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SLNA Newsletter

South Lamar Neighborhood Association www.southlamar.org

CALENDAR

December 14 -SLNA Holiday Potluck
January 13-Neighborhood Cleanup 8:30-10:30
February 15 -SLNA Meeting 7:00 - 9:00

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF OUR SLNA EMAIL GROUP?

If you are, then you already know how great it is! Keep up with all the news...lost pets... repair referrals...

If you're not, CAROL makes it easy!
Just send her an e-mail.
cgibbs1@austin.rr.com
Be sure to include your full name and your SLNA address.
Once the moderator verifies your residency, you will receive an e-mail approving your membership. You will have access to all the archived messages of the group!

KEEP SLNA BEAUTIFUL CLEANUP!

Why not make joining your neighbors for a Keep Austin Beautiful cleanup one of your New Year's resolutions? We desperately need more volunteers in this effort to keep the 'hood looking good. We hope that 2007 will mark the start of a new commitment from all our residents. Your first opportunity to lend a hand is Saturday, January 13th from 8:30-10:30. You need not commit to the entire 2 hours, even 30 minutes can make a big dent. We'll meet at the corner of Del Curto and Cinnamon Path where cleanup supplies and breakfast goodies will be provided. In the event of bad weather, we'll just move the cleanup to the following Saturday, January 20th, same time, same place. Reminders will be posted in the 'hood and on our SLNA Yahoo group. Look forward to seeing you then.

Wendy Brennan and Link Davidson
KAB/SLNA Cleanup Coordinators

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, East-Union Pacific Railroad

Persons meeting this 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 scheduled meeting.

Complete bylaws and links to other useful SLNA related information are available at www.southlamar.org

SLNA Holiday Potluck Party

Thursday, December 14

7:00 to 9:00 P.M.

UNITY CHURCH MAIN BUILDING
2806 Del Curto Road



Bring your favorite finger foods
and your favorite neighbors!



Presidential Farewell... from Carol Gibbs

With my two years as President of SLNA coming to a close this month, I want to thank everyone for giving me the opportunity to serve the neighborhood and represent the SLNA. We have had some very rewarding experiences and challenges, and we've done our collective best to protect the neighborhood and its character. While I'll readily admit it's not all been fun, it has certainly been educational and enlightening! I have met some wonderful people in the 'hood, folks I would never have had the chance to meet had I not been SLNA's President. For that especially, I will always appreciate these years.

I want to specifically thank every individual who has volunteered their time and/or expertise toward activities benefiting our neighborhood and SLNA - and therefore the larger community - whether it's been by serving on a committee, picking up litter, distributing newsletters, organizing an event, or attending public meetings. Every contribution is greatly appreciated. I hope you all will continue to remain involved, and that more neighbors will also decide to get involved in the coming months.

We have seen a lot of development in the six short years since SLNA was formed, and we are going to see lots more in the very near future. The incoming officers will need your support and participation if SLNA is to keep up with the demands that this growing city is placing on its neighborhoods.

Join us at the Potluck Social to welcome our new President, Oscar Lipchak, and Vice President, Jan Cartwright along with returning officers, Nancy Maclaine, Secretary and John Bissell, Treasurer and Bill Stoughton, ANC/SCC Representative.

For Sale in the Hood

Beds	Baths	List \$	SqFt	Address
1	1	\$89,900	393	2514 Thornton (condo)
3	1	\$194,900	1040	3206 Overcup Oak Dr.
3	1	\$198,500	816	1507 Grayford Dr.
1	1	\$275,000	1196	2216 Thornton Rd.
2	2	\$350,000	1860	3609 Clawson Rd.
3	2	\$366,777	2053	2618 Kinney Oaks Ct.
3	2	\$419,000	1976	3706 Clawson Rd.
2	2	\$425,000	1690	2400 Kinney Rd condo
3	2	\$445,000	1829	2400 Kinney Rd condo

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Sold property Numbers			Thanks to Terry Echols of Keller Williams Realty for providing the numbers for Dec. 2006! He can be contacted at 512-453-0903 or by Fax 512-453-3946. Otherwise, contact him online at www.EcholsTeam.com	
	SP\$	SQFT		
Avg	\$223,993	1309		
Max	\$512,000	2793		
Min	\$59,000	393		
Median	\$196,725	1152		

OAK WILT

This is a reminder that we are approaching one of the recommended times for the pruning of Live Oak trees. According to the Oak Information Partnership, www.texasoakwilt.org live oaks should be pruned during the heat of the summer and the cold of winter but never between Feb 1 and June 1. At anytime of the year a wound to an oak should be painted immediately.

One of the largest concentrations of oak wilt in the City of Austin is in our neighborhood. Refer to the Oak Wilt Map Link on the SLNA web site. www.ci.austin.tx.us/oakwilt/ and txforestservicet.tamu.edu/forest/oakwilt/ contain valuable information on oak wilt suppression.

SLNA COOKS!

Christmas Eve Salad- Ensalada de Noche Buena

3 medium-size cooked beets, chopped
 2 oranges, peeled and chopped
 2 jicamas peeled and chopped (or 2 tart cooking apples)
 2 large bananas, peeled and sliced diagonally
 3 slices fresh pineapple, cubed
 lettuce leaves 1 tablespoon toasted peanuts, chopped
 seeds from 1 pomegranate 1 cup mayonnaise
 1 stick sugar cane, peeled and chopped

In a large bowl mix together the beets, oranges, jicamas, bananas, sugar cane, pineapple and mayonnaise. Chill. Line a salad bowl with lettuce leaves and pile on the salad mixture. Garnish with the peanuts and pomegranate seeds. Serves 6-8



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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 the SLNA property that you own: _____

Annual Membership: \$10.00 per household OR \$20.00 to be a "Big Bubba/Bubbette" TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Make check payable to SLNA. Mail or deliver with completed form to: John Bissell, 2816 Kinney Oaks Ct. Austin TX 78704
 OR Check here if you are requesting a Waiver of this year's Membership fee: _____