



Presidents Note

By Babs Davis, NUNA Co-President

We live in tumultuous times NUNA neighbors. Instead of being far away from the action, we are in the middle of it! Our precinct has some of the highest COVID-19 rates in the City of Austin, Travis county is at the top in our state, and Texas, this morning, was at the top of the 50 states in incidence figures. Our beloved “Big University” down the street is engaged in the ongoing debate about students returning to campus-and those students happily live in our midst when they are in Austin. Various school systems in our City, public and private, are arranging for fall learning, impacting our youngest neighbors and their parents. And our policing policies are in active review after the large upheaval on racial equality in our country as well as in many countries across the world.

So, what do we do now? I have returned to the individual responsibility level. I am reading and following the information that is coming out daily about best practices in understanding how to avoid getting COVID-19. We are staying in, wearing masks in public places, and trying to stay active “in place.” I personally appreciate the level of responsibility of neighbors in the area in being outside-crossing to the other side of the street is a gift we give one another. Wearing masks in public is also a gift we give one another. While I am anxious some of the time,

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I am trying to maintain a neutral approach to others in staying 6 feet apart and not yelling at anyone to get away from me. I, like you, have encountered others who are very tense about their well-being, and are tending to take it out on other people. I want to work toward being a calm place in my world. It is not easy.

We are not done with these levels of difficulty. COVID-19 has not been mastered. Our policing system needs consideration and this consideration will take a long time to effect and achieve citizen consensus on. Our neighborhood does not bear the brunt of systemic racism, so we need to figure out how to adapt to changes that honor the lives of Austin citizens of all colors and backgrounds inclusively. That will be hard and does include the need for our input.

Keep on. One day at a time. Listen and talk to one another and be respectful in the process.

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Note from Kathie Tovo, Council Member Dist. 9

Dear Neighbors,

I hope that you and your loved ones are staying safe and well. As I write this greeting, our community is experiencing many new cases of COVID-19 each day, and our health professionals are warning that our medical facilities are taking in COVID-19 patients very quickly. See updated statistics [here](#).

Please stay home if you are able to do so—especially during this July 4 weekend. Our medical professionals are urging us to stay home, to wear masks in public, to stay at least 6 feet apart, and to avoid get-togethers with people outside our households. This advice is critical to ensuring that our medical facilities have the capacity to care for those who are sick.

A heartfelt THANK YOU to our dedicated frontline workers, healthcare providers, and essential employees who have kept our community clean, healthy, safe, and fed every day throughout this crisis! I am also grateful to those of you who have stepped up to help—by distributing meals, calling and checking on seniors (see more below), donating to organizations, and more.

The last three months have been extraordinarily intense and busy for City Council. I have been actively leading and supporting efforts to respond to immediate needs for food and utility assistance while also working with my colleagues to initiate important reforms to public safety and to explore investments that will provide long-term sustainable results toward ensuring that every family in Austin has access to a healthy meal, a safe home, and opportunities to thrive.

Now more than ever, I am honored to represent you on the City Council. My staff and I remain available to receive your feedback and address your questions and concerns even as we work remotely. Please leave a voice mail at (512) 978-2109 or email kathie.tovo@austintexas.gov.

You can find COVID-19 information and resources on the City's page and on my City Council Facebook page.

Best,
Kathie Tovo, Council Member District 9
July 24th, 2020

Daycares Need a Helping Hand

By Brandon Tucker

It ta August is here and, what do you know, so is COVID-19. This is generally the time of year when our plants give up, back to school fever hits and parents get their house back during the day. This year, it appears that you'll want to upgrade the Wifi to gigabit if you haven't already: schools in Austin and around Texas will begin the year online.

We don't have elementary school-aged children yet. But from what I'm told, it's tough getting one to focus on virtual Zoom classes all day. I can confirm it's impossible for babies and toddlers to do so.

In March, our kids' daycare, the First English Lutheran Church Child Development Center on 30th Street, shut down during that infamous week with fastest news cycle in my lifetime. At one point, all daycares in the state were ordered closed except for those serving essential workers. Those restrictions were later lifted and daycares were permitted to reopen under strict guidelines. By that time though,

quite a few daycares in town had closed permanently. Many of our friends reported their daycares were long gone. Other facilities clung to a week-by-week, uncertain existence. Businesses that had been operating for 30, 40, 50 years were suddenly leveled by a couple tumultuous, unprecedented months.

Daycares, it seems, don't have the kind of lobbying power of big industry. Or as economist Betsey Stevenson put it to Politico on the recent federal COVID-19 bailouts: "we gave less money to the entire child care sector than we gave to one single airline, Delta."

The pandemic has upended businesses and careers in all sectors. For professionals with small kids, we've dealt with seismic shifts in business models and have had to adapt to home life with fewer helping hands. At one point this summer, we decided having the kids at home all day while trying to navigate our respective, frenetic business environments was too much and put our kids back in another neighborhood daycare, Child Craft on 30th & West, which stayed open. Companies are in a weird spot right now. Human resources and CEO's tell us they're here for families and they understand our ordeals. Then our direct bosses come to us with urgency to pivot to new initiatives at a rapid pace as furloughs and layoffs loom. Truth is, there's no way I, and surely many others like me, get the added work done that was and still is required of us with two kids at home all day. I'm fairly certain I still have a job today because a daycare stayed open and a caregiver was willing to watch our kids in the middle of a pandemic.

Our neighborhood daycare, the First English Lutheran CDC reopened July 6th after going through a rigorous retooling of operations to set up for safety. Throughout this whole time there has been some uneasiness as to the future viability of

the daycare. Even though they created a thorough plan to reopen safely, many parents weren't and still aren't ready to send their kids back - or one of the parents lost their jobs so there is no longer a need for daycare.

The good news, is if you're a parent ready to send your kids back, is that this exemplary local daycare that normally has a year-plus waitlist now has space available immediately and needs your help to remain viable. We're thankful they are in the neighborhood and would encourage anyone considering putting their children back in care in the near future to please consider them. They take kids starting at 18 mo. old.

We've noticed a funny thing with our children this summer. Not only is our four-year-old now very aware and curious of germs (too aware, to be honest. Yes you can eat a gummy bear that touched your leg), but both of our children have never had such a long string of stellar health. No sniffles, no weird rashes, no fevers, no protein spills. The combination of daycares taking so many extra precautions (masks, temperature checks, no inter-class mingling) along with a deep reduction of weekend playdates and get togethers has had a noticeable affect.

We're not alone in this observation. At a recent pediatric checkup this summer, the doctor told us she'd seen just one ear infection all summer. The kids are all right.

Dues! Dues! Dues!

By Jan Moyle

Please become a member or renew your membership in NUNA and be a contributing member of our neighborhood. Our dues cover the calendar year, but now is a good time to pay up.

Your dues help with signs for meetings, and signs and other items for It's My Park Day, and a donation for the Fourth of July celebration. And there are always those needed materials for presentations to the City.

If you aren't sure whether or not you have paid, contact Jan Moyle at moylejan@gmail.com.

Please fill out the form below and mail to Jan Moyle.

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2020 MEMBERSHIP DUES

NUNA dues are used to benefit the neighborhood, paying for neighborhood events, presentation materials, mulch for the parks, signs and small expenses that occur during the year.

- \$15/person
- \$25/couple
- \$10/student

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Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Make your check to NUNA and mail to:
Jan Moyle, 200 W. 32nd St.

Residential Parking Permits

By Steve Ingenito

Hello City of Austin Residents,

Your current residential parking permits will expire on July 31st, 2020.

PLEASE NOTE: Our offices are closed to the public due to COVID-19, but staff is making limited trips into the office on Wednesdays & Thursdays to get permits processed.

I have attached the application for your convenience which you can fill out, sign & return via-email to this email- address for processing. Please remember to send a photocopy of your license and proof of residency along with the application. If the address on your current license is the address on your application, that will suffice as proof of residency. Other forms of proof of residency can be a recent utility bill or lease agreement/ownership papers.

Once your permits are ready we can call you for payment (please leave a phone # where we can reach you). We can then put them in the mail or set up a time for pick up by appointment only.

The cost per permit (decals and/or hang-tags) is still \$15.00 + tax (8.25%), and I have included a helpful chart below. We accept all major credit cards, exact cash, and checks made payable to the City of Austin.

Cost break down for permits, including sales tax:

- 1 permit = \$16.24
- 2 permits = \$32.48
- 3 permits = \$48.71
- 4 permits = \$64.95

Please find the residential parking pass application form at the back of this newsletter.

Any questions, please let us know.

Steve Ingenito
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Parking Enterprise Div.
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Austin, TX 78701
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Updated Office Hours under COVID-19:
Wednesdays & Thursdays from 9am-3pm
No walk-ins at this time. Appointments only.



Dogs of NUNA

By Babs Davis

‘His Wagginess, The Doggie Llama’ aka ‘Pups’ is a white Labrador mix who is currently awaiting his genetic test results to see what falls into the “mix” part of his dog heritage! Pups is nearly 10 years old and lives with his family Zack, Diane, and Zula on Hemphill Park. He is a treasured family member!



Pups’ favorite activity is to eat his food, according to Zula, his human sister. He loves sniffing and trying to eat everything he sees on his walks, and is a calm, sweet, big guy who does not ever jump up or bite on people or other animals. He does not mind if Zula climbs on top of him to play, just chills out while it happens. Now that he is nearly ten, Pups rests more than he plays, but he still wags his tail when he has any contact with people or interesting smelling things. Diane says that Pups is like a therapy dog for other dogs who are excitable - he calms them down because he is so low key! Zack imagines that if Pups were in a sit-com, his tagline would be, while staring at leftover food on its way into the trash: “You’re not going to throw that away, are you?” He is very attached to his human family and has managed to “photo-bomb” any family photo that gets taken, even Zula’s baby pictures. Altogether, Pups is a great neighbor.

Cicada Killer Wasps

By Texas A&M Agrilife Extension

Cicada killer wasps are very large wasps reaching up to 1 ½ inches long and can be somewhat frightening if you see them flying about your lawn. These wasps have a reddish-brown head and thorax, a black and yellow abdomen, and wings with a rusty tinge. Females are capable of stinging, the stinger

is a modified egg laying structure, but are rarely aggressive. Males look similar to females and are territorial; they will buzz near you if you enter their territory. Once you leave the male's territory, the wasp will ignore you.

Cicada killers can be considered beneficial insects since they help to control cicada populations. Cicadas, common in Texas trees in the summer, are stung and paralyzed by female cicada killer wasps then carried back to a burrow dug in the ground by the female wasps. The female wasp pulls the cicada into the burrow where it is tucked into a side tunnel and has an egg deposited upon it. When the egg hatches, the cicada killer larva eats the cicada(s) provided.

Cicada killers usually do not warrant any control methods. If people are uncomfortable with large wasps flying over their lawn or do not like the holes caused by the wasps, then insecticidal dust can be sprinkled around the opening of the burrow. Tamp the dust around the opening with your shoe and as the wasps work on cleaning out the entrance to the burrow, they will pick up the dust on their body and eventually die.

Please note that cicada killer wasps are often mistaken for Asian giant hornets (AGH), also



referred to as “murder hornets”. AGH have not been found in Texas and have only been located in Washington state within the U.S.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com

This work is supported by Crops Protection and Pest Management Competitive Grants Program [grant no. 2017-70006-27188 /project accession no. 1013905] from the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

Scene and Heard

Thank you to Peached Tortilla for bringing their taco truck to Hemphill Park in June and to all the neighbors who placed orders and mingled in a socially-distant way. The event was a great success given the circumstances and it was great to support a local restaurant. We may need another visit this fall!



Healthy Streets Comes to Hyde Park

The City of Austin has been adding to their network of Healthy Streets and in the latest phase, a healthy street was added near NUNA in Hyde Park. Avenue G is now a healthy street blocked off to motorized thru traffic from 38th to 56th street. Take your whole family on your bikes, rollerblades or feet to check it out! The city continues to look at more streets to add to the network. You can see their latest news here: <http://www.austintexas.gov/HealthyStreets>

Do you have Library withdrawal like your newsletter editor does? It's such a shame to see our beautiful, \$100 million library shut down. But you can drop off and pick up books at any location. You'll want to check out the city's online catalog and order your books. Within a few hours it should be ready for pickup. It's a pretty good process, given the circumstances. But we can't wait until the libraries are back open.

Have a little extra time? Submit a column to the NUNA newsletter! We're always looking for more content. Has a local business gone above and beyond during the pandemic? Tell us all about it. Email nunanews@gmail.com.



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4310 AVENUE G

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Listed at \$975,000



509 EAST 38-1/2 TH ST.

Located on quiet shady street near Hancock Golf Course. This 1939 cottage is ready for restoration and/or addition. 2 BR, 1 BA, 2 LIV, formal dining, detached garage.

Listed at \$525,000



403 WEST 37TH ST.

Classic 1930s bungalow on popular Christmas lights street. 2 BR, 1 BA, updated kitchen, formal dining plus breakfast nook. Beautiful long leaf pine floors throughout.

Listed at \$2,400/mo.



3500 RED RIVER ST.

Traditional style townhome features 3,500sf with 4 BR, 3 BA, 2 LIV, 2-Car Garage. Fenced yard with deck. Ready for updating and priced to sell under \$200/sf.

Listed at \$669,000



506 WEST 33RD ST.

Hemphill Park Townhome. Spacious 2-story brick traditional with 2 BR, 2.5 BA, 3 LIV, private courtyard, 2-car attached garage. Within walking distance to Central Market & UT.

Listed at \$685,000



600 EAST 49TH ST.

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Listed at \$699,000



3306-C HARRIS PARK AVE.

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Listed at 1,295/mo.



608 EAST 48TH ST.

Modern Craftsman Hyde Park home recently updated with open kitchen, spacious great room and master suite addition. 3 BR, 3 BA, 2 LIV, front and back covered porches.

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Austin Transportation Department

Residential Permit Parking Program Permit Purchase Application

Renewal Period _____

Permit Year _____

Zone# _____

Name of Applicant (please print): _____

Please check **ONE** applicant type: Homeowner Rents/Leases

Email Address (for renewal notices): _____

Home Address (number, street, zip): _____

The following information is needed when applying for Residential Parking Permits:

1. Driver's license or identification card (Driver's License can suffice for proof of residency if address is current)
2. Proof of residency (Current lease/mortgage agreement or utility bill issued within last 30 days)
3. Select number of visitor hang-tags and/or resident decals desired

**NOTE: A combination of visitor hang-tags and resident decals has to equal the amount of max eligible permits allowed for the street/zone. (See list of eligible permits allowed on RPP website, www.austintexas.gov/rpp for more info)*

***Mueller Area Residents are allowed two total permits*

****Days Passes are available for upcoming Special Events*

All permits are \$15 each and must include sales tax (8.25%)

Total amount of permits may not exceed 4

Visitor Hang-tags (2-max): **0** _____

Resident Decals: **0** _____

License Plate # (Decal 1): _____ State: _____

License Plate # (Decal 2): _____ State: _____

License Plate # (Decal 3): _____ State: _____

License Plate # (Decal 4): _____ State: _____

Total cost plus sales tax: **\$ 0.00**

By signing, I hereby acknowledge that I have read and agree to abide by the rules and guidelines set forth for purchasing and using Residential Parking Permits. Visit the Residential Permit Parking (RPP) website www.austintexas.gov/rpp for the rules and guidelines.

Signature of Resident: _____ Date: _____

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Number of Window Decals Received: _____ Serial Numbers of Window Decals: _____

Number of Visitor Hang Tags Received: _____ Serial Numbers of Hang Tags: _____

Number of Day Passes Received: _____ Serial Numbers of Day Passes: _____

Total permits issued: _____ Amount Paid:\$ _____ Payment(Check,Cash,Credit) _____

Permits issued by: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____