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# SLNA Newsletter

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

## CALENDAR

**August 1 – National Night Out**  
**August 17 – SLNA Meeting**  
**September 9 – SLNA Clean up**

### National Night Out = Tuesday August 1<sup>st</sup>

Join us at Bainbridge Villa Apartments at 3603 Southridge, from 7 to 9 PM. APD, EMS, AFD hope to be there. Meet Kay Dorsey, Coordinator of SLNA's new **Neighborhood Watch** Program, and some of the Block Captains who have already signed up. To learn more about being a Block Captain for your street, contact **Kay Dorsey** at **494-5158** or [sweetmamatkxd@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sweetmamatkxd@sbcglobal.net).

### Neighborhood Planning

After ten months of monthly meetings, we are still discussing the "future land use" of our neighborhood properties, a process that is supposed to represent the people who live in the neighborhoods. Go to [www.ci.austin.tx.us/zoning/slcnpa.htm](http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/zoning/slcnpa.htm) to check out the different "scenarios" representing what our neighborhood might look in the future, based on our discussions so far. We have lost many of our original participants due to the tedium of the process. If you plan to live in SLNA for years to come, you might want to hear what is being planned for it – and have a say in it! The above website is where current meeting information is posted, Staff contact information, and all the backup materials we've worked with so far. We need **your** participation if you want to have a say in your neighborhood's future. Contact Bill Stoughton, NP Chair (see back) for more information.

### City Resources

- Not sure if something is recyclable or safe for the landfill?
  - Go to [www.ci.austin.tx.us/sws/](http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/sws/) and click on the **How Do I Dispose Of** link. Or call 494-9400 weekdays 7AM - 6PM.
- Wondering when your next Bulky or Brush Collection Day is?
  - Call 494-9400 weekdays 7AM - 6PM.
- Wondering if something you see in the neighborhood is legal, or need to report something unsafe? (obstructed view at an intersection, piles of junk in a back yard, etc.)
  - Go to [www.ci.austin.tx.us/sws/codelist.htm](http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/sws/codelist.htm) and see if it is listed as a code violation. If it's not listed, you can call 311 (press "2" for non-Police) and ask. They will either assign it to an inspector or have someone call you back.
  - Have the address of the suspected "offense" available for the operator, so they can send an inspector.
- Water bill still higher than it should be? Suspect a water leak? Is a neighbor wasting water?
  - Check out [www.waterwiseaustin.org](http://www.waterwiseaustin.org) or call 974-2199 for lots of water conservation resources.

### WELCOME Link and Wendy

#### SLNA's New Keep Austin Beautiful Coordinators!

Link Davidson and Wendy Brennan, who both happen to live on Doolin Drive, are the new co-chairs of our campaign to "Keep South Lamar Neighborhood Clean".

Link works for Austin Community College in San Marcos and is a Master Gardener – he's got one of the most fascinating yards in the 'hood.

Wendy teaches at Barton Hills Elementary and the proud "mom" of Boddhi, the big adorable black Portuguese Water Dog you may have met on their many walks in the 'hood.

Our thanks to our outgoing KAB Coordinator, Chad Hymel, for getting the KAB program started in SLNA, and keeping it going for three years. He's not going anywhere, so I'm sure he'll still be helping us keep the 'hood clean!

### NEXT CLEANUP: Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> 8:30 – 10:30AM

Meet at **Del Curto & Cinnamon Path** to sign in and get supplies. We'll spread out from there.

Speaking of keeping SLNA beautiful, **Cap Metro** is looking for groups to "**Adopt-A-Stop**" – beautify and maintain a nearby bus stop. Call 389-7434 for more information.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, August 17  
7:00 to 9:00 PM

Unity Church Main Building • 2806 Del Curto

**\* Everyone is Welcome \***

#### SPEAKERS:

- City of Austin Watershed Protection Dept., Matt Hollon & Pat Hartigan about our watershed and water quality issues, including plans for water quality ponds and public use areas east of the railroad tracks, south of Bouldin Meadows subdivision.
- Four different developers with projects in SLNA each want to present their projects to us in hopes of gaining our support. We may be taking a vote, so be sure your membership is current, or if you aren't a member, join by Aug. 7th. Membership Form is on the back page.

### Are you SLNA Officer Material?

Have you been waiting for an invitation to serve as an officer of the South Lamar Neighborhood Association? Well, wait no more! This is an open invitation to anyone interested in becoming a SLNA officer to contact Vice President Nancy MacLaine, Chair of the Nominations Committee (see back). Your tired old President is term-limited and will be stepping down. Other officer positions are also open. This is a great way to start your journey toward running for City Council!

### WANTED! NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Beth Troell, our Newsletter Editor for nearly two years, has left the South Lamar Neighborhood (thus, this amateur issue). We appreciate her contributions to the neighborhood, and we will miss her. In fact, if we don't find another volunteer to take over as editor, we will be missing the newsletter as well! If anyone is interested in taking over, please contact Carol Gibbs (see back). The next issue will need to go to press at the end of September.

**Join the SLNA Email Group to stay on top of all the neighborhood happenings** (especially if we don't get a new newsletter editor!!) We don't generate very much email, but it can be a great way to keep on top of things, including home repair referrals, lost pets, and general news. How to join:

1. Go to [www.groups.yahoo.com/group/SouthLamarNA](http://www.groups.yahoo.com/group/SouthLamarNA)
2. Click on the **'Join This Group'** button.
3. If you don't already have a Yahoo! ID, it will prompt you to create one - OR - If you already have a Yahoo! ID, simply log in.
4. In the **'Comment to Owner'** section, include your **full name** and your **SLNA address**, to expedite your membership approval.
5. Select your preferences, etc. and finish by clicking on **'JOIN'** at the bottom of the page.
6. Your membership will be "pending" until a Moderator approves it (usually within a few days).
7. Once your residency or home ownership has been verified and a Moderator approves your membership, you will receive an email at the email address you signed up with (if a Moderator needs more information before approving your membership, you will get an email from him/her requesting clarification.)
8. Once you are a member, you will have access to all the archived email messages of the group, as well as all the photos and files that have been uploaded to the group site.

NOTE: You do **not** have to have a Yahoo email account to join a Yahoo! group. Any email provider will do (although some employers may not allow Yahoo Group memberships on their servers).

For Sale in Hood

Beds	Baths	Sq Ft	List Price	Address
2	2	1136	\$132,000	1402 Bridgeway
2	2	1152	\$132,000	1403 Bridgeway
2	2	1132	\$145,000	1407 Bridgeway
2	1	1100	\$299,000	3007 Clawson
3	1	1184	\$165,000	4015 Clawson
3	3	2400	\$469,900	2608 Del Curto
3	2.5	2400	\$469,900	2608 Del Curto
3	3.5	2400	\$469,900	2608 Del Curto
3	2.5	1694	\$300,000	2204 Delcrest
1	1	770	\$79,000	1901 Glen Allen
2	2	1658	\$315,000	2605 Kinney Oaks
3	2.5	1880	\$515,000	2405 Kinney Rd
2	1	654	\$300,000	2500 Kinney Rd
3	3.5	1892	\$449,000	2502 Kinney Rd
2	2.5	1723	\$429,000	2502 Kinney Rd
2	2.5	1723	\$419,000	2504 Kinney Rd
3	3.5	1892	\$450,000	2504 Kinney Rd
2	2.5	1101	\$139,900	3801 Manchaca
2	1.5	1008	\$117,900	3809 Manchaca
1	1	598	\$95,000	3815 Manchaca
2	1	1144	\$535,000	4101 Manchaca
3	2	2053	\$424,900	1304 Morgan
3	1.5	2115	\$450,000	1503 Morgan
2	2.5	1500	\$279,000	1606 Morgan
2	2.5	1664	\$435,000	1711 Ravey
3	1	1170	\$185,000	4025 Valley View
2	1	895	\$259,000	4101 Valley View
3	3.5	1792	\$295,000	1802 Village Oak
1	1.5	676	\$100,874	2514 Thornton
2	1	676	\$125,197	2514 Thornton

Also, there are fourteen 1 Bed / 1 Bath Condos at 2514 Thornton, ranging from 395 to 587 Sq.Ft. and from \$60,000 to \$87,000.

**May 1st through July 23rd:** Number of properties sold: 21  
Average Sold Price: \$246,417 Average price Sold per SqFt: \$174.50  
Average Rental Price: \$997

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### SLNA MEMBERSHIP STATEMENT

- Membership in the Association shall be issued on the basis of residency (including renters) or residential property ownership, and timely payment of annual dues or waiver request.
- SLNA boundaries: North--Oltorf; South--Ben White; West--South Lamar/Manchaca; and East--Union Pacific Railroad.
- Persons meeting the above criteria may request a reduction in dues or a waiver when submitting the Membership Application.
- The privilege of introducing motions and voting shall be limited to those who have joined the Association at least ten (10) days prior to any regularly scheduled or special called meeting.
- Complete bylaws – and links to lots of other useful SLNA-related information - are available at [www.southlamar.org](http://www.southlamar.org).

### SLNA Officers & Contacts

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SLNA Family Eldercare Fan Drive

Bring a NEW FAN or money for buying fans to the August 17 SLNA Meeting, and help Family Eldercare with their Summer Fan Drive. Unfortunately, Austin has another two months of heat to endure, so the need for fans continues. We will deliver your donation to Family Eldercare if you will just bring it to the SLNA meeting on Thursday, August 17. If you want to donate but cannot make the meeting, contact Family Eldercare directly at 450-0844 or online at [www.familyeldercare.org](http://www.familyeldercare.org).



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Austin’s Small Business Development Program Hosts 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual ‘Meet the Lender’ Fair

Nurture your own small business with the financing it needs at the 2006 Meet the Lender Fair. On **Friday, Aug. 11**, the City of Austin Small Business Development Program will host the Third Annual Meet the Lender fair. This **free event**, at Palmer Events Center (900 Barton Springs Rd.) will give business owners the opportunity to meet lenders from a variety of lending institutions. Content experts will lead two concurrent 1-hour breakout sessions during four time periods. Topics include “Understanding the Loan Process” and “Getting Your Financials Ready.” Training sessions repeat at 2:00, 3:15, 4:30 and 5:45 p.m. Visit the display booths between 5 - 8 p.m. Parking at Palmer Event Center costs \$7. **To sign up or get more information, call 974-7806.**

### Ladies and Gentlemen, start your fins!

**Youth and Adult \*\*Swim Lessons\*\* Aquatic Exercise  
Certifications and Training**

**\*\*Sessions start monthly\*\***  
**\*\*All age groups welcome\*\***

 Call 542-9622 or visit [www.austinyymca.org](http://www.austinyymca.org)  
for program and registration information.

**\*\*Financial assistance is available\*\***

**We build strong kids, strong families, strong communities**

### South Lamar Neighborhood Association Membership Form

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: [    ]

### Initial Application / Renewal