

CRESTVIEW & BRENTWOOD

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE



Crestview, a neighborhood in North Central Austin is like a time capsule from the post-World War II boom years. It's filled with charming bungalows and mid-century ranch homes boasting beautiful gardens and shaded by mature trees. The Crestview neighborhood, built by developer A.B. Beddow on the site of an old dairy farm, attracts people who value the quiet, relaxing environment of an established area that's just east of Northcross Mall, the geographic center of the Austin metropolitan area.



Crestview prides itself on its mellow, low-key vibe, and residents frequently walk or jog through the neighborhood, pushing strollers and leading dogs. The neighborhood is known for its friendly feel - epitomized by the Wall of Welcome, a mural along Woodrow Avenue.

Residents remain true to the area's agricultural history by supporting gardening efforts by the nonprofit Urban Patchwork, which plants crops in area yards and shares the fruits of volunteers' labors with homeowners. And Brentwood Elementary, the neighborhood primary school, is known for its organic gardening program.

In addition to planting gardens, residents cultivate a strong sense of community by planting signs on their lawns promoting school plays, church fundraisers, roadside clean-ups and community events such as the Violet Crown Festival.

Location:

The Crestview Neighborhood Association defines the neighborhood as stretching from Anderson Lane to the north and Justin Lane to the south and between Lamar Boulevard and Burnet Road (east to west). The neighborhood, which covers about 1.2 square miles, is just moments from U.S. Highway 183, which provides quick access to Interstate 35, about a mile to the east, as well as MoPac Boulevard (Loop 1), about a mile to the west.

Transportation:

In addition to its Metro Rail stop, Crestview is served by a number of bus routes that link the neighborhood to the University of Texas campus and downtown Austin. Students can ride the Pickle Research Campus (PRC) shuttle line; residents can take the #1L/M, #101, #3 or #5 bus lines to the city's downtown core. For those seeking to travel elsewhere in the city, Capital Metro operates a park-and-ride at U.S. 183 and Lamar Boulevard, just a block north of the neighborhood's northeast corner.

Amenities:

Though there are no city parks within the neighborhood's boundaries, the 9-acre Brentwood Park lies just south of Crestview, and residents make use of its basketball courts, swimming pool, playground and tennis and volleyball courts. The North Austin Optimist Club, which sponsors local youth sports activities, holds a long-term lease on a baseball and softball field on Morrow Drive just west of Lamar Boulevard.

