

COVNA

Castlewood - Oak Valley Neighborhood Association

Hello from your newly elected COVNA Board members! We're all delighted to serve.

COVNA Executive Board

President: Michelle Hendrix (Comburg Castle)
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Humans of COVNA

Each newsletter issue this year we will shine the spotlight on one of our wonderful neighbors. We're so fortunate not only to live in a beautiful neighborhood, but also amongst a large number of incredible, accomplished, talented, and wonderful people!

Know someone we should spotlight? Please email Katy, at kaydeebugg@gmail.com with "Neighbor Spotlight" in the subject line. Include a very brief summary of why you want to highlight this person, along with their email address and / or phone number, and we'll take care of the rest!

Find this issue's Humans of COVNA, along with news from the Austin Neighborhood Council, on our website: www.covna.org



Note from the President

Ever since we moved to the neighborhood in 2013 I have been fascinated with the dynamic in Castlewood and Oak Valley. As parents we knew we landed somewhere extraordinary when we moved to Shelby Oak and have since grown into our new home on Comburg Castle. I've probably waved to you from my front porch. I hope you will stop and chat sometime. My goal this year is to support open communication, encourage feedback, promote membership and continue to expand upon the much loved traditions. We all have one very important thing in common and that is that we absolutely cherish these magical tree lined streets and likely would not want to live anywhere else. I am proud to be your neighbor and honored to carry out the responsibilities of the board with the stellar support of the enthusiastic 2022 officers.

With gratitude,
Michelle Hendrix
512.736.1680

Visit our webpage for more newsletter content plus the most up to date information about COVNA events, business spotlight, and more

www.covna.org

2022 COVNA Events Calendar

- Membership Drive - January through March, 2022
- Neighborhood garage sale - Saturday April 30, 2022*
- Spring Fling - Saturday April 9, 2022*
- 4th of July Parade - Monday July 4, 2022 (morning)
- Summer Picnic - Saturday May 21, 2022
- National Night Out - Tuesday October 4, 2022
- Halloween Block Party - Saturday October 29, 2022
- Holiday Party/Elections - Saturday December 10, 2022



**UPDATED EVENT DATE SINCE PRINTING*

Please note: the nature and/or dates of events may change if needed. Bookmark our website (www.covna.org) to watch out for updates, including location and time details

BECOME A MEMBER!

Becoming a member of COVNA means you are contributing to the lively, family-friendly, and social neighborhood that we all hold so dear. We have a goal to enroll 40 new member households this year - that's 40+ new neighbors helping to make COVNA the greatest neighborhood in Austin!

Dues are only \$20/year and are payable via check (*use the enclosed form*), Paypal (covna.paypal@gmail.com), at www.covna.org, or with the QR code to the right.



If using Paypal, please include your full name and street address in the notes section with your payment so we can update our records.

COVNA membership application / renewal form

You may also pay at www.covna.org, with Paypal (covna.paypal@gmail.com), or by scanning the QR code

Please make checks payable to COVNA

DO NOT SEND CASH IN THE MAIL. Do not send unstamped mail through USPS.

If you wish, you may deliver in person to Ron Mattison, Treasurer, at 9003 Queenswood

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER (in case we need to reach you) _____

EMAIL _____



1926 | 1938 | 1950 | 1962 | 1974 | 1986 | 1998 | 2010 | 2022

In the Chinese Zodiac, 2022 is the Year of the Tiger. The term "Chinese zodiac" is a bit of a misnomer, as many Asian cultures utilize some version of this zodiac, with slight modifications to the animals. This zodiac runs on 12-year cycles, and the first day of this Tiger new year occurs Feb 4, 2022. It is said that those born in a Tiger year are daring, independent, fiery, courageous, and ambitious. Austin's Chinatown normally hosts a New Year festival - check www.chinatownaustin.com for details about this year's event.

HUMANS OF COVNA: *Philip Arno*

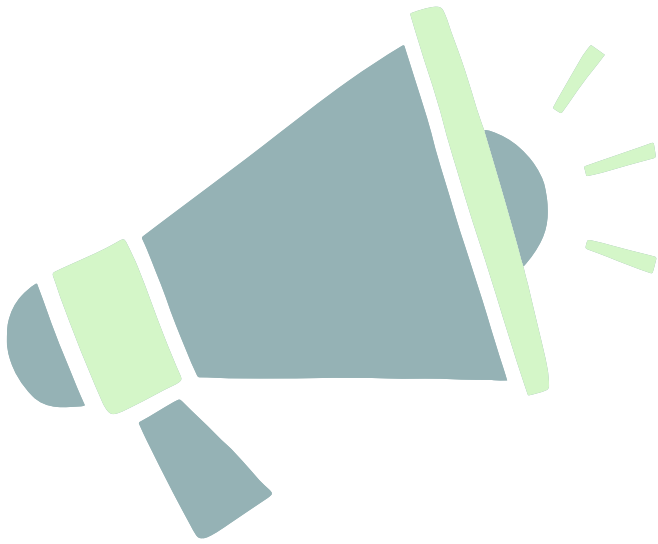
You may have seen Philip riding his bike or walking around the neighborhood; over this past year he's been a bit harder to miss, as he's had some fun dying his hair bright purple! Philip lives on Crownspoint Dr with his wife, Beth, and has been in Castlewood 35 years. He discovered the neighborhood when he was a piano technician in the 1970s and '80s with clients who lived here, and he loved the trees (still does!). Philip says he was "born into" a life as a musician, which has certainly been the case - he's played bass trombone for the Austin Symphony since 1978 and the Austin Opera since 1987. During that time he also worked professionally in IT for both county and state government offices. Philip did not grow up in Austin, but landed here after visiting a friend who attended UT, and in addition to music he is an avid photographer and formerly competitive triathlete. You can often catch Philip after dark in his front yard with a giant telescope, practicing his newfound love of astrophotography. Be sure to say hello the next time you see Philip!



News from the Austin Neighborhood Council

Will Binford is newly serving in the Executive Board role of Austin Neighborhood Council representative. Will is beginning to attend ANC general and Sector 8 meetings, which have just returned as in-person events, and working hard to get his sea legs, so to speak, in this role! (Note: ANC Sector 8 is different than City Council District 5.) Your ANC rep receives, distills, and distributes relevant news from a variety of sources, including but not exclusive to the ANC, Austin City Council, and City of Austin government, to our Castlewood neighbors. Keep an eye on this space throughout the year for news from Will!





ADVERTISE WITH US!

With the return of a regular newsletter, COVNA is now looking for a return of our regular advertisers!

From yoga studios to music venues, photo booths to realtors, our neighborhood is brimming with entrepreneurs and business owners. The physical newsletter is delivered to 420+ homes, and the digital is shared across three Facebook pages, on the

covna.org website, and to the COVNA email list serv. Tiered pricing structure. Contact Will Binford, Katy Hamill, or Michelle Hendrix for more info!

Your newly elected COVNA Executive Board members want to know: What is important to YOU in this community? Please share your ideas!

Do you want to see greater coordination with the city to address safety, crime, or traffic patterns? Want to raise an issue you've recognized but aren't sure how to proceed with fixing? How about joining a committee to coordinate regular neighborhood events like the annual yard sale and National Night Out? Do you have a desire to create and team up to host new events, such as learn-from-a-neighbor skillshares, or perhaps a babysitting cooperative?

Please use the contact information below to reach out with your thoughts and ideas. We want to hear from YOU!

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