

April 2010 BNA NEWSLETTER

Bohls Neighborhood Association

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Message from the President

Carl Wasmuth, BNA President

May is the month for the BNA annual meeting and election of officers. An announcement about the day, time, and place of the meeting will be sent to all BNA members shortly. Others on the BNA email mailing list will each receive a notice also and an announcement will be posted on the main page of the BNA website at <http://www.bohlsnews.org>.

Garage sale

The annual Bohls neighborhood garage sale will be held on April 17, 2010, starting at 8:00 AM. Signs about the sale will be placed at the entrances to the neighborhood beginning a couple of days beforehand. There will be no central location. Residents interested in participating will conduct sales at their own street addresses.

Farmers' Market

The Pflugerville Farmers' Market will be open for business on Tuesdays from May through August at a new location this year. The hours of operation will be from 3 PM to 7 PM at the Green Red Barn at Heritage Park. There is more information at a City of Pflugerville web page at <http://www.cityofpflugerville.com/index.aspx?nid=984> and at the [Pflugerville Farmers' Market website](#).

Pflugerville 2030 Your Voice, Your Choice and SH 130 and SH 45 Corridor Land Use Issues

The last report about the Pflugerville 2030 Your Voice, Your Choice process was a very brief [update](#) given at the Pflugerville City Council meeting on March 2, but there is more to come.

Item 2A in the agenda for the City Council Work Session on Tuesday, April 13 is “2. Discuss Only. A. Continue the review and discussion concerning the progress of the Pflugerville 2030: Your Voice, Your Choice Comprehensive Plan.”

The discussion is scheduled to continue in the regular City Council meeting on April 13 as agenda item 10A.

There is a Draft Land Use Plan and a 22-page “Compilation of Revised Draft Goals, Policies, and Actions in the Comprehensive Plan” included in the first 25 pdf pages in the “[Meeting Packet Part I](#)” for the City Council Meeting on April 13.

A number of months ago, a Scenario 5 Preferred Plan map was made available by a link from the [Pflugerville 2030 website](#). The [map](#) showed the land immediately to the east of Bohls Crossing in tan for Higher-density Residential.

Early in March, a survey was conducted from the Bohls Neighborhood Forum website. The question asked was “What kind of development do you think should eventually be in the vacant land close to the east edge of Bohls Crossing?” The responses (80) were Higher-density Residential, 3%, Lower-density Residential, 76%, and Other, 21%. More details can be found in the survey web page, “[Survey about Undeveloped Land Use](#).”

Regulations for land use in the SH 130 and SH 45 Corridor are planned to be reviewed by the city in the coming months. More information has been provided at “[SH 130 and SH 45 Corridor Zoning Regulations](#).”

PfCONA Political Forum

On Monday, April 12, 2010, at 7:00 PM, a Political Forum organized by PfCONA will be conducted at the Justice Center, 1611 Pfennig Lane, Pflugerville.

Scheduled to participate in the forum are Tina Benkiser (representing Rick Perry) and Bill White for the Texas Governor campaigns, four candidates running for Place 3 on the PISD Board of Trustees, and Jeff Coleman and Wayne Cooper, who are unopposed this spring for the positions of Pflugerville Mayor and City Council Member , Place 1, respectively.

More information is available at the [PfCONA website](#).

Texas Open Meetings Act

Pflugerville is one of a small number of Texas cities that have taken part in initiating a lawsuit directed against the Texas Open Meetings Act (TOMA) in its present form. The lawsuit was filed in December 2009. Other cities included with Pflugerville were Alpine, Rockport, and Big Lake. Big Lake later withdrew from the lawsuit while Wichita Falls and Kemah joined in. In February, it was [reported](#) that Greg Abbott, Texas Attorney General, had filed a motion to dismiss cities from the lawsuit. The City Councils of West University Place in January 2010 and Beaumont in February 2010 have passed resolutions in support of TOMA.

From the Information Archives

Our Neighborhood Association and Deed Restrictions

The Bohls neighborhood does not have a homeowners association (HOA) with mandatory membership. If it did, then the HOA would be expected to enforce deed restrictions. Instead, Bohls has a neighborhood association with voluntary membership and no authority derived from the deed restrictions to enforce restrictions. After the construction of homes in the neighborhood was complete, Architectural Committees were left to enforce restrictions but with no provisions for funds to support enforcement. In 2003-2004, the Bohls Neighborhood Association was founded with a provision to give financial support to the Architectural Committees.

Maintaining the quality of living in the Bohls neighborhood with a neighborhood association rather than an HOA thus presents special challenges.

Code Enforcement Officers and Architectural Committees

Complaints for possible action by the Pflugerville Code Enforcement Officers can be made directly to them by residents. Please see their website [here](#). Letters to be mailed to the Bohls Place Architectural Committee or the Bohls Crossing Architectural Committee should show the name of the appropriate committee along with the BNA Post Office box address on the envelope. Such letters will be forwarded to the designated committees.

Deed Restrictions

Sample copies of the deed restrictions are on the BNA website <http://www.bohlsnews.org>. Official copies of the deed restrictions for your section of the neighborhood are available at the Travis County Clerk's office. The Travis County Clerk's website is <http://www.co.travis.tx.us/>.

Helping Neighbors in Need

We have had inquiries concerning where Bohls residents can donate food and other items to help people in Pflugerville. With the downturn in the economy and layoffs, more and more people are asking for help. The following list contains the names and information on a number of local churches, agencies and organizations that distribute food to those in need. While contacting these organizations, I found that many churches use The Storehouse non-profit agency rather than distribute items directly to those in need. If you know of any other Pflugerville organizations that also have a food "pantry" or distribute household items, please let us know at bohls2003@yahoo.com and we will update our list.

The following list includes the organization, location, phone and website if available. Contact the organization directly to determine what they need, when you can make your donation and where the donation should be taken.

| Organization | Address | Phone | Web Site |
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| First United Methodist Church | 500 East Pecan St. | 251-2575 | www.pflame.org |
| First Baptist Church | 306 S. 10th St | 251-3052 | www.fbc-pflugerville.org |
| Pflugerville North Rural Community Center - Travis County | 15822 Foothill Farm Loop | 251-4168 | |
| Immanuel Lutheran Church | 500 Immanuel Rd | 251-4494 | www.ilcpville.org |
| St. Elizabeth Catholic Church | 1520 N. Railroad Ave | 251-9838 | www.stelizabethpf.org |
| Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints | Bishop Richard Jamison, 700 N. Heatherwilde Blvd | 252-4775 | |
| Storehouse Mission | POP Center, 1202 FM 685 Suite C4&5 | 989-9989 | www.thestorehouseofaustin.org |

Other Helpful Information

The Storehouse Mission has opened a thrift store in the POP Center at 1202 FM 685 Suite 7. The store is open Tuesday through Saturday 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM. You can shop there, volunteer or make donations. The proceeds from the store are used to help support the work of The Storehouse Mission. You can reach Johnnie the store manager at 989-0641.

The Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints has opened a Bishop's Storehouse in Round Rock on Gattis School Road where food, sanitary items and cleaning supplies are distributed to people in need. Contact Bishop Richard Jamison, 700 N. Heatherwilde Blvd. or 252-4775 for information.

City of Pflugerville Code Enforcement

We have had a number of emails recently concerning problems in the neighborhood. Many of these problems are covered by city ordinances. The Code Enforcement Department has two officers: Kenneth Jirasek and Pflugerville Police Officer, Mike Wilson. Kenneth and Mike have been very helpful with addressing problems in our neighborhood.

The city has recently passed updated ordinances that impact homeowners and may be of interest to you. Both are available on the City of Pflugerville website at <http://www.cityofpflugerville.com/>.

Code of Ordinances Chapter 99: Maintenance of Fences
Code of Ordinances Chapter 95.43.B: Care of Public Trees

Code Enforcement can be reached at 670-5720 or the Police Department non-emergency number: 251-4004.

You can email Kenneth Jirasek at kennethj@cityofpflugerville.com. Mike Wilson can be emailed at mwilson@cityofpflugerville.com

Stray or Lost Pets



To report stray or lost pets, call the police non-emergency number 251-4004. Information about animals at the Pflugerville Animal Control Facility is available at [Petfinder](#).

The Pflugerville Animal Control Division web page may be viewed [here](#).

Trash and Recycling Collections

Information about the renewed trash and recycling contract between the City of Pflugerville and IESi was enclosed with recent city water bills. A video and more information about schedules can be found on [this City of Pflugerville web page](#).

There is a city recycling center at 2609 East Pecan Street. The center is open Monday through Saturday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.

Yard Debris

The City of Pflugerville provides chipping and pick-up of certain yard debris. Be sure to call and put your name on the list for chipping and/or pick-up.

City chipping service: To get rid of limbs and branches, contact the City of Pflugerville Streets Department at 252-2447 to be put on the schedule. They start on Monday but may take 2 to 7 days to complete their route and may be delayed due to rain. Place your yard debris close to the street in front of your home with the cut ends facing toward the street, but do not block the street or sidewalk. Limbs up to 9 inches in diameter will be chipped and they prefer that limbs not be cut, as long limbs are better for feeding the chipper.

| Bohls Neighborhood Association Officers | |
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