

Laurel Oaks Neighborhood Association (LONA)

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LONA was formed February 1996 and since then has worked with neighbors, schools, businesses and the City of Austin to accomplish the items listed below.

On Going Accomplishments	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Newsletters published as talent/volunteers is available ❑ General Meetings ❑ Board Meetings ❑ Website http://www.laurel-oaks.org ❑ Crime Watch information sent via Yahoo email group ❑ Egg Hunt at Caraway Elementary School ❑ July 4th parade – with Sierra Nevada Neighborhood 	
Past Accomplishments	
2015	Oak View Playground The City gave the playground a complete overhaul
2015	20th Egg Hunt at Caraway Elementary School Celebrated with food truck vendors
2014 - 2015	Food Truck Fun Festival At least 6 events held and well received but not enough attendance.
2014	Updated Plant Markers at Oak View Park Worked with the City who donated the posts and created an official map of the Oak View area with the markers notated via GPS coordinates. Posted on website.
2008 - 2014	Annual Egg Hunt at Caraway Elementary School
Oct 2000 - 2013	Started Annual Halloween parade and festival
April 2007	Annual Egg Hunt at Caraway Elementary School
April 2006	Annual Egg Hunt at Caraway Elementary School
Feb 2006	New Plant Markers at Oak View Park LONA was awarded \$250.00 in park grant funds which went towards replacing all 23 old posts and plant markers around the walking path at Oak View Park.
April 2005	Oak Forest Entrance Sign - Completed Shari Ryan lead many, many people to accomplish this huge task over the several years it took to complete. From silent auctions, garage sales and even can shakes – Shari lead the fundraising efforts for this project AND kept the entire project on track.

March 2005	Annual Egg Hunt at Caraway Elementary School.
2004	Oak View Park Cleanup - 13 adults and 4 adolescents, started at 8am and finished at 4pm - The parks foundation loaned its tool trailer. - Spread gravel over exposed drains on the paths and removed a lot of underbrush from the school side of the park next to the fire lane - opening up the path and allowing light through. - Cut back all of the branches and trees growing through the tennis fence, as well as repaint the park letters on the rock sign. Cut limbs dragged the side walk for the city to pickup.
2004	Fall Festival The first fall festival held by Laurel Oaks Neighborhood Association on the afternoon of October 30th in Oak View Park - Successful in raising almost \$1000.00 towards benefiting the Entrance Sign & Oak View Park Beautification Projects
February 2004	Upon many neighbors request, LONA will submit the application to the City of Austin to be included on the Restricted Parking Area Map.
January 2004	Pursuing grant monies from the City of Austin Parks Department for renovations, repairs and maintenance to the Oak View Park and signage for the Laurel Oaks Creek. - Over \$9000 in donations collected for entrance sign project.
December 2003	LONA neighbors joined the 183 North Council of Neighborhoods and Business to help defeat the proposed 183 Toll Road.
Summer 2003	- Reported to City of Austin over 15 down or missing street and stop signs. - Began to work with property managers of Big Lots to clean up the area.
May 2003	Entrance sign committee formed to replace the signs at Oak Knoll and Jollyville. Fundraising began.
March 2000	Created Yahoo email group to communicate with all neighbors, to generate awareness of LONA and disperse neighborhood issues.
March 1999	- Two page article in the newsletter on potential Year 2000 problems, what to look for and what to do.
October 1998	LONA neighbors voted on the name of the creek that runs between Danwood and Vallecito. Laurel Oaks Creek was voted on at a LONA general meeting.
December 1997	Upon the request of neighbors, LONA worked with City to build speed humps on Oak Knoll and Rain Creek Parkway.
October 1997	Replanting of Spicewood Springs: LONA teamed with City of Austin, Tree Folks, and other groups to plant 33 trees and 40 "rescued" plants and trees on both sides of the street.
Summer 1997	Oak Wilt Prevention Two trenches dug to prevent to spread of Oak Wilt with over \$7500

	<p>raised from neighbors' donations and a government cost share program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Worked with City of Austin to prevent flooding problems at Jollyville and Barrington Way intersection.
April 1997	LONA hosted Mayoral Candidate Forum.
March 1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - After 5 months, LONA defeated proposal to connect Lost Horizon and Sans Souci with Manzanita. - Continued to monitor areas of the neighborhood for possible stop signs and speed humps.
September 1996	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Oak Wilt threatens neighborhood trees. City of Austin contacted and preventative measures, including trenching, are suggested. Fundraising begins. -Crime and Safety are topics at the Transportation/Safety Meeting. - Worked with North Oaks Elementary School during its expansion to have the fire lane gated to prevent thru traffic.
May 1996	Traffic Safety Survey in newsletter to access neighborhood's input on speed humps and other traffic slowing measures.
March 1996	First Annual Egg Hunt at Oak View Park is held.
February 1996	<p>Laurel Oaks Neighborhood Association Formed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Committees Formed - Bylaws, Nominations, Elections, Neighborhood Watch, Communications, Parks, Events, Safety □ Newsletters published □ Website established