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Next GRRWNA Meeting

Tuesday, July 18th, 7pm

Important Notice... **change in meeting location** -

- THIS MONTH ONLY -

*Due to a scheduling conflict with Grace Lutheran's Vacation Bible School, this month's GRRWNA meeting will be held at **St. Barnabas Church** on **Mc Neil Drive**. If you are not familiar with the church, it is in the old St. Williams PAC, just East of Deepwood on McNeil.*

Officials from all entities involved in the recreation center issue will be present to talk to us about the progress and the issues. Jeff Andresen, CEO of the YMCA of Greater Williamson County will be present along with Sheri Yerrington, Executive Director of the Round Rock Family YMCA, Charles Laird from St David's Hospital, and Rick Atkins, City of Round Rock Parks and Recreation Director will also be present.

Several of you have e-mailed GRRWNA, written letters to the editor, and in other ways, voiced your opinion. Unfortunately, these entities are not going to listen to a few voices. In the absence of interest, they will move ahead and make decisions they feel are best for us as a neighborhood. If you want any say in the recreation center issue, it is important for you to attend this meeting. This will give everyone a chance to review the facts and let the parties involved know what we feel would be best for our neighborhood.

Please make every effort to attend!

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Do You have a Computer?

Do you receive e-mails from the GRRWNA?

No? - Would You Like To?

A great FREE way to learn the most up-to-date news possible about our neighborhood is to register with us.

All names and e-mail addresses are for Association use ONLY.

Your privacy will be protected.

Register online at www.GRRWNA.org
Or send in the form on the back of this newsletter

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Letter From the President

Dear Neighbors,

Wow! What a year so far. Ramps, roads, turnarounds, annexes, recreation centers, the fun never stops. While our neighborhood cannot physically grow that much any more, the participation does. We had over 200 people participate in our 4th of July Parade along with a fleet of bikes, seven vehicles including the Barbie Hummer, seven dogs, one wheelbarrow, one lawn mower, and a couple of Segway Human Transporters. This was more than twice the participation we had last year. I want to personally thank Mabelle Henderson, Relda Comer, and Don Yenni for their help in the last few days before the parade. Without their help and the efforts of the Parade Committee, this event would not have come together as nicely as it did. As always, I am certain there are others that I need to thank that I left out and if so, I apologize.

We now have less than 30 days to plan for our National Night Out. The event will be Tuesday evening, August 1st from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Round Rock West Park (Duck Pond). Entertainment will be provided by the Stepsons of the Pioneers, a humorous country / folk group from the local area. Look for more details in this newsletter.

Onward to the next issue. the proposed recreation center. Our next meeting will be focused on the recreation center issue and will likely be our last public forum on this issue. Officials from all parties involved will be at our next meeting (Tuesday, July 18th – 7:00 p.m. – St Barnabas Church on McNeil) to help us better understand the issue.

It is my understanding that building a duplicate of Clay Madsen on Deepwood might not be the right thing to do. To my knowledge, the Clay Madsen Center is being subsidized by the taxpayers. If that is the case, it might not make sense to duplicate that effort on this side of town. There has been talk of partnerships between the City, the YMCA, St. David's Medical Center, RRISD, and so forth. There is property on Deepwood for a rec center, St David's Hospital has acreage that they want to use for this purpose, as does the YMCA. It can all be very confusing which is why as a neighborhood, it is in our best interest to get all of the facts and then decide what we think is best for us and let the City of Round Rock know. Fortunately, unlike the County Annex issue, we are ahead of the ball on this and have some time to decide where we want to go on this issue.

As always, the ultimate decision is probably not going to please everyone in the neighborhood but we need to support the best solution for the neighborhood as a whole.

In my experience, the City of Round Rock has done a very good job of trying to communicate with its citizens when an issue like this presents itself. I was very disappointed in the citizens of Round Rock at the open house that the City held regarding the recreation center. Only a handful of people showed up to let the city know what they wanted in a recreation center. This was another example of apathy that will turn into anger when something gets built that may not meet our needs. If we do not let our voice be heard, we will have no right to complain about what we end up with. Our neighborhood did an excellent job in uniting to convince Williamson County to reconsider building an annex in our neighborhood. We now have another opportunity to affect change. We cannot remain silent and then complain about the results.

We have an opportunity to learn about the issue and provide our input at our next neighborhood meeting. The meeting is being held at St. Barnabas Church and there is plenty of room for everyone. The change in meeting location is due to a conflict with the Grace Lutheran Vacation Bible School, which will be held the week of the 17th. They will be using their facility and it will not be available.

Sincerely,



Mike Freeman

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



What is National Night Out?

It's America's Night Out Against Crime!

The "23rd Annual National Night Out" (NNO), a unique crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW), has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 1, 2006.

Last year's National Night Out campaign involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from over 10,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide. In all, over 34 million people participated in NNO 2005. The Greater Round Rock West Neighborhood Association was one of the groups that participated. There were over 350 attendees at last year's event.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

NNO has proven to be an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships in our fight for a safer neighborhood. Plus, the benefits our neighborhood will derive from NNO will most certainly extend well beyond the one night.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- We need about 25-30 volunteers to help with National Night Out Activities.
- We need people to help the night of the event. We are trying to fill up a schedule that will have volunteers working about 30-40 minute shifts throughout the evening.
- We also need volunteers to help set up before and clean up after the event. This way everyone can have a chance to enjoy National Night Out. Last year we had very few volunteers and those volunteers ended up working the entire evening and did not get a chance to enjoy the event. We are trying to avoid that this year.
- Please consider helping. Call Mike Freeman at 736-8075, 310-9229, or e-mail nno@grrwna.org.

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Get to know your neighbors and make your neighborhood a friendlier one.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2005

ROUND ROCK WEST PARK

6:00PM – 9:00PM

Help show our appreciation for those who serve your community.
Local Emergency Response, Law Enforcement and City Officials will be present.

RRPD will be available to make a fingerprint ID card
of your children for your records.

Entertainment will be provided by

The Stepsons of the Pioneers

beginning at 6:30

ON NATIONAL NIGHT OUT (AUGUST 1ST), PLEASE:

**Turn your Porch Light on and
Come to Round Rock West Park***

***Bring Lawn Chairs or a blanket
and cookies or brownies (a finger dessert)
to share with your neighbors**

Nachos and sodas will be available as a fundraiser for the association.

Scouts will be selling hot dogs.

(Lemonade will be provided)

A Neighborhood that Knows Each Other..... Is a Safer Place to Live!

To learn more about this event, please go to our website at www.grrwna.org.

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CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions are VERY important to our association. Without contributions, we cannot fund association activities like our 4th of July parade and our National Night Out. We would not be able to keep the neighborhood informed through flyers, newsletters and our website, and more importantly, we would not have been able to successfully notify the neighborhood this year about Williamson County's intentions to build an annex in our neighborhood and subsequently convince them to consider other options. It costs us \$450 to print each newsletter and about \$150 to get a flyer distribution ready. We need to purchase signs to put up in the neighborhood to announce meetings, special events and so forth.

Keeping all residents informed of issues that affect our safety and quality of life, which also directly affects our property values, is crucial.

As of this date, less than 5% of the residents in the neighborhood have made contributions and many of that 5% have contributed multiple times. We understand that everyone may not be able to contribute the suggested annual contribution of \$25 at this time, but if you are able to contribute ANY amount, it will help. If you feel you can only contribute \$5, please do so. Those of you that can contribute more, please do. Anyone residing within our boundaries is AUTOMATICALLY a member of the association. Because we do not have mandatory dues, your contributions are VERY important in order for us to continue our work in maintaining the quality of life in our neighborhood.

If you have not made a 2006 contribution to the association, please consider doing so at this time. We are also planning a great National Night Out, but can do very little without funds. We need your financial help to support the activities of our association.

You can contribute by sending a check to GRRWNA - P.O. Box 1928 - Round Rock, TX 78681 or you can contribute with a credit or debit card at <http://www.grrwna.org/financial.html>

LOGO VOTING

Due to some problems with the voting machines and some "hanging chads" :-)) the logo votes have not been tallied yet.

Actually, we have been busy trying to get ready for the 4th of July Parade, our next meeting, and the National Night Out. We will get the votes tallied soon and announce the finalists.

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PUBLIC FORUMS SCHEDULED FOR CITIZEN INPUT ON PROPOSED COUNTY ROAD AND PARK BOND PROJECTS

Williamson County has scheduled several public forums across the county in order to obtain input from citizens on a proposed bond election in November to pay for additional road and park projects. The public is encouraged to attend any of the public meetings scheduled. The meetings will consist of an open house to view projects that have been suggested, a short welcome and comments by Williamson County commissioners followed by time for citizens to offer feedback and input.

PUBLIC FORUM MEETING SCHEDULE

Monday, July 17, 6-7:30 pm. Pat Bryson Municipal Hall - 201 N. Brushy Street, Leander

Wednesday, July 19, 6-7:30 p.m. Hutto City Hall - 401 West Front Street, Hutto

Thursday, July 20, 10-11:30 a.m. Atrium at Sun City Texas Activities Center
1 Texas Drive, Georgetown

Thursday, July 20, 6-7:30 p.m. Round Rock Public Library - 216 E. Main Street, R.R.

Tuesday, July 25, 6-7:30 p.m. Williamson County Central Maintenance Facility Training
Room - 3151 S.E. Inner Loop, Georgetown

Thursday, July 27, 6-7:30 p.m. Taylor High School - 3101 N. Main Street, Taylor

In addition, all Bond Advisory Committee Meetings are open to the public and will be held on July 10 and 24, and August 7 starting at 6 p.m. in the Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace Courtroom, 301 S.E. Inner Loop, in Georgetown. Time for citizen input is scheduled at each meeting. Citizens also can send written comments to Connie Watson, Public Information Office, 301 S.E. Inner Loop, Suite 109, Georgetown, TX 78626 or by e-mail to bonds2006@wilco.org or can call the bond hotline number 512.943.1195 for information.

Mary Clark Executive Assistant to the Commissioner Williamson County, Pct. 1

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Dear Friends,

The Serving Center *needs* your gently used furniture, clothing, books, household goods, and small appliances!!

The Serving Center thrift stores operate with donations, and we are collecting your used furniture and clothing. In addition to the food pantry and financial assistance, clients are receiving clothing vouchers and also furniture. We average 850 families per month who are accessing services at the Serving Center.

The thrift stores are also open to the public. Sales revenue supports the financial assistance programs, and clients are able to get help with rent, utilities, prescriptions, gas, transportation, and temporary lodging. By bringing your discarded clothing and furniture, you are providing assistance for those who are in-need.

Donations can be delivered to 1099 E. Main Street, anytime Monday through Friday from 10 am to 4 pm, and also Saturdays from 9 am to 12 pm. Arrangements can be made for receiving large deliveries or garage sales after hours. In a matter of weeks, the Serving Center will be able to pick up furniture donations.

Please help us sustain a consistent level of donations, as we serve indigent families in our community, by circulating this appeal within your neighborhood or homeowner's association. We would truly appreciate your furniture and clothing donations!

Best regards,
Lori Scott - Executive Director
Round Rock Area Serving Center

1099 E. Main Street P.O. Box 5006, Round Rock, TX 78683 244-2431 fax 255-0913

It's Summer!



First, thank you to all the courteous drivers and responsible pet owners. This is really a great neighborhood! Please remember to watch for adults and kids. Though it is a pedestrian's responsibility to remain safe, cars should yield right-of-way at intersections and watch for those not paying the best attention. Also, please be aware that many runners use the asphalt instead of the sidewalk. This helps to prevent joint issues (the asphalt has slightly more give) and has a much more even surface (no ups and downs from driveways). Thank you for your help and consideration.

Williamson County Brown Santa Christmas in July

Sat, July 15

Williamson County Southwest Regional Park
3005 C.R. 175, just north of FM 1431

5pm-9pm Law enforcement displays

7:30pm Kid's K Run

fee: \$5.00 kids 12 and under

7:45pm Family Fun Run/Walk 5 k

register on/before 7-13 =

fee: \$20.00 adults \$10.00 kids 12 and under

register day of = \$25 adult \$15 kids

9pm Movie in the Park (Polar Express)

to preregister: www.signmeup.com

for info www.wilco.org or 943-1663



TXU has put a temporary hold on replacing our transformers. They should resume work in the fall.

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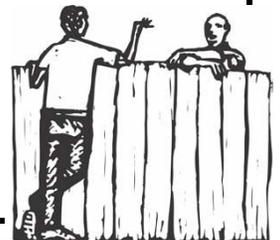
**Turn off the TV; take a couple of lawn chairs out in your front yard.*

**Relax and talk to your neighbors, wave at people going by.*

**Take a couple of extra chairs out and invite a neighbor over for a soda and some conversation.*

**Take the grill out front and cook some hot dogs, offer one to someone you don't know. Get to know them.*

**Remember, The better we get to know each other, the safer our neighborhood will be.*



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We're not finished.
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When you support the following businesses, please find a manager and let them know you appreciate their support of our association.



Hoody's Subs

1205 Round Rock Ave
R R, TX 78681-4533
(512) 244-7166

Chuy's Round Rock –

(512) 255-2211



<http://www.chuys.com/location.html>
2320 N IH-35 at exit 254 Round Rock, TX 78681

Hao Hao

www.haohaotx.com

1205 Round Rock Avenue Suite 135
across from Round Rock High School
(512)388-3322



Pflugerville Dairy Queen

251 – 6858
1701 W Pecan St (FM 1825) Pflugerville



<http://www.lamargarita.us/>
1530 N IH-35 in Round Rock. 388-1103

Gino's Pizzeria

1701 South Mays
218-9922

Putt-N-Funn Zone
310 Chisholm Trail
Round Rock, 78681
255-3866
www.puttnfunn.com



1112 N. IH 35, Round Rock
255-6699

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Registration Form for the Greater Round Rock West Neighborhood Association

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

e-mail: _____ e-mail: _____

Address: _____ Round Rock, TX 78681

Home Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

I am available to contribute in the following areas:

_serving on the board _assist in newsletter prep _help distribute flyers / newsletters

_being a block captain _assist w/ membership drive _serving on planning team/committee

_Nominating committee _ July 4th Parade committee _National Night Out committee

_judging contests _assist with the web site _assist with one time projects

I have experience that I feel would be valuable in the following areas:

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The Greater Round Rock West Neighborhood Association has adopted a new membership policy. Everyone living in the boundaries of the association is automatically a member. No longer are dues REQUIRED.

That being said, the association still needs funds to operate and we are asking for a voluntary contribution from each household. These contributions fund the various activities of the neighborhood such as printing the newsletter, the July 4th parade, National Night Out activities, and many other issues that come up during the year. The suggested contribution is \$25 per household. If you are unable to contribute that much or you feel the amount is too high, please at least contribute something. If you feel compelled to contribute more, please do.

Due to our new membership restructuring, we ask that you send in your contribution for 2006 as soon as possible. We are very excited about the change and we look forward to serving all of our area.

Contributions can be made by either mailing a check to GRRWNA, P.O. Box 1928, Round Rock, TX 78680 or you can contribute by credit or debit card at: <http://www.grrwna.org/id2.html> **Please include this form if you mail your contribution** If you would like to make an additional contribution, you may do so on our website at www.grrwna.org. This contribution is NOT tax deductible.

For more information, e-mail: info@grrwna.org

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