

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

by NACA

June 15, 2017 NACA Meeting

Please join us at our meeting on Thursday June 15, 2017 at 7:00PM at the North Austin Community Center/YMCA, 1000 W. Rundberg.

The North Austin Community Garden, located at the Rundberg YMCA, will have a grand opening garden party to celebrate the completion of their recent expansion at 6:30PM – just before the meeting starts. Refreshments will be provided. Bring your family!

APD Reg. Cdr. Todd Smith will be joining the meeting in June. We are scheduling him for a good amount of time; please bring your questions!

The Texas Municipal League will provide a legislative update in regard to bills that likely affect our community. If you have time, learn more about the updates that they provide on their website: https://www.tml.org/legis_updates.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting. Remember, we do not have a meeting or newsletter for the month of July. It's our summer break!

15 de Junio de 2017 Reunión del NACA

Por favor, acompáñenos a la próxima reunión el 15 de junio a las 7:00 PM en North Austin Community Center/YMCA, 1000 W. Rundberg.

El Jardín Comunitario del Norte de Austin, ubicado en el YMCA de Rundberg, tendrá una fiesta de gran abertura para celebrar la finalización de su reciente expansión a las 6:30 PM - justo antes de que comience la reunión. Se ofrecerán aperitivos. ¡Traiga a su familia!

El Comandante de la Región de la Policía de Austin, Todd Smith, nos acompañara en la reunión en junio. ¡Lo estamos programando con bastante tiempo de anticipo; por favor traiga sus preguntas!

La Liga Municipal de Texas (Texas Municipal League) proporcionará un informe legislativo con respecto a leyes que probablemente afectaran a nuestra comunidad. Si tiene tiempo, puede leer más sobre las actualizaciones que ofrecen en su sitio web: https://www.tml.org/legis_updates.

Esperamos verle en la próxima reunión. Recuerde, no tenemos una reunión o boletín para el mes de julio. ¡Es nuestro descanso de verano!

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NEXT MEETING

Date 06/15
Time 7:00 pm
Place....N. Austin Community Center
(YMCA) on 1000 W. Rundberg

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NXNA Garden & Art Tour Success

By Caro Dubois

The 2017 NXNA Garden and Art Tour on May 13th was a great success. There were 16 gardens and 14 artists on the tour. I didn't get to all of them, but I made it to 9 of them! There were 2 school gardens - one at Barrington Elementary and one at the NYOS School on Kramer Lane. The students at both schools are learning about plants and gardening and having a good time. Most of the garden stops had plants for sale, and of course I couldn't help it - I bought more plant friends. The Community Garden at the YMCA had many visitors and was providing gardening education.

Nancy Hall's fanciful garden of fairies and gnomes (and several plants I had never seen before) and stone sculptures also has a koi pond, and Rachel Sellars displaying her lovely art. NACA's own Dawn Johnson displayed her native and xeriscape gardens as well as Lisa Bussett's paintings, note cards and magnets. Mary Kraemer is an herb, vegetable and flower gardener; she also teaches flower art and displayed her flower mandala meditation cards. EJ Brown is also a gardener and artist (and the driving force of nature that organized this year's tour) and her yard and sculptures were eye-opening! Patrick Slattery's garden and artworks were also a highlight in the Gracywoods neighborhood. So was Carole Goltze's garden and art; Tony Faia's art was also on display here. Susanne Harm's "Harmony Gardens" was a favorite on the tour - gardens, chickens, art, koi pond and Stephanie Frogg's ceramic charms, potted plants and garden labels.

All in all, it was a wonderful day to see gardens, get gardening information and new plants, visit with artists and see their work, buy something for moms on the day before Mother's Day. One of the many goals of the tour was to raise awareness and support for the new Labyrinth Community Garden at Parkfield and Braker Lane. Lotsa love all around!

Budget season approaching: your feedback is requested!

By Greg Casar

The City of Austin Budget Office is seeking resident input and feedback on city services and your budget priorities to be used in the budget development process. To have your voice heard, you can complete the online Austin Budget Simulator tool. We hope you enjoy the Austin Budget Simulator and will share the activity with your friends! You can fill it out online at atx.budgetsimulator.com.

The Austin Budget Simulator will be available until July 15, 2017. Results from the exercise will be compiled and presented to City Council, and the FY 2017-18 Public Engagement Report will be available to the public in August 2017. If you have additional questions you can call the City Budget Office at 512-974-1380.

We are facing a tighter budget year than usual. As we dig in to budget discussions, I'll be focused on keeping the City of Austin's equity initiatives on track to increase affordability and fight economic segregation in Austin.

Austin joins Texas cities and counties in opposing SB 4

At the end of May, in a 10-1 vote, the Austin City Council voted to challenge Senate Bill 4 in court for violating the United States Constitution. The City of Austin joins the town of El Cenizo, El Paso County, and the City of El Paso in challenging the law—by the time you read this, other cities might have also joined in fighting the law. San Antonio and Dallas are scheduled to discuss taking similar action in the coming weeks.

I've strongly opposed Senate Bill 4 because it endangers our public safety and our economy by forcing local governments to put discriminatory anti-immigrant policies in place that are against their best judgement. The bill essentially requires



GROW WITH US!

Grand Opening Garden Party at the North Austin Community Garden

Thursday, June 15th 6:30 p.m.-dark

Join us to celebrate the completion of our phase II expansion!
Open house, refreshments and music- fun for the whole family



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local law enforcement agencies to act as extensions of federal immigration authorities. Police chiefs from major cities in Texas, including Austin, oppose the law, saying it would drive a wedge between police officers and the communities they serve. Our vote affirmed that our police department's mission is the enforcement of criminal laws, not federal immigration enforcement.

Keep in touch!

Please don't hesitate to call my office at **512-978-2104** or email us at District4@austintexas.gov for anything you might need. We're always happy to assist. You can also get more frequent updates if you send an email letting us know you'd like to sign up for our monthly newsletter. You can also follow me on Facebook at Gregorio Casar or on Twitter [@GregCasar](https://twitter.com/GregCasar).

Lanier High School to Become Early College High School

By Ann Teich

Lanier has been selected to be an Early College High School beginning the 2017/2018 school year. Through a partnership with Austin Community College, students can enroll in college-level classes and work towards earning an associate's degree or up to 60 hours of credit towards a bachelor's degree along with their high school diploma. Tuition is free for qualifying students. If they meet college-readiness standards, students can enroll in ACC dual credit classes as early as their freshman year. Students will attend dual credit classes at Lanier and also at ACC campuses.

City of Austin Summer Playground Program for Kids ages 4-12

By Ashley Harris

Program Dates: June 12-August 4, 2017

Summer Playgrounds is a FREE drop-in program for kids ages 4-12 to participate in fun, supervised, outdoor activities during the summer months. Summer Playgrounds staff provide quality recreational experiences that promote creativity, teamwork and healthy lifestyles. Activities include organized sports, arts and crafts, games, team building and nutrition lessons.

Registration: Registration is required onsite on your child's first day of attendance.

All programs will run Monday-Friday, 9am-1pm, June 12th-August 4th

78758 Sites:

For Kids Ages 4 – 5: Walnut Creek Metropolitan Park, 12138 N. Lamar Blvd. 78758

For Kids Ages 6 – 12: Quail Creek Neighborhood Park, 1101 Mearns Meadow Dr. 78758 or Walnut Creek Metropolitan Park, 12138 N Lamar Blvd. 78758

To see listing of all program sites, visit: <https://austintexas.gov/department/summer-playgrounds-program>

What to bring for your child: All children are required to have a reusable cup or water bottle and closed-toe shoes every day before sign-in.

Contact: Jesslyna Olivares, Recreation Program Specialist
(512) 974-3922 or Jesslyna.olivares@austintexas.gov

Taste of North Austin

By Ashley Harris

The 10th annual Taste of North Austin is happening Saturday, June 10th in Domain II. This is an all-day family food festival that will feature tastes, beverage sampling, free live music, children's entertainment, and shopping. Wristbands include 10 tastes and will be available for \$20 at The Domain's Simon Guest Services or at the event. VIP experience will be offered for an additional \$15. Beer and wine will be available for purchase at select restaurant booths. For more information, call **512.873.8099** or visit <http://www.simon.com/mall/the-domain>.

Sunday Funday at the NACA Brewery Crawl

By Ashley Harris

Many thanks to those who came out to the first NACA Brewery Crawl on May 21st! We had a wonderful time and enjoyed some great beer at 4th Tap, Oskar Blues, and Adelberts Brewery. We hope to see more neighbors at the next NACA Brewery Crawl and plan to do more often. Stay tuned for future dates!



Restore Rundberg Announcement

Restore Rundberg is accepting applications for several seats on its board. For more information contact Monica Guzman at maguzmanma@gmail.com or check the City of Austin website.

Find the application here: <http://www.austintexas.gov/blog/application-apply-restore-rundberg-revitalization-team-extended>

Upcoming Events of Local Interest

Unity Ramadan Iftar

June 10, 7am -10pm

Asian American Resource Center

Tickets online at:

<https://adcaustin.ticketbud.com/unity-ramdan-iftar>

CC101 (Lunch n Learn w/tour)

Catholic Charities of Central Texas

1625 Rutherford Ln

June 21, 12pm - 1pm

RSVP: <http://www.catholiccharitiesctx.org/cc101-rsvp.html>

Opening Soon!!

Kennemer Pool located at 1032 Payton Gin Road (next to Lanier High School) is open June 12th - August 13th.

Kennemer Pool Hours

Weekdays: 1pm - 8pm recreational swim - Closed on Mondays

Weekends: 1pm - 8pm recreational swim

View all City of Austin pools and splash pads by visiting <http://www.austintexas.gov/pools>



Save the Date

Latino Healthcare Forum's
Center for Healthy Communities
in collaboration with the Asian American Resource Center Non-profit
2017 Community Health Worker Class
Graduation Ceremony



Saturday, June 17, 2017
11:00am

Asian American Resource Center (AARC)
8401 Cameron Rd, Austin, TX 78754

Meet the 11 graduates who will be receiving
State of Texas Certification
through the
LHCF's PromoSalud Community Healthcare Worker
Training Institute.

NACA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Enclosed are my dues for calendar year 20__

Regular Membership (\$15)

Silver Membership (\$25)

Gold Membership (\$50 or more)

I would like to volunteer for NACA.

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