

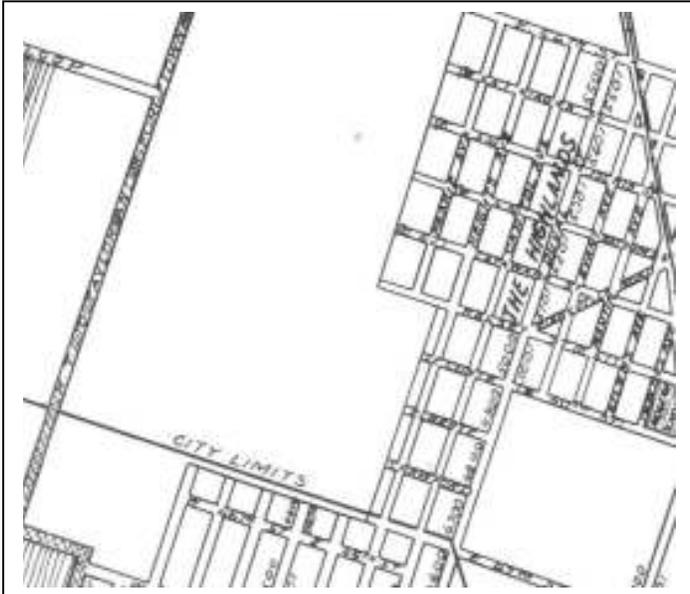
# THE NORTHFIELD NEWS

Newsletter for the Northfield Neighborhood: 1200 households plus Businesses  
Bounded by 51<sup>st</sup>-Lamar-Airport-Koenig

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September 2005

*Dedicated to the memory of Hank Howard.*



## OUR NEIGHBORHOOD 1919

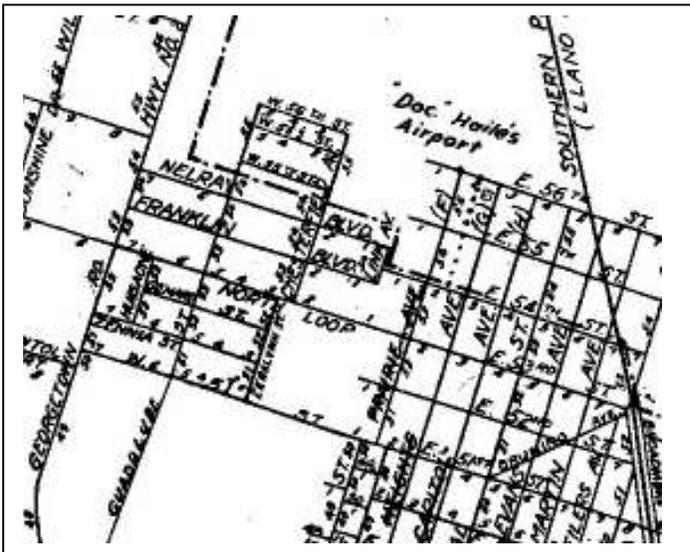
The oldest houses are in this part of our neighborhood, which was part of The Highlands plat filed in 1910 and beyond the city limits. Several homes are in the Tax Appraisal files as being built in 1920:

- 5112 Caswell (then Townes)
- 5110 Martin
- 5110 Evans
- 5307 Duval
- 5404 Avenue G

The Numbered streets had names:

- 56th = Keiffen
- 55th = Niagra
- 54th = Ischia (Josia by Link)
- 53rd = Satsuma
- 52nd = Catawba
- 51st = Kelsey

The city limits ran along 47th.



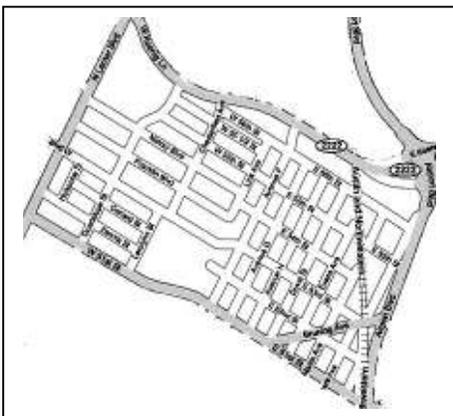
## OUR NEIGHBORHOOD 1940

Notice the “Doc Haile Airport” near the top of the map. Read more about it in this newsletter.

The Avenues had names:

- Avenue F = Prairie
- Avenue G = Heights
- Avenue H = Capitol

The city limits ran north of Nelray Blvd, along Link to 54th, to the railroad tracks and south.



## OUR NEIGHBORHOOD 2005

Meet neighbors at the ANNUAL DECEMBER POT-LUCK  
Monday December 5th, 6:00-8:00

At Dayspring Chapel, Avenue G & 55th, in the center of the 'hood  
Enjoy casseroles & baked dishes, veggies & fruits, desserts & more!

Talk with neighbors! Meet new people!

Kick off the holiday spirit!

☞ Please bring food to add to the feast.

# **NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORY: HAILE AIRPORT AT HOWARD NURSERY**

By Monty Newton

When aviation historian Kenneth Ragsdale bought his first home at 5414 Ave. F. in 1947, he inquired about the noise factor of the nearby airport. His realtor Glen E. Lewis reassured him, “Don’t worry. Docs gotta go. That land is too valuable to land airplanes on”. (1)

1947? Sounds like 1997, when Robert Mueller Airport was deemed too noisy for adjacent neighborhoods, and indeed, ‘too valuable to land airplanes on’. But who was that “Doc” that had to go?

The Hyde Park, Skyview, North Loop and Ridgetop neighborhoods have a long association with Austin’s aviation history. The first airplane to ever land in Austin touched down October 20, 1911 in the Ridgetop annex – an area around 51st and Airport Blvd. The makers of “Vin Fiz” soda had sponsored Calbraith P. Rodgers, in a Wright Brothers ‘pusher’ plane, for a coast-to-coast flight from New York to California. Austin was not a planned stop on the trip, but W.T. Caswell, a local realtor trying to drum up interest in lot sales in the Ridgetop area, raised \$200 to entice Rodgers to make a landing on the nice pasture fields soon to be dotted with homes. Excited throngs rode streetcars to the end of the line at Ave. G and 43rd street and walked the ½ mile northeast to the Ridgetop Annex. (1)

The Austin Aviation Club sponsored a free air show over Austin in 1939 that drew 5000 spectators to Austin Municipal Airport – future home of Robert Mueller Airport. Local pilot and flight instructor French Rudolph “Doc” Haile won first place in the plane race. (3). It was around this time that Webb Ruff– who was in declining health, turned his University Airport (located on Fiskville road) operations over to Doc Haile. Simultaneously, Robert M. and Emma Browning, the Austin family aviation dynasty, moved their operations from Abilene to Austin.

In 1939, seeking more room, and having ambitions of his own, Doc moved his operations, and Ruff’s equipment over to his new base at 5600 Ave. F at the current location of Howard Nursery. This new base consisted of 98 acres leased from Ella Campbell, and had room for Haile’s small fleet and a newly constructed 50 x 100 ft. steel hanger. Haile had four gravel runways, the longest being a N/S runway at 2800 feet. (4). According to Jim Howard of Howard Nursery, one runway ran parallel to Koenig lane and a second hanger was located at the area of the gas company across Ave F. from Howard’s.

Meanwhile, the military had created the Civilian Pilot Training Program (CPTP) to get more pilots ready for wartimes. Browning and Haile both filed formal applications with the FAA to get CPTP flight grads. Initially Browning received the biggest part of the applicants but by wartime there were plenty of applicants to go around. At the Austin History Center, phone book listings for Haile flying service in 1942 reads “French Rudolph Haile (Haile Flying Service). Veterans approved flight school. Authorized “Aeronca” and “Swift” sales and service. 5600 Ave. F. Tel: 8-8162.

After the war Doc Haile was mainly known for ‘selling airplanes and giving flying lessons’ (Jim Howard, 2005, personal communication). Jack Jones, long time resident of our neighborhood, tells the story that after he got out of the service he wanted to see his neighborhood from the air, and Doc Haile gave him a sort sight seeing hop in one of his light planes. Another ‘old timer’ of the neighborhood, Mr. James Johnson of 302 Franklin reported that on several occasions a Ford TriMoter – and early airliner that predates the Boeing D series – landed at the airfield.

Austin grew rapidly during and after the war years. By 1950, thousands of families were arriving per year. Returning GIs were attending college and buying houses. The modest new houses built north of 51st between East Avenue (IH-35) and Lamar Blvd were perfect starter homes. Demand for middle class housing was intense and developers naturally were interested in the Haile airfield. In 1948 Ella Campbell sold

30 acres to L.L. McCandless, president of McCandless homes, to create the Skyview Addition (1). By 1950 Haile saw the writing on the wall and sold his aircraft and terminated operations.

In 1961 the Howard family moved their nursery operations from Shady Lane to its present location at Ave. F and Koenig lane. The 50 ft x 100 ft. hanger is still standing. Airplane hangers of the 1930s and 40s are extremely rare in an urban landscape. In faded letters on the front – facing north – “Haile Flying Service” can just be made out. Inside are signs such as ‘Pilots must strictly adhere with Civil Air Regulations’, and “Please Put Money in Box” and “Drop Money Here” – a long gone honor system that - like the cheap housing of our area – is history.

Notes:

- 1) Ragsdale, Kenneth R. 2005. “Austin, Cleared for Takeoff: Aviators, Businessmen, and the Growth of an American City,” Jack and Doris Smothers Series in Texas History, Life, and Culture, No. 14)
- 2) Long, Walter, E., 1961. “Wings over Austin”
- 3) Austin American Statesman archives, Austin History Center
- 4) Freeman, Paul. 2004. “Abandoned and Little Known Airfields: Texas – Western Austin Area”

*Do you have memories of the Haile Airport, planes overhead, or plane rides? Send them to Monty for future newsletters!*

*Monty Newton, 307 Franklin Blvd*

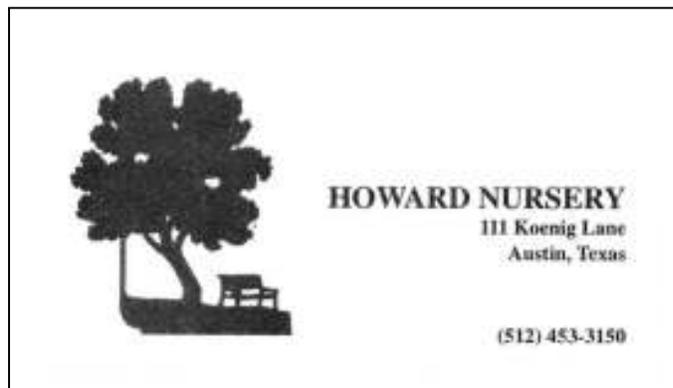
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Haile Hangar still at Howard Nursery

Find more Haile Hangar pictures  
at: [www.airfields-freeman.com/TX/Airfields\\_TX\\_Austin\\_W.htm](http://www.airfields-freeman.com/TX/Airfields_TX_Austin_W.htm)

Back of the hangar  
Interior showing metal ceiling lattice  
Wall with words



# **Bruning Green**

**FOUNDED AUGUST 2003**

## **Changing the Way We Do Things**

Kirsten Bartel

*Former Keeper of the Green*

Recently, there have been some changes to **Bruning Green's** care and maintenance - although the results will not yet be apparent for some time to come. The Green, located at **Evans Ave., 52<sup>nd</sup> St., and Bruning Ave.**, is our neighborhood's only publicly accessible open space. When the **North Loop Neighborhood Planning Team (NLNPT)**, in the process of creating a neighborhood vision plan, identified a lack of parks and public space, they approached the City and requested the use of this formerly vacant piece of City-owned property.

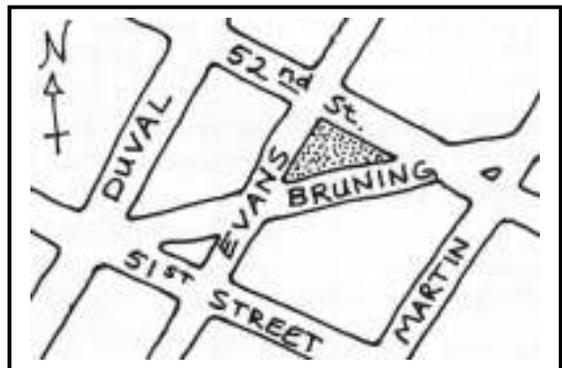
Fast forward a few years and, with two grants from the **Austin Parks Foundation**, funds from the NLNPT, plants donated by **Howard Nursery** and neighborhood gardeners, and countless volunteer hours, we now have a "park". Neighbors from **Northfield Neighborhood**, and from across **Airport Blvd.** and **Ridgetop Neighborhood**, tilled, raked, dug, staked, mulched, watered, lifted rock, laid landscape fabric, spread gravel, tamped, bolted, laughed, sang, burnt, and sweated. At the end of many days (and months), Bruning Green now provides water from a lockable hose bib, stone seating walls, a path which substitutes for the non-existent sidewalk along Bruning Ave., and a butterfly bed that provides habitat for butterflies, and color and scent for humans - and a metal and stone sign signifying that this is a public greenspace.

With the original projects 90% completed, the NLNPT wondered if maintenance of the Green would be better in the hands of a neighborhood association. The NLNPT is a citizens' advisory group composed of residents and business owners from the Northfield and Ridgetop neighborhoods that mostly addresses urban planning issues. The team meets four times a year, has no bank

account, and doesn't have the neighborhood-wide communication lines that a neighborhood association does. It was decided that the **Northfield Neighborhood Association (NNA)** with its frequent meetings (once a month), bank account into which fundraising monies can be deposited, and ability to communicate with neighbors through regular meetings, newsletter, and neighborhood list serv, would be the best steward for Bruning Green.

On Monday, September 12, the NNA voted to accept stewardship of the Green and is currently in the process of forming a **Green Subcommittee**. If you have experience in or passion for horticulture, event planning, fundraising, public relations, curating, docenting, and creative thinking, please consider getting involved. You can contact me by email: [ksb@swbell.net](mailto:ksb@swbell.net).

*See you in the Green!*



## **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT THANK-YOUS**

**AUGUST 2, 2005**

We had a great time at Bruning Green. There were tents with white Christmas lights, drinks and food, music, and visiting.

### **THANKS TO:**

- ☞ **CASA BRASIL** for a yummy frozen Brazilian berry dessert and live music
- ☞ **THE PARLOR** who made the Association a super deal on pizza for the night. We ate lots and lots of pizza!
- ☞ Jason Burch from **FLIGHT PATH** for cool, refreshing tea.

# WEEKLY EVENTS

## GREAT HALL GAMES

**TUESDAY GO NIGHT:** Games, presentations, 7:00-Midnight, Host: *Austin Go Club*

**WEDNESDAY CHESS NIGHT:** Games, instruction, 7:00-10:00, Host: *Gene Kohnitz*

**THURSDAY HISTORICAL MINIATURES NIGHT:** Paint historical miniatures, talk military history, plan games, 7:00-10:00

**FRIDAY NIGHT BOARD GAMES:** People decide each Friday when they get here what open board games to play, 7:00-Midnight

**SATURDAY SERIOUS AFTERNOON BOARD GAMES:** Members decide what games to play beforehand and post, Noon-8:00, Host: *Austin Boardgame Group*

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON HISTORICAL MINIATURES BATTLES:** Troops to share, learn as you play! Arrive around 12:30, play to 6:00, 1st Sunday 20th Century, 3rd Sunday Ancients & Medievals  
Host: *Lone Star Hist. Miniature Soc.*

## CASA BRASIL

**THURSDAY NIGHTS:** Live Samba music every Thursday evening!



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# NORTH LOOP AREA

## NLNPT: North Loop Neighborhood Planning Team

Northfield Update from the Chair-NLNPT,  
Greg Madsen

Hello new and old Neighbors,

The North Loop Neighborhood Planning Team just finished its quarterly meeting on September 14, 2005 at Ridgetop Elementary. New officers were nominated for the December elections on 14. Come out to the **next meeting** which is open to all interested parties. December 14, 2005, 7 PM, in the Library.

Zoning and development activity in the Northfield area has been quiet, not much has changed.

Local business activity sees the Room Store and Haverty's on Airport closing. Quality Seafood expanded their restaurant and added a bar type seating area.

As for more noticeable changes, the 'Bruning Lofts' were given a major facelift this summer. Have a look at the corner of Bruning and 51<sup>st</sup>. St. They did a good job and it's a huge improvement over what was previously there.

The '51st St Town homes' are going up at- you guessed it, 51st and Avenue F.

Franklin and Nelray are seeing some more Multi Family development. Just east off Lamar on both streets, apartments are being built by Lee Properties.

KRDB is making progress with their cool Satsuma project on North Loop. The second floors are up and the change is huge. It is so nice to see some height on our little business street. It's sorely needed. If you haven't seen or heard about this yet, 'Satsuma' is the first 'Mixed Use' project in the North Loop Planning area. 53<sup>rd</sup> St

or North Loop used to be named Satsuma in the not so distant past, thus 'Satsuma'.

If you would like to speak with the KRDB group for whatever reason, like putting a restaurant in the development and win personal accolades from the current Chair and neighbors, contact Roland Galang, Director of Marketing for Satsuma at 512.791.1584 or by email at [roland@urbanspacecommercial.com](mailto:roland@urbanspacecommercial.com).

Various properties in the Loop have seen renovation or additions this summer. The neighborhood is filling in due to its proximity to Downtown, Mueller, the Triangle and of course UT.

For any other concerns or comments, or an interest in going to a neighborhood meeting, visit Northfield's website at <http://www.main.org/nna/index.php>, or visit the Planning Team website- <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/nlnpt/> and join the discussion list or email me at [gregmkb@swbell.net](mailto:gregmkb@swbell.net).

Fall is coming and with it cooler weather. Have we sweat enough this summer? I have. To a cooler season ahead.

Cheers!

## NORTH LOOP BUSINESSES IN THE MOVIES

To see the North Loop Businesses in a movie, check out *Nadine*, 1988, with Kim Bassinger and Jeff Bridges. It shows Austin sights, including his shop as a beauty parlor (where some of the action takes place). There's a bit of Room Service shown and false fronts on the businesses on the north side of the street.

## THE HOUSE OF 3 PATRICIAS

*Next Issue* — A house owned by three successive Patricias in the North Loop area.

# **NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORY: NORTH LOOP COMMERCIAL CENTER**

By Terrell Timmerman

I moved to Austin in July 1945 to attend the University of Texas College of Pharmacy. Austin population at the time was 97,000. U.T. had an enrollment of 8,000 predominantly female (most men were in the service during World War II).

I purchased North Loop pharmacy at 100 East North Loop (presently Hog Wild) in November 1953 from Morris Austin who had founded it in September 1953. At the time North Loop was a gravel road which connected Airport Blvd to the Dallas Highway (Lamar Blvd) and Burnet Road. The other businesses on the north side of North Loop were a hardware store (now the Pizza Parlor), a garage by Archie Steaples (now Cash Checking), Bill Wilkinson's Barber Shop and Clyde Montgomery's Shoe Repair (now the print shop). Mrs. Schnitzer's variety store and Betty's Jewelry (now Forbidden Fruit) and a service station completed the north side of the street.

On the south side of the street across from the pharmacy was Mrs. Johnson's Bakery with a large retail and wholesale business (now Locksmith). Going east from the bakery was a coin operated washateria (supposedly the first in Texas) and an Ol' Bossy Dairy Store (milk in returnable gallon jugs) – this is now Highland Plaza Shoe and Boot Repair. Next was Tim Gardner's Arkie's Hamburgers with benches on the surrounding gravel (presently Ararat). Next was Fred Wong's grocery (now Room Service). Next was another barber shop and Molly's Beauty Shop followed by another grocery store (presently the Music Store). Across Avenue F was Glenn's Service Station (presently the car wash). South of the corner grocery on Avenue F were a wholesale plumbing supply, Jackie's Beauty Shop and Inez Givens T.V. repair.

The irregularly shaped parcels on both sides of East North Loop in the 100 block were owned by A. F. Smith (father in law of the baker, Howard Johnson) who sub-divided the land into the oddly shaped parcels as they are today (the Smith-Abrahamson Sub-division). A partnership of two house wreckers (Earl Bennett and L. O. "Shorty" Goodwin) built several of the buildings utilizing use materials which were salvaged from the demolition business. Earl and Shorty designed the buildings to fit the irregularly shaped lots, leased the completed buildings and sold them to investors. Mrs. Earl Bennett (Delight) had a lot of input in the building operation stressing affordability for the tenants. Delight designed a small efficiency cottage (she called it a honeymoon cottage) to rent for \$25.00 a month. Earl and Shorty constructed these with used materials when they were not working on the commercial structures. About 6 of these survive today with long term tenants.

In the late 50s and 60s many changes occurred. I purchased the Fred Wong Grocery building and relocated the pharmacy in 1958. In 1959 I had Shorty build an addition to the building (presently the tattoo shop) for the soda fountain. The soda fountain was a gathering place for the area - a place to drink coffee or soda while you were waiting for a prescription, a car repair by Archie, or a birthday cake decoration from Mrs. Johnson's bakery. In the afternoon kids stopped in on their way home from school for drinks and a chance to check out the latest comic books. Meanwhile the Ol' Bossy Dairy Store relocated to the grocery building (Music Store), Tim Gardner enlarged the hamburger stand, the hardware store location became Chestnut Cleaners, Circle K replaced a service station, Johnson's bakery outgrew their building and relocated on Koenig Lane, Checker Front built a new grocery at Highland Plaza, Dr. Farnsworth opened a medical practice at North Loop and Leralynn.

I decided to retire from pharmacy to concentrate on real estate I had acquired through the years. And finally, but most important to me, my employee, my friend, and my sweetheart, Geraldine, became my wife for life.

# NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

## Non-members welcome.

Attend our meetings at Dayspring Chapel the first Monday of each month. Meet the neighbors and hear news in the making! All residents, including renters and business owners, are welcome to join the monthly meetings and the Association.

Membership \$10/household.  
Business memberships available.

Thanks to **DAYSRING CHAPEL** for hosting our monthly meetings!

### OFFICERS

**CoPresidents:** Gerald & Mary Patrick  
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## MEETING DATES

First Monday of each month.  
At Dayspring Chapel, Ave G & 55<sup>th</sup>.  
7:00-8:00 p.m.

**OCTOBER 3**

**NOVEMBER 7**

**DECEMBER 5**

Annual Pot-Luck replaces our Monday meeting.  
Dayspring Chapel, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

**JANUARY 9**

1st Monday is part of New Year's Weekend

**FEBRUARY 6**

## EMAIL DISCUSSION LIST

Read about current issues, share information about handymen, lost dogs, zoning variances, construction news, and MORE! See the website for joining the list OR send a blank email to [nddl-howto@14gram.com](mailto:nddl-howto@14gram.com).

## WEBSITE

[www.main.org/nna](http://www.main.org/nna)

## CO-PRESIDENT MEMO

By Gerald and Mary Patrick, NNA co-presidents

Given the devastating August 29 landfall of Hurricane Katrina on the neighboring Gulf States of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, we are made to realize just how quickly and completely tragedy can strike. Natural disasters of such startling magnitude reap a bitter harvest of death and destruction leaving confusion and misery in their path and an uncertain future for surviving members of the affected communities. Picking up the pieces and moving forward is indeed a daunting task. In the coming months and years, New Orleans, Metairie, Gulfport, Biloxi and Mobile will be faced with reclaiming their communities from the aftermath of a category 4 killer storm.

During a time such as this, we rediscover the spirit and importance of community. As co-presidents we are taking this opportunity to acknowledge the citizenry of our great state for their combined efforts to lessen the pain and suffering of our Gulf Coast neighbors by providing food, clothing, shelter and assistance during this difficult period of loss and recovery. And we commend our fellow Austinites for your more than generous outpouring of moral and material support for the displaced evacuees. To all of you who participated by providing relief in the form of food, clothing, essentials, and financial assistance, we salute you for answering the call and demonstrating the real meaning of citizenship. We are extremely proud of our community. Well done.

# NOISE & ILLEGAL ACTIVITY

## NOTICE TO NORTHFIELD NEIGHBORS: PROBLEMS WITH NOISE AND ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES

*From Mary & Gerald Patrick*— With more people moving into the super-twos, mini dormitories in our neighborhood, noise and illegal activities are becoming more and more of a problem. A concerted neighborhood effort is shaping up to address noise issues and illegal activity in the Northfield Neighborhood.

### NOISE CONTROL

In summary, a person living in a residential neighborhood may not disturb his/her neighbors with any kind of noise between the hours of 10 pm and 10 am. It is a violation of the City Code and the offender can be charged with a Class C misdemeanor that carries up to a \$500 fine.

1. If your neighbors cause a noise disturbance, call 311. Every call is recorded. The more complaints about a particular address will provide police with the necessary information that they need to deal with the offenders.
2. Unless you are very friendly with the neighbors who are disturbing you with noise, it is better to call 311.
3. Give your neighbors who are disturbing you, a copy of the enclosed Austin City Code

### SUSPECTED CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

1. If you suspect that a neighbor(s) is engaging in illegal activity, call 311. Every call is recorded and the more calls about a specific address help the police gather information needed to investigate the activity.
2. In suspected drug dealing cases, it is not a good idea to approach the suspected offender yourself.

Always call 911 in an emergency, if you feel threatened or if your property is at risk.

If you have repeatedly called 311 about noise or if you have made calls to the police about suspected illegal activities at a house in your area, please let the Neighborhood Association know, and, if warranted, the NNA can support your efforts to solve the problem.

### OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING: Discussion on Criminal Activity, Monday Oct 3

This meeting will focus on graffiti, noise control, drug traffic, and other issues. Please join us at 7:00 at Dayspring Chapel, in the center of the neighborhood at 55th and Avenue G.

### EVERYWHERE SPEED CONTROL CONCERNS

As development continues at The Triangle and city repairs begin on 45th Street, traffic shortcuts through our neighborhood need to be addressed. Ideas about traffic control, calming traffic or slowing it down are being sought. Share your ideas! Let your voice be heard, listen to others-- attend the monthly meetings, join the discussion list, talk to your neighbors!

#### GET UP-TO-DATE INFO

To read more about neighborhood concerns, join the Northfield Neighborhood email list. Read about lost dogs, zoning variances, burglaries, vandalism, traffic problems, and construction news. Need a plumber? Ask on line for recommendations. Announce events neighbors might like to attend.

See the website [www.main.org/nna](http://www.main.org/nna) to join the list  
OR send a blank email to [nndl-howto@14gram.com](mailto:nndl-howto@14gram.com).

If you are linked but your neighbors are not, share info with them so they'll know what's happening—especially when there's crime in the 'hood!

# THE NEIGHBORS

## IN MEMORIAM OF HANK HOWARD, 1943-2005

*Information from the Austin American-Statesman on 9/13/2005 --* Hank Howard was born on December 9, 1943, the oldest child of Gene and Margaret Howard, in Spartanburg, South Carolina. He died Sunday, September 11, 2005, in Round Rock, Texas. He faced cancer with courage, grace, and dignity. Hank graduated from Stephen F. Austin High School in 1961, and from Texas A&M with a degree in Floriculture in 1965. He was proud to be a Texas Aggie. His family was proud of him. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army. He served in Korea, and was honorably discharged. Hank had served on the Board of the Texas Association of Nurserymen for several years, and served as its Chairman in 1990 - 91. He was a Mason, and had been a member of the Downtown Rotary Club. Hank Howard was a third generation nurseryman. He had grown up in the nursery business, and was the President of Howard Nursery at the time of his death. He knew plants well. He enjoyed working with plants as well as with numerous co-workers, customers, and friends. Hank loved to cook and spend time with his family. His knowledge, sense of humor, and wonderful cooking will be missed by many. Hank Howard is survived by his loving wife Sandy Howard, children ..., and grandchildren .... He is also survived and missed by his sisters and brother, ... and their families. He will be missed by his family and by countless friends and customers. Hank was buried at Capital Parks Cemetery with military honors provided by the Williamson County EMS Honor Guard.

*From Steve Coyle--* Hank was a great guy. I worked for him, his brother Jim and sister Robin, at the nursery for about eight years starting in the early nineties. The first day on the job he told me to never B.S. a customer--that he would rather lose a sale than a customer and I greatly appreciated that. In addition he had a real curiosity about the ongoing changes and controversies in the plant business and was always following the latest ideas which we would bat around when business was slow. He also was a big supporter of my garden project with Kindergarteners at Pease Elementary, which I greatly appreciated. He was a very rare sort of just plain guy and he will be greatly missed. We had a lot of fun and as Hank would say "Crudball."

*From another Northfield Neighbor--* I was saddened and very surprised to see an obituary for Hank Howard. His parents Gene and Margaret opened the nursery at its current location in 1962 at the site of the Haile Airfield. His family store is a very big part of the neighborhood. Actually something of its size and historical connection - 44 years in one location and family owned - is quite rare in central Austin. These sort of businesses are becoming hard to find in our changing city. Hank was always available - "on location" at all times, for questions, and was a sincere and dedicated horticulturist who spent his entire life with plants and those who buy them. I depended upon him and his brother John and sister Robin exclusively on what grows well in our neighborhood - they knew what worked and didn't work in our area. Every tree in our yard that we planted, and most of the plants, shrubs, etal - came from Howard Nursery

## DOUBLE CONGRATS TO PAT TAYLOR

1) *Portrait of Ibrahim "Bobby" Farrah* by Pat Taylor has been acquired by the NY Library Dance Collection.

2) Pat has accepted the position of Associate Professor of Art History and Studio Art at ACC for the Fall Semester 2006.

Additionally, with memories of her childhood home of Baton Rouge, Pat has designed a T-shirt for Katrina Aid and another for Katrina Pets-Aid. The t-shirts are available from [www.cafepress.com](http://www.cafepress.com). She will allocate 50% of the proceeds for the two Katrina causes.

# AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOODS COUNCIL

## Report on meeting, Wednesday, July 27, 2005

By Gerald J. Patrick

We attended the Austin Neighborhoods Council meeting on Wednesday, July 27. Jackie Goodman was the guest speaker, taking the floor for the first hour and graciously fielding questions from those in attendance. In summary, she strongly stated that the ANC and the neighborhood associations need to be dedicated and vigilant in their collective efforts to sustain and protect the vital interests of our neighborhoods and to ensure that the City Council not forget that Austin is and should remain a neighborhood-friendly city.

Jackie explained that given the dynamic changing nature of the City Council body and staff, the history of how we arrived at the present is oftentimes forgotten, lost and even ignored depending on the diverse makeup and the intangible political priorities of a sitting Council. Council members come and go as their staggered terms conclude and newly elected members take their place on the dais. With this changing of the guard, it is largely left to the neighborhood associations, ANC and City Staff to inform and petition the Council about pertinent neighborhood concerns with regard to zoning changes, variances, hardship exemptions and the granting of conditional use permits to facilitate mixed use development projects that impact the integrity of our residential neighborhoods.

She said that to effectively achieve our community neighborhood goals, the associations must adapt in order to succeed. Streamlining presentations and better communicating critical arguments before Council that rely on facts and precedents put forth in an unemotional manner, will accomplish a good deal more than raising our fists in defiance and vehemently proclaiming that “we don’t want it here”. Patience, diplomacy and clear-headedness are of the essence if our goals of positive growth and neighborhood vitality are to be met and carried forward with genuinely productive results.

Jackie added that, we, as a community, are caught up in dramatically changing times that require us to do more and demand that we stay informed and remain stubbornly committed and actively involved in the ongoing mix of civic decision-making that will ultimately determine the long-term health of our precious neighborhood resources.

With a lengthy tenure of pro-neighborhood community involvement, twelve years as a dedicated City Council member including a stint as Mayor pro-tem, Jackie Goodman generously engaged the ANC membership, sharing her informed and insightful observations about neighborhood issues and the internal workings of municipal due process. Her remarks were knowledgeable and constructive and her points well taken.



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# MONTHLY EVENTS & TIPS

## SEASONAL TIPS

### FROM HOWARD NURSERY

submitted by Nicole Alejos and Robin Moore

As summer fades into fall, we have new gardening experiences to look forward to ... with the days and nights cooling down. Keep watching your summer annuals ... don't give up on them yet, because begonias and geraniums will perk up and make you proud all over again! If they look ragged, cut them back and little and feed them with a water soluble fertilizer such as Hasta Gro.

Fortunately (usually), we live in an area with a long fall-winter growing season, and there are lots of gardening opportunities just ahead.

Many fall annuals (dianthus, violas, calendulas, pansies and others) are full of edible and visual delight. As for veggies, you can grow broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, brussel sprouts, greens, lettuce, and peas, in the coming months.

Snapdragons, pansies, violas, stock, allysum, ornamental kale, are great ways to add color for fall, winter, and early spring. When planting these precious babies, remember to save room for spring-flowering bulbs!

Get your tulip, hyacinth, and crocus bulbs soon, so you can chill them in the frig for 4-8 weeks before planting. Plant them between Thanksgiving and mid January, and they will thank you with glorious splashes of color in early spring.

As always in the Austin area, work in plenty of compost or other decomposed organic matter to break up and enrich our not-so-perfect soil.

Paperwhites, Amaryllis, and Hyacinths, can be "forced" to bloom in containers for great winter cheer and wonderful gifts.

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## OCTOBER

### VINTAGE BLOCK PARTY

**Saturday, Oct 22**

Several of the vintage shops are joining up to have a block party for a day! Look for hustle and bustle in the area as well as more folks than usual from outside the 'hood!

### COSTUMES FOR HALLOWEEN

Check the vintage shops and Forbidden Fruit for great costumes & accessories!

### HAUNTED HOUSES

Just curious, do we have any **Hauntings** in the 'hood?

## NOVEMBER

**WALKING AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD:** Cooler evenings may inspire walks around the neighborhood. Look for gardens with fall flowers like mums and asters. See any trees turning color? Post sightings on the neighborhood list so others can see them! Not on the list? See the website for joining OR send a blank email to [nndl-howto@14gram.com](mailto:nndl-howto@14gram.com).

**READY FOR THE HOLIDAYS:** Beautify the yard for the holidays with trips to **Howard Nursery**. Check **vintage shops** on North Loop for dishes and nick-nacks. Be sure the amps and instruments are ready for holiday performances from **Tonecraft** and other music repair folks at North Loop & Ave F.

**CARS CARS CARS:** Get cars ready for holiday trips with repairs and services from neighborhood businesses along Lamar. Wash the car at the North Loop Car Wash before company arrives or before The Big Trip! Or maybe it's time for that new car ...

### NORTH LOOP

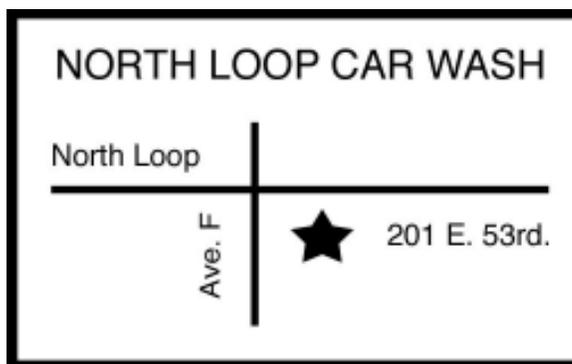
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Alan's Vehicle Inspections 326-6763  
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## DECEMBER

The month of Christmas, Hanukkah, Solstice, and Kwanzaa! Celebrations, shopping, and busy schedules...

**WALKING AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD:** Seasonal decorations may inspire walks around the neighborhood. Or maybe some holiday singing in the streets! Or some special events or performances. Post them on the neighborhood list so others will know about them! Not on the list? See the website for joining OR send a blank email to [nndl-howto@14gram.com](mailto:nndl-howto@14gram.com).

**SHOP LOCAL!** Hate Malls? **Visit neighborhood shops!** Better parking or you can walk, support Austin small businesses, keep more money in the Austin economy, find lots of unusual and unique items (not more of the same mass-market stuff), help neighborhood small businesses, and more!

### NORTH LOOP // 53rd

Austin Modern Vintage	419-0488	
Big Rig	300-2744	Gift Certificates available
Casa Brasil	407-9887	Gift Baskets available
Forbidden Fruit	453-8090	Gift Certificates available
Monkey Wrench Books	407-6925	Gift Certificates available
The Peddler	220-6766	Gift Certificates available
Hog Wild Collectibles	467-9453	Gift Certificates available
Room Service	451-1057	Gift Certificates available
Slinky Whistle Bait	300-2792	Gift Certificates available
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### LAMAR

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Buck Moore Feed & Supply	451-3469	Gift Baskets available
Great Hall Games	505-0055	Gift Certificates available
Half Price Books	451-4463	Gift Certificates available

### KOENIG

Howard's Nursery	453-3150	Gift Certificates available
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### AIRPORT

Discount Furniture	371-3004	
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**FOOD & SNACKS ON THE RUN:** For food on the run, meal fixin's, or a sit-down meal with ambiance, try these neighborhood businesses!

### NORTH LOOP // 53rd

Casa Brasil	407-9887
Ararat's	419-1692
North Loop Food Store	458-5424
The Parlor	454-8965
Snappy Mart (by Bruning Grn)	467-1870

### LAMAR // KOENIG

7-11 at Lamar & 51 <sup>st</sup> ,	451-0042
Cattleman's Choice	323-2500
Pho 75 Restaurant	458-1792
Pizza Hut	323-9444

(Lamar address, but on Guadalupe)

### AIRPORT

Barfly's	452-6455
Burger Tex	453-8772
Lammes Candies	453-2899

### NEIGHBOR HELPING NEIGHBOR, SHOP LOCAL!

Tell businesses you saw their ad in the newsletter! This lets them know their advertising money is working and they'll be more apt to advertise with us again

**ANIMAL CARE:** Don't forget the animals during the chaos of December!

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'Tis the time for quiet reflection upon the season. Here are some places in the neighborhood that may help with your spiritual observances.

†**Skyview Baptist Church and Mision Bautista**, 211 W Koenig

†**Dayspring Chapel**, Reformed Baptist, Ave G & 55th

†**Church of Christ**, Ave F & 52nd

†**Trinity Chapel**, United Methodist, 600 50th

†**Ridgetop Baptist Church**, 708 E 51st

†**Eternal Power Ministries**, 601B E 53rd

Δ **Soka Gakkai Int'l** (Buddhist), 5555 Lamar #C109

☪ **Natural Magic**, 701 E 53rd (retail & more)

## **ANNUAL POT-LUCK, December 5, 6:00-8:00**

### **☪ Food & Holiday Cheer**

☪ Dayspring Chapel, Avenue G and 55th

☪ Meet the neighbors!

☪ Bring food to share!

**NEW YEAR'S EVE:** **Tonecraft** can be sure your amps are ready for New Year's Eve! Find unusual dishes for serving food at the North Loop vintage shops.

## JANUARY

**WALKING AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD:** See any interesting bare trees? Post them on the neighborhood list so others can see them to.

**OUTDOOR BIRDS:** It's COLD! Feed the birds!

**TREAT YOURSELF:** The Holidays are over, be nice to yourself! Try a **massage** or **herbal therapy**. Hear music at **Casa Brasil** on Thursday eves, spend that gift money you received for nice things from local businesses, ladies get your **hair or nails done!** Relax!

Herbs & Things	459-4372
Herb Nook	453-2247
Natural Magic	451-4491
Nevyn (massage)	450-0513
Rose Petal Aromatherapy	323-2483
Crystal Nails	451-6512
Good to Go Studio	407-9930
Hair Corner Salon	453-8348
Lamar Hair & Nails	454-2875
North Loop Nails	452-6902
Pure Hair	380-9661
Salon Sary	454-4501

**NEW SELF:** Have a New Year's resolution to get in shape? Try **Pat Taylor's studio** or some of the neighborhood **martial arts** studios.

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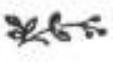
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## FEBRUARY

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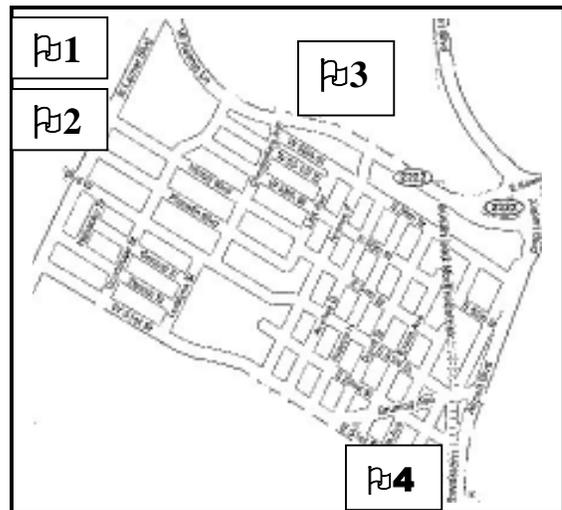
**COLD & ICY:** Remember to feed the birds during this really cold time. And have salt or sand ready for icy steps & sidewalks for the few intrepid souls who go walking!

# SCHOOL NEWS

## NEARBY SCHOOLS

(None are directly in the neighborhood)

- 🏠 **1 McCallum High School** 414-2519  
Home of the AISD Fine Arts Academy,
- 🏠 **2 Odyssey School** 472-2262
- 🏠 **3 Reilley Elementary School** 414-4464
- 🏠 **4 Ridgetop Elementary School** 414-4469



## RIDGETOP "RECOGNIZED"

*From a neighbor--* Ridgetop was designated as "Recognized" for 2005! Which is well above acceptable. Congratulations to the Ridgetop Elementary School teachers, staff, administration, parents and students who participated in achieving this great outcome for our neighborhood school! Yippee!

## KATRINA SURVIVORS AT RIDGETOP & MCCALLUM

New Orleans students are attending Ridgetop Elementary School and McCallum High School. This is a big load for these schools. The school district can use our help and so can the displaced children. You can make a huge difference in a child's life, even if you give just a small amount of time.

*From a neighbor--* There are four families at Ridgetop Elementary School. Maria Martell is Parent Outreach Coordinator, 414-2051. You can help with the child/children and/or the whole family. Being available an hour a day or when children arrive and again when they leave could be a very big help.

*From another neighbor--* Ridgetop was chosen by the way on the convention center list because it was one of the schools that was operating with low enrollment. There is always talk among efficiency types about saving bucks by closing small schools and it's nice to see the excess capacity come in handy during a time of crisis.

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## PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

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J R Ray's Electronics	450-0071
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**Clean vacant lot** 494-9400

**Trash on private property** 494-9400

**Street sign problem** 311

**Street light repair** 505-7617

**Pot hole repairs** 311

**Parking problems** 311

**Close a street for block party** 974-7255

**Complain about noise** 311

**Report abandoned vehicle** 280-0075

**Dead Animal** 494-9400

**Animal Control** 311

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## NEXT ISSUE

*Information requested:*  
Share memories of the neighborhood- the airport, old orchards, 1930s development, and more!  
Which old homes were built here and which were rescued and transplanted?  
Who has early blooming gardens, such as iris beds and other spring bloomers?

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