

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

# NEIGHBOR'S HANDS HELPING NEIGHBORS

During the winter storm, power outage, and water crises many CHCRNA neighbors stretched out their hands and reached up and across our streets to help our neighbors. Some of our vulnerable neighbors had depleted their supplies and found themselves without any reserves, or relatives nearby to help. But caring neighbors stepped up and out into the freezing cold of our Hill and Creek to deliver water, wood, warm food, and whatever they could.

A big shout out to the helping hands that participated in a FEW of the following acts of kindness:

Most (if not all) of the St. George's Court senior residents received bottles of water; and, those that indicated they were food insecure received a bag of food (including canned goods, cereal, milk, and eggs). The helping hands represented:

The Church of the Cross; the Promiseland Church; Beto O'Rourke's Powered by People organization;

Councilmember Greg Casar; and, residents and officers of the Coronado Hills/ Creekside Neighborhood Association.

Coronado Hills/Creekside Neighborhood Association was instrumental in organizing this effort to support our senior neighbors at St. George's Court.

Special thanks to Fire Fighter Assn. President, Bob Nicks, who allowed CHCRNA residents without electricity to use their building as a warming shelter and power station.

Mr. Paul Cawthon helped Ms. Bonnie (longtime board member in our association) to manually open her garage door so she could use her car to charge her phone. He and his brother, Richard, are longtime residents on Brookhollow Drive.

Lastly, CHCRNA appreciates the utility workers, street cleaners, first responders, all medical personnel, journalists, politicians, faith communities, parents, and any other essential workers who stayed on the job overnight and throughout our crises. We shout, "**Gracias!**"

#### CORONADO HILLS/CREEK-SIDE NEIGHBORHOOD AS-SOCIATION MEETING

Time: March 16, 2021 06:30 PM Central Time

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86224048523 ?pwd=cEthOVdsaHc5RUFuNW5UeX MrKzFnUT09

Meeting ID: 862 2404 8523

Passcode: Neighbors

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# **CAPITAL METRO**

In light of Winter Storm, Capital Metro is extending the public scoping period for the Orange and Blue Line to **March 12**.

They are seeking your feedback on:

- The draft Purpose, Need, Goals and Objectives of the projects
- Identifying the stakeholders for these projects
- Aspects of the environmental and engineering process that most interest you
- Project Connect MetroRapid station design and amenities

Visit the **Project Connect** website at <u>projectconnect.com/get-involved</u> during this time to view presentation content and provide feedback as part of the self-guided virtual open houses. You can also share your comments via phone, email, and mail.

- Orange Line Project hotline: 512-369-7703
- Email: <u>OrangeLine@capmetro.org</u>
- Mail: Orange Line Project Team, Capital Metro, 607 Congress Avenue, Austin, TX 78701



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#### PROPOSED MULTIFAMILY APARTMENT COMPLEX

A developer has applied for Housing Tax Credits with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for a proposed multifamily apartment community of approximately 108 units to be built at 1701 E Anderson Ln (~350 yards from the Chevron station at Cameron & 183). Comments and input on the proposed development, called Anderson Creek Apartments, may be submitted before June 18, 2021; via email at HTCPC@tdhca.state.tx.us or by mail at Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Public Comment – Multifamily Finance Division P.O. Box 13941 Austin, Texas 78711-3941.

# BOARD APPRECIATION FOR NEIGHBOR DONATIONS

Since CHCNA is a neighborhood association there are no mandatory dues required from members of our neighborhood. The board is very appreciative of the continuing support of many of our members, however all neighbors are encouraged to participate in our monthly meeting regardless of whether they decide to donate. If someone wants to donate, an amount of \$12.00 is suggested. Donations can be either by cash or a check made out to CHCNA and mailed or given to David Risher, our Treasurer. His address is 7304 Glenhill Rd. and he can be contacted at 512-451-7084 (home) or by text at 512-636-6079.

#### ECONOMIC IMPACT PAYMENTS (EIP)-POTENTIAL REBATE CREDIT ON 2020 INCOME TAXES

Taxpayers may be able to claim or recover incorrect rebate claims under the Economic Impact Legislation passed in March and late December, 2020. In order to determine whether you are eligible to claim credit on your 2020 income tax return you must complete the Recovery Rebate Credit Worksheet included in the 2020 Form 1040 Instructions. For more information you can go "IRS.gov/ RRC" website or consult with your tax preparer. In order to complete the Worksheet you will need to provide the payment information you have received for each EIP you may have received. You can go to the "IRS.gov/Account" website for amount that you may have received. Additonal New Item: For 2020, taxpayers using the standard deduction are also eligible to claim a charity deduction of up to \$300.

#### SPEED KILLS. SUPPORT SAFER DRIVING.

Too many Austinites die as a result of vehicle crashes. On average in Austin, someone is killed in a crash every five days, and someone is seriously injured in a crash every 20 hours. Higher speeds increase the chances of serious injuries or death. Show your support for safer driving, and remind everyone to slow down with a Vision Zero yard sign. These free signs are available from the City of Austin in both English and Spanish. Email visionzero@austintexas.gov to request a sign, and a representative of the Vision Zero project will contact you about further details to arrange a contactless drop off of signs

## **TEXAS LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION**

The legislative session began on January 12, 2021 and will run until May 31, 2021.

During the 140 days of the session, the Legislature will consider important issues, such as the state budget, pandemic response, policing, and much more.

You can look up your Texas state senators and representatives, learn about the legislative process, and track legislation using the Texas Legislature Online website at <u>https://capitol.texas.gov/</u>.

If you need help finding legislative information, contact the Legislative Reference Library's bill status hot line at 877-824-7038 or 512-463-1252.

Librarians can provide:

- The current status of Texas legislation
- Information on the legislative processes in Texas
- Contact information for members of the legislature and other elected officials
- Help finding legislative information online
- Addresses for legislative and governmental websites and toll-free telephone numbers

#### **CALLING 311 RESULTED IN A NEW STREET SIGN**

Thank you to the neighbor who called 311 to request a new sign at Glenhill Rd. & Coronado Hills Dr. The new sign is larger and more reflective for night vision. All residents are encouraged to Call 311 regarding anything that needs addressing (street light out, dead animals in the street, etc.).

#### TREE TRIMMING MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE

AISD/Clifton Center recently trimmed the beautiful tree near their back parking lot. We appreciate AISD for improving the appearance of our neighborhood.



# WE MISSED YOU ... WE NEED YOU!

Please consider attending our next virtual neighborhood association meeting. We meet the **3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM via Zoom**. You are part of our community and we'd like to hear from you. Remember, there is strength in numbers, especially when it comes to maintaining and protecting our neighborhood. Thanks to the two new participants last month (from Sevilla and Old Town). Mark your calendars for the next meeting!

## FREE TREES FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD!



Reduce your home's energy use, cool down your yard, and grow something good to eat! TreeFolks' NeighborWoods

Program is providing 4,500 free 5-gallon trees for Austin Residents to adopt starting in October and going through March. Shade trees, flowering trees, and fruit trees are ready to join your family this planting season!

To apply for free home delivery, visit www.treefolks.org/nw or call 737-241-TREE (8733). *Online applications prefered*. The deadline to apply has expired. But you can get a head start for Fall!

The NeighborWoods program is a partnership between TreeFolks and the City of Austin to lower summer temperatures and reduce energy consumption by investing in Austin's urban forest. TreeFolks is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

#### **TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAM UPDATES**

During 2019 and 2020, the City of Austin revamped its residential traffic calming program. The new program moves away from a request-bases approach and instead focuses on identifying residential streets with potential speed problems based on criteria such as crash history and speed data.

The City has reviewed all Level 1 and Level 2 streets in Austin and assigned scores to street segments to identify streets for traffic calming treatments. Visit <u>https://austintexas.gov/department/speed-management</u> for full information city speed management programs, including details on the revised methodology for selecting areas for traffic calming



projects; a list of projects planned for 2021; and an interactive map that shows the ratings for individual street segments.

#### **NEW DISTRICT REP**

Officer Andre Black is our new DR! We hope to have him join us on our next Zoom meeting so you can meet him!

Region 2 District Representative andre.black@austintexas.gov 512 974-6875

## **CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY SAFELY**

Go to <u>www.stpatricksdayaustin.com</u>; Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> from 4 – 9 PM. Enjoy local and international Celtic entertainment at this annual family-friendly festival that celebrates all things Irish.

Two interesting St. Patrick's Day facts:

Saint Patrick didn't wear green. His color was "Saint Patrick's blue." The color green became associated with St. Patrick's Day after it was linked to the Irish independence movement in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century.

There isn't any corn in the traditional St. Patrick's Day meal of corned beef and cabbage. The name is a reference to the large grains of salt historically used to cure meats, which were also known as "corns."

Adapted from WorldStrides.com

"May you have all the happiness and luck that life can hold and at the end of your rainbows ay you find a pot of gold."

~Irish Blessing

#### A Great Big "THANK YOU"

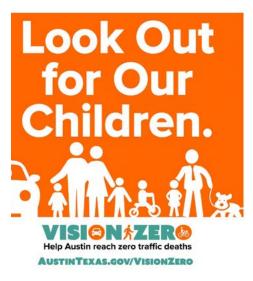
Thank you to Ian and Denna, residents of our neighborhood. While taking their daily walks, they carry a small container to pick up trash, which is littering our neighborhood.

**Reminder:** It is unlawful to access a mailbox for solicitation.

#### WHO'S WHO

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If you have noticed this sign on Coronado Hills and would like to order one, these signs are available here:

Go to <u>http://www.austintexas.gov/page/vision-zero-yard-sign</u> for information on the signs.

To actually request them, email visionzero@austintexas.gov

Dear Residents,

Want to be notified of an event, special happenings around the neighborhood or be included in case of an emergency situation?

We are compiling a list of neighbors' names and contact information for that purpose.

Please fill out and use the Google form: <u>https://forms.gle/dENhFxjxVJ8SYm5u5;</u> or clip and drop off form below at 7304 Glenhill Rd.; or mail to P.O. Box 16384, Austin TX 78761.

Name
Email
Phone
Address
Please indicate your contact preferences:
Neighborhood Notices and/or Emergencies Only
To provide your information electronically, please email <a href="mailto:cherna.sec@gmail.com">cherna.sec@gmail.com</a>
All information will remain confidential and will not be shared.