



CASTLEWOOD-OAK VALLEY

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Letter from the president

By Denise Sample



Happy 2025, neighbors! In case you missed our holiday party and elections in December, our membership elected Will Binford for Vice President, Ron Mattison for Treasurer, and Rita Thompson for Austin

Neighborhood Council (ANC) delegate. I want to thank the neighbors who attended and cast their votes, and give a special shout out to our very own Nicole Ciani for graciously donating some tasty tequilas to help keep us lively and warm during the event.

Your Executive Board kicked off the new year with a meeting to set dates for our upcoming events for the year and Rita has already attended an ANC meeting to continue tracking local issues that could impact our beautiful neighborhood.

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But our top priority right now is our membership drive. This is the time to join or

for the year! You may notice this newsletter includes a printed membership form - fill that out and send it with a check in the enclosed self-addressed envelope, or join through PayPal - it's that easy! We can't do this without you, so spread the word. If you have any questions about how to join, please reach out to me or any other member of the board. ■

Twice-a-year bulk pick-up is no more

By Julie Chang

The City of Austin is no longer offering bulk or brush pick-up services twice a year. Residents instead must schedule the service in advance through the city's Austin Resource Recovery.

City officials changed its service, effective this year, to increase access to residents, who would have had to wait for the next pick-up if they missed one of them, and to reduce emissions that the collection trucks would produce, according to KUT. The resource recovery department aims to reduce the amount of trash it sends to landfills by 90% by 2040, the news station reported.

Residents can schedule a pick up for brush and other bulky items by downloading the

2025 COVNA CALENDAR

— FREE NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS —

Neighborhood Garage Sale	Spring Fling
● Saturday, April 26	● Saturday, May 3
Summer Parade and Picnic	National Night Out
● Saturday, June 28	● Tuesday, Oct. 7
Halloween Block Party	Holiday Party and Board Elections
● Saturday, Oct. 25	● Saturday, Dec. 6

Note

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

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Austin Recycles app, through the city's website (austintexas.gov/services/view-your-recycling-composting-and-trash-schedule), or by calling 311.

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Residents can only schedule a bulk or brush pickup three times a year. ■

ANC update: Airport, bond task force

By Rita Thompson

Austin Neighborhood Council's kicked off its first meeting of the year with a visit from Austin Bergstrom International Airport officials who gave an update on the expansion projects at the airport.

The airport is now classified as a large hub and improvements to address growth are primarily funded by airport revenue bonds.

ANC members expressed concern about traffic congestion entering and departing the airport. It is under the purview of the Texas Department of Transportation and airport officials would have to collaborate with them to address the issue in the future.

The city's Bond Election Advisory Task Force has had two meetings so far this year to discuss potential infrastructure projects, including climate



A rendering of what Austin Bergstrom International Airport may look like in 2040. (Credit: Austin Bergstrom International Airport)

investment opportunities, to be included in a 2026 bond election. Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month. To learn more or to sign up to speak at the meetings, contact Samuel Veloz at 512-9745-1679. Our council member Ryan Alter has two members on the task force, Robert Delp, and Noelita Lugo.

Many of you received a purple card in the mail from the city. This was a notification of

further land development code changes that would affect short term rentals. Short term rentals have the potential of changing the nature of a neighborhood and the surrounding community significantly. If you are unable to attend any of the meetings, watch them on ATXN, the city's television network. I look forward to representing our neighborhood with the Austin Neighborhood Council this coming year. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. ■

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