



## The Northwest University Neighborhood Association

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### **EFFORTS CONTINUE TO BLOCK PLASMA CENTER RELOCATION**

Since late March, the focus of the neighborhood association has been on the possible relocation of the Austin Plasma Center. Currently located at 2800 Guadalupe, the center made plans to move 3423 Guadalupe (on the southeast corner of 35th and Guadalupe). Initially, the neighborhood association filed an appeal with the Board of Adjustment challenging the issuance of a building permit. On April 23 the city building inspector ordered work stopped.

The next step in this matter is a hearing before the Board of Adjustment to consider this appeal. This hearing will be held on Monday, June 12, at the City Council Chambers on 2nd St. at Guadalupe beginning at 5:30 p.m. The strategy of the neighborhood association at this point is twofold.

First, we need as many people possible to write letters to the Board of Adjustment. This is vital and the concerns that need to be addressed are obvious. The relocation would, of course, impact most greatly on the area immediately around this site, from loitering to littering, and increased traffic, crime, and noise. Very simply these centers are largely and frequently visited by vagrants. The record of these facilities at various locations is proof of this. Certainly businesses in the area would be harshly affected and, in fact, many of them have joined in opposition.

At this location the plasma center would act not only as a single magnet, but given the location of another existing facility (on 29th St. east of Guadalupe) the impact would be far greater. Not only would foot traffic as well as loitering increase along Guadalupe, but also through Hemphill Park and into other portions of the neighborhood. In turn, this intrusion would lead to other problems.

Letters should be addressed to the Board of Adjustment, but since it is inappropriate to mail them to the Board, it is requested that you do the following: either mail or drop off your letter to Stella Nilsen, 207 W. 35th St., Austin, Texas 78705, or bring it with you to the neighborhood meeting on June 5. This matter will be the prime agenda topic at the meeting and further details will be presented.

The other part of the strategy is to pack the hearing with as many people from our neighborhood as possible. The presentation of the appeal is limited to just a few speakers and a short time, but the impact of a full house of concerned neighbors goes much further than you can imagine. Presence is the key. Since the exact time is unknown at this point,

this item will come up on the agenda we ask that you keep in touch with one of the officers of the neighborhood association for the schedule, as well as car pool arrangements.

Your help in this matter is quite critical and very much appreciated. Contact any of the officers of the neighborhood association for further details.

**Next  
Neighborhood Meeting  
Monday, June 5th  
First English  
Lutheran Church  
Whitis At 30th Street  
Starts At 7:00 P.M.  
Hope To See You There!**

### **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IS ON**

Another year has rolled by and it is time again that your contribution is sought to help support the activities of the North University Neighborhood Association. Obviously, your contribution of dues greatly supports the operations of the neighborhood association--from printing and postage to assisting in the accomplishment of the many efforts to improve our neighborhood.

Additionally, the value of your interest and opinion is just as great. A membership enrollment form has been included in this issue of the NUNA News. Please also take the time to complete the neighborhood survey portion of the form and don't hesitate to include additional comments. If you have already paid up for the year, thank you, but we would still like to hear your views. With the June meeting fast approaching, for convenience sake, just drop it off then.



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## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

This year the neighborhood association participated in Austin Clean Sweep for the first time thanks to the leadership of Diane Van Helden. Although this may be an understatement, the condition of the Adams Park was dreadful. I'll confess we were dragged kicking and screaming to the task but the results more than made up for it.

Unfortunately, we face the potential of a blood plasma center relocating into our neighborhood. Your help and support in this matter is greatly needed. Please feel free to contact any of the neighborhood association officers for more information.  
--Rick

## STREET LIGHTING PROJECT PROGRESSING

The rehabilitation of the street lighting in Hemphill Park and surrounding neighborhood areas is slowly, but surely, progressing. The first phase, involving the installation of new electrical conduit and lamp post foundations, was nearing completion as of last week. The remaining work will consist of installing wiring and, finally, placement of the lamp posts. This final work will take between two and three weeks to accomplish and should conclude in June.

Once the project is completed, a commemoration is planned --possibly in conjunction with the neighborhood ice cream social. We'll have more details in the next edition.

# What other meal can sustain you for a week?

First English Lutheran Church, 3001 Whitis Ave.  
Summer Sunday Worship, 9:30 a.m.  
Education Hour, 10:45 a.m.



## AMY'S

## ICE CREAMS

## 3403 GUADALUPE





## CLEAN SWEEP 1989

Life is a little more pleasant along Waller Creek and in Adams and Hemphill Parks thanks to the neighborhood association as a part of the Austin Clean Sweep effort on Saturday, April 22. Donned with gloves and boots, Leoda Anderson, Leon Barish, Mary Anne Barkely, Rick Iverson, Nancy MacMahon, Seth Searcy, Joe Sosa, and Diane Van Helden, sought out litter wherever it could be found.

A quick inventory of the take: a car battery, the unmistakable remnants of a fraternity party, grass and shubbery trimmings, and enough refuse of every other description to fill up no less than twenty trash bags. Perils, too: poison ivy and the stench.

However, seven volunteers were not quite enough to get the creek back to its deserved nature. As a part of the neighborhood association's commitment in the Adopt-a-Park program, plans are underway to conduct a similar effort during the fall.

## UPDATE FROM HYDE PARK

In the past few months, the expansion plans of the Hyde Park Baptist Church have drawn a great deal of media attention. Although the recent incidents in this controversy have led to an opportunity for negotiation, nothing final has been reached. Residents in the surrounding neighborhoods are encouraged to outline their concerns over the continued demolitions and urge that expansion be directed west of Speedway in letters to both the church and the city council. For more information in this matter contact Hyde Park Neighborhood Association President James Allman (459-6131).

On a lighter note, the annual Hyde Park Homes Tour will be held on Saturday and Sunday, June 17 and 18, between 2 and 6 p.m. Featuring seven homes, the self-guided tour begins at 43rd and Speedway. For more information contact homes tour coordinator Debra Prokop (451-2077).

## CHURCH PLANS NEIGHBORHOOD EFFORT

The First English Church, located at 3001 Whitis, has been a part of the North University neighborhood for fifty years. During those many years the neighborhood has greatly changed. Today, that change has come nearly full circle with more and more families moving in.

Recognizing this transformation, the church plans to visit neighbors throughout this area. According to Reverend Robert Karli, the purpose of this effort is to introduce the church as a neighbor and an interested and active member of the community. In a sense, it is just a way of saying "hello" to both new and old friends alike. Chuck Peterson, a church member, will be making his way from porch swing to door steps during the summer to meet you. Make a point to offer a warm greeting and, if maybe it is hot, a cool glass of lemonade when one of neighbors drops by.

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## CALENDAR

### THE NORTH UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Neighborhood Meeting	June 5
Board of Adjustment Hearing	June 12
Steering Committee Meeting	July 10
Ice Cream Social	To be announced
Steering Committee Meeting	September 11
Neighborhood Meeting	October 2

## OFFICERS

### THE NORTH UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

President	Rick Iverson 451-1011
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