



Cherry Creek on Brodie Neighborhood Newsletter

April 16, 2022

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CCOBNA Board of Directors welcomes input, comments and suggestions from all CCOB residents. If you see something that needs attention, please notify the board by using the [contact form](#) on our website. For more information about CCOB go to www.cherrycreekonbrodie.com

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Annual Meeting

Thanks to everyone that came out for the annual meeting.

Easter Egg Hunt

Thanks to everyone that came out to celebrate spring with us. The egg hunt hunt was an exciting dash by all ages to pick up 1000 eggs and find a golden egg with a prize ticket inside.

Special thanks to everyone that contributed to making it a success from the egg stuffers, flier delivery team, to setting up and hiding eggs, and to Tammy Davison for event coordination. You are very appreciated.

Our Sponsors:

Mosquito Joe, Goosehead Insurance, and EnergyOne were financial sponsors and **Jet's Pizza** brought in pizza and **Tammy Davison/Realtor** sponsored the Kona Ice truck.

For information on our sponsors see the links on our Sponsor page of our website here:

<http://www.cherrycreekonbrodie.com/our-sponsors/>

NEWS

What's New

Bulk pickup is back, YAY!

- Large brush collection is the week of Monday May 16.
- Bulk pickup is the week of Monday May 30.

Please wait to put your items out until no earlier than 2 weeks before the actual week. We were skipped over on the last bulk collections so you may have an abundance but let's try to keep our curbs clean until the actual pickup week.

Back Park updates

You may have noticed we have an updated sidewalk, new bench and bike racks at the park. The sidewalk was not in compliance with accessibility rules so this is the reason much of it needed replacement.

We also have had a request for more shade but due to the proximity of trees and playground fall zone, we were not able to add a stand alone shade structure. However, the park district is planning to replace the current swing set with a swing that has a large shade canopy built-in – similar to the photo. It will have the same number and types of swings. PARD will re-use the current swing at another location. The order has just been placed for the swing so the replacement should be within the next 6 to 8 weeks.



Next Events

- **May 17, 7-8pm - CCOB Board Meeting**
 - 9507 Tea Rose Trail, all are welcome.
- **May ?? - Possible Neighborhood Garage Sale.** This is under consideration. We will keep you posted if it is decided.

All events are located on our calendar page on our website here.
<http://www.cherrycreekonbrodie.com/ccob-calendar-of-events/>

We are very excited to get back to our in person community events. Please attend based on your own comfort level and the Austin Covid Stage.

Recycle Reuse



Hey y'all. I am Briana, your local zero waste block leader (ZWBL).

ZWBL is someone that works with the city to help provide communities like ours with sustainability information and resources. The leaders share their passion and knowledge of recycling, composting, repurposing and repairing. As your community ZWBL, I am here to assist with questions, provide resources, and help our neighborhood move toward a greener Austin.

Hey y'all! This is your friendly neighborhood zero waste block leader. I got to share my project ideas with the neighborhood association this past weekend, but in case you weren't there I wanted to announce that I am starting a monthly round up of hard-to-recycle household items. So please begin to collect hard-to-recycle items (list below). Please note I only have a small SUV so I can not take large appliances without help from a neighbor with a trailer. My target drop off date will be May 8. All subsequent drop offs will fall on the first week of the month. When your collection is ready, please send me a message and you are welcome to leave the materials in front of my garage.

List of recyclables -> <https://www.austintexas.gov/.../what-items-are-accepted...> (please contact me if you are uncertain of a material's recyclability)

Please reach out to me with any questions at brianaZWBL@gmail.com.

Safety and Security



We are all concerned about keeping our neighborhood safe and crime free as well as being neighborly. Please call 911 if you suspect a crime is in process. If it has already been committed, submit a report on line here:

<https://www.austintexas.gov/department/ireportaustincom>

Also, let your neighbors know what you see and suspect so they can also be on the lookout.

For any code violations, downed trees, issues with the park or any other non emergency please report it to 311. CCOB follows the codes of the City of Austin.

Annual Board Meeting Minutes



CCOBNA Annual Meeting Agenda

Date: 2022 April 16 Saturday 1:30 Silk Oak Back Park

Attendees: Terri Robson, Char Petersen, Carla Heinrich-Trautwein, Justin Wittsche, Briana Zamora, Tammy Davison, Will Schubert , Mike Didio, Greg Camuzat

1. Call to order at 1:03
2. Financial Highlights by Char and Carla
 - a. Expenses since last meeting.
 - a. Longhorn -
 - a. Event fees /reimbursement

Char - Annual Expenses

- \$ 2727.96 for Longhorn lawns (46 members)
- \$169.28 Irrigation system repairs (3 memberships)
- \$ 252.00 Holiday front entrance flags (2 memberships) supports local school
- \$ 452.04 Communications/website/flyers/mailbox (7.5 memberships)
- \$ 1448.96 Monument maintenance (24 memberships)
- \$ 693.32 Events (11.5 memberships)

The annual budget is based on the income from the previous year. We keep a minimum balance of \$2500 and that is so the lawn can be mowed if we had no additional budget.

- b. New member payments
 - a. Dues

Totals by payment type	
Venmo	46
cash	0
check	31
Paypal	19
total # paid	96
Total \$	\$ 5,760.00
Minus Paypal fee	\$ 5717.82

Carla - reports we are up to 96 paying members. Last year we were around 86.

Sponsorship

Sponsor Contributions	
Jet's Pizza	Pizza for Easter

Energy One	250
Mosquito Joe	250
Goosehead	250
Tammy Davison	Sno Cone truck
Total Funds	\$750.00

Terri Robson standing in for Tammy Davison for Events.

Our budget for events is no more than 20% of dues, based on our total current dues of 86 = 17.2 memberships or = \$1032. Not all residents are supportive of spending budget on events and we are keeping the dues contribution as low as possible and paying for events through business sponsors.

3. Non-recurring projects/events:

- (Bob Pederson will be the single point of contact for the front with Longhorn.)
- NO CURRENT Non recurring projects

4. Recurring events

a. Spring Cleaning the front entrance. .

- I. 6 Texas Sages planted
- II. 5 rose bushes planted
- III. Fertilizer and ant powder were applied April 8.
- IV. 4 rose bushes to be planted yet.
- V. 2 Delphiniums planted
- VI. Some plants still need to be trimmed. In process. Roses have been watered a couple times but will go back to do it again.
- VII. New hose in the hose hole.

5. Presentation

a. Briana Zamora is the Zero Waste lead for our area.

- i. Austin has an extensive program for collection of most any kind of item to be recycled.
- ii. Briana will continue to communicate through facebook for now to alert residents to Austin programs and when she is collecting items. If you have any questions for her you can contact her by message.
- iii. Future goal is to create a collection shelter on the side of her house for people to drop off items without having to notify her.
- iv. We will put a recycle section in the newsletter for now and on the website so people know what can be recycled.

Discussions/Voting/ neighborhood updates:

- a. Playground at back park. Park equipment updated but no shade. Terri sent info to Charles Mabry Parks and Recreation Department | City of Austin, he said he will put us on a list to get shade structures in the fall. Charles.Mabry@austintexas.gov.

NEW INFORMATION: New sidewalk and bench was installed at the park. This was to make the sidewalk ADA compliant. They have assessed that they can not put a free standing canopy over the play equipment but they can put a swing set with canopy in. They will get to that in the next 8 weeks. The current swing set will be relocated to another Austin park.

- 5. Event Calendar, Neighborhood Garage Sale in May. Food Truck for Neighborhood Night out in August. Fall Cleanup and Fall Festival.
- 6. Open floor (Any available time)
 - a. Briana would like to consider a community garden at some point. We have space and water up at the North front monument. It would take some planning and approach so it looks nice, is functional and maintainable. We will continue to discuss this.

Meeting ended at 2:00 pm CT.

Finances

Balance March 2022	\$ 8736.41
Balance April 2022	Spring balance will be presented in May.

We are in District 5



Ann Kitchen, Councilmember for District 5 (South Austin) Chairs the City of Austin's Mobility Committee and serves on the Austin Energy Committee, Public Utilities Committee and Vice Chairs the Housing & Community Development Committee. If you have any questions for Ann she is very good about getting back to you. [You can also join her mailing list to be directly informed.](#)

Emails from Ann and the city of Austin regarding local news and opportunities for participation, opinions and notifications come to the CCOBNA board. We pass these to you as we receive them and when it makes sense with the publication of newsletters.

- **You Are Invited to: Understanding Environmental Protections in Neighborhoods.** Join to learn more about environmental protection requirements during development.

As Austin continues to grow and new people arrive to make their home here, it is vital that the City provide education about regulations that are in place to preserve healthy trees, prevent erosion, and remediation processes on active development sites.

The Development Services Department Community Tree Preservation and Environmental Inspection Teams will host four in-person community engagements in May to discuss the roles and responsibilities of the team, Austin's tree protection ordinance, sediment and erosion control measures, and address questions about reporting suspected violations and enforcement options.

- **May 5, 2022 | 6:30 to 8 p.m.**
- Permitting and Development Center -6310 Wilhelmina Delco Drive
- Rooms 1406 and 1407 (Event Center)
- [Registration Link](#)
- **May 12, 2022 | 6:30 to 8 p.m.**
- Austin Energy - 4815 Mueller Boulevard
- Rooms 1111a and 1111b
- [Registration Link](#)
- **May 16, 2022 | 6:30 to 8 p.m.**
- Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center - 600 River Street

- Auditorium
- [Registration Link](#)
- **May 31, 2022 | 6:30 to 8 p.m.**
- Austin Energy - 4815 Mueller Boulevard
- Rooms 1111a and 1111b
- [Registration Link](#)

We are also available to attend community meetings upon request. If you would like us to attend a neighborhood association meeting or any other community event, please connect with us at dsdcommunications@austintexas.gov.

The Park District is looking for more help. There is a big shortage of lifeguards and it has caused reduced hours at the public pools. If you are interested go to **Apply to be a lifeguard at Lifeguardaustin.com**.

Austin Parks and Recreation in general is down resources. go to the public site to see what is available. I heard on the radio they have a variety of incentives to help make the opportunities more appealing and easier to qualify for.

Andrea Bates is the Watershed Planning Manager with the Watershed Protection Department (WPD). The WPD is seeking community input to create Rain to River: A Strategic Plan to Protect Austin's Creeks and Communities.

- I. **Attend our virtual kick-off event!** Click [here](#)
- II. **Check out our new website!** Visit www.raintoriveratx.com
- III. **Take our survey and add to our map!** Click [here](#)

2022 Austin Energy Rate Base Review

This week, Austin Energy released its proposal to change base rates to address a growing gap between revenues and costs. Austin Energy needs a \$48 million base revenue increase, based on Fiscal Year 2021 financials. This means Austin Energy's base rates and rate structures are not meeting the costs of serving the community. This imbalance is not related to Winter Storm Uri. Austin Energy did not need to raise rates because of the storm.

To bring base rate financials back into balance, Austin Energy is proposing to:

- Adjust for higher operation and maintenance costs.
- Update an outdated residential base rate structure, which does not accurately recover the costs to serve customers.
- Better recover fixed costs by relying less on energy sales.
- Bring customers closer to what it costs to serve them, establishing more equitable charges as the community continues to grow.

- Base rate changes will ensure Austin Energy’s financial stability, allowing the utility to continue delivering affordable, reliable electric service to the community.

If approved, Austin Energy’s proposed base rate changes translate to an overall base rate increase of 7.6%.

Please watch our base rate review video in [English](#) or [Spanish](#) to learn more. Additionally, Austin Energy customers may [register](#) to attend and provide feedback at a number of in-person and virtual meetings over the next month.

If people are unable to attend a meeting, they can learn more through our [Speak Up Austin – Base Rate Review webpage](#) where this is an opportunity to provide digital feedback. There are also fact sheets and feedback forms available at all library branches and at City of Austin Utility Customer Service Centers.

If you have any additional questions, please email Rates2022@austinenergy.com.

Austin Energy’s dedicated [SpeakUp Austin web page](#) talks about the recent rate hikes.

Please see the Austin career expo flier below.

SAVE THE DATE
MAY 2, 2022 11AM-4PM

CAREER EXPO

KEEP AUSTIN
HIRED!

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Palmer Event Center: 900 Barton Springs Rd, Austin, TX 78704

COMPLETE LIST OF EMPLOYERS AT [AUSTINTEXAS.GOV/CAREEREXPO](https://austintexas.gov/careerexpo)

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For assistance, please contact (512) 974-3210 or Relay Texas 7-1-1.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

2022 Event Schedule

Date	Event	Details
January 18, Tuesday	Board Meeting	7pm, Zoom
January 22, Saturday	Dues Appreciation Party	CANCELED DUE TO COVID STAGE 5
March 15, Tuesday	Board Meeting	7pm, location TBD
April 2, Saturday	Spring garden cleanup	9-11am
April 16, Saturday	Annual Meeting	1:30 - 2pm in the back park
April 16, Saturday	Easter Egg Hunt and party	2-4pm in the back park
May 17, Tuesday	Board Meeting	7pm, 9507 Tea Rose Trail
May???	Garage Sale	Details TBD
July 5, Monday	4th of July parade and potluck picnic	Details TBD
July 19, Tuesday	Board Meeting	7pm, location TBD
August 3, Tuesday	National Night Out	Food Truck at the back park - TBD
Sept 20, Tuesday	Board Meeting	7pm, location TBD
Oct 15, Saturday	Fall garden cleanup	TBD
Oct 22, Saturday	Fall Block Party	TBD
Oct 15-22	Vote	Best decorated halloween displays
Nov 15, Tuesday	Board Meeting	7pm, location TBD
Dec 12-18	Vote	Best decorated holiday displays

For Updated times, locations and organizer information see event details on our website calendar at <http://www.cherrycreekonbrodie.com/ccob-calendar-of-events/>

Events are typically also posted on our Facebook and Next-door social media accounts.



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