#### A BIG Thank You to Our Supporters:















THANK YOU ALSO TO MILWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH FOR HOSTING OUR MEETING & THE CONTINUED SUPPORT.

## MNA's Mission is to help build community through social events and meetings and keep Milwood connected to the city.

#### Some MNA recent activities include:

- Advocated for Milwood Pocket Library & Book Mobile
- Applied for 2 Grants to Improve Balcones Park
- Working for Completion of The Balcones Park Trail
- Monitor regional development projects and interact with city staff
- Liaison with City of Austin on zoning and planning
- Publish info to the MNA website and email lists
- July 4th Parade & Picnic
- Holiday Lighting Contest
- It's My Park Day / Dumping Concerns
- National Night Out
- 2 Annual General Membership Meetings
- 2 Annual Neighborhood Garage Sales
- Fill the Truck Fundraiser for the Park
- Milwood Improvement Projects
- Donated Solar Panels & Battery to Adelphi Acre Garden
- Donated to Summitt's Spring Fling

Your \$15 Yearly
Membership at work!
So don't forget to
stay current on your dues at
www.milwoodna.com
Thanks!

### **Balcones Pool**

- Ashley Wells, Aquatic Supervsr
- Wayne Simmons, Aquatic Program Mgr
- Balcones Pool Swim Classes Offered & still available.
- Lifeguards Needed. \$100 Bonus for the 1<sup>st</sup> 400.
- For questions or concerns about Austin Aquatics or Balcones Pool, email mnaboard@milwoodna.com or Wayne.Simmons@austintexas.gov Wayne Simmons - 512.974.9336

#### **Balcones Pool Schedule**

#### June 3 - June 5, 2016

Day	Time	Type of Activity
Weekdays - Closed on Mondays	12 pm - 7 pm	Recreational Swim
Weekends	12pm - 7pm	Recreational Swim

#### June 6 - July 24, 2016

Day	Time	Type of Activity
Weekdays - Closed on Mondays	8 am - 10 am	Swim Team
	10 am - 12 pm	Swim Lessons
	10 am - 11 am	Lap Swim
	11 am - 8 pm	Recreational Swim
	6 pm - 8:10 pm	Swim Lessons
Weekends	11 am - 8 pm	Recreational Swim

#### July 25 - August 20, 2016

Day	Time	Type of Activity
Weekdays - Closed on Mondays	8 am - 11 am	Lap Swim
	10 am - 12:10 pm	Swim Lessons
	11 am - 8 pm	Recreational Swim
	6 pm - 8:10 pm	Swim Lessons
Weekends	11 am - 8 pm	Recreational Swim

## Milwood Library Update

Book Mobile Hours (Starting Monday, May 2):

Mon-Thurs: 1 – 7pm

Friday: 1 – 6pm

Saturday: 10am – 5pm

Sunday: Closed

- Contents: pick-up reserved holds, drop-off, & small browsing collection. \*No Restrooms.
- Library Grand Opening is June 4<sup>th</sup> from 10am-12noon



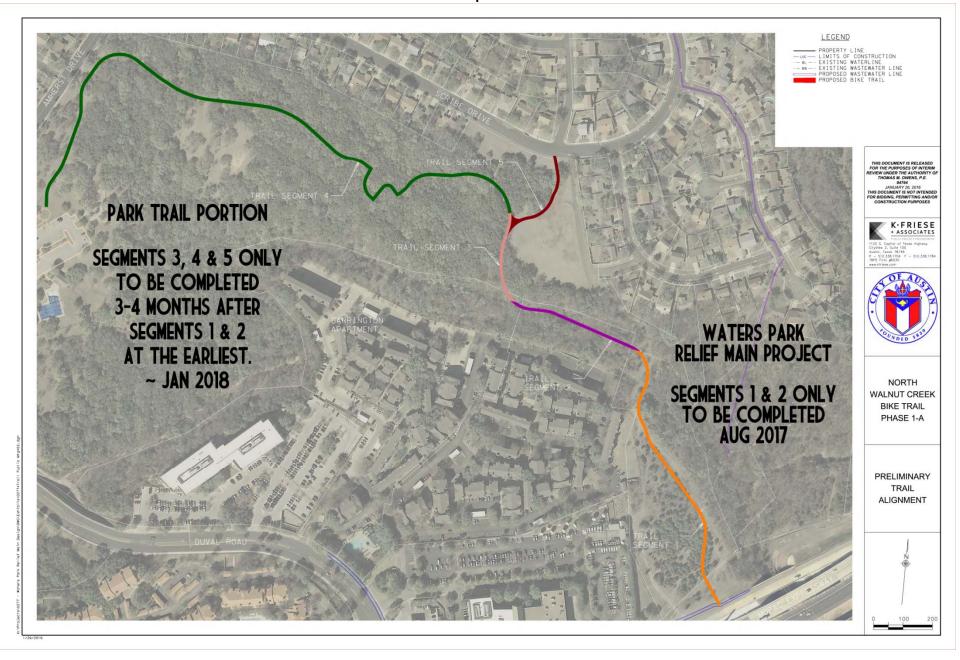
# Summitt Elementary's Spring Fling Fundraiser! Abel's North, Sat., April 30 from 6-9 pm

- Summitt's Biggest Fundraiser to pay the salary of amazing technology instructor, Mrs. Barbara Neill
- Delicious food & drink, amazing auction items, & fun surprises
- Purchase Tickets today Online at summitteagles.org/store (\$25 until April 22 for 2 drinks, heavy appetizers, great fun!)
- Can't attend but want to help. Make a donation at the link above.
- All are welcome!! (not just current Summitt Families.)

## Adelphi Acre Garden

- Milwood Neighborhood Assoc. donated a much needed battery and off the grid solar system.
- Composting
- Leaf Bags for Compost
- 1 Year Anniversary Party: Sat. April 30<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 1pm

#### Trail Update



#### Exhibit 1A - Construction Status -Balcones Park to Mopac

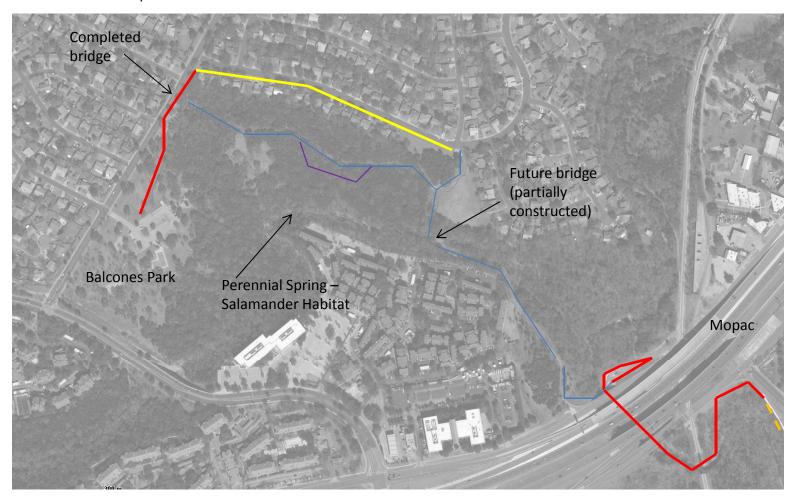
Completed 10' shared use path (since 2013)

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Completed ADA sidewalk

Future Trail (cleared in 2010 – offset from actual location to show cleared path)

Proposed reroute to avoid need for elevated trail section



Won fight for a bridge instead of a low water crossing

- Segments 1 & 2, Waters Relief Main Project was set to bid in late January, but was delayed until recently. Bids are due 5/5/2016 then Council meets in June. Construction should start in the August 2016 and will take approximately 18 months to complete but Segments 1 & 2 should be complete 1 year after project begins, so August 2017.
- 2) Segments 3, 4 & 5 from the ball fields to Amherst is still under design (30%). In Jan, City said they would work these projects separately so one doesn't delay the other, however...
- Also working on a plan to **allow continued access** from Balcones Park to the completed section of the Northern Walnut Creek Shared Use Path east of Mopac during the upcoming construction projects. Anyone interested in helping on the trails should contact Erik Harris at <a href="mailto:erik.harris.atx@gmail.com">erik.harris.atx@gmail.com</a>
- 4) Help Stop Erosion on the trail behind Scribe Drive. On Feb 6 Austin Ridge Riders, MNA and WXNA volunteers built a new trail to reroute the eroding trail created when the City cleared the shared use path in 2010. The trail is able to be used as it is, but we now have approval to remove a few more trees to make it easier for biking. We closed off the old trail to allow the area to restore from the erosion, but someone unblocked it. We are planning to reblock the eroding trail and ask that trail users respect the blockage continuing to use that old trail will result in a gully forming and more soil being washed into the creek.

#### Issues

- Construction on the project started in 2009.
- Completion has been pushed back to October 2017
- Project completion is overdue.
- Construction left parts of park in poor condition with unsafe conditions.
- Poor communication of setbacks to NA's

#### Action taken

- MNA and WXNA have been lobbying via letters and meetings to get project moving faster
- NA Reps met with Leslie Pool, attended Committee meeting in March.
- New liaison assigned to project to coordinate with NA's
- City continues to slide the schedule back.
- Reroute requested to eliminate unsafe trail.
- City agreed to add a culvert to pass flood waters, instead of a low water crossing

## Crime

- Crime Prevention Tips on MNA's website
- Know Your Five Neighbors
- Lights, Lock & Empty your Car Prevent Crime of Opportunity
- See Something Suspicious. Report it ASAP to 911
- Call 311 when the item has already happened. Call 911 when it is happening, no matter if it seems an emergency or not.
- Be Friendly to Strangers.
- Mow a Neighbor's Lawn. A well kept neighborhood is not inviting.
- Always let someone knocking know that you are home.
- Replace your door screws from the standard ones to 3+inch.
   Larger Strike Plate.
- Sign-up for MNA's News on website or mnaboard@milwoodna.com

#### Crime Resources:

- www.austintexas.gov/GIS/crimeviewer/CrimeReportSearch.html
- www.SpotCrime.com & www.KrimeLabb.com
- www.Nextdoor.com

## Some Ideas for Milwood

- Increasing Communication via printed newsletter or postcard (bi-annual): members voted to A,B test it for next meeting
- Restarting A Garden Club or Garden of the Season: looking for someone to chair this, interested individuals can email Kathy Block, MNA Secretary at mnaboard@milwoodna.com
- Neighborhood Watch Signs: members voted to order replacement signs, residents will email location of signs needing replacement to mnaboard@milwoodna.com
- Amherst & Duval Intersection Issues: discussed, Lynette is going to spearhead. Kiran will look into traffic studies.
- Turn Lane off Parmer into Adelphi: discussed, Lynette is going to spearhead. Kiran will look into traffic studies.
- Oak Wilt Yard Signs: members voted to have MNA purchase some of these signs to use during Oak Wilt Season
- Sidewalk to Library: discussed and it was decided that it was a needed enhancement.
- Mesa Park/Balcones Woods area over that bike lane: Tabled

## Balcones Park Improvement Project

#### **Thanks to our Sponsors:**





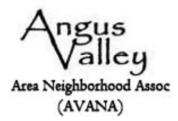


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Milwood Neighborhood Association





#### Thanks also to our partnering organizations:

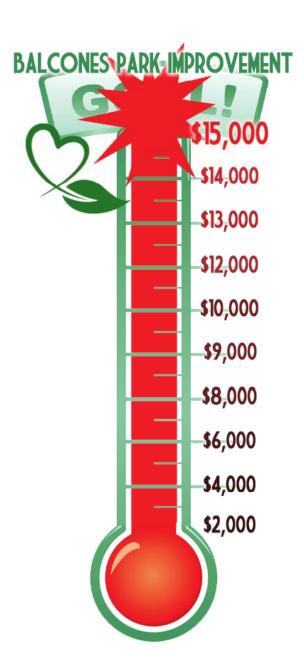














A HUGE Thank you to our Park Heroes, aka Donors! We are amazed by the responses and willingness of our neighborhood to support our loved park! Thanks to each and every one of you!

A Big Thank you to Bethany Metzger who has put so many hours into this project that she and her husband made up a new verb to describe her late hours to simplify their conversations – "milwooding"

Thanks also to Johanna Hedges, Carolyn Scherrer, Phyllis Woodley, Tim McMullen, & John Marostica! Thanks Sign Depot ATX for the amazing prices on the signs!

## MNA's Website

- Businesses in Our Backyard
- Calendar of Upcoming Events
- Up to the Minute Weather from Personal Weather Station within Milwood
- Easy Way to Pay Dues
- NEW Recycling/Trash Webpage

## **Upcoming Events**

- Sat, April 30<sup>th</sup> (10am-1pm)
  - Adelphi Acre Garden 1 Year Anniversary Party
- Sat, April 30<sup>th</sup> (6-9pm)
  - Summitt's Spring Fling Fundraiser
- Mon, May 2<sup>nd</sup> (1-7pm)
  - Bookmobile Opens
- Sat, June 4<sup>th</sup> (10-12noon)
  - Milwood Library Re-Opening Party
- July 4<sup>th</sup>
  - Milwood NA & WXNA's July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade & Picnic



9:30am: Parade Participants Assemble at

Milwood Baptist Church (12217 Cassady)

10:00am: Parade Begins (Cabana to Eton to Park)

10:30am: Parade Ends at Balcones Park &

Austin Civic Wind Ensemble Begins Playing

11:00am: Lunch Served (Burgers/Hot Dogs/Cold Drinks)

12:30pm: Grand Prizes Announced

in Raffle Prizes! Renew your neighborhood dues, meet your neighbors, hear some music, enjoy a free lunch and win some great Raffle Prizes if you are a resident!

More details on Volunteering, Raffle Prizes, Event Info, Shade Tent Loaning, & Spirit Content at: www.milwoodna.com

This flyer was sponsored by Milwood's own: Rick Zamora with Elevation Solar: ezamora@elevationsolar.com / (512)653-8097 Ask Rick about \$0 Down with Free Installation, Rebates, or Solar Parties.











\* Over \$1,500's

## Other Tidbits

- Sign Petition to Oppose Oak Creek Apartments at northwoodna.com
- Like Us at "Milwood Neighborhood Association" Facebook Page
- 311 Phone App & Austin Police Dept App
- Yoga in Balcones Park, every Saturday in April & May at 9am
- Summitt sells HEB Giftcards to get a % of the sales. Do you shop at HEB and want to help Summitt then contact - kynna@outlook.com
- Nextdoor.com a good resource for recommendations and chatting with neighbors
- Swim Survey, Centrally Located Natatorium

## Join the MNA Board

President: Meg Davis

Vice President: John Marostica

Treasurer: Bethany Metzger

Secretary: Kathy Block

Parks: Erik Harris

City Liaison:

Communication/Social: Garry Brown

Block Watch/Crime: Tim McMullen

At Large: Charles DuBose

At Large: Dan Chin

At Large: Carolyn Scherrer

At Large: Will Shoaf

At Large: Palmer Buck

We are happy to tailor a position for interested parties!

## Resident's Concerns or Questions