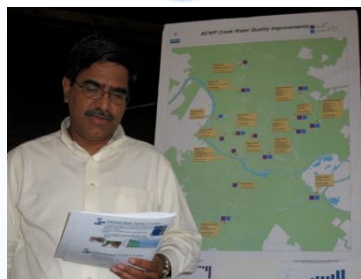


# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



## Quick Dips

*The Austin Clean Water Project's successful completion was presented to the FBSP board by Gopal Guthikonda and other officials. This citywide sewer upgrade, among other things, removed the lift station from the Barton Springs Pool parking lot.*

*We really pushed the brooms to get the Pool ready for July 4th. Service director Annie Walker led cleanings on June 25 & 27th and July 2nd. Whew! Next cleaning coming up July 23rd.*

*Fundraising director Clarke Hammond and other board members have maintained a friendly Saturday presence at the Pool with a Members Tent, giving away cool drinks and selling memberships (with tee shirts). I've spent some relaxing hours there with him.*

## What it means to restore the Pool to its rightful glory

The goal of the Friends is to restore the pool to its rightful glory. This goal has frequently been misunderstood. What does it mean?

Some see the word 'restore' and think of restoring the pool to its former glory. But we can't turn back the clock. Once the pool was cleaner, and the staff used chemicals to clean it. We can't do that now. Once the aquifer was not developed. Now it is. Once the bathhouse was new, gracious, and spacious. Now it's old, rundown, and crammed full.

To restore the pool to its former glory is a forlorn hope, because it is a dynamic system and a living thing, always moving forward.

But to restore the pool to its rightful glory is a rallying cry with vision. Restoration honors the tradition and history. And rightful glory envisions that noble state in which the pool is the grandest embodiment of itself that it has the right to be, when nature, history, recreation, and civic space are in superb balance. This is our goal.



## Barton Springs Plan Coordinating Committee forms

We've assembled leaders from a half-dozen organizations to cooperate on tracking and

supporting the Barton Springs Pool Master Plan and the short-term projects. As we proceed with implementation, it's good to have allies to share goals



and ideas.

Council adopted the master plan, but the big-ticket items will have to wait for a bond issue.

For now, we have a dozen-and-a-half short-term improvement projects that are approved and funded. We need coordination more than ever. The BSP Coordinating Committee will keep our various organizations informed about our common endeavors. Beyond that, we will work with the Joint Subcommittee, the staff, and council to keep the short-term projects on track and making sure