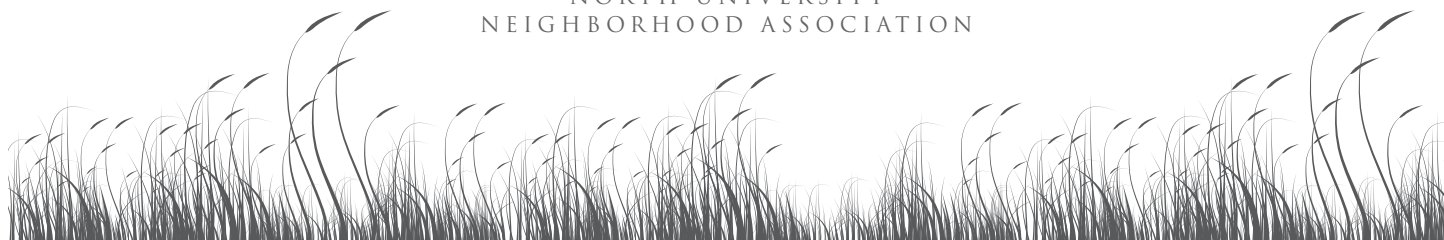




NORTH UNIVERSITY
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



Presidents Note

By *Babs Davis, NUNA Co-President*

A lot has happened in the larger world around our community since our April *NUNA News* came out. At that time, the City Council was on the cusp of a final vote for a re-zoning proposal to accommodate urban growth that would affect our neighborhood dramatically and in extreme ways. At the last moment, the final City Council vote on the re-zoning proposal, planned for March 28th, was suspended due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Concurrently, a lawsuit in the Travis County District Court brought by the *Community not Commodity* group was pending on an injunction that would require the City to recognize citizen's protest rights when zoning changes are proposed. After the *NUNA News* went to press, that lawsuit was successful. Travis County Judge Jan Soifer ruled that the Council must recognize protest rights on any proposed zoning changes, not just comprehensive re-zonings. The City subsequently appealed that ruling and on May 13th, Judge Soifer restored the injunction, requiring the City to recognize citizen rights to protest on zoning changes. Details of that ruling are available elsewhere in this issue.

Meanwhile, we have been under a social-distancing requirement from the City of Austin and Travis

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County. All of us have been hanging out at home and making careful choices about what can be done outside the house. In our case, John and I have been attacking home projects (some of them are twenty years old!), biking, gardening, and trying to think of things to cook for EVERY meal. I know all of you have developed your own coping skills for this unprecedented event in our lives where virtually everything is changed. I have sometimes felt like I am in a science fiction movie!

At the same time, the 'silver lining' is that neighbors are speaking and checking in with one another in conversations in the park and in our yards. That has been a sustaining experience in this isolation. Our little family of two has received home-made pizza, bread, and carrot cake as well as offers for



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home-made masks from kind neighbors. We have even had a couple of “6 foot” happy hours! I have volunteered for Kathy Tovo to call older residents in District 9 to see how they are coping and what resources they need. That has resulted in some wonderful conversations getting to know neighbors from further reaches of our community in District 9. We all want to be aware of our older neighbors in this period.

So what next? Taking a health perspective, we will want to be careful about close contact, even when social distancing is lifted in our city and county. I am getting used to wearing a mask in public places! Hope that each of you will take care of yourselves and stay healthy. For now, we are on the good side of the re-zoning issues. Stay tuned on that one!

NUNA Event: Peached Tortilla coming to Hemphill Park on June 5

By Brandon Tucker

Dear Neighbors,

We will have a socially distanced event in NUNA on **Friday, June 5 from 5-7 PM** in Hemphill Park with the **Peached Tortilla Food Truck!** You are welcome to get carryout or have an appropriate spacially-distanced picnic in Hemphill Park. Neighbors will receive a pre-order link where they can order off our menu. The banh mi tacos and chicken pad thai rice bowl are two of their most popular items!

To get your taste buds thinking about the event that's right around the corner, we asked founder Eric Silverstein a few questions about his food truck journey and the Austin restaurant scene.

NUNA: You began as a food truck, what led you to decide it was time to open a brick-and-mortar restaurant?

Eric: We were in a food truck for over four years. It's a tough business to operate, mainly because you have no home base (except for the truck itself). You rent out of someone else's commissary kitchen. You park your truck in someone else's lot. I felt like I was at the mercy of other business owners all the time. The food truck business is also low margin and it is just flat out tough. I set out to open a restaurant back in 2010 when I opened the food truck, so the brick and mortar was a goal I wanted to achieve.

NUNA: What is the secret to merging Japanese/Asian tastes with southern?

Eric: I'm not sure there is a secret so much that it must taste good! There is fusion cuisine all around us, we just don't recognize it. When you grab a frozen barbecue chicken pizza at the grocery store, nobody thinks "I'm getting my hands on some great fusion pizza!" For me, I just try and cook good food, inspired by the flavors I grew up eating. I try and incorporate ingredients that we have access to in Texas.

NUNA: What would you like Austinites to know about starting a food truck restaurant?

Eric: Well, starting a food truck itself is brutal. It's the hardest business to be successful at. You're at the mercy of your vehicle and also the elements. It's just a difficult business. Trying to climb the mountain to get to a restaurant is a very long journey. My advice



to Austinites who want to do it is to stay the course. Understand that it is a marathon and not a sprint. Be patient, definitely don't do it for the money, and understand the sacrifices involved in running any type of small business.

NUNA: What is your outlook for the restaurant industry in Austin coming out of the crisis? How do you expect things to be different?



Eric: I'm less optimistic by the day, unfortunately. Without changes to the PPP program and more government support, restaurants will have a tough time making it. Imagine if you owned a business and you were mandated to shut your doors for months. And when you re-opened, you could only operate at half capacity with all the same bills. That's the reality of the restaurant business. I think you'll see a lot of great independent restaurants close at the end of 2020. They will have fought and clawed for their restaurants for months to try and hold onto their dreams, only to realize there's little money left in the bank.

NUNA: As you've begun this tour during Covid-19 social-distancing, where have you been so far and what do you like about Austin neighborhoods?

Eric: I love the people that shape Austin neighborhoods. This is an incredibly communal city. The people are friendlier in Austin than any other city I have lived in. They come out and support our food trucks, restaurants and catering program. I'm grateful for that. I have only positive things to say about Austin and the communities that make it up. They have been nothing but supportive of our business for 10 years. It's been a blessing in that regard.



TRUCK MENU

TACO MEAL | 11

2 TACOS + FRIES

/// pick one type of taco

/// all tacos on flour tortillas unless otherwise requested

bbq brisket. dry rubbed brisket, creamy apple slaw, smoky roasted peach bbq sauce (GF on corn)

banh mi. vietnamese braised pork belly, pickled daikon carrot, sriracha mayo, cilantro

chinese bbq chicken. chili garlic marinated chicken, asian slaw, chinese bbq sauce, cilantro

BOWLS | 9

bbq brisket. southern dry rubbed brisket, creamy apple slaw, smoky roasted peach bbq sauce, 45 minute egg

banh mi. vietnamese braised pork belly, pickled daikon carrot, sriracha mayo, cilantro, 45 minute egg

chinese bbq chicken. chili garlic chicken, asian slaw, chinese bbq sauce, cilantro, 45 minute egg

JAPANESE INSPIRED SANDWICH | 10

CHICKEN KATSU SANDWICH

napa slaw, tonkatsu sauce, milk bread

/// served cold

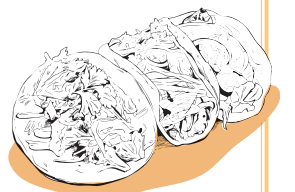
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BBQ BRISKET TACO | 6

/// 2 tacos

CHEESE QUESADILLA | 4

BELGIAN FRIES | 3



BEVERAGES

SPICY MARGARITA MIX BY THE QUART | 20

/// just add tequila!

RICHARD'S RAINWATER | 2

BOTTLED WATER | 2

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The Creatures Come Out to Play

By Lindsey Heddleston

It takes time—loose, unstructured, dreamtime—to experience nature in a meaningful way.

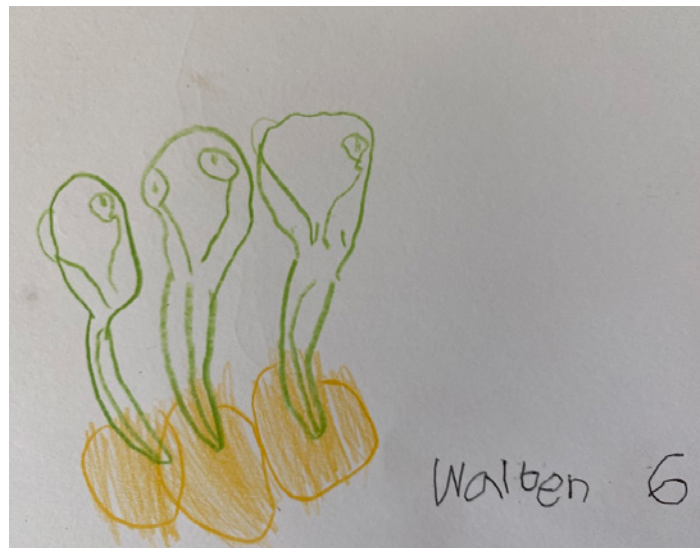
—Richard Louv

So far we've seen all kinds of creatures splashing around in our thunderstorm-filled, wild flower-lined, Hemphill creek. We've seen tadpoles turning into frogs, baby crawfish scuttling by and even a rather large snapping turtle relaxing under the palm tree.

What wild creatures have you seen in our neighborhood?

Would you like to celebrate your creature nature by joining in the neighborhood howl at 8pm?

HOOOOOOOOOWWWWWL, you might even hear the neighborhood owls join in!



Above: Walden Leif Smith (Age 6)
Top: Jules Smith (Age 9)
Left: Turtle photograph by Ashleigh Pederson

Healthy Streets Comes to Austin

As so many recreation options remain closed during COVID-19, the city of Austin has embarked on a Healthy Streets campaign, and your feedback is encouraged! Healthy Streets are designed for bicycle and pedestrian priority. Cities across the U.S. are revisiting their roadways and how prominent cars should be on them, especially in residential areas. The first three streets in Austin as part of the first "batch" are:

- Bouldin Ave./ S 3rd St, Garden Villa Lane
- Comal St (Manor Rd to Lady Bird Lake)
- Country Club Creek Trail extension

If you visit these streets for exercise, please keep at least 6' distance from others and take all other reasonable health-related precautions.

To nominate a healthy street or provide feedback, visit austintexas.gov/HealthyStreets.

A note from Walk Austin organization:

The City of Austin is launching Healthy Streets THIS Friday (tomorrow)! A massive thanks to you, the 1,100+ people who signed our petition, and to 30+ supportive organizations for making this historic victory possible.

Healthy Streets (previously referred to as "Slow Streets") will turn selected streets into pedestrian/bicycle-priority, while allowing local traffic, to enable safe exercise during, and possibly after, the COVID-19 pandemic. The short and long term benefits could be profound.

This program needs HUGE support to continue. Naysayers will attack it so please take the actions below to help protect and grow Healthy Streets.

City of Austin, a personal message to you: You just took a momentous step. THANK YOU for making this happen. Let's keep this going.

With gratitude,

Walk Austin

NORTH UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
CANCELED
Due to current city mandate on gatherings, the June NUNA General Membership meeting has been cancelled.
We hope to be back at it for the June meeting at Sparky Park. Stay tuned.

Snapping Turtle Sightings in NUNA

We've had several sightings of a snapping turtle around NUNA and in the Hemphill Park. They are large and while slow, can be dangerous, so don't get too close to them. Randy Thompson, Janet Beinke and Philip Detscher have all had recent encounters with the turtles this spring.

Be respectful of our new neighbor and don't let dogs or kids get too close especially.



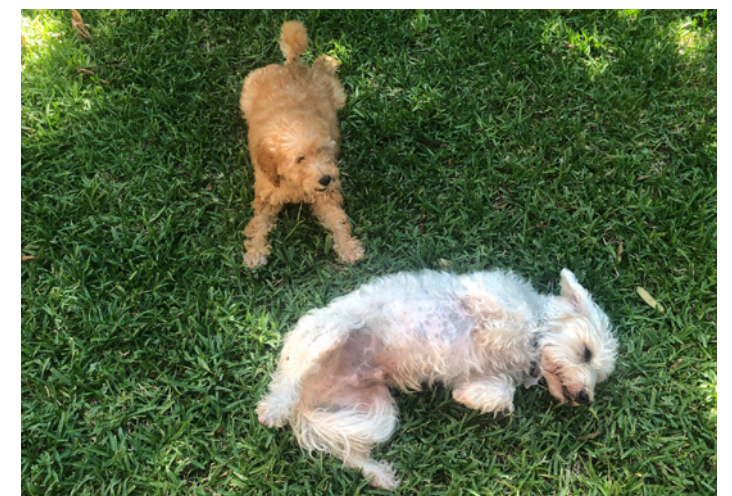
Dogs of NUNA

By Babs Davis

This month's featured pups are DJ and Tatum Marchant. Their 'people' family are Laurie, Ava and Augie Marchant. DJ is the big brother (at seven and a half) and Tatum is little sis (10 weeks old). They are getting to know each other still because Tatum has just recently joined the Marchant family when she was 6 weeks old. Like any siblings, they have really different personalities!

DJ is pretty shy but really attached and affectionate when he is comfortable with people he knows. New people take a while for him. He is really active and loves running in his backyard. DJ is an attached kind of guy, he is very unlikely to run away from his mother, brother and sister in the front yard. He is a "combo platter", having a variety of strands of dog breed in his family tree. Everyone has a good idea what his breed is, but it is hard to pin down! His mom, Laurie, is going to have his dog family tree checked and then have a "Breed Reveal" party where everyone gets to pick a breed for him and then gets to find out how close they came!!

Tatum is another story! She is still exploring the world and is a really playful big personality. She would love for DJ to play with her, but he is NOT sure that he is up for that. A favorite Tatum pastime is trying to nip at DJ and get him to pay attention. She likes to chew on Ava and Augie's hair for as long as she can get away with it. And she is growing fast, gaining four pounds in her first four weeks as a Marchant. She is a standard poodle and will likely be 50 pounds or more, quite a bit bigger than big brother! Right now, DJ is the Alpha dog, but sometime soon the tables may turn!





Drawings (including on Page 3) by Terry McGinty.

Project Connect Update

Project Connect is a comprehensive transit plan to improve existing services and develop new high capacity public transportation projects that provide efficient travel options into, out of, and around Central Texas. The project's [website](#) is accessible as well.

Additionally, through May 31, you can participate in the [Project Connect Virtual Open House](#) to learn more about Project Connect's recommended system plan, complete an online survey and leave comments.

You can participate in Virtual Community Meetings which begin May 15. You can access the overall schedule at the project's [website](#).

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Contact: Plaintiffs' Counsel, Doug Becker, Gray & Becker, 512-482-0061, doug.becker@graybecker.com

District Court Restores Its Injunction Against City of Austin on Protest Rights Lawsuit

Council Must Recognize Protest Rights on Any Rezoning or Be Subject to Contempt

Travis County District Judge Jan Soifer restored her injunction yesterday against the City, the City Manager, Mayor and Council members that requires them to recognize Austinites' protest rights. "The order applies to any proposed zoning changes, not just comprehensive revisions," stated plaintiffs' counsel Doug Becker.

By appealing the Judge's decision in Acuna vs City of Austin, the Court's ruling was automatically suspended by operation of law, subject to being reinstated by the Court. Yesterday, acting on an unopposed motion filed by the plaintiffs, the judge restored the injunction in full against the City by requiring plaintiffs to post a nominal bond, which plaintiffs have done. Becker stated out, "We are confident that the City will comply with the Court's order; if City officials violate it, they are subject to contempt of court."

The Court's order states:

- Plaintiffs have "protest rights pursuant to § 211.006(d) of the Texas Local Government Code as to any change in the zoning regulations or zoning district boundaries of Plaintiffs' property or any property within 200 feet of Plaintiffs' property."

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2020 MEMBERSHIP DUES

NUNA dues are used to benefit the neighborhood, paying for neighborhood events, presentation materials, mulch for the parks, signs and small expenses that occur during the year.

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- The City of Austin must obtain “a three-fourths majority vote of all City Council Members to adapt any zoning change for any property that has been protested by the owners of at least 20% of the relevant property.”

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Scene and Heard

As urban life has quieted around the world, animals are getting more and more comfortable taking their turf back. Neighbors have been spotting various forms of wildlife throughout the neighborhood.

Thank you to our neighborhood’s Victor’s Salon on 35th and Guadalupe! Your newsletter editor had a TV interview two months into stay-at-home orders and managed to get a last-minute cut shortly after salons were permitted to reopen.

It’s been wonderful seeing the many kids of the neighborhood take over the streets this spring. They’ve done so in a friendly and have been very good at social distancing. They were also especially sweet on a recent evening throwing a little surprise birthday party in Hemphill Park for a certain 4 year-old who couldn’t have her friends from school over. Thank you to Tevis & Jules, the McPhail boys and all the kids to swung by on a whim to celebrate.

Shipe Pool has reopened! It is on a limited schedule due to COVID-19. The pool is open on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday from 1pm - 7pm. The city has opened several pools on a limited basis and there will be occupancy limited and health screening of patrons. The city has posted an FAQ about pool and splash pad operations for 2020 here: www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Parks/Aquatics/FY20_FAQ_COVID.pdf



Looking for other ways to support green space in Austin? The Save Munny Conservancy is raising funds to support the history and parkspace of Lions Municipal Golf Course. Visit SaveMunny.com and if you donate \$100 you can get a sharp new hat.



Right: NUNAs thanks to David Smith and the other NE PARK employees who are busy picking up after the many dog walkers in Hemphill Park.
Top Right: Two snakes having a romantic slither through Hemphill Park.



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