



**Happy Holidays, Neighbors! While we're not having a ZNA meeting until January, we thought we'd update you on news of interest to our neighborhood.**

**Foodland We Hardly Knew Ye** - After the recent Nov. 17th Austin American-Statesman article on the Foodland on Burnet Road closing permanently, much to the distress of its many elderly and disabled customers, many of us realize the importance of having a grocery store located in the neighborhood. And to have a full blown remodel and restocking effort of our own little Foodland makes us almost giddy with happiness!

We are so pleased with the results of Foodland's remodeling efforts we thought we'd print a letter from **Ed Fortner**, our Lamar Plaza Store Director. It said, (in part) "We have changed! Come and take a look at Foodland now. Everything in the store is new from our signs to our selections. Not only do we offer Chinese food, we also have Indian and Thai favorites. Our new in-store bakery and superior wine selection will satisfy even the most discriminating palate." Mr. Fortner then went on to explain the new drive through was a result of the request of many of their customers for easy access. They have also added extra lighting to the outside and planted new trees and other landscaping in the front of the store. The many changes in the store have certainly added quite a bit of traffic, as many of us are finding we no longer need to drive to Westlake or other distant neighborhoods to spend our grocery dollars. We really have noticed and appreciate the additional customer relations efforts as well! Foodland is offering readers of the ZNews a free loaf of either french bread or Foodland bread as a way of expressing their thanks to the neighborhood for our support. See the coupon on ZNews back page. Mr. Fortner's phone number is 442-6731.

**Lost Canyon Update** - The City of Austin environmental department has granted a variance to the developers of the **Lost Canyon** office and retail complex behind the Shamrock station at Kinney Ave. and Barton Springs Rd. This appears to clear all hurdles as far as the city is concerned and the developer, **Cook-Joyce**, is now in a position to proceed with permitting and construction. The Zilker neighborhood is opposed to the development's construction of a driveway onto Kinney Ave. (across from the Flipnotics parking lot) as an access into the approximately 150 parking space development. The neighborhood felt that the drive posed grave safety and traffic concerns, but the transportation staff, headed by **George Zapalac**, granted variances and ignored neighborhood-provided engineering reports and data and accommodated the developer. The city council and planning commission is "powerless" to intervene since this project falls under the guidelines for an administrative site plan and requires only city staff approval.

The environmental department has previously denied the developer's request for exemption from flood control detention ponds (which would have made his project much more difficult and costly) but has apparently "caved in" to pressure from the developer, his engineers and his attorneys. Those who use Kinney to enter and exit the neighborhood at Barton Springs Road can look forward to a traffic and safety nightmare in the near future.

Thank you to all the Zilker neighbors who worked hard this year and over the past 10 years to protect Kinney hill from this driveway, especially **John and Stacy Erickson**.



### Hey! Don't Park on the Hill!

Mark, Marty and Elise, the owners of Flipnotics, forwarded ZNA a letter after our last meeting on 6/6/95. The following is a summation of the letter, concerning the Kinney Ave. hill parking problem we've all discussed so much. First of all, the owners of the coffeeshop/clothing store say they constantly monitor their parking spaces to ensure they are being used by their own customers. They point out that not all the parked cars on Kinney Ave. are from their customers. Earlier this spring they took action to help alleviate the problem, including posting signs telling patrons that if they park on Kinney hill they will be towed, and rearranging their own employee parking and dumpsters to add as many additional spaces as possible. The letter in full is available to anyone who is interested, and can be obtained from Flipnotics at 322-9750.

### Barton Springs Road to get 20 mph limit

Drivers on Barton Springs Road near Zilker Park will have to slow to 20 mph now that the city council voted to reduce speed limits in that area. The lower speed limit, which is reduced from 35 mph, will help pedestrians safely cross Barton Springs Road. The two pedestrian zones are from Barton Creek to Stratford Drive and from Stratford Drive to MoPac. The change, which will cost the city \$21,000, includes installing flashing lights and signs.

### South Central Austin Visioning Workshop

Zilker, along with four other neighborhoods in sector 12, has a unique window of opportunity to get together and identify common interests and together press the city to address them. These planning efforts are in response to the Citizen's Planning Committee Report which was recently endorsed by the city. The city will provide staff resources and support to help create integrative community plans.

For more information, or to participate, see the newsletter insert, or contact the following committee chairs to participate in this effort:

Committee	Chair	Phone
Land Use & Development	Laura Toops-Berland	443-9730
Transportation	Sara Campbell	462-2261
Parks & Environment	Rene Berrera	443-4976

### Slow Down There, Pardner!

The residents of Montclair street between Ann Arbor and Rae Dell have qualified for speed hump installation by the Neighborhood Safety Traffic Program (Department of Public Works). Although more than 2/3 of the property owners signatures were gathered and other guidelines were met under the approval point system, it is not yet a done deal. Lower priority areas may have to wait and even chip in financially if they want speed humps installed.

### 78704. Hey. We Know We're Not Just a Zip Code

Has everyone seen those blue bumper stickers that say "78704, not just a zip code, a way of life"? Where do they come from? And why do we mostly see them in other parts of town?



### Let's See . . . Dasher, Dancer, Brigid, Ronney, Eric, Max . . .

Get ready for increased traffic in our neighborhood as once again **Yule Fest**, (formerly known as "Trail of Headlights") arrives. Here's the schedule for the events:

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| * Christmas Tree Lighting | December 3 at 6:00          |
| * Yule Run                | December 9 from 6:30-8:30   |
| * Pedestrian Walk Week    | December 10-17 from 7-10 pm |
| * Regular Vehicles        | Dec. 20-24 from 7-11 pm     |
| * Mass Transit            | Dec. 18-19 from 7-11 pm     |

On the Mass Transit dates, which are new, vehicles with 6 or more passengers as well as busses will be allowed. The City does anticipate traffic problems, and Robert E. Lee will close at 6:15 til 10:30-11:30 each night from Dec. 10-14. Barton Springs Road will be down to one lane at the same time. If you have any questions, contact Parks and Recreation Department at 397-1454.

### Let the Rugrats Bounce Off Someone Else's Walls

An interesting new business, **Just Imagine !**, sort of a cross between Discovery Zone and the Children's Museum just opened in Brodie Oaks shopping center near Mervyn's. Call 444-8898 for more info.

### New and Noshworthy

Several ZNA neighbors are a bit *too* excited about the crop of interesting new restaurants in the neighborhood. Welcome to **Schlotsky's Deli/Bread Alone Bakery and Coffeehouse** which opened Nov. 18th in the former Fresh Plus building on South Lamar. It has an wonderfully elegant interior featuring a must-see handmade brick oven to bake their breads, and a great upstairs deck. Along with daily prepared desserts, they also serve coffee drinks, wine and beer. **Skyline Grill** at 801 South Lamar has had very impressive crowds since they opened for both lunch and dinner a few weeks ago. Love the "House Afire" signage. And finally, welcome to **Ralf Jaeger and gusto** at 2107 Kinney Avenue. His number is 442-7180.

### Alrighty Then. Who Wants to Be in Charge?

Those of you out there who know they could do a better job running the ZNA, well, here's your chance! To nominate yourself or that smartalecky (but shy) neighbor, call **Paulette Gravois** at 441-3430.

**ANY QUESTIONS? WANT TO VOLUNTEER FOR SOMETHING?**  
Please submit any agenda or newsletter items to the following:

Your friendly ZNA Board Members Are:

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Donna Barton	441-0658	ZNews editor/writer

Next meeting  
**Tuesday January 16th 6:30 pm**  
**Kinney Ave. Baptist Church**  
**1801 Kinney Ave.**

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Send to Paulette Gravois, Treasurer,  
Zilker Neighborhood Ass'n.  
1402 Kinney Ave. Austin, 78704

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