

October 2008 BNA Newsletter

Bohls

Neighborhood Association

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Letter from the President

Sally Gannaway, BNA President

Cheryl Callicott is the new Bohls Neighborhood Association Secretary. Thank you Cheryl for volunteering.

National Night Out is Tuesday, October 7th. Look for the article later in this newsletter for more information. There will be no neighborhood pool party this year.

Halloween is creeping up on us. Be sure to read the safety article later in the newsletter. Also, The Greater Pflugerville Chamber of Commerce will once again be sponsoring their Halloween on Main Street from 6PM to 7PM on October 31st.

The Bohls Neighborhood Fall food and toy drive will benefit the Pflugerville Police Department's **Blue Santa** program this year. Pickup for the food/toy drive will be Saturday, December 6th at noon. We are looking for volunteers to help us deliver donation bags the week of December 1st. If you have an hour to help deliver bags please contact us at Bohls2003@yahoo.com. Look for the article later in this newsletter about **Blue Santa**.

Pflugerville trail receives national designation. Did you know that BNA adopted a portion of this trail from East Pecan to FM 685 along Old Hutto Road? Help us keep the trail in great shape by picking up litter! Read about the award later in this newsletter.

City of Pflugerville Tree Protection Ordinance #95.40 was recently amended to require property owners to maintain a clearance over sidewalks of 8 feet as part of reasonable and routine maintenance of trees on the right-of-way which is an extension of the property owner's front yard and/or set back.

Upcoming Election: Tuesday November 4, 2008 -- Presidential Election

- Voter Registration Deadline: Monday, October 6, 2008
- Early In Person Voting Begins: Monday, October 20, 2008
- Early In Person Voting Ends: Friday October 31, 2008
- Contact Travis County Elections for vote by mail information at 238 VOTE (238-8683).

Fall Clean-Up Day Sponsored by Keep Pflugerville Beautiful

Clean out your garage! Haul away the debris. Get rid of the old paint. Now is the time for Fall Cleanup. Saturday, Oct. 4th - 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. Railroad Avenue across from Brookhollow Elementary. For questions, contact Patricia at 512-251-9935 or patriciar@cityofpflugerville.com

National Night Out is Tuesday, October 7th

The Bohls Neighborhood Association encourages residents to participate in National Night Out on Tuesday, October 7. Due to the heat, National Night Out was moved from August to October this year for the entire state of Texas. In the past the Bohls Neighborhood Association sponsored a neighborhood National Night Out Party at Scott Mentzer Pool in Heritage Park but this year there will be no pool party. Prior to the pool party, many neighbors celebrated with individual block parties.

We are encouraging residents to participate with your neighbors in the Pflugerville National Night Out. This is an opportunity to turn on your porch lights and spend the evening outside with your neighbors and the police. This event is an excellent occasion for citizens and law enforcement to get together to promote crime and drug prevention awareness and police-community partnerships.

Below you will find information from Cpl. Clowdus about Pflugerville National Night Out. A few comments about block parties:

- Block parties can be as simple as neighbors visiting in someone's drive way.
- The time below is listed as 7 PM to 10 PM, but it is your party and the time is flexible. Many of you have small children and want to start earlier than 7 PM.
- Be sure to register your block party with Cpl. Clowdus by October 1st using the 25th OFFICIAL NNO REGISTRATION FORM available from the Pflugerville Police Department. Registration ensures that crime prevention material will be available for your party.

"Join Our Gang" National Night Out 2008

Participate in Pflugerville National Night Out

First Tuesday in October, 7 PM – 10 PM

On **Tuesday, October 7th, 2008** neighborhoods throughout the city of Pflugerville are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the **25th Annual National Night Out** crime and drug prevention event. National Night Out is supported by the National Association of Town Watch and in part by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs and the U.S. Department of Justice.

We request your participation as follows:

- Notify your neighbors to **TURN ON THEIR LIGHTS** FROM 7:00 P.M.-10:00P.M - October 7th.
- Organize a Block Party
- Register your party with the Pflugerville Police Department

Your support in the Pflugerville National Night Out program will help strengthen law enforcement / citizen contact and cooperation and will make our community a safer place to live. Please notify me if you are planning on having an NNO block party this year so that we can send police and possibly other emergency personnel to your party.

Please get me a copy of any neighborhood NNO material you may acquire including flyers, newsletters, photographs and videos. Your contribution could make a difference in Texas being judged number one in the nation again as well as Pflugerville receiving another award. Thanks to your hard work and commitment in the past, the State of Texas has won the National Night Out State Category Award every year and the City of Pflugerville has been recognized nationally for the last several years. For further information please contact:

Cpl. Mike Clowdus, CCPS

mclowdus@cityofpflugerville.com, 670-5512

Pflugerville Police Department, National Night Out Coordinator

Pflugerville Recreation Trail receives National Designation



Mayor Coleman presents Parks and Recreation Director, Glenn Holzer with a framed certificate in honor of Heritage Trail Loop's designation as a National Recreation Trail.

On June 3, 2008, the United States Department of the Interior National Park Service designated the Heritage Trail Loop in Pflugerville as a National Recreation Trail in the National Trails System. The Parks and Recreation Department was awarded a framed certificate in honor of the designation, which Mayor Jeff Coleman presented to Glenn Holzer, Parks and Recreation Director, at the City Council meeting on July 22.

Heritage Trail Loop is a three mile trail that loops along Gilleland Creek to Immanuel Road, goes past Heritage Park, under FM 685, through Saxony/Katymead, then down the old rail line (Railroad Avenue) and back to Gilleland Creek Pool.

One reason the trail was selected for recognition is because it runs alongside several historic sites in Pflugerville, including the Bottling Works building, Kady Lake, the old rail line, the Carrington School and Bohls House, all of which are marked with historical signs. Other contributing factors were the recent environmental innovations along the trail: the renewable energy shelter and the Green Red Barn. The fact that there are several adopt-a-trail groups along this trail was also a plus.

The National Trails System is the network of scenic, historic, and recreation trails created by the National Trails System Act of 1968. These trails provide for outdoor recreation needs, promote the enjoyment, appreciation, and preservation of open-air, outdoor areas and historic resources, and encourage public access and citizen involvement.

National recreation trails recognize existing trails that connect people to local resources and improve their quality of life. Applications are based on diverse partnerships, and more than 1000 trails have already been designated on federal, state, local, and privately owned land throughout the country. Benefits of NRT designation include access to technical assistance from NRT program partners and funding opportunities, as well as inclusion in the online NRT database.

New City Committee

On September 23, the Pflugerville City Council approved a resolution for creating and appointing a Multi-family Residential Design Guidelines Committee. Members of the committee will include Mayor Jeff Coleman and Council Member Mike Marsh among others.

The subject of the design guidelines for multi-family housing first appeared on the [agenda](#) for the regular meeting on September 9, 2008. This followed the occurrence of a number of hearings over a period of months in which petitions and complaints were presented protesting plans for placing dense apartment complexes adjacent to or very close to neighborhoods of single-family homes. See, for example, " [Land Development: Topic for Ongoing Debate](#)" by Amy Stansbury (*Community Impact*, August 2008) and the comments available only online that follow this article. Also see "Pflugerville Homeowners Welcome New Retail, but Not Apartments" by Patrick George (*Austin American-Statesman*, June 29, 2008). A video of the City Council discussion on September 9 about design guidelines is available [here](#) .

Some examples of design guidelines used in other cities were mentioned in the City Council meeting on September 9. These include [guidelines produced for Overland Park, Kansas](#) and [those prepared for the Southeastern Economic Development Corporation](#).

Hearing about Parking Ordinance

According to the September 19, 2008, issue of the *Key to the City*, there will be a hearing on Tuesday, October 14, 2008, about proposed amendments to the city parking regulations in Pflugerville.

The hearing will be held during the regular meeting of the Pflugerville City Council that begins at 7:30 p.m. on October 14, 2008, at 100 East Main Street, Ste. 500, Pflugerville.

The complete text of what is proposed can be found [here](#).



Christmas Trail of Lights

The Bohls Neighborhood Association will once again be judging Christmas yard decorations/lights. We will be recognizing one first, second, and third place as well as possible honorable mention winners with yard signs, but no prizes will be given. A resident that has won any combination of first, second, and third place for two consecutive years is not eligible to win any of the three positions a third consecutive year. The resident is eligible to win an honorable mention for the current year and any place award the following year.

The judging will take place Wednesday, Dec. 10th starting at 6:30 p.m.

HAVE A SAFE HALLOWEEN

Halloween may be a fun holiday for kids, but for parents, trick-or-treat time can be a little troublesome. Concerns about child safety – whether they are out in the neighborhood or back at home with bountiful bags of goodies – can cast a spell on the evening’s festivities. But not to worry! Following a few safety tips will help ensure that Halloween will be a “howling” good time.

MAKE SURE THE COSTUMES ARE SAFE

- Check that costumes are flame-retardant so the little ones aren’t in danger near candles.
- Keep costumes short to prevent trips and falls.
- Try make-up instead of a mask. Masks can obstruct a child’s vision – a dangerous thing when they are crossing streets or going up and down stairs. If a mask is worn, make the eyeholes larger for better visibility.
- Make sure your kids wear light colors or put reflective tape on their costumes.
- Avoid hard plastic or wood props such as daggers or swords. Substitute with foam rubber that is soft and flexible.

GOING OUT TRICK-OR-TREATING

- Younger children should be accompanied by an adult. The older kids should be with adults or other friends. No one should go trick-or-treating alone.
- Remind kids not to enter a strange house or car.
- Watch out for cars and carry a flashlight to help see and be seen.
- Set a time limit for children to trick-or-treat. Remind them not to take short cuts through backyards, alleys, or playing fields.
- Do not approach houses with the lights off.
- Stay within the neighborhood and only visit homes you know.

EATING THE TREATS

- Remind the kids not to eat any treats until they get home.
- Check out all treats at home in a well-lighted place.
- What to eat? Only unopened candies and other treats that are in original wrappers. Be sure to inspect fruit and homemade goodies and if you find anything suspicious, call the Pflugerville Police (251-4004 or 911).

Parents and kids can avoid trick-or-treating troubles entirely by organizing a Halloween costume party with treats, games, contests, music, scary stories, and much more. Make your Halloween party the place to be for your child and his/her friends!

No matter how you celebrate, have a safe and happy Halloween and be smart – think safety!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

Pflugerville Police Dept.
Crime Prevention Unit
Cpl. Mike Clowdus, CCPS
670-5512

ROAD PROJECTS CONTINUE

Widening of East Pecan

Thanks to Joe Carpenter, City Engineer for this update: "The construction of the roadway is still utilizing the original plan of completing the south side of the roadway and then moving traffic onto it before starting construction on the north side. Any work that has occurred on the north side of the roadway is to shift traffic a little so that the southern curb line of the median can be installed (basically they needed to move traffic a little bit to the north so that they can work on the entire southern half of the roadway). I'm still projecting that the south side of the roadway will be complete by Christmas. The completion of the entire project is still scheduled for August 2009. Calls for construction traffic in the neighborhood should be made to the Engineering Department at 251-2074. The signal at FM 685 and Pecan is owned and operated by TxDOT. The City is currently working with TxDOT to adjust the timing accordingly."

Resurfacing of Plumbago

Have you driven Plumbago from Campanula to East Pecan lately? The City of Pflugerville Streets Department has resurfaced sections of the roadway in an attempt to correct the "roller coaster" problem. This project will continue with other sections of Plumbago being resurfaced at a later date. If you would like to share your comments about this project, contact Wayne Granger, Acting Superintendent, 990-4388 or wayneg@cityofpflugerville.com.

Wells Branch Parkway / Heatherwilde Boulevard

The portion of the Wells Branch Parkway project, from Tudor House Drive west to east of I-35 and the Heatherwilde Boulevard extension project from Wells Branch Parkway south to Howard Drive have been combined and are a joint project between Travis County and the City of Austin. Construction began May 2008 and is scheduled to be completed May 2009.

Travis County Projects

Go to http://www.co.travis.tx.us/tnr/publicworks/pdfs/cip_summary.pdf for more information on Travis County road projects.

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.



PFLUGERVILLE BLUE SANTA

Blue Santa is a joint effort of the Pflugerville Police Department and the citizens of Pflugerville. The project is aimed at providing Christmas for the less fortunate families of Pflugerville.

The project began several years ago and continues to grow each year. Many lives have been touched because of this program.

Although the program is coordinated by the Pflugerville Police Department, nearly all of the sorting, wrapping, packaging and deliveries are done by volunteers who come from Pflugerville businesses, volunteer organizations and the Pflugerville community.

Blue Santa normally begins its operation the week after Thanksgiving and deliveries are made the weekend prior to Christmas. Pflugerville Police Officers and volunteers make deliveries. Deliveries consist of toys for the children and a complete Christmas dinner for the family.

Blue Santa accepts donations of new toys, non-perishable food items and money. Every year we fall short of gifts for the older kids, 10 to 14 years of age and infants to 2 years of age. Please think of them as well when you look for things to give this year.

We at Blue Santa want to say **THANK YOU** for all of your support. Without you we couldn't exist and a lot of Pflugerville kids would not have much of a Christmas.

THANK YOU *and* MERRY CHRISTMAS

For further information contact:

Cpl. Mike Clowdus

(512) 670-5512 or

E-mail mclowdus@cityofpflugerville.com.

The Bohls Neighborhood Fall Food & Toy Drive will benefit [Blue Santa](#) again this year. We will be collecting food and toys on Saturday, December 6th at noon. Should you choose to donate money or volunteer with [Blue Santa](#), please contact Cpl. Mike Clowdus directly.

Bohls Neighborhood 2009 Adopt-a-Trail Clean up

Did you know that the Bohls Neighborhood Association was the first neighborhood to adopt-a-trail in Pflugerville? Our section of the trail is adjacent to Old Hutto Road between East Pecan and FM 685. This is part of the Heritage Trail Loop that received National Recreation Trail designation in the National Trails System on June 3, 2008 from the United States Department of the Interior National Park Service (see earlier article).

As adopt-a-trail participants we are asked to help clean litter from the trail and to call the Pflugerville Parks and Recreation Department if we see anything that needs their attention (e.g. trees growing too low over the trail, safety issues, graffiti, empty pet-bag dispensers, etc.).

We are also asked to have trail clean-up days twice a year: one on Keep Pflugerville Beautiful dumpster day and the other on a date of our choosing. We have always held our clean up day on the first Saturday in January with a rain date of the second Saturday. This date was chosen because it allows us to partner with Parks and Recreation employees to prune the landscaping along the trail in addition to picking up litter. It is also a great time to work off those pesky holiday cookies. You can email bohls2003@yahoo.com to volunteer or just show up on clean-up day.

**Our next clean up date is Saturday, January 3rd, 2009 at 8:30 a.m.
(Rain date Saturday, January 10th)**

JOIN THE BOHLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (BNA)

June began a new fiscal year for the Bohls Neighborhood Association. We continue to have our annual membership drive and encourage all households to join. Membership is voluntary. Thank you to the residents that have joined the neighborhood association this year!

We are currently signing up for June 1, 2008 - May 31, 2009 BNA membership. Voluntary dues are now only **\$10/yr per household**. If you are interested in joining contact BNA at email address bohls2003@yahoo.com or mail your dues to Bohls Neighborhood Association, P.O. Box 2484, Pflugerville, TX 78691.

Bohls Neighborhood Association Officers

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| Sally Gannaway | President |
| Willie Watts | Vice-President |
| Cheryl Callicott | Secretary |

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



- Oct 4 Fall clean-up day, 8:30 – 12:30 across from Brookhollow Elementary
- Oct 7 National Night Out 7pm-10pm
- Oct 31 Halloween on Main Street 6pm-7pm
- Nov 15 Pfall Pfest Arts & Crafts Show, Pflugerville Recreation Center 9am – 4pm
- Dec 1-5 BNA volunteers deliver Food & Toy drive bags
- Dec 6 Food & Toy Drive for Blue Santa. Pick-up at noon.
- Dec 10 BNA Christmas Light Judging 6:30 p.m.
- Dec 12 Holidays at Heritage Park, 901 Old Hutto Rd 6pm – 9pm
- Dec 13 Holiday Stroll (10am-6pm) and Christmas Parade (7pm) in downtown Pflugerville
- Jan 3 BNA Adopt A Trail Clean Up 8:30am. To volunteer contact bohls2003@yahoo.com.
- Jan 10 BNA Adopt A Trail Clean Up 8:30am. (Rain Date)

Bohls Neighborhood Association (BNA) will only accept advertisements for BNA neighborhood communications from businesses. Advertising a business in a BNA neighborhood communication does not imply endorsement of that business by BNA. BNA reserves the right to refuse to accept any advertisement. Political or religious advertisements will not be accepted.