

Z-News

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The Newsletter of the Zilker Neighborhood Association

July 2000

A Message from the ZNA President

Zilker's Outstanding Voting Record Continues!

By Jeff Jack

Congratulations, neighbors! We had the highest voter turnout in the *entire* city for the June 3rd City Council runoff!

In building a new nation, the founders of our country were faced with many options on how to establish a democracy that would allow "We the People" to govern ourselves. They feared the monopoly of power that was prevalent in both monarchies and dictatorships, and sought a form of government that would be just for all people.

The form of government that was chosen, as outlined in our constitution, is a representative democracy, and is the foundation for our Congress, state legislatures, and even our city council. While we elect our representatives to these bodies, this does not in itself ensure good government. For a representative democracy to work, the people must continue to be actively involved in the selection of our representatives.



As the old saying goes, "All politics are local," and each day our elected officials make decisions that affect our lives. While Congress sets the big picture, it is our city council that directly impacts our neighborhoods. Therefore, it is critical that our neighborhoods be heard by our council members. One way to get their attention is by using the ballot box. Due to the voting results in the June 3rd runoff, the Zilker neighborhood *really* should have this council's attention!

Of the 170 precincts reporting, Precinct 332 cast 456 votes, which was more votes than any other precinct in the city. This is 15.26% of the 2,989 registered voters in Precinct 332, and almost three times the 4.68% average voter turnout registered citywide. This is particularly noteworthy since the second highest voter turnout was

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This issue of Z-News is dedicated

***In Memory
of
Austin Park Police Officer
William Jones
1950 - 2000***

who was killed in the line of duty
while serving the citizens of Austin

Zilker Neighborhood Association

**July
General Meeting
Agenda**

Monday, July 31 at 6:30 p.m.
Kinney Ave. Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
1801 Kinney Avenue

6:30 - 7:00 pm MEET & GREET SOCIAL
Come meet your neighbors before the meeting!
Light refreshments will be served.

7:00 - 9:15 pm ZNA MEETING AGENDA

7:00 Call to order, introductions and announcements

**7:10 SOS Alliance presentation on the Edwards
Aquifer and the Barton Springs Watershed**

7:45 Issues Update:

- Traffic Calming
- Sandy Beach Preserve
- Corridor Planning (South Lamar Blvd.)
- Lost Canyon
- 200 South Congress (formerly known as The Gotham)
- Barton Springs Road
- New Pedestrian and Bike Bridge
- South Austin Library
- City Council Issues

8:15 Neighborhood Planning Update:

- ZNA pre-planning analysis of Water
and Wastewater service

8:45 November Elections:

- Single Member Districts
- Bond Elections
- Capital Metro and Light Rail

9:00 Old Business

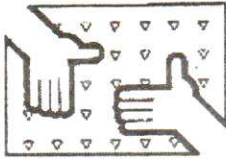
- Treasurer's Report
- October ZNA Officer Elections

9:10 New Business

9:15 Adjourn

Bring a canned and/or packaged food
for our Capital Area Food Bank food
drive. See page 3 for details.





REACHING OUT Neighbor to Neighbor

While reading the newspaper or watching the evening news, stories of hunger, poverty, and homelessness can overwhelm many of us who have food on the table and a warm bed in which to sleep. However, even in this time of economic upswing, there are still those in Austin who have to choose between paying rent or buying food for their family. But poverty is not a choice. In January 2000, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported that, "By September 1999, 20 percent of the workers in the five-county area still had average incomes of less than \$14,500 a year. The federal poverty level for a family of four is \$16,700."

The problem of poverty and hunger can seem so big. What can any one person do about it? Maybe not much, thought Kaye Trybus, ZNA vice president, but there is strength in numbers. Said Kaye, "I started thinking that if *everyone* who came to our general meetings brought a can or a packaged food to be given to the Capital Area Food Bank, we, just as a neighborhood association, could really make a difference in feeding the hungry of Austin."

Our first food collection will be at the ZNA general meeting on Monday, July 31. The donated food will be taken to the Capital Area Food Bank within the week for distribution. The ZNA food collection box will be at all general meetings and functions for those wanting to contribute.

Kaye said, "I think Zilker Neighborhood Association is the first association in Austin to take such an active role in collecting food for the hungry. We hope other neighborhood associations will join with us in this effort. If we could all take one small step in stamping out hunger -- just starting with our *own* neighborhood -- what a difference we could really make in the quality of life of some of our citizens."

Join your Zilker neighbors in this important food drive. Bring at least one canned good (vegetables, fruit, soup, tuna, fruit juices), packaged food (beans, rice, pasta), boxed food (macaroni and cheese, cereal), or other items (baby food, tomato sauce, peanut butter) to every ZNA general meeting. If you are not able to attend the general meeting, call Kaye Trybus at 447-4437 between July 24 and July 31. She will arrange for someone to pick up your donation at your front door.



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WHAT'S GOOD IN THE 'HOOD

By Fontaine Maverick
ZNA Treasurer



Mmmm. Maggie Moo's. The name drips so easily off the tongue. But if you want something else on your tongue that is cool, refreshing, creamy--moove on over to the new ice cream parlor located at 1806 Barton Springs Road just west of Chuy's.

Maggie Moo's Ice Cream and Treatery offers a rotating menu of ice creams made fresh on-site every day in flavors that will tempt your taste buds and tickle your fancy. Grandson Manny, my frequent after-dinner companion and ice cream connoisseur at age three, has several favorites: "the blue kind" (cotton candy), "the green kind" (pistachio), and "the yellow kind" (lemon). My *own* personal favorites are "Amooretto" with an Oreos mix-in, Java and Utterly Cream. Ice cream cones go for \$2.29 to \$3.79, depending on size and mix-ins, and soft-serve cones run from \$2.19 to \$2.79. Other treats like smoothies, floats, shakes, and malts are similarly priced and just as good. For an extra taste treat (we won't mention calories!), nestle that scoop in a waffle cone dipped in chocolate and coated with sprinkles, nuts or other goodies. Yum.

Maggie Moo's, welcome to the neighborhood! We're **really** glad you're here.

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TURN ON YOUR LIGHTS AND START THE PARTY!

On Tuesday, August 1 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Zilker neighborhood residents can join the 17th Annual National Night Out 2000. This national event was established to promote crime and drug prevention awareness in neighborhoods and strengthen police-community partnerships.

Crime can happen anywhere. Burglary, theft, malicious behavior, and other crimes are, unfortunately, part of living in this society. However, it has been shown that when neighbors take an interest in their community and are alert to the activities going on around them, criminal behavior can be reduced.

Zilkerites are urged to turn on their porch lights and spend the evening outside with their neighbors. You can hang around your own block, or take a walk and meet new neighbors. A front yard picnic, cookout, or shared potluck dinner is another great way to enjoy Night Out 2000 with your family and friends. Let people know who you are and where you live. Tell them that you are interested in keeping your block crime-free. On Tuesday, August 1, get up, get out, and keep the bad guys out of Zilker!

If you want more information on the National Night Out 2000 program, contact Austin Police Officer Marci Graham in the Public Education Unit at 416-5552.

Zilker Passes Traffic Calming Plan

By Bobby Rigney

Traffic Calming Working Group Volunteer

After almost a year of meetings by a working group of volunteers from all areas of the Zilker neighborhood, a customized traffic calming plan finally has been passed. The plan mostly consists of the newer, somewhat gentler speed humps seen around town, and a few small medians that will remind drivers entering our neighborhood to drive slower. Speed cushions will be located on Kinney Avenue to accommodate the fire department vehicles.

For the traffic calming plan to be accepted or rejected by the neighborhood residents, ballots were sent out at the beginning of June with a return deadline of June 28. And what a turnout the neighborhood had! The City of Austin's Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program project received 63.2% support (60% was required) from the residents, business, and property owners who submitted their ballots. The Zilker neighborhood now has the distinction of returning more ballots than *any* of the city's 10 plans.

Out of 3,620 ballots mailed, 1,263 total votes were cast, which is almost 35%. There were 798 ballots in favor of the traffic calming plan that was presented.

According to Ivonne Natal-Nieve of the City of Austin Transportation Division, work for the traffic calming plan will be started in early spring 2001. Residents on Kinney Avenue, Bluebonnet Lane, and Goodrich Avenue may see temporary posts where the



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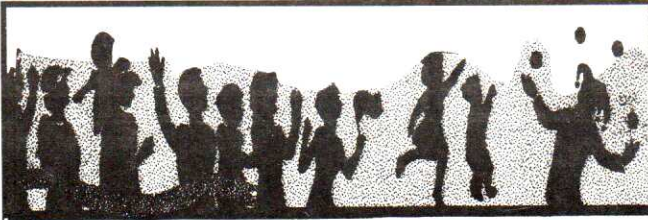


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Zounds! It's Time to Get Ready for Zestival!

Did you have fun at the Zilker Fall Zestival last year? Yes? No? Then get ready for the Second Annual Zilker Fall Zestival! The Zestival will be held Saturday, November 11 from 10:00 am. to 3:00 p.m in the Kinney Avenue Baptist Church parking lot. It will feature music, arts and crafts booths, and activities for the kids.

Organized by the Zilker Neighborhood Association as a fundraiser for the ZNA, last year's Zestival was a great success with vendors and Zestival-goers alike. Limpy the Clown from Three Ring Service entertained the kids with his amazing balloon sculptures, and throughout the day there was music and storytelling. Said Carlene South, ZNA social chairperson and Zestival organizer, "We had *perfect* weather last year. It was such a great day to be outdoors. The kids and adults alike really enjoyed themselves."

Carlene is asking artists, craftspeople, or performers in the Zilker neighborhood to be part of this community event for this year's Zestival. "I want to get the word out early to all those talented folks living in the neighborhood that Zestival is coming up. We really had a great selection of items on display last year, but we would like to have more."

If you have items to sell at the Zestival, a booth space is only \$15.00. Zestival volunteers are also needed on the day of the event to help setup, clean up, and assist at the children's activity table. Call Carlene at 442-7909 for more information. With more than a bit of Zilker pride in her voice, Carlene declared, "I think our neighbor is the 'crown of South Austin,' and Zestival is one of its many jewels!"

Wow! It's Like *DeJa Vu* All Over Again in the ZNA! Another Zilker Neighbor Joins the City

Last year, Robin Cravey, past president of the ZNA, was appointed to the Planning Commission. This appointment was a mixed blessing for the ZNA. As Robin found the demands of his own work as a private practice attorney and his new post at the Planning Commission taking up most of his time, he felt he had to resign his position as the ZNA president. Another longtime neighborhood leader, Jeff Jack, stepped forward to replace Robin as our new ZNA president last October. However, there seems to be a bit of *deja vu* going on in Zilker.

Several months ago, City Hall reached out again to our neighborhood. Who was chosen this time? You guessed it: Jeff Jack. In May, he was recruited by Council Member Beverly Griffith as her Executive Assistant. Fortunately this time, the neighborhood does not have to go looking for a new president. Jeff says, "Because this is a full-time position, I am putting my architectural practice on hold for the time. That way I can continue my job as the ZNA president."

In addition to Robin and Jeff, the Zilker neighborhood is fortunate to have many residents who serve our community. From Shudde Fath at the Electric Utility Commission to Bill Bunch with Save Our Springs (SOS), Zilker's leaders are working hard to make our neighborhood and Austin better places to live.

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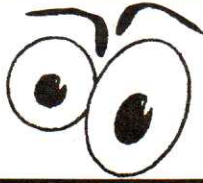


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ZILKER'S EYE ON CRIME

As reported by
APD Officer Keith Hamblin



This new column in *Z-News* will focus attention on criminal activity in the Zilker neighborhood and keep residents better informed about the kinds of crimes that are occurring in the area.

In **April**, four buildings were burglarized in the Zilker neighborhood; three of these burglaries were in buildings on South Lamar Blvd. Four residences were burglarized during the daytime hours. There were eight reports of vehicle break-ins. Four of these break-ins occurred on Mondays and four occurred on Thursdays.

The crime statistical report for **May** included five reported residence burglaries, one on each of these streets: Barton Hills, Collier, Kinney Ave., Rabb Glen, and Robert E. Lee. Auto thefts were reported on Deerfoot Trail and Virginia. Sixteen vehicles were reported broken into on Anita, Arthur, Barton Hills, Barton Springs Road, Collier, Jessie, Lamar Square, Rabb Glen, Robert E. Lee, South Lamar Blvd., and Trailside. At the end of May, the Austin Police Department had arrested several suspects for these crimes.

Recent reports indicate that burglars are removing items from attached storage areas in garages and carports. These reports also indicate that some offenses have occurred during nighttime hours. Most car burglaries and auto thefts occurring in the neighborhood are at night as well.

It is suggested that Zilker residents remove valuables -- especially keys -- from vehicles, and lock storage closets, shop areas, and garages securely.



Call 911 immediately to report any suspicious activity or person, especially if seen after midnight. Police cruisers and APD district representatives are continuing to patrol the Zilker neighborhood at night to monitor criminal activity.

I am encouraging all Zilker residents to participate in National Night Out 2000 on Tuesday, August 1. From 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., you can show neighborhood unity and help make our community a safer place to live and work by turning on your porch lights, walking your block, and talking to your neighbors. Let the criminal element know that the Zilker neighborhood is organized and fighting back!

Officer Hamblin, Zilker's APD district representative, has offered to contribute articles for Z-News regarding issues in our neighborhood. He attends ZNA general meetings whenever he can. If you see him at one of our meetings or on the street, introduce yourself and tell him how much we appreciate his service to the Zilker neighborhood.

**Keep our neighborhood clean.
Please don't litter.**

Z-Smile of Z-Day!

Covered with dirt from head to toe, Tommy ran into the house after playing in the backyard all day. "Who am I?" he asked his mother. Ready to play his game, she smiled and said, "I don't know. Who are you?" "Wow!" cried Tommy. "Mrs. Johnson was right! She said I was so dirty, my own mother wouldn't recognize me!"

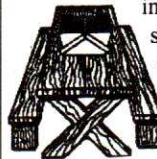


Help Us Help Zilker! Show Us the Money!

Our apologies to *Jerry Maguire* fans, but there were two unforgettable lines in the film that seem to be a fundraiser's plea: "Help me help you" and "Show me the money!"

The Zilker Neighborhood Association executive committee is paraphrasing these lines to pass the word on a neighborhood project. If you attended Zilker Elementary School's 50th Birthday Party on Friday, April 28, you know what a celebration it was. In addition to the music, activities, and birthday cake, there was the dedication of Texana Faulk Conn Outdoor Learning Center. What a beautiful place it is, too! If you haven't seen it, drop by. The center is behind the main school building and open to the public.

At the June ZNA executive committee, the suggestion was offered that the Zilker Neighborhood Association give a gift to the school in honor of its 50th birthday. When asked what the school would like or need, Principal Ramona Trevino suggested a picnic table for the learning center. She sees the picnic table as, not only a place to eat, but as a meeting place or social spot for Zilker folks to gather. (Hey! Checkers, anyone?)



The ZNA executive committee would like to help Zilker School get the picnic table they want. It was decided at the last executive committee meeting that a table would be purchased from some ZNA funds. The cost of a table is \$300.

Here is the pitch, folks -- and you knew it was coming! If you want to help us help Zilker, then show us the money! Your donation can be in any amount, and all donations will go directly to the purchase of the Zilker Elementary School picnic table for the Texana Faulk Conn Outdoor Learning Center. Don't delay. Send in your check today! We hope this picnic table--and Zilker School--will be around for another 50 years!

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Thank You!

Neighborhood Planning: Going with the Flow

The city's neighborhood planning process is moving forward on several fronts. On June 27, the Planning Commission heard the first re-zoning cases resulting from the East Cesar Chavez and Chestnut neighborhood plans. On June 29, the City Council approved two additional neighborhood plans for the Old West Austin Neighborhood Association (OWANA) and the North Austin Civic Association (NACA). The neighborhood planning effort is picking up steam, and the council and staff should be applauded for these efforts. With the economy projected to continue to be strong for the next few years, it is anticipated that the current surge in growth will also continue. During this period, it is important the city provides additional support to the neighborhood planning effort. The city manager's draft budget for 2001 will be out shortly, and it is hoped that more funding will be available for neighborhood planning.

The city has chosen this year to focus on neighborhoods in East Austin, so the Zilker neighborhood is not scheduled to receive staff assistance until next year at the earliest. The ZNA executive committee continues to gather background information for our neighborhood planning process. One of the major issues with neighborhood planning and "Smart Growth" is the potential for infill housing as a way to address the affordable housing problem. While providing more housing opportunities in the existing neighborhoods is a worthwhile objective, we must make an educated decision about how much more development is reasonable in our area.



The map on page 7 shows the Zilker neighborhood sewer system. It shows the areas in the neighborhood that are served by the main trunk lines and how our services are connected to other areas "up stream" from us, which also affects our expansion capacity. All of the Zilker neighborhood's sewage flows into a 60-inch main (#1) that runs through Town Lake Park up to the west side of Palmer Auditorium and over to Riverside Drive. It ends up at the South Austin Regional treatment plant at Pleasant Valley Road and William Cannon, between Williamson and Onion Creeks, next to McKinney Falls State Park and the Jimmy Clay Golf Course. The plant sells its outflow to Cedars, Morris Williams, Jimmy Clay, and Kizer golf courses. Its treatment capacity is currently 50 million gallons a day, but it is being expanded to handle 75 million gallons a day by 2005. Austin's other two treatment plants are Govalle, which has a current capacity of 20 million gallons a day, and Walnut Creek, which has a current capacity of 60 million gallons a day, but will soon be expanding to 75 million gallons a day.

Zilker's sewage reaches the 60-inch main through mostly six-inch to eight-inch lines along several routes. From the area at Barton Skyway (#2) and Rae Dell, it flows through Barton Hills to a 24-inch main along Robert E. Lee Road. The properties along Melridge and Robert E. Lee Road (#3) feed into the same 24-inch main, which leads to a 30-inch to 50-inch main along Toomey Road (#4). The area south of Ford (#5), and along South Lamar Blvd., feeds into a 24-inch main along the railroad tracks at Mary Street. This flows north to intersect the main from Toomey Road.

The rest of Zilker neighborhood's main sewage lines run mostly north to Barton Springs Road for four areas (#6, 7, 8, 9). The "restaurant row" properties (#10) seem to feed south to the Barton Springs Road lines as well, rather than north into Toomey Road.

Construction of the Barton Creek interceptor project (#11) begins in October. This line has been downsized to reduce growth oppor-

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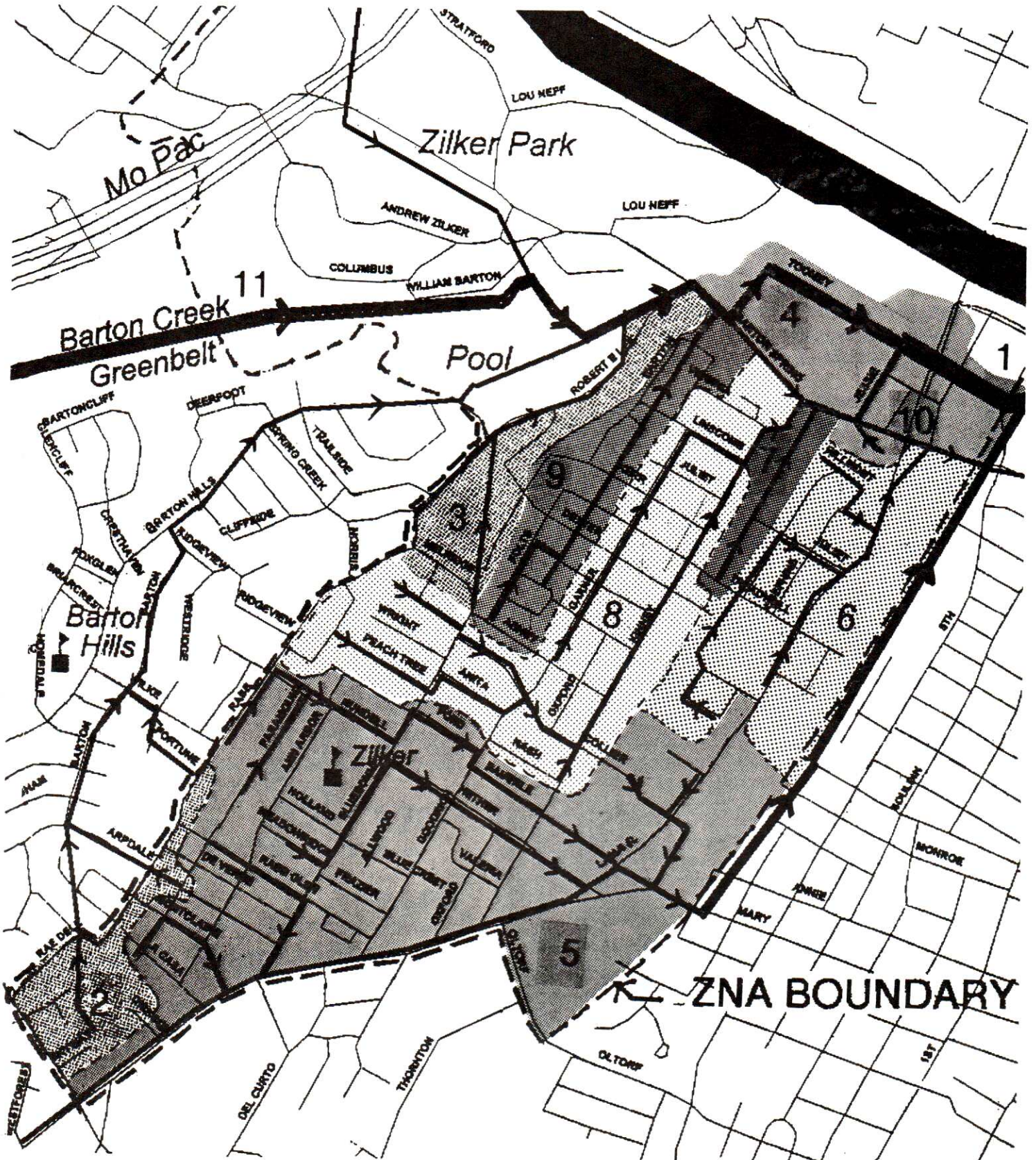
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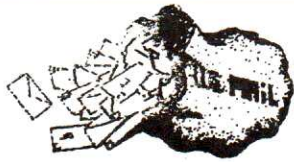
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BRING IN Z-MAIL!

Letters to the Editor

Dear Z-News:

I would like to suggest that a memorial xeriscape garden be created along Robert E. Lee Road, across from the Umlauf Sculpture Garden, in honor of Officer William Jones and all the other Austin police officers and fire fighters killed or injured in the line of duty. I know the people of Austin would be happy to donate native plants, trees, and their time to this project. I'm sure that local landscape companies would help with any supplies that we might need. The local garden clubs could help with the planning. This might be a good project for the Parks Department to involve a kids' summer program. I live in the Zilker neighborhood, and feel that this area along Robert E. Lee Road needs something to remind people of the sacrifice that was made to keep us safe. It would be a nice, positive addition to Zilker Park and the baseball field area.

Your neighbor,
Alan Roddy
Ann Arbor

A Letter to Mayor Watson,

This summer the city saw fit to turn our neighborhood into a very unpleasant place. Children who want to skate and bike can no longer do it in their own neighborhood! It is a very unpleasant place to even drive through in a car. Why? Because the City of Austin tarred and graveled our streets! I know that this was an effort to maintain our streets, but it just put a new layer of crap over the worn-out streets that we had. It did not fix the problem. It just made them rough and more unpleasant to us. I do not expect you, or anybody, to undo that mess, because short of scraping them and repaving, not much can be done. Additionally, we were told that the excess gravel was to be swept up within the week or so after it was laid--NOT!

Today, we have a new problem. A short section of Barton Blvd. was actually repaved. I should not complain, but I do have problems with the work performed. The city crew did a very poor job of executing the repaving. They did little to keep the tar from being trailed all over the streets around the job. In fact, they were the ones who trailed it all over the street in front of my house and my neighbor's house. This means we now have tar all over our driveways and our houses, and we cannot even let our kids out there since it is such a mess!

Can our neighborhood start getting the maintenance that our taxes should be paying for? I would like you to address this note, and I would like to know who is going to pay for the clean-up. I do not want a form letter; I want an answer!

Kevin Bice
Barton Blvd.

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South Lamar Boulevard: It's Going Places!

One theme in both of the North Austin Civic Association (NACA) and the Old West Austin Neighborhood Association (OWANA) neighborhood plans was turning the major commercial street in their area into a truly "Great Street." Currently, their major commercial street is a car-oriented hodge podge of uses that is neither pedestrian, bike, nor neighborhood friendly. Interestingly, the street that both groups want to improve is Lamar Blvd. While NACA includes the north end of Lamar, and OWANA holds the center, it is the Zilker neighborhood that is home of the southern end of Lamar. We share many of the same concerns and hopes for South Lamar Blvd. as these other neighborhoods.

One reoccurring idea has been to improve pedestrian crossing all along Lamar. This will be even more important in our area as the development in southwest Travis County continues and the traffic

on South Lamar Blvd. grows. The ZNA executive committee has been contacted by the Trans Texas Alliance (TTA), a nonprofit group interested in establishing rational criteria for installing pedestrian crossing lights. TTA has received a grant from the Texas Dept. of Transportation (TXDoT) to compile and analyze traffic and accident data that will hopefully lead to a standard



for TXDoT that neighborhoods can rely on to get needed pedestrian crossing lights. South Lamar Blvd. is one of the streets that TTA will analyze, and it is hoped that the Zilker Neighborhood Association will be able to use the data in our planning process as well. This information could be an important first step in working with NACA and OWANA to make all of Lamar Blvd.--north and south of the river--a truly pedestrian friendly "Great Street."

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A big happy birthday goes out to that handsome young man who lives on Garner Ave. Come on, **Mason**; you know we're talking about you! He celebrates his 17th birthday on July 22.

Happy anniversary to **Jan** and **Michelle**, who celebrated their 11th year together in June. May they share many more anniversaries together!

Congratulations to our Zilker Elementary School, high school, and college/university graduates! Good work! Now, for those of you who *didn't* graduate, school starts **August 14**.



Mr. **Willard Finkelstein**, a longtime resident of Zilker who lived on Kerr Avenue, passed away on May 24. Not only was he a well-known Austin attorney, but for 40 years, he and his wife, Doris, also owned and operated the Tropic Shop at the corner of South Congress and Barton Springs Road. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the Finkelstein family.



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Z-Neighbor Next Door

Okay, so the Zilker neighborhood doesn't have the holiday light display like the 37th Street residents produce--only once a year, we might add. But Zilker *does* have "The Creatures and Critters Corral," which is on view 365-24-7. There is "ET"--that cute, lovable extraterrestrial who has finally found his home--a three-frog band, and a yardful of wild animals. No, you won't be able to ride the burro, and the gargoyles won't really scare you, but you will be delighted and charmed by this little patch of "still life." Located at 1912 Paramount Avenue, "The Creatures and Critters Corral," a menagerie of concrete, plaster, and resin animal sculptures, was started by Mrs. Helen Kuykendall over six years ago. Mrs. Kuykendall, a 33-year Zilker resident, said that after she lost her husband, she was looking for something that she and her family could all enjoy. That's how she began making her yard art.

She and a travelling companion enjoy going to garden centers, antique shops, and garage sales in Austin, New Braunfels, Temple, Oak Hill, and other spots throughout central Texas to search for yard pets that need a home in her "corral." Mrs. Kuykendall's talent for spotting colorful, cute, and conversational yard art is obvious as soon as you take a look at her collection. And if you ask, she'll proudly tell you a story about each one of her works of art.

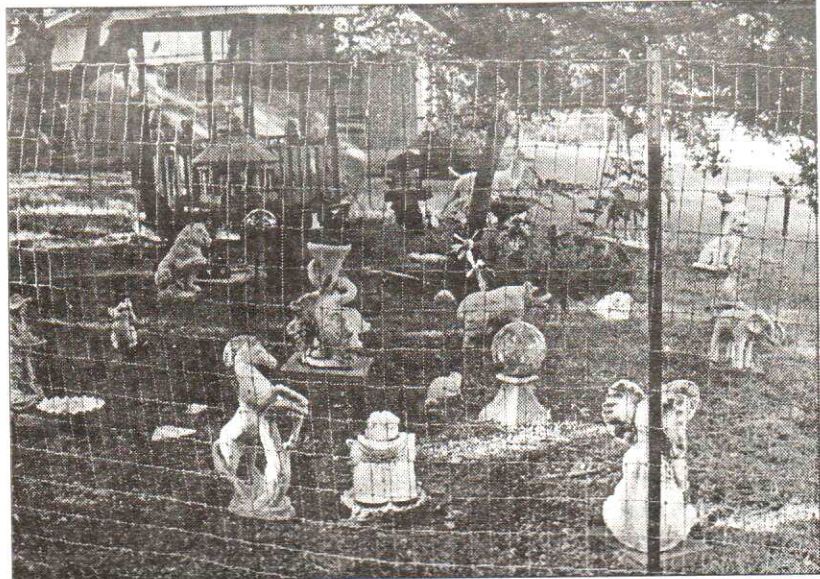
While she paints some of her statues in lively colors, she just puts a clear coat of sealant on others to protect them from weather damage. One of her grandsons helps her maintain the yard and the "corral" on a regular basis. Other family members pitch in at the holidays to decorate the area with Christmas lights.

Sadly, a few years ago several of her yard pets were stolen. Since then, she has corralled her "creatures and critters" with fencing, and no further thefts have occurred. Of course, it helps that her 95-pound dog acts as a security guard.

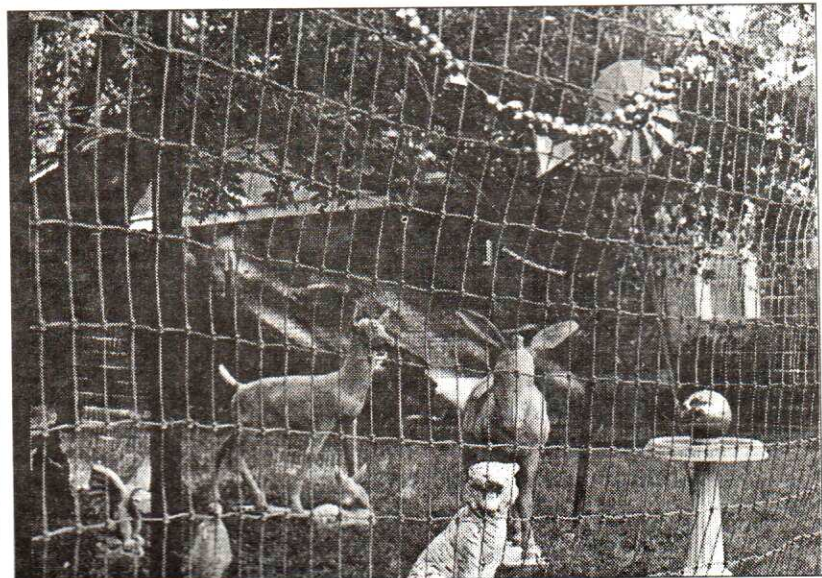
Drive by and take a gander at "The Creatures and Critters Corral." Just don't feed the animals!

"Z-Neighbor Next Door" features stories about Zilker residents. If you have a neighbor you would like for us to interview, send us a letter and tell us about him or her. Be sure to include your name and home phone number in the letter, too.

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Safely at home in their "corral", these wild--or is that mild?-- animals aren't going anywhere.



Lions, and tigers, and bears. Oh, my!

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tunities over the Aquifer, but will still have an impact on the 60-inch line to which most of Zilker's sewage runs.

An important consideration is how much unused capacity we have in our existing sewer system. It makes no sense at all to arbitrarily set a new housing goal only to find out that in order to serve these new units, we have to rebuild the entire sewer system.

This past month, Lorraine Atherton, ZNA vice president, has worked with Austin's Water and Wastewater Department to determine how Zilker is currently served, and what the capacity of our sewer infrastructure is. We hope to have a representative from the Water and Wastewater Department at our July 31 meeting to answer questions about our current system and our growth potential. All Zilker residents are invited to attend the ZNA general meeting to ask questions about this issue.



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from Precinct 304, "Circle C Ranch," with 452 votes cast from 3,572 registered voters, for a mere 12.65% participation rate.

While Precinct 332 makes up most of the Zilker neighborhood, we also include all of Precinct 462, the area east of Kinney to the railroad tracks and from Oltorf to the river, and a small portion of Precinct 325. When you add the 100 or so votes from these areas, the Zilker neighborhood can easily claim bragging rights as the best voting neighborhood in the city. Thanks to all those committed citizens who worked in the campaigns, staffed the polls, and especially to those who voted!

The ZNA executive committee would also like to thank all the city council candidates who attended the ZNA and Barton Hills Neighborhood Associations Candidate Forum on Monday, April 24. Of the 18 candidates running for mayor and the three council seats, 16 candidates attended and spoke at the forum. Neighborhood attendance was evident as well with almost 50 neighbors participating. A special thanks goes to Robin Cravey, our ZNA past president, for being our moderator, and to Carlene South, our social chairperson, for providing the refreshments for the evening. The ZNA executive committee hopes to work again with the Barton Hills Neighborhood Association in the fall on another candidate forum for the November elections.

I look forward to seeing you at our next general meeting on Monday, July 31. Come to our "Meet & Greet Social" starting at 6:30 p.m. We have many important issues on the agenda that affect our neighborhood. Your input in this issues is important.

Your neighbor--

Jeff



City Council Place 2 candidates discuss their views and respond to questions at the ZNA general meeting in April. The forum was moderated by Robin Cravey (left).

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short landscaped medians are planned. The purpose of this temporary period is to evaluate the dimensions of the medians, and to allow motorists to adjust to the device. The median will not restrict access for nearby driveways.

The Barton Hills Neighborhood Association has raised some issues about the speed humps proposed for the boundary streets of Robert E. Lee, Rabb Road, and Rae Dell. There is a plan for representatives of the ZNA and the Barton Hills Neighborhood Association to meet together to try and resolve this issue. The working group would like to thank all those interested citizens who sent in their ballots and gave their opinions about how to make our neighborhood safer.

As you drive your vehicle, ride your bike, jog, walk, or just stand in your yard chatting with your neighbor, soon you will notice a friendlier pace in our streets. As a comedian once said, "This ain't no residential district; this here's a neighborhood!" We agree!

Sign me up today. I want to be part of Z-Action!

ZNA annual dues are *only* \$5.00 per person.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ Apt.#: _____

Home Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Just a reminder, Neighbors!
The 2001 ZNA executive committee election will be held Monday, October 30, 2000. Only current ZNA members are eligible to vote.

Send this completed form and your check (payable to Zilker Neighborhood Association) to:

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Which of *These* Costly Homeseller Mistakes Will You Make When You Sell Your Home?

Austin, Texas--A new report has just been released that reveals the seven costly mistakes most homeowners make when selling their homes and the 9-Step System that can help you sell your home fast -- *and* for the most amount of money.

This industry report clearly shows how the traditional ways of selling homes have become increasingly less and less effective in today's real estate market. The fact of the matter is that fully three-quarters of today's homesellers don't get what they want for their homes and become disillusioned and financially disadvantaged when they put their homes on the market.

As this report uncovers, these seven deadly mistakes home sellers make will cost them literally thousands of dollars when they go to sell their homes. The good news is each and every one of these mistakes is entirely preventable.

In answer to this issue, industry insiders have prepared a free special report entitled, "*The 9-Step System to Get Your Home Sold Fast and For Top Dollar.*"

To hear a brief recorded message about how to order your free copy of this report, call 1-800-278-5449 and enter ID #1086. You can call anytime 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Call NOW to find out how you can get the most money for your home.

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Zilker Neighborhood Association (ZNA) general meetings are held four times a year: in February, April, July, and October. Meetings are scheduled on the last Monday of these months. The general membership meetings are open to all Zilker residents and others interested in the preservation of the Zilker neighborhood.