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Echoes from the Hills

**CORONADO HILLS/CREEKSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION** to ensure the safety of residents - to preserve the integrity of the neighborhood - to increase the value of homeowner property

# DID YOU RECEIVE THIS FLIER?



Nextdoor Coronado Hills

Some neighbors have received a brochure advertising a neighbrhood website and asking: "Please join us on NEXTDOOR CORONADO HILLS."

**Please know:** this has NOTHING to do with our Coronado Hills/Creekside Neighborhood Association.

The "Nextdoor" website has been used by some neighborhoods and abandoned. This site PROFILES anyone who sends in their email address sharing this information with the city including police department. In addition, it places "cookies" on your computer as well as sells/shares your information with various online mass email vendors. If you have already sent in your email to them, we urge you to *unsubscribe*.

A recent short online search of "Nextdoor" owners, privacy notice, etc. resulted in 461 "cookies" on the computer. Fortunately when

## **Meeting Location**

St. George's Court Clubhouse 1443 Coronado Hills Dr.

The meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Parking is available. *Thank you to St. Georges Court for providing the great meeting location.* 

Correction!

City of Austin Code Enforcement is invited to be our monthly guest speaker. There will be a question and answer session. Please plan to attend.

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computer rebooted after the online search these were cleared.

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Your neighborhood association will have an official website sometime this year.

## Additional Dwelling Units or ADUs

The Planning Commission sent a proposal back to the Planning Department to redo the city-wide relaxation or requirements for off street parking and other safety and building requirements. The Planning Department has never produced studies—asked for by the Planning Commission—on impact of these units on infrastructure, streets, sewer lines, water lines, etc.

In addition, the previous council directed the Planning Department to search for ways to incorporate more affordable housing. These units are definitely not falling within the affordable rent ranges. Rents are at market value.

The "Opt-In, Opt-Out" for neighborhoods like ours was not a clear choice at all since the Planning Department and their consultants do not think neighborhood plans, Opt-In, Opt-Out, or Deed Restrictions need to be honored. *The vote to send the proposal back to the Planning Department was close: 4–3* at the April 28 meeting of the Planning Commission.



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Let your Council Representative know via email, letter, or phone call that you do not want an ADU in your neighbor's back yard. If we are not vigilant, investors could purchase a property, scrape it and build a small house in front and an ADU in the back yard and then rent both out as short term rentals with additional cars parked on the streets.

## **Additional Beer and Wine Sales**

Please be aware that Family Dollar stores nationwide (including ours on Cameron) have applied for liquor licenses to sell beer and wine. So far, it is not chilled beer. The store is within its legal right to sell alcohol as it is further than 300 feet from a school or church as mandated by city ordinance. We already have a vagrancy problem around this commercial area of Cameron and Coronado Hills Drive that usually gets worse in the warmer summer months.

Let us keep a close watch on this area in the future. Call 911 if you encounter public drunkenness or threats to your safety by a group of these folks congregating where you need to catch a bus, visit a store, or go for a walk.

#### VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR THE VILLAS OF CORONADO HILLS

We need a person to deliver the monthly Newsletters to residents in The Villas. Barbara Johnson, who was your volunteer and did a GREAT job, resigned at the end of April. If you would like to volunteer to deliver 10 Newsletters per year, please call or email me at: Jo Alvarez, 512-452-4588 or celajoa@att.net. THANK YOU.

## **Contact Team News**

May 19<sup>th</sup> 6 p.m. at St. George's Court The agenda will include a vote on Bylaw revisions

#### Federally Funded—CITY BLOCK GRANTS

Please let any board member know if you are interested in pursuing these for our neighborhood. The following information is from District One City Council office of Ms. Ora Houston. For more information visit the website: www.austintexas.gov/housingplan

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) include: HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA).

In order to receive these HUD grants, the City of Austin must submit an annual Action Plan to HUD that provides the community needs, resources, priorities, and proposed activities with regard to housing, community development, economic development, and public services. The City has begun development of its Fiscal Year 2015–16 Action Plan, which is due to HUD on or before August 15, 2015.

### Free Household Document Shredding Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 8 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. NEW LOCATION: ACC Highland campus 6101 Airport Blvd.

The threat of identity theft is an ongoing concern, so it is important to dispose of credit card statements, checking account records, prescription documents and medical insurance files by shredding all personal documents.

The Austin chapter of Association of Records Managers and Administrators, Balcones Shred, Iron Mountain, and Shred-It are sponsoring the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Spring **Free Shred Day**. Only dry paper packed in cardboard boxes, no larger than 24x24x36, will be accepted. All the shredded material and cardboard boxes are recycled. Please, no hard plastics, plastic bags, electronic media or 3-ring binders.

Monetary donations will be accepted—half of which will be donated to the Capital Area Food Bank. For more details, contact Debi Tadd by email at Debi.Tadd @ BBVA.com or by phone at 512-453-4272. *This information is courtesy of Austin Energy Customer News, April issue.*