

Davis Spring Neighborhood News



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors,

I hope that everyone had a wonderful New Year's! The Board is happy to announce that we are off to a great start with almost all the votes required to give the retention pond back to the city. We are approximately about 30 votes short. If you have not filled out your form there is one online or please contact the board and we will personally send one out to you. Hoping to be 100% by the end of the month,

We want to thank everyone for their patience with the transition of our Davis Spring website. Frank Maulit, a Davis Spring homeowner, has taken on the role of Webmaster and is now the Website Committee Chairperson. He has done an incredible job working on updating the information for the site to run smoothly. This a long process so we ask for your patience until completed.

There have been recent reports of street lights that are not working and questions over whom to contact to have them replaced. The city is responsible for coming out and replacing the lights. If you live on the north side of Neenah you will contact Pedernales Electric and on the south side you will contact the City of Austin. I hope that this clears up any confusion in the future.

The well has proven to be a good investment for the neighborhood. During the first 12 months of operation we have seen a 21% in cost savings. The newly installed landscaping in front of the well has started to mature, which is helping to hide the tank.

Real Manage will be sending out a packet soon regarding our Annual Meeting. We anticipate the meeting to be held at the beginning of March. If you are interested in running for a board position, please fill out the nomination form that was previously sent.. Also the packet will contain a proxy for those of you who will not be able to attend.

Please consider serving on one of the neighborhood committees. One of the positions that is in need of a new chairperson is the Pool Committee. Cheryl Walker has recently stepped down after holding this position for over 15 years. We want to thank her for all hard work and time spent serving our community.

As always, we look forward to any suggestions to better improve our neighborhood. We look forward to having you join us anytime at our monthly meetings, and of course at our Annual Meeting.

Best Regards,

Karen McGrath

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IMPORTANT NEW INFORMATION

Website Committee Update

Frank Maulit, Chair

After much feedback about the current state of our neighborhood website, the Davis Spring Website will be upgrading, hopefully before the end of January. We are terminating our website contract with RealManage and the website committee will be taking full ownership of the website. The new website will be more aesthetically pleasing, better organized, and will have a blog to provide more timely official updates from the board and committee chairs. Also, committee e-mail addresses will be fixed and functional.

However, since we are moving off of the RealManage website platform, residents will be asked to create a new account on the new website with their name, address, and e-mail address for verification and approval. If you need to make updates to your personal profile and contact information (i.e. if your e-mail address has changed), we will have a link to the RealManage Resident Portal where you can login and update your profile. If you have never logged into the RealManage Resident Portal before, you will need your RealManage Account # which can be found on your RealManage statement. Please contact RealManage if you need any assistance regarding this.

Also, during the migration to the new website, the committee email addresses will become functional. We will update you when the changes are complete.

We apologize for the inconvenience of having to create a new account, but we plan to stick with this website for years to come. If you have questions or feedback, please feel free to contact me at maulit@gmail.com.

ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT

Al Martin, Chair

I spoke with the Avery Ranch Developer and checked out the Neenah extension through Pearson Ranch. The first coat of asphalt is down on Neenah from Pearson Ranch Blvd to our neighborhood. The road fill has been spread over the Neenah extension from Pearson Ranch Blvd to the Neenah extension in Brushy Creek. They should be putting the curbing on that section soon. This could be done in about 30 days. They will then put the first coat of asphalt over this section and put the last asphalt coat over the section from Pearson Ranch Blvd to Davis Spring. This can take as little as 30 days. They then have to finish the sidewalks and landscape the roadway. It will not be open until these items are accomplished, according to the Avery Ranch developer. I would guess the opening of Neenah into our neighborhood from Pearson Ranch Blvd to happen about March to April of 2016. It is hard for even the developer to make a finite estimate because of the availability of his sub-contractors. This will open traffic from Elsa England Elementary through our neighborhood also.



The widening of Neenah through our neighborhood will hopefully commence in February or March. It is expected to be finished in about eight months after commencement of work. It could take longer, but I think that once they start, the work will progress. Williamson County DOES want to get this done. They are finally acknowledging our traffic issues and they want the traffic for the schools that have been and will be constructed there to flow well. For any of you interested, the trees that are to be taken down, or possibly taken down, have been marked at the bottom on the side facing our neighborhood with orange paint. The trees on the sides of the churches are also marked on the back side. There are a lot, but some will possibly be saved. One point to note: The City of Austin gave Williamson County a pass on having to contribute to a fund to replant trees that were taken down in the Davis Spring Right of Way. There isn't much room to replant them along our greenbelt anyway, but this did happen.

The opening of Pearson Ranch Blvd to RR 620 and SH 45 is not going to happen until about January of 2017 (yes, that date is correct). It was supposed to happen sooner, but the road alignment was changed and there are issues with the England/Banks families who own the rest of Pearson Ranch and TXDOT as to reimbursement for costs of land for the alignment and a detention pond to be built. This work was supposed to be done much sooner, but these issues pushed it back.

Ok, everyone sees the time frames for the development above. This means that Neenah through our neighborhood is going to take on more traffic from the Neenah extension being opened from the Avery Ranch development and Elsa England Elementary (March or April of 2016) until Neenah is widened and finished in our neighborhood. This will probably happen from September to October of 2016. We are going to have to live with it.

**ADVERTISING
IS FREE
FOR YOUTH**

POOL COMMITTEE REPORT

February 2016

Cheryl Walker, Chair: cherrae@swbell.net

The pool operates under a "SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK" policy at all times

To obtain a card key to the pool area or a key to the tennis courts call Real Manage at 512-219-1927.

The pool is closed until Spring Break in mid-March. Meanwhile, the final improvements that were required by the City of Austin this past July are being completed. Barring any further requirements or repairs, the pools will be ready for the swim season. The restrooms should still be accessible so should there be any issues with them, please contact Real Manage at 512-219-1927.

A note from the Chair: The pool committee is in need of a new chairperson. After about 15 years of serving on the pool committee, I am stepping aside for new faces and some fresh ideas to take over. It has been my pleasure to oversee the pool all these years, and I thank you for allowing me to do so. I also thank you for your patience and understanding during those summers when the pools were not in as good condition as they should have been. Each swim season brings its own challenges. Please contact the Davis Spring Board to let them know of your interest in serving on the pool committee. They look forward to hearing from you!

The website is being reconstructed, and once complete, the pool and pool party rules will be posted for review, so be on the lookout.

Emergencies: In the event of any type of vandalism, life threatening situation, or disturbance of any kind at the park or pool area, call 9-1-1 for emergency assistance.

THE POOL IS UNDER 24 HOUR SERVIELLANCE



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Increase you reach

Let us fill in the blanks.
10019 W Parmer Lane
Ste 103, Austin, TX 78717
Serving North Austin, Cedar Park
Round Rock, Leander and Lakeway

Reading Between the Wines Book Club

Did you know that the ladies of Davis Spring have put together a book club that meet once a month to socialize and discuss books?

If you have a passion for reading, enjoy insightful stimulating conversation with a group of fun women, we hope you will join us for Reading Between the Wines. Even if you only want meet some friendly faces or get to know your neighbors better, we would still welcome you with open arms!! We meet at a rotating neighbor's house in Davis Spring, the second Tuesday of every month at 7p.m. We only ask that you please bring an appetizer/dessert to share, your beverage of choice and an appetite for enjoyment.

This is a perfect time to join since we have just selected our 2016 books.

February-All The Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr

March-Inside the O'Briens by Lisa Genova

April-The Nightingale by Kristen Hannah

May-This is Where I Leave You by Jonathan Tropper

For more information or to be added to the evite, email skykristen@yahoo.com.

ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Admission News

The online application for new students is now available for the 2016-2017 school year. Families that have current 8th graders that will be applying to Savio for next year can begin the online application process now. Applications for new students for the 2016-2017 school year are due February 12, 2016. If you have any questions about the application please contact Mrs. Holly Bologna at [512-388-8846 ext. 504](tel:512-388-8846) or hbologna@saviochs.org.



Save the Date



The St. Dominic Savio Cheerleaders are sponsoring the third annual Cuts for Cancer rally on February 19th, from 2:35-3:05 in the school gym. You need a minimum of 8 inches of unprocessed hair. This very successful event has donated over 200 ponytails to the American Cancer Society/Pantene's Beautiful Lengths. Along with the ponytails, proceeds raised are given to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. **Please consider donating your locks for this worthy cause.**

FINE **Spring Art Show** – May 5th – 6-8 pm — St. Dominic Savio. 100% of the proceeds from the show will be donated to The Gazelle Foundation to build water wells in Burundi, Africa.

ARTS **Spring Music Concert** — May 13th — 7-9 pm St. Dominic Savio's gym

ARTS **Musical** — May 20 & 21 — 7pm — St. Dominic Savio's gym

The greater part of
our happiness or misery
depends on our
dispositions and not on
our circumstances.

Martha Washington
American First Lady (1719–1802)

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Kristina Magaha, Chair

Happy New Year!

The Davis Spring Social Committee enjoys providing fun entertaining events throughout the year but we couldn't do it without your help. Please consider lending a helping hand to the social committee this year.



This December we enjoyed **Santa in the Park** with a visit from Santa Claus. The children enjoyed a photo opportunity with Santa, hot chocolate and cookies along with arts and crafts.

Mark your Calendars This spring we will enjoy our new annual tradition of the

SPRING FLING

**Saturday April 2nd
5:00pm-7:00pm.**

Come out to the park and enjoy live music, a food truck (cash and credit card accepted), tasty sweet treats, followed by an outdoor movie at the basketball court starting 7:30pm.

We hope to plan more fun events throughout the year including an Adult only social hour, The End of School Year party at the pool and the July 4th parade.

BABYSITTER & PETSITTER LIST

Gabby Carpenter 906-0643 or 779-2410

Age: 13 gg.carpenter@yahoo.com

Red Cross Certified, Davis Spring resident

Meggie Upchurch 560-9544 Davis Spring resident

Will pet sit and walk dogs also.

Tayler Watkins 770-380-8695

Age: 16 Davis Spring resident—Red Cross certified

Will also pet sit.

Alexander Tavarez 258-9304

Age: 19 alexatavarez@gmail.com Davis Spring

Resident with drivers license and oldest of 9 children

Jacqueline Tavarez 258-9304

Age: 16 triplethreat112497@gmail.com

Davis Spring resident, 3rd oldest of 9 children

Breanna & Tara Sellers 246-1759,

Age: 14 Red Cross babysitter certified

Conner Sellers 246-1759 Pet Sitting

Emma Tkacz 310-0871

Age: 12 Davis Spring resident, Red Cross certified

Will also walk dogs.

Paige Tocci 341-0582

Age: 16, CPR and Red Cross Babysitter Certified

Davis Spring Resident

Micaela Kuenstler 512-238-0401

CPR certified. Also pet care/dog walking service.

Logan Kuenstler 512-238-0401

CPR certified. Also pet care/dog walking service.

Will Whitaker, 512-689-9775

Age: 13, willwhitaker23@gmail.com

Red Cross CPR & Babysitting 101 certified, oldest of 6,

Resident, Pet care/walking, outdoor plant care

Alex Reavis, 512-903-6616

Age: 15 Paulthursdays@gmail.com Resident

Oldest of 3 (cook, clean, care for children & pets)

Clair and Mady Cheney

Wash N' Walk

Age: 13.5 and 11

[512-739-2159](tel:512-739-2159) or [512-431-1599](tel:512-431-1599)

cacheney01@gmail.com

Will wash and walk pets, Davis Spring residents

**Please let me know if you no longer want
to be on this list.**

Syble— rsgood212@gmail.com

Welcome Committee seeking volunteers

If you enjoy meeting new neighbors in Davis Spring and enjoy baking, then this might be an excellent opportunity for you! Members of the social committee prepare a baked good and provide new residents with information regarding Davis Spring. Greeting new residents (at most, one or two each month) takes less than an hour each month, and it is fun! If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact Tammy Fraser at mf25030@hotmail.com.

LORD OF LIFE invites all

to follow Christ's journey
through death and resurrection

Lenten Worship

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 10 • 11:30 am & 7 pm

Wednesdays in Lent • Feb 17 - March 16

11:30 am & 7 pm Worship service

12:30 pm and 6 pm Light meal served

Holy Week

Palm Sunday, March 20

8:15 & 10:45 am

Reading of the Passion story
Procession with palms

Maundy Thursday, March 24

Traditional Seder meal
including a full dinner.

Holy Communion celebrated
following Seder.

6:30 pm (RSVP to church)

\$5/person or \$20/family

Good Friday, March 25

Prayer Vigil 7 am - 7 pm

Individuals spend half hour
in meditative prayer

Passion Drama 7 pm -

Follows Last Supper to the Cross



Easter

Sunday, March 27

RESURRECTION CELEBRATION

6:00 am Sunrise Service

8:15 & 10:45 am Worship

Easter Brunch & Egg Hunt



Lord of Life
Lutheran Church

9700 Neenah Ave • Austin, TX 78717

(In Davis Spring subdivision)

512-671-6100

www.LordofLifeAustin.org

Davis Spring Garage Sale

Saturday, April 25th

Play group for pre-school kids (0 to 5 years old)

AcroTex~Bounce Houses~Train Rides~Evening Playdates~Friday Park Play Dates

The neighborhood pre-school play group is in full swing and we are having so much fun meeting other little ones for weekly play dates!

During the winter months, the play group will **now meet for Friday playdates at 10:30a.m.** to allow the temperature to warm up some.

In addition to our **WEEKLY 10:30a.m. Friday** playdate at the Davis Spring Park, please mark your calendar for additional upcoming opportunities to meet other mothers with preschoolers in the neighborhood.

Monday, February 1st~10:30—Inflatable Wonderland (Lakeline Mall)

Wednesday, February 3rd~10:30a.m.—AcroTex Round Rock Open Gym

Tuesday, February 9th~4:30p.m.—Lakeline Mall Play area (outside of Dillards)

Wednesday, February 17th~12p.m.—Toybrary Austin (Open Play@noon and Music Class at 1p.m.)

Thursday, February 18th~5:00p.m.—Happy Hour Evening Playdate

Wednesday, February 24th~10:30a.m.—Pump It Up Open Play (183/Austin location)

Monday, February 29th~10:30a.m.—Hop and Happy

Wednesday, March 2nd~10a.m.—Acrotex Round Rock Open Gym

Wednesday, March 9th~4:30p.m.—Brushy Creek Park (next to Splash Pad)

Tuesday, March 15th~10:30a.m.—Champion Park Dinosaur Park

Thursday, March 17th~5p.m.—Playdate at Davis Spring Park

Wednesday, March 23th~10:00a.m.—‘Hike It Baby’ @ Walnut Creek

Monday, March 28th~11:30a.m.—Phil’s Ice House (Lunch and Play)

Wednesday, April 6th~10:30—Williamson County Regional Park Train

We love to see new faces, so please mark your calendar to attend either a Friday playdate or an upcoming event. All events are pending weather so make sure to join the social media group by emailing Tammy Fraser at dsplaygroup@outlook.com to learn of alternate plans!

Important note about Davis Spring Playgroup email address: If you have attempted to email the Playgroup over the last three months, please resend and use alternate email address listed above. The emails were not received and we would hate to have you miss out on the fun!!