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## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Messages from the COVNA President!

Happy Spring Neighbors,

The Spring Fling is scheduled for Saturday, May 18. The Spring Fling is a block party for all of the neighbors with music, food, and drinks for kids and adults. We hope to see you there, especially the new neighbors. Please join us to say hello and enjoy some BBQ!

If you want your business or specialty highlighted in the Spring Fling, please let me know. We would love to add your local business to the event, if possible.

The Annual Garage Sale is Saturday, April 27, starting at 8 AM! Best wishes to everyone on their sale.

Please note there have been some mail theft again around Castlewood. We urge you all to be on the lookout and vigilant about picking up and dropping mail in your mailbox. The police have been alerted, but we always appreciate everyone looking out for each other.

See you on April 27th at the garage sales!

Sincerely,  
Jenn Moore  
COVNA President  
Cell phone: 917-442-7140

**Also inside...**

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NEIGHBORHOOD-WIDE GARAGE SALE

Our neighborhood-wide garage sale is coming up on April 27! An ad will be placed in the Statesman and social media posts will be used to advertise the event. We encourage sellers to post any high-value items for sale on Craigslist, along with info on our neighborhood-wide garage sale to increase buyers. We are posting an 8am start and everyone can close up shop/driveway whenever they feel is right.

MAILBOX THEFT AND SAFETY

Unfortunately, we have had another mail theft incident in the neighborhood. The culprit dumped a box of discarded mail in a neighbor’s side yard and the authorities have been contacted. All mail is being taken to the post office by the police. We will update the neighborhood via the COVNA email list with more info as we have it. On a preventive note, please check your mailboxes regularly and continue to be diligent about package delivery by either opting for signatures or choosing alternate delivery addresses if you won’t be home. Also be sure to remove valuables from cars and lock car doors.

COVNA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE CONTINUES...

Help us reach our membership goal by paying your dues online today at <http://covna.org/dues.html>. Your annual dues of \$20 go towards funding our neighborhood-wide activities like the Spring Fling, Summer Picnic, and Holiday Party.

CONNECT WITH US!

Stay up to date in between newsletters by connecting to COVNA Moms & Kids group, Nextdoor, Facebook and our email distribution list [covna@freelists.here](mailto:covna@freelists.here): <http://covna.org/connect.html>.

2019 COVNA CALENDAR

- ◆ Neighborhood Garage Sale Apr 27
- ◆ Spring Fling May 18
- ◆ Summer Picnic Aug 17
- ◆ National Night Out Oct 08
- ◆ COVNA Halloween Oct 31
- ◆ Holiday Party Dec 16



AISD BOUNDARY CHANGES IN SOUTH AUSTIN

It appears that COVNA is within Cowan Elementary boundaries in all the proposed changes so far. That said, the boundary change process is a long one with several opportunities for feedback from the community. Our hope is to have a presence at as many of the meetings as is possible to ensure that we proactively advocate for the neighborhood. Please reach out to [nelly.ramirez@me.com](mailto:nelly.ramirez@me.com) if you have any questions.

- May 2, 5:30 pm -  
Cowan Campus Advisory Council Meeting,  
Cowan Elementary, Library

May 15, 6-7:30 pm -  
Community Open House,  
Bowie High School, Cafeteria
- May 7, 6-8 pm -  
Boundary Advisory Committee Meeting,  
Carruth Administration Center, 1111 West 6th  
Street

May 30, 6-8 pm -  
Boundary Advisory Committee Meeting, Car-  
ruth Administration Center, Board Auditorium

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