

July 2006 BNA Newsletter

Bohls

Neighborhood Association

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Letter from the President

Sally Gannaway, BNA President

On-line Newsletter and Additional Web Address. By popular demand the neighborhood association has gone "paperless" for the quarterly newsletters! You will see yellow signs at the neighborhood exits announcing the publication of a new newsletter. We will also send emails to our distribution list with a hot link to our website. To make life easier for our neighbors, there are now two addresses you can use to get to the neighborhood association website: www.pfcona.org/Bohls.htm (note the B in Bohls must be in caps) or www.bohlsnews.org. Both addresses will take you to the same site. We have also changed the format. Your comments are appreciated. Please encourage your neighbors to send us their email addresses so that we can notify them of newsletters and other neighborhood information.

National Night Out is early this year! Tuesday, August 1st is National Night Out. We hope we have even more neighbors attend than we have had for the last two years. Be sure to read the National Night Out article later in this newsletter.

BNA Annual Meeting. The Bohls Neighborhood Association annual meeting was held Saturday, May 6th at Heritage Park. Everyone seemed to enjoy the dessert potluck; I know I did! Thank you to the members that attended. You can read the meeting minutes on the website www.bohlsnews.org.

Join BNA. June begins a new fiscal year for the Bohls Neighborhood Association. We are having our annual membership drive and encourage all households to join. Membership is voluntary. This year we have ten (10) paid member households out of over 500 homes; last year we had a total of 17 member households. Your \$30 annual dues are used for neighborhood activities and communication, promoting neighborhood safety and beautification, maintaining Bohls signage, and helping to maintain the value of our homes by supporting the Architectural Committees' enforcement of the deed restrictions.

Over half the budget approved at the annual meeting for BNA for this fiscal year is for the architectural committees' enforcement of the deed restrictions; membership dues are an crucial income source for this funding. We hope you will join BNA this year! Please see the membership article later in this newsletter.

2006-2007 BNA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

We are currently signing up for June 1, 2006 - May 31, 2007 BNA membership. Voluntary dues are \$30/yr per household. If you are interested in joining contact Sally Gannaway @ 251-8516, Willie Watts @ 670-1447 or Shirl Enoch @ 252-0846 or mail your dues to Bohls Neighborhood Association, P.O. Box 2484, Pflugerville, TX 78691.

Bohls Neighborhood National Night Out Party

Tuesday, August 1st from 7 - 9 P.M.

Bohls Neighborhood Association (BNA) was given approval by the City of Pflugerville to use the Heritage Park Scott B. Mentzer Pool on Old Hutto Road again to celebrate our third annual Bohls Place/Bohls Crossing National Night Out. There is a fee of \$1.00 per person to use the pool but entrance to the party is free.

BNA will provide hot dogs and sausage wraps. We ask that you bring a dessert if your street address ends with an even number and a side dish if your address ends in an odd number. Each person is responsible for her/his own drink. You might also want to bring a blanket or chairs.

Please join us to eat, swim, meet your neighbors and learn more about safety in our neighborhood.

Y'all come! It's fun!

Food Drive in August



We will be conducting a food drive in the Bohls Neighborhoods on **Saturday, August 28th**. We will be providing bags in advance in which to place your food and then picking donations up from the curbs at noon. Food will be donated to The Storehouse Mission, a Pflugerville non-profit that helps local families in need. If you are interested in helping deliver bags or picking up food please contact Shirl at 252-0846.

Pecan Park Update



How many of you remember the meetings with the Pflugerville Parks and Recreation Department to draft a park design for the green space between East Pecan and Gilleland Creek across from our neighborhoods? Time has passed but the project is not forgotten. In recent discussions with Glenn Holzer, Pflugerville Parks and Recreation Director, he shared good news:

- The trail from Immanuel east to the Northeast Travis County Metropolitan Park will be completed as part of the widening of East Pecan.
- The lot at the southeast corner of Immanuel and East Pecan is now City property.
- Glenn is in the process of submitting grant applications for park funding.
- The park project will not be started until the widening of East Pecan is completed and funding has been obtained.

This is WONDERFUL news for our neighborhood. We will keep you posted as new information becomes available.

Pflugerville Information

The main topic at the July 2006 PfCONA (Pflugerville Council of Neighborhood Associations) meeting was communication. We had a lively discussion about how to get information about the city, how to communicate with the city, how to communicate between the neighborhoods and how to improve communication within our neighborhoods. Hope the following helps your communications:

- Kathy Ellis is the new Information and Community Development Coordinator for Pflugerville. Kathy is interested in hearing how you would like to see communication improved in Pflugerville. You can reach her at kathye@cityofpflugerville.com or 990-4363 ext 289.
- Kathy said the city website, www.cityofpflugerville.com, is an important source of information for residents. Did you know that that the website has City Council Agendas with “drill down” capability to all the supporting documentation? You can also watch past City Council meetings (streaming video) on the website by topic so that you can watch only those items that are important to you. There is also a “Notify Me” feature that will automatically send you information on topics you have pre-selected. The “Other Useful Links” has a wealth of websites for local, state, national and international organizations.
- Our cable company COX Communications”, channel 10 is a local access channel for Pflugerville. You can view city meetings (including City Council) and see announcements for city activities.
- You might also want to check out the PfCONA website www.pfcona.org to see information on current city events, volunteer opportunities and many other topics concerning Pflugerville. PfCONA is also an excellent source for finding other resources.
- Three local papers regularly report on Pflugerville: Pflugerville Pflag, Community Impact Newspaper and The Austin-American Statesman.
- The Mayor, Cat Callen, has announced she will have “office hours” in City Council Chambers on the third Tuesday of the month (beginning July 18th) from 6:00 – 7:00 P.M. to provide a time when residents can meet with her to discuss ideas, questions and concerns. This is a “drop in” format meeting and an appointment is not necessary.
- The Mayor and City Council encourage residents to communicate with them. They can be reached by email at:

Mayor Cat Callen	Mayor@cityofpflugerville.com
Councilman Kurt Reese	Council1@cityofpflugerville.com
Councilman Bruce Wood	Council2@cityofpflugerville.com
Councilman Chuck Larosche	Council3@cityofpflugerville.com
Councilman Mark Gladney	Council4@cityofpflugerville.com
Councilman Victor Gonzales	Council5@cityofpflugerville.com



Crime Watch

Warning – During the summer crime rates go up. Please be sure that you are shutting your garage and locking automobiles. If you are going out of town you can sign up with the Police Department for the Close Watch Program.

Recently a number of homes and cars in our neighborhood were vandalized. Many were only “egged” but some experienced more serious damage. Good News! Chief Hooker told me the responsible parties have been caught. He stressed the importance of neighbors calling the police if they see anything suspicious.

We have had numerous complaints about speeding in Bohls. I have talked to Chief Hooker about increasing patrols in our neighborhood. The speed limit in Bohls Place and Bohls Crossing is 25 mph. **Please slow down!**

You can contact the Pflugerville Police at the non-emergency number 251-4004 or 911 for emergencies.

Road Projects or not

Widening of East Pecan

The southbound (new) lanes will be constructed first with traffic continuing to use the existing road. Once the new lanes are completed, traffic from the existing road will be rerouted to the new lanes and the old road will be replaced. Currently, right of way acquisition and various utility relocations are underway. Once these have been completed, construction can begin. It is currently estimated that construction probably will begin the end of 2006 or beginning of 2007. Once started, it is estimated that the construction project will take 18 months. The plans have a left turn into Plumbago when you are traveling east on Pecan from Immanuel but no left turn into Sunflower. Due to the left turn at Immanuel when you are traveling west on Pecan, there was not sufficient space per highway safety rules to provide a left turn lane at Sunflower when traveling east.

Pfennig Lane

We all know that Wal-Mart is under construction. Good news, TXDOT has approved installation of the traffic signal at Pfennig Lane and FM 685 before Wal-Mart opens. The signal installation is being scheduled between TXDOT and Wal-Wart and no timetable is currently available.

Wells Branch Parkway

The City of Pflugerville project, from west of 10th Street to Immanuel, will provide relief for Pecan Street through downtown Pflugerville. Construction has started west of 10th Street to Dessau Road. The City is waiting on a required Army Corps of Engineers' permit before starting construction on the portion of roadway from Dessau Road to Immanuel. The City project is scheduled to be completed by the end of Summer 2007.

The remaining portion of this project, from west of 10th Street West to east of I-35 is a joint project with Travis County and the City of Austin. The county project from west of 10th Street west to Heatherwilde is funded and estimated to start construction in November 2006 and complete in April 2008. This county project will be combined with the Heatherwilde project.

Heatherwilde Blvd.

This is a joint project between Travis County and the City of Austin to extend Heatherwilde south from Wells Branch Parkway to Howard Lane. Heatherwilde will align with McAllen Pass. This project is currently in the design phase with construction estimated to start in November 2006 and complete in April 2008. This project will be combined with the Wells Branch Parkway project.

Travis County Projects

Go to http://www.co.travis.tx.us/tnr/publicworks/pdfs/cip_summary_060330.pdf for more information on Travis County road projects. This was the source used for information on Wells Branch Parkway and Heatherwilde.

Bohls Neighborhood

Some of the roads in our neighborhood are in bad condition and getting worse. Driving down Plumbago resembles an amusement park ride. The BNA officers have talked to city officials who agree our roads need repair but say the city does not have funds to repair them now. We encourage all residents to communicate to our Mayor and City Council that having the Bohls roads fixed is important to each of you so that our roads will be a priority when funds become available.

THANK YOU TO THE BOHLS' VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all the volunteers who help in the neighborhood. A special thanks to the folks that help pick up litter in the neighborhood and along the trail. We really appreciate all of your efforts!

BOHLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION E-MAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST

Did you know that we have an email distribution list that we use to keep the residents of the neighborhood informed of what's happening in Pflugerville and our neighborhood? If you are interested in being added to the list send your e-mail address to bohls2003@yahoo.com. Since the neighborhood association newsletter is now on-line, it is even more important that we have your email address so that you will receive notification when a new newsletter is available. You do not have to belong to BNA to be on the distribution list.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Bohls Crossing Architectural Committee and the Bohls Place Architectural Committee are separate entities from the Bohls Neighborhood Association. The Bohls Neighborhood Association forwards communications to the appropriate architectural committee as a service to our neighbors. The architectural committees, not the neighborhood association, enforce deed restrictions. Sample copies of the deed restrictions are on the BNA website www.bohlsnews.org. Official copies of the deed restrictions for your section of the neighborhood are available at the Travis County Clerks office. Their Travis County Clerk's website is <http://www.co.travis.tx.us/>.

P.O. Box 2484, Pflugerville, TX 78691 is the address used by Bohls Neighborhood Association, Bohls Place Architectural Committee and Bohls Crossing Architectural Committee. You may also contact any of these groups by emailing bohls2003@yahoo.com. Your email will be forwarded to the appropriate architecture committee.

MOST COMMON DEED RESTRICTION VIOLATIONS

The volunteers from Bohls architectural committees report the most common deed restriction violations are currently: **trailers and boats in driveways**



BE A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER

If you are walking your dog through the neighborhood or along the trail please be sure to pick up behind them. We have had complaints from neighbors that they have to clean up doggy waste from their yards. There are bag dispensers as well as trashcans along the trail outside of Bohls Place. Let's all be considerate of one another.

To report stray or lost pets call the police non-emergency number 251-4004.

Bohls Neighborhood Association Officers

Sally Gannaway	President	251-8516
Willie Watts	Vice-President	670-1447
Shirl Enoch	Secretary	252-0846

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



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| Aug 1 | Bohls National Night Out Party at Scott Mentzer Pool, Tuesday 7 – 9 P.M. |
| Aug 15 | PISD first day of school for students |
| Aug 28 | Bohls Food Drive pickup at noon |

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