## Barton Hills News

## BARTON HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



Recent rains were a welcome sight, but did little to end the historic drought that grips Central Texas. It did however delay the implementation of even more restrictive watering regulations. Until then, we are under **Stage 2 water restrictions** and the outdoor watering schedule is determined by street address, property type, and type of irrigation used. *See how the rules apply to you below:* 

### **STAGE 2 WATER RESTRICTIONS**

## Monday Public schools

Tuesday Commercial/Multi-family customers / EVEN NUMBER ADDRESS

Automatic irrigation system: **Before 5 Am or After 7 Pm** Hose-end irrigation: **Before 10 Am or After 7 Pm** 

Wednesday Residential customers / ODD NUMBER ADDRESS

Automatic irrigation system: Before 5 AM OR AFTER 7 PM

Thursday Residential customers / EVEN NUMBER ADDRESS

Automatic irrigation system: Before 5 AM OR AFTER 7 PM

Friday Commercial/Multi-family customers / ODD NUMBER ADDRESS

Automatic irrigation system: **Before 5 AM OR AFTER 7 PM**Hose-end irrigation: **Before 10 AM OR AFTER 7 PM** 

Saturday Residential customers / ODD NUMBER ADDRESS

Hose-end irrigation: Before 10 AM OR AFTER 7 PM

Sunday Residential customers / EVEN NUMBER ADDRESS

Hose-end irrigation: Before 10 AM OR AFTER 7 PM

## Did you know:

- Drip irrigation and soaker hoses are exempt from the schedule.
- Washing vehicles at home is prohibited.
- Restaurants are not supposed to serve water unless requested by a customer.



### **NEXT MEETING**

## Tuesday, October 22nd 6 - 9pm

Join us at St. Mark's Church (corner of Barton Skyway and Barton Hills Drive). All are welcome!

Sociαl Hour: 6pm. pizza, salad and pasta from Rockin' Tomato \$7.

### Agenda

7:00 Call to Order

7:05 Brief Announcements

**7:10** Approval of the July 23rd minutes

7:12 Treasurer's Report: Kerry Price

**7:15** APD District Representative, Officer "Wojo" Woytkewicz

7:30 ELECTIONS

7:45 Committee Reports

 Neighborhood Watch John Luther

 Membership Outreach (position available)

Area Development
 Peter Hess

• Emergency Preparedness
Susan Donaldson

ANC Report
 Tom Nuckols

Greenbelt Guardians
 Glee Ingram

Barton Hills Park
 Kathleen Schneeman

**8:30** Other business brought to the floor by membership.

9:00 Adjourn

## **Barton Hills News**

The Barton Hills Neighborhood
Association newsletter is published
quarterly and supported by advertisers.
It's distributed to homes in the Barton
Hills neighborhood of Austin, Texas.
For more about membership and
neighborhood affairs, contact the
appropriate person below.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## **Onward Vision**

By Melissa Hawthorne BHNA President



## Neighbors,

Here we are and at the October Neighborhood Meeting are **our annual elections**. Having served as your President, I am looking forward to having someone new carry you all forward this next year. I am wondering at this point who that person will be and know that I will be happy to help anyone willing to fill this role. So what does the President do?

The **President** presides over the quarterly BHNA Meeting. There usually is also an Executive Committee Meeting a few weeks before so everyone involved in the Subcommittees all get their needs met, visions forward, and a general sense of camaraderie as we all are a Team. Participates in Community – such as coordinate with PARD on Events and what we can do to make it better (this could also be done by a designee), make sure the Newsletter goes out on time, write a President's Message. Best of all, you get to have a great parade every year and carry the Spring Fling tradition forward.

After having done it the last two years I can say it is very rewarding and it actually has a calendar rhythm that is pretty easy. There are a few times a year it's important to be focused and get the tasks at hand done, but other than that it really is very simple.

The important part is to ask for help or delegate...realize it's a volunteer position. If you have your heart in the right place folks know it. Most folks will be supportive.

Also the **Vice President** position will be open this coming election. The Vice President is Keeper of the Membership and the Barton Hills Yahoo Group. The busiest time of year for the VP is January and

February. Our dues are due every year on January 1st. The forms and notations of payments need to get processed, but for the rest of the year it's more of a weekly job of upkeep. The Vice President welcomes folks at the BHNA Meetings and checks dues status, and is the gatekeeper and moderator of the listserve. Very rarely does the Moderator have to remind everyone to be kind or perhaps help guide people to a better place.

The Treasurer position will also be available. The primary duties for the **Treasurer** are to manage the associations checking and PayPal accounts and to make deposits of all income and pay for all association expenses.

The main source of income comes from:

- 1. Membership annual dues
- 2. Advertising to the BHNA news letter

The main source of expenses comes from:

- Newsletter publishing and mailing fees
- 2. July 4 parade
- 3. Quarterly BHNA meetings
- 4. Neighborhood improvement projects voted on by BHNA members

Most of the financial activities - receiving of checks and making deposits - takes place during the first quarter (January - March) when members renew their annual memberships. The balance of the year deals mostly with the receipt and deposit of advertising checks.

Every quarter the treasurer needs to put together an account statement for the board meeting. A template for this already exists. (continued on page 10)



Contact me for more information about how you can be part of the solution.

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As summer comes to a close I am very happy to report that we have had little criminal activity within Barton Hills during this guarter. Of course, there are exceptions and one burglary is too many if it was your house that was hit. But we are working very hard to prevent property related crime in our neighborhood. The BHNA Neighborhood Watch Patrol continues to drive our residential streets making our presence known and looking for signs of suspicious activity. Our Patrol volunteers are a critical element in crime reduction and they patrol many hours of each week in one hour individual shifts. Armed only with a cell phone, they provide outstanding coverage throughout Barton Hills. So,

remember to wave to the Patrol volunteer as always to show you support what they do for the good of us all. And don't forget, we need additional volunteers to expand our patrol capabilities. Stay at home moms, retired folks, work at home residents can all play an important role in reducing criminal activity in Barton Hills.

I am very happy to report that our good relationship with the Austin Police Department has gotten even better in the last several weeks with the appointment of APD Officer Stephen Woytkewicz as the District Representative to Barton Hills. Officer Woytkewicz, who goes by "Wojo", is an experienced "street cop" and has patrolled the South Austin district,

including Barton Hills, for many years. He knows the territory and is dedicated to serving our community. I have already had the pleasure of working on several matters with Officer Wojo.

He is quick to respond to requests for on site assistance and to inquiries by email. He has been instrumental in increasing police presence in the neighborhood. And take note: has also been introducing himself to several speeders and stop sign runners in the area and is a real traffic calming hero to the law abiding. I hope to have an opportunity to introduce Officer Wojo to our neighborhood residents very soon. (continued on page 11)



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## Update

## **Greenbelt Guardians**

By Glee Ingram

This summer five of our Greenbelt Guardians team leaders participated in a training program developed by the Austin Watershed Protection Department. It was the City's first official action to implement the Invasives Management Plan adopted by Council last year for all city owned property.

A day long training session was held at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, to orient attendees to the rationale for the invasives management policy and to introduce the top invasives plants being targeted. They also demonstrated a protocol for assessing the relative presence of invasive plants within randomly selected areas, as well as the health and composition of tree canopy cover in these same areas.

In exchange for the free training, the 70 trainees were expected to participate in five

field study sessions in large targeted parklands. We were led by trained interns with iPads with maps to randomly selected gps points that were targeted for in-depth assessment. The experience generally translated to four hours of bush whacking through dense thickets in hundred degree heat, stopping at randomly selected points to swat mosquitoes, scratch bites, and do dizzying visual percentile assessments. Which somehow translated to enjoyment and a sense of accomplishment at the end of each session.

Our five heat-hardy Greenbelt Guardians that participated were: myself, Nancy Koch, Rosalie Russell, Robin Shepperd, and Collins Van Nort. We just learned that we are being rewarded for our efforts by a Volunteer Recognition Night at the Mayor's Balcony and Mezzanine in the Austin City Hall... with air conditioning, no less. It should be a festive affair.

We are working with the City on ways to adapt their assessment protocol to our invasives management and ecological restoration work on the Barton Creek Greenbelt.





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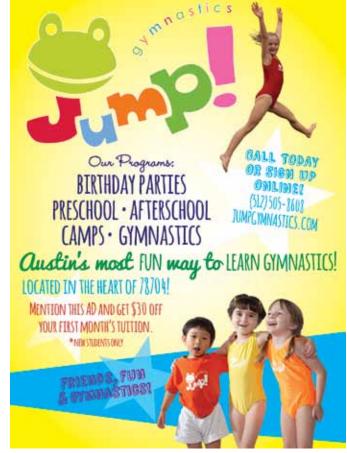
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## **SCOOP THE POOP**

Dog and cat waste left on the ground is more than smelly and unsightly, it pollutes our water and poses a health risk for pets and people, especially children!

Please remember to always Scoop the Poop and to dispose of pet waste properly!

It adds up! One pile of pet waste might not seem like a lot; however, more than 215,000 dogs live in Austin, generating 100,000 pounds of waste throughout the city every day.



When not disposed of properly, this waste washes into local waterways and causes problems with:

### **Human and Pet Health**

- Giardia
- Roundworms
- Salmonella
- Other viruses and parasites

#### **Water Quality**

- Algae and aquatic weeds
- Reduced oxygen for fish
- Unsafe recreational areas for fishing or enjoying

### What Can I Do?

- **1. Bring It!** Carry a scooper bag when you walk your dog.
- **2. Scoop It!** Use the baggie like a glove, scoop the poop, invert and seal the bag.
- 3. Toss It! It belongs in the trash.
- **4. Place a Sign!** Put a "Scoop the Poop" sign in your yard to encourage your neighbors to scoop it up too!

## Welcoming Tami to the Team!

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## Update

## **Barton Hills Community Park**

by Roy O. Smithers
Executive Committee Chair

So, you probably have been wondering, what's going on with the Barton Hills Community Park? You already know that about \$18,000 was spent to mulch the trees and add a rock swale and boulders to attempt to deal with erosion at the steeper parts of the park. You just have to admit that it does look a lot better. The Park Executive Committee meets monthly to discuss where the park goes from here. The Committee is exploring what playground equipment to purchase and add. For just about anything we plan to do, we have to obtain approval of the City of Austin, Austin Independent School District and the Austin Parks Foundation, which holds our funds. All of these approvals take time and patience.

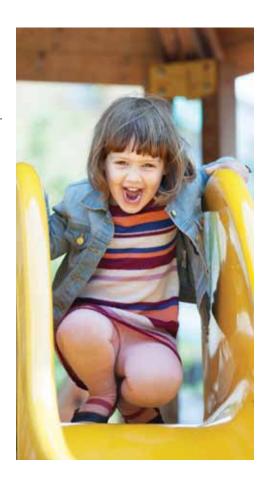
We are examining irrigating the sports field, moving the trail that circumvents the entire playground and replacing the backstop. Of course, such activities cannot begin while

school is in session and students are using the playground for physical education.

We are also seeking grant opportunities from the City of Austin Public Works to build sidewalks around the school. These funds, if obtained, will require an in-kind contribution from the "hood". The in-kind can be cash, materials or person hours of work.

Finally, the Committee is seeking developer funds required by the City of Austin for park development. Whether we obtain such funding should be ascertained next month in October.

The Committee truly appreciates all of the support of Barton Hills residents and we will need your continued support in the future. If you are interested in keeping up with the latest Committee discussions, the minutes of Committee meetings can be obtained by sending me an email at rorsmith@aol.com.





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## Remodeling Trend in the Hills

Everywhere you look homes in the "hood" are being renovated, remodeled, and built. Is this a passing trend or is Barton Hills getting a makeover? It seems this *trend* is here to stay as more Barton Hills homeowners are opting to stay where they are, rather than leaving their homes and moving into newer properties.

We were ecstatic when we heard the man responsible for many of these renovations was fellow neighbor, Mark Rehberg; owner and president of Ranserve, Inc. Ranserve, the general contracting company he started in the mid-1990s has continued to grow a trusted reputation throughout Austin.

According to Mark, the number of Austin homes being remodeled is growing exponentially as Austin is currently ranked in the top five best performing cities for the remodeling industry. So, we can expect to see even more change in the homes of Barton Hills.



Check out Mark's current project on 2932 Kassarine Pass.

Contact Mark/Ranserve at: (512) 343-9313 or www.ranserve.com

## **Meet Mark Rehberg**

How long have you lived in Barton Hills?

I grew up in Barton Hills, my parents moved into the neighborhood in 1969. I went to BHE and AHS, and so did my kids. Actually, I grew up around the corner from the house I live in.

## Why do you get so many jobs in the neighborhood?

Barton Hills is a really tight community, they listen to each other, and refer people that they like to do business with.

## You're working on a custom home near your own house on Kassarine Pass (KP), can you tell us more about it?

I've been building for 20 years, but KP is my first new build. Almost 6 years ago I remodeled a custom home builder's house and he advised me to be a [custom] home builder. So, when this opportunity came up, I decided to take it. Designing a new build has been more of a challenge than I anticipated, but after the initial design phases were complete and the construction process began, I was more relaxed and in my comfort zone.



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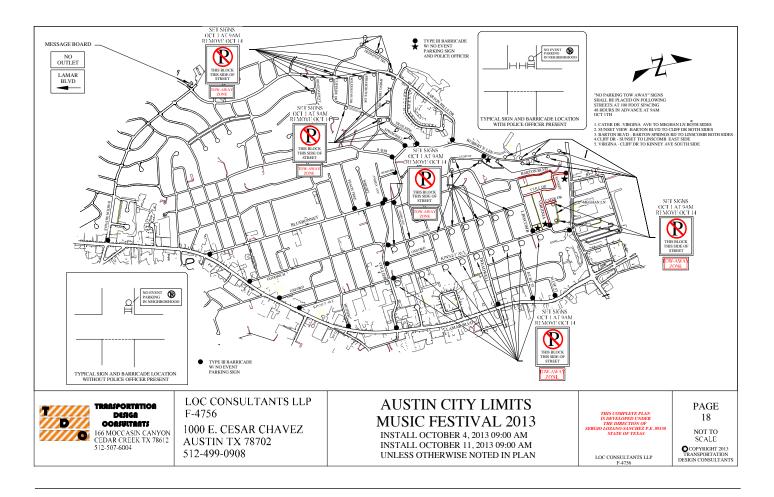
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## 2013 Austin City Limits Festival

## Neighborhood Quick Reference

Web Links	www.aclfestival.com	www.austintexas.gov/ace	www.austintexas.gov/parkevents
Event Details and Closure Periods	Load In Commences Stratford Road Closed Concert Schedule Roads/Park Open Concert Schedule Stratford Road Closed Load out ends Park Maintenance	September 23, Monday September 25, 26, 7 am – October 4-6, Hours: 11 an October 7-10 (see specific October 11-13, Hours: 11 October 15, 16, 7 am – 10 October 18 October 19-26 (anticipate	n – 10 pm daily park details below) am – 10 pm daily pm
Zilker Park And Barton Spring Pool Details	<ul> <li>Barton Springs Pool is open AT ALL TIMES during normal hours. During concert days parking is protected at the south gate lot off Robert E. Lee for pool swimmers.</li> <li>Zilker Park – Rugby Field, Picnic Areas, parking lots, Playscape (south of Barton Springs Road)         <ul> <li>Open weekdays until 10 pm (park curfew) Thursday night before each concert.</li> <li>Expect higher traffic on Thursdays.</li> <li>Austin Nature and Science Center are ONLY closed on the Friday-Sunday concert period.</li> </ul> </li> <li>In addition, Auditorium Shores and Butler Park will be open at all times for park users.</li> </ul>		
Neighborhood Patrol	Dedicated Neighborhood ROVING Patrol  1. 10 officers and 1 sergeant - Roving 10 am until approximately 11 pm daily. This dedicated unit will be roving and responding to issues/concerns throughout the impacted neighborhoods.  2. 2 APD Officers (on Bikes) in the Barton Creek Greenbelt, 12pm-8pm		
eighborhood Call-In Line	<b>646-432-0753</b> : 10 am – approximately 11 pm Friday-Sunday (everyone's call-in number)		
Low Flying Aircraft	office that would take of The FAA does not, how Nuisance/aircraft noise	complaints about safety violat vever, take calls regarding no complaints would go to the A	viation Department, and Stephen Dick.
Parking	• NO PARKING SIGNAGE well as allowing for tim • These signs are valid	gnage will be installed earlier due t e for corrections prior to the upon installation, PLEASE A	
General Violations	<ul> <li>Examples of what to call in:</li> <li>Parking within 30 feet of the approach to a stop sign.</li> <li>Parking or blocking within 15 feet of a fire hydrant.</li> <li>Parking left wheel to curb. (cars parked facing against traffic).</li> <li>If a car blocks YOUR driveway. Some neighbors may permit people to block their OWN driveway.</li> <li>Illegal vending/sales questions in the immediate festival area.</li> </ul>		
Helpful Neighborhood	<ul> <li>Please don't put barriers in the street. It is public property and the police remove them.</li> <li>Restricted parking areas are prohibited parking areas for all persons.</li> <li>Immobilized cars should be moved out of restricted parking areas.</li> </ul>		





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(President's Message, continued from page 2)

Recording Secretary keeps an accurate record of all business of the Association, including regularly scheduled and special called meetings of the Association and the Executive Committee. This officer shall also be responsible for the accumulation and maintenance of the central permanent file of such records.

Corresponding Secretary is also known as Newsletter Editor and Community
Partnerships Coordinator. These folks go hand in hand. The Newsletter Editor gets to do the art and article portion of the Newsletter. The Community Partnerships Coordinator does the advertisement portion and sponsorship drive for the BHNA needs (such as Parade Sponsors).

ANC Representative attends meetings of the Austin Neighborhood Council and on a regular basis, either through the quarterly newsletter or at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Association, or both, report any significant activities or action taken by the Council.

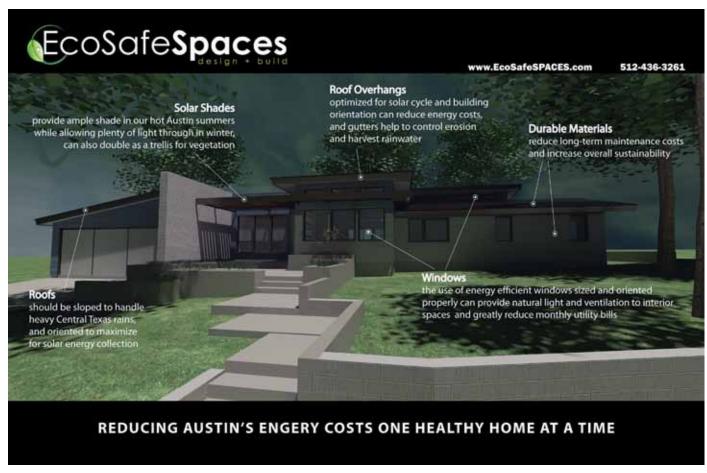
We also need a **Membership Outreach Subcommittee Chair**. That wonderful person that helps bring us the Spring Fling, Picnic in the Park, July 4th Parade.

We've (I've) been very lucky this past two years and have had the pleasure with serving you all with a fine group of neighbors. Some of neighbors have reached our term limit and it is that time at our October Meeting for elections.

Sincerely yours,

Melissa Hawthorne, President







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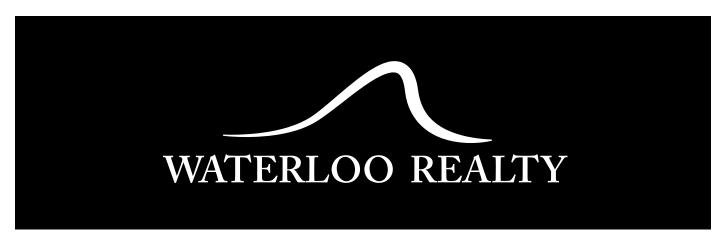
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## (Neighborhood Watch, continued from page 3)

Our effective BHNA Neighborhood Watch Patrol program has once again come to the attention of the law enforcement leadership in the Austin area. Travis County Constable, Pct. III, Sally Hernandez has requested our program assist in developing a program to teach Neighborhood Watch techniques and establish N/W in several neighborhoods within her jurisdiction. Working with Constable Hernandez, the Barton Hills Neighborhood Watch will share policies and procedures, provide orientation to her officers and share dual presentations at various upcoming neighborhood meetings. Officers from Pct. III have recently taken orientation patrol rides with me and I will be riding with Constable Hernandez officers as we build a solid working relationship to reduce property crime in Barton Hills and now areas of Travis County. Constable Henandez has stated that she believes the BHNA Neighborhood Watch Patrol is the most effective program in the city. I have to agree with Constable Hernandez.



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2013 MEMBERSHIP FORM
Fill out this form to join or renew your membership in the Barton Hills Neighborhood Association. Annual dues are \$10 per household, payable when you join (for a new membership) or every January (for renewal).
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