

# October 2009 BNA NEWSLETTER

## Bohls Neighborhood Association

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### **Letter from the President**

Carl Wasmuth, BNA President

#### **Communication**

The purpose of the Bohls Neighborhood Association is given in the [homepage](#) of the BNA website. The first item in the purpose statement is about providing a forum for neighborhood activities and communication.

A forum appropriate for the Bohls neighborhood would be one that potentially could accommodate all who might want to participate from the more than 500 households that are here. A practical way for providing such a forum might be found in the use of neighborhood communication tools such as Big Tent, Facebook, Yahoo Groups, and WordPress. These communication services are being used or tried in other Pflugerville neighborhoods. There was a [PfCONA](#) meeting on October 12 devoted to a discussion of the use of these services.

With a greater opportunity for the participation of residents in discussions about neighborhood concerns, it might be anticipated that the [other purposes](#) of BNA (beyond the establishment of a forum) that many would agree are worthy, could more readily be fulfilled.

Already, a Facebook website (Bohls Neighborhood Group, BNG) for the Bohls neighborhood has been set up. It has 38 members thus far.

A [Facebook site](#) has also recently been established by the City of Pflugerville.

Instructions for joining BNG have been posted [here](#). A username and a password obtained for joining BNG can also be used for admission to the city Facebook site.

Consideration is being given for making a WordPress site available to the Bohls neighborhood as an alternative for those not wanting to use Facebook. WordPress is different from Facebook in that date of birth is not required for registration and one's full name need not appear in the WordPress website or with any comments made. Basically, however, WordPress is as easy to use as Facebook.

In order to move forward on establishing an adequate forum access for the neighborhood, I would greatly appreciate feedback by email (to [bohls2003@yahoo.com](mailto:bohls2003@yahoo.com)) about whether a WordPress site should be made available in addition to Facebook.

An advantage of Facebook and WordPress over the sole use of email lists for communication is that one's concerns, ideas, and comments can be seen by other residents and not just by those handling the BNA email inbox.

### **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](#). Mail to be directed 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. Such letters will be forwarded to the designated committees.

## Comprehensive Plan Update

### Scenario 5 Preferred Plan

After the three summer [Pflugerville 2030 Your Voice Your Choice](#) public meetings, a Scenario 5 Preferred Plan was crafted and a [map](#) was released that showed the kinds of preferred development surrounding the Bohls neighborhood that might finally appear in the updated comprehensive plan. The use shown for largely undeveloped land extending from the east edge of Bohls Crossing nearly to SH 130 was “Higher-density Residential.” A [Pflugerville 2030 blog](#) is one of the means that has been made available for resident input into the plans being formulated.



### Events/Announcements

See **Trick or Treat! Be safe and have fun** In this week’s [Key to the City](#) for information about Halloween events on October 30 and October 31.

The Blue Santa Toy and Food Drive and the judging of Holiday Trail of Lights decorations will take place in December. The Events/Announcements page accessible from the BNA website [homepage](#) is updated periodically with news about the neighborhood and city as well as with some scheduled events. The date for the latest update is shown on the homepage. The Key to the City and the new City of Pflugerville Facebook website are very useful sources for more information about upcoming events in Pflugerville.

## From the Information Archives

### 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](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/>.

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***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](mailto:bohls2003@yahoo.com). Your email will be forwarded to the appropriate architecture committee.***

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### 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](#).

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### Recycling Center

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

## 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](mailto: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	<a href="http://www.pflame.org">www.pflame.org</a>
First Baptist Church	306 S. 10th St	251-3052	<a href="http://www.fbc-pflugerville.org">www.fbc-pflugerville.org</a>
Pflugerville North Rural Community Center - Travis County	15822 Foothill Farm Loop	251-4168	
Immanuel Lutheran Church	500 Immanuel Rd	251-4494	<a href="http://www.ilcpville.org">www.ilcpville.org</a>
St. Elizabeth Catholic Church	1520 N. Railroad Ave	251-9838	<a href="http://www.stelizabethpf.org">www.stelizabethpf.org</a>
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	<a href="http://www.thestorehouseofaustin.org">www.thestorehouseofaustin.org</a>

## 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.

## 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.

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## 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](mailto:kennethj@cityofpflugerville.com). Mike Wilson can be emailed at [mwilson@cityofpflugerville.com](mailto:mwilson@cityofpflugerville.com)*

### Bohls Neighborhood Association Officers

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