

JULY 2009 BNA NEWSLETTER

Bohls Neighborhood Association

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Letter from the President

Carl Wasmuth, BNA President

Because Pflugerville is in the midst of crafting a revised comprehensive plan with public participation strongly encouraged, it seems appropriate to mention that the city library has recently added a number of books about land use and urban planning to its collection. Some of these were listed in the *Key to the City* not very long ago.

Here is a short list of some books published in 2007 or later that are available at the Pflugerville Community Library:

Barnett, Editor. *Smart Growth in a Changing World*. 2007. This book includes expressions of concern by the authors about what they think will happen in the future if smart growth principles are not followed as the population increases.

Hack et al., Editors. *Local Planning: Principles and Practice*. 2009. The preface suggests that this book might be helpful to those preparing for the American Institute of Certified Planners examination, but much of the book may be of interest to the general reader.

Lang and LeFurgy. *Boomburbs*. 2007. One observation made in this book is that many rapidly growing suburbs do not have well-defined central business districts.

O'Toole. *The Best-Laid Plans*. 2007. O'Toole offers strong criticisms of modern urban planning and the smart growth movement.

Rybczynski. *Last Harvest*. 2007. Rybczynski is an entertaining writer. Here he chronicles the events leading to the establishment of a New Urbanist kind of development in rural Pennsylvania. He is actually able to make this sort of subject matter very interesting.

A longer list of books about land use and urban planning available at the Pflugerville Community Library can be found on [this web page](#).

NeighborWoods Program

April Rose, Pflugerville City Arborist, has provided the following information about the NeighborWoods project for the Bohls neighborhood:

City Kicks off NeighborWoods Free Tree Program in Bohls and Mountain Creek Neighborhoods

You may examine your yard and see little opportunity for a new tree; the city arborist may examine your yard and see things differently. Many neighborhoods were planted with a large percentage of fast growing and short lived Bradford pear or Arizona ash trees. Some neighborhoods were planted with 90% live oak trees. Either of these scenarios is dangerous to the health of the urban forest; it is important to diversify the age and species of the urban forest to protect against species specific insect or disease infestations or a sudden loss of entire species simply due to their short lifespan.

To diversify the age and species of the urban forest, the city will implement the NeighborWoods program to offer about 800 free street trees per year. In addition to improving the age and species diversity of the urban forest, street trees will reduce the urban heat-island effect, increase storm water infiltration, improve air quality, provide wildlife habitat, and improve the quality of life for all citizens by providing peaceful, shaded streets. In exchange for your free tree(s), you will be required to plant your tree in the location indicated (usually within 12 feet from the street) and water your tree for the next two years and in periods of drought. Planting locations will be selected based on criteria which include minimum distances from sidewalks, driveways, streets, utilities, other trees, street signs, intersections and storm sewers.

NeighborWoods is a partnership between neighborhood residents, the City of Pflugerville's forestry program, the Tree Care Advisory Board, the non-profit group TreeFolks, and individual volunteers. To learn more about the program, you can attend a presentation at the July 14, 2009 City Council meeting. To volunteer for this program please join us for training at the Recreation Center on Immanuel Drive (Note location change, next page) on Wednesday July 29, 2009 at 2 pm or you may contact the city arborist at 251-9079 or email at: aprilr@cityofpflugerville.com.

2009 Timeline:

Volunteer training: July 29, 2009

Neighborhood canvassing: September 2009

Residents receives order confirmation: October 2009

Resident receives tree(s) and planting instructions: November 2009

More Information about the NeighborWoods Program

The location for the meeting about NeighborWoods on July 29, 2009 at 2 pm has been changed from the Recreation Center to the covered picnic shelter next to the Green Red Barn in Heritage Park at 901 Old Austin-Hutto Road. All Pflugerville Citizens are welcome to attend.

The agenda for the meeting is available [here](#) at the City of Pflugerville website.

More information about the NeighborWoods project for the Bohls Neighborhood is available in a City of Pflugerville [video](#). This video has the presentation about the NeighborWoods program by April Rose at the July 14, 2009, City Council meeting.

NeighborWoods Schedule

- Year 1. Mountain Creek and Bohls
- Year 2. Springbrook Glen and Springbrook
- Year 3. Falcon Pointe
- Year 4. Windermere
- Year 5. Old Town and Gatlinburg

[*Tree Planting 101 with the City Forester.*](#) (This link to a City of Pflugerville video is not specifically about the NeighborWoods program, but it does seem appropriate to place it here.)

The NeighborWoods proposal for the Bohls Neighborhood was initiated by the City of Pflugerville and not by the Bohls Neighborhood Association.

Wetpaint Directory of Neighborhood Groups

The Bohls Neighborhood Association has been added to an online directory (Pflugerville Neighborhoods) of neighborhood associations and HOAs in Pflugerville.

The directory, managed by PfCONA, includes just eight neighborhood groups now; but it is expected that more will be added over a period of time.

The online location of the directory is <http://pflugervilleneighborhoods.wetpaint.com/>.

About Pflugerville 2030

A project for revising the comprehensive plan for Pflugerville has begun with the name [Pflugerville 2030 Your Voice Your Choice](#). The consultant hired for this work is [Design Workshop](#)

Two of three Pflugerville 2030 public meetings scheduled for the summer months have already been held.

The attendance at the first meeting (Values Workshop) on June 11 was 170 according to *The Pflugerville Pflag*. Multiple choice questions were posed to the group and answers were immediately collected through hand-held devices that were distributed at the beginning of the meeting. The results have been posted [here](#). The meeting was closed at the end of this survey because of the threat of a severe storm.

The second meeting (Visioning Workshop) was held on July 9 and again the attendance reported was less than 200.

The program featured a chip game, which allowed public participation in making predictions about the best locations and intensities of various types of developments that would be appropriate for Pflugerville as the population undergoes a big increase.

Early use of the chip game has connections to [Envision Utah](#). The results of playing an early version of this game applied to the Salt Lake City area pointed to a need for higher density developments according to the interpretations that were made. See page 51 in [this article by William Fulton](#).

A complete analysis of the results obtained from the chip game played on July 9 is not yet available.

Links to videos of the public meetings can be found on [this Pflugerville 2030 web page](#).

The next Pflugerville 2030 public meeting (Modeling Futures Workshop) will be held on August 6, 2009, 6:00-8:30 pm at Pfluger Hall, 203 East Pecan Street, Pflugerville.

A [blog](#) has been set up to allow the public to enter comments relevant to Pflugerville 2030.

Recycling Center

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

Please Join the Bohls Neighborhood Association

June was the beginning of a new fiscal year for the Bohls Neighborhood Association. The annual membership drive began June 1st and all households are encouraged to join. Membership is voluntary. You can send your \$10 household membership dues to:

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Pecan Street

The drive to the Bohls neighborhood by way of Pecan is much easier now, but it is unfortunate that there is not a cut in the median at Sunflower.

The reason for this omission has been given in earlier issues of this BNA Newsletter in terms of safety considerations. These earlier issues with page numbers are

October 2006 BNA Newsletter, page 5, and
July 2007 BNA Newsletter, page 3.

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 Clerk's office. The 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.

From the Information Archives

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
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.

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](#).

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 towards 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.

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

Pflugerville Farmers' Market

When? Every Tuesday from 3 - 7 p.m., May - August 2009

Where? Downtown Pflugerville, west of the First United Methodist Church, at the old gin property

What? Locally grown produce, baked goods, honey, herbs, plants, flowers, eggs, fruit.

More Info? <http://www.pflugervillefarmersmarket.com/>

Bohls Neighborhood Association Officers

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Coming Events

August 6, 2009. Modeling Possible Futures Workshop. 6:00 – 8:30 pm. Pfluger Hall, 203B East Pecan Street. (A Pflugerville 2030 public meeting)