



## DOUGHERTYARTSSCHOOL - Supply List

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# Natural Light Portrait

**Michael Long, Instructor**

*Please note, this is a digital photography class.*

### Supplies

- Digital Camera – Digital SLR
- Laptop to view your work for class critique

**Other supplies may be added as the course progresses, as suggested by the instructor.**

**PLEASE KEEP YOUR RECEIPTS IN CASE THE CLASS IS CANCELLED OR TO RETURN UNUSED SUPPLIES!**

### SUPPLY STORE(S)

**Precision Camera** 3810 North Lamar Boulevard, 512-467-7676

**Holland Photo:** 1700 South Lamar, Ste 327, 512-442-4274

**University Co-op** 2246 Guadalupe, 512-476-7211

### Cancellation & Refunds

Program attendance is the responsibility of the participant. Failure to attend a class does not entitle a participant to a transfer, make-up, prorate or refund. Registration fees are refundable in full only if the Arts School has cancelled the class.

Registrations cancelled with at least 7 days advanced notice may be issued a refund; minus a \$35 non-refundable deposit. If the receipt amount is \$35 or less, the refund will be half of the class fee. No refunds are issued for registrations that are cancelled without 7 days advanced notice. Refunds are issued to the charging credit card, by check from the City of Austin (please allow 4 - 6 weeks for processing) or you may apply the credit to your account; which may be used by any immediate family member for any program offered at the Dougherty Arts School for up to one year. Please note that refunds under \$10 will only be made to the charging credit card or to credit your account. We are sorry that we are unable to process refund checks under \$10 at this time. There is a \$25 cash fee on all returned checks.



Austin Parks and Recreation Department  
200 S. Lamar,  
Austin, TX, 78704  
512-974-6700

May 25, 2012

Dear Friend of the DAC:

This letter is to serve as a notification from the City of Austin to parents and other customers of the Dougherty Arts Center (DAC) about the presence of an old landfill under and adjacent to the DAC. We understand that there is some concern and uncertainty regarding the landfill. We are providing this information so that you can make informed decisions.

The landfill lies under the majority of the building and extends under the lawn to the east of the building. The landfill has been thoroughly investigated for the safety of everyone involved. The City's Investigation and Evaluation Team included staff from the Health and Human Services Department, Watershed Protection and Development Review Department as well as outside environmental experts. The investigation has not identified an exposure risk to users of the DAC but the City still wants parents and other customers to be aware of the situation and to know that the assessment is ongoing.

The City discovered this previously unknown landfill during the initial construction of Butler Park in April of 2006 and took immediate action by cordoning off the contaminated area and starting its investigation. Health risks from old landfills such as this would primarily be from direct contact with the buried materials or from landfill gases such as methane or carbon monoxide.

The results of the investigation indicated:

The landfill materials appear to be over 75 years old and relatively benign. The only identifiable materials are glass bottles, ceramic pieces and pieces of metal.

The materials are covered by a layer of soil that ranges from 8 inches to 6 feet in depth.

**No methane gas nor carbon monoxide have been found in six years of monitoring.**

Based on initial testing, the primary contaminant of concern is the elevated lead levels within the buried materials. These elevated lead levels have not been identified in the surface soil where they would pose a health risk.

Per EPA directives, the City of Austin will continue to monitor the situation with the use of methane, natural gas, and carbon monoxide detectors both in the building and at bore holes drilled through the foundation to check gas levels below the building. The playground has been moved from the east side of the building to the west side where no evidence of the landfill has been found. We have also covered the ground of the new west side playground with several inches of mulch as an added measure of protection. The playground area and the gas monitors are checked by daily inspections and by quarterly visits from the Parks and Recreation Safety Officer who has also contributed to the safety measures taken.

We will remain vigilant in our efforts to manage this issue. We believe that the DAC and its surrounding parkland are safe but we want to be sure all interested parties are aware of the situation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call:

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Sincerely,

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