



NORTH UNIVERSITY  
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

## NUNA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*By Laurence Miller*

The longer I am in this job, the more I learn about our neighborhood with all of its wonderful personalities. It makes me happy I live here, that I was able to raise my kids here and am now watching my grandchildren play in the park. It is clearly a special place. Great location, walking distance to a number of good shops and restaurants. It has its own parks, it's green and beautiful and quiet except for the occasional cars that race down 33rd to miss the 34th street light. I wouldn't trade it, but mostly for the people. I have met so many nice, helpful, caring people who want to not only make our neighborhood better but our world. It makes the job with all of its frustrations (and I am sparing you a long list of those) okay.

There is a lot going on in our neighborhood right now. I hope that everyone will come out to participate in National Night Out on Tuesday, October 5. I am looking forward to meeting more neighbors and getting to visit with the ones I know already. Our fire station will bring one of their trucks around for the kids to climb on and our neighborhood police officers will be by to visit. Mark Feist, Chairman of Hemphill/ Adams Park, has asked Wheatsville to donate watermelons and we will make sure they are cold with ice donated by Juniors. There is even a rumor we will have some music. So lock your doors, turn on your front porch light and come be part of this neighborhood event.

We all owe Mark Feist a big thank you. We could not have selected anyone better for taking care of our parks. He has scheduled the initial meeting for creating our Master Plan for Hemphill/Adams Park on September 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the First English Lutheran Church. He has done his homework about what grants are available and how you qualify for them. He is visiting with all the right people at the City so that we will be able to proceed with our Master Plan when we get it written. The trees are really looking their age. We need to save the ones we can and plant new ones and it is important for us to act now. Mark is making this happen.

The General Membership Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 12, 5:30 p.m. at the First English Lutheran Church. Don't miss it. They are always interesting. I will be away on business that evening, but the meeting will be ably chaired by Steve Tomlinson, Vice President of NUNA.

## NEXT NUNA NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

*October 12, 2010, 5:30 to 7:00 P.M.*

*First English Lutheran Church*

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### AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval of August 2010 General Membership Meeting Minutes**
- 3. Guests:**
- 4. Reports**
  - ANC - Bill Bednar
  - CANPAC - Robert Morris
  - Historic District- Grooms, Alridge Place
  - Development Review- Steven Tomilson
  - Membership - Kimberly Renner
  - Newsletter- Judy Willcott
  - Parks - Mark Feist & Doug Plummer
  - Parking - Chris Dial & Doug Plummer
  - Treasurer - Jan Moyle
  - Quadrant Leader's Reports- Dick Holland, Mike Riley, Kimberly Renner, and Rick Iverson
- 4. Items Recommended for Action**
- 5. Old Business**
- 6. New Business**
- 7. Adjourn**

## NEW NUNA WEB SITE COMING SOON

We are very fortunate that Bob Atchinson and Rob Moshein live on Laurel Lane in our neighborhood. Bob is the

founder and owner of Pallasart Web Designs, a very well established design company and Rob works closely with him. The company has been designing web sites since 1995 for major companies like Martha Stewart and Universal Studios and smaller more local ones like Word of Mouth Catering and the Antique Rose Emporium. The web sites are very sophisticated with interactive parts and beautiful color graphics, winning the company many national awards for excellence.

Pallasart has hosted our web presence for several years, but we have had a web master separate from the company who posted the newsletter, updated the officers' lists and put notices up. Our web master moved away some time ago and so last month we asked Rob and Bob to help us out. They immediately came back saying that our technology was sadly out of date and even to post the newsletter would require hours of labor. They volunteered to create a new website for us using the most current technology which will be more attractive and much easier to use. They have even been out taking photos in the neighborhood to enhance the site.

The new NUNA web site has the capacity for multiple data bases. It contains all of the information which our present website has, but in a much easier to use format. It will have a list of the most useful phone numbers such as who to call for noise complaints or if someone takes your garbage can. We will be able to list our committees and their meeting times and places. In addition we could post minutes of the various meetings. There will be a discussion forum for questions (who knows a good handy man) and opinions (where do you stand on historic preservation). We will be able to keep all of the newsletters past and present on file within easy reach. We could develop a neighborhood directory with our names, phone numbers, addresses, email addresses. As with the old Yahoo account, we will have privacy with password protection for our users.

Bob and Rob moved to Austin in 1992. Bob came here with Apple Computer and he helped create the first internet travel booking system. He left Apple in 1995 to start Pallasart. Rob was an attorney in Los Angeles before coming to Austin, and upon arriving in Austin he decided to pursue his first love, wine. Rob's website is [www.austinwineguy.com](http://www.austinwineguy.com) and he is a consummate wine professional with an impressive resume. He consults with restaurants and wine merchants all over the country.

Both Rob and Bob love our neighborhood and they know a good bit of its history. They know who built their house and when and also the dates of the other houses on Laurel Lane. They told me that Aldridge Place was platted in 1911, and that Laurel Lane got its name because the Rather family did

not want their street to be a half, as in thirty-one and a half.

At this point the web site is finished, and we are starting to move all the information from the old site. We should be up and running soon. Look for details in the next NUNA News.

## WHEATSVILLE EXPANSION ENRICHES NUNA

by Steven Tomlinson

It's been almost a year since NUNA's neighborhood grocery store completed its multi-million dollar renovation. The shopping area has doubled, the windows facing Guadalupe Street have been recovered and there's lots more local, organic good stuff to enjoy.

Start with the deli: The meat selection has expanded to include fresh seafood, pork and lamb. Cheese now has a spacious island of its own. The salad bar stocks homemade soup and a rotating menu of hot entrees including curries, pasta, steamed and stir-fried vegetables and bread pudding. The store now opens at 7:30 A.M. when you can often find regulars queuing up for breakfast tacos. (The deli closes at 9:00 P.M. The store stays open until 11.)

The bulk selection is larger and more accessible. It's easier to browse the natural remedies. Produce from several local farms fills the front of the store.

The new store design points up Wheatsville Co-op's friendliness. As you enter, staffers greet you from their post

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at the hospitality desk. The people stocking shelves are quick to ask what you're looking for – and they know where to find it. It's probably impossible to walk through the store without someone engaging you in a conversation – and the weird thing is, you don't mind, even if you're busy, because you're talking with people who are genuinely interested and eager to help.

Wheatsville's owner-members funded the expansion by buying \$715,000 in interest-bearing "investor shares." The remainder was financed with a loan from the National Co-op Bank. Owing to the careful management of the project (the store never closed during construction), Wheatsville was able to continue impressive sales growth throughout the renovation – an extraordinary accomplishment. In celebration of its prosperity, Wheatsville recently abolished the non-member surcharge on groceries.

I serve on Wheatsville's Board of Directors and look forward to every meeting. Of course, customer-owned businesses can get a bit rowdy. Co-ops meld the best (and worst) of democracy and free enterprise. Our annual owner gathering (coming up on October 28) can feel like a political convention. But in a time when so many of us are looking for alternatives to corporate and state power, there's something deliciously promising about a structure where the shoppers are the shareholders.

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## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

*October 5 6-8 pm, Hemphill Park by the Bench*

On Tuesday October 5, 2010 neighborhoods throughout Austin are invited to join with thousands of communities nationwide for the 27th Annual National Night Out. Residents are asked to turn on their porch lights, lock their doors and spend the evening outside with their neighbors, police officers, firefighters and EMS paramedics.

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support and participation in crime efforts, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community relations and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Mark Feist, our Adams/Hemphill Park Chairman is making signs, ordering watermelons, talking to musicians and planning a really nice evening. This is an opportunity to meet your neighbors, talk with our neighborhood police officers, and commit to help law enforcement reduce crime in our community.

We hope to see you there on October 5 by the Bench in the Park.

## HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION AT FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN

*October 2*

Hazardous waste is present in nearly every household and most people are aware of the fact that such waste needs to be disposed of in ways that do not harm the environment. The City of Austin provides a facility for such disposal, but its location and limited open hours make it difficult for many people to use the facility.

The Task Force for the Environment of First English Lutheran Church is planning an event that will assist the congregation members and neighbors of First English to dispose properly of their household hazardous waste. On Saturday, October 2, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. people are invited to bring their hazardous waste to the church's parking lot, where pickup trucks will haul it safely to the city's facility. Items must be brought only between the hours of 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. on that day, since the congregation cannot store any hazardous materials. The Task Force will welcome volunteers to assist in loading the trucks. All who participate will be greeted with coffee and refreshments.

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outreach project by the congregation, we ask that items be limited to the following: batteries, oil, paint, and antifreeze only. No medical waste. All items must be labeled, and must be secure in their containers to avoid spillage.

Please note the date and time on your calendar. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at 452-0414, and/or merleginna@att.net.

*Merle Franke*

*Merle Franke is a resident of Hyde Park, a former Hyde Park Neighborhood Association President and former Pecan Press editor. He served for twenty years as Pastor of First English Lutheran Church.*

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Delivering newsletters not only helps the neighborhood but it's a wonderful way to get to know your neighbors and become better acquainted with the neighborhood.

For more information, contact Kathryn Kotrla and Robert Morris who have generously volunteered to handle delivery of the newsletter. They can be reached at [kjkotrla@gmail.com](mailto:kjkotrla@gmail.com).

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## AUSTIN HISTORICAL SURVEY PROJECT UPDATE

The Austin Historical Survey Project is an initiative at the University of Texas at Austin to design a participatory web tool to support the survey of historic resources throughout Austin. A beta version of the web tool will be tested in the North University Neighborhood over the coming year. The North University Neighborhood is a great test case for this project due to its concentration of historic resources, active local historic district organizing efforts, and dedicated residents seeking to raise awareness about the neighborhood's historic buildings and landscapes.

Michael Holleran, Director of the Graduate Program in Historic Preservation at the School of Architecture, Dr. Gary Geisler, Assistant Professor at the UT School of Information, and doctoral student Jenni Minner, attended the August neighborhood association meeting to talk about the project. They gave an overview of the project and shared images that illustrate key features of the web tool presently under development.

NUNA resident Robert Kaler has generously provided the

project team with scans of a historical survey that he and other volunteers completed in Grooms. These scans will be used in initial testing of the web tool. Through the Austin Historical Survey project, the Grooms survey and other historical survey efforts (past and future) will become information that is searchable and interactive.

For more information about the Austin Historical Survey go to: [http://soa.utexas.edu/hp/austin\\_survey/](http://soa.utexas.edu/hp/austin_survey/)

To get involved, provide feedback, or ask questions, contact Jenni Minner, project manager. E-mail: [minnerj@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:minnerj@mail.utexas.edu). Phone 512.906.5752.

## WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS!

For over 100 years the North University Neighborhood has been a thriving, densely populated community with people from all walks of life. We understand that every person contributes to our unique Central Austin community. Since so many of us live in such a small geographic area, we need to be mindful of each other's space and work together to be able to enjoy this great urban community.

Here are some important tips to maintain the character and quality of life of your community:

- For lease or maintenance issues that can't be resolved between a landlord and tenant, the Austin Tenants Council can help: <http://www.housing-rights.org/>.
- **LATE NIGHT NOISE:** Austin Police Department encourages residents to call 911 to report unreasonable noise between the hours of 10:30 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. Violations are a Class C Misdemeanor.
- **PARTIES:** A permit may be required for gatherings or parties attended by more than 50 people. See <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/pace/> for more details.
- **TRASH DAY** is Friday. Blue bins are for recyclables only and are collected every other Friday. Containers must be off the street by 10:00 P.M. the day of collection.
- **BULK TRASH** collection days are held twice a year at the end of the fall and spring semester. They collect bulk trash only on the street side of the property and not the alley. Watch your mail for specific details.
- **PARKING:** If you are in a Residential Parking Permit Area contact Chris Dial at 472-0173 to find out how to obtain permits. Front yard parking is not permitted in the North University Neighborhood.
- **PETS:** Pet waste should be picked up while walking your



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animal as a matter of courtesy and the law. Violations carry an \$86 fine.

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- **Owners who are planning to add on, build new, or change the use of their property are encouraged to meet with the North University Development Review Committee prior to permitting. Contact Steven Tomlinson for information at [steven@abporter.org](mailto:steven@abporter.org).**

- The NUNA website is under construction right now. It will carry news and information about the neighborhood with a discussion board for questions and shared information. Check with Judy Willcott, editor of NUNA News for more information at [nunanews@gmail.com](mailto:nunanews@gmail.com).

- NUNA welcomes renters and owners alike. Support your neighborhood association by becoming a member! Membership is \$10 per person. Make checks payable to NUNA c/o Jan Moyle, 200 West 32nd Street Austin, Texas 78705.

## LEE ELEMENTARY NEWS

Would you like to help nurture some homegrown leadership talent right here in NUNA? One simple way is to save “Box Tops 4 Education” coupons off your General Mills products. Your local elementary school, Robert E Lee Elementary, collects box tops to help fund leadership programs for the 5th Grade class. You can find these bright pink coupons on Chex cereals, Progresso soups, Land ‘o Lakes butter and cheeses and even Ziplock baggies. Box tops can be taken to Lee Elementary (3308 Hampton Drive) or you can drop them through the mail slot at 209 W 33rd. Personal pick up is also

an option if you call Carole LeClair at 479-6151.

The Lee Elementary PTA would like to invite kids of all ages to their Halloween Carnival which will be held Friday, October 29 from 6pm to 8pm. Games, prizes, pizza and a spooky haunted house are all part of the fun. Join us if you dare!

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## AUGUST MINUTES OF THE NUNA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

*First English Lutheran Church*

*August 17, 2010*

President Laurence Miller called the meeting to order.

The first item of business was the introduction of our new Austin Police Department District Representative, Officer William Harvey.

The next guests were representatives of the University of Texas College of Architecture Historical Survey Project, Jenni Minner and Michael Holleran. They described their new historical survey tool which will seek information from the residents of a neighborhood and preserve it in a database.

The first business item for discussion was a review of the negotiation between the neighborhood and the owners of Trudy's Restaurant relative to Trudy's parking lot at the corner of Hemphill Park and 30th Street. Basically, the neighborhood has registered its support of the property owner in their discussion with the City of Austin as to regulations for use of the lot. It was agreed that the earlier letter of support for the project as a whole would suffice in the current exchanges.

A report on the Austin Neighborhood Council was given by Bill Bednar. He expressed concern that the ongoing work on the Comprehensive Development Plan is not taking adequate account of the neighborhood plans specifically with the impact of increasing density and potential for additional outdoor music venues running counter to NUNA objectives.

The report on Historic District designations placed the Grooms project at about 91% complete and commended the new UT effort as especially timely. Aldridge Place residents appear to be divided on the conflict between historic preservation and the right of property owners. An

ad hoc committee to consider this issue was appointed with committee members Regan Gammon, Carol Journeyay, Eugene Sepulveda, Dick Holland, and chaired by Bill Bednar.

The Development Review report addressed three items. No action was taken on 408 E. 33rd. No issues were raised concerning 102 W. 33rd. Operating procedures for the committee were addressed.

The President thanked Rick Iverson for his service as the alternate representative to CANPAC and announced Bob Kaler's appointment as his successor. New Business was a reminder about the National Night Out in Hemphill Park, Tuesday, October 5, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted, Cindy Keever*



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## PLANNING MEETING FOR ADAMS/ HEMPHILL PARKS MASTER PLAN

When: September 28th, 2010

Where: First English Lutheran Church, Fellowship Hall

Time: 6:30 pm

The first planning meeting to develop a Master Plan for Adams and Hemphill Parks will be held on September 28 in the Fellowship Hall of the First English Lutheran Church at 6:30 p.m. The City of Austin Urban Forestry Department, the Parks Department, and the Austin Park Foundation have all agreed to meet with us about tree restoration and park planning.

If you missed the articles in past NUNA Newsletters, the City of Austin has agreed to provide the trees, labor, and water if we would cover the cost of the required irrigation. Unfortunately, the Parks Department does not have the funds available for installing irrigation, so we will be responsible for the cost of installation. There are a couple of matching grant programs which we could apply for in the coming year to help with this expense.

The Urban Forestry Department has recommended planting plans with satellite images. They have also completed a GPS survey locating all of the water meters to tap for irrigation. We have a little over a year to make a Master Plan and apply for matching grant funds that will be available next year. Tree plantings are done in the fall so I hope we will have a comprehensive plan to start improvements by December, 2011. Creating a Master Plan is the first step. This will guide us in our decisions both in the present and the future. We definitely will need to work with a professional landscape architect. Please let me know if you have some recommendations. With a Master Plan in place we can prioritize the improvements and prepare for future grant applications.

This is our opportunity to come together and discuss how we want our parks to look in the future. One idea I have would be to design a path that connects the two parks, creating a natural flow between the two with a marked crossing at 30th Street.

Please join us to create a park that not only we will enjoy, but also generations to come.

*Mark W. Feist*

## REPORT ON THE GROOMS LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT APPLICATION

The Grooms Local Historic District Application is about 91% complete. The committee is in the process of reviewing

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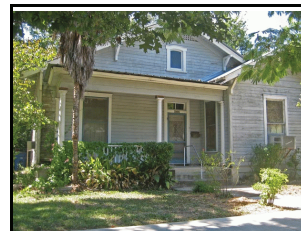
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the design guide lines and waiting to get an appointment with the City Preservation Officer.

### A NOTE ABOUT PARKING

Residential Parking 2011 renewal will begin the first of December via e-mail. Information will be posted on the NUNA web site and emails will be sent out to residents who completed the email form on their 2010 renewals. For more information, please contact Chris Dial at [Chrisdial202@gmail.com](mailto:Chrisdial202@gmail.com).

### HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION SUPPORTS THE HYDE PARK LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT.

On August 23, the Historic Landmark Commission voted unanimously to support the Hyde Park Local Historic District. The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. but the public hearing did not start until around 9:30 p.m. Several Hyde Park residents spoke in support of the Local Historic District and there was opposition present as well. Some wanted blocks removed from the proposed district because of low owner support on those particular blocks. Those blocks were included within the District's boundaries because of their high percentage of contributing structures. The Commissioners agreed that boundaries are not drawn based on owner support but based on historic and architectural considerations. Owner support is accumulated over the entire district. The next steps for Hyde Park are the proposed hearings before the Planning Commission and the City Council.

*From The Pecan Press by Lorrie Weidlich, Chair of the Hyde Park Local Historic Distric*

### REMODELING ORDINANCE CHANGES

The City Council passed a Residential Remodel Ordinance in June that defines "remodel" versus "addition" versus "new construction." In the past neighbors have been upset when a residential "remodeling" project allowed for the near total demolition of a house that was then replaced by a much larger new one. There were no clear guidelines for staff or the homeowner/developer. Now there are. Restoring (or adding onto) older homes is "greener" than demolishing and rebuilding new structures.

### NUNA NEWS HAS A NEW LOOK

When Maria Orozova, one of our own who lives in

Buddington, offered to help us with the newsletter, we said yes immediately. Maria is the President and Creative Director of The Mod Studio, a design and marketing firm with amazing skills and a long list of awards. I am very grateful to Maria and her graphic designer, Ashley Horsley, for their wonderful work.

So if you see Maria in the park walking her dog, I hope you will tell her thank you for our beautiful new look.

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