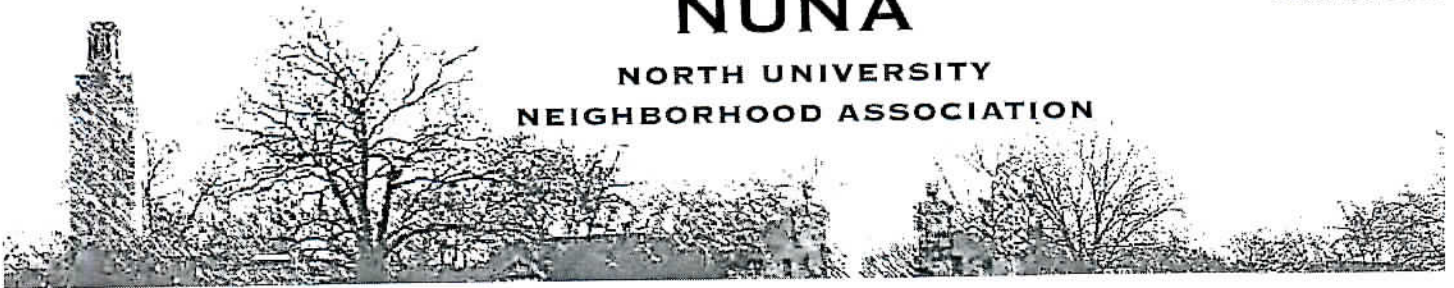


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NORTH UNIVERSITY
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



President's Note

By Lynn Marshall, NUNA President

The end of the year is a good time to do some house-keeping and give an update on some things that are in the works. Here goes.

The proposed bylaws revisions are under review by a longtime NUNA member who is also an attorney. As set forth in the current bylaws, all proposed revisions are voted on at a general membership meeting after having been posted in advance for consideration by the membership. The plan has been to post these on the website for review and then vote on several of the more straightforward proposed changes at the December meeting, and then work through the more complicated ones. However, as you may have seen, the NUNA website is currently offline. Instead, to get some of the most basic revisions out to everyone and get the process underway, the wording of the first round will be emailed to each member for review. Those can be discussed and voted on at the December general meeting. This first round will be things like conforming the dues amounts (\$15/individual annually or \$25/couple) to what is stated in the current bylaws (\$10/individual).

As mentioned, the NUNA website is offline. It has been hosted locally, but it has come under repeated attack by bots and this is causing problems for Pallas, our generous longtime local host. At their recommendation, we have taken a hosting plan with HostGator. At some point, the website will be migrated to that platform, and at that point it will be possible to pay dues online, but for now, that will be done in the traditional manner— checks and cash.

It is also time for the Nominating Committee to be formed for 2023–2024. As per the bylaws, the formation of the Nominating Committee is initiated at the December meeting, and it is composed of NUNA members in good standing (dues paid!). The Nominating Committee identifies potential candidates for each office, determines if the candidates are members in

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It's Time to Pay Our Dues

Yes, it is dues-paying time, NUNA members and potential NUNA members!

The calendar is about to roll over to a new year and that's when our 2023 NUNA dues come due.

Membership in NUNA (North University Neighborhood Association) runs from January 1 through December 31.

There's more information on page 2 at "Join NUNA."

good standing and eligible to serve, contacts each person to ask if they are willing to serve and understand the requirements and responsibilities of the office, and presents the slate at the February general meeting.

It is hard to believe that 2023 is just around the corner. The last membership meeting of 2022 is Monday, Dec. 5, 6:30 p.m. at Sparky Park. If we don't see you there, have a wonderful holiday season.

AGENDA

NUNA GENERAL MEETING

Monday, December 5, 2022

6:30 p.m.

Sparky Park

Call to order
Bylaws revision (part 1)
Nominating Committee formation
A possible program
A possible send-off for the Buttreys, who leave NUNA
for Westminster Manor
Various updates
Adjourn

MINUTES

NUNA GENERAL MEETING

Approval of the minutes of the October meeting were tabled at the November Executive Committee meeting pending clarification of a discussion topic. The October minutes will be published in a later newsletter.

NUNA GENERAL MEETINGS

NUNA general meetings are held the first Monday of even-numbered months at Sparky Park (unless otherwise announced) at 6:30 p.m. Watch for the white NUNA signs that go out a week before the meetings and check NUNA's website at northuniversity.org for more information.



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Past President	Babs Davis
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SW Quadrant Leader	Sam Elkins

CANPAC Representatives

Mary Ingle

ANC Representative

Lynn Marshall
Babs Davis

JOIN NUNA

NUNA is a clearinghouse for information about what's happening in the neighborhood. And it's a great way to get to know your neighbors and contribute to your neighborhood.

NUNA meetings are held the first Monday of even-numbered months. Watch for the white yard signs that go out the week before the meetings or check northuniversity.org for information.

Membership in NUNA is open to all residents 18 years old or older residing within the boundaries of North University Neighborhood, which is bounded by 38th St., W. 27th St., Duval, and Guadalupe.

Your dues benefit the neighborhood, paying for neighborhood events, presentation materials, mulch for the parks, signs, and such.

Dues cover a calendar year (January–December) and are not prorated. Members may vote 30 days after paying their dues. Not sure if your NUNA membership is current? You can check that with Jan Moyle at moylejan@gmail.com.

Fill out the form below, make your check to NUNA, and mail it to Jan Moyle, 200 W. 32nd St., Austin, TX 78705. Or visit our website at northuniversity.org and pay online.

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IT'S MY PARK DAY!

by Janet Beinke

On November 5th, the first It's My Park's Day was held since Spring 2020 and Covid. The trees in Adams-Hemphill Park felt the love after suffering through the extremes: cold, heat, and drought. The park is a favorite of folks from throughout our community, but is especially beloved by dog walkers, joggers, and those who walk or bike as a transportation mode.

It's My Park Day is always a great place to meet neighbors and others who love the park. This event started with coffee donated by Starbucks, tacos, donuts, mandarins, and, of course, conversation. Whether it's new faces or old (I was thinking years of residence in Austin, but it could apply to age too), catching up or meeting for the first time, we're fortunate to have friendly and interesting folks to chat with. Once sufficiently fueled and awake, the actual work commences.

After a much-needed rain and cool front on Friday night, Saturday morning broke cool and bright. About 55 mostly new neighbors and student volunteers agreed that the weather was ideal for the strenuous work of hauling mulch from four large piles and spreading it under the trees.

The more than 80 young trees planted in October 2015 with the help of TreeFolks, city staff, and lots of neighbors especially needed mulch. Their roots are not as deep as those of the mature trees. For the first three years, city workers regularly watered them to ensure their survival. Since 2019, the trees have been on their own. That's why the mulch is so necessary. It not only nourishes the roots, but it also shades them from the relentless summer sun. Thankfully the majority of the trees planted in 2015 are still thriving.

But our mature trees can't be neglected. The park would not be as pleasant without their spreading branches offering oxygen and respite from the sun. Visually too the pecans provide a soothing green color for the eyes. Later in November the park will be busy with families collecting the tasty nuts for salads, vegetables, pies, and cakes. That is if the squirrels don't get to them first.

Given the neglect the trees experienced during Covid, we're hoping that the Spring 2023 It's My Park Day will help make up for lack of care during the pandemic. This is an early pitch for joining in the essential, but fun, work of helping maintain our park. Look for the signs and meet us at 32nd and Hemphill under the biggest pecan tree on what should be the first Saturday in March 2023.

Some volunteers braved the potential hazards and creatures that lurk in the creek, which is formally known as the Hemphill Branch or West Branch of Waller Creek. Plastic bags and bottles are common eyesores. They wash down the creek from the Central Market area and points north and snag on the brush growing on the banks. Many, many bags of trash were removed. But cleaning the creek is a big and continual job. If anyone feels inclined, the creek bed near the building formerly known as Trudy's and the Adams Park hillside especially would benefit from some attention.

A well-deserved thanks goes to the steadfast volunteers who shepherd this event, coordinating with the Austin Parks Foundation event organizers to acquire volunteers, tools and mulch. There are usually signs announcing the event

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Mike Marcom (l) keeps the mulch moving



UT Theta Tau Psi Beta Engineers turned out to haul mulch



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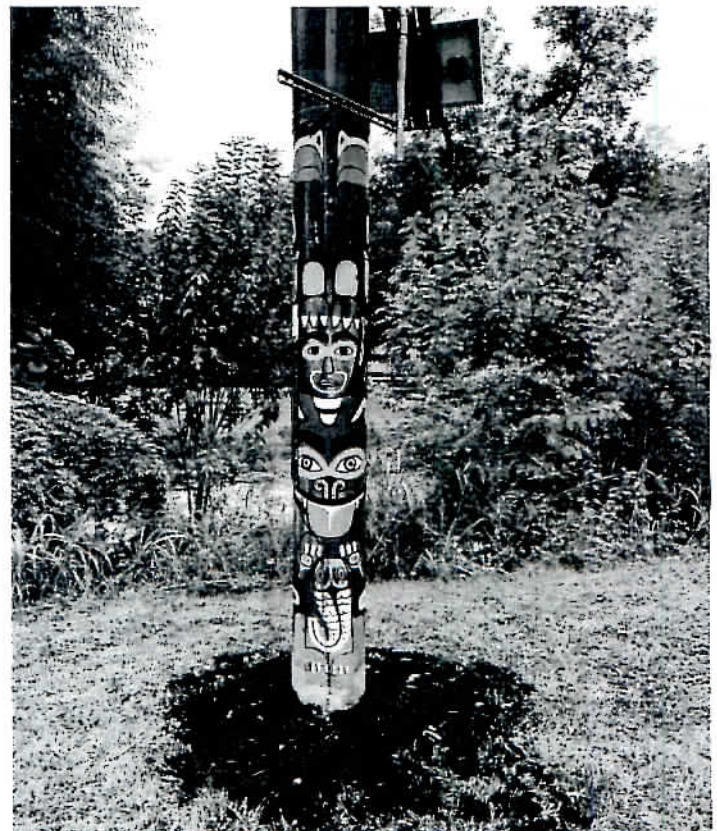


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throughout the neighborhood days or weeks in advance enticing volunteers to a website to sign up. Many student and other civic organizations request that members volunteer for community service and the website keeps track of that for them. Many thanks to Austin Parks Foundation, Starbucks, student and civic organizations, local businesses supporting It's My Park Day and specially to all those workers who came and helped preserve our Park. We hope to see you again in the near future enjoying your Park. A BIG THANK YOU goes to Mike Marcom, VP of NUNA, who is the master organizer.

Speaking of saying thanks to local businesses, not only should we thank Starbucks for the coffee to start the day right, but we should not forget those that had promotions for volunteer participants to enjoy later in the day...from price reductions at Blue Oil Brewing and Revival Coffee to free drinks at Central Machine Works, Fritch Coffee Vacancy Brewing, Cosmic Coffee, and Lazarus Brewing.

Here's one last note... Jerry Buttrey, who has lived in Aldridge Place/NUNA with his wife Barbara since 1965, used the occasion of It's My Park Day to pull what might be his last prank in NUNA. Jerry showed his quirky sense of humor by mulching Hemphill Park's totem pole. Jerry and Barbara are moving to Westminster Manor. They will both be missed for their work on behalf of NUNA and their entertaining personalities.



Jerry Buttrey's mulching of the Totem Pole

NUNA COOKS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

'Tis the season... and what to do next

by Mary Ingle

Do you dread this time of year because you run out of gift ideas for friends and family? As a bread baker for many decades, “dough” is a favorite item of mine to relieve my stress during the holidays. If you are looking for a unique gift idea, here are two suggestions: homemade English Muffins and a timeless book with fabulous bread items, *Tartine, A Classic Revisited* (2019). Both will delight even the toughest-to-satisfy Scrooge. *Tartine* delivers a magnificent and simple way to make English muffins that are tender and easy. Besides, have you ever made English muffins yourself?

Last weekend, I found myself having an English muffin festival. It was a cool day, and the thought of something with a delicate texture toasted and smothered with a bit of butter and apricot preserves was lingering in my mind. So to work I went. Simple ingredients of water, flour, and yeast are combined to form a “poolish” (the poolish serves as the leavening agent). After the poolish has been allowed to rest for a period of fermentation, it is added to more simple ingredients, including salt and olive oil (for that great texture), and left to rise in a warm place. After a couple of rises, the sticky dough is rolled out on a floured surface and cut into rounds with a wide mouth jar, or anything appropriately sized. The doughy rounds are placed on a baking sheet that has been coated with cornmeal or fine grits.

Now for the surprise – the cornmeal-coated muffin are browned in a bit of butter in a hot cast-iron pan on the stove top. This is similar to making Johnny Cakes, a New England favorite that is a pancake of finely ground corn fried to perfection on the stove top – like the English Muffins. Let the English muffins cool on a rack, split them open, and toast to satisfaction. These homemade English muffins make a perfect gift during the holidays, and they are the kind of gift one doesn’t receive every day.

The book *Tartine* is another great gift idea. *Tartine* is a very successful French-style bakery in San Francisco that has been making extraordinary eats such as brioche bread pudding served with fresh seasonal fruit and berries, croissants to rival the French(!), and tasty breads since 2002. These English muffins and this book will not disappoint any lucky recipient. Happy Holidays!



Save Money with Wastewater Averaging

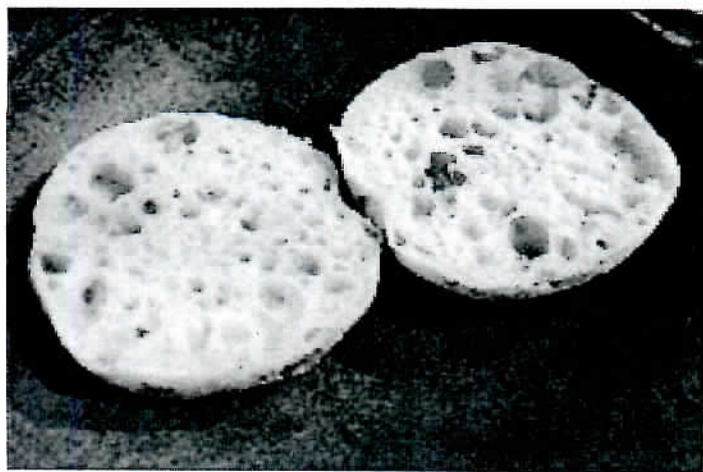
by Jan Moyle

The City of Austin uses three months of clean water consumption during the late fall and winter to determine the average monthly rate for wastewater usage. By conserving water during these three months, your wastewater rate will be reduced for the coming year.

The start of the averaging period (period of conservation) varies depending on your address, as early as November 14 or as late as December 12. You can find the date for your home by locating the Bill Cycle on the upper left corner of your utility bill. My bill cycle begins December 5.

There is more information, including a short video of how the averaging works, at: <https://www.austintexas.gov/department/wastewater-averaging>

In addition to saving money, we are still in a drought and restricted to one day per week for automatic irrigation. Be sure your system is not set for a weekend day. You can find the specific restrictions and your watering day at: <https://www.austintexas.gov/department/find-your-watering-day>.



Check out these yummy holes!

HAIR ON FIRE!

What's up with...

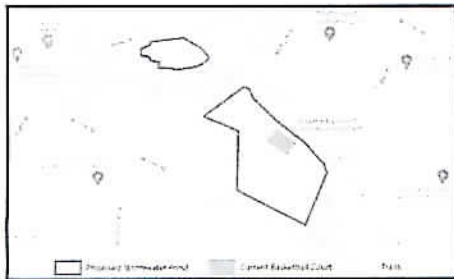
Inquiring minds of NUNA want to know

ADAMS PARK DETENTION PONDS?

The City recently mailed a notification to Aldridge Place addresses reading "Meet Us at the Park." The notice references "improvements" to Adams Park. These "improvements" actually mean that large stormwater ponds may be built in the park. The mailing does not discuss the proposed closure of East and West Drives near Trudy's.

The City says "The Guadalupe St. Flood Risk Reduction project cannot proceed without the proposed stormwater ponds to prevent worsening flood risk downstream." The drawing of Adams Park shows that the detention ponds would take up the majority of the park space.

There will be a meeting with City staff on Saturday, December 3rd, from 10 to noon in Adams Park. For more on a survey about this, see Mary Ingle's article *Adams/Hemphill Park Survey — Important for Our Neighborhood* on page 7.



CLOSING EAST AND WEST DRIVES?

Of equal importance to our neighborhood, the City plans to close the streets by Trudy's — East and West Drives — to make up for the almost total loss of Adams Park to a second detention pond. If you would be interested in serving on a neighborhood advisory committee to help Councilmember Tovo's office gather feedback, email staff mem-

ber Vickie.Pugh@austintexas.gov with your name, contact, information, and some about your connection to the park.

COMPATABILITY STANDARDS AXED?

There's a move by the City Council to remove or severely disable the compatibility standards. Those are what keeps very tall multi-story buildings from

being built next door to your house. Watch this space for updates. There are things in the works that could get very impactful.

HIGH SPEED BUSES ON SPEEDWAY?

Whaaaa? High speed buses on Speedway? Doesn't that make Speedway some kind of corridor? We need to explore what's going on with that.

THE HOLIDAYS ARE QUICKLY APPROACHING!

THIS MEANS TWO THINGS:

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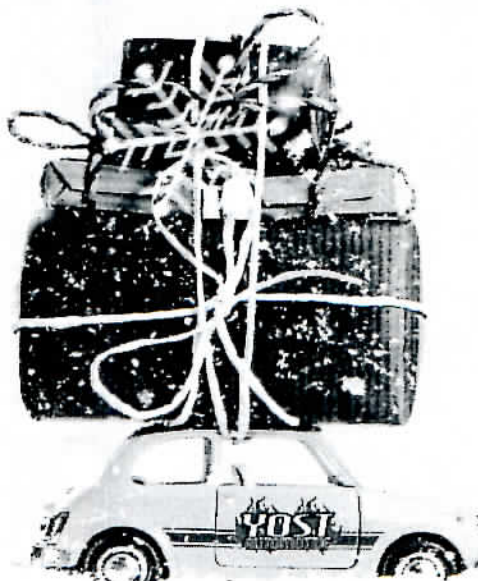
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PARK SURVEY

IMPORTANT FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

by Mary Ingle

Large detention ponds and possible street closures are in the works for Adams/Hemphill Park. It is important for our neighborhood to participate in opportunities for feedback, even though most of us did not receive a notification from the City.

The City of Austin is conducting a survey about improvements to Adams/Hemphill Park with a concept plan. There are four ways to participate in this survey:

- In person at a meeting with City staff on Saturday, December 3, from 10 am to 12 pm in the park (rain date December 10)
- Online at AustinTexas.gov/GuadalupeDrainage (deadline 12/15),
- Text Hemphill to 73224 (deadline 12/15),
- Fill out a paper copy at the Yarborough Branch Library, 2200 Hancock Dr. (deadline 12/15).

The plan includes the proposal of installing two very large detention ponds in both Adams and Hemphill Park, but an item of major concern is the proposed closure of East and

West drives, which many of us use to for connectivity to Guadalupe and beyond. This is on the survey for input. Unfortunately, this idea of street closures is not new — it seems to resurface every 15- 20 years. According to staff, this is not in the design phase, which means that it is not going before City Council for a vote anytime soon.

Questions may be posted to David Hernandez3@austintexas.gov or 512-974-3014, the project manager. Hang Thai, the project sponsor, can be reached at 512-974-932 and hahn.pugh@austintexas.gov.

After contacting our District 9 Councilmember Kathie Tovo, a suggestion was made by her staff that interested residents interested could be included in a neighborhood advisory committee to help gather and interpret feedback. Vickie Pugh in Councilmember Tovo's office is heading up this effort. If you are interested in participating in the neighborhood advisory committee contact her at vickie.pugh@austintexas.gov.

Please make your voice heard by participating in this survey.



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