

Z-News

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The Newsletter of the Zilker Neighborhood Association

October 2001

A Message from the ZNA President

Jeff Jack

Tuesday, September 11, 2001

The shock of the terrorists acts in Washington, DC and New York are reverberating around the world and in all of our hearts. As we watched the rescue efforts and learned more about the tragedy, it seemed hard to grasp that over 6,000 people may have perished in this heinous act. To put this in a number closer to home, this one act of terrorism has killed as many people as there are in our *entire* neighborhood.



The death toll is staggering, but it is the individual losses that touch us the most. It is hard to talk to anyone about that fateful day without hearing some connection to this disaster by way of family, friends, schoolmates or business acquaintances. At such time, it is clear we are all connected, and that the world has gotten smaller.

In the midst of this despair, there has been heroic bravery and incredible caring. The true spirit of the American people was exemplified by the courage of those that risked, and at times, lost their lives helping others. The dedication of the police, medical personnel, and fire fighters who responded without hesitation cannot be praised enough. At the Pentagon, our Armed Forces personnel responded as the trained professionals they are. In the sky, passengers died confronting terrorists, and thereby preventing even greater destruction. The surge of volunteers, construction workers, citizens from down the block, and Red Cross workers from around the nation came to help wherever they could. We will never know all the acts of bravery that happened that day, but to all of them we owe our gratitude.

For every person that died, a family was torn asunder. The grief will take a long time to pass, but we can help ease the loss with our compassion and contributions to these families. Your contributions to the following relief efforts will be greatly appreciated.

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Austin, TX 78767

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Zilker Neighborhood Association



Monday, October 22 6:30 pm
Kinney Ave. Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
1801 Kinney Avenue

AGENDA

- 6:30 - 7:00 Meet & Greet Social
- 7:00 - 7:05 Call to Order
Introductions & Announcements
- 7:05 - 7:15 Treasurer's Report/Membership Campaign
- 7:15 - 7:30 Issue Updates
 1. Traffic Calming
 2. Neighborhood Planning
 3. Capital Metro Community Involvement Process
 4. Tree Trimming
 5. Proposed Ordinance Against Parking in Yards
 6. Barton Springs Church Historic Preservation
- 7:30 - 8:00 Barton Springs/Edward Aquifer District--
Presentation of the district's role in preserving
the Barton Springs portion of the Edwards
Aquifer
- 8:00 - 8:30 Travis Co. November Bond Package Forum--
Representatives for and against the bond
package will discuss the issues involved
in this election
- 8:30 - 8:45 ZNA Executive Committee Nomination
and Election of 2002 Officers
- 8:45 - 9:00 New Business
- 9:00 Adjourn



ZNA Election to Be Held at October Meeting

At the ZNA general meeting on Monday, October 22, officers will be selected to serve on the executive committee for 2002. The 2001 executive committee has proposed the following slate of officers for next year:

President:	Jeff Jack
Vice President:	Lorraine Atherton
Vice President:	Fontaine Maverick
Secretary:	Deborah Bice-Broussard
Treasurer:	Steve Sides
ANC Representative:	Bobby Rigney
Z-New Editor:	Shannon Smithson

In addition to our regular officers, the following committee chairs have been proposed:

Social Committee:	Carlene South
Membership:	Barbara Cossie & Kaye Trybus
WebMaster:	Kevin Bice

To allow time for the ballots to be printed, the bylaws of the Zilker Neighborhood Association require that nominations for the executive committee be received no later than one week prior to the election. If you are interested in serving as a ZNA officer for 2002, please contact Lorraine Atherton at 447-7681 by Monday, October 15.

The bylaws also state that only current ZNA members are allowed to vote. The election will held at the ZNA general meeting on **Monday, October 22** at 8:30 p.m. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

Making the Holidays Happy for All



It's hard to believe that the holidays are just around the corner, but indeed they are.

Thoughts of the holiday season make us think of all we have to do to prepare: sending cards to those far away, stocking up on food to have ready when family and friends come to visit, and finding just the right gifts for those we love. The holiday season is truly the time for sharing.

But did you know that there are those in our very neighborhood who don't have the luxury of giving? There are Zilker parents who dearly *want* to provide a nice holiday for their children, but cannot. It is these families that the Zilker Neighborhood Association wants to help make the holidays seem a little brighter.

With the generous support of some fine Zilker residents, the ZNA was able to sponsor two families last year. This year, the ZNA would like to increase that number to three or four families. How can we do that? With your help, of course!

As in the past two years, the families will be selected from Zilker Elementary School. Sponsors are needed to buy gifts for the family, as well as food and household supplies. What better way to teach your children about the gift of sharing than by giving a gift to a child or buying food for a family they don't know.

It's not too early to get in "Z-holiday spirit" with the ZNA! Contact Barbara Cossie at 326-1222 to have your name added to our sponsorship list. Thanks, neighbors!

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The Zilker Zestival Zooms Ahead!

Now in its third year, our ZNA neighborhood festival, aptly named Zestival, will be held **Saturday, October 20** from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Kinney Avenue Baptist Church parking lot. As Zestival-goers listen to the sounds of talented performers filling the air with song and music, they can stroll by booths displaying jewelry, baskets, artwork and pottery made by local artists and craftspeople.



Since this is South Austin, there might even be a booth or two selling "objects de yard sale", too. In other words, there will be something for everyone at Zestival!

Let's not forget the youngsters. Around the children's area, kids will find plenty to keep them busy. Our own "Fontaine, the Fabulous" will be painting faces and other body parts with colorful designs. Then, for some fun they can't (or *better* not) do at home, the kids can pick up a brush and paint "car artist" Daniel Skolnick's automobile.

But that's not all, folks. The organizing committee wants to make Zestival informative as well as fun. Officer Keith Hamblin from the Austin Police Department will drop by to educate kids and adults alike about personal and home safety. Austin fire fighters will be there to talk to kids about fire safety. For the adults, various Austin nonprofit organizations will be available to give information about their services in the community.

Since Zestival is a "homegrown event", the support of our community is very important. This year, Whole Foods and Fiesta are donating food, and Robin's Party Shop is donating balloons. The ZNA is grateful for their contributions.

If you are interested in having a booth, being an entertainer, or helping out as a volunteer, contact ZNA Social Chairperson Carlene South before October 14 at 442-7909. Booth spaces are still available at \$15.00. All money raised from booth and refreshment sales goes directly to the Zilker Neighborhood Association.

States Carlene South, "Zestival is for the whole family and the entire community. Where else can you go where you get to hear great music, see old friends, find out what the community has to offer *and* shop for wonderful gifts?"

Okay--on **Saturday, October 20**, where ya gonna be? That's right! Zestival! We'll see you there!

Making Our Numbers Count: The ZNA's Membership Campaign

In the July issue of *Z-News*, we discussed increasing our membership in the Zilker Neighborhood Association, as well as soliciting donations for our three special neighborhood projects.



The response to our membership drive resulted in almost one hundred new memberships or renewals. These membership fees will help the ZNA pay for the printing cost for *Z-News* and other costs of running a neighborhood association.

However, becoming a member of ZNA means more than just having money in the ZNA treasury. Membership means representation. When stepping up to the mike to speak before the city council or any board on behalf the Zilker neighborhood, our representative can say, "The Zilker Neighborhood Association has 250 members."--or whatever the membership might be at the time. No doubt about it, there *is* strength in numbers. A membership of 100 in any organization will get more attention than a membership of 10; 1,000 is even better. It is to Zilker neighborhood's benefit that our numbers keep growing. The ZNA executive committee wishes to thank all of those Zilker neighbors who signed on as new members or renewed their memberships for the year.

Because the Zilker Neighborhood Association is not just any association, but a *neighborhood* association, the executive committee is actively working on three Zilker projects: the Zilker Elementary School Picnic Table Fund, the Zilker School Family Holiday Fund, and the Barton Springs Baptist Church Fence Fund. To date, over \$400.00 has been donated for these projects. Here is breakdown of what has been collected so far:

	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Needed</u>
Zilker School Picnic Table	\$300	\$234	\$ 66
Family Holiday Fund	\$500	\$ 93	\$407
Barton Springs Church Fund	\$400	\$110	\$290

The goal for picnic table is almost met, but the other two projects are lagging behind--especially the Zilker School Family Holiday Fund. The ZNA has worked with the staff at Zilker School over the past two years to identify families who need help for the holidays, and plans to continue this tradition.

States ZNA President Jeff Jack, "We realize that many people will be contributing to various September 11, 2001 disaster relief funds, but we hope our Zilker neighbors will dig a little deeper, and will help some of our families in the neighborhood as well. Since this the last issue of *Z-News* for 2001, the executive committee urges everyone who can make even the smallest donation to our Family Holiday Fund to do so now."

The executive committee expresses their heartfelt thanks to all of those who have contributed to these ZNA special projects. If there was any doubt that one individual can make a difference in another person's life, there should be none now after what we have seen over the past month. Please be assured that your donations will be used to make our neighborhood a better place for all who live in Zilker.

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Zilker School Notes

YOU SEE? DIDN'T I TELL YOU THAT DOING ALL THAT HOMEWORK WOULD PAY OFF?

Congratulations to Principal Ramona Trevino, her teachers and staff, and *all* the students at Zilker Elementary School for the Exemplary Rating the school recently received. The rating was based on the outstanding performance of the students' TAAS scores for 2000. This was the first time Zilker School has been rated so high.



Dr. Pat Forgione, AISD superintendent, chose Zilker School as the site for his press conference to announce the Exemplary schools on August 16. The percentage of students passing school-wide were as follows:

Reading	Math	Writing
94%	95%	96%

Ms. Trevino was very modest regarding her role in having her school being given this rating. Said Ms. Trevino, "Our Zilker teachers are just wonderful. I just stay out of their way, and let them teach." (Don't underestimate yourself, Ms. Trevino. I know how important a good principal is to a school. I spent too many hours in the principal's office as a kid, so I *know* what goes on in there!)

ZIPPIN' OVER TO THE ZAMBOREE!

Pack up the kids and head on over to the Zilker Elementary School **Zamboree** on **Saturday, October 27 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.** There will be lots of activities and games to delight the whole family, and some great food to tempt those hungry little taste buds.

Even with all the fun you will be having outside on the school grounds, don't forget to go *inside* the building. Step in and see the silent auction items on display. As you walk up and down hall, you will be amazed to see the number of Zilker (and Austin) businesses, artists and craftspeople who their donated their goods and services to the auction table. What a great place to find something special for yourself or a gift for the upcoming holidays!

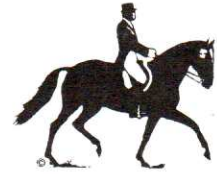
And here's a good thing to remember when you are pulling money out of your pocket to buy a ticket or a treat: All the money raised at the Zamboree goes directly to Zilker School. What better cause can there be than educating our youth?

A CASE OF TOO MUCH TIME ON THEIR HANDS

We've heard over here at *Z-News* that some vandalism has occurred at the school within the past few months. What a shame. Zilker School provides so much good to our neighborhood. Folks, please call 911 immediately if you see *any* suspicious activity or vandalism around the Zilker School.

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The November Election and the Travis County Bond Package

On November 6, voters will have the opportunity to go to the polls to vote on several important issues. The election to fill the unexpired term of Mayor Kirk Watson will lead the ballot. Mayor Watson is stepping down to run for Attorney General, and a special election will be held to fill his seat on the city council. At the present time, former City Council Member Gus Garcia is the only recognizable contender for the race, and many expect Mr. Garcia to be our next mayor.

In addition to the mayor's race, there will be a slate of 19 state constitutional amendments to consider. One of particular note is Proposition 15 that if passed would allow the state to bond road construction work for the first time. Until now, the state had to pay as they went on road projects. This proposition would allow the state to begin road projects *before* the money was available by selling bonds to finance this construction.



There are many pro and cons to this proposal, but the greatest concern is that the passage of this amendment would give the Texas Department of Transportation a "mandate" to build--and build--and build without a sound financial funding source. Thus, our already extravagant spending on roads would increase.

The concern is echoed when we look at the proposed Travis County Bond Package. The county commissioner had set a goal that any new bond package not result in raising taxes. It was estimated that an \$80-90 million bond package could be accommodated with current funding, and that was the target that was set. Unfortunately, the proposed package has ballooned up to over \$199 million. This is mainly due to the inclusion of large road projects outside the city that have been requested by the development community. The package that will be before the voters includes the following:

- Prop. #1 \$57,430,000 for misc. road projects
- Prop. #2 \$14,105,000 for Frate Barker Road extension
- Prop. #3 28,600,000 for parks projects
- Prop. #4 \$32,727,000 for State Highway 45 North & FM 1826
- Prop. #5 \$66,200,00 for State Highway 130 right of way acquisition

The real question is whether the benefits of these roads will warrant the added cost? Are we willing to increase our taxes to

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Neighborhood Planning and Austin Energy's Service to the Zilker



After several years of neighborhood planning, the city staff has proposed to revise the process with the goal of "streamlining" the planning and reducing the time to complete the individual neighborhood plan. The ZNA executive committee has been closely watching the planning process as it has unfolded in various neighborhoods. While there have been important issues raised about the inclusiveness of the process, the extent of notification to residents, business and property owners, and the appropriateness of various "smart growth" in-fill ordinances, the consensus of the neighborhoods that have gone through the process is that it is a very valuable exercise, and gives neighborhoods a much better opportunity to control their destinies.

The new process that the staff is proposing will be a areal change in direction.. Previously, the process was based on a neighborhood leadership team, with representation of all the stakeholders, meeting on a regular schedule to develop the plan. The process relied on surveys and questionnaires to find out the community's issues, concerns and priorities. The planning then would work through options to create a draft plan. The community would vote by a ballot on the final plan to assess the support for any changes proposed in zoning or service delivery.

Now the new process will rely instead in a workshop format that utilizes three large community meetings with the staff fundamentally developing the plan. Another change will be that the planning areas will be much larger with multiple neighborhoods included in one planning area. The scope of issues addressed in the planning will also be reduced with a primary focus on zoning and land use. How this will work out is anyone's guess at this point.

The Zilker neighborhood is still not scheduled for the city's neighborhood planning process. It appears that the city is zeroing in on neighborhoods that have considerable vacant land, primarily on the east side of town. While the city's planning process may be years away for Zilker, we will continue to develop the background information that will be helpful when we do initiate our own planning.

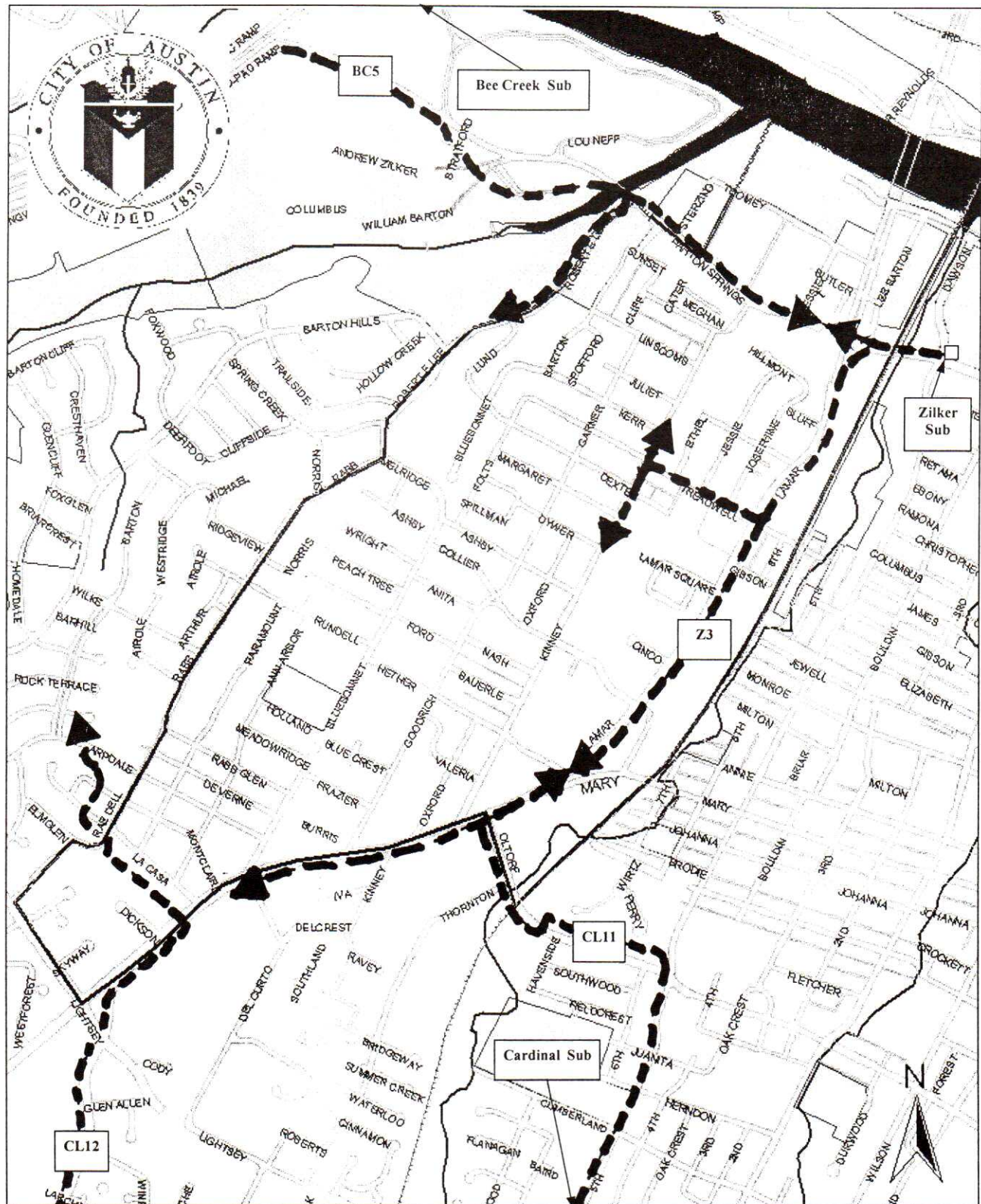
On the opposite page, we have included a map indicating how our neighborhood is served by Austin Energy. In any discussion about accommodating additional growth in our older neighborhoods, we must determine how much growth is reasonable, and where it should go. We often hear that we need to build our tax base, but we cannot do this blindly. If we encourage in-fill growth that then requires us to rebuild our streets, sewers and electric service at significant costs, any benefit from the "growing" tax base will be lost. The question then becomes how much growth can we accommodate without having to expand our service infrastructure?

Our neighborhood is served from three separate substations. These substations and related main distribution circuits are keyed to the map on page 7.

- 1. Cardinal Lane Substation:** This substation is located in the Galindo neighborhood just to the southeast of the Zilker neighborhood at the corner of Cardinal Lane and South 5th Street. From the substation two circuits run to our neighborhood, Cardinal Lane CL11 and CL12.
- 2. Zilker Substation:** While bearing our name, this substation is actually located in the Bouldin Creek neighborhood at the corner of Barton Springs Road and Dawson Street. This is the substation that is scheduled to be relocated when the Town Lake Park project is completed. It will be moved further north in the park, and will be adjacent to the east side of the Missouri-Pacific Railroad line. Circuit Z3 from this substation feeds into our neighborhood.
- 3. Bee Cave:** The last distribution line feeding our area is from just about Tom Miller Dam on the north side of Redbud Trail and is noted as BC5.

Our electric service system has greater flexibility to handle growth than the water, sewer or roadway infrastructure. Increasing power along existing lines is easily accommodated just as the fluctuation in demands over a 24 hour period is handled. If a larger service is required, it is usually a matter of changing wire sizes with the poles remaining the same. Only with major development that would require a new substation would we see a significant capital cost increase.

While Austin Energy could not say how much growth would have to happen in our area to trigger the need for a new substation, it was felt that most in-fill or residential areas and additional commercial demand growth along South Lamar could reasonably be met with the existing system. The ZNA has asked that Austin Energy look at the South Lamar Corridor in more detail to see how much growth could be accommodated there.



Zilker Neighborhood Planning Area

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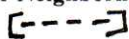
Zilker Neighborhood Circuits:

BC5 = Bee Creek 5

CL11 = Cardinal Ln 11

CL12 = Cardinal Ln 12

Z3 = Zilker 3



ZILKER'S EYE ON CRIME



Let's Keep Our Eyes Open, Neighbors!

APD Police Office Keith Hamblin sent us this information regarding burglaries and break-ins that are occurring in the neighborhood:

In the past few months, several burglaries have taken place in the Zilker neighborhood with four burglaries in the recent weeks. The suspect is a black male described as being 18 to 20 years of age with a muscular build.

The suspect climbs over back yard fences where he is less likely to be seen, and then he enters and ransacks the homes. He is usually inside the homes for an extended period of time, and does not take any large items. It is unknown if he is using a vehicle or if he is coming in to the area on foot or a bicycle.

The APD is unsure if he is involved in all the burglaries at this time, but he is the only suspect that has been seen.

Spread the word, and call 911 immediately if you see any suspicious persons or activity. I will be distributing flyers on the affected streets soon. Be vigilant. Stay safe.

Hey! What's the 411 about the 311?

There is a new number for you remember, and it is as easy as 911. It's 311. What's the difference between those two little digits? 911, as we all know, is to be called for life threatening emergencies, crimes that are in progress and any serious or violent crimes. In other words, we hope you don't need to use 911 very often.

Now, 311 you may want to memorize. It is the toll-free telephone number that allows people within the city limits to request police services in *non-emergency* situations.

Perhaps you thought all calls to the Austin Police Department (APD) were 911 calls. Actually, calling 911 for a non-emergency may tie up the line keeping the dispatchers from being able to respond to a *real* emergency.

So when do you call 311? Call 311 to report situations that are not life threatening, when a crime has already occurred, and to request information from the APD. Here are some examples of 311 calls:

- * Reports of vandalism, theft, graffiti, stolen autos
- * Animal control
- * Illegally parked vehicles
- * Information regarding APD's divisions and programs

If you are ever in doubt about what number to call, go ahead and call 911. Our city's helpful dispatchers will get your call to the right place.

Okay, what's that number again? 3-1-1. Let's use it!

Officer Keith Hamblin is Zilker's APD district representative. If you see him at one of our meetings or on the street, introduce yourself and tell him how much you appreciate his service to the Zilker neighborhood.

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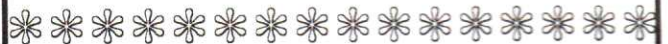
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City Council Leaves South Lamar a MAD-4

Since the early '80's, city traffic engineers have proposed widening South Lamar Blvd. from Town Lake to Ben White Blvd. In 1984, a design was proposed that would have changed South Lamar Blvd. from two lanes each way with a center turn lane, called a Major Arterial Divided 4 (MAD-4), by adding two more travel lanes and a center median referred to as a MAD-6. Opposition to that idea put the plans on the shelf where they gathered dust until last year. While the city had backed off on the widening proposal, the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO), which controls how federal funds for roads will be spent in the Austin area, still wanted to have South Lamar Blvd. designated as a MAD-6, and included this in their 2025 Year Roadway Plan. Concerned about funding for road projects, the city staff agreed with CAMPO, and revised the Austin Metropolitan Area Transportation Plan (AMATP) to show South Lamar Blvd. as a MAD-6.

The proposed widening would have required the acquisition of additional property for construction. If the 1984 plan was implemented a minimum of 140 feet of right of way would have been needed. This would have resulted in losing over thirty buildings from Town Lake to Barton Skyway. Many of the remaining businesses would have also lost their parking, and would have had to deal with over two years of construction. Many of these businesses would not have survived, or would have been forced to relocate. The Zilker Neighborhood Association opposed the original plan of turning South Lamar Blvd. into a MAD-6 in 1984, and has continued to work with our local businesses to oppose widening the street.



The Environmental Board, Urban Transportation Commission and Planning Commission all voted to retain the MAD-4 designation for South Lamar Blvd. On August 23, the city council voted unanimously to change the designation back to a MAD-4. This was a major victory for our small businesses along South Lamar Blvd. and for our neighborhood. But we have one more hurdle to cross.

While the city roadway plan now has South Lamar Blvd. as a MAD-4, CAMPO's 2025 year plan still has it as a MAD-6. The city's AMATP is usually incorporated into the CAMPO plan, but there is no obligation that they do so. In fact, the majority of the CAMPO board represent suburban interests with the city having only four members out of 21 on the board.

The next step will be to get CAMPO to concur with the AMATP designation. CAMPO's staff will be reviewing the population and employment data during the next year. Final recommendations on amending the 2025 year plan will be considered by CAMPO in December, 2002.

The Zilker Neighborhood Association executive committee wishes to thank the business owners and residents who wrote letters, e-mailed and telephoned the city council members and who attended the city council meeting. Yes, we got the council's attention. With your support, we are one step closer to keeping South Lamar Blvd. from becoming a highway through our neighborhood.

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As we recoil from last month's tragedy, there is one question that repeatedly comes up: What can we do now? While the masterminds of these barbaric events must be brought to justice, we must also realize that no amount of retaliation will end the madness of terrorism. Eventually, the only way to prevent such terrorism is to end the hatred that fuels these acts of insanity.

While our government seeks to identify who is responsible and bring them under the rule of law, what can we do as individuals to combat terrorism? To be sure, we must not fall prey to the temptation of taking justice into our own hands, or of seeking vengeance on innocent people. This would make us no better than the murderers who committed these atrocities. We cannot set aside the principles of our democracy no matter how horrendous these attacks have been, and we must guard our civil liberties as closely as some suggest we now guard our borders. However, we do not need to be passive. There is something we all can do to prevent the conditions that spawn such perversity. While we cannot change the world overnight, we can take responsibility for our own future, and build the very best community that we can: a community that cares for one another; a community that is diverse, yet cohesive; a community that is self-reliant and equitable to all; a community that has put racism and religious intolerance in the past; a community that is respectful of, and celebrates, our differences.

We are fortunate that in so many ways the Zilker neighborhood is just such a community. In our neighborhood, there is a diversity of races, religions and economics that is typical of South Austin. Our residents strengthen our community with their compassion and concern. They give their time and money to those less fortunate through volunteer work and service to their neighbors. There is a growing cooperation between businesses and homeowners to preserve the character of our neighborhood, to protect the environment, and to maintain our quality of life.

But as good as we are, we can never assume that it is "good enough". The issues we will be discussing at our ZNA general meeting on Monday, October 22 clearly suggests that we have to continue to be proactive in shaping own future. We invite you to join the Zilker Neighborhood Association in a commitment to make Zilker the very best it can be for all our residents. It is with this goal in mind that the ZNA executive committee dedicates its efforts for the coming year in the memory of September 11, 2001.

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build these roads? Who will these roads serve anyway? Will spending all this money actually *improve* the quality of life for most Austinites? We have to remember that close to 80% of the county tax revenue comes from city dwellers. Not one penny of this money will be spent inside the city! In fact, the \$32 million of State Highway 45 North will clearly help Round Rock and Southern Williamson County, but *not* Austin. When you consider the property tax increases that we have all seen this past year, do you want to subsidize suburban development with *your* tax dollars?

Of particular concern is Proposition #2 for \$14 million to build an extension of Frate Barker Road. This project would be constructed though land the city has bought for environmental conservation, effectively rendering our investment in protecting the recharge zone of Barton Springs a waste of money. Some suburban county neighborhoods will suggest that this project is needed for safety. The fact is it is not a safety issue at all. If this proposition is passed, we would be building additional road capacity almost to Gary Bradley's front door, and encouraging more development over the Aquifer. Others will argue that it is needed to reduce congestion, but what it would do is save a few folks a couple of minutes in travel time. Is it worth the risk to the Aquifer? Is it worth your hard earned tax dollars?

To help sort out the pros and cons of the county bond package, both supporters and opponents of the proposed package have been invited to our ZNA general meeting on **Monday, October 22** to discuss the propositions and answer your questions .

**Zilker Neighborhood Association
Membership Form**

ZNA annual dues \$7.00 per person.

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