## Meeting Via Zoom and at the Old Town Clubhouse

September 21, 2021 @ 06:30 PM

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Mission: to ensure the safety of residents—to preserve the integrity of the neighborhood—to increase the value of homeowner property

### MONTHLY MEET-INGS RESUME — 3<sup>RD</sup> TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

The September neighborhood association meeting will be on Tuesday, September 21st at 6:30 PM. We will meet both in-person at the Old Town Clubhouse AND virtually via Zoom.

You are part of our community and we NEED your participation. Remember, there is strength in numbers, especially when it comes to maintaining and protecting our neighborhood. Mark your calendars for our monthly meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month.

## CITY OF AUSTIN CODE OF ORDINANCES



Neighbors frequently have questions regarding code violations. Since we are not a Home Owner's Association (HOA), compliance issues for our neighborhood are governed by the City of Austin Code of Ordinances and the Texas Transportation Code.

A couple of years ago, an officer from the City Code Department attended our general meeting to discuss common code issues and answer questions. Recently, the Board discussed inviting a Code Department Officer to present at a future meeting.

You can review Code Ordinances and Prohibited Activities by accessing the City of Austin Code Department webpage by going to your internet search engine (Google) and typing "City of Austin Code of Ordinances," which takes you to the Code of Ordinances, Municode Library website link. Clicking on the link displays a table of contents with each of the Titles sections; Title 9 is the Prohibited Activities section.

Over the years, vehicle issues have been a common neighborhood code issue. Below are some definitions related to motor vehicles:

**Inoperable Motor Vehicle** means a motor vehicle because of mechanical failure, breakdown, or disrepair cannot be started, driven, operated, steered, stopped under its own power and without causing damage to the vehicle.

**Junked Vehicle** is usually an inoperable or unregistered vehicle that has remained inoperable for more than 72 consecutive hours, if the vehicle is on public property, or 30 consecutive days, if the vehicle is on private property.

A junked vehicle can be a declared a public nuisance if any part of a junked

vehicle is visible at any time of the year from a public place or public right-of-way.

## RECENT CONSTRUCTION IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Google Fiber – construction was needed to install equipment to offer a fee-based alternative to other internet service options. Area work was completed last week. To check service availability, visit <a href="https://fiber.google.com/cities/austin/">https://fiber.google.com/cities/austin/</a> or call 1-877-454-6959 (24/7) with any questions or concerns.

#### City Public Works/ AEGION/

Insituform – construction was needed to repair certain sewer pipes at the corner of Berkman Dr. & Glenhill Rd. Affected residents were temporarily without sewer access and had to cease all wastewater activities while the repairs were completed. If you have questions or concerns, the Engineering Construction Coordinator can be contacted at (512) 974-1571.

#### TRASH CAN REMINDER

Containers should be placed at the curb, 3-5 feet apart (when space allows); place carts no earlier than 8:00 PM Wednesday and no later that 6:30 AM Thursday. Please remember to bring in your containers no later than 10 PM Thursday.





#### **INCREASING CURB APPEAL**

As the weather cools off, now would be a great time to consider increasing your home's curb appeal. Simple, low-cost investments like weeding, shrub trimming, window washing, repainting trim, adding landscaping, power-washing the house and concrete, and removing inoperable vehicles will increase your home's curb appeal. Consider storing building materials, trash carts, grills, gardening tools and supplies, etc. behind a fence. Be considerate and mindful that unkept yards can lead to pest infestation causing damage and disease; thus, disturbing you and your neighbors' outdoor activities.

## SWIMMING POOL MAINTENANCE

Care should be taken not to create puddles of standing water, which could potentially provide breeding grounds for mosquitoes. Also, it is illegal to discharge filter backwash water, chlorinated pool water, or saltwater from saline pools into the City storm drainage (certain chemical and pollutant regulations apply). Remember anything that enters a storm drain goes to our creeks and lakes. Please contact the City Watershed Protection Dept. at (512) 974-2550 for recommended disposal options.

#### **SPECIAL "THANKS"**

Acts of kindness are appreciated by all and especially by our senior neighbors. There have been reports of newspapers being placed on the porch by morning walkers for easier accessibility and trash carts being brought in after collection.

#### **NEW NEIGHBORS**

If you are new to the neighborhood, or if you know of a new neighbor, please let us know at <a href="mailto:Board@CHCRNA.com">Board@CHCRNA.com</a>; please visit our website, <a href="www.CHCRNA.com">www.CHCRNA.com</a>; for more information.

#### RESIDENT CONTACT FORM

Click the red "STAY IN TOUCH" button at the top of our homepage, www.CHCRNA.com, and complete the resident contact form.

## DEAD END BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

Neighbors living near the Glenhill Rd. dead end want to plant flowers, shrubs, and perhaps create a small community garden to beautify the area. This beautification project has received support from the following organizations: City's Homeless Cleanup crew, Neighborhood Partnering Program, Texas Disposal Systems, and Keep Austin Beautiful. This will be an ongoing project.

# SCHOOL BUS TRAFFIC THROUGH THE NEIGHBOR-HOOD

CHCNA and the AISD Nelson Bus Terminal (located behind the stadium) have a long-standing agreement that bus traffic should be diverted around the neighborhood, when possible. School bus traffic is permitted for children within our neighborhood and for students attending the Clifton Center at the corner of Coronado Hills and Berkman Dr.

However, buses returning to the terminal are not permitted to use the Coronado Hills/Berkman intersection; and, no bus may enter or leave via Creekside Dr. Please contact Board@ CHCRNA.com if you observe a bus that may have violated the agreement. We would like to know: 1) direction of travel; 2) bus #; 3) time of day; and, 4) date.

#### **ZONING CASE UPDATE**

The proposed Affordable Housing development at 1701 E. Anderson Ln was postponed until the Sept. 30th City Council Meeting. While CHCNA recognizes the need for affordable housing options within the city, we oppose the proposed development with concerns about child safety and Buttermilk Creek erosion.

## SEE SOMETHING...SAY SOMETHING

Need to report an issue to the City of Austin? Download the Austin 3-1-1 mobile app today. With just a few clicks, you can report potholes, street light outages, dead animals, abandoned trash, and much more. Consider including a photo so officials may efficiently assess, prioritize, and respond to your requests. Download the free app by going to Google Play, iTunes, or the App Store and searching Austin 311.

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