



CASTLEWOOD-OAK VALLEY

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Quarter 1 2024 | covna.org

Letter from the president

By Denise Sample

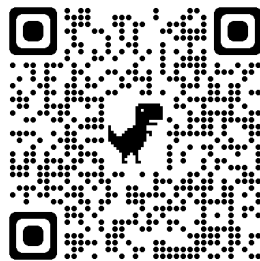


Happy new year, neighbors! I am thankful for the opportunity to serve you as the newly elected Castlewood-Oak Valley Neighborhood Association (COVNA) president. Your voluntary

neighborhood association has a full executive board with all positions filled and we have already met to kick off the year.

What I look forward to this year is meeting more neighbors at simpler gatherings, increasing communication through newsletters, and getting back to conducting a business meeting at the start of each event — this is the way we come together to share concerns and implement needed changes.

But before we can do any of that, we need your help! Newsletters go out to 400+ housetops in the neighborhood, whether or not they are members of COVNA. This first newsletter of 2024 includes a membership form and self-addressed envelope to make it easy for your household to



Scan to join COVNA

join. You can also join through PayPal. If you have been a member in the past, now is the time to renew your membership. Joining gives you a voice and a vote in the decisions made by the association. We can't do this without you. If you have any questions about how to join, please reach out to me or any other member of the board. ■

COVNA CALENDAR 2024

FREE NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

Neighborhood Garage Sale

● April 20

Summer Parade & Picnic

● June 29

Halloween Block Party

● Oct. 26

Spring Fling

● May 4

National Night Out

● Oct. 1

Holiday Party & Board Elections

● Dec. 7

Note

Details for each event will be announced closer to the date.

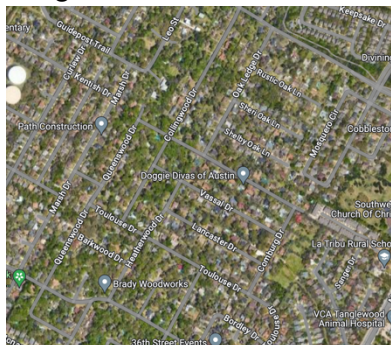
Castlewood-Oak Valley Neighborhood Association Board

Denise Sample, President: sample.denise@gmail.com ♦ Will Binford, Vice President: will.binford@gmail.com ♦ Dorothy Trainer, Secretary: dorothytrainer@jbgoodwin.com ♦ Ron Mattison, Treasurer: shadmatt@sbcglobal.net ♦ Rita Thompson, ANC Representative: thompsonsetser@gmail.com ♦ Michelle Hendrix, Immediate Past President: mhendrix@hendrixresidentialgroup.com ♦ Julie Chang, Newsletter Editor: juliec88@gmail.com ♦ covna@freelists.org

Land code discussed in latest ANC update

By Rita Thompson

For those unfamiliar with the Austin Neighborhood Council, it consists of more than 80



An aerial view of Castlewood Forest/Oak Valley neighborhood. (Google Maps)

member neighborhood associations. The council's mission align in many ways with the purposes set out in the COVNA bylaws. Our association states its purpose is to seek to

improve the quality of life in the neighborhood in matters such as land use, environmental protection, public services and other matters of neighborhood concern.

I attended my first ANC meeting as our representative on Jan. 24. In my opinion, of most import was a presentation from Barbara McArthur from ANC on the Home Ordinance. This ordinance has far reaching implications for our

neighborhood in that it drastically changes the Land Development Code. Changes include but they are not limited to density, setback requirements, and building height limitations. I am going to learn more about the Austin Tree Ordinance and if there are proposed changes to the Land Development Code that may diminish tree protection. Trees are one of our most unique aspect of our neighborhood.

If you would like more information on these issues, you can watch the city council, board, and commission meetings on ATXN, the city access station. The network can be viewed on YouTube as well. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions regarding ANC and I will do my best to answer them. ■

Call for businesses

By Julie Chang

Among our association's goals is to not only unite our neighbors but also our businesses.

If you have a business you love, please consider writing a story about it for the newsletter or asking it to sponsor one of our annual events. Business owners are also welcome to advertise in the newsletter, which is delivered to hundreds of households and posted on our website and on Facebook.

Please contact any board member for more information. ■

JOIN COVNA

— YOUR MEMBERSHIP —
SUPPORTS...

- Neighborhood events
- Printing of 1,600+ quarterly newsletters
- A voice on the Austin Neighborhood Council
- Preserving what makes the neighborhood special

COVNA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM

Please make checks payable to "COVNA." NO CASH. Do not place unstamped mail in the US Mail.

NAME(s) _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____ EMAIL _____

☐ Check here to be added to the COVNA email group (NEW SUBSCRIBERS ONLY)

Remit with \$20 membership due to the treasurer Ron Mattison (9003 Queenswood) or pay online at www.covna.org/membership.