

# Late Backup

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Carrie Lasseter

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**Subject:** June 26, 2014 Council Meeting, Agenda Item #148  
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June 25, 2014

RE: Naming of park at 3000 Del Curto Rd. - "Tom Lasseter Park"

To: Mayor and Council Members,

First, I want you to know that my family members and speakers which I had gathered for this council meeting are leaving town the afternoon of the 26th for a family funeral in Tyler. I stayed behind to speak because the naming of this park after my dad is of utmost importance to me, and they encouraged me to do so.

Back on Thurs., June 19, I was finally allowed to share my story with the S. Lamar Neighborhood Assoc., for the first time, at their neighborhood meeting where there were 20 something attendees. As you can read in their minutes, **9 members voted to include the name "Tom Lasseter Park" as a third choice in their voting on a name**, and 11 members just wanted to vote between the name they first proposed of "Del Curto Pk." and another name they proposed (after the 90 day app. period running through Jan. 20) of "S. Lamar Neighborhood Pk." **"S. Lamar Neighborhood Pk." won with a vote of only 16 members.** (I am told that this assoc. has been divided on a name for years.)

My proposed name of "Tom Lasseter Park" was also submitted after the 90 day app. period as I explained in my June 12 email to council members that I did not know the land had been made into a park until Jan. 31, at which time I contacted Bruce Evans with the neighborhood assoc. and Greg Montes with the Parks Dept. Although I filled out an application immediately, I was not allowed by either to speak about my story or my proposed name, but was told that I had to wait until the council meeting.

Since the June 12 council meeting, the association's spokesman, Bruce Evans, who presented the name "Del Curto Pk." to council, has realized that "Tom Lasseter Park" is without question the best and right name for the park. You have an email from him supporting this name. Now, they have a new spokesman and a new name, and at this time, we have before us **only two desired names that are currently proposed.** Given the circumstances, **I am asking you not to consider the name "Del Curto Pk." since there is currently no individual or group now supporting it.**

Before I tell you why I am asking you to name the park "Tom Lasseter Park", I would also like to share that after the **assoc. vote of only 16 members** for naming the park "S. Lamar Neighborhood Pk.", **I gathered 73 signatures of residents in the immediate area of the park - all supporting the name of "Tom Lasseter Park".** I am sure that I could collect this many more in a day or two as I collected this many in a few hours on Sat. and Sun. afternoons. **Many neighbors remember my dad, and would love to see the park named after him.** I also want to make the point that after several years in existence, **this small assoc. only has 60 something members, with 20 something attending most monthly meetings,** within a boundary defined on their website that encompasses a **few thousand residents.** Therefore, **they are**

**not really representative of their neighborhood, as I have proved by gathering more signatures than they have members!** I am all for associations and community involvement, but let's involve the community we claim to represent!

**I have attached to this email the 73 signatures as well as many emails** from respected leaders such as the Natl. Director of the Navy League of the United States, the President of the local Navy League, a past Executive Director of the YMCA, representatives of the Kiwanis Club, Mitch Lasseter - son of Tom Lasseter, friends of Tom Lasseter, residents who live very close to the park – some who are members of the assoc. and some not, and others – **all supporting his name!** I believe that you have received **emails in addition to these supporting his name. Please do read all of the emails and see the list of signatures** as I feel they are important in making a decision.

Now, please let me share some facts about Tom Lasseter. **Tom Lasseter was a very well known, recognized, and respected Austin citizen and businessman from as early as the 1960's until his death at age 85 in 2011. He was always very involved in community affairs and volunteered much of his time most of his life. He was a WWII and Korean War veteran, and active member of the Naval Reserves and President of the Greater Austin Council. As a longtime Austin architect, he was involved in the design and construction of many Austin commercial buildings, downtown restorations, and downtown revitalization projects and was a member of the local chapter of the AIA. He served on the Board of Directors with the Austin Jaycees, served on the Board of Directors of the YMCA of Austin from 1966-1975. He was Federation Chief of the Austin Indian Guide Program. He was General Chairman of Austin Upturn, a two day symposium in 1980 on the revitalization of Downtown Austin. He was the first Charter member of the Kiwanis Club of Greater South Austin in 1974, and in 1994 he organized the Shady Hollow Kiwanis Club. He contributed much to this community for over 60 years.**

And last, please allow me to share a little history and background. **This park is located on the exact parcel of land that Tom Lasseter purchased in the early 1960's. When he purchased the acreage, it was outside the city limits and was a thick woods, barely walkable, with the middle of the land in a very low lying area as a creek ran through the center of the land. Tom Lasseter cleared the land by hand, carefully trimming all of the oaks and elms. He saved as many trees as possible. He then built a rock wall on both sides of the main creek bed to channel the water. Then he hauled in many, many loads of dirt to build up the entire center of the land on both outsides of the rock retaining wall. He literally "built the land" that the current park sits on. He also designed and built the bridge to drive across the creek. Then, as a licensed architect and contractor, Tom Lasseter designed and built a two story rock home – designed in the style of an old German farmhouse. This house was constructed mostly from architectural salvage gathered from the demolition of "historic" buildings in downtown Austin. This house remained on the present park property until several years ago when it was demolished as part of an agreement between the City of Austin Parks Dept. and a developer.**

Even though the home is gone, the history lives on, and I'm asking that you **preserve this history - preserve the meaning, the character, the soul of this property by naming it after a person – an individual - who was directly involved with the property and who contributed so much in the way of community service to Austin – my dad, Tom Lasseter.**

Thank you Mayor and Council Members.

Carrie Lasseter  
512-312-2613 office  
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[REDACTED]

# 73 Signatures of close neighbors to the park supporting the name "Tom Lasseter Park"

## Park Naming / Renaming Signature List

Date: June 21, 2014 Address of Naming/Renaming Request:

3000 Del Curto Rd.

To: Director of the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department

We, the representatives of property within the service radius of the requested naming/renaming change do hereby submit the required signatures in support of the suggested name of Tom Lasseter park.

Signature	Printed Name	Address
<i>Sally Merritt</i>	Sally Merritt	2201 Delcrest
<i>Sharon Roos</i>	Sharon Roos	2511 Southland Dr.
<i>Rogene Anderson</i>	Rogene Anderson	2509 Southland
<i>Peg Wallace</i>	Peg Wallace	2509 Southland
<i>Linda Villanueva</i>	LINDA VILLANUEVA	2505 Southland Drive
<i>Camilla Sanders</i>	CAMILIA SANDERS	2503 Southland Dr.
<i>Tere Romero</i>	Tere Romero	2501 Southland Dr.
<i>Ashley Dulle</i>	Ashley Dulle	2403 Southland Dr.
<i>MARGA COTT</i>	MARGA COTT	2403 Southland Dr.
<i>Margaret Ayer</i>	Margaret Ayer	2206 Delcrest
<i>Darin Davis</i>	Darin Davis	2206 Delcrest
<i>John Taylor</i>	JOHN TAYLOR	2201 DELCREST
<i>Paisley Robertson</i>	Paisley Robertson	2411 Kinney Road
<i>Cup Rech</i>	Cup Rech	2414 Kinney Rd.
<i>TANET McCracken</i>	TANET McCracken	2409 Kinney Rd.
<i>Wendy Core</i>	Wendy Core	2203 Delcrest Drive
<i>Gary Curry</i>	Gary Curry	2203 Delcrest Drive
<i>Nicholas Carneiro</i>	Nicholas Carneiro	2202 Delcrest Dr.
<i>Kelly Ward</i>	Kelly Ward	2305 Del Curto Rd.
<i>Brian Delet</i>	Brian Delet	2210 Delcrest Dr.
<i>Jennifer Johansen</i>	Jennifer Johansen	2400A Kinney A
<i>Grace Meyer</i>	Grace Meyer	1702 Ravey St.
<i>LAWRENCE McFARLAND</i>	LAWRENCE McFARLAND	1702 RAVEY ST.
<i>VEDANT SARAWATI</i>	VEDANT SARAWATI	1610A RAVEY ST.
<i>ARPITA SOMANI</i>	ARPITA SOMANI	1610A RAVEY ST.

Date: June 21, 2014

Contact Name: Carric Lasseter

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	Camille M. Perry	2211 Eva Lane 78704
	Amy Frederick	1802 Village Oak Ct 78704
	Lance K. Lewis	1806 Village Oak 78704
	Jennifer Westerman	1808 Village Oak 78704
	Steve Westerman	1810 Village Oak 78704
	Brant Pope	1812 Village Oak Ct 78704
	PAUL GARZA	1816 VILLAGE OAK CT 78704
	CAITLIN BYNOCHT	2100 DELARTO #2 78704
	Linsey McNew	1714 ACinnamon Path 78704
	LAURENCE G. SCHMIDT JR	2401 DEL CURTO Rd
	Michelle Hyden	2353 Kinney Rd 78704
	Don Swarthout	1403-B West 78704 T1
	Carol Haldeeman	2311 Kinney Rd 78704 78204
	Gary Haldeeman	2311 Kinney Rd 78704
	Michelle Hsu	2309 Kinney Rd 78704
	JUSTIN MALONE	2201 FOX LN 78704
	Jonathan Fox	2403 Southland Drive 78704
	Stacie Fox	2405 Southland Dr 78704
	Maria P. Hart	2504 Southland Dr 78704
	JOSE ROBERTO VILLANUEVA	2505 SOUTHLAND 78704
	RONA DISTENFELD	2508 SOUTHLAND DR 78704 78704
	Juan-Pablo Olivares	2512 Southland Dr 78704

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	Terence Scabury	1604 Ravey St
	Lily Villagas	2114 Kinney Rd
	Mike Moran	2210 Kinney Rd
	Alison Martin	2210 Kinney Rd
	JASON BOROWSKI	2213 IVA LN
	Cynthia Lewis	2213 Iva Lane
	Kayla Hernandez	1300 Southport Dr.
	Jonathan Hernandez	1300 Southport Dr.
	CAROL LASSETER	2205 DELCREST DR
	Robert E. Lasseter	2205 DELCREST DR
	JANE HUME	1400 Cinnamon
	Brett Taylor	1600 Cinnamon
	Ana C. Ward	1811 Light of Rd
	Bruce J. Evans	1811 Light of Rd
	SoDee Myatt	3012 Del Curto Rd
	A.J. Myatt	3012 Del Curto Rd
	David Bartwright	2700 Kinney Oaks Ct.
	Anthony H. Catonigut	2700 Kinney Oaks Ct.
	PAUL CASTLE	2901 DEL CURTO RD
	FLORENCE CASTLE	" " "
	Lee Miranda	1910 Cinnamon
	LIBBET CORTEZ	1025 Village Oak Ct.
	Jennifer Kirsch	1821 Village Oak Ct.
	Asha Nettleton	1817 Village Oak Ct.

Date: June 21, 2014

Contact Name: Carrie Lasseter

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## Carrie Lasseter

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**From:** Ann Strong [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 26, 2014 10:18 AM  
**To:** Carrie Lasseter  
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ashley.fisher@austintexas.gov  
**Subject:** Re: June 26, 2014 Council Meeting, Agenda Item #148

I have received the attached E-mail from my niece, Carrie Lasseter, and support her in her effort to name the neighborhood park after my brother, her father. All the information that she has shared with you is true and can be checked.

I would like to emphasize my brother's service to our country during the Second World War and the Korean War. Using his name for this park would not only honor a veteran, and indirectly other veterans, but it would also honor a pioneer in the neighborhood and an important citizen of our city.

Carrie has sent you ample evidence of community support. She personally interviewed over 70 residents in the neighborhood, and all offered her support for naming the park for Mr Lasseter.

Although we do not currently live in Austin, my husband and I have lived and worked in Austin for many years. We both would ask you to support our niece in her quest to honor her father and my brother.

Thank you.

Ann Lasseter Strong  
Retired Adjunct Professor  
St. Edward's University

Dr. Robert Strong  
Associate Dean, University Programs  
St. Edward's University.

On Wed, Jun 25, 2014 at 11:33 PM, Carrie Lasseter <[REDACTED]> wrote:

June 25, 2014

RE: Naming of park at 3000 Del Curto Rd. - "Tom Lasseter Park"

## Carrie Lasseter

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**From:** Mitch Lasseter [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 23, 2014 4:41 PM  
**To:** Lee.Leffingwell@austintexas.gov; Chris.Riley@austintexas.gov;  
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Jeff.Francell@austintexas.gov; bc-William.Abell@austintexas.gov; bc-  
Dale.Glover@austintexas.gov; bc-Lynn.Osgood@austintexas.gov  
**Subject:** City Park land on Del Curto Road

Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, Council Members, and Parks and Recreation Board,

I am writing to you in regards to the city park land on Del Curto Road in South Austin. I understand that the park has yet to be named and request that you consider naming the park "Tom Lasseter Park."

This land was purchased in the early 1960's by Tom Lasseter, where he designed and built his family home. His design of the home led many to believe that the house had been standing on this land for many years and became somewhat of a "south Austin" icon. Everyone knew of the stone house with the white pillars on Del Curto Road. The house remained on the present park property until it was torn down as a part of an agreement between the developer who purchased it and the City of Austin Parks Department.

I realize many factors go into the naming of a public park, but would like for you to consider the following facts about Tom Lasseter when reaching a decision. He moved to Austin in the early 1950's after serving his country in WWII and the Korean War and graduating from Rice University with a degree in Architecture, and remained a "South Austinite" until his death in 2011. As a well known local architect, Tom was involved in all things Austin, having visions of creating a business and hotel district along Barton Springs Road between South Lamar and 1<sup>st</sup> Street. When he presented this idea to city leaders in the early 1980's he was just a little too progressive in his vision and planning. Most development took place north of the river at this time, but he realized how important this area of South Austin was and understood it's potential. It took many more years for others to catch the vision. He was also involved in the design and restoration of historic buildings on Congress Avenue, as well as the design of the Sheraton Crest on Congress Avenue along the banks of Town Lake, the round Holiday Inn at IH 35, and Town Lake and the Ramada Inn at Riverside and IH 35. As a member of the Austin community he was instrumental in starting the Y-Indian Guides in Austin and remained involved with the YMCA as a member of its Board of Directors for many years after his Indian Guide days were over. He was a member of the Austin Jaycees, a member of the local chapter of AIA, a Charter member of the Greater South Austin Kiwanis, and a member of the Onion Creek Country Club. After moving to Shady Hollow, he became a leader in the home owner's association. He understood that it was important to be an active member of whatever community he found himself in and was willing to serve to make sure that things ran well for all involved.

I know there are other names being considered for the park on Del Curto Road. Tom Lasseter was my father and played a part in the development of the Austin skyline. Any "old timer" in Austin would recognize many of the things he designed, most of which have been replaced as Austin has grown. He lived in, loved and supported this community for the better part of 60 years. I once again ask that you would consider the name "Tom Lasseter Park" for the public park on Del Curto Road.

Respectfully,

Mitch Lasseter

Navy League of the United States  
**GREATER AUSTIN COUNCIL**

June 24, 2014

Ms. Jane Rivera, Chair  
Mr. Jeff Francell, Vice Chair  
Mr. William Abell  
Ms. Susana Almanza  
Mr. Dale Glover  
Ms. Lynn Osgood  
Ms. Susan Roth  
Parks and Recreation Board  
City of Austin

VIA EMAIL

Re: Support for naming of the city park at 3000 Del Curto Rd. in honor of Tom Lasseter

Dear Board Chair, Vice Chair and Members,

Tom Lasseter was a fourth generation Texan, a descendant of immigrants who came from England in 1620 and great grandparents who settled in Texas in 1851. Tom was a retired Navy Lt. Commander who served in WWII and Korea. He was a long-time member of the Greater Austin Council of the Navy League of the United States and a former past president of our organization. He was also a contributor to the fabric of today's Austin as an architect, and as a dedicated volunteer in many Austin civic organizations.

His daughter Carrie brought to our attention her efforts to have the park at 3000 Del Curto Road renamed for her father...property that he once owned, cultivated, improved and lived on for many years. Tom was a great man who believed in service to his country and his community. He was a man of faith and honor who deserves to have this small piece of Austin named for him.

On behalf of the Austin Navy League Council we fully support the effort and urge you to endorse the renaming of this park in Tom's honor.

Sincerely,

**Kathy Pillmore**

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Kathy M. Pillmore, President  
GREATER AUSTIN COUNCIL  
Navy League of the United States

## Carrie Lasseter

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**From:** Jim Cawley [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 24, 2014 4:39 PM  
**To:** Carrie Lasseter  
**Subject:** Copy RE: sent to April

Dear April,

It was only yesterday that I learned of the consideration by the Parks board to develop and name a park at the site of the old Tom Lasseter family home on Del Curto that he designed and developed in the late 60s.

Aside from my familiarity with his legacy for developing this landmark south austin site I am also familiar with his legacy through numerous and varied community involvements.

I came to Austin in 1971 as the Physical Director of the Town Lake YMCA and was the Executive Director there from 1975 - 1982.

I was close to Tom when he was President of the Y in 1972 but was not aware until after his service just how far reaching and varied his contributions had been in South Austin.

As a continuous resident of South Austin since 1971, I can't imagine this new park on Del Curto having any other name and I am sure that if all of those in the adjacent neighborhood association were familiar with his legacy that they also would agree.

FROM THE DESK OF

**BRUCE J EVANS**

June 22, 2014

Ref: The naming of the new park on Del Curto Road.

To the members of the Austin City Council:

I want to recommend that you name the park at 3000 Del Curto Rd. the "**Tom Lasseter Park**". He was a veteran, a civic leader and a family man. Tom Lasseter was a respected humble man who lived his life in service to others. He represents those ideals we should consider our own. Individuals make up our community and it is the bonds we form that brings it to life. Tom Lasseter was a bond maker. His reach, his influence goes beyond who he was as a man. From his professional influence on this community to his leadership in our youth organizations his reach touched this community. We should all strive to be a person like Tom Lasseter. It's the love of our children that we adults truly seek. Carrie Lasseter still loves her father. It is her tenacious efforts in his honor that has changed my mind. Please name it "**Tom Lasseter Park**".

"Life ends, but the love lives on." BJE

Sincerely yours,

Bruce J Evans

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce J Evans", written in a cursive style.

## **Carrie Lasseter**

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**From:** Glenn Looney [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 21, 2014 12:10 PM  
**To:** bc-Jane.Rivera@austintexas.gov  
**Subject:** The Park at 3000 Del Curto

Dear Commissioner Rivera,

I write to you to strongly recommend that the City of Austin park at 3000 Del Curto Road be named after Thomas M. Lasseter, a noble and long time Austin resident who served his country and city well. His biography is appended below.

There is no competing naming request that could be more compelling than naming the park after its creator, the man who originally purchased, the land improved, preserved it, added to its beauty, and built an authentic German style home there from historic Austin materials, there to raise his family.

As his daughter Carrie attests, "

"This park is located on the exact parcel of land that Tom Lasseter purchased in the early 1960's. When he purchased the acreage, it was outside the city limits and was a thick woods, barely walkable, with the middle of the land in a very low lying area as a creek ran through the center of the land. Tom Lasseter cleared the land by hand, carefully trimming all of the oaks and elms. He saved as many trees as possible. He then built a rock wall on both sides of the main creek bed to channel the water. Then he hauled in many, many loads of dirt to build up the entire center of the land on both outsides of the rock retaining wall. He literally "built the land" that the current park sits on. He also designed and built the bridge to drive across the creek. Then, as a licensed architect and contractor, Tom Lasseter designed and built a two story rock home – designed in the style of an old German farmhouse. This house was constructed mostly from architectural salvage gathered from the demolition of "historic" buildings in downtown Austin. This house remained on the present park property until several years ago when it was demolished as part of an agreement between the City of Austin Parks Dept. and a developer."

Please let me share a little more about Tom Lasseter. Other than the fact that he built up the land itself, Tom Lasseter was a very well known, recognized, and respected Austin citizen and businessman from as early as the 1960's until his death at age 85 in 2011. He was always very involved in community affairs and volunteered much of his time most of his life. He was a WWII and Korean War veteran, and member of the Naval Reserves. As a longtime Austin architect, he was involved in the design and construction of many Austin commercial buildings, downtown restorations, and downtown revitalization projects. He served on the Board of Directors with the Austin Jaycees, served on the Board of Directors with the YMCA of Austin from 1966-1975. He was Federation Chief of the Austin Indian Guide Program. He was General Chairman of Austin Upturn, a two day symposium in 1980 on the revitalization of Downtown Austin. He was the first Charter member of the Kiwanis Club of Greater South Austin in 1974. In 1994 he organized the Shady Hollow Kiwanis Club. He was also an active member of the navy League of the United States and President of the Greater Austin Council of that organization helping build it into the viable resource that it is today.

I, like Tom, am a retired United States Navy Commander and I worked with him for years and I know first hand of his vision, dedication, love of his service organizations, and foremost, as an architect, his love of the City of Austin. The park at 3000 Del Curto reflects that love and caring should be his legacy. He deserves it, he earned it, he is the creator, and the City is his beneficiary.

Please consider the naming process carefully and do the right thing. I urge that you name this wonderful park in recognition and the memory of Thomas M. Lasseter.

I regret that I cannot be with you at the hearing since I must be at the national Convention of the navy League of the United States in San Diego on that day.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter and your service to to the City of Austin.

Sincerely,

*Glenn Looney*

National Director  
Navy League of the United States

Chairman of the Board  
Greater Austin Council

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**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Namin of the Park in South Lamar

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Dear Council Member:

I am writing this letter with the hope that you will consider naming the park located at 3000 Del Curto Road in South Austin, The Tom Lasseter Park.

While attending the June HOA meeting for the South Lamar Home Owners Association, I was quite taken by Carrie Lasseter's presentation and her "pitch" to name the park after her father.

Being a 4th generation Austinite myself, I was touched by Tom's commitment to his land and the efforts that he had made to better the Austin community during his lifetime. I felt very compelled to stand up and speak on Carrie's behalf (although I had never met her before) at the meeting. My own father, Francis Delmar Groos, was of the "old guard" and preserving his memory and the ideals that he imbued are the very fabric that keeps Austin the unique and wonderful community that it still is.

My father, in collaboration with Dan Driscoll, was the architect who designed the Barton Springs Bath House and was close friends with Lyndon and Lady Bird, John Connelly, Beverly Sheffield, Mary and Chester Kooock, John Henry Faulk, Eleanor Richards, Ralph Hanna, Jane Sibley, and countless others. I have many fond memories of rubbing shoulders with those people who were the very characters who gave Austin its character. Did you know that the reason the bath house had no roof was because they ran out of money?

Recently, Susanne Mason, Researcher/Producer for Living Springs, asked that I participate in a documentary film about Barton Springs, emphasizing my father's involvement. It felt good to bring out the old photos of my father as one of the first life guards and paintings that he had painted of Barton Springs that were published in a book. It was important to me that he was remembered and that his life had meaning and interest.

In naming the Tom Lasseter Park, Tom will be remembered to those who knew him and those who did not know him will ask...."Who was Tom Lasseter?" And then the stories will begin.....Being a realtor in our community and seeing the droves of people coming to Austin (over 5,000 a month), I think these new folks need to be told about our history and what makes Austin the special mecca that it is.

It is by preserving that history that we will maintain our individuality and our uniqueness; otherwise we will become just another big city.

Please take into careful consideration the importance of naming the park after Tom Lasseter. It means far more to Carrie and the people who knew Tom as well as those who are moving to Austin than it does to some random committee. Plus, Mirabeau Buonaparte Lamar and Del Curto have been recognized, why not Tom Lasseter? He was one of us!

Carrie's plea comes from the heart, not from ego. Please acknowledge that.

Kindest regards,  
Jane Hume

## Carrie Lasseter

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**Subject:** Del Curto South Lamar Park

Mayor and Council, City of Austin

Naming of the Del Curto South Lamar Park is included as Item 148 on the agenda for the June 26 meeting. I am not able to attend the meeting as I am traveling. For various reasons I support naming it the 'Tom Lasseter Park'.

I met Tom Lasseter in 2002 when I joined the Shady Hollow Kiwanis Club, and we worked together on several community projects and programs until 2010 when he retired from Kiwanis.

In his tenure with the Shady Hollow Kiwanis he held every officer position from treasurer through president. He also organized the Shady Hollow Kiwanis Club, when he was a member of the Kiwanis Club of Greater South Austin and was serving as lieutenant governor of Division 24 of the Texas-Oklahoma District of Kiwanis International. Division 24 includes all the Kiwanis Clubs in the Austin and surrounding areas.

Kiwanis is a unique service organization that is dedicated to serving the children of the world and communities. Generally there is little networking of business interests. Tom, who was an architect, told me that he never gained a customer through Kiwanis. This is a great testimony to a man who gave much to Austin and his community for no selfish purpose.

Ernest C. Rebeck, 3317 Doe Run, Austin, TX 78748-1885

## Carrie Lasseter

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**From:** Joe Mathis [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 23, 2014 11:12 PM  
**To:** April.Shaw@austintexas.gov  
**Cc:** Carrie Lasseter  
**Subject:** Park at 3000 Dek Curto Rd.

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Dear Ms. Shaw

I am writing this E-Mail in support of naming the park at 3000 Del Curto after Tom Lasseter . I knew Tom for many years as we were members of the Shady Hollow Kiwanis Club . Tom spent many hours working on local community projects as well as larger state project like the Red Cross and international projects through Kiwanis International . I thank Tom deserves and has earned the honor of having the park named for him.

Thank's

Joe Mathis

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## Carrie Lasseter

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**From:** Tom Williams [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 24, 2014 8:42 PM  
**To:** Lee.Leffingwell@austintexas.gov; Chris.Riley@austintexas.gov;  
Kathie.Tovo@austintexas.gov; Laura.Morrison@austintexas.gov;  
William.Spelman@austintexas.gov; Mike.Martinez@austintexas.gov;  
Sheryl.Cole@austintexas.gov  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] Linda Bennett William; Bill Scott  
**Subject:** Naming of the 3000 Del Curto Park

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Ladies and Gentlemen of the Austin City Council,

As a member of the the Central Texas Base of the United States Submarine Veterans, I strongly support the naming of the city park at 3000 Del Curto after shipmate **Thomas M Lasseter**. Tom was a proud Naval Veteran and native Austinite who developed the land on which the park now rests. To name it otherwise would do a shameful injustice to a proud World War II and Korean War veteran. There are not many citizens who can say "I served" with Pride and Honor.

I trust that you will carefully consider this matter,

Serving Proudly

Tom Williams  
USSVI Central Region, District Four Commander

## Carrie Lasseter

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**From:** Jo Dee Myatt [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 24, 2014 4:01 PM  
**To:** Lee.Leffingwell@austintexas.gov; Chris.Riley@austintexas.gov;  
Kathie.Tovo@austintexas.gov; Laura.Morrison@austintexas.gov;  
William.Spelman@austintexas.gov; Sheryl.Cole@austintexas.gov;  
Mike.Martinez@austintexas.gov; April.Shaw@austintexas.gov; Carrie Lasseter  
**Subject:** Del Curto Rd Park

To whom it may concern,

I am one of the few remaining 'original' ( I think Mrs. J. Castle and I are the only ones left in the direct proximity of the Park) residents of Del Curto Rd. I have been living on the lot at 3012 Del Curto Rd. for approx 60 yrs. I was very young when the Lasseter's moved on our street and built a beautiful home of which I was often a visitor. I spent many hours with the Lasseter family in their home as I was close in age to their children, and we grew up together, and attended the same schools together. Tom, as I later knew him was a friendly and enjoyable man, as was the rest of his family. The house that the Lasseter's built was a beautiful home, and was especially nice at Christmas time, because it was always decorated.

I would appreciate the Park on Del Curto having a familiar name. Please strongly consider naming the park Thomas M. Lasseter Park as a gesture that you really do care about the residents of the City that you represent. Since you have allowed the total destruction of what used to be a VERY quiet GREEN neighborhood in downtown Austin. It would be a very memorable gesture to what once was part of why Austin WAS such a great place to live.

Please consider this request, thank you for your time

Jo Dee Myatt  
3012 Del Curto Rd.

## Carrie Lasseter

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**From:** Jack Mayo [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 21, 2014 4:56 PM  
**To:** bc-Jane.Rivera@austintexas.gov; bc-Jeff.Francell@austintexas.gov  
**Cc:** Lee.Leffingwell@austintexas.gov; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** naming Tom Lasseter's place on Del Curto Road

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Dear Jane Rivera and Jeff Francell

It is my understanding that you are Chair and Vice Chair of Austin's Parks & Recreation Board. One of my Navy shipmates just told me that you are establishing a city park on Tom Lasseter's Del Curto Road land. I envy whoever – probably one of you – gets to "tell the story" of Austin's newest park and the WWII hero for whom it will presumably be named. Of course Tom would reject the "hero" word. He was just one of the Texas boys who answered the call to save the world from whatever Hitler had in mind. Like others of what has been called "the greatest generation," Tom was an understated low key guy who just did whatever his country needed to have done. It wasn't until about ten years ago, I guess maybe it was the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day or something, I was helping Tom plan a Navy League dinner to recognize WWII veterans, and I noticed Tom's own name on the list. The way Tom was talking about recognizing these veterans while they were still around played right into my mistaken assumption that he was not much older than myself, but suddenly I realized he was part of that legendary generation. Typically it was never about recognition for him, it was for his comrades in arms.

Most if not all of Tom Lasseter's friends know how much "sweat equity" he put into clearing that patch of thickly wooded land, building a creek channel, and even a bridge across the creek. Tom's architectural and engineering skills were shaped by the hard labor he expended on a place for his family to live after he came home from the war. Throughout his life he was an American role model – and ought to be remembered and memorialized with a suitable plaque at the park site telling how Tom's place has become Tom Lasseter City Park.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jack Mayo, Commander U. S. Navy, Retired

## **Carrie Lasseter**

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**From:** James brotherton [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 23, 2014 3:17 PM  
**To:** Jane Rivera; Carrie Lassiter  
**Subject:** Proposed Name for City of Austin Park 3000 Del Curto Road

I strongly support Carrie Lassiter's proposal to name the City of Austin Park on 3000 Del Curto Road "Tom Lassiter Park". I worked with Tom Lassiter in the Greater Austin Council of the Navy League from 2003 to 2011 and can testify that he loved and supported the City and people of Austin. Please recommend that this park be named "Tom Lassiter Park".

Sincerely,  
James D. Brotherton, CAPT, USN ret  
512-632-4206

## Carrie Lasseter

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 23, 2014 1:29 PM  
**To:** April.Shaw@austintexas.gov  
**Cc:** Carrie Lasseter  
**Subject:** Permanent name for Delcurto Park: "Tom Lasseter Park"

Dear Ms Shaw -

I am writing as a long time resident (over 21 years) of the South Lamar neighborhood. I had been both a member and an officer of the South Lamar Neighborhood Association years ago and had just rejoined after completing a degree in computer science.

It was with some surprise that I learned that the park name still had not been settled on over the last 6 years. The last vote resulted in two names being submitted which was sent back to the Association to come to some type of agreement. The group was very split and by a vote of 11 to 9 decided to not even consider naming after the land's previous owner versus two very uninspired names -

South Lamar Neighborhood Association Park

or

Delcurto Park

One of the major arguments given not to name it Delcurto Park was the road already bore that name. The other choice garnered 16 votes primarily due to the fact that it was less bland than the temporary "Delcurto" moniker. Unfortunately the South Lamar designation suffers from the same drawback -- naming the park after a governor who has roads named for him all over the state (at least in Austin, Arlington and Dallas that I know of personally).

That is why I was willing to spend my precious weekend time to assist Carrie in getting so many signatures from old time residents, many of who knew her family personally (I live 1 door down from her uncle in fact). This name would really show far more of the South Austin spirit by naming after an involved citizen who worked to developed both the land and the character of this area without seeking accolades for himself.

Obviously many others feel this same way -- and these were just the people who were contacted in two days, so the sample of people wanting a distinctive name with character is undoubtedly much larger. That is why so many of us selected this particular area of town to live, and why so many of us have never moved.

This is one more way to live up to the "Keep Austin Weird" (or at least unique) motto,

Kindest Regards,

Sally Merritt

2201 Delcrest

P.S. Please be so kind as to circulate this to the other park board members.