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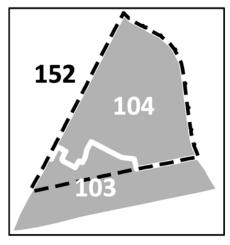
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Cherrywood Votes

by Jim Walker



Another election season is coming up this fall! There are national midterm elections, important state elections, and several important local bond issues on the ballot. We're organizing a neighborhood issues forum the evening of Wednesday, September 14, starting at 6:00 pm at Maplewood Elementary so you have an opportunity to learn more, ask questions and meet the candidates for Mayor

and City Council District 9 seeking to represent our area.

But first – the national 2020 Census and subsequent state-level political redistricting resulted in a couple of significant changes for Cherrywood. Historically, all of Cherrywood, Schieffer-Willowbrook, Wilshire Wood, and Delwood II have constituted the mighty Precinct 152 in Austin City Council District 9, represented by Kathie Tovo and US House District 35, represented by Llyod Doggett.

The redistricting process renamed most of this area into Precinct 104 and shaved off a large area of Cherrywood into Precinct 103 (see map page 3), which includes our friendly neighbors in Blackland, Rogers Washington/Holy Cross to the south of Manor Rd., and which is part of Austin City Council District 1. This doesn't change the CNA boundaries. If you live in Pct 103, north of Manor Rd, I've been told you'll still be voting for D9 City Council representatives, but you're state and federal representation will change.

The national census and state redisctricting process also led to the creation of the new US House District 37. The part of Cherrywood now in Precinct 104 is part of the new US HD 37, whereas Precinct 103 Cherrywooders are in US HD 35. Representative Lloyd Doggett stepped out of HD 35 to run as the Democrats nominee for HD 37. House District 35 has several candidates, including former Austin City Councilmember Greg Casar as the Democrats nominee. There are Republican and Independent or Libertarian nominees for both races as well. Here's a good resource for more info on all the nominees, and maps of the new HD 37: https://ballotpedia.org/

For more Cherrywood perspective on redistricting and other changes to voting process in Texas, check out the Flea Newsletter from Feb, 2022, page 7. All past Fleas can be found at cherrywood.org.

But back on the local front – this election year both the District 9 and Mayor's races are "open", meaning the incumbents are not running again and we'll get a new representative no matter who wins. Cherrywood traditionally hosts a candidate forum so all residents can learn more about each candidate. The Cherrywood Neighborhood Association doesn't endorse candidates, but we absolutely encourage everyone to vote!

All residents of Cherrywood, Schieffer-Willowbrook, Wilshire Wood/Delwood I and any other neighborhoods in the area are welcome and encouraged to attend (i.e., tell your friends and neighbors!). We are not able to provide child care at the event.

We'll begin at 6:00 pm with information on voter registration and non-candidate issues on the ballot.

At 6:30 pm we'll meet candidates for City Council District 9 (www. austintexas.gov/GIS/CouncilDistrictMap/) currently occupied by long-time Councilmember Kathie Tovo. The invited candidates include: Linda Guerrero, Ben Leffler (Cherrywood resident!), Greg Smith, Joah Spearman, Zo Qadri, and Tom Wald (Cherrywood resident!). Check out the cherrywood.org website for links to each candidate's campaign website. Each candidate will offer a brief opening statement then be asked a couple of pre-prepared questions about key issues in our area, and how we can influence them. We'll build in time for audience questions and answers as well.

At 8:00 pm we'll meet with major candidates for mayor. Those invited include Celia Israel (www.celiaforaustin.com) and former mayor, Kirk Watson (www.kirkwatson.com). Each candidate will offer an opening statement then be asked a couple of pre-prepared questions about their decision-making style, issues in our area, and how we can influence them, and we'll have time for audience questions and answers.

We'll end by $9:\!00$ pm and adjourn to Cherrywood Coffeehouse for libations and ongoing conversation.

Note the last day to register to vote in the November 2022 elections is Tuesday, October 11. We'll have official Registrars and registration forms on hand or you can visit www.tax-office.traviscountytx.gov/voters/voter-registration. We will create a safe place for anyone to learn more about how to engage in our local democracy.

Graphic: Zoom-in of 2022 elections precincts. Graphic by Jules Vieau. Link to detailed map here: (www.austintexas.gov/GIS/CouncilDistrictMap/)

And the Heat Goes On...

Seems like every conversation starts with the heat. How many adjectives for describing heat have you heard lately? Unrelenting, brutal, unforgiving - and my favorite so far, dastardly. but if you're curious about the time commit- if you want some additional encouragement These kind of new normal summers can be ment and other expectations, feel free to con- to be a host, email chair@cherrywood.org harder on us than we think. When it stays hot tact any current Steering Committee member deep into the night, just the thought of any (see lower left of this page). We expect to have unnecessary activity tires the mind!

The last couple of years have offered us for our elders and those with health condisummer swelter to check on your neighbors.

discuss and refine a vision for greatly are no standing meetings or conflicts, so improving the I-35 Capital Express Project what better excuse for a social gathering? adjacent Cherrywood, check out page 3 for more info on the North Central Deck formality - just an opportunity for someconcept. The concept has been shared with one on your block to grill some eats, chill other neighborhoods such as Hancock and some drinks and invite your immediate the members of the Upper Boggy Creek neighbors for a couple hours of chit-chat Neighborhood Plan area, and it has been in the front yard. The next week of Fifth featured in media stories on KUT and the Days starts Sun, Aug 28. There are already Austin Chronicle. We also discussed the can- a few planned on the 1700 block of E. 40th,

our annual elections for Steering Committee. emerge – there could be more than one on a We'll have more information in the next Flea, several open seats looking for new candidates!

In part because of the flagitious heat, many opportunities to proactively check-in the Steering Committee cancelled the with each other and make sure everyone is August quarterly General Meeting. We getting through. And COVID continues have two other events we hope you'll parto lurk and continues to be most dangerous ticipate in - the Candidate Forum for Mayor and D9 on Wed, Sep 21 (see cover tions. Please find a moment in this unending article), and a new old tradition, Fifth Days.

The idea of Fifth Days is that they are At the previous quarterly General haphazardly regular throughout the year Meeting in June, the main topic was to (typically Sun through Wed) and there

There is no agenda, no expectation, no didate forum which is on tap for September. the 3800 block of Cherrywood, the 3200

The quarterly meeting in November is also block of Merrie Lynn and I'm sure more to block! Watch for a little flyer on your door or

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CHERRYWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION Gandidate Wednesday, Sept. 21 @ 6:00 pm in-person at Maplewood Elementary! upcoming District 9 election for mayor and city council member Stay Connected CNA WEBSITE www.cherrywood.org NEIGHBORHOOD LISTSERV Cherrywood at https://groups.io FACEBOOK www.facebook.com/cherrywood78722 UPPER BOGGY GREEK PLANNING TEAM WEBSITE upperboggycreek.com

I-35 Update

by Brandy Savarese

Since the last I-35 update in May 2022, ers to advocate for the NC Deck proposal. uses are currently just that, ideas; we are CNA has issued "Principles for the I-35 North-Central Deck," a document that illus- of CNA's vision; we would like to see a deck decks with neighbors and residents in mind. trates and outlines the vision for a highway extend at least as far north as Airport. We deck between 32th and 38th Streets. The North-Central Deck would complement the proposed downtown "caps and stitches" but responds to the distinctly different context of current and future residential urban-core fabric on Cherrywood's western edge. CNA representatives have been meeting with reps from adjacent neighborhoods, including from the Hancock Neighborhood charging stations and solar arrays routing the attention of your preferred Austin City directly across I-35, and local and state lead-

The NC Deck as proposed is only part—excited about the potential to program the

The NC Deck proposal has been have focused on illustrating the 32-38 D received positively. We do, however, con-Street segment to showcase the power of tinue to hear that the cost is too high and reconnecting the east and west sides of the the design is too complicated to implement. highway and recreating lost cross streets, We're not ready to accept this as a final such as Concordia. The NC deck features answer to our proposal and will continue human-scaled elements that would encour- to advocate for the decking of I-35 along age gathering and engagement. CNA could Cherrywood's western edge and beyond. also see the deck providing utilities like EV Please consider bringing the NC Deck to energy back into the grid. Ideas and proposed Council candidate and mayoral candidate.



Plan for I-35 upper deck



Patterson Park

by Jennifer Potter-Miller

Our neighborhood park is going to get some fresh amenities done this summer! The first part of the Neighborhood Partnering Program grant that we applied for back in 2018 will be installed by the City of Austin's Public Works Department in mid August. This includes new youth height baskets at the basketball court, new seating behind the baseball field's backstop and along the trail nearby, and the replacement of the last of our ancient pebble-studded "trash coffins."

The second part of the grant is for a shade structure over the basketball court, extending the times of day and months it can be used. This structure will be in design, review and permitting for a few months still, but we hope it will be up by next summer. Friends of Patterson Park was able to make a \$6,000 cash contribution to this project thanks to the generous donations of 73 neighbors and six business sponsors during our Amplify Austin campaign, including a last minute gift of \$500 from the Mueller Foundation.

It's been a long, hot and quiet summer at the park. Our pool never opened due to a citywide lifeguard shortage, and the Pharr tennis center closed ahead of the big renovation planned by PARD. There were plenty of folks out enjoying the tennis courts, trails, basketball court, and community garden though, and even a few hardy souls playing baseball on the dry field.

The weather should improve soon (fingers crossed), and we have a Field Day planned for Saturday, September 24 with the Cap City Cobra softball team. Save the date for games, giveaways and ice cream treats. The Community Garden is planning on holding another Fall Festival on Saturday, October 29, and has applied for funding from the Roots and Wings Festival. This is the City's decentralized Arbor Day and Monarch Appreciation Day celebration, and there will be gatherings across town. We had an amazing time at last year's Fall Festival and invite

everyone to join us for a new favorite tradi-

tion at the park!



Photo by J. Potter-Miller.

Willowbrook Reach

by Adam Sparks

Please join the Friends and Lovers of Willowbrook Reach (FLWR) for a creek cleanup on Sunday, September 11th from 9:00 - 10:00 AM. We'll meet in the front yard of 3907 Cherrywood Rd. (at the corner of Cherrywood and Sycamore, right where Cherrywood crosses over the creek) before breaking into groups to collect trash from the creek and along the road, clearing the path of low hanging branches, and beautifying the creek's entrances. Trash bags and gloves will be provided, but rubber boots or shoes that you can get wet would be helpful for those who want to wade through the creek. RSVP by emailing AdamESparks@Gmail.com or simply show up. Thank you for your continued support of this neighborhood treasure!

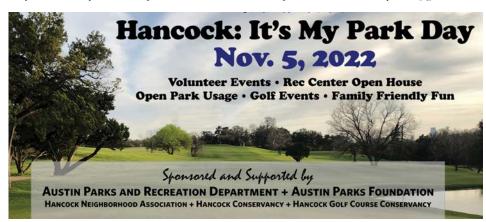


Hancock It's My Park Day

by Adam Sparks

You will not want to miss the inaugural It's My Park Day at Hancock Golf Course this November 5th! Come join the entire Austin community as we celebrate this unique golf course and green space with a day of volunteering, open park usage, live music, a golf putting and three-hole tournament, workout and yoga classes, nature talks from local experts, food trucks, picnicking, kite flying, and much more. This all-day event is open to all ages, as regular golf play will be suspended for the duration of the day.

Hosted by the Austin Parks and Recreation Department and the Austin Parks Foundation, this event is jointly sponsored by the three neighborhood groups that support Hancock (the Hancock Neighborhood Association, the Hancock Conservancy, and the Hancock Golf Course Conservancy). We hope that you will join us for this special community celebration! More details will be published soon. If you would like to be involved or if you have questions, please contact Adam Sparks at AdamESparks@gmail.com.



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IN DOGS

- · rapid breathing
 - ning · weakness
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Suggested by Dolly Ensey.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS —

The Mustang Dispatch

by Maplewood Elementary PTA

The Maplewood community is excited to welcome our new Principal Paula Noe! Ms. Noe has a background in Physical Education and STEM, as well as coaching, and is an avid tennis player. She hit the ground running this summer and brought a ton of enthusiasm and positive energy into our space. Ms. Noe has great ideas for increasing student leadership and service, math skills, community engagement, and teacher celebrations. We look forward to the year ahead!

Registration is still open! It's not too late to join the Maplewood community for the 2022-23 school year. Login at portal.austinisd.org to register. If you would like to schedule a tour of campus, please call (512) 414-4402.

Four Ways to Support the Peacemakers (PTA)! Raising a child takes a village, and that's why we invite all members of our community to support the students, staff, and families at Maplewood Elementary in whatever way feels good to you!

Volunteer! Volunteers are the heart of Maplewood. We appreciate any donation of your time, from one-time 30 minute spots to recurring commitments, including leadership. Email president@maplewoodelementary.com for more info and visit our website at maplewoodelementary.com/volunteer to wear for purchase, so check our website in sign up.

Join the PTA! Anyone can be a PTA member, and membership for the 2022-23 year is now open! Visit www.joinpta.org and, for about \$5, you can help support the national, state, and local advocacy of the PTA organization, and also help keep our local Maplewood PTA chapter in good standing so we can continue to support our students.

Sponsorship! We have a phenomenal community of local businesses that support Maplewood, and if you have a business, we'd love to invite you to become one of them! Join our fence banner program, or sign up to donate goods or services for campus needs or staff appreciation. Email sponsorship@ maplewoodelementary.com for more infor-

Donate! Whether it's a one-time or recurring donation, a gift to the food pantry or little free library, or a meal for school staff, any donation means the world to the Maplewood community, and your donations will be combined with others and put to great use extending the learning opportunities for students, connecting opportunities for families, and appreciation opportunities for teachers. Coming soon: This fall we'll also have brand new Mustang Elementary spirit September when those go on sale and show

your Maplewood pride when you're out in the community!



Scan the QR code below to make a monetary donation to the Maplewood Peacemakers (PTA) or visit www.maplewoodelementary.com/donate. Visit MaplewoodSchool on Facebook, MaplewoodSchool_ATX on Instagram, and join the community on



Giles Block

by Julio Carreon-Reves

Its a loop. A road to nowhere in the most comforting way possible. I moved onto Giles St. the summer of 1984 just before my start in Ms Davis' kindergarten class at Maplewood Elementary. Mariann came to the front door of 1717 Giles with a welcoming jar of honey and the news that she too had a son who was about my age and they lived just across the street. So then began my time the churn of winded clusters of children racing the loop. There where seemly more families on the block then. Joey F lived in the Duplex at the top of the hill, Matt was with me in the middle of the block and Joey S lived just a few doors down hill from us. Between the boundless potential energy stored in the steeply sloping hills on both Giles and 38th St and the Boggy Creek watershed wrapping us with its miles of untold tadpoles, turtles, crawdads in pools of cool city water for splashing through, engulffed in walls of bamboo, we wanted for very little. We drank that creek water on the hottest days, ate the loquats, mulberries and pecans and built shaded fortresses in the unseen brambles behind the block. My family left, reluctantly, a short five years later for a cedar dusted suburban strip with large houses but none of the wild fruit to forage. We stayed only a year and then moved back as fast we could into a place on Breeze Terrace. I left Austin for college in Pennsylvania, met my wife,

Portia, wandered over to California for a time and then found my way back to Austin. Matt called one day, not long after we moved back and said that Ms. Johnson had passed away that her family was selling the house at 1711 and did I want talk to them about buying. It seemed far flung but I did meet with the Johnsons and recalled running through her yard and playing on the creosote soaked railroad bridge behind their family place. So it was then that I stepped back into the loop and would come to see my children biking the hills, spitting loquat pits, sheltered in the block's vibrant walls of cinderblock and stucco.



Photo by Julio Carreon-Reyes.

John Aielli Passes

Many of you have no doubt already of John Aielli's passing in late July. John moved into Cherrywood in 1984 and was a prominent resident of Giles St. for several decades. In recent years, even as his health declined, he would set up in Cherrywood Coffeehouse with his own lamp to read by, but always seemed to spend more time observing humanity and welcoming any conversation you were willing to have. There are numerous tributes to John out there. We share a few excepts from the **KUT/KUTX** remembrance:

Aielli started his career at KUT 90.5 in September 1966 as a part-time announcer between classical pieces. With his encyclopedic knowledge of classic music, he was soon programming the music himself. By 1970, his time slot had been named "Eklektikos" inspired by the Greek word eklektos, mean-

ing chosen from the best. Until 2013, KUT was a dual - news and music - service, but then spinning out its music programming to KUTX 98.9.

Aielli and "Eklektikos" won 15 "Austin Chronicle" "Best of" awards since 1990. There was even a tribute Twitter handle @ Shit John Aielli Says and a popular hashtag #ShitJohnAielliSays that collected some the one-liners he was famous for.

A sampling of his interviews over the past 50 years includes: musicians Joan Baez, Judy Collins, Phillip Glass, Chris Isaak, Graham Nash, Pepe Romero, Rufus Wainwright, and diva, soprano Elizabeth Schwarzkopf; writers Michael Chabon, James Ellroy, Jonathan Saffron Foer, Richard Ford, Alan Furst, Sebastian Junger, Dan Rather and Colm Tóibín; actor Matthew McConaughey; and

Yoga master Swami Satchidananda, founder of Integral Yoga. Listeners are invited to share their memories of Aielli on KUTX's Twitter, Facebook and Instagram channels.



Portrait of John Aielli by unidentified artist.

Resident wins Rabkin Prize

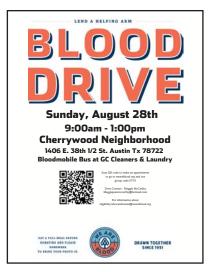
Cherrywood resident Jeanne Claire van Ryzin was announced as one of six national awardees of the 2022 Rabkin Prize, www.rabkinfoundation.org. The award is by nomination only by a distinguished group of sixteen nominators working in the visual arts in all parts of the country. The nominators were asked to identify, "The essential visual art journalist working in your part of the country."

Jeanne Claire van Ryzin is the founder and editor of Sightlines, www.sightlinesmag.org, an online non-profit arts and culture magazine based in Austin. She also spent 17 years as the staff arts critic and reporter for the Austin American-Statesman.

Her arts criticism has received first place awards from the American Association of Sunday and Features Editors and the Texas Associated Press Managing Editors. Her cultural writing has appeared in the New York Times, Architecture magazine, Dwell, the Review of Contemporary Fiction, Art Papers, Art Lies, and ICON design magazine, among other publications. And she has taught arts journalism at the University of Texas College of Fine Arts.



Cherrywood Hosts We Are Blood



Cherrywood will be hosting We Are Blood on Sunday, August 28th at GC Cleaners and Laundry. We have appointments to donate blood from 9-1:00. The blood drive started out as a way of taking action after the senseless act of violence in Uvalde. This neighborhood is one of action and this event is a means to have an impact on someone else's life. We can help those who have passed by supporting the living Together, we can show an incredible mark of strength and solidarity by donating. To make an appointment to donate scan the QR code or email maggiejeanmccarthy@hotmail.com for a link. Hope to see you on August 28th!

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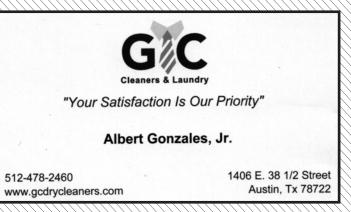




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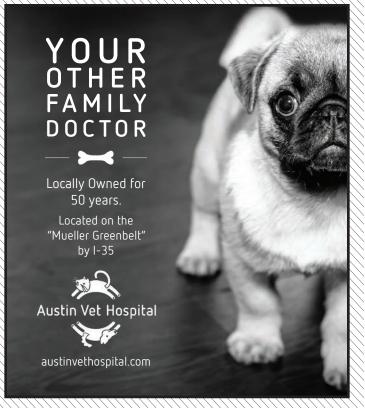
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