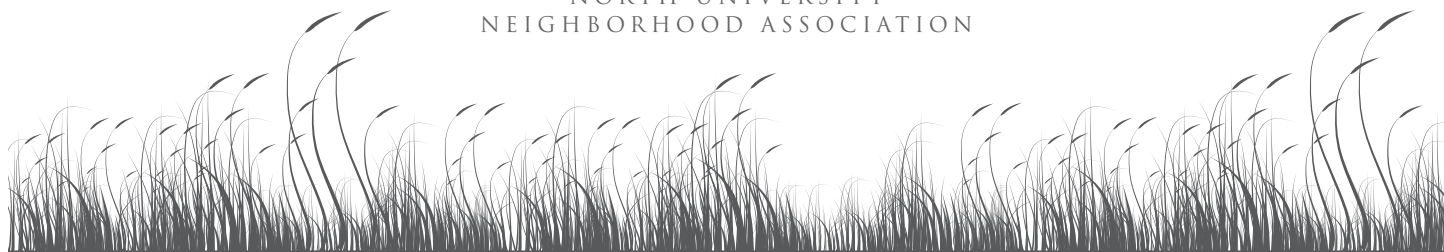




NORTH UNIVERSITY  
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



## President's Note

*By Brandon Tucker, NUNA President*

It's been a wacky weather year so far in Austin in 2019 (what else is new!) but soon enough March will be here and with it the SXSW festivals and even more. March is one of the busiest (and most fun) times to be in Austin. We hope you're able to partake in the festivities and give caution to busier-than-normal streets during these times.

Special thanks to Mike Marcom for ordering new general membership meeting signs. The first NUNA meeting at Sparky Park was one of our better attended meetings of the year. Keep an eye out for the signs in the week leading up to the next general membership meeting. (Currently scheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup>)

If you can't make a meeting, we're always accepting content for our newsletters. Email [nunanews@gmail.com](mailto:nunanews@gmail.com) with pictures and submissions.

See you around NUNA!

### In This NUNA Newsletter

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# It's My Park Day coming March 2<sup>nd</sup>

*By Mike Marcom*

It's about to be the special time of year again when the showers come (we hope) and flowers bloom. That means it is also time for us to take care of the trees in Hemphill and Adams parks. We all get some benefit from the parks even if it is just enjoying the view when passing by. Most of us get far more with dog walks, games, or encounters with neighbors under the trees. Since we all benefit from having these open spaces nearby, it is important that we help keep them in good shape. We can do that by giving a few hours this coming March 2<sup>nd</sup> to help care for the Adams and Hemphill Park trees during It's My Park Day. For almost three years now young trees some of you helped plant have been becoming established in the parks but they still need a good spread of mulch this spring to help them retain moisture through the hot Austin summers. The older trees that provide cooling shade and scenery also need love and attention. They need the nutrients provided by mulching to keep them green and lush. Turning out on the day to help mulch the trees is a great way to meet the neighbors, get some fresh air and exercise and enjoy the Parks.

It's My Park Days occur twice each year for the NUNA neighborhood; for Adams / Hemphill parks on the first Saturdays in March and November, and for Sparky Park on the first Saturday in November. On those days, volunteers coordinate with two groups: the Austin Parks Foundation and the Urban-Forestry Group of the City of Austin

Parks and Recreation Department to arrange for projects to enhance and protect our parks. You can learn more about the two groups who help with our parks at their websites listed below.

You can participate by showing up on the day to help. Just visit the Austin Parks Foundation website at: [austinparks.org](http://austinparks.org) sometime before the first Saturday in March. Events are sometimes slow to make it to the website, so if you don't see our parks listed, just keep checking back. During previous Park Days, registered volunteers have received T-shirts and goodie vouchers and this will likely be the case this year too. Local sponsors have also provided food and drinks in the past and will hopefully come through again this time. We can thank them by letting them know how much we appreciate their support.

If you don't think you can make it on the day, you can still help by sending a contribution.

## Join NUNA Now!

Fill in your information below  
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NUNA uses some of the money from donations and membership fees to provide additional mulch and supplies for the park. Donations are always welcome and can be sent to care of Jan Moyle, 200 W. 32nd Street, Austin, Texas 78705. Checks should be made out to NUNA and marked for My Park Day projects.

Even if you aren't physically able to help with the mulching, come along and meet your neighbors and enjoy some conversation. All of us can benefit from being outdoors in our parks.

Signs will be posted around the neighborhood closer to the day and information will be on the Parks Foundation website used for registering: [austinparks.org](http://austinparks.org). More information on the City of Austin Urban Forestry Department can be found at: [www.austintexas.gov/department/urban-forestry](http://www.austintexas.gov/department/urban-forestry).

## 2019 NUNA Dues

Dues for 2019 are now being collected. These dues help to pay for neighborhood events, mulch for the parks, presentation materials, signs and small expenses that occur during the year.

Membership dues are \$15 per person, \$25 per couple and \$10 for students. Checks can be made payable to NUNA and sent to Jan Moyle, 200 W. 32nd St. Please include your name, address, email and telephone number.

Feel free to contact Jan at [moylejan@gmail.com](mailto:moylejan@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



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# Sunshine Community Gardens Annual Plant Sale

*By Randy Thompson*

**March 2, 2019**

**Saturday, 9AM – 2 PM**

**4814 Sunshine Drive**

**Austin, TX 78756**

## NORTH UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The location for the meeting is:

**Sparky Park**

**Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> 6:30pm**

### AGENDA

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Guests: TBA**

**III. Topics**

**IV. Reports:**

ANC **Mary Ingle**

CANPAC

DRC **Steven Tomlinson**

Parks **Douglas Plummer**

News letter **Abby Tucker**

Treasurer **Jan Moyle**

Quadrant Leaders Reports

**VI. Items for Action: None**

**VIII. Adjourn**

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Sunshine Community Gardens is the oldest and largest community garden in Austin. We are located on the campus of TSBVI and are proud partners in helping to make gardening and horticulture studies available to students and staff.

This annual spring garden sale enables Sunshine Community Gardens to continue to offer a green space to Austin residents to grow their own vegetables and flowers. Members of Sunshine donate over a ton of produce to local food pantries every year.

For a fun filled day, come early. March onto the grounds of Sunshine with local musicians. Talk with vendors, tour the gardens. Kids love to visit the chickens and pick their own carrots.

For more information, go to our website and see the plant lists there: [sunshinecommunitygardens.org](http://sunshinecommunitygardens.org)



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# Austin Creative Reuse visits NUNA

By Brandon Tucker

At our first general membership meeting of 2019, we invited a special guest, Karen Miller from Austin Creative Reuse, a local non-profit organization. She gave us an overview of their mission and it seems a lot of neighbors might be interested in donating items or some of their programming.

It was mind-blowing to learn how much material is diverted from landfills thanks to their efforts (their 2017 annual report cites 84,000 pounds - that's up from 38,000 pounds in 2016).

Many local artists use supplies from creative reuse. Before you send a household item to the recycle bin, consider donating it here instead.

Items include:

- vintage paper and photos
- small toys
- office supplies
- acrylic and craft paint
- yarn and knitting supplies
- wine and champagne cork (we know there's plenty of those around NUNA).

They also offer a variety of programs for all ages throughout the year.

You can visit their center on the west side of the Linc Shopping Center across from ACC Highland Mall or visit [AustinCreativeReuse.org](http://AustinCreativeReuse.org) to learn more about programs, and what you can and cannot donate.

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# Fatal Bicycle Crash at UT

*By Brandon Tucker*

*Photo Credit @AdamH\_CBSAUSTIN Twitter*

A tragic event occurring on UT campus recently that is leading to renewed calls for safer infrastructure. On Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 39-year-old Anthony Diaz was struck by a CapMetro bus while on his bicycle while traveling on San Jacinto near 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. Diaz was riding home from work at FOX 7 downtown.

FOX 7 reported Tony was a Navy veteran and worked on the Armed Forces Network in Italy and San Diego. He attended the Defense Information School at Fort Meade and was an honors student at Austin Community College.

All traffic fatalities are troubling but particularly so in this case was that the cyclist was doing everything right, according to UTPD.

“He was following all the things that you would expect bicyclists to do. He was wearing a helmet, lights on the bicycle, both front facing light as well as a rear blinking red tail light were on the bicycle, that's what you would expect,” said UTPD Chief David Carter.

This stretch of San Jacinto is one of the safest, most low-traffic corridors to get from UT to downtown. KXAN reports witnesses said the driver was acting strangely and talking to herself. CapMetro CEO Randy Clarke issued the following statement: “On behalf of the entire CapMetro family,



I would like to express our deepest condolences to the friends and family of Mr. Diaz during this difficult time. We will continue our internal investigation of the accident and are working cooperatively with law enforcement officials. As a cyclist, I feel very strongly about the importance of safety for cyclists and all roadway users. The 1,800 men and women of CapMetro consider safety our number one value and are committed to operating your community's public transportation system in a safe and courteous manner."

"For at least the past five years, UT's leadership has recognized that the current design of San Jacinto is inadequate. The university's Campus Master Plan, approved in 2013, calls for removing all parking on San Jacinto and installing a physically separated bike path. The City of Austin has likewise called for a safer design of this street. The city's 2014 Bicycle Master Plan envisions physically protected bike lanes on the whole length of San Jacinto. The stretch



north of MLK is intended to be part of a core network of facilities that are comfortable for people of all ages and abilities."

With Speedway having recently been redesigned to encourage pedestrian use over cyclists, San Jacinto is an even more important North-South corridor for cyclists, and here is hoping CapMetro, UT and the City address and perform necessary measures to prevent this from happening again.

## Honk! ATX is returning March 29-31<sup>st</sup>

### Mark your calendars!

They perform in venues all over town and that typically includes Hemphill Park. It's one of the busiest, and weirdest, days of the year in North University.



## Scene and Heard

*By Brandon Tucker*

According to the Chronicle, Spiderhouse Cafe will change its ballroom following SXSW from a live music and events space to an arcade concept. With this new arcade, along with UFO bar on Speedway, is NUNA Austin's official gamer-hood?

Plans are afoot to redevelop the Austin State Hospital campus (accessed on 41<sup>st</sup> & Guadalupe) into a \$280-330 million campus. The main building dates back to 1861 and is the third oldest building in the state.

The editors remember moving to NUNA and being flanked to the east and west by Subways.

Now neither (29<sup>th</sup> & Guad, Duval & Speedway) exists. Do the kids not like footlongs anymore?

Fencing has gone up around the old pawn shop on 34<sup>th</sup> and Guadalupe. Is it for development or just to deter graffiti artists? (spoiler: it didn't work and it's been covered once more).

It's been a weird water year in Austin. The latest episode were residents reporting "smelly water." Austin Water cites finding zebra mussels at the treatment plant as the reason why.

A recent report by data firm INRIX and reported by KUT says the average Austin driver lost 104 hours of their life stuck in traffic in 2018. That's even higher than Houston (98 hours).

East Side Cafe, an east side staple on Manor since 1988, closed its doors January 31<sup>st</sup>.

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## 4211 AVENUE F

Spacious 1923 Victorian house plus garage apartment on oversized lot, 75' x 125'. House has 4 BR, 3 BA, 2 LIV, screened porch. Apartment is 1 BR, 1 BA. Bonus workshop.  
Listed at \$1,150,000



## 3502 RED RIVER STREET

Tucked away down a private drive, this traditional style luxury townhome has 3,186 SF with 3-4 BR, 3 BA, 2 LIV, 2-car attached garage. Hardwoods, fireplace, two decks.  
Listed at \$649,000



## 4506 AVENUE C

1910 Folk Victorian with many recent updates— foundation, roof, plumbing, wiring. 2 BR, 1 BA plus detached 1 BR/ 1BA casita/guest house.  
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## 4521 AVENUE D

Rare opportunity— residential lot for sale in Hyde Park. Design and build your dream home on this beautiful tree-lined street. Lot size 53' x 131'. Property backs up to creek.  
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## 2311 SHOAL CREEK BLVD.

Former home of Gov. Ann Richards. 1949 Mid-century modern architecture near Caswell Tennis Courts. 3,000 SF 3 BR, 2 BA, open floor plan, beautiful yard, .384 acre lot.  
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Two adorable homes on one lot. Main house is 3 BR, 2 BA, with new kitchen & baths. One-story guest house has 1 BR, 1 BA. Ideal for rental or extended family.  
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## 4009 AVENUE D

Classic 1925 Hyde Park bungalow in heart of historic district. 2 BR, 1 BA, updated kitchen and hall bath, utility porch. Wood floors throughout. One-car garage.  
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## 4202 AVENUE C

Cute 1920s Hyde Park bungalow featuring 2 BR, 1 BA plus separate 1 BR, 1 BA garage apartment. Both have hardwood floors and many recent updates.  
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