

## President's Report

by Bill Bednar

There are a couple of projects in NUNA right now that have great potential for improving our quality of life and sense of community in the neighborhood—a chance to derive significant revenues from the city's new pay station parking program, and a significant expansion and enhancement of the NUNA website.

Scott Morris, Doug Plummer, Homer Parsegian, and Janet Adams are gathering data and exploring with the city a possibility of sharing with NUNA up to 30% of parking revenues in connection with the city's pay station meter plans for the area just north of UT. Our share of the parking revenue would go into a dedicated city account for sidewalks and other infrastructure improvements in the city's right-of-way easements in NUNA. This came up rather hurriedly, and the first opportunity for the Executive Committee and NPT to consider it was the week of September 7. Nothing is going to be negotiated with the city, of course, without checking with the residents who would be affected and without the full knowledge and approval of the general membership. Right now the effort is to find out more precisely what revenue sharing the city is willing to do and report that back to the membership, while concurrently doing a survey and developing a project list of improvements in case something comes to pass. Your participation is welcome! Check out the article in this issue for more details.

Kathryn Kotrla and I had a good visit last week with Rob Moshein. He and his partner Bob Atchison have been hosting the NUNA website



## National Night Out at Sparky Park

Tuesday, October 6th 6:30 P.M.

Music by "The Lost Pines" - Ice Cream - Kids' Activities

Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center - Eco-Pots

Hayride-Shuttle from the bench at Hemphill Park

## NUNA General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, October 6th 7:15 P.M. Sparky Park 3701 Grooms

Agenda:

Telecom Tower Appeal - Authorization to Retain Legal Counsel

Wheatsville Arts Festival - Recommendation

Historic Landmark Designation for 401 W. 32nd - Recommendation

Mark your calendars for the fall

## Adams-Hemphill Park Cleanup

Sunday, November 8th 10:00 A.M.



for several years now, and they have offered to take over as webmasters and help with a dramatic expansion of the appearance, design, information, and amenities on the site. Among the improvements we discussed are dedicated sections for NPT projects and historic district work, expanded neighborhood histories, quadrant chat rooms, a student renter page aimed at promoting NUNA as the quiet place to live and study, a NUNA directory, and selective advertisements and sponsorships to add some revenue. More on this as it gets going. A big thanks to Rob and Bob for their generosity. Also, we owe a huge thank you to Will Donovan, who has done yeoman duty as our webmaster even after moving out of state over a year ago. Will, NUNA owes you a great debt of gratitude. Thank you so much for hanging with us so long!

Remember that our membership meeting will be in Sparky Park on National Night Out, which has been moved to Tuesday, October 6. Details also in this issue. See you there!

## CANPAC and its Importance to NUNA

by Mary Gay Maxwell, NUNA resident  
I was asked to write a short article about CANPAC and its importance to NUNA because I was the person who started CANPAC in 2002! That's 7 years ago now, and a lot has happened since then. I am no longer a part of CANPAC, even though I was the coordinator of the group for a number of years. I have rotated off the group because we all have term limits now that we organized in a formal way rather than as the informal consensus based organization that Austin City Council adopted the Plan in August of 2004, two years after we began work on the Plan. CANPAC (Central Austin Neighborhoods Planning Area Committee) consists of seven neighborhoods: Hancock, Eastwoods, North University, Heritage, Shoal Crest, West University, and University Area Partners. Our neighborhoods were grouped into one planning area by the City of Austin in June of 2002 in preparation for the beginning of the planning process in the fall of 2002. I called a group of people together in the summer who had supported NUNA in the Villas at Guadalupe struggle. We began to meet informally several months prior to the City of Austin Neighborhood

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Planning staff's entrance into the process. The history of our working together is a beautiful example of the success of consensus. We worked together extremely well throughout the period of time that we were all crafting the overall Neighborhood Plan as well as the individual plans for each neighborhood. After the Plan was adopted by the City Council, we continued to meet. We had a rude awakening about the workings of the City of Austin when we were confronted with the sale of the Concordia University property to a private developer. We discovered we did not have the power we thought we had when we crafted our plan. This experience began to stress our group greatly, and it was at that time that we decided to formally organize with by-laws, mission statement, membership rules, etc. We needed to be a formal organization to continue to carry influence with the City and with the Council. Now, that organization is in place and operates on behalf of our seven neighborhood groups. (continued)

There are many issues that affect our larger area in which CANPAC is an excellent advocate for the neighborhoods that are members of the group. The political process demands that there be citizens charged with keeping up to date on the latest activities that impact our area of town so that we can make sure the Plan is respected and followed. You might wonder how this relates to NUNA. CANPAC actually can assist all the member neighborhoods in any issues that might threaten our plans, and, in our case, the NUNA NCCD (Neighborhood Conservation Combining District). There have been a number of instances in which the City staff has not known what our plan says, and the group that is CANPAC has had many meetings with staff and Council members to make sure that the Plan is followed. That's the value of CANPAC for NUNA!! We cannot "fight city hall" by ourselves. We need all the help we can get from our neighbors to keep this plan intact. The pressure on all of our neighborhoods in the University area is enormous, and that pressure is both vibrant and very tiring at the same time. We are a very dense area, we will continue to be that, but we want to preserve the single-family character of our neighborhoods. That requires an alert and informed group of people always watching projects that pop-up without warning, watching what permits are issued in our area and for what, and questioning when those permits run counter to our plan. CANPAC serves as an effective advocate for NUNA, but it is necessary to have an active and informed NUNA NPT as a complement because CANPAC cannot do everything for our neighborhood. We have to do some things ourselves, but we are more powerful if we work in concert with CANPAC and see it as our ally rather than thinking that it does not share our interests. It is just the opposite. It shares our neighborhood vision and desires; it IS our neighborhood! We have members from our neighborhood as part of CANPAC. In fact, one of the co-chairs of CANPAC is Mary Ingle from NUNA! Rick Iverson has served on the group since the beginning, and now, Robert Morris is serving as the third member of the NUNA group on CANPAC. We are well represented, and I hope NUNA will utilize the organization to assist us in keeping our neighborhood alive and well.

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**Letter to the Editor** (Send letters to the editor to [kjkotrla@gmail.com](mailto:kjkotrla@gmail.com))

**Historic Designation for 408 W. 32nd**

We have decided to withdraw our request for a demolition permit for our house at 408 W. 32nd and support historic designation for the house. Making this decision was not easy, and restoring the house will not be easy. We want to thank everyone who supported us during our odyssey--for making us feel like neighbors (continued)

rather than pariahs--and those who opposed us as well. All helped us to arrive at a conclusion and decision that, we believe, is best both for us and for the neighborhood. If zoned historic the house will be known as the Dr. R. Vincent and Jessie Ramsey Murray House. Research has revealed that, apart from her husband, Mrs. Murray was, herself, a significant figure in the history of Austin, more so than we had originally realized. She and her sisters actively developed the Rosedale Neighborhood and donated to the public a good portion of the land that became Ramsey Park. We feel good that the naming of the house will recognize her as a significant contributor to the development of Austin. The City's Historic Preservation Officer, Steve Sadowsky, is working cooperatively with us on this matter. He, with our blessing, will ask for a two month's continuance at next week's Planning Commission Hearing so that we can work on the necessary details related to the historic designation. Again, thanks to everyone for his/her interest and participation. We feel good that the naming of the house will re thanks to everyone for your interest and participation.

Jill and Stephen Wilkinson

### Newsletter Committee Meets Deadline

Great ideas, electronic input, and one brisk meeting allowed the Newsletter Committee to complete its charge - to determine if NUNA residents wanted a change in the Newsletter, and, if so, to assess the feasibility of making that change. The answer was clear: residents welcomed a longer Newsletter, inclusive of all of NUNA, focused on the positive aspects of the

### Neighborhood

and the architecture, people, and pets who live here. One common desire was for the Newsletter to be more personal---to highlight the special people and the stories that make NUNA unique. Some of you have already been named as "interesting" people the Neighborhood wants to know about, others of you have mentioned dozens of potential stories about families, births, moves, remodels - we all need each other to capture that vibrancy.....when you think of a great story, write it down , send it in, and we'll shape it together. See if the articles and news items in this issue begin to touch on these themes, and think with us about ways to constructively move forward, and the Newsletter will evolve to meet the Neighborhood's needs. Thanks to Chandra Muller, Scott Morris, Roger Binkley, Jan Moyle, Joan Burnham, Mary Gay Maxwell, Mary Ingle, Rob Moshein, and Bill Bednar for their "face" time to discuss the Newsletter. Thanks to Kimberly Renner, Doug Plummer, Carol Journeay, Carole LeClair, and Pam Bell for their ideas and contributions. Thanks to Steve Tomlinson for his kind words. *Kathryn Kotrla*

### Neighborhood Night Out October 6

6:30 p.m. Sparky Park  
Ice Cream, Music by the 'Lost Pines,'  
Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center Info with  
Activities for Kids of All Ages---Eco Pots and  
Seed Planting, Hayride,  
and a Brief NUNA Meeting!

### New APD District Representative

Officer Nicole Gray has joined forces with Officer Troy Schouest to continue covering NUNA as our APD District Rep. 1) Tell us a little bit about yourself, Officer Gray, and how you became an APD District Rep.? My name is Officer Nicole Gray. I am originally from Maryland, just outside of Washington, DC. I have been with APD for 12 years. I was a college graduate before I moved to Austin, graduating from the University of Delaware with my Bachelors in Psychology. (continued)



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I have been with the District Representatives since June 2009 and I am really enjoying interacting with the community in a different setting than patrol. I became a district representative because I enjoy problem solving and working with the community. I enjoy working out, hiking, spending time with my family and working with my dogs, I am in the process of trying to get one of them certified as a therapy dog.

2) How can NUNA make our neighborhood safer? We can work to educate the residents of NUNA in ways to keep themselves safer and reduce the chances of becoming a victim. Most crimes are crimes of opportunity, if you make it more difficult for someone to make you a victim, you are less likely to become one.

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**NUNA Neighbor Profile: Austin Groups for the Elderly (AGE)**

The Historic AGE building was opened in 1907 to house widows of the Confederacy. Built for \$11,500 with funds raised by women, it was one of the first nursing homes in Texas. AGE was founded in 1986 by 2 Austin legends, Willie Kocurek and Bert Kruger Smith in order to house services for older adults. Today AGE operates its own programs for seniors and runs the building as a multi tenant center for over 20 non profits covering a variety of issues. AGE has several unique and unduplicated programs.

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the Caregiver Resource Center offers personal and caring advice through on-site staff.

Durable Medical Equipment Lending Closet- Free equipment (wheelchairs, shower chairs, walkers etc) to seniors and the disabled. This service is run with donations from the community. AGE welcomes volunteers to assist with building maintenance and volunteering directly with elderly in the Elderhaven Adult Day Center. AGE clients love music, dancing and singing. The Activity Director Melissa Brower welcomes musicians of all ages and skills to entertain.  
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In kind donations of durable medical equipment like wheelchairs are welcome for the lending closet, along with cash or other in kind donations for the adult day center or the programs of AGE. To learn more about the exciting non-profit work happening in our neighborhood sign up for monthly e newsletter info@ageofaustin.org subject newsletter Come to the AGE monthly lunch and tour - second Tuesday each month at 11:30, RSVP Nicole at ndaspit@ageofaustin.org 451-4611 Visit the website for more info on AGE, program and the other non profits in the building. www.ageofaustin.org

*Editorial Note: To prepare this article, the Newsletter editor toured AGE. The AGE staff and services are inspiring, and the monthly lunch and tour is highly recommended.*

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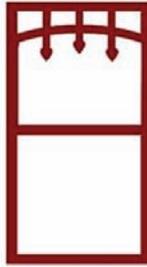
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### **The AGE Building/Confederate Widows Home**



**Restoration NUNA** If you are considering restoring your house, here are 7 tips from a renovation expert to help you get started.

1. Make a plan. Analyze what works well and what doesn't in your house. Measure your rooms and make a diagram, noting the condition. Note the condition of the utility systems (i.e. electric, plumbing). Owners who are planning to add on, build new, or change the use of their property are encouraged to meet with the North University Neighborhood Planning Team. Contact Scott Morris at 371-7961.

2. Get creative. Generate ideas and designs by talking to neighbors, designers, and looking at (continued)

other houses. Do the "Tour of Homes" in Austin neighborhoods around Austin and borrow ideas. Explore magazines or websites that feature restored older homes and bungalows. Even if you don't use their ideas, it will awaken the creativity in you and the ideas start to flow!

3. The Neighborhood. If you are considering exterior design changes, consider how well these would fit into the neighborhood. Want to know the history of your Austin house? See: [http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/development/downloads/research\\_house.pdf](http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/development/downloads/research_house.pdf)

4. Permits. Before you start a project, talk to the City of Austin about your project and if necessary, get permits. See <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/development/bpinfo1.htm>.

If you are using a contractor, it can save you money by getting the permits yourself.

5. Financial. There are various ways to estimate the costs of your renovation. Talk to people who have done similar work, talk to the Austin Planning Department (see: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/planning/>) or talk to various contractors.

6. The Sequence. It is important to do the renovation steps in a sensible order to avoid redoing work later. For example, if foundation, roof or structural work is needed, that should come first.

7. Pace yourself. Once you start, try to focus just on your next step, rather than all the things you have to do; otherwise you may become overwhelmed. Have fun along the way; enjoy the work. Remember that most quality restoration jobs are done in stages over a period of years, rather than in a few months. In the end your work will pay off as your vision becomes reality. Good Luck!

John Hindman

### **NUNA August General Membership Meeting**

Neighbors turned out for our August meeting, making for a lively and insightful discussion. Steve Sadowsky from the City of Austin described truths and myths about local historic districts, and NUNA residents had the chance to ask specific questions about the impact Historic District designation might have on NUNA.

The NUNA Central Austin Neighborhoods Planning Area Committee (CANPAC) representative

vacancy was voted on, and Robert Morris was elected, joining Mary Ingle (CANPAC Co-Chair) and Rick Iverson (alternate). CANPAC brings NUNA together with six other neighborhoods to interface with the City's planning processes about land use and new zoning in central Austin.

**Decisions:** The General Membership made a series of decisions: 1) Considering the outdoor music permit granted to Little Woodrow's, and the Neighborhood's noise experience with Stubb's, the General Membership voted to support the appeal of the Little Woodrow's permit. 2) The General Membership asked the NPT to prepare an amendment to the NCCD banning annunciator signs in NUNA. Discussion centered on the signs being anomalous in character for NUNA. 3) A unanimous vote requested that the Historic Land Commission designate the Aldridge Place Entryways (Columns) as historic. 4) The General Membership authorized the Executive Committee to support proposals for a safer 31st St. at Guadalupe crosswalk. As Susan Morgan noted, the drought is taking a toll on our trees in the Park, and we risk losing especially the pecans. NUNA members referred Susan to the Urban Forestry Department, to ask the City to send a truck to water the neighborhood trees.



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## Plummer Strikes for Austin Kids

Doug Plummer, NUNA resident, Secretary, Parks Committee Co-Chair, NPT member, and all around nice guy also contributes to the greater Austin good. The Austin Children's Shelter's (ACS) held its first ever bowling tournament, "Summer Bowl", at Austin's premier bowling alley, 300 Austin, on Wednesday, July 22, 2009, and Doug was helping out in the cause. The event raised over \$5,000 for ACS and supports their programs and services for abused and neglected children. Plummer explained why he participated in the event: "I support ACS because they help children at the precise moment children desperately need assistance after being removed from a troubled home. With so much need for these services in Austin it's easy to understand why I give." This year, the Austin Children's Shelter is commemorating 25 years of service for the abandoned, abused and neglected children of our community with the opening of a new facility to include expanded programs and longer term care.



Doug played in the SummerBowl event with his bowling team, Real Estate High Rollers, comprised of himself, Mark Strub, Henry Harless and Krysten Mejia.

The Open House Celebration is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7th from 5:00-7:30 p.m. For more information, visit their website at [www.austinchildrenshelter.org](http://www.austinchildrenshelter.org) or call (512) 499-0090.

## Minding NUNA Business

### Tracking Actions:

NUNA and CANPAC Respond to Telephone Equipment Permitting on 38th St. - In late July and early August, the City of Austin Neighborhood Planning and Development Review Department approved a plan review and building permit for the installation of a cell phone array

on an Austin Energy pole and the placement of associated ground equipment at 209 E. 38th St.. In its action, the city appears to have not adhered to the city code for telecommunication tower use. That code specifies minimum distances from certain residential uses and zoning, separation from dwelling units, historic districts, and historically zoned properties. The ground equipment sends the impervious cover over the maximum allowed and calls for the installation of a 60 kilowatt emergency generator with 240 gallons of diesel fuel to be situated 10 feet from a neighboring dwelling. A request for review of the permitting was sent by NUNA to city officials and the City Council, and NUNA appealed the permitting to the Board of Adjustment on August 20th. All permits remain active at press time, and NUNA and CANPAC members (see the CANPAC article in this edition) continue to work with city officials to communicate concerns and seek alternatives.

### Little Woodrow's Outdoor Music Venue Permit -

At the NUNA August meeting, the general membership endorsed an appeal against the city's issuance of an outdoor music venue permit for Little Woodrow's located at 2610 Guadalupe. The permit was applied for earlier in the summer under a new ordinance that promotes Austin music by granting automatic approval for the first year of operation for any outdoor music venue within the footprint of a restaurant or cocktail lounge. Because the approval is automatic, the appeal by NUNA was not successful. To lose an outdoor music permit, an outdoor music venue must demonstrate a history of exceeding the decibel level limits three times, as measured by a peace officer, during a year of performances.

### **Moving Forward:**

Coming to NUNA Streets - Parking Meters and the Wheatsville Christmas Art Festival?

Several significant neighborhood issues have arisen since the NUNA meeting in August. Because these issues have not been fully discussed at a general meeting, NUNA and the NUNA Executive Committee have taken no position. Scott Morris, NUNA's Vice President, has (continued)

taken the lead on these issues and describes them in the articles written by Scott, below.

### **New Location Sought for Wheatsville Arts Festival** By Scott Morris

Last year NUNA endorsed the use of Adams Park for Wheatsville's the two-day, pre-holiday, December event. The site was in an open field behind Fire Station 3. This location posed several challenges to the event. Neither wheelchair accessible nor stroller friendly, the exhibits were reached after crossing several hundred feet of uneven turf. The event left damage to the park that has yet to be repaired or mitigated. Wood chips were dumped on the grass under the direction of PARD, much of which remains today, and the surface quickly degraded under the foot traffic.

A proposal has been discussed to move the fair to paved street surfaces in and around a section of Hemphill Park. The general manager of Wheatsville expressed enthusiasm about the new area but only if the neighborhood approves. The benefits to the neighborhood and to Wheatsville could be substantial. The social and cultural value of having a well-known annual arts festival in a beautiful, civic area ringed with Austin's finest homes would be a boon to the promotion of our neighborhood. In return, Wheatsville should be asked to provide mitigation funds to our parks fund and handle all street closure and associated costs. The downside is that we're going to have company in the way of outdoor music, parking and noise for two days in December. This would also require the limited closure of streets for those two days during the event hours; not an insignificant matter if you have driveway access off one of the streets on which there are exhibits. We would like to hear your comments and ideas about this proposal. Please join us for the NUNA General Membership Meeting on October 6th at Sparky Park to find out more and weigh-in.

### **Parking Plan and Revenue-Based Infrastructure Program Explored**

by Scott Morris

Last month, the City installed parking pay stations on several streets north of the UT campus abut-

ting our neighborhood. Paid parking works by purchasing time at a kiosk or station and displaying the receipt on the dash. Under this program, it will cost visitors to the university \$1 per hour to park Monday-Friday, 8-5. Nights and weekends are free.

At the August NUNA meeting we briefly discussed how this move might affect NUNA's on-street parking. To plug the gap and prevent students from using our area as a free parking haven, the city has asked our neighborhood to accommodate pay station parking in parts of NUNA, as well as to expand areas in the existing Residential Parking Program. The city feels these changes are needed because of the new Dean Keaton paid parking project for U.T.. Representing NUNA, Scott Morris and Douglas Plummer met with the city engineer and project manager in August and September. The meetings have been productive and progress has been reported to the NUNA Executive Committee and the North University NPT.

In the first meeting with the city, NUNA's objective was to change the pace and scope of the implementation so a more deliberate and comprehensive parking solution could be put in place. Our concern was to ensure access to on street parking to residents who were entitled to it before the program, and that our civic and commercial partners must not suffer economic disruption from the implementation. We called the city's attention to our "remote shuttle parking" problem, students and workers using streets as transit centers off of shuttle and CapMetro stops. The city has agreed to give us the time we need to work on these issues and agreed to suspend installation to facilitate a dialog with the residents, merchants, and civic partners most affected by where these areas might go.

The second position taken by NUNA is that our area should derive a tangible benefit from any pay station parking areas. A percentage of the money put into these meters should go back into the neighborhood to fund projects here. We knew of one existing program that does this in the city already, a parking benefits district in the university area. (continued)

The Great Streets Program in downtown is funded similarly by meter money and was highlighted by staff at the last meeting as a more apropos model to base any future program. Finally, the city has agreed to explore with us the utilization of a revenue based funding program, requesting a list of infrastructure projects and a preliminary subdistrict map.

As we all know, our neighborhood has unique challenges related to pedestrian, bicycle, and automotive infrastructure which is driven by our proximity to the university. If successful, those needs will be met with funding directly from the user base of that infrastructure: the university's clientele. To build the long overdue projects in our neighborhood plan, the city's own bicycle and pedestrian master plans, we would no longer be dependent on the city's budget process or bond elections. Any funds would be accounted for separate from the city's general fund and controlled by city ordinance. Any program would have a sunset provision, that is when the projects are built, the money would revert to the general fund. As we have all witnessed the evolution of pedestrian infrastructure in downtown over the last 8 years, we know Great Streets carries with it a vision of urban living and features that would be most beneficial to the property values and transformative to the livability of the area. This is an exciting, entrepreneurial project, and may be a once in a generation opportunity for our neighborhood.

in and shape this plan. Your help is needed to decide where all of this might go. At least two workshops have been proposed, possibly as early as December. Updates will be in the NUNA News and on [nuna-residents@yahoo.com](mailto:nuna-residents@yahoo.com). A working group of your neighbors has been surveying infrastructure and coming up with a proposal framework. If you are interested in helping with this project or would like more information, you may contact Scott Morris [scott@austincode.com](mailto:scott@austincode.com) 371-7961, Douglas Plummer [Douglas\\_plummer@hotmail.com](mailto:Douglas_plummer@hotmail.com), Steven Tomlinson [steven@abporter.org](mailto:steven@abporter.org), Homer Parsegian [hparsegian@gmail.com](mailto:hparsegian@gmail.com), or Janet Adams [jartdaht@austin.rr.com](mailto:jartdaht@austin.rr.com). Carole LeClair [caleclair@gmail.com](mailto:caleclair@gmail.com)

### Greater NUNA

Activities In and Around NUNA

Lee Elementary 70th Anniversary!

October 8th from 3-4 p.m.

We're on the lookout for former students, especially from the early days. Former students are asked to contact Lee for more information about the event.

Lee Elementary: 414-2098 or [elsmith@austinisd.org](mailto:elsmith@austinisd.org)

The Lee Elementary Holiday and Gift wrap paper-sale is underway. Support the school and get your holidays under control early this year.

Contact Carole LeClair at [caleclair@gmail.com](mailto:caleclair@gmail.com) for more information.

Wheatsville Food Co-op's Grand Re-Opening Celebration!

Come Celebrate with us, Saturday October 10th from 4-10pm.

Lots of fun stuff planned for the whole family! Free kids activities including face painting, balloon animals, and a moonwalk! Non-Profit Community Groups our owners have supported over the year Free Samples from many of our Local Vendors Food Drive for the Capital Area Food Bank

Talk with Paul Willis, founder of Niman Ranch Natural Pork, including samples! Visit with one of Organic Valley's dairy farmers and one of his calves

2009 Inside Austin Garden Tour Slated this Fall Tour Focuses on Designing Urban Gardens to Attract Wildlife

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Moving forward in the months to come, we ask everyone's help, ideas, cooperation, patience, and trust. We are committed that any program must benefit the neighborhood, that everyone's input will be heard, and any plan will address all concerns. There will be many opportunities to weigh

www.insideaustingardens.org

This 2009 Inside Austin Garden Tour features six central Austin gardens that are National Wildlife Federation Certified Wildlife Habitats. This year's tour is focusing on how to design urban garden spaces that attract wildlife, using native plants and sustainable gardening practices. Tickets for the 2009 Inside Austin Garden Tour are \$10 (or \$5 per garden) and can be purchased at any home on the tour.

Seton Cove Senior Mary Rose McPhee Lecture-ship Lecture. *Listening to the Experts and Listening to the Street -- Carrying the Tensions Innate within Leadership* Presenter Ronald Rolheiser Thursday, October 29, 2009 7-8:30 pm, St. Edward's University Auditorium, 3001 South Congress Registration and Tickets at

[http://www.setoncove.net/programs/classes/sr\\_mary\\_rose\\_mcphee\\_lectureship\\_lecture](http://www.setoncove.net/programs/classes/sr_mary_rose_mcphee_lectureship_lecture)

All communities, whether civic or ecclesial, are divided and polarized within by politics, self-interest, historical tensions, and private wounds. It requires more than just a "tough skin" to be a good leader. Good leadership recognizes that these tensions are innate in every community and it helps carry them in such a way that it, leadership itself, becomes the point of unity around which a divided community can come together, naming



the innate tensions within community and offering some guidelines for working with them.

Helping Hand Home for Childfen  
Champions for Childen 10th Annual Awards Luncheon, Recognizing the unsung heroes who are changing children's lives in the Austin community. Thursday October 22nd, 12:00 - 1:30  
Hilton Austin, 500 East 4th Street

Christine Thompson, 459-3353 ext.103 for information.

### **NUNA's APD District Rep Officer Troy Says..... Wow and Whew!**

It's getting to look a lot like The Fall Season. It's back to school for our little ones, middle and high school students are gearing up for another year of learning so they can join the ranks of our college scholars who seem to be everywhere. This means school zones are in effect. The kids and school zones are everywhere so stay alert, slow down, stay off of the phone (a new state law) and stop for buses. With the Fall season our day light hours wane, twilight reigns, and Winter peeks around the corner. We have National Night out on October 6th--a moment to meet our neighbors and let each other know that we are united in our solidarity against crime and that we are looking out for each other.

We have Halloween to open the door to the true holiday season. With Halloween we will have our Trick-or-Treat costumed ghosts, witches, and goblins roaming the night in search of goodies and giggles. Remember they will be out there and when they go out, add some lights and reflectors to their costumes. Go out with your kids as you know you want to, and, hey let yourself free in the moment--get a costume too. Halloween is not the only night that kids will be walking and riding their bikes in the twilight. Be aware that they are out there and when they do go out there make sure they have the proper safety gear on. This goes for the older kids and college students as well. If on a bike at night you must have a head light and at minimum a red reflector on the rear. Also, it is a good idea to keep your head on straight by wearing a helmet no matter what your age.

With Fall the season will change, and we will all have the opportunity to spend more time outside with family and friends. Let's make it a safe and wonder-filled time for everyone. Enjoy the Breeze and the changing of the leaves and we hope to see you out there. Be safe, arrive alive, and get your giggle on. It's Fall in Austin.

**by SPO Troy Schouest, #5207, Austin Police Department, Central West District Representative**