\$199,500	967	3207 Overcup Oak Dr
3	2	\$264,900	1504	2101 Fortview Rd
2	2	\$268,900	1373	3406 Manchaca Road 26
2	2	\$279,000	1500	1606 Morgan Ln A
2	1	\$300,000	654	2500 Kinney Rd
3	2	\$300,000	1694	2204 Delcrest Dr
2	2	\$429,000	1723	2502 Kinney Rd B
3	3	\$449,000	1892	2502 Kinney Rd A
2	2	\$449,900	1664	1711 Ravey St 1711
3	2	\$450,000	2053	1304 Morgan Ln
3	2	\$469,900	2400	2608 Del Curto 3
3	3	\$469,900	2400	2608 Del Curto 2
2	1	\$535,000	1144	4101 Manchaca Rd

Sold property Numbers

	SP\$	SQFT
Avg	\$226,129	1337
Max	\$512,000	2350
Min	\$90,000	780
Median	\$193,500	1132

Thanks to Terry Echols of Keller Williams Realty for providing the numbers for June 2006! He can be contacted at 512-453-0903 or by Fax 512-453-3946. Otherwise, contact him online at www.EcholsTeam.com

PROPERTIES & LOTS FOR SALE IN SLNA AS OF 5/27/06
(not including properties under contract)

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June 17th Let's Clean Up the 'Hood!
Meet at the corner of Southridge and
Clawson at 8:30 am!

Who Decides our Neighborhood's Future?

by Bill Stoughton

Together with the surrounding neighborhoods, our 'Hood is taking part in **Neighborhood Planning (NP)** with the City's Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department. At this point in NP, all land parcels' current uses are examined, and the pros & cons of alternate future uses are discussed. This process culminates in the **Future Land Use Map (FLUM)** that the City will use to guide future zoning decisions.

Low participation by neighborhood residents is endangering our influence on the FLUM at the likely benefit to land speculators. May 15th, nearly as many developers and developer agents attended the workshop as residents. Because city planners revisit land use scenarios at each workshop, preferences previously expressed may be overturned at a subsequent meeting. **We who live in this neighborhood are stakeholders in neighborhood planning, so we should be more active in the development of the FLUM. Please...**

- Familiarize yourself with the neighborhood planning process. Visit the South Lamar Combined Neighborhood Plan web site: www.ci.austin.tx.us/zoning/slcnpa.htm
- Attend the next workshop, to be announced. You can sign up for email notification on the SLCNP web site (above).
- Express your opinions. Let city planners know what you want and don't want for our neighborhood.
- Attend all future workshops. Constant participation ensures your concerns make it to the adopted FLUM.

Neighborhood planning is a confusing, messy process but we need to participate and continue participating. Our neighborhood's future depends on it.



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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: []