

# Z NEWS

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Newsletter of the  
Zilker Neighborhood  
Association

Established 1981 in  
Austin, Texas

## A Message from ZNA President Bill Bunch Be Heard Now, for a Better Zilker Tomorrow

Dear Neighbors,

This is a big month for your voice to be heard!

The upcoming primary election is especially important, because redistricting has changed some of our voting maps. Our whole neighborhood benefits when every single one of us is registered and steps up to vote. Whether you vote by mail, early, or at Zilker Elementary on Election Day, don't miss your chance to pick Congressional, state, and county candidates. Remember, you can vote at any location that's open. See the box on the right for links to more election info.

This month is also the time to speak up on the future of Zilker Park. Go to [austintexas.gov/ZilkerVision](http://austintexas.gov/ZilkerVision) to register for the community Zoom meeting Feb. 15 at 6 pm, to learn more about how the plans are shaping up, and to voice your ideas. Care about rewilding, climate, water protection, safety, mobility, parking, wayfinding, or other aspects of the park? This is your moment! As I wrote in these pages last year, the footprint of commercial interests operating at the park has grown over the years, along with pressure to provide more parking for major events. ZNA and other neighborhoods, through the Zilker Rewilding report, offer a more nature-intensive and inclusive perspective to the plan to balance out those interests and align with important climate and equity goals. (For ZNA's priorities, see [zilkerneighborhood.org/zilkerpark](http://zilkerneighborhood.org/zilkerpark).)

We also hope to see you February 28 for the ZNA quarterly meeting at Zilker Elementary (barring any further weather or pandemic shutdowns). Please invite your neighbors. All Zilker residents are welcome (and encouraged to join or renew your membership in ZNA). Watch the ZNA website [zilkerneighborhood.org](http://zilkerneighborhood.org), or our new Instagram handle (@Zilker\_Neighborhood), or [zilkerneighbors@groups.io](mailto:zilkerneighbors@groups.io) for more updates on these and other issues. Stay tuned and stay active! And please, don't forget to vote *Your neighbor, Bill Bunch*



**MARCH 1 PRIMARIES**  
NEW DISTRICTS  
FOR CONGRESS AND  
STATE OFFICES.

*Our voting precincts  
have new numbers; see  
ZNA map on back page.*

The **Blue Action Democrats** said it best: "voter investment in the primary will bring strong turnout in the general. In order to make change in Texas, we need voters to exercise their civic engagement muscle in every single election."

### VOTE EARLY FEBRUARY 14-25

And plan ahead. So far, no early voting places are located on South Lamar.

City Hall and Gardner-Betts on South Congress are closest to us, but check [votetravis.com](http://votetravis.com) for your precinct's ballot and latest polling location info.

Compare candidates in the League of Women Voters guide at [lwvaustin.org](http://lwvaustin.org).

## ZNA General Meeting Monday, February 28, 2022

Meet and Greet 6:30 PM  
Zilker Elementary School  
1900 Bluebonnet Lane



Agenda will include updates on Rewilding  
Zilker & Zilker Park Vision Plan,  
Zoning & Infrastructure

Details at [zilkerneighborhood.org](http://zilkerneighborhood.org) and  
[zilkerneighbors@groups.io](mailto:zilkerneighbors@groups.io)

❖ ❖ **All Welcome** ❖ ❖  
Newcomers, homeowners, renters,  
business neighbors

**BECOME A ZNA MEMBER TODAY**

Membership is open to Zilker residents (renters or homeowners) 18 years old or older.  
 Nonresident property owners are not eligible for membership.  
 Annual dues are **\$7 per person**. Please list each member's name and e-mail address below.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Dues amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Zilker Neighborhood Association and mail with this form to:  
 ZNA Memberships, 1725 Toomey Road, Apt 310, Austin, TX 78704  
 or join online at [zilkerneighborhood.org](http://zilkerneighborhood.org).

**Meet the ZNA Officers for 2022**

In December, the ZNA membership elected these officers to serve in 2022:

*President:* Bill Bunch

*Executive VP:* Gary Hamilton

*Secretary:* Dave Piper

*Treasurer:* David Borden

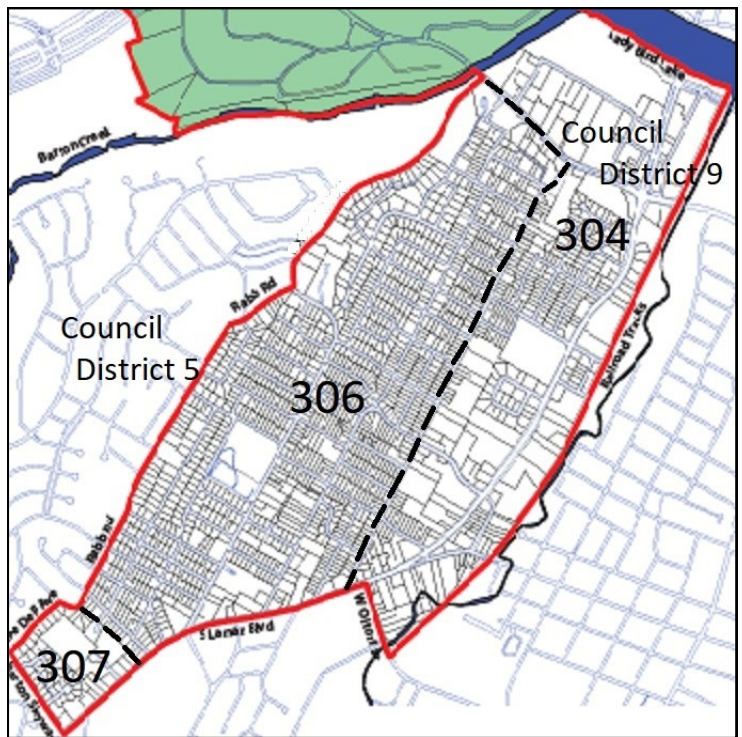
*VP Communications:* Tanya Payne

*VP Parks and Environment:* Robin Rather

*VP Social:* Cat Cooke

*VP Zoning:* Bill Neale

*ANC Delegate:* Bobby Rigney



The Executive Committee meets the first Monday of most months, at 5:30 pm, at the Umlauf Sculpture Garden, 605 Azie Morton.  
 Email [ZNA@zilkerneighborhood.org](mailto:ZNA@zilkerneighborhood.org)  
 For ZNA bylaws and to join online, visit [www.zilkerneighborhood.org](http://www.zilkerneighborhood.org)

ZNA boundaries include Zilker Park and Rabb Road on the west, from Lady Bird Lake to Barton Skyway, and the railroad tracks on the east to Oltorf and then south along South Lamar.  
 Zilker residents vote in Travis County precincts 304 (Butler Shores and east of Kinney), 306 (west of Kinney), and the Skyway Circle portion of 307.  
 We are currently represented by **City Council Member ANN KITCHEN** ([district5@austintexas.gov](mailto:district5@austintexas.gov) or 512-978-2105).  
 In November, precincts 306 and 307 will vote in Council District 5 and 304 will vote in District 9.  
 Our **Austin Police** Rep is Officer Shawn Rougeou, at 512-974-5490 or [Shawn.Rougeou@austintexas.gov](mailto:Shawn.Rougeou@austintexas.gov)

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