



## Co-President's Note

*By Babs Davis, NUNA Co-President*

**W**elcome to springtime in Austin, with the accompanying rise in our spirits from the warm sunny weather and the blooming plants everywhere! This year we are all watching to see which of our frozen back plants will make a comeback on their own! And, maybe we are going to enjoy relief from Covid restrictions, accompanied by lowered health risk for us and for our world community.

Within NUNA, we are at an inflection point that occurs every year with the annual election of NUNA officers. The reason I raise this issue is to allow me to thank the members of our NUNA community for electing me to serve this unique center city neighborhood in the role of Co-president of our NUNA neighborhood association. It has been a simply marvelous privilege for me. I have met countless neighbors whom I did not know before as well as getting to know longtime neighbors so much better. I am deeply humbled by the time and talents poured into this neighborhood by people who work to meet our community needs at all levels. From interfacing with City of Austin political issues, working at It's My Park Day, to considering the most judicious way to accommodate the growth in our city while retaining our unique neighborhood character, talented neighbors put in many hours of

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thoughtful and careful work. These people include both our neighborhood association members and the countless "free-lance" neighbors who contribute to this community's needs in myriad ways. Thanks all of you for the gift you have given to my spirit. Although I will not be serving as president of NUNA, I will continue looking for ways to serve our community!

## Our Afghan Neighbors: April Update

*By Pamela Bell*

Our Afghan families are making lots of progress! Both families now have a case manager, and have received another round of immunizations, including COVID boosters. And both fathers passed the driving test and have licenses, and have jobs! Woo-hoo!

In our last issue, both families were supposed to find housing by the end of March. However, Refugee Services of Texas extended their housing benefits until May 19th. This is great news, as it allows the children to almost finish the school term without interruption. Now that the fathers have jobs, we can help them apply for housing assistance from a nonprofit, Foundation Communities.

Jan Moyle has been working with Nagina, the eldest daughter in the Mohammadi family. Jan and Jim purchased a Chromebook for Nagina to use in her English as a Second Language class at ACC, and helped her enroll in the class. Given that Jan and Pam Bell were clueless about using a Chromebook, they secured special instruction from Gabriel Morris, Pam's grandson (see photo). The classes began on March 21. Despite difficulties getting into the ACC Blackboard for the class, Jan and Nagina persevered. Thank you, Jan, for your dedication! I should also thank Patsy Tankersley for working with Nagina on writing and English vocabulary. And another shout out goes to the teachers at McCallum HS. They have gone the extra mile, finding tutors for Rishma, and giving her extra instruction in English. They are truly generous.

Sweet little Leema Mohammadi is growing and growing! The biggest news for her is that her Texas birth certificate arrived, making her an official Texan and American too. Nadia, Leema's mother, says she is sure that Leema will learn English and Pashto! I have learned only a few random words, and over time I get them mixed up, to everyone's enjoyment.

Habibullah's family is about to grow even bigger: Wife Fawzea is pregnant with twins, a boy and a girl. Her due date is June 29th, but the babies may be delivered early. A new group, Salam Neighbors, is helping the family with transportation to appointments and applications, etc. The folks are really nice, and they are on a steep learning curve like we were months ago: John and Marty Henderson, Dick and Alison Ryan,

## GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

APRIL 4, 2022 6:30PM

Welcome

Vote on 2022-23 NUNA Officers

Project Connect

Treasurer Report

Afghan Refugee report

Secretary-Minutes

Quadrant Leader reports

Adjourn

Bob and Kathy Lindauer, and Ronnie and Barbara Laudeneimer. They are all wonderful people and are working hard to meet the family's needs.

Finally, Fazlullah's attorney is submitting his application for the Special Immigrant Visa (SIV). She will also work with Habibullah and his nephew. They are so lucky they have such a knowledgeable person.



# Residential Parking

*By Pamela Bell*

Several neighbors have reported students who are using RPP hangtags to park in the neighborhood while they go to class. I questioned a fellow who was habitually parking in our 24/7 RPP zone. He stated he lived in apartments on Speedway that are not participants in RPP. I took pictures of his tag, the license plate, and the car and sent the information to the RPP administrator. I never received an answer. Meredith Domino has also tried sending a letter to the RPP about students parking along Walling Drive, but she too received no reply. For those of you who do not know, the City of Austin RPP was begun in response to NUNA's request for relief from the students' cars that lined both sides of our streets. They created a safety hazard; on separate occasions both of my children were hit by cars that did not stop. Thankfully their injuries were minor.

This year the RPP increased the number of permits to 6 per household without any input from affected neighborhoods. With City staff approving developments without sufficient parking, the increase provides a way around the requirement.

Recently I sent a letter to request that the number of tags in our area be reduced back to the original four. This time I included Kathie Tovo and got this "mansplaining" reply from Jacob Culberson, Division Manager, Mobility Services Division ([jacob.culberson@austintexas.gov](mailto:jacob.culberson@austintexas.gov)):

"Residents must provide adequate proof of their residency before they may purchase any RPP permits and have the option to purchase up to two visitor hangtags for their visitors to park in their zone at their discretion. Specific to your comments on students parking in your area and walking to school, please note that purchase of RPP permits is restricted to residents only. The sale or distribution of any RPP

permits or passes is prohibited and such permits are subject to revocation and confiscation if found in violation. RPP zones are patrolled by our Parking Enforcement staff daily. If you believe a vehicle may be in violation of RPP or other parking ordinances, you may report those violations by calling Austin 3-1-1.

In regard to the total number of residential parking permits allowed per residence, on October 1, 2020 a change was made from 4 to 6 due to requests from various RPP areas within the city. Please note, however, that the maximum of two visitor hangtags has remained unchanged. Mueller Area RPP remains at a maximum of two total due to a preexisting contractual agreement and the availability of adequate alternative parking in that area, such as in the parking garages."

Obviously, he did not address our request to reduce the number of permits to four. By the way, turning in RPP abusers to 3-1-1 does not work; staff only ticket cars parking in an RPP zone without the requisite tags. We will continue to pursue this problem.

## News Carriers Needed

*By Babs Davis*

You've all probably received copies of the NUNA News on your doorsteps. Those copies just don't fall from the skies. Some of your neighbors volunteer to distribute the News once every two months. It's a needed and much appreciated task that only takes about an hour to complete.

NUNA needs volunteers to help with distribution of the News. If you're willing to devote 1 hour every other month to support your neighborhood, please contact Janet Beinke at [jcbeinke@gmail.com](mailto:jcbeinke@gmail.com). Thank you for caring about NUNA!

# Dogs of NUNA

*By Otis Rosse*

Hi, I'm Otis. The Rosses adopted me as their third child back in the summer of '16. The air was warm, COVID wasn't a part of our lexicon, and life was great.

I have a brown and white curly merle coat, which is a fancy way of saying I look like a dirty mop.

When I'm happy, my tail looks like a Cinnabon, when I'm stressed it goes between my legs and looks like a rat's. I love it here in Aldridge Place. I

have a lot more room to run around in my backyard here than I did in my previous house in Hyde Park. I am great around people unless you are driving one of those loud trucks and dropping boxes all over the place.

I am stoic around most other dogs. I love my older siblings, Henry aka Hank (9, 4th grade at Lee) and Lulu (7, 1st grade at Lee).

My parents Lauren and Jacob are pretty great too. During the day you can find me watching out of my upstairs window, if my Mom or Dad aren't walking me around Hemphill Park.

I love being off leash with other playful dogs either at Adams Park or Shoal Creek. See you around, neighbor!

- Otis Thorpe Ross aka O.T. aka Otie



# NUNA

## 2022 MEMBERSHIP DUES

2022 has arrived and it's time to renew your membership or become a new member of NUNA. Membership is yearly and based on the calendar year. It's a good time to become a contributing and voting member of NUNA. We have many important neighborhood issues and by being a voting member, your voice will be heard.

Use the form in this newsletter, but if you don't have it, please include your name, email, street address and phone number when you send your check. NUNA is a big area, and we like to know that all parts of the neighborhood are represented.

Some people have paid for 2022.

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# Scene and Heard

April 2022

## Rock the Park returns

As of print time, the City of Austin COVID-19 regulations was in Stage 2 and had paved the way for the continued return of live events. We were pleased to attend the season's first Music in the Park in Mueller and sponsored by KUTX. The kid-friendly show was well attended and featured two musical groups, The Tiaras and Andrew Cashen. Upcoming dates for Rock the Park at the Mueller Lake Park amphitheatre are April 8, May 13, and June 3.



## New cafe and retail in NUNA

As we await the next steps following the heartbreaking closures of Spiderhouse Cafe (the Ballroom remains open and hosts live events) and Texas French Bread (destroyed by a recent fire), we did notice on a recent dog walk that The Drag has some new businesses. Next to Flamingo Vintage is a new cafe, Pacha Cafe. Sound familiar? Pacha moved its Burnet Road location to Guadalupe. Pacha is 90% organic and serves food, including breakfast during all business hours.

Also, after downsizing to service only, the Trek bike shop on Guadalupe is now officially gone and another vintage shop has replaced part of the space, RagzRevenge.

Want to review a new or existing restaurant? Email the editor at [nunanews@gmail.com](mailto:nunanews@gmail.com)

## PRIMARY ELECTION

For voting information  
(registration, vote by mail, etc) see

[VoteTexas.Gov](http://VoteTexas.Gov)

Local Election – May 7

Primary Runoff - May 24



## Moody Center - Irwin Center

Say goodbye to The Drum. The Irwin Center, opened in 1977, is officially closing following the April 2nd Harlem Globetrotters event. It will make way for the Moody Center (Not to be confused with the Moody Amphitheatre, or the Moody Theatre at ACL Live), which is wrapping up construction and is scheduled to host its first show, John Mayer, on April 21. Additional upcoming shows at the new facility include The Eagles, Jack White and Justin Bieber.

## Scooters are back

Another sign of things returning to normal? With the clocks springing forward and the weather getting warmer, more and more scooters are showing up around the neighborhood. We kindly ask you that if you use these scooter-share services to always be mindful of those with mobility issues and to make sure you park them off to the side of sidewalks to allow plenty of right-of-way for wheelchairs and strollers.



# **NUNA Election**

*By Regan Gammon*

Regan Gammon chaired the nominating committee (Laurence Miller, Rick Iverson, John Davis, Janet Beinke, and Linda Roark) to identify a slate of officers for the upcoming year; others can be proposed from the floor at the General Meeting on April 4, 2022. Current members will vote at the meeting.

## **Proposed Officers for 2022-2023:**

**President: Lynn Marshall**

**Vice President: Mike Marcom**

**Secretary: Diane Presti**

**Treasurer: Jan Moyle**

## **Quadrant Leaders:**

NW: Randy Thompson

NE: Mary Ingle

SW: Sam Elkin

SE: Meredith Domino

(Editor's Note: A big thank you to our out-going officers: Co-President Babs Davis, SE Quadrant Leader Dick Holland, and SW Quadrant Leader Jim Creswell. Your thoughtful leadership is deeply appreciated).





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About the Newsletter: The North University Neighborhood Association (NUNA) News is published 6 times a year, February-March, April-May, June-July, August-September, October-November and December-January. We print and distribute 1000 copies to homes, businesses, coops and non-profit agencies in our neighborhood. The newsletter also appears online at [nunaustin.org](http://nunaustin.org). The content of the newsletter is all about our neighborhood and we like to include stories about our supporters and advertisers.

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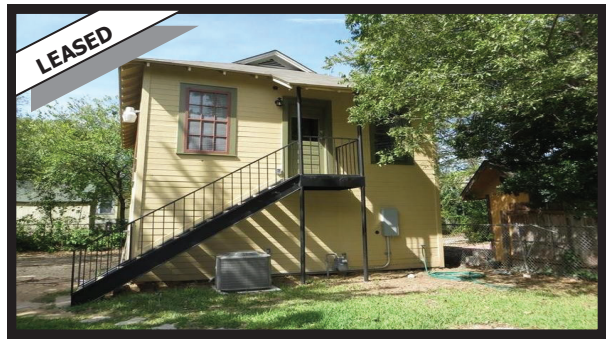
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