

The ROSEDALIAN

Newsletter of the Rosedale Neighborhood
Austin, Texas 78756

“Working together to keep
our neighborhood a nice place
to come home to.”

November 2013

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Rosedale Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting will be held on November 25, 2013 at 6:45 pm at the Yarborough Library. Neighbors will elect officers and Steering Committee members for 2014. Dues for 2014 (\$10) can be paid at the meeting.

Bring a friend! See you there!

2013 In Review

This has been a busy year for the Rosedale Neighborhood Association.

Tremendous work has gone into the Ramsey Park Revitalization Project. Thanks to many neighbors but a special appreciation to Alison Alter and Sunitha Downing for pushing the City of Austin along the path toward some important upgrades. The 4th of July Carnival, pool gatherings and now Movies and Shakespeare in the Park have given us more opportunities to appreciate the importance of Ramsey Park.

We saw roundabouts, stealth dorms, redistricting, and a planned zoning rewrite for Austin.

All these issues challenge us to preserve the quality of our neighborhood while adapting to a changing and growing Austin. Whether we've been here for 20 years or 20 days, we all care about Rosedale and want to be good neighbors to one another and to the neighborhood as a whole.

Thank you for your civility and humor, your passion and commitment. Thank you for making Rosedale a place we are proud to call home.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS ... AGAIN!

Next year's Rosedale Neighborhood Association meetings will generally be the 4th Monday of the month. Here is a list of dates reserved at the Yarborough Library. All are welcome.

Jan 27, 2014 Feb 24, 2014 Mar 24, 2014
Apr 28, 2014 May 27, 2014 (Tuesday After Memorial Day)
June 23, 2014 July 28, 2014 Aug 25, 2014
Sept 22, 2014 Oct 27, 2014 Nov 24, 2014
No meeting in December 2014

DUES ... At the October 28 meeting of the Rosedale Neighborhood Assn, annual dues for membership were raised to \$10 per household. The dues had been \$5 for over 15 years. Dues are paid during November/December each year and are used for newsletter production and other minor expenses. Amounts over \$10 will be designated for park improvements. See the back page of this newsletter for a form to submit your dues payment.

Ramsey Park Updates

The Ramsey Park Renovation Committee, a subcommittee of the Rosedale Neighborhood Association, has been working hard to implement the vision put forth in the 2013 Master Plan for Ramsey Park.

We are pleased to report that PARD and Treefolks together will plant approximately 20 trees during the first half of November at no cost to the neighborhood. Trees will be planted in the pool area, near Burnet and on the Rosedale side.

The committee is working closely with PARD to further specify elements of the upgraded playscape, the new circulation patterns, ADA accessibility, and budgets so that we can begin installing the proposed park upgrades.

We have secured \$241,000 for the project in mitigation funds and we estimate the total cost of the master plan will exceed \$600,000. We hope to source the balance from a combination of grants, additional city funds, and donations from Rosedale neighbors and businesses. Michelle Voss, a neighbor and fundraising professional, will chair a fundraising committee to raise the lead gifts needed to fully renovate the park. We are looking for volunteers to serve on this fundraising committee.



If you would like to make a gift or are interested in volunteering, please contact the committee at ramseypark2012@gmail.com.

As you make your year end charitable contributions, this year we ask that you consider a tax deductible donation to support Ramsey Park renovations. Together we can make Ramsey Park truly a place where we can play, gather, and grow together as a community.

Mail checks in any amount made payable to:

Austin Parks Foundation

Attn: Ramsey Park

P O Box 300369

Austin TX 78703

** Write "Ramsey Park" in the memo line

Donate online using this link. Check the Ramsey Park box.
<https://www.austinparks.org/adopter-donations.html>

4th of July Celebration a Success!

Hi Neighbors,

Just wanted to thank everyone who made this year's 4th of July celebration such a wonderful time! It would not have been possible without the help of many hardworking volunteers, particularly Pam and Jeff Archer, Mark and Joyce Brown, Chris and Gina Allen, Dianne Mountain, Allison Allen, Austin Sweeney, Melanie McLeroy, Vicki Almstrum, Kim Relph, George Yang and Torgny Stadler and all the rest of you who volunteered to help with the games and bake sale, set up and clean up, and to all of you who donated baked goods and watermelon.

We'd also like to thank Orlando Arriaga of Taco Shack for 100 tacos, Kathleen and Greg McNelis of the Kolache Factory for 100 kolaches, Stephanie of Upper Crust Bakery for countless delicious goodies, George Yang for ice, Rosedale Veterinary Clinic for watermelon and to all the resident Rosedale bakers for the wonderful home-made cakes, cookies, brownies and other treats, and all the volunteers who brought sliced watermelon for everyone to enjoy. Melanie McLeroy and Taurus Dog Training generously donated 300 drinks, tables, canopies, and chairs; Rosedale Baptist Church helped keep people and pets hydrated, and Frost Bank provided six cases of water, piggy banks, pouches and flashlights for fun prizes.



The carnival raised \$1,950 for the Rosedale Neighborhood Association. Way to go!! Money raised at these carnivals is dedicated to Ramsey Park and has helped us fund such things as tree plantings, mulch, and sidewalks. This money will help us as we move forward with the master plan by allowing us to apply for grants that require matching funds.

A big thank you to Teo's for donating the delicious gelato again this year to the Rosedale Neighborhood Association's End of Summer Pool Party on Aug. 24th -- it was a big hit!

Our park is a wonderful resource, but it is neighbors like you that make it such a treasure. Thanks for making Rosedale such a great place to live!

Mindy Marble
RNA carnival chair

RNA website: www.rosedale-na.org

New RNA Officers Nominated

Slate of officers as proposed by the Nominating Committee for 2014. These Steering Committee members will be elected at **the annual meeting on November 25 in the Yarborough Library at 6:45 PM.**

RNA Steering Committee

2014 President - Jeff Archer

2015/16 President - Dale Gray

Treasurer - Kim Relph

Secretary - Jay Carpenter/Mindy Marble

Immediate Past Presidents - Karen McLinden, Mindy Marble

Members at Large:

Chris and Gina Allen

Vicki Almstrum

Alison Alter

Alison Beck

Joyce and Mark Brown

Adam Brunson

John Burgess &

Sarah Cunningham

Sunitha Downing

Scott Farnsworth

Denise Ketcham

Dianne Holley Mountain

Kim Mosley

Richard Relph

Aletha St. Romain

George Yang

*** Crime Safety Tips ***

Lock your car and house.
Install motion detector lights on home.
Get a yippy dog.
Report all suspicious activity to 911.



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Dues Are Due

Each year neighbors are asked to pay annual dues to fund the operations of the Rosedale Neighborhood Assn. These funds pay for newsletters and have supported tree planting in the park among other projects. Dues for 2014 are \$10 per household and are due now.

Rosedale Neighborhood Membership Form

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Dues are \$10 per household and extras will be donated to the Ramsey Park fund

If you would like to join the RNA, please fill out this form and either bring a check payable to RNA to the Annual Meeting or mail to: Kim Relph 4510 Rosedale Ave., Austin, Texas 78756

I would like to help with:

Newsletter ___ Zoning ___ Neighborhood Events ___ Traffic/Parking ___ Community Relations ___ Neighborhood History Project ___
July 4th Carnival ___ Ramsey Park Revitalization ___ Graffiti Removal ___ Electronic Communication ___