

Neighborhood Newsletter

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Dedication of Jean Mather Shelter House

A large crowd, including Jean's family members, Congressman Lloyd Doggett, representatives from the Austin Parks and Recreation Department, the Austin Parks Foundation, and many long-time friends gathered at Little Stacy Park on July 18, 2026, for the dedication of the Jean Mather Shelter House.

Jean Mather co-founded SRCC with Harriet Buxkemper in 1972, and throughout her life she demonstrated how civic engagement could influence politicians' and ordinary citizens' decisions. Working on COA boards and commissions as well as through her work in SRCC, Jean consistently advocated for the preservation of our creeks, trees, parks and neighborhoods. The city as a whole and our SRCC neighborhoods have benefitted from her efforts. Thus, it was fitting that SRCC should ask the city to rename the Little Stacy Shelter House in her honor. Many grateful neighbors and friends joined in the dedication ceremony, which also included a formal proclamation delivered by Council Member Zo Qadri, making July 18, 2026 "Jean Mather Day."

We urge all our SRCC residents to stop by the shelter house in Little Stacy Park and read the commemorative plaque. It more fully details the many accomplishments of our beloved Jean.

—Ruth Casarez, Editor



Jean's daughter Emily Mather with husband Rick Phillips, and her son Richard Mather with wife Sally and their two children. Photo courtesy of Taylor Wiseman / Austin Parks Foundation.



Attendees at the dedication. Photo courtesy of Taylor Wiseman / Austin Parks Foundation.

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The exact wording of the proposed bylaws changes is available as a redlined document on the SRCC website (www.srccatx.org) on the Bylaws page, found under the About menu. If you have trouble locating the proposed bylaws, please contact your area coordinator for help. Following is a summary of the proposed changes.

Summary of Proposed Revisions to SRCC Bylaws

1. In general, the Bylaws are updated to reflect the way SRCC currently operates. Language that was redundant or confusing is corrected and information is arranged in a more logical order.

2. Article IV — Membership and Dues: Two changes are proposed to clarify member rights (including when a new member can be elected to office).

3. Article V and Article VI: The order of these two sections is being switched so that discussion of SRCC's organization comes before details on how meetings are conducted.

4. Article V — Organization: Clarified who is elected and when, and which positions are appointed and by whom. Also, the timing for elections was moved from being specifically in March to being anytime before April 30. A paragraph on appointing committee chairs is moved from the committee section to appear here instead. In addition, a new paragraph has been added to address the removal of officers.

5. Article VI — Meetings and Voting: Several updates are proposed that include virtual and hybrid meeting options, including defining what it means to be “present” at a meeting. The section on electronic votes was also updated to be clearer. This process will be explained more fully in the Policies & Procedures Manual, which is being written.

6. Article VII — Duties of the Elected Officers of the Executive Committee: Language was added referring to a Nominating Committee (see Article VIII below) and also adding an option for Co-VPs.

7. Article VIII — SRCC Committees: Added a new standing committee: The Nominating Committee, which shall work year-round. The nominations process will be discussed in more detail in the Policies & Procedures document. Language was added clarifying when committees should report and also added an option for nonmembers to advise committees.

8. Article IX — Amendment of the SRCC Bylaws: Removed language that required that notice of the proposed bylaws revision must be printed in the SRCC newsletter.

The Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee consists of Jo Webber, Dan Fredine, Carol Martin, and Gretchen Otto.

—Gretchen Otto, SRCC Bylaws Committee Chair

Don't Forget to VOTE!

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2026

Last Day to Register to Vote: Monday, October 5

Last Day to Apply for Ballot By Mail:

Friday, October 23

Early Voting Starts: Monday, October 19

Early Voting Ends: Friday, October 30

Last Day to Vote: November 3

STEP INTO AUSTIN'S WONDERWOOD!

Saturday, October 17 | 10 AM–1 PM

LITTLE STACY NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

Bring the whole family to SRCC's inaugural Roots & Wings Festival! Enjoy a morning of outdoor fun and discovery as kids explore the park, learn about local trees, birds and wildlife, and enjoy hands-on nature activities. It's a fun way to connect with nature—and your neighbors!

Bring the kids, your curiosity, and your sense of adventure.
We can't wait to see you there!

—Mary Fealkoff, SRCC President
Ken Burnett, Co-Vice President

SRCC
SOUTH RIVER CITY CITIZENS
OUR NEIGHBORS. OUR COMMUNITY. OUR FUTURE.

Roots & Wings

Austin's WonderWoods
A COMMUNITY NATURE FESTIVAL

FREE GIVEAWAYS FOR KIDS

- Nature Kits for Kids
- Tree Saplings
- Tree Guides for Central Texas
- Grow Green Landscape Plant guides
- Seed balls
- Flower packets

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

LITTLE STACY NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
1401 SUNSET LN, AUSTIN, TX

A morning of outdoor fun as kids explore the park, learn about local trees, birds and wildlife, and participate in hands-on nature activities.

*Nature connects us—
and stronger-neighbors
build brighter futures!*

TREES BIRDS WILDLIFE KIDS COMMUNITY



Nov. 7-8, 2026 • 11-5



Fall 2026 Travis Heights Art Trail November 7 & 8

This year, we are celebrating the 24th year of this Travis Heights Art Trail, the only grassroots art show, entirely run and managed by the artists themselves. It has become a wonderful tradition in our neighborhood, so please join us to explore the unique and extraordinary artwork that will be on display during those two days. You can walk around our lovely, historic Travis Heights neighborhood and enjoy a variety of arts and crafts from 87 Austin artists. You can visit with them and learn how they became artists and how they created their wares. In addition, you will

find artwork from nonprofit groups, such as Art from the Streets, Adventures Academy, and others. Who knows, you just may find that special item you've been searching for. See the above pictures to get an idea. We invite you to help us maintain this wonderful tradition which gives so much to our city, our neighborhood, and to our talented artists; we all benefit in significant ways by supporting the art trail. Look for the signs and banners and join us on November 7 and 8 from 11 am–5 pm. If you have questions, please call or email Charlotte or Cheryl.

—Charlotte Bell, 512-447-2150
Cheryl Rae, cherylrae7@gmail.com

Parks and Environment

Please join friends and neighbors for two upcoming fall events in our SRCC-area parks.

On Saturday, November 7, Austin Parks Foundation is holding an “It’s My Park Day” program for invasive plant removal at Blunn Creek Nature Preserve. We will meet at 8:30 a.m. at 900 St. Edward’s Drive. We invite you to come and join us for a cool (probably) and productive (definitely!) morning at the preserve. If you would like to give us a hand, just register at <https://www.givepulse.com/event/929114-its-our-blunn-preserve> so we can know to expect you.

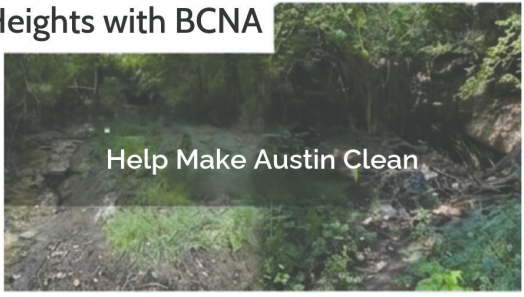
In addition, Make Austin Clean is organizing a creek cleanup (maybe you will find a treasure) in Blunn Creek Greenbelt on Saturday, November 14, at 8 a.m. Anyone interested in this clean-up effort is urged to meet us at 700 East Live Oak Street at the Big Stacy Pool parking lot. Volunteers may register for that event at <https://www.givepulse.com/event/932385>.

It would be great to see as many of you as possible. I guarantee you will feel energized and gratified after the workouts. If you’d like more information, please contact David Todd at dtodd@wt.org.

—David Todd, Parks and Environment Chair



Trash Talks & Walks™ - Help Clean Blunn Creek in Travis Heights with BCNA



Help Make Austin Clean

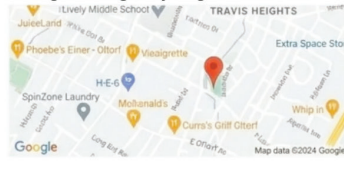
Sat, Nov 14, 2026, 8-10am (CT)

 Registration Open  29 Spots Remaining

 Volunteer/Service Opportunity  All Ages

 Austin, Texas

Location
700 E Live Oak St, Austin, Texas
Parking Lot at Big Stacy Neighborhood Pool





<https://www.givepulse.com/event/932385>

Fall 2026 SRCC Meeting Calendar

General Membership Meetings

October 20

November 17

(no meeting December 22!)

Executive Committee Meetings

November 3

December 8

South River City Citizens Meetings

3rd Tuesdays of most months starting at 7:00 p.m.

See srccatx.org for details about how to attend.

We thank all of our officers, area coordinators, committees, and representatives for their dedication to our community!
Contact your area coordinators for SRCC questions, volunteer opportunities, or to help out at a meeting.

Area Coordinators

Area 1

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Theresa Consentino (Co-Chair)
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Brooks Kasson
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Area 4a

Volunteers needed

Area 4b

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Volunteer needed

Area 5

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Area 7

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Standing Committees

Planning & Zoning

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Historic Preservation

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Barbara Cilley (Co-Chair)
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Russell Fraser

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Ruth Casarez (Co-Chair & Newsletter Editor)

Newsletter Designer,

Volunteer needed

Representatives

Austin Neighborhood Council

Betty Weed andrep@srccatx.org

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Greater South River City NPCT (GSRC)

South Central Coalition
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South Central Waterfront

Volunteer needed

St. Edwards

Volunteer needed

Travis Heights Art Trail

Charlotte Bell 512-447-2150

Travis Park Apt/Austin Interfaith

Volunteer needed

South Central Affordable CDC

Mary Friedman
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SRCC Officers

President Mary Fealkoff

president@srccatx.org

Co-Vice Presidents Robin Sanders & Kenneth

Burnett

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Secretary Volunteer needed

secretary@srccatx.org

Treasurer Will Andrews

treasurer@srccatx.org

Membership Secretary Mary Friedman

membership@srccatx.org

Membership

Become a member and be eligible to vote! Join or renew online at srccatx.org.
To pay via PayPal, go to srccatx.org/membership-dues/ or send a check made payable to SRCC, along with this completed form to: **SRCC, Attention: Treasurer, P.O. Box 40632, Austin, TX. 78704** Family memberships: provide names of each family member (adults residing at the same address). When paying via PayPal, include the names of family members in the Instructions to Merchant or Shipping Details areas. Dues are not tax-deductible. If dues lapse, renew before a meeting and be eligible to vote. New members can vote after 28 days.

Date: _____

Name(s): _____

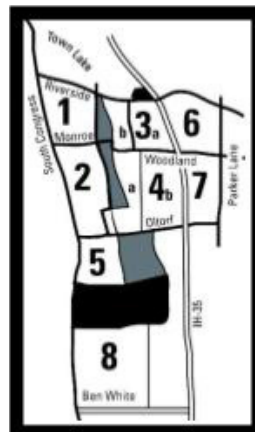
Address: _____

SRCC Area (see map): _____ Phone(s): _____

Email(s): _____

Number of years (circle one): 1 2 3

Membership (circle one): Individual Family



Membership Levels

# Years	Individual	Family
1	\$20	\$35
2	\$35	\$65
3	\$50	\$95

Membership Fees Due: \$ _____

Additional Donation
to SRCC General Fund: \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____



Sign up online today!
srccatx.org/membership