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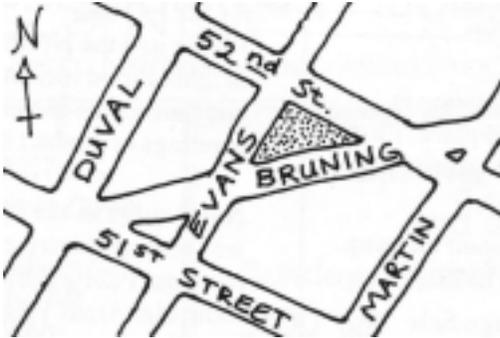
* If events seem overly noisy or create parking problems, please contact the business owner before calling the police. Many of them will work with you to alleviate the problem.

CITY CODE: Decibel Levels for Businesses operating sound equipment: Businesses must be inaudible (quiet) between 2 am – 10 am. At other times, sound should not be over 85 decibels at property edge.

Neighborhood Events Page coming soon to our website → www.northfieldna.org

Bruning Green

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A TREE GROWS IN BRUNING GREEN

By Cindy Black, Keeper of the Green, and Kirsten Bartel

All of the trees, except the Desert Willow in the butterfly bed, were contributed to Bruning Green by TreeFolks, a non-profit organization promoting the urban forest (www.treefolks.org). Planting the trees was the first step taken by the community and, after a two-year watering schedule, have, for the most part, thrived.

Montezuma Cypress

Taxodium mucronatum

~ Related to the bald cypress, a tree found in moist areas, the Montezuma requires less irrigation than its relative.

Chinquapin Oak

Quercus muhlenbergii

~ Perhaps Dirr's description of it as "Weakly rounded in youth but of dapper outline..." is applicable to our tree now?

Live Oak

Quercus fusiformis?

~ Chances are we have Escarpment Live Oak and not Southern Live Oak (*Q. virginiana*) since the former is more drought tolerant.

Bur Oak

Quercus macrocarpa

~ Although Dirr claims that this oak is more resilient than most to urban conditions, the one in Bruning Green is not proving that assertion true.*

Mexican Redbud

Cercis canadensis var. 'Mexicana'

Texas Redbud

Cercis Canadensis var. "Texensis"

~ Mexican Redbud grows smaller than the Texas Redbud. Both have gorgeous pink flowers in spring (a traditional Italian recipe is to make deep-fried fritters with the blossoms).

Cedar Elm

Ulmus crassifolia

~ Susceptible to Dutch Elm Disease, a virus that has wiped out large populations of mature elms, but we planted it because it is one of the few elms that can withstand our heavy clay soils.

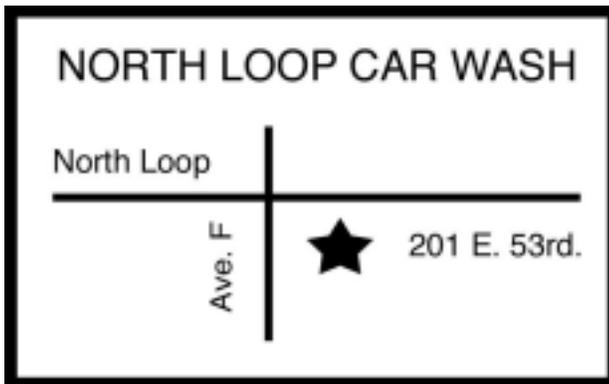
Texas Mountain Laurel

Sophora secundiflora

~ When this tree blooms in spring, its purple blossoms are said to smell like grape bubblegum or grape soda.

*Some information has been taken from *Manual of Woody Landscape Plants* by Michael A. Dirr, 1983.

(See diagram on Page 3.)



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RARE PLANT FOUND

By Sebastian Wren

The local, non-profit group, Keep Austin Beautiful, approached the Northfield Neighborhood Association recently with some wonderful news. Apparently a rare variety of flower called a False Dragonhead was found in the segment of Waller Creek between North Loop and Franklin Avenue.

To preserve this flower, and encourage the growth of more of its kind in Waller Creek, Keep Austin Beautiful has secured a small grant to landscape that one-block stretch of Waller Creek. The landscaping will begin in October with the removal of Johnson Grass, and the planting of more attractive (and less invasive) native flowers, plants, and trees. Keep Austin Beautiful will organize volunteer work sessions every few months after that to maintain that section of Waller Creek. To stay informed about their progress, check out the neighborhood website (www.northfieldna.org) or join the neighborhood discussion list (go to the website and sign up).



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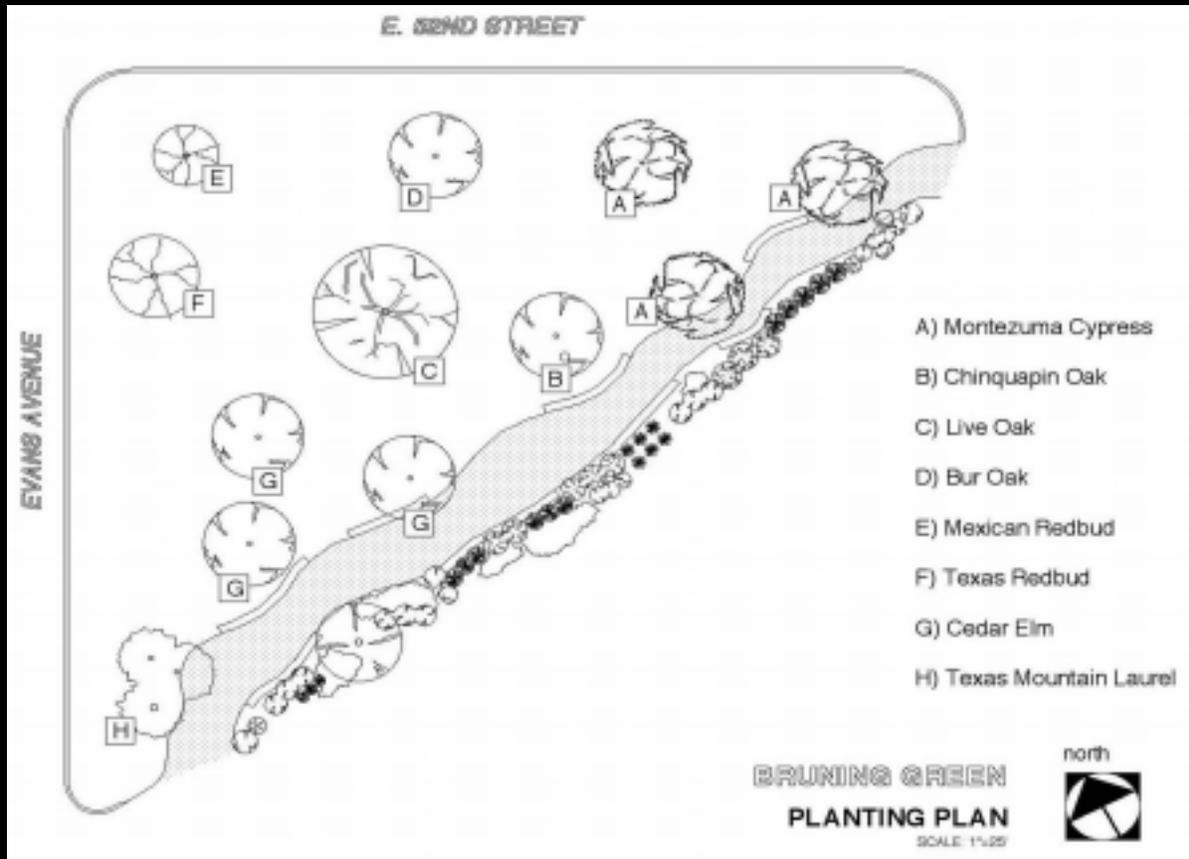
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A TREE GROWS IN BRUNING GREEN (Diagram Described in Article on Page 2)



Dog Scouts!

Dog Scouts come to Northfield Neighborhood
by Cara Vacchiano
Buddy's Chance

As your kids head back to school and start up their extra-curricular activities, don't forget to enroll Rex in a few of his own! Dog Scouts of America is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating the public about responsible dog ownership, increasing the human/canine bond, and helping dogs and their owners learn new things in a fun, relaxed, atmosphere. Dogs and their people can get out and about together and earn merit badges to show off to friends and family.

Established by Lonnie Olson in 1995, Dog Scouts allow dogs and their owners to learn and experience new things. These achievements are recognized with merit badges awarded for skills like backpacking, agility, search and rescue, and water safety. Any dog may become a Dog Scout. The only requirement is that the dog and owner pass a test proving



"Let us learn all that we can, so that we may become more helpful."

— Dog Scouts Educational Motto

that the owner is responsible and the dog is well mannered and not aggressive toward humans and other dogs. What neighborhood or city doesn't need more responsible owners and well-mannered dogs around?

Dog Scouts members also participate in community activities with their local troops. For example, dogs and their owners may walk in a walk-a-thon or help clean up a public park.

Others serve as therapy dogs, visiting people in hospitals. Some local troops will meet with a local Boy Scouts Troop to teach the youngsters about responsible dog ownership.

The Dog Scouts website, www.Dogscouts.com, is also chock full of information for dog owners. Everything from raising a puppy to finding a lost dog or dealing with the loss of a cherished pet. There is also an email discussion list for Dog Scouts members.

So, by now you're wondering how you can join? Contact Cara Vacchiano, Troop Leader for Austin's Troop 143, at 512-636-3793 or Cara@BuddysChance.com for information and registration.

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EDIBLE ORNAMENTS

Seasonal Decorations for Birds

By Beka Clark-Smith

PINE CONES: Smear pine cones with peanut butter glop (see below) and then roll in bird seed. Hang up and watch for the birds to enjoy!

BREAD COOKIES: Cut shapes out of bread with cookie cutters, poke a hole for hanging, and let dry out. Spread on peanut butter glop, decorate with raisins and bird seed. Hang up and watch!

PEANUT BUTTER GLOP: Combine 3 parts peanut butter with 1 part other, such as cornmeal and sand (to help with their toothless grinding).

GARLAND: String together popcorn, grapes, raisins, and bread cubes. Loop over branches!



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HOLIDAY PREP

By Elle Greene
Austin Modern Vintage

The care of holiday linens and the other items that mean so much to us

Silverware sees a lot of action during the holidays and this really applies to Sterling and Silverplate flatware and serving pieces. The absolute number one WORST thing you can use to quickly polish silverware is Tarnex or some other “dip” type polish. Tarnex works fast and it’s wonderful for quickly cleaning a piece but it also strips away a little of the silver and for newer silverplate you can reach the underlying base metal pretty quickly. Run a sink of warm to hot soapy water, let the tarnish soften up a bit in this “soak” and start polishing the silver with a paste polish. We like to use Wrights Silver polish at the shop. Set the polished pieces in a separate basin and rinse with room temp water, finish with a soft towel to buff dry. Keep an old toothbrush on hand to get the paste out of any crevices and rinse well, old silver polish can harden and also erode silverplate over time. Don’t use silver

or silver plate for acidic dishes like lemon or mustard based sauces, at best it will instantly tarnish, at worst, left overnight it can also strip away layers of silver.

Linens also get a work out during the holidays, Oxyclean is one of my favorites for getting out tough stains. Sometimes we wash an item and put it away only to find a wine or coffee ring didn’t fully come out from last year’s holiday party. Oxyclean works well on almost anything that can be laundered. Just follow the direction on the box.

Wax can be a problem too, always use white candles if you can, a lot of the dyes used to create colored candles can create tough to remove stains. For white wax on linen tablecloths, first place the item in the freezer for a few hours and break off as much wax as you can, next freeze again and scrape off the wax with the blunt side of a butter knife. Once that is done get out the ironing board place several sheets of paper towels under the waxed cloth and several on top. Don’t use steam! Using a high heat setting, iron the paper towels. Don’t press down so hard that you scorch the tablecloth! The heat will melt the remaining wax and the paper towels will wick it away

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from the table cloth. Finish with a quick laundry or hand wash and only you will know the difference. For colored wax (especially RED) try taking it to a drycleaners for their opinion.

Crystal chandeliers can be a bear to clean but sometimes you don't realize how grimy they are till company is coming! Cleaning chandelier drops is fairly easy, just line a sink with an old towel, warm soapy water and let the crystals soak. Of course do this after you've removed them from the fixture! You can use a little baking soda as a "scrub" to pull off any extra grunge. Soft towel dry. It seems like more work than just getting up on a chair and windexing it, but once all the windex starts running down your arms you'll change your mind.

Preservation of photos! Recently while appraising an estate we found literally thousands of old negatives but no photos. Precision Camera on Lamar across from Central Market can reprint from negatives dating back to the 40s. Super cool! Think about spending some time going through those old holiday negatives or slides and getting reprints made. Apparently Texas weather can play havoc with old film slides and once they start to deteriorate it can't be reversed.

Ornaments and other delicate items need love too! For our tree at home I decorate with a lot of glass ornaments from the 30s. Trying to preserve these little guys is my number one mission during the Christmas season. Local liquor stores are always tossing the wine shipping boxes and these are PERFECT for ornaments! Swing by Continental Liquors on Guadalupe and ask for wine cases. Wine ships by the dozen and each box can hold 24 - 36 ornaments easily depending on how well you like to pack. The reason I like the wine boxes over the plastic crates made for ornaments is the wine boxes are

double walled for shipping and can withstand a lot of bumps over the year. The plastic boxes seem to cave pretty easily. Remember to switch out the tissue for wrapping ornaments every other year, keeping it crisp helps protect your ornaments. If you have pets, think about putting the less sentimental ornaments at "tail wagging height". Spencer gets a real kick out of wacking the tree with his tail for hours on end.

If you use a Aluminum tree from the 50s, you've probably also got a "roto-beam" color wheel, while it looks better, be careful of using too high of a wattage, it'll melt the plastic and could even ruin the wheel mechanism. If you really want a bright light, see about using a compact cool burning bulb.

I'm sorry that I don't have any sources for lace restoration, but check with your local drycleaners for a reference.

Hope everyone's holidays are happy and safe!



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BUSINESS CHANGES

BUSINESSES GAINED

Since the last newsletter (June 2006), we've gained a few businesses:

- ETERNALLY BOUND (Tattoo, Lamar)
- CONCRETE JUNGLE (Piercing, Lamar)
- AUSTIN ONSITE ACUPUNCTURE & NUTRITION (53rd)
- BANANA BAY (51st & Airport)
- BUDDY'S CHANCE (Nelray & Lamar)
- Soon ADLUCENT (Internet Mktg, 53rd)
- Soon WALKIE TALKIE PROD (Film, 53rd)
- Soon ZORA (Vegetarian, N Loop)

BUSINESSES LOST / MOVING

But we have also lost or are losing several businesses:

- CHICAGO'S CUTTIN UP (Airport)
- NATURAL MAGIC (53rd)

Moving on ... and away:

- PARKER BEAUTY SUPPLY (Koenig)

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Epoch Coffeeshop's correct phone: 454-3762
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OLDEST BUSINESS IN THE HOOD: Richard's Music, 1964 on Lamar, later to N Loop

LIVING WITH THE NEIGHBORS

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS!

NEW RESIDENTS & SETTLED ONES, EXPLORE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

Look around to see changes that are happening in *our* neighborhood! See gardens and homes. Walk to shops and businesses to get fresh air and exercise. Stroll through Bruning Green. Wave or say hello to neighbors next door and around the neighborhood. Socialize at neighborhood events. Attend neighborhood meetings the first Monday of each month. Explore!

SIDEWALKS FOR PEDESTRIANS.

It is a violation of City Code to obscure sidewalks or to park in yards. It is also a violation of City Code to park "Left to Curb" and can cost the violator \$20. Call 311.

TRASH CANS AWAY FROM THE CURB.

City Code states trash cans should be moved 5' back from the driveway joint by 10:00 the evening of pickup. \$147-\$197 fine. Call 311.

QUIET RESIDENTS.

City Code states residents are not to disturb neighbors with any kind of noise **from 10:00 pm to 7 am**. It's a Class C misdemeanor that carries up to a \$500 fine. Call 311. City Code **allows businesses to have noise until 2 am**, up to 85 decibels. Then **quiet 2 am -10 am**. Call 311.

PERMITS FOR 49 OR MORE AT PARTY.

You need a safety inspection and permit from the Fire Dept if you have more than 49 at a party. Call 311.

CONSTRUCTION CODE ENFORCEMENT.

If you suspect a building that is being constructed violates code, call 311 and take action. Waiting for city inspectors to take action may be too late to correct infractions. City inspectors visit a site when the builder calls them and requests an inspection. If your neighbor or a contractor appears to be violating a permit, then try calling Code Enforcement (a different city department than permits). Ask for a code enforcer to check on the progress of construction. The code enforcer may intervene at an earlier stage than city inspectors.

CLEAN UP GRAFFITI.

If someone calls the city, a citation is made and 30 days are given for it to be removed. Get clean-up tips from the June 2006 newsletter (find it on our website www.northfieldna.org or get article reprints at neighborhood meetings). Graffiti detracts from the ambiance of homes and businesses. And it attracts more graffiti. Call 311.

SUSPECTED CRIMINAL ACTIVITY→CALL 311. Every call is recorded. In suspected drug dealing, it is not a good idea to approach the neighbor yourself.

REMEMBER:
911 Suspicious activity IN PROGRESS
311 Suspicious activity AFTER THE FACT

FOR EMERGENCIES→CALL 911

IF YOU FEEL THREATENED→CALL 911

IF PROPERTY IS AT RISK→CALL 911

NORTHFIELD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION SUPPORT

Frustrated with neighbors? When calm talking or shouting doesn't seem to work, you've called 311 or 911, and you still want help—contact the Northfield Neighborhood Association. The NNA can support your efforts to solve the problem. Check the website for contact information: www.northfieldna.org.

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NLNPT North Loop Neighborhood Planning Team

The North Loop Neighborhood Planning Team is a neighborhood planning advisory group made from the Northfield and Ridgetop neighborhoods and founded by the City of Austin. NLNPT makes recommendations on proposed changes to the city-approved North Loop Neighborhood Plan. Additionally, the NLNPT is tasked with tracking ongoing implementation of the action items in the North Loop Plan. Read more on the discussion list

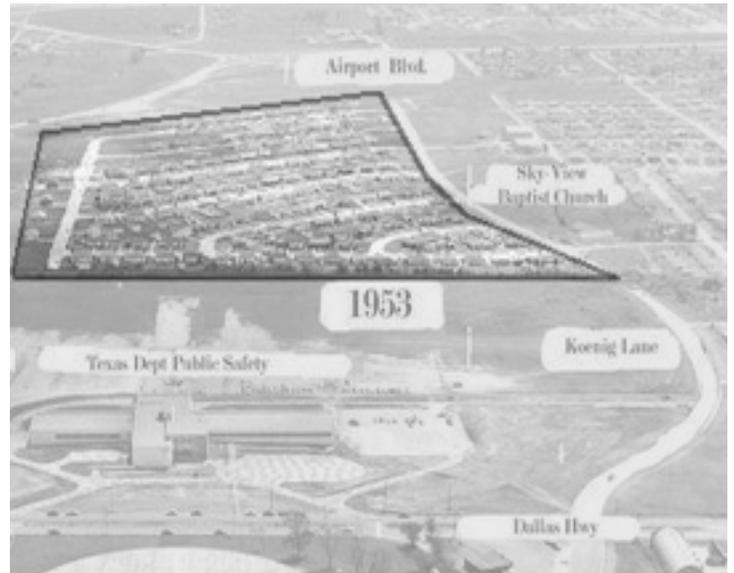
ABLE Alliance of Business & Landowner Enterprise (for Airport Blvd Area)

The Alliance of Business and Landowner Enterprise in the Airport Blvd. Area (ABLE) was formed to give local businesses a common voice and allow local businesses to connect with our community in a positive way, and identify strategies for business development that will retain our great local businesses while attracting new businesses that compliment our area businesses as well as neighborhoods. It currently functions as an email link between RNA, NNA, and NLPT and is maintained by Martha Ward, koockward@yahoo.com. Contact Martha to get your business added to ABLE list.

SKYVIEW CORNER

By Martin Thomen

The Skyview Neighborhood is bounded by Koenig, Denson, North Lamar and Airport. Most of the houses were built around 1950 and some of the original owners still reside here. There are about 215 homes in Skyview. Many Skyviewers like the 'island effect' that keeps them separated from both Highland and Northfield neighborhoods, but we try to integrate with both as much as we can to work together for the future development of our shared region of Austin. Skyview had a great neighborhood night Out in August 2006 with about 60 neighbors showing up and sharing food and laughs. Skyview NA holds meetings at Skyview Church sometimes and Northfielders are always invited. Read more on our Skyview Neighborhood website: www.main.org/skyview.



SHOP LOCAL... NEIGHBORHOOD LOCAL!

SHOP LOCAL! Support neighborhood businesses! Tell merchants you saw *their* ad in the newsletter. It will brighten their day!

AVOID HOLIDAY SHOPPING AT THE MALLS! Visit neighborhood stores! Find lots of unique and unusual items—not more of the same!

National Night Out

The National Night Out gathering this year was an enormous success. Between 60 and 70 neighbors came out with their children and families to meet their neighbors and enjoy good food and good conversation. On behalf of the Northfield Neighborhood Association, I would like to personally thank the NNA members who worked so hard to organize the event, and I'd like to thank the businesses and organizations that made National Night Out such a great success.

Many thanks to: Parlor Pizza • Casa Brasil • Epoch Coffee • Dayspring Fellowship • And all of the volunteers with the NNA, the Fire Department, the Police, and EMS

Most Sincerely,

Sebastian Wren
President, Northfield Neighborhood Association



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PRESIDENTS MEMO

by Sebastian Wren

I spend so much of my time and energy worrying about the trend toward low-quality, unhealthy development in my neighborhood that I sometimes forget to acknowledge the really nice, high-quality construction and development that has also been taking place in Northfield. We all know about the undesirable development that has been taking place -- profiteering developers have been snatching up property all over our neighborhood, and have been building grotesquely large and cheap structures designed to house as many people as possible. This creates parking problems, trash problems, and noise problems for the neighbors nearby. Several dozen of these "McDorms" have sprouted in our neighborhood in the past few years, and there are already so many of them that there is more supply than demand. Some of them are now sitting vacant -- most of them only have a few people living in them. I shudder to think what will happen to them over time.

These neighborhood-destroying "McDorms" offend me on so many levels I give them more of my attention than they really deserve. I should not forget to be grateful for the developers and property owners who truly are improving our neighborhood with their high-quality construction projects. I recently met a family who lives in the new Satsuma development at the corner of 53rd and Evans. They live upstairs, and they are opening a business downstairs. Doesn't that sound ideal? That's one car that isn't commuting to and from work every day -- that's one family that can spend more time together -- made possible by high-quality, mixed-use development. I have very high hopes that 5117 North Lamar will be a similar mixed-use development creating a desirable mix of homes and businesses where once was blight and decay. I've also been watching with admiration the renovation of the old, two-story structure on Link north of Nelray. That old house was in sad, sad shape a few years ago, but the new owners have lovingly and painstakingly restored the building, and now it is a jewel in our neighborhood.

These are just a few examples of the positive, neighborhood-improving developments that are helping to make Northfield the best place in Austin to live. Many of my neighbors are simply renovating their existing homes or adding small and tasteful additions. There is actually quite a lot of neighborhood-enriching development happening -- it's just so easy for me to lose sight of that when my blood is boiling over another cheap, massive "party barn" being inflicted on my neighborhood.

NORTHFIELD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

MEETING DATES

First Monday of each month (except holidays)
Dayspring Chapel, Ave G & 55th
7:00-8:00 p.m.

- ~Mon NOV 6**
- ~Mon DEC 4 HOLIDAY POTLUCK** (no meeting)
- ~Mon JAN 8** (no meeting Jan 1)
- ~Mon FEB 5**
- ~Mon MAR 5**

Non-members welcome.

Meet the neighbors and hear news in the making! All residents, including renters and business owners, are welcome to join. Membership \$10/household/year. Businesses are encouraged to join.

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