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# S.O.S. UPDATE

Save Our Springs Coalition Newsletter

June 1992

## S.O.S. Citizens' Initiative set for August 8

AUSTIN – Austin voters will finally get to exercise their right to vote August 8 on the Save Our Springs Citizens' Initiative to protect Barton Springs, Barton Creek and the Edwards Aquifer.

The S.O.S. Citizens' Initiative will protect the watershed by limiting impervious cover to allow for only small business and residential units; eliminating exemption loopholes as much as legally possible, and by establishing scientifically proven methods to prevent pollution.

The citizens of Austin had a long and difficult struggle to earn a spot on the ballot, with the developer dominated City Council opposing at every turn. Four councilmembers (Louise Epstein, Bob Larson, Charles Urdy, and Ronney Reynolds) went to extreme measures, including risking violation of State law in their attempt to stop this popular citizens' measure. And in a last-ditch attempt to confuse voters, Councilmember Reynolds added a proposal to the August 8 ballot which in no way is a substitute for the S.O.S. Ordinance. (See related story on page 2.)

The citizens' initiative was written by scientists, engineers, lawyers, and environmental leaders for the S.O.S. Coalition after the City Council majority last October failed to pass a strong enough

ordinance to protect Barton Springs.

The S.O.S. Coalition is composed of literally thousands of average Austin citizens and virtually every local environmental group including the Sierra Club, Texas Citizen Action, Clean Water Action and others.

These citizens have come together to exercise their legal right to protect our water resources for the public good and long-term economic health of our city.

Under the rallying cry of "Barton Springs, save it now or lose it forever," hundreds of volunteers worked for months to collect more than 35,000 signatures to gain their legal right to the election.

Opposition is being led by out-of-town developer Jim Bob Moffett of Freeport McMoRan and the Barton Creek PUD. Jim Bob is engaging in a smear campaign and has publicly threatened to "bankrupt the city" if he is not able to build all of his 4,000-acre development on Barton Springs.

The stage is now set: the election is August 8, with no-excuses, early voting (absentee) beginning Monday, July 20. It's up to every Austin citizen to protect our water supply, preserve our heritage, and provide for the long-term economic health of our community.

## What is S.O.S.?

The City Council has failed to pass a strong enough ordinance to protect Barton Springs, so the citizens have taken action. The S.O.S. Ordinance, initiated by the united environmental community and citizens of Austin, will protect Barton Creek, Barton Springs, and the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer in the following ways:

1. The S.O.S. Ordinance will limit impervious cover (pavement, buildings, etc.) to 15% in the entire recharge zone, 20% in the contributing zone within the Barton Creek watershed, and 25% in the remainder of the contributing zone of the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer. By contrast, the City Council-adopted ordinance allows up to 70% impervious cover at highway intersections.

Even Dr. Charles Woodruff, the expert geologist for Circle C Development, Freeport McMoRan, and the Highway Department, has recommended that "impervious cover should be minimized across the recharge zone and contributing area."

2. The S.O.S. Ordinance will eliminate exemptions to the greatest extent possible. By contrast, more than 86% of all previously proposed developments – 524 out of 603 – more than 17,000 acres – are exempt from the City Council-adopted ordinance.

3. The S.O.S. Ordinance establishes a "pollution prevention standard" using a nationally tested, scientifically sound method based on pollution loadings. By contrast, the City Council-adopted ordinance uses an unproved, experimental method based on pollution concentrations. The current ordinance ignores pesticides, herbicides, heavy metals, and other pollutants that are addressed by the S.O.S. Ordinance.

4. The S.O.S. Ordinance attempts to reduce the risks of accidental contamination of Barton Springs, the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer, and other streams within the City of Austin and its extraterritorial jurisdiction. By contrast, the City Council-adopted ordinance

## List of business support growing

On Earth Day 1992, eighty-five Austin businesses endorsed the Save Our Springs Citizens' Initiative. They stated that a "clean environment is the most important part of a healthy economy and the S.O.S. Initiative will be good for Austin's economy long into the future."

John Mackey, C.E.O. of Whole Foods Market, says, "We believe that the implementation of the S.O.S. Initiative Ordinance is essential to protect the most precious of all of Austin's natural resources from further degradation – Barton Springs and the Barton Creek Watershed."

"Protection of the Barton Springs region will have a positive effect on the long-term economic growth for the city of Austin," states Mark Tschurr, President of Tschurr Technology.

Below is a list of businesses endorsing the S.O.S. Initiative. Please contact us at 472-2552 if your business supports S.O.S.

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Dobie Theater  
Dynamic Reprographics  
East Side Cafe  
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Forbidden Fruit  
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Steve Frost, P.E.  
Gallery of the Republic  
Glass Managerie  
Health Focus  
Henry, Kelly & Lowerre  
Sam Hurt  
Huts Hamburgers  
Jeffrey's Restaurant  
Katz's Deli & Bar  
Peggy Kelley, Attorney  
Kestrel Printing  
Steve Kubenka Architects  
Lamb & Lawrence, Architects  
La Zona Rosa  
Perry Lorenz  
Manuel's  
Martin Brothers Cafe  
Stephen W. McGuire  
Kirk Mitchell & Associates  
Mother's Cafe & Garden  
Natural Foods Marketing  
Nestani Design  
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Oat Willies  
Old Pecan Street Cafe  
Paradise Cafe  
Plain View Press  
Planet K  
Brecht Plauche, P.E.  
Priority Copy  
Lauren Ross, P.E.  
The Sailboat Shop

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Just nine short months ago, many people thought it couldn't be done – that more than thirty-five thousand Austinites would sign their names in support of preserving Barton Springs and protecting their water quality from rampant, unregulated development. But when a majority of the City Council reneged on their promise of environmental protection, you took matters into your own hands. The people made the difference. They would not be denied any longer.

It is abundantly clear just how far the development interests and others of their ilk will go to have their way. They have spent literally hundreds of thousands of dollars so they can continue to pollute our water and endanger the Springs – all in the name of a fast buck. Now that they see a change coming, they will spare nothing in an attempt to stop it.

Despite all of the work that has been done and progress made, we

will have to double our efforts in the coming weeks. We cannot afford to lay back or falter. In the face of the nearly unlimited resources of the opposition, it is crucial that everyone do their part to ensure success on August 8.

Save Our Springs is proud to be a part of this grassroots movement to chart the course of the city we all love. But while there are a number of roles – fund-raising, organizing, working with the media – S.O.S. can play, it cannot take the place of thousands of dedicated citizens, all committed to a common purpose. Only you can do that.

During these critical remaining weeks, the success of our efforts will rest squarely on your shoulders. It is not enough that you vote for the S.O.S. Ordinance; you have to make sure that your neighbors, your family and your friends do as well. It will take people making phone calls, stuffing envelopes, putting out signs, knocking on doors. If everyone gives 110%, there is no way we can lose.

Barton Springs: Save It Now, Or Lose It Forever.

## A brief history of the efforts to save Barton Springs

The history of Austin's efforts to save Barton Springs really begins in the mid-1970s when Austin embarked on a comprehensive planning effort for the City. Following a three-year planning effort, two city councils and two planning commissions unanimously adopted the Austin Tomorrow Plan. This plan specifically provided that development on the Barton Springs recharge and contributing zone should not cause any increase in pollution from predevelopment background conditions. The Plan also provided that "impervious cover should be minimized" on the recharge and contributing zone.

Unfortunately, the Reagan/Bush era hit in the 1980s. Banks and savings and loans were deregulated. The Austin Tomorrow Plan was thrown out the window in favor of uncontrolled growth. Literally billions of dollars poured into speculative real estate development west of Austin. These real estate dollars, through lobbyists and campaign contributions, bought exemptions, variances, and loopholes to every single ordinance that was adopted to implement the goals of Austin Tomorrow. The most startling example: over 86 percent of all developments in the Barton Springs Zone considered by the City from 1986 through 1991 were completely exempt from the Comprehensive Watershed Ordinance. Many of these projects failed with the S&L bust, costing taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars.

In June 1990 the people of Austin learned that by working together they could resurrect the vision of the Austin Tomorrow Plan. Over 800 citizens appeared at City Hall to oppose the giant Barton Creek PUD, a plan by Jim Bob Moffett and Freeport McMoRan to expand a failed Barnes/Connally project that cost taxpayers more than \$17 million.

The following chronology details some of the important dates in the struggle to fulfill the vision of Austin Tomorrow and the June 7 "Barton Creek Rebellion." The S.O.S. Citizens' Initiative is a direct, and perhaps the only logical, result of over a decade of elected officials promising to protect Barton Springs at the polls but wholly failing to do so

once elected.

**June 1990:** Barton Creek Planned Unit Development (PUD) hearing at City Council.

**June 7, 1990:** An estimated 900 Austin citizens speak to oppose the PUD. Hearing lasts until 6 a.m. the next morning.

**Nov. 20, 1990:** City Council passes a moratorium on development in the Barton Creek Watershed while the non-degradation ordinance is drafted.

**Feb. 23, 1991:** Ordinance adopted on interim basis and includes protection of watersheds contributing to Barton Springs; expires Aug. 23.

**Aug. 28, 1991:** S.O.S. Coalition formed.

**Sept. 19, 1991:** Over 100 citizens speak to the City Council regarding amendments to the interim ordinance.

**Oct. 19, 1991:** Two ordinances are considered: (1) an ordinance compiled by city staff and the planning commission and (2) a strong ordinance containing parts of the interim ordinance and recommendations by S.O.S.

The so-called "composite" ordinance passes 6-1 on first reading.

**Oct. 16, 1991:** Gus Garcia introduces amendments to strengthen the composite ordinance. The amendments fail to pass 4-2 on second reading. Nofziger and Garcia are sole supporters of stricter amendments.

**Oct. 17, 1991:** The Composite Ordinance passes on third reading.

**Nov. 5, 1991:** S.O.S. begins collecting signatures to allow citizens to vote on a strong water quality ordinance.

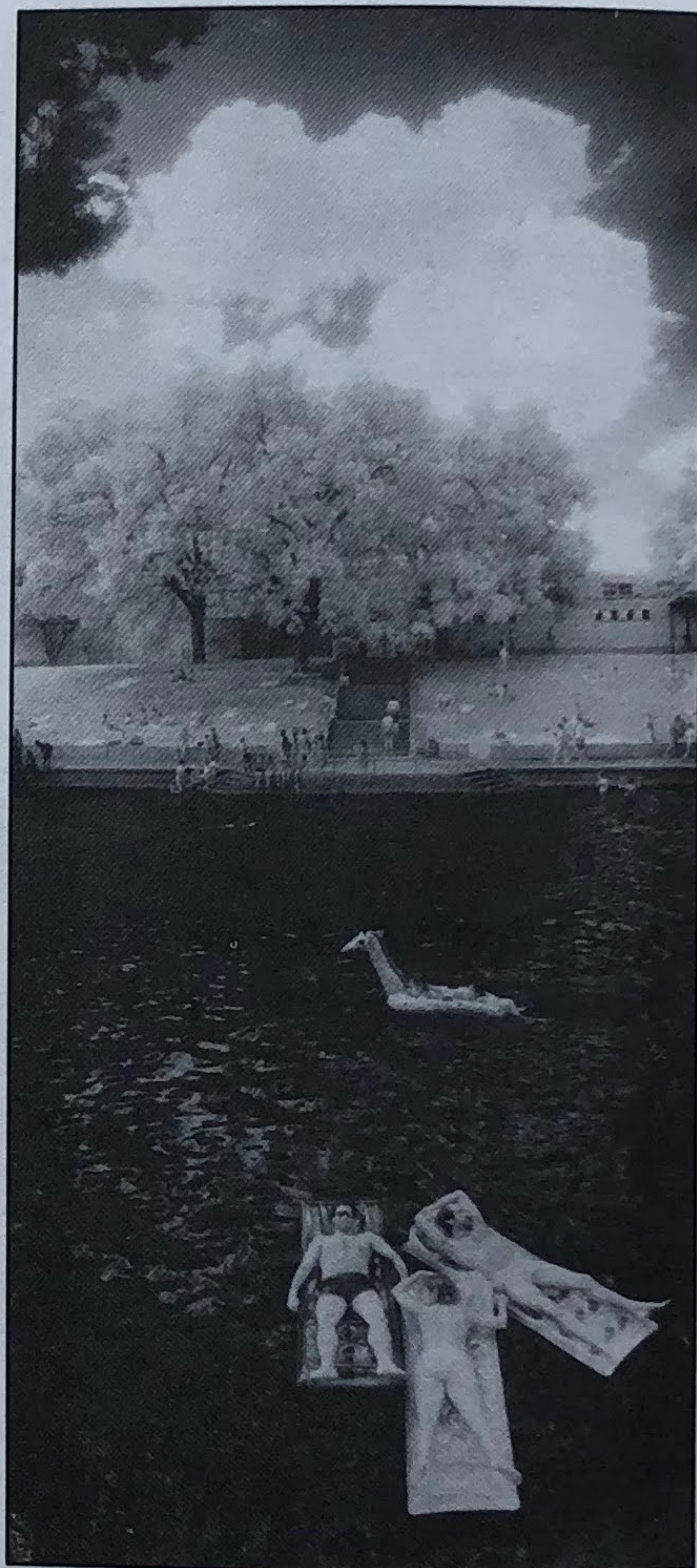
**Feb. 4, 1992:** S.O.S. submits 35,000 signatures to Austin City Clerk.

**March 13, 1992:** S.O.S. signatures certified by City Clerk.

**March 15, 1992:** Ronney Reynolds, Charles Urdy, Bob Larson, and Louise Epstein (RULE) do not attend a special called Council meeting which considers placing the S.O.S. Ordinance on a May 2 ballot.

**March 16, 1992:** Judge Jeanne Meurer orders the City Council to place the S.O.S. Ordinance on the May 2 ballot.

**March 18, 1992:** Four council members (RULE) again abstain from voting to put the



**Barton Springs Pool** photo: Eric Beggs

S.O.S. Ordinance on a May 2 ballot.

**April 23, 1992:** The City Council passes a resolution to place the S.O.S. Ordinance on an August 8 ballot.

**April, 1992:** The City Council places the "Reynolds Proposal" that "claims" to protect water quality.

**June, 1992:** The final push begins. . .

### Activists TAKE BACK BARTON SPRINGS

Clean Water Action, Texas' leading environmental lobby group, is now hiring self-motivated, articulate and dedicated individuals to fight back for Barton Springs.

If you can work the hours of 1 to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday, then you may qualify to join our citizen outreach team. Call Jamie at 474-2438.

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does nothing to minimize the already significant risk of accidental contamination.

**Q.** Will big developments be affected by the S.O.S. Ordinance?

**A.** Yes. Excessive new developments in the Barton Springs Zone pose the greatest threat to the Springs, the Creek, and our water supply, and are the primary focus of this ordinance.

**Q.** Will homeowners be affected by the S.O.S. Ordinance?

**A.** No. Existing single family homes, renovations of existing single family homes, and plans for building single family homes on already plotted lots will not be affected by the ordinance.

**Q.** Will small businesses be affected by the S.O.S. Ordinance?

**A.** No. Businesses located on existing legal lots are entitled to build up to 8,000 square

feet of impervious cover without being affected by this ordinance.

### WHO IS THE S.O.S. COALITION?

S.O.S. is a coalition of citizen and environmental groups headed by Mary Arnold (President of We Care Austin), Helen Ballew (Director of the Hill Country Foundation's Barton Springs Initiative), Bill Bunch (environmental attorney), Clean Water Action, Tim Curtis (Executive Director of Texas Citizen Action), Jack Goodman (President of Save Austin's Neighborhoods and Environment), Jackie Goodman (President of Save Barton Creek Association), Bryan Hale (President of Travis Audubon Society), Ann Kitchen (of Austin Women's Political Caucus), Mary Ann Neely (Co-Director of Texas Clean Water Action), Austin Sierra Club, and Texas Citizen Action. Brigid Shea is the director for the S.O.S. Coalition.



# S.O.S. blasts Reynolds' do-nothing proposal

The Reynolds proposal does nothing to prevent future pollution of the aquifer and nothing to preserve water quality. In fact, his plan encourages more development on top of the aquifer while study after study is done.

A specific comparison between the two proposals shows the Reynolds' plan is completely silent on the two major issues of the S.O.S. Citizens' Initiative – the need to limit impervious cover and a “pollution prevention” standard that allows no new pollution from new development.

Further, Reynolds' plan barely addresses the critical issue in the S.O.S. Citizens Initiative – the need to close the loopholes that allow excessive amounts of development that causes pollution. Reynolds' plan says only that all must comply with the program for water quality monitoring – with no mention of consequences for polluting. The most accurate description of Reynolds' plan was offered by Councilman Max Nofziger who said it was designed to confuse and complicate matters.

Reynolds' proposal commissions no less than five plans, including a plan to pay for the plans and to identify the paid consultants

to do the studies. Rather than calling this the “Regional Action Plan,” it should be called the “Reynolds' Pollute Now, Pay Later Plan.”

Under the retrofit section that deals with cleaning up current pollution caused by excessive development, tax payers are hit hardest. The taxpayers pay the bill for cleaning-up after the developers – and does nothing to prevent future pollution. The developers and the engineers who built the polluting subdivisions outside the city, like Lost Creek, should pay to clean up the mess, not the citizens of Austin.

Rather than an action plan, Reynold's proposal is merely a plan to study pollution it does nothing to prevent pollution. It's like saying “we should all work to reduce pollution, whereas the S.O.S. Initiative gets tough on polluters.”

Reynolds' real reason for his proposal is to kill the S.O.S. Citizens' Initiative. Reynolds' purpose was made clear when he voted against passage of his own ordinance. Mr. Reynolds is hiding behind a do-nothing document that sounds good and confuses people into thinking that they're really doing something to protect the Springs.

## Citizens speak out

*Austin citizens have joined in financial support of S.O.S. An outpouring of donations of less than \$50 have been the financial base for the Save Our Springs Coalition. Many donations are accompanied with notes of support and encouragement to continue in the fight to Save Barton Springs. Below are a few of the actual letters that S.O.S. has received.*

*“I am happy to contribute to a group fighting greed and pollution. My daughter was raised in Austin, but now lives in Germany and visits with our two granddaughters every two years. She was appalled last summer to find that Barton Springs has to be closed at intervals because of fecal pollution. Just think what four more golf courses will do!!”*

*“Keep up the good work -- surely we can win.”*

*“We appreciate the effort, energy and leadership you exhibit. ... Don't let the one-on-one confrontations with a wimp like Bradley wear your reservoir of energy and perseverance down. When you get tired or discouraged stop to reflect for a moment that the majority of the people (school kids, retired folks, etc.) are with you.”*

*“I pray every night that we can make a difference in our community over the “big money” and give something to everyone, something priceless.”*

*“I have not much money but I hope it will help. Thank you so much for your strength and endurance in this most important fight. I hope we can help.”*

## SAVE BARTON CREEK ASSOCIATION

ANNOUNCES

**Barton Springs Day '92**

**June 7 All Day Zilker Park**

**FOOD! FUN! ENTERTAINMENT**

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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| 8 a.m.         | 5K Run/Walk    Register at Run-Tex   |
| 11 a.m.-7 p.m. | Arts & Crafts Show: More than 50 Artists   |
| 11 a.m.-dark   | Family Picnic: Food and Beverages by Threadgill's; Lone Star Bock; Amy's Ice Cream; Whole Foods Juice Bar                                |
| 3-5:30 p.m.    | Variety Show: Esther's Follies; Turk Pipkin; Gilbert and Sullivan Society performing "The Mikado"  |
| 5:30-9:30 p.m. | Free Concert; Zilker Hillside Theatre: Austin Lounge Lizards, Susanna Sharpe and the Samba Police, Will Sexton, Paul Ray, Lou Ann Barton |

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Whole Foods Market, Inc.  
Wilderness Supply  
Women's Way  
Wylie's Bar & Grill

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## S.O.S. UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday, June 13, 4-7 p.m.    Wheatsville Summer Kick-Off Cook-Out**

Tons of barbecue and live music! Come eat, drink, and be merry! All proceeds go to S.O.S.  
Wheatsville Co-Op, 3101 Guadalupe

**Saturday, June 20, 7-10 p.m.**

**Poetry Reading and Music Recital, "Barton Springs Is ..."**

Join a half dozen local poets and musicians on the last day of spring in celebrating Barton Springs. Works will be performed that have been inspired by and for the Springs.

**Parkside Community School, 1701 Toomey Road (South of Lamar & Riverside)**

Admission by Donation

**Wednesday, July 1, 7:30 p.m.    Private S.O.S. Screening of "Mindwalk"**

You're invited to an exclusive screening of the critically acclaimed film, "Mindwalk," a film for passionate thinkers. The story offers an approach for healing the planet via an ecological view.  
**Dobie Theatre; Admission \$5**

**Sunday, July 19, 6-9 p.m.    Esther's Follies presents S.O.S. "Bid for the Springs" Auction**

Join us at Esther's Follies on Sixth Street for this event you won't want to miss. You'll have an opportunity to bid on artwork from well-known local and national artists, as well as other merchandise ranging from fine antiques and jewelry to dinners for two!

**Sunday, August 2, 6-10 p.m.    "Please Save Our Springs and Get Out And Vote" Party!**

Count down the final week before the August 8 election in style with a great musical line-up!  
**La Zona Rosa, 612 W. 4th**

And coming sometime in late July ... **Fabulous Thunderbirds Concert!** Stay tuned for details!

**We need phoners for Barton Springs.**

**Call Madeleine Pearsall, 472-2552.**



# Be wary of those who come bearing false profits

In the coming weeks, the citizens of Austin will be subjected to a barrage of misinformation by developers' representatives opposing the S.O.S. Citizens' Initiative to protect Barton Springs.

Already, in forums and in printed material being distributed around the city, a clear pattern of spreading confusion, fear, and misinformation has developed.

It is important that each Austinite learn as much information as possible about the S.O.S. Ordinance and be aware of the source of any wildly negative claims. Remember, these are the same people who assured us that Barton Creek Mall wouldn't pollute Barton Creek and have supported the anti-environment Council majority.

The following is a short list of the most common attacks by developers and their representatives:

**1. Developer representatives say:** "The S.O.S. Coalition is a small group of environmental extremists."

**The Facts:** The S.O.S. Coalition is the broadest coalition of environmental and civic groups ever assembled in town. Groups such as the Sierra Club, Clean Water Action, and Texas Citizen Action are members along with the leaders of other major groups. The Coalition has hundreds of volunteers and numerous contributors, and the list is still growing. The S.O.S. Coalition includes the 35,000 Austinites who signed the petition and more than 100 Austin businesses.

**2. Developer representatives say:** "The S.O.S. Ordinance is a 'no growth' ordinance."

**The Facts:** The "no growth" argument has been used to oppose every water quality ordinance in Austin history, and is patently false. The S.O.S. Ordinance only applies to less than one-fifth of the land in the Austin area. It allows for reasonable, nonpolluting development; 15% to 25% impervious cover.

The S.O.S. Ordinance does not apply to single tract family home construction, renovation or repair. It protects small landowners by allowing up to 8,000 square feet of impervious cover on pre-existing lots.

**3. Developer representatives say:** "The S.O.S. Ordinance will destroy our tax base."

**The Facts:** Again, the "destroy our tax base argument" is an old one, and clearly false. The S.O.S. Ordinance applies to only one-fifth of the land in Austin's jurisdiction. Simple supply and demand will mean that future growth will shift to other parts of our City and property values will increase. Additionally, protecting Barton Springs and our environment will keep Austin attractive to new business and residents, and will assure our long-term economic health.

We will also save millions in future tax

dollars by avoiding extremely expensive clean-up costs we would have to pay to "retrofit" or clean polluting developments.

Dr. Milton L. Holloway, of Southwest Econometrics, Inc., commissioned by the City of Austin to study the economic impacts of proposed land development code change, states that "proposed rules to limit development in the Zone will have modest economic consequences for the City Budget and the Austin economy. By far, the largest impact will be on the construction and development community that have substantial investments in undeveloped property in the Zone. Those persons already located in the Zone, or those with protection from compliance with the new rules, will have either an enhanced quality of surroundings or improved property values, or both."

**4. Developer representatives say:** "The Ordinance violates state and federal law."

**The Facts:** The S.O.S. Ordinance was drafted by a team of lawyers, scientists, and environmental leaders with many years of experience in water quality and municipal law issues. The S.O.S. Ordinance is legally sound. Why else would Barton Creek developers fight it so hard? They know when it passes they will have to comply.

**5. Developer representatives say:** "The S.O.S. Ordinance will result in an unconstitutional 'taking' of private property."

**The Facts:** No one, public or private, has the right to pollute. The public's right to regulate property use to protect public water supplies is well documented. The Ordinance does not "take" private property, rather it puts reasonable restrictions to prevent pollution of our most valuable water resources.

**6. Developer representatives say:** "The City's current ordinance is the strongest watershed ordinance in the nation."

**The Facts:** This argument has more holes than the aquifer itself! City staff reported in October 1991 that 87% or 524 of the 603 de-

velopment projects presented under the previous ordinance were exempt. That means that did not have to comply with the ordinance. Many other projects were granted large variances. The City's current ordinance extended indefinitely almost all of these exemptions by only eliminating one out of thirteen exemption categories.

Finally, numerous communities such as Fairfax County, Va., and Durham County, N.C., have far more restrictive ordinances to protect their water supply watersheds, with restrictions of 5-, 10-, and 20-acre minimum lot sizes, with 6% impervious cover limitations, and with "no-exemption" policies.

**7. Developer representatives say:** "The S.O.S. Ordinance will result in more pollution because it will require the use of septic systems."

**The Facts:** The Ordinance prohibits any increase in pollution. It does not require either septic systems or a central sewer. Areas that have sewers nearby will likely hook-up to that sewer. Other areas may use on-site septic systems. These systems are shown to be effective in protecting water quality provided the development served is low-density and current regulations are followed.

**8. Developer representatives say:** "The Ordinance ignores the real problem, which is pollution from existing development."

**The Facts:** The City Charter prohibits citizens' initiatives from allocating funds that could be used to clean existing pollution sources. The S.O.S. Ordinance does require that whatever funds are spent on cleaning existing development be spent on the most effective and cost efficient methods. Unfortunately, the City Council has failed to pursue a meaningful clean-up program.

Listen, learn and watch for developer misinformation. All citizens must protect themselves from the misinformation campaign.

**Barton Springs: Save it Now, or Lose it Forever!**

## PERSONALS

**WANTED:** 50,000 VOTERS needed on August 8 who want to preserve Barton Creek for future generations.

**REGISTER TO VOTE:** Friends of Barton Creek can register to vote before July 9 and be eligible to vote on August 8.

**CAMPAIGN DESIROUS:** S.O.S. Campaign desirous of three hundred people willing to walk blocks. Hard work involved -- great rewards. Call 472-2552.

**BARTON SPRINGS:** We met in the summer. You were shimmering blue and refreshing. It was love at first sight. Don't let Jim Bob come between us. Looking for wild party on August 8.

**DESPERATELY SEEKING PROTECTED BARTON CREEK** -- Seeking to keep Austin attractive. People seek clean place to raise families and make a living. No short-term, short sighted growth at any cost people need apply.

**VOTE EARLY SO BARTON CREEK CAN LIVE ON!**

Early voting begins July 20 and ends August 4. Don't leave town without voting. Call 472-2552 for more info.

**CAMPAIGN OFFICE LONELY** -- Needs tender loving care so

that it can work effectively to protect Barton Springs. All volunteers welcome. Call 472-2552.

**OLD MAN BARTON CREEK** -- Looking for 50,000 friends so it can stay around Austin a few centuries longer. You must apply by August 8.

**YOUR \$\$\$ MEANS A LOT** -- A few bucks now mean more than all the good intentions. Send contributions to: S.O.S., P.O. Box 2046, Austin, TX 78768

**OLD RIVER WANTS TO MEET JUSTICE.** Would like to propose union. 50,000 witnesses needed on August 8 to formalize relationship.

**FANTASY** -- Jim Bob Moffett and Gary Bradley see error of ways. Give up desire to build mega-city in Barton Creek watershed and go to India to help Mother Teresa. Bradley later reaches his state of nirvana.

**FUTURE GENERATIONS SEEK ATTRACTIVE CREEK** -- Still yet a flicker, but would like chance to enjoy what we saw.

**BARTON CREEK DEPENDS ON YOU!** Vote Early Before You Leave Town. Early Voting Runs July 20 through August 4. Call 472-2552 for information.

## Save Our Springs Newsletter

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