

# Coronado Hills Neighborhood Monthly Newsletter



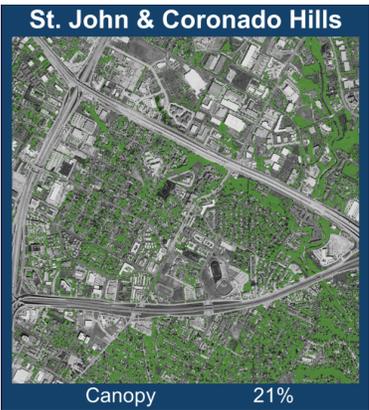
## FREE COMMUNITY RESOURCES

This year, the CHCRNA Board is adding a **new section to the newsletter** focused on free community resources. Each month, we'll share one opportunity — such as a clinic, workshop, or class — that's open to the public and available at **no cost**. If you know of a free resource you think neighbors would find helpful, we encourage you to **share it with us** so it can be featured in a future issue.

## CLAIM YOUR FREE TREES TODAY!

Did you know local residents are eligible for **two free trees** through the Neighborwoods program?

NeighborWoods is a free tree program that is a partnership between the City of Austin and local non-profit **TreeFolks**. They offer 7,000 free 5-gallon trees for Austinites to adopt starting in October through March - these are the *best months for planting trees in Texas!*



Austin's overall tree canopy coverage sits at about **41% citywide**, with a long-term goal of reaching **50% by 2050** under the City's Climate Equity Plan. But that canopy is not evenly shared. According to recent reporting that draws on City of Austin data, **our neighborhood — Coronado Hills — is cited as having one of the lowest tree canopy coverage levels in the entire city, at roughly 21%**, placing it well below the city average.

To request home delivery, scan the QR code below or visit [treefolks.org/neighborwoods](https://treefolks.org/neighborwoods)



You'll answer a short form and then get to select the trees you would like based on availability.

When asked, *"How did you hear about us?"* Please select "Tree Ambassador" or "Neighborhood Association" on the form.

The TreeFolks website is also a great resource for tips on how to plant and care for trees, so please check them out!

**LEARN MORE:** <https://bit.ly/4rpqY4q>



## NEXT MEETING:

**Tuesday**  
February 17, 2026  
6:30 - 7:30

**GoogleMeet Online:**  
[bit.ly/CHCRNAMEeting](https://bit.ly/CHCRNAMEeting)



**Also in person at**  
Windsor Park Library.  
5833 Westminster Dr,  
Austin, TX 78723

## ONLY IN ATX

To add some joy to our newsletter, here's a fun local story for ya! In January, neighbors on 37th Street near Hyde Park elected a new (and very furry) mayor. Mo Bamba, a pug-chihuahua rescue, won the community's **annual pet mayoral election**, an event organized by the same neighbors who run the famous 37th Street holiday lights.

What started as a playful way to encourage civic engagement during Austin's mayoral race has become a beloved neighborhood tradition — bringing residents together, boosting voter participation, and reminding people that community building can be creative, joyful, and inclusive.

read the full story - <https://bit.ly/3M9OwLu>

## NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPY HOUR

**When:** Friday, February 27th from 6:30–8:30 PM

**Where:** La Palapa (6640 E Hwy 290, Austin, TX 78723)

**What:** Join us for a casual neighborhood happy hour where neighbors can gather, chat, and connect indoors. After needing to cancel several recent events due to weather, we're excited to keep things simple and bring everyone together in a warm, welcoming space.

**CHCRNA will be buying queso and guacamole for the table;** drinks or meals are on your own. Feel free to come late, leave early, or just pop in for a bit — we'd love to see you whenever you can make it.

CHCRNA will be **accepting donations via cash at this event**. All of our efforts are conducted by **volunteers** & all dues are voluntary but we appreciate any & all contributions!

Have an idea for an event? We'd love to hear it! Let us know via our survey: [bit.ly/CoronadoHillsSurvey](https://bit.ly/CoronadoHillsSurvey)

## GARAGE SALE

We've had a few neighbors suggest hosting a neighborhood-wide garage sale via the Community Stand drop box, so we'd love to get your input! We're considering organizing a **neighborhood-wide garage sale on a Saturday in March or April**, and want to gauge interest before moving forward. If you might want to participate, please take a moment to fill out this quick form

(it's just one yes/no question):  
<https://bit.ly/CHGarageSale>

Your responses will help us assess participation and decide whether to move ahead. Thanks for sharing your input—and for helping shape what we do together as a neighborhood!

# SHARED STREETS UPDATE:

Following questions raised by neighbors, the Board checked in with the City to get clarity on the ongoing roadway work in the neighborhood. Here's what we learned:

### Project timeline:

- The city estimates the project is about one month from completion, give or take.

### Speed limit signage (Brookhollow & Glenhill):

- Speed limit signs are still pending. The city does not yet have a firm installation timeline but will share updates once confirmed.

### Curb painting & "No Parking" signs:

- No parking areas will not be installed as part of the current project. Any future no-parking signage would depend on follow-up conversations between neighbors and city engineers. Reflective pavement markers will be added to the bump outs

### Next steps:

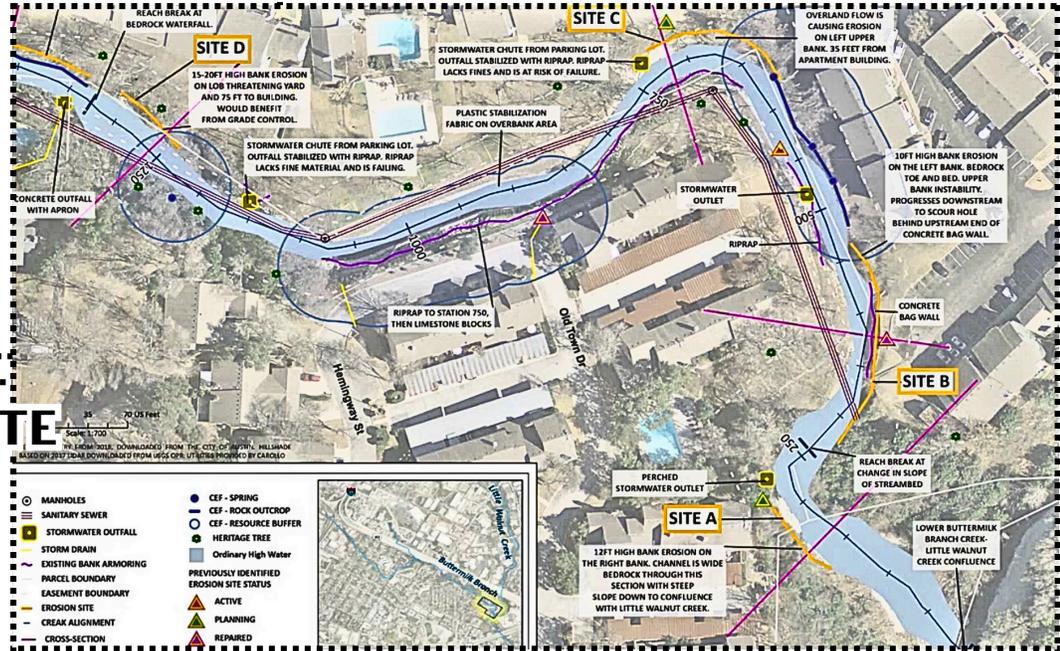
- The city indicated that some neighbors directly impacted in this area are already in conversation with engineers. The board has followed up with those neighbors to hopefully progress this ongoing issue. We will share updates as they become available.

If you have questions, concerns, or observations related to traffic, parking, or safety during this project, we encourage neighbors to reach out so we can help consolidate feedback and advocate for clarity where possible.

# COMMUNITY DISCUSSION: CAST IRON PIPES RECAP

Our January meeting went incredibly well. Neighbors shared their experience with replacing their pipes including cost, disturbance, how to recognize a problem, company recommendations and more. You can find more info in our resource doc (this will live permanently on our website as well) and watch the full recoding if you missed the meeting. Some neighbors generously provided their contact info if you'd like to reach out with any questions.

Resource Document - <https://bit.ly/CastIronResource>  
Meeting Recording - <https://bit.ly/4q9gBk6>



# TASK FORCE UPDATE

Last month, we introduced the **CHCRNA Task Forces** as a way for neighbors to plug into specific areas they care about. Since then, we've heard a lot of great interest — and now we're taking the next step.

Over the next couple of months, our goal is to **share information, gather input, and better understand where neighbors want to be involved**, even if it's in a small or occasional way. To help us stay organized, we're asking anyone who's interested to **add their name and email to our task force form**.

Right now, we're especially looking for neighbors who might be interested in:

- **Joint 311 reporting** around shared neighborhood concerns
- **Researching other neighborhoods** that have successfully worked with the City to **acquire green space**
- Brainstorming **neighborhood events** — we truly want to hear your ideas

Knowing which group you'd like to engage with helps us **share relevant updates, avoid inbox overload, and reach out intentionally** when input or help is needed.

If you're willing, we'd really appreciate you adding your info here:

[bit.ly/CHTaskForce](https://bit.ly/CHTaskForce)

There's no long-term commitment — just a way to stay connected and help shape what comes next in Coronado Hills.

# BUTTERMILK CREEK PROJECT

On January 27, the City of Austin held a public meeting to share details about upcoming water quality and erosion improvements along **Buttermilk Creek**. Members of the **Coronado Hills Neighborhood Association board** attended and wanted to share a brief recap with neighbors.

Most of the project is located in **St. Johns**, but a **small portion will take place in Coronado Hills**, specifically along the creek in Old Town between **Old Town Dr, the Agave Falls Apartments, and the curve of Pebblebrook**. In this area, the planned work includes **creek bank stabilization, creation of maintenance access, native riparian plantings, and rehabilitation of existing wastewater lines** (using cast-in-place pipe methods).

The overall project cost is **\$28.25 million**, and we're hopeful these improvements will improve water flow through the back of Coronado Hills and help **slow ongoing erosion**. Construction for the currently approved work is anticipated to **begin in Fall 2026** and is expected to take **about one year**. While additional improvements to other parts of the creek may be possible in the future, **there are no confirmed plans beyond this phase at this time**.

more info: <https://bit.ly/4qK8XNZ>