



## President's Note

*By Babs Davis, NUNA Co-President*

**T**oday I am thinking that we stand at the precipice of optimism about our country and our NUNA community. We might be able to follow CDC recommendations about lessening situations requiring mask wearing in the near term if the situation stays stable. Maybe we can address a resumption of our activities, especially outdoors! And an ability to see our family members in person, some of whom you and I have not seen in over a year! I would not begin to recount for NUNA neighbors all the missing pieces of your lives, but I know that my life feels ready for expanding! A dear friend related to me this week that she has spent a year being fearful for her health and safety for the first time in her life. I can relate to that feeling, as may be true for many of you in NUNA. But we have been privileged to live in our homes with adequate food and access to health care if we need it. I, for one, have felt, in addition to fearfulness, a deep gratefulness for not having to worry about life basics, including food, shelter, and health care for myself and my family. As for NUNA, we have been meeting on Zoom in 2021. We will be having our next General meeting on June 7 on Zoom as well as we want to be cautious and stay healthy. But I am really hoping that we can move to a “spaced chair” outside meeting in Sparky Park later in the summer!

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That will feel like such a happy return to normal for our community! So neighbors, join me in continuing to take care of yourselves and watching the guidance that is available from the CDC as well as other medical sources. And do consider getting vaccinated for the safety of ourselves as well as the members of NUNA and the larger communities where we work and travel!

# Dogs of NUNA

By Babs Davis

Freddie (on left of photograph) and Buddy (on right of photograph) live with Mike and Alice (pictured) plus at high times and holidays additional family members, Emily and Kate, along with their respective doggie family members, Ted and Alfie. Freddie is almost 9 years old. He is 72% poodle, the rest is a mix of pekingese, cocker spaniel, and super mutt (Mike and Alice had a doggy DNA test done). His favorite things to do



are chasing a ball or a toy and hanging out with doggie pals Phineas and Bogey. His newest trick is knowing the way, including all the turns, and leading his humans at a fast clip to Thrive Craft House. Freddie highly recommends their dog biscuits. Buddy was adopted into his family this last New Year from the Austin Animal Center,

and the best guess is he's around 15 months old. He is mainly poodle plus some maltese (maybe??) His favorite things are sitting at the bottom of the big pecan tree in the back yard waiting for a squirrel to magically fall into his lap and escaping the house and running down the street, across the park, or wherever looks interesting. Buddy's humans can't help but wonder if this is why he ended up in the Austin Animal Center in the first place.

## NUNA General Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2021

Janet Beinke said that there are architectural plans for the fire station at 30th St. They are keeping the back structure but want to replace the front where the trucks park. It will have a very different footprint. There is some concern.

Steven Tomlinson and Andrew A talked about voting on charter amendments will happen on May 1st. The amendments (summarized) are:

1. Moving mayoral election to coincide with presidential election
2. Allow more people to run for office (democracy dollars), more representation
3. Rank choice voting -no runoff elections
4. Creating an 11th district, keep districts smaller, allow for Asian-American district
5. Strong Mayor amendment -The city manager orders will be split between city council and mayor, will work similarly to president and congress. Council would have the authority to override a veto by the mayor.

Pam Bell talked about Project Connect. Two rail lines, Orange and Blue will go down Guadalupe

and will share the same tracks. Questions such as how will NUNA residents be able to turn left to go south, and how often would rail cars go down Guadalupe remain to be answered.

Babs Davis talked about the openings for NUNA positions. They need to be approved by the EC. Jim Creswell will have a position on the standing committee. Pam Bell will be the NUNA news editor. Brandon Tucker will be the website webmaster.

Lynn Marshall explained that with Zoom it is hard to know who is a NUNA member. Someone will have to record the votes and perform roll call to verify that people have up to date membership or hand out voting cards.

Bill Bednar presented the officer nomination slate for 2021-2022:

## Officer Nomination Slate 2021-2022:

Co Presidents:	Lynn Marshall Barbara Davis
Vice President:	Mike Marcom
Secretary:	Diane Presti
Treasurer:	Jan Moyle
NE Quadrant Leader:	Randy Thompson
NW Quadrant Leader:	Mary Ingle
SE Quadrant Leader:	Richard Holland
SW Quadrant Leader:	Jim Creswell

There was a reminder to join NUNA so that you can vote at following meeting or via email/text. The official changeover date for officers is in June. We will need to follow back up on how to vote.

John Davis gave a report on the website. The website Committee is Babs, Jim Creswell, Lynn Marshall, Brandon Tucker, John Davis. We have a functioning website and webmaster and the current website has proper security. The url is Northuniversity.org and Palace Arts created the website. It has historical content from old site and a way for neighbors to pay dues on website. Brandon Tucker will be the webmaster and is a professional user of WordPress. Rusty Jackson is going to drone categories of areas of the neighborhood for pictures on website.

Jan Moyle provided the Treasurer report. It is as follows:

General fund \$2500. So far this year, collected \$705 in dues. Revenue in ads, \$3046. 46 members in NUNA. Web developers -stripe for payments. Checks mailed to Jan is still OK. Eventually will want to vote to authorize to spend cost for developers(\$150 for the yr).

Jan Moyle made motion to spend \$150/yr. John Davis seconded. There was a quorum and the vote for this automatic payment for the yearly developer cost was 14 agreed, no opposed.

Quadrant leaders gave their reports as follows:

Mary Ingle -car break-ins  
Jim Creswell -no report  
Randy Thompson - no report

A vote will take place around CodeNext Items soon. We could use new volunteers to deliver newsletters!

Bill Bednar made a motion to adjourn meeting. Lynn seconded. Meeting adjourned.

# Fire Station Update



Rendering of plans for remodeling of fire station.

At our April virtual NUNA general membership meeting, officials from the city of Austin presented on our local fire station No. 3 at 30th street.

As you've likely noticed if you've ever gone by, the firetrucks currently park outside of the building. The fire station was originally built in 1957 and over time, wear and tear of the slab foundation of the apparatus bay has rendered that part of the building unsuitable for the trucks.

Officials met with NUNA to indicate their desire to demolish and replace the apparatus bay and renovate the western side of the building. Understanding the historical nature of the neighborhood, they indicated their commitment to work the historic preservation office and the neighborhood to design and build a compatible structure.

Adding to the challenge of the updated building

design, the new 100-year flood plain has encroached on the site even more, making design options very limited.

The proposal shared with the neighborhood includes new brick, raising the apparatus bay height to accommodate the trucks, use of the current signage, historically appropriate trim and adherence to the current roofline.

Our thanks to Rob Robinson for reaching out and presenting these plans to NUNA.



Fire trucks currently park outside of the building, much to the liking of the local kids who pass by to say hello to the trucks often.

# Independence Day 2021?

*By Brandon Tucker*

After taking 2020 off, neighbors are discussing a return to the July 4th Independence Day Parade in Hemphill Park. This generally involved a visit from our local firefighters and some crafts, bounce house and games (and water!) for kids. We are seeking volunteers in the neighborhood to help coordinate the event. Can you assist? If so, please reach out to Lindsey Heddleston ( [lheddleston@gmail.com](mailto:lheddleston@gmail.com)) or Babs Davis ( [babs@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:babs@mail.utexas.edu) )



The 2019 Hemphill Park parade.

## The Latest on the Hancock Golf Course

*By Brandon Tucker*

Over the past year, the parks department has been debating the future of Hancock Golf Course and considering alternate uses for the 45-acre property off 38th St and Red River.

Last year's initial survey of city residents indicated a strong desire to keep the property a golf course, as it has been since 1899.

Earlier this spring, the City of Austin Parks Department sent out a second survey to residents asking for their input on the future of Hancock

Golf Course. The results were overwhelmingly in favor of keeping the park a golf course. PARD's written conclusion of this survey, which was sent to city council and the parks board, was as follows:

The results of the survey strongly indicate respondents desire to maintain Hancock Golf Course as a public course.



Respondents to the emailed survey especially preferred to keep Hancock a public course with over 71 percent answering "Yes" and just 8 percent answering "No". Some of the frequent comments (included in the appendices) reference the course's historical legacy, accessibility to all, and the open space among many others.

**Q4 – Hancock Golf Course is one of the oldest public golf courses in the United States, having been established in 1899. Do you support continuing Hancock Golf Course as a public course open to all?**

	Yes	No	I Don't Have an Opinion
Email	71.28%	8.37%	20.35%
Open Link	60.29%	34.02%	5.69%
QR Code	92.19%	2.89%	4.92%

Last year, the golf division indicated a timeline that included an RFP for management and recommendations to city council by spring 2021. However, due largely to the fact that Hancock has experienced record rounds over the past year and is expected to finish the year heavily in the green, there is no urgency to move forward with at this time and no presentation is scheduled.

Daily operations continue to utilize the pay station seven days a week and the course is walking only.

# Wild NUNA

*By Brandon Tucker*

Until the hail storm this spring that woke us all up in the middle of the night as huge ice rocks throttled all of our roofs and decimated our car roofs, I'd just assumed the only reason for covered parking was to keep grackle droppings off our cars. Like many of you in NUNA with old houses, our garage was built long before the F-150 and couldn't fit very many modern family autos - a Fiat, maybe.

I'm used to spotting various animals in our front and backyards during an ordinary workday. There's the chubby cat that moseys off our front porch around 10 am and the squirrel who peers into my office in the mid-afternoon. But I was taken aback by a new feathered sighting after a recent spring rain. I looked out our back window and saw a large, brownish looking bird with a small beak and big eyes. It was a bird with a regal, puffy chest that clearly wasn't afraid of anyone or thing (see photo).

Knowing we have plenty of nature enthusiasts in the neighborhood who have seen their share of wildlife around NUNA, I emailed Janet Beinke who directed me to Brian Miller, who confirmed with Bill Reiner it was a red-shouldered hawk.



We hadn't owned our new Subaru more than a week and already exotic wild birds were making themselves at home on it. They must be used to seeing our car in the woods.

A few weeks later I was out at Hancock Golf Course with my son Miles putzing around the playground and basketball courts when I saw some folks staring up at a tree for a long time, longer than a golfer would be looking for any Top-Flite. Turns out, they were watching a family of hawks high at the top of an oak tree and guarding a nest. Keep an eye out for these marvelous creatures in your yard, especially if you own a Subaru.

## Neighborhood Rain Gauge

*By Brandon Tucker*

May and June are often times the雨iest months of the year here in Austin. And May had its share of big downpours. As a reminder, if you're ever curious about exactly how much rain fell, you don't need to wander down to Hemphill Park and see how high



the creek is (although that is always fun!). In fact, there is a rain gauge in the park that records rainfall every 15 minutes. You can view the rain gauge online at <https://hydromet.lcra.org/coa/> - Here you can view detailed rainfall of dozens of City of Austin rain gauges. To find ours, select "Waller Creek at Hemphill Park" from the dropdown list. (The dropdown does not appear to be alphabetical - just scroll just past halfway down and you'll see it).

## Parking

Believe it or not, August is right around the corner, which is when your existing residential parking permits will once again be out of date! July is the month where you can apply for new parking stickers and visitor tags. The City of Austin will be sending out details shortly and our neighborhood executive committee will be sure to pass along details.

## DUES! DUES! DUES!

Please become a member or renew your membership in NUNA and be a contributing member of our neighborhood. Our dues cover the calendar year, so this is the time to send in a check.

Your dues help with signs for meetings, and signs and other items for It's My Park Day, and a donation for the Fourth of July celebration. And there are always those needed materials for presentations to the City. Some people have already paid for 2021. If you are wondering about your status as a dues paying member, check with Jan Moyle at [moylejan@gmail.com](mailto:moylejan@gmail.com). There should be a form in this newsletter, but if not:

### Dues:

\$25/couple|\$15/one person |\$10/student

Mail to: Jan Moyle, 200 W. 32nd, Austin (or put through my mail slot ) Please include: Name(s), address, email and telephone number.

### NUNA

#### 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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Make your check to NUNA and mail to:  
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# Scene and Heard

If you've been walking around Aldridge Place lately you may have noticed that our street signs have a new addition. We officially have historic designated signs . Janet Beinke caught up with Gilbert, a sign division installer with the City of Austin, as they went up in April.



## Hyde Park Post Office closing

The Hyde Park Post Office on Speedway and 43rd is closing permanently on June 18th. The USPS leases the location and according to the Austin Monitor they did not come to lease terms with the property owner.

## Central Library is back open!

It's been over a year but the city of Austin has finally deemed it safe to reopen many of its public library branches, including the gorgeous new central library downtown. We took the kids on the second day it was reopened and the experience was wonderful. Hardly anyone was there and it made for a great experience. You may go and browse and check out books. See the Austin library website for current hours and guidelines.

## New NUNA Website!

The Communications Committee has been hard at work building a new website for 2021! It has a new URL, so please visit <https://northuniversity.org/> to check it out. It's a work in progress but we're chipping away at making it a place for all NUNA happenings. Recommendations and contributions are always welcome! Many thanks to the communications committee as well as Walt Neuschaefer and Bob Atchison and Cristian Ciobanu for their help hosting and building the new site!



# It's My Park Day: Spring 2021

It's My Park Day Spring will be a hybrid event including both virtual and in-person volunteer opportunities. The event runs June 5th - 13th with limited in-person opportunities on APF's 29th Birthday - Saturday, June 12th.

Register via GivePulse today! Due to the City of Austin's COVID-19 safety protocols capacity for in-person opportunity is limited. Virtual volunteer activities will be posted on our website and GivePulse on Saturday, June 5th.

We're dreaming of the day we can return to a huge It's My Park Day. In the meantime, we're excited to have generous volunteers like you helping our city's outdoor spaces in person and virtually.

Visit [Austinparks.org/](http://Austinparks.org/) to learn more



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## NUNA Newsletter Information & Rate Sheet

**About The Neighborhood:** The North University Neighborhood is one of the oldest neighborhoods in Austin and the third most dense after Riverside and West Campus. We are an eclectic mix of University folk (professors, students and staff), families and working professionals. Our neighborhood lies between 27th and 38th streets, bound by Guadalupe on the west and Duval on the east, with Hemphill/Adams Park with Waller Creek running through its center.

**About the Newsletter:** The North University Neighborhood Association (NUNA) News is published 6 times a year, February-March, April-May, June-July, August-September, October-November and December-January. We print and distribute 1000 copies to homes, businesses, coops and non-profit agencies in our neighborhood. The newsletter also appears online at [nunaaustin.org](http://nunaaustin.org). The content of the newsletter is all about our neighborhood and we like to include stories about our supporters and advertisers.

**Sizes and Rates:** We sell ads by the year (6 issues). Our rates are:

1/8 Page Ad (3.5x2.25): \$200

1/4 Page Ad (3.5x4.5): \$300

1/2 Page Ad (5.3x8 horizontal or 3.6x9.875 vertical): \$550

Full Page Ad (7.5 x 9.875) – \$1000

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