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#### EVENTS CALENDAR

**Tuesday, October 2:** National Night Out Parties. 7 pm to 9 pm. Look for signs on your block for party location.

**Monday, October 8:** Crestview Neighborhood Association Meeting. 7 pm at the Crestview United Methodist Church, 1300 Morrow St. Agenda: Presentation of Prop J (CodeNEXT) and Prop K (City Efficiency Audit) on the November 6 ballot including Q & A. Updates on other events and projects.

**Tuesday, October 9:** Last day to register to vote.

**Thursday, October 11:** Brentwood Elementary School Welcome Walk at 9 am. Please contact Brentwood Elementary at 512-414-2039 for more information.

**Saturday, October 20:** Annual Brentwood Elementary School PTA Halloween Carnival from 3 pm – 6 pm. See article on page 3.

**Sunday, October 21:** Oktoberfest! 3 pm – 6 pm at the Crestview Shopping Center. See article.

**Monday, October 22 - Friday, November 2:** In-person early voting.

**Saturday, October 27:** Roots & Wings Festival in Brentwood Park from 9 am to 12 pm. See article on page 5.

**Saturday, November 3:** Friends of Brentwood Park Work Day from 9 am to 12 pm. See article on page 5.

**Tuesday, November 6:** Election Day

**Saturday, November 10:** 9 am to 11 am: Hazardous Household Materials Drop Off at the Crestview United Methodist Church. See article on page 4 for details.

## What Is Proposition J and Why Does It Matter?

The “CodeNEXT” citizen petition initiative will be on the ballot this November as Proposition J. If Austin voters approve Proposition J, as the initiative states “there shall be both a waiting period and voter approval by election before CodeNEXT (or any sub-revisions of the City’s land legally effective”. A “yes” means voters will have to approve CodeNEXT or the next CodeNEXT; a “no” vote means council may enact a comprehensive land code revision without voter approval, as is currently the law. Proposition J gives Austinites **a choice** when it comes to comprehensive revisions of our land-development laws.

*“Proposition J is pro-democracy.”*

There has been a lot of misinformation over the last few weeks about Proposition J. Here are a few of the most common myths being spread about Proposition J, along with the facts that Austin voters need to know:

**MYTH:** CodeNEXT is dead, so Proposition J is irrelevant.

**FACT:** While CodeNEXT was “suspended” by the Council this August and the brand-name “CodeNEXT” may be gone, Austin’s mayor and city council have expressed a desire to “reboot” or “restart” the controversial land-redevelopment plan after this November’s election. If Austin residents pass Proposition J, they will be given the right to decide whether or not that reboot becomes law. The same will hold true for any comprehensive revision of our land-development laws, regardless of how the City of Austin chooses to package it.

**MYTH:** Proposition J is anti-growth.

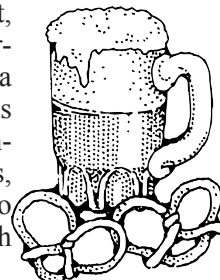
**FACT:** Proposition J is neither pro-growth nor anti-growth. Proposition J is pro-democracy. Proposition J simply calls for voter approval of comprehensive, once-in-a-generation revisions of Austin’s land-development laws.

**MYTH:** Proposition J calls for a three-year waiting period before changes can be made to our land code, delaying new developments.

*See Proposition J, continued on page 4*

## Oktoberfest 2018

Ready your lederhosen and dirndls for the 3rd Annual Oktoberfest on Sunday, October 21st from 3-6 pm in the Crestview Shopping Center! Arlan’s and Little Deli are once again the major sponsors for this fun event, with collaboration from Crestview and Brentwood Neighborhood Associations. Purchase a \$10 plastic cup, or upgrade to a commemorative beer stein to hold your FREE BEER! Proceeds from the cup sales will go to the Brentwood Playground Improvement Project. Czech Melody Masters will provide tunes, and Tiny Tails petting zoo will keep the kids happy. Want to help? Email Nancy Barnard at [okrasalad@gmail.com](mailto:okrasalad@gmail.com) or watch for the call for volunteers coming soon!



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## Crestview Artist Profile – Jeff Bent

By Marilyn Querejazu

Jeff Bent is a sculptor and ceramic artist. He creates functional and decorative ceramic pieces in his studio on Pasadena. You can see his work at [sporecloud.com](http://sporecloud.com), on etsy (<https://www.etsy.com/uk/shop/Sporecloud>) and by making an appointment to visit his studio ([bentjeff@gmail.com](mailto:bentjeff@gmail.com)).

Jeff graduated from high school in Canada with a love for drawing comic books. At university he had several great professors who helped his young mind see the wider world of art and gave him an appreciation of art history. Although his first love is sculpting, when he moved to Austin he took up ceramics. Soon after he built his home up a potter's wheeling gorgeous ceramic methods.

Jeff is impressed with the Austin community, how welcoming new talent, and how ent specialists "get nity includes Greater Association, the Tex- and others.

Jeff enjoys visiting campus), Dimensions local pottery shops Burnet Road). He is

by the sculpture ensemble on the south side of the Kimbell in Fort Worth on the grass courtyard. You can see it here [www.kimbellart.org/collection-object/constellation-louis-kahn](http://www.kimbellart.org/collection-object/constellation-louis-kahn).

Jeff is also a high school art teacher. He wants to communicate to kids to keep making art even if you think you're not good at it. No matter the value of the product, the process will open your mind to new ways of thinking and problem solving.

## For ceramic gifts, inspiration, classes:

Austin Pottery – Studio and Gallery  
5442 Burnet Road

Feats of Clay  
4630 Burnet Road

## Coming Soon

EAST – annual east Austin studio tour, Nov 10 and 11 and Nov 17 and 18. See <http://east.bigmedium.org/> for details. EAST will include Revelry Makers Market on Saturday Nov. 17th at the Browning Hangar in Mueller. Lots of local makers will be selling their work. Details will be updated on the event page on their website here: <https://thisisrevelry.com/makersmarketatx/>. I recommend the jewelry making workshop taught by Brentwood artist Ashley Delose (first come first serve; approximately 20 people or until supplies run out).

Blue Genie Art Bazaar starts on Friday Nov. 23rd and is open through Christmas Eve. <https://bluegenieartbazaar.com/shopping/>. To rest your bones after shopping, just next door is Brewtorium (German style beers and food).

## Get Outa Town

Albany, Texas – The Old Jail Art Center

OK, this is a 3.5-hour drive from Crestview. But with the right company it would be a fantastic art outing. The permanent collection has over 2000 works of art including modern drawings, paintings and prints by well-known American artists such as John Marin, John Sloan, Charles Demuth, and Thomas Hart Benton and Europeans such as Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Paul Klee, Amedeo Modigliani, Pablo Picasso, and Joan Miro. The current exhibits look equally intriguing.

Somehow a collection worthy of any large city is here in Albany, Texas. Put all this in a restored 1878 jail, and you have a perfect day trip. Plan your trip with a look at the Old Jail Art Center's web site: <http://theojac.org/>. Find lodging here: <http://www.albanytexas.com/lodging-in-albany/>



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## Howdy Neighbor

by Mike Lavigne, CNA President

Election time is upon us! This November there are all sorts of important elections to be decided on at the federal and state levels, but the things that have the greatest impact on our daily lives are often decided locally. This year there are many propositions on the ballot. Props A-G are bond propositions, and H and I are amendments to the city charter. There is a plethora of information about those online and in the media. However, the last two, J and K are more hotly contested, and the dividing lines are less clear.

Mayor Adler has called them “a joke”. This seems to be his normal reaction when thousands of citizens sign a petition he disagrees with or questions his stance on things in our neighborhoods. I’m here to tell you that these are no joke. As a matter of fact, they are quite serious and could prevent him and his real estate developer buddies from maintaining a stranglehold over city government.

Prop J would require a citywide election on the next iteration of CodeNEXT or whatever the new name they come up with for our land development code rewrite. Adler claims that land development codes are too complicated for us simple citizens to understand, and these decisions are best left to developers and city staff. If you’ve ever dealt with either, you can decide if they are that much smarter than you and I!

Prop K calls for an independent audit of our city’s expenditures. Despite misleading ballot language, it could potentially save our city millions of dollars and lead to better policies. The best argument I’ve heard against it is that we already have audit reports that demonstrate massive bad actions and waste in city government that have been shelved because of the mayor’s discomfort. It’s your call if that is a reason not to have increased transparency.

At our October 8th meeting we will have folks familiar with these propositions on hand to explain them in further detail and answer your questions. I encourage you to bring tough questions and see for yourself if you think they are worthy of your vote.

The only other city item on the ballot in our area will be the mayoral election. There are a number of people on the ballot for the position. The most mainstream candidates that have put their hat in the ring are Laura Morrison, a former City Council member, engineer and strident ally against CodeNEXT and Todd Phelps, a small business owner, musician and fiscal hawk.

I encourage you to learn more about the candidates and most importantly - GO VOTE!

I’ll leave you with the best news I can think of: FREE BEER!

Violet Crown Oktoberfest is October 21 in the Crestview Shopping Center. This is a great time and an incredible way to meet your neighbors. I always make new friends at this event, and it is one of my favorite ways our community comes together. Put it on your calendars, and get ready for what will surely be a memorable experience!

### Brentwood Elementary Fall Festival

The PTA-sponsored Halloween Carnival is an annual family-fun event rain or shine. We have games, prizes, snacks, and entertainment for the whole family to enjoy. Carnival goers are invited to wear costumes. Please join us on Saturday, October 20, 2018 from 3 pm to 6 pm on the school grounds

Ticket Sales: Discounted tickets for sale October 17-19 (Wednesday – Friday) before and after school. Full-price tickets available at the carnival. For more information: <https://brentwoodpta.com/annual-events/halloween-carnival/>



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FACT: Proposition J does call for a waiting period before any comprehensive revision of our land-development laws can be implemented, but we expect that waiting period to last one year or less. Proposition J's waiting period, according to the initiative, "is to ensure voters can learn about the [council's] proposed comprehensive revisions and elect council members with sufficient time to amend or reject the prior council's comprehensive revisions." During the waiting period, the Council and staff have the option to implement interim measures and pilot projects. Proposition J applies only to once-in-a-generation revisions of Austin's land-development laws like CodeNEXT, not specific development projects, incremental changes to the law, or individual programs like flooding mitigation and affordable-housing initiatives.

MYTH: Land-development laws are too complicated for voters to weigh in on.



FACT: Austin residents are capable of voting on complicated things, and they do so every time they are asked to weigh in on bond packages, charter amendments, and other big issues. Our land-development laws have just as much impact on their homes and neighborhoods, if not more. Proposition J simply calls for a public vote on any comprehensive revision of those laws—it doesn't call for residents to rewrite those laws or shape them in any way.

MYTH: Proposition J is supported only by affluent homeowners.

FACT: Proposition J is supported by a wide variety of grassroots groups throughout our community, including the Austin NAACP, PODER, and the Save Our Springs Alliance (SOS), just to name a few.

Want to learn more? Visit [LetUsVoteAustin.org](http://LetUsVoteAustin.org) to get more info.

## Household Hazardous Products Drop Off

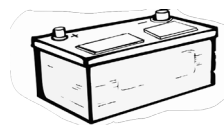
A recycling collection of household hazardous products will be held by the Crestview Neighborhood Association and Crestview United Methodist Church in the church parking lot at 1300 Morrow Street on Saturday, November 10. Items will be accepted from 9 am to 11 am (unless the trailer fills up before 11 am). Simply drive up and volunteers will help unload your items. The city requests that you give your zip code for their records so a volunteer will ask for that.

They can accept ONLY:

- Large batteries (please recycle small batteries at Batteries Plus or Lowe's)
- Oil of all kinds (in a closed container)
- Paint of all kinds, wet or dry (in a closed container)
- Antifreeze (in a closed container)

No other items will be accepted; no electronic items this time.

Volunteers from the neighborhood will be needed! If interested, please contact Elaine Stegant at [atxes1945@gmail.com](mailto:atxes1945@gmail.com)

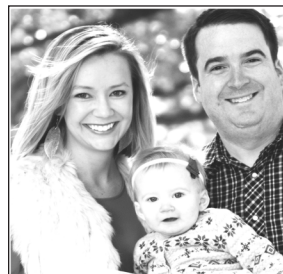


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## Friends of Brentwood Park Fall Work Day

By Denman Globler Netherland, FOBP

Calling All Park Lovers! It's My Park Day (IMPD) Fall 2018 is scheduled for Saturday, November 3rd from 9 am to 12 pm and is a great opportunity to get outside, give Brentwood Park some love, and meet your neighbors. IMPD is a citywide service day organized by Austin Parks Foundation and Austin Parks and Recreation and sponsored by many local businesses. Friends of Brentwood Park (FOBP) has organized projects and neighbors for IMPD at Brentwood Park each year since 2010. Over the next month, FOBP will be sending out emails with information about projects for this year's IMPD and with information about how to register and what to bring. Information will also be available through our Facebook page. If you would like to get involved with FOBP's leadership team, with the Roots and Wings Festival, or with the playground improvement project, please let us know! We can be reached through our group email address: [friendsofbrentwoodpark@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofbrentwoodpark@gmail.com)

## Roots and Wings Festival at Brentwood Park

Please mark your calendars for the Roots and Wings Festival at Brentwood Park on Saturday, October 27, from 9 am - 12 pm. Join us on Halloween weekend to explore the park, enjoy nature-based crafts, learn about our new and old trees, and celebrate in your best nature-themed costume. The Roots & Wings Festival is a combined appreciation party for Arbor Day and Monarch Appreciation Day happening at the Zilker Botanical Gardens and four neighborhood parks.

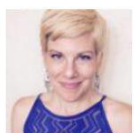
We will be releasing more details soon. In the meantime, please contact us at [friendsofbrentwoodpark@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofbrentwoodpark@gmail.com) if you would like to help with an activity or have folding tables and chairs to loan for the event.



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## Cap Metro Double Track Update

Rail crews have been focused on the completion of the track wall on the north (east) side of the right-of-way. This is nearing completion and grade preparation work and ballast delivery will be commencing. Base material will be brought in and compacted much like the bed preparation that took place on the south (west) side of the right-of-way. This work is scheduled for the later part of September and early October. Machinery noise and some dust can be expected. Track welding and tie installation will be taking place in October and November, most of which can be done during the week. All construction is still scheduled to be completed by the end of the year.

If you have questions or concerns, contact Jackie Nirenberg, Cap Metro's Community Involvement Manager: [jackie.nirenberg@capmetro.org](mailto:jackie.nirenberg@capmetro.org) or 512-369-6201.

## In Memoriam

**Leonora Schlueter**, a retired nurse and longtime Crestview resident and CNA member since 1986, passed away on July 2nd. She will be sorely missed.

**Ray Evans**, a gentleman who became friends with everyone he met, died on August 28. A successful small businessman, he had called Crestview home for a long time and had been a CNA member since 1984. Our condolences to his family and many friends.

**Bonnie Russell**, one of Crestview's earliest homeowners and a CNA member since 1994, left this life on September 13th. Everyone who knew Bonnie will miss her greatly.

**Sue B. Craig**, a bright light in the Crestview neighborhood, passed away on September 19th. She will be fondly remembered.

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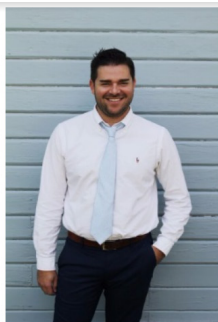


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