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All residents of Windsor Park are eligible to become voting members of the Windsor Park Neighborhood Association. If you would like to join the association, please send your dues, at the level appropriate for you, to the address below or bring them to a monthly general meeting. Memberships are renewed yearly and expire on December 31 of each year. In order to vote on WPNA positions, you must have been a member for 30 days. Business members are welcome but do not have voting privileges.

The money received for dues is used to produce our newsletter and to support our other neighborhood programs. Because WPNA is a 501(c) (3) organization, your dues and any other donations are tax deductible.

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Come be a part of the 5604 Manor Community Garden!

The 5604 Manor Community Garden is a free and open space for all people to play outside and cultivate food, herbs, and native plants in a way that is sustainable for our environment and healthy for our bodies and minds. We share knowledge, tools, recipes, and the food we grow in the garden. One third of all produce generated is donated to hunger-relief charities and the remaining harvest is distributed amongst our volunteers. Absolutely no experience is necessary. Our garden workdays are Tuesdays, 6:30-9:00 p.m. and Saturdays, 9 a.m. until around noon.

We are located behind the 5604 Manor Center at 5604 Manor Road, 78723.

Hope to see you there!

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Numbers count! A strong neighborhood association advocates more effectively for Windsor Park! Join us today!

Austin Police District Representatives

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Windsor Park Neighborhood Association Meeting

Saturday, Feb 14 at 10 a.m.

Memorial United Methodist Church, 6100 Berkman Dr.

We serve LOCAL Fair Trade coffee from Trianon Roasting Co.!

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GETTING INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY *by Karen Pagani, WPNA President*

As you know, WPNA is always happy to have new and renewing members and we continue to encourage you to renew your membership if you haven't already. Having a large percentage of our residents as 'official' members helps our community in many ways. In addition to enabling us to see many of our projects to fruition, such as our shade structures at Bartholomew, and host social activities (which we would like to do more of), it also looks good when we apply for grants and support from government agencies. Being active in your neighborhood association is also a great way to make sure that your voice is heard and your concerns addressed as this area grows at an unprecedented rate.

Beyond opening your wallets, however, there are other ways to participate in our community and have fun in the process. Here are just some of the opportunities for you to get involved (in no particular order):

Drive a Senior: This group connects Austin volunteer drivers with seniors who are living independently. If you have a little time to spare, even just an hour or two a couple times a month, consider paying it forward by volunteering to drive a senior citizen to a place they need to be. Information about this fabulous and very vital group can be found at: <u>http://www.volunteerdriving.com/</u>

Pink Houses: This group provides a forum for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, other individuals, and families living in Windsor Park and surrounding areas to share thoughts and ideas, to organize social and community gatherings, and to meet others in the neighborhood. Their First Friday Happy Hour visits local establishments each month. More information is available at https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/pinkhouses/info

Windsor Park Stewards: The Park Stewards meet at the Splashpad in Bartholomew Park on Fridays from 9-11. If you have some time to spare, come out and help keep the park beautiful while getting to know your neighbors. Chopping bamboo, planting flowers and trees, watering plants, picking up trash: these are the things that keep our park beautiful. The WPNA treasurer tracks the hours of work done by volunteers at \$10.21 per hour. This information helps us immensely for grant applications. So, even if you can't be there every week, every hour any volunteer can give us counts in more ways than one.

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Getting Involved In Your Community, continued from page 1

Nominate a yard for Yard of the Month: Is there a yard in the 'hood that you think deserves to be recognized (including your own)? Bring it to the Yard of the Month Committee's attention by contacting <u>vom@windsorpark.info</u>. Besides the glory and adulation of the entire community, winners receive a \$50 gift certificate from our sponsor, Shoal Creek Nursery, 2710 Hancock Drive.

The Windsor Park Executive Committee Meetings are open to the public. They are held the last Monday of every month at the Windsor Park Library at 7:00pm (subject to change). Contact one of our executive officers for more details. All of our officers' contact info is on the back of this newsletter. You may also email: president@windsorpark. info.

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SLOW DOWN and report traffic issues to 311: OK, this is not really a way to participate, but it needs to be said. As anyone who lives in the community knows all too well, the new development in this area has presented some new challenges to getting around-on foot, by car, by bike. Traffic is increasing throughout Windsor Park and many of the roads are being used with a frequency and at speeds they never have been before (and probably weren't designed to be). As traffic increases it is imperative that the city remain acutely aware as to the issues that our community is facing. The more requests they get for traffic slowing, sidewalks, crosswalks, etc., the more likely it is that they will act on them. The same goes for city property that is broken, unsafe, or no longer functioning properly (the fence around the football field at Bartholomew Park, for example). Registering a ticket with the city and encouraging your neighbors to do the same is an excellent way to make sure our collective voices are heard, and it only takes a few minutes. One request probably won't do all that much; but a dozen, a hundred certainly will.

Did I leave something out? If you belong to or organize a local group that you would like our community to know about, please email me at president@windsorpark.info and I will try to highlight it in an upcoming volume of Window on Windsor.

Did you know...

When you donate to the WPNA, you can choose where your gift goes? Donate to the Playscape Shade Fund or the Reagan High School Scholarship Fund! You can even get cool gear for your gift! Head over to http://windsorpark.info to make a gift today!

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February Yard of the Month

Sara Jane Lee

The February winner is Sherry LeBlanc of 5900 Coventry Lane. This house won Yard of the Month eight years ago, but the owner has changed and so has the yard. Sherry has lived in the house for five years. The heavy shrubs have been replaced by flowering plants that attract birds and butterflies. A narrow, well mulched bed with large stones interspersed among the plants surrounds a small front yard.

As a Realtor, Sherry has been able to observe and be inspired by yards all over town. She loves the way the colors of the flowers complement her blue house and the way the plants attract birds and butterflies. (By the way, it is only a coincidence that we have picked blue houses for January and February. It is not a requirement for 2015.) When she decided to remove the shrubs, she consulted with Diamondscape to help develop a basic plan for the new landscape.

She has Pride of Barbados, Euryops Daisy Bamboo Muhly Grass, Trailing Lantana, Firecracker Fern, Plumbago, Bi-Color Iris, and Golden Goddess Bamboo. The bamboo is a clumping variety. Since these are all young plants that have all been planted within the last two years, Sherry enjoys watching them grow and fill in the landscape. She also has a Post Oak Tree and a Mountain Laurel. She inherited the oak, some yuccas, a pink rose, and two small trees that bloom white in the spring.

She weeds about once a week, and in the spring and summer she mows about once a month. Watering with soaker hoses has improved the health of her grass. She also advises driving around to observe good looking landscapes, finding a nursery that you love, and choosing native plants for easy maintenance.

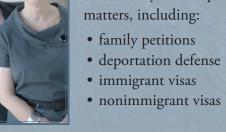
Sherry will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate from our sponsor, Shoal Creek Nursery, 2710 Hancock Drive.

Pictures of the Yard of the Month are displayed on our website, www.windsorpark.info as well as out Facebook page. Check them out.

Do you like a certain yard, or yards, in the neighborhood? You can nominate more than one. Tell us. We cannot visit every yard in the neighborhood every month. We may not have seen your great yard. Don't be humble. We love to get nominations. To nominate a yard or yards, e-mail us at yom@windsorpark.info, call 512-928-0681 or write WPNA YOMC, P O Box 16183, Austin, Texas 78761.

AUSTIN PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

APIE (Austin Partners in Education) deadline for accepting mentors is Friday, February 6th. If you or someone you know would be interested in investing 30 minutes each week building rapport with one of the elementary students in our area, please contact the counselor at that school or contact APIE at http://www.austinpartners.org





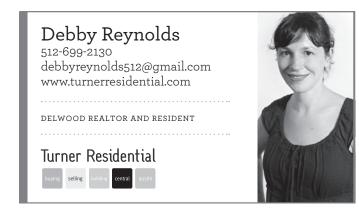
Windsor Park Library **Updates and Events**

Events and Book Club

Thursdays at 10:15am: All Ages Storytime February 7, 2:00pm: Saturday Movie Matinee: Flash Gordon February 10, 7:00pm: Book Club: Consider the Lobster and Other Essays by David Foster Wallace February 12, 3:30pm: Thinkery at the Library February 17, 3:30pm: Lego Lab February 19, 10:15am: Literature Live! Chicken Big February 26, 10:15am: Dougherty Arts School Presents Kid Sheriff and the Terrible Toads February 26, 3:30pm: Thinkery at the Library March 3, 7:00pm: Community Cinema: The Homestretch March 7, 2:00pm: Saturday Movie Matinee: The Box Trolls March 10, 7:00pm: Book Club: Gulliver's Travels by Jonathan Swift

New hours as of January 2015: Monday - Thursday: 10am - 9pm Friday: 1pm - 6pm Saturday: 10am - 5pm Closed Sundays

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A Message from Councilman Gregorio "Greg" Casar Regarding Berkman/Cloverleaf Collision

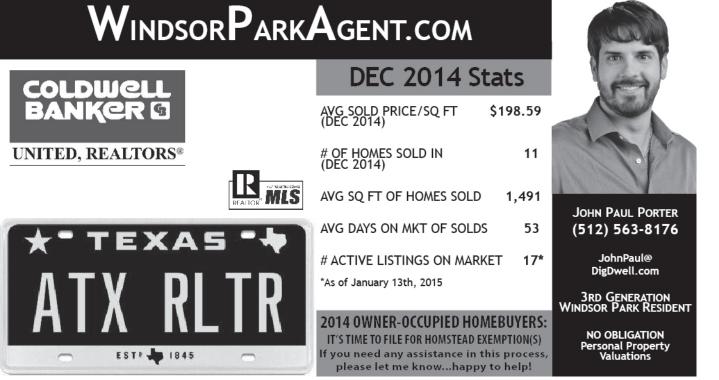
Karen Pagani

Regarding the tragic accident that occurred at the corner of Cloverleaf and Berkman on Thursday, January 15th, Councilman Casar has communicated to the WPNA the following message. He personally came by the scene of the accident the following day and spoke with the person at whose home this happened. I think we should all congratulate ourselves for having elected such a responsive and compassionate council member with such a capable and gracious staff.

Message from Councilman Casar:

My deepest sympathies go out to the families of the individuals involved in early Thursday morning's accident at Berkman Drive and Cloverleaf Drive that resulted in the death of one of our residents. This accident tragically highlights to the whole city the dangers of traffic on Berkman Drive and the east-west neighborhood streets that cross it. I've visited with witnesses to the accident, and I'm committed to working with the City and the neighborhood to fight for effective and timely policy change to improve our safety. I will be working with Windsor Park and other District 4 neighborhoods to identify streets that pose the greatest dangers to drivers, bikers, and pedestrians. If we come together as a District around a set of high-priority areas, I'm confident we can get the funding for safety we need. After the accident, my office has addressed an additional concern. In my view, the Austin Code Department did not provide a sensitive and satisfactory response to the owner of the Windsor Park home where the accident partially occurred. I will work with Code and our other departments to ensure that the City is respectful and mindful in its response in the future to accidents like this one. I will be hearing more information about the accident from APD, and I will keep the neighborhood informed. As always, please don't hesitate to contact me at Greg.Casar@austintexas. gov or call my office at 512-978-2104.

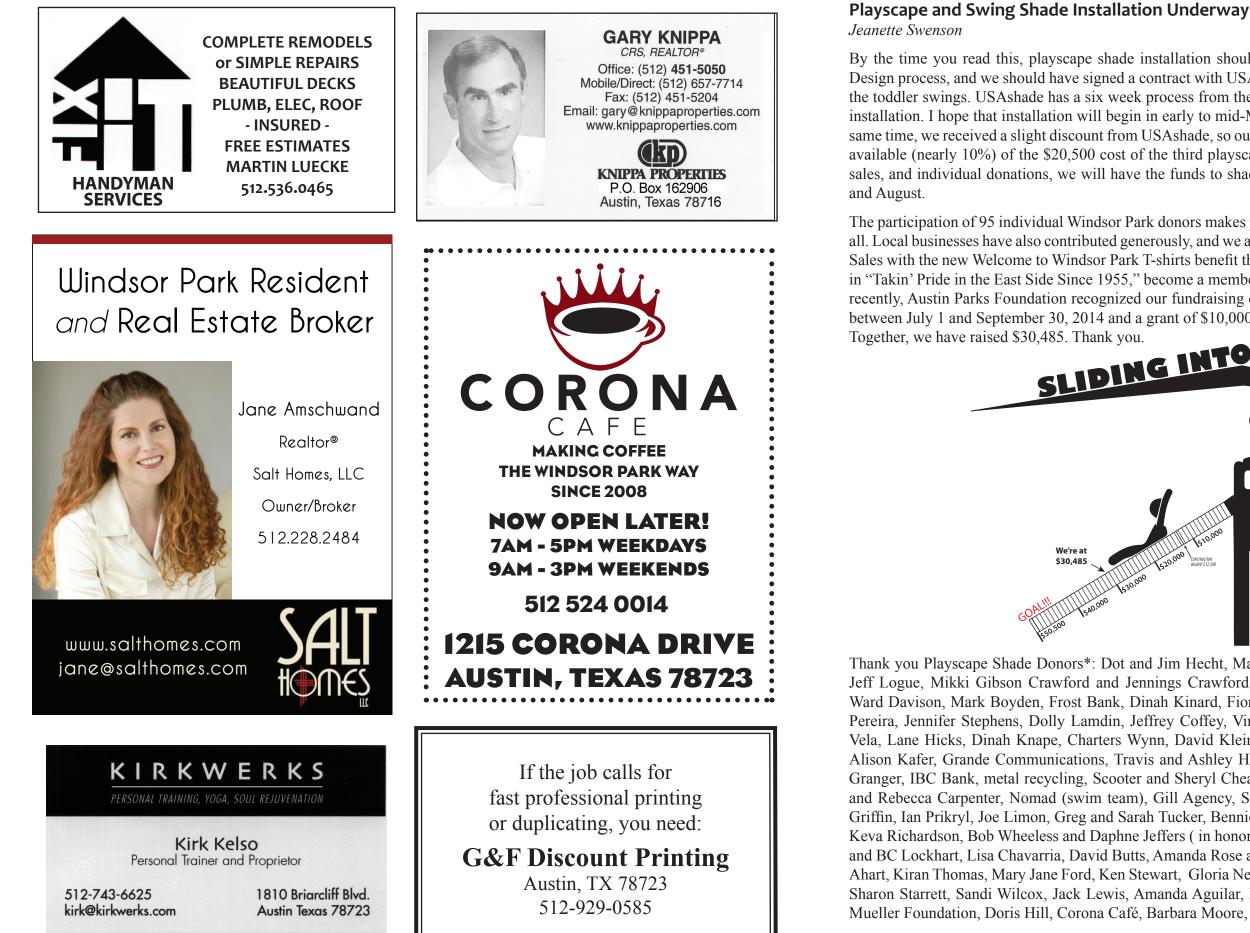
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Become a WPNA Member or renew your membership! Join/renew at our next meeting on Saturday, February 14 at 10:00am Memorial United Methodist Church, 6100 Berkman



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*This is the most up-to-date list I have, but please let me know if I have omitted you from the donor list. Also, for some of the T-shirt donations, we don't have your name, so let me know if you donated money for a T-shirt, and I'm happy to add your name to the list.

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By the time you read this, playscape shade installation should have moved through Austin Parks and Recreation Design process, and we should have signed a contract with USAshade to install shade over the smaller playscape and the toddler swings. USAshade has a six week process from the time they secure the necessary permits to completed installation. I hope that installation will begin in early to mid-March. Because we are installing two structures at the same time, we received a slight discount from USAshade, so our total cost will be \$28,750. Prudently, we have \$1,875 available (nearly 10%) of the \$20,500 cost of the third playscape. We hope that through grants, fundraisers, T-shirt sales, and individual donations, we will have the funds to shade the large playscape before the intense heat of July

The participation of 95 individual Windsor Park donors makes protective shades for our children a reality. Thank you all. Local businesses have also contributed generously, and we are grateful to Grandecom for funding our new T-shirts. Sales with the new Welcome to Windsor Park T-shirts benefit the playscape shades. T-shirts are still available, so join in "Takin' Pride in the East Side Since 1955," become a member of WPNA, and wear those T-shirts with pride. Most recently, Austin Parks Foundation recognized our fundraising commitment with a \$2,500 match of WP funds raised between July 1 and September 30, 2014 and a grant of \$10,000, which gives WPNA the funds to begin construction.



Thank you Playscape Shade Donors*: Dot and Jim Hecht, Maureen and Marc Brown, JF Seabolt-Doty, Casey and Jeff Logue, Mikki Gibson Crawford and Jennings Crawford, Robert Hernandez, Dana Johnson, Robert Watson, Ward Davison, Mark Boyden, Frost Bank, Dinah Kinard, Fiona Kozuh, Catherine Shattuck, Janelle Meyer, Randy Pereira, Jennifer Stephens, Dolly Lamdin, Jeffrey Coffey, Vincent Johnson, Carlos Lopez, Marica Del Rios, Jose Vela, Lane Hicks, Dinah Knape, Charters Wynn, David Kleiman, Trevor and Beatriz Rosen, Dana Newlove and Alison Kafer, Grande Communications, Travis and Ashley Holmes, Austin Inspector General (swim team), Brian Granger, IBC Bank, metal recycling, Scooter and Sheryl Cheatham, Greg McCallum and Meghan Dougherty, Bob and Rebecca Carpenter, Nomad (swim team), Gill Agency, Sandeep Parikh, Cecily Johnson, Carrie and Michael Griffin, Ian Prikryl, Joe Limon, Greg and Sarah Tucker, Bennie and Stella Pullin, Andy Brown, Cassandra Ramirez, Keva Richardson, Bob Wheeless and Daphne Jeffers (in honor of), Karen Pagani, Eduardo and Jennifer Chavez, GL and BC Lockhart, Lisa Chavarria, David Butts, Amanda Rose and Lotta Smagula, Martin Luecke, Dan Otto, Rodney Ahart, Kiran Thomas, Mary Jane Ford, Ken Stewart, Gloria Neunaber, Nancy Murrow, Sara Jane Lee, Eric Leversen, Sharon Starrett, Sandi Wilcox, Jack Lewis, Amanda Aguilar, Rick Krivoniak, Patrick McGinty, Jeanette Swenson, Mueller Foundation, Doris Hill, Corona Café, Barbara Moore, Rebecca Lowe and Sam Bertron, the WPNA

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sharing, showing respect, having fun together and are they a dependable friend. This week is celebrated as one of our No Place for Hate events. We want to continue to build community and for our students to feel like they are all part of our Harris family no matter what language they speak, if they were born in another country or how they look.

Parent Workshops are held to let parents know how they can help their children deal with bullying and how to use skills we teach from our Second Step curriculum. At another meeting our first grade teachers share information on how to help their children with Math at home. A STAAR meeting to give parents information about what students are learning and what we are doing to prepare them will also be held in February.

Multi-Cultural night will be held on February 12. Each of the grade levels studied a different country and provided learning activities for students and parents to enjoy. Thank you to Ms. Corin, our Art teacher and the committee members for all their work to make our first fair a success! Keep reading this spot to keep up with all our events at Harris.

February 2015 Mueller Update

Rick Krivoniak

Student/invitation-only events are now being held at AISD Performing Arts Center (PAC), but a public grand opening ceremony has not yet been scheduled. The 51st Street Vision Project Open House was postponed from January and is now scheduled for sometime in mid-February, though no date was set at press time. This project will have a big impact on Windsor Park's interface with Mueller. Please keep an eye out for further information on these upcoming events.

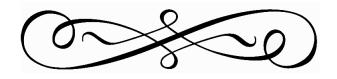
At February's Mueller Commission, Catellus indicated there would be first-quarter 2015 announcements on a cinema and restaurant for the Town Center (its "Aldrich Street" name is hasn't yet caught on). The workforce housing project, anticipated to begin construction in late summer just to the east of AISD's PAC, is now named "Aldrich 51." The building will house commercial space on the corner where Aldrich will eventually extend to intersect with E. 51st Street, about midway between Berkman and Mueller Blvd.

A long-awaited presentation on for-sale housing affordability was made at the February RMMAPIAC meeting. Affordability was not a common concern in the 1990s, and many local real estate professionals had doubts about Mueller potential as a market for residential development due to its east Austin location. Fortunately, citizen input and a wise staff led the City of Austin to negotiate that 25% of the aggregate housing at Mueller be affordable. Few projects have such ambitions, with 10% a more typical affordability goal. To date, Catellus and the City have achieved that goal using a complicated mix of tools limited by Texas law, and by pressing builders to seamlessly integrate affordable units into their product mix. Now, developers and city staff visit from across the US and abroad to learn how it has been done here.

However, due to Mueller's success and Austin's phenomenal growth and ever increasing property values, the market-rate housing at Mueller has had a "gap" in pricing between it and the affordable units, typically between \$180K and \$280K, that has been very difficult to fill. Design for affordability usually means smaller units, as the basic functions for living space are governed by codes at all levels of government. But new product types are on the way at Mueller that will make around 10% of the multi-family units (primarily row-homes and condos) available in that price range in some upcoming phases.

It is anticipated that the City staff and Catellus will be providing a briefing to the new 10/1 City Council in the first half of 2015 on Mueller and its history, progress and anticipated future. It is Austin's largest public-private joint venture.

The next Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission meeting is at 6PM, Tuesday, February 10, 2015, in the Carver Library Meeting Room 1, 1161 Angelina Street. Please send Mueller-related questions and comments to bc-Rick. Krivoniak@austintexas.gov.



Key Neighborhood and City Contacts

All Windsor Park Neighborhood Association Committees work for the improvement of Windsor Park. If you are interested in volunteering in a particular area, attending meetings and/or have questions and concerns, contact one of these knowledgeable, interested, and helpful committee contacts. If we omitted your committee or group, please contact Jeanette Swenson, jeanetteswenson@yahoo.com.

WPNA Executive Committee: Karen Pagani, President, president@WPNA.info, 512-786-7224 Last Monday of the month, Windsor Park library, 7 PM WPNA Schools Committee: Meghan Dougherty, schools@windsorpark.info 512-709-4912 1st Wednesday of the month, Windsor Park Library, 7 PM WPNA Parks Committee/Park Stewards: Jeanette Swenson, parks@windsorpark.info 512-627-1295 Park Stewards: Fridays, Bartholomew Park, 9-11 AM WPNA Transportation Committee: Stafford Gunning, transportation@windsorpark.info 3rd Tuesday of the month, Windsor Park Library, 6:30 PM WPNA Yard of the Month: Paul Licce/Sandi Wilcox, yom@windsorpark.info, 512-928-0681 1st Saturday of the month, location varies, 9AM WPNA Safety Committee: Bob Wheeless, safety@windsorpark.info, 512-468-2543 WPNA Listserv Moderator: Mark Boyden: windsorpark-owner@yahoogroups.com, 512-526-8876 WP Neighborhood Contact Team: Steve Spier, sspeir@austin.rr.com, 512-451-5412 or 512-363-0251

2nd Monday of the month, Windsor Park library, 6:30 PM Austin Neighborhoods Council (ANC): Ashley Holmes, WP Representative, ancdelegate@windsorpark.info, 512-949-9364

4th Wednesday of the month, Austin Energy, 705 Barton Springs Rd., 7 PM Mueller Commission: Rick Krivoniak, krivon@aol.com or bc-Rick.Krivoniak@austintexas.gov, 512-926-0733 2nd Tuesday of the month, Carver Library, 1161 Angelina St., 6 PM Community Organic Practices Garden: Pat Hochstetler, srh2pjh@pobox.com Spaces available, Westminster Dr., behind library

Drive a Senior (Northeast): Laurel Wilson, 512-459-1122

Local Austin City Council Members

Austin City Council Members Houston, Casar, and Tovo represent Windsor Park, and all look forward to hearing from and working with residents of our neighborhood. District 1: Ora Houston: Ora. Houston@austintexas.gov, 512-978-2101 District 4: Greg Casar: Greg.Casar@austintexas.gov, 512-978-2104 District 9: Kathie Tovo: Kathie. Tovo@austintexas.gov, 512-978-2109



Our Council Members - photo taken at Austin Neighborhoods Council Reception, Monday, January 12, 2015

School Committee Update: Reagan HS Scholarship Funded

Meghan Dougherty

The school committee meets the first Wednesday of the month at the Windsor Park Library. We continue to explore ways to help our local public schools in order to strengthen our community.

Our big news is that we have successfully raised \$1000 to award a scholarship to a graduating senior at Reagan High School. Our primary criteria are that the student live within Windsor Park's boundaries and be involved in his/her community.

The application will be available at the guidance counselor's office, and will include the requirement to write the following essay:

"We cannot seek achievement for ourselves and forget about progress and prosperity for our community... Our ambitions must be broad enough to include the aspirations and needs of others, for their sakes and for our own." --Cesar Chavez

Write an essay of at least 500 words explaining what it means to be involved in your community. (Community as we define it can include school, neighborhood, family, work, etc).

Your essay may address any of the following points:

- In what ways have you been active in your community?
- How has your participation in your community made a difference?
- What have you learned from your involvement in your community?
- How have role models influenced you, and how have you served as a role model for others?
- How can your personal involvement affect the future of your community?

If you know an eligible student who attends Reagan HS. please contact us or the student's counselor at Reagan High School for more information.

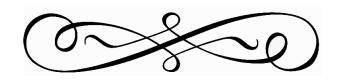
We could never manage this without the wonderful people in the neighborhood who value the opportunities provided by higher education.

We'd like thank the following individual donors for their generosity:

- Doris Hill
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- Carrie and Michael Griffith
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- Sara Jane Lee
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- Greg and Gloria Neunaber

And our many thanks as well to the local businesses who have contributed so much to these fundraising efforts: Frost Bank, Paco's Tacos and the Nomad Bar. We hope we haven't forgotten anyone in our list, but if we have accidentally omitted your name, please let us know! We want to be sure to publicly thank everyone who has contributed to this effort.

We plan to give this scholarship annually to a deserving student from the neighborhood who attends Reagan HS. If you are interested in donating to our scholarship fund you can do so through our website or at our WPNA meetings. We look forward to awarding this scholarship to a deserving member of the 2015 graduating class!



Neighborhood Schools Update

Andrews Elementary

Blanton Elementary students returned to school on Saleem Blevins, Principal January 5, 2015 after their two-week winter break. Before our winter break, 10 Austin High School It has already been an exciting winter here at Andrews students collected 256 books to distribute to our 2nd Elementary. At Fine Arts night in December, students and 3rd graders. These students read to our students and had a chance to show off the incredible art projects they distributed the books. Many thanks to the Austin High worked on in their art classrooms. Many of the pieces are School students for your 'Literacy Liberates Project still up in the hallways and in the cafeteria; drop by to see Book Drive' for our students. Our 2nd and 3rd grade them when you have a chance. Also as part of Fine Arts students were happy to take a book home and want to Night, 3rdgrade students treated us to some wonderful read MORE and experience the fun of reading. singing and dancing to get us into the holiday spirit.

In the month of January there was a gardening weekend December also saw Andrews host its second annual career on the 16th, ACE resumed programming on the 20th, a fair. Professionals from all over Austin dropped by to tell school tour on the 21st, an immigration workshop for us about the work they do and show our students just a parents on the 22nd, and coffee with the Principal on the few of the possibilities open to them if they continue to 30th...a busy month indeed. work hard in school. We want to say a special thank you to all the professionals who took time out of their busy On the schedule for February will be our Literacy Night schedules to be here, as well as to our counselor, Ms. on the 5th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. featuring a question/ Garcia, for organizing this spectacular event.

In January, we saw the entire school participate in the at 10:00 a.m.; this is a wonderful opportunity to learn annual science fair. Lower grade students completed about our dual-language school and all its benefits. projects as a class, while upper grade students completed individual or small group projects. All projects were on The ACE after school program has activities for parents display the evening of January 29th during Science and and community. Every Thursday during the month of Math Night. That night we also had a variety of hands-on February from 4:00-5:00 p.m. they will host a ZUMBA math and science activities for the whole family to enjoy. class in the gym. ESL classes for English learners are The theme for the evening was Winter Wonderland. provided Thursday and Friday mornings from 8:30-10:00 a.m. ACE will also be offering RAD Self Defense **Bertha Sadler Means YWLA** classes for women on a date to be announced.

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Plans are already being made for community invited The spring semester at Sadler Means YWLA is well Spring Fling Carnival in April and a spectacular Spring under way! Our young ladies and their families have lots Music Program in May that will be a must see and attend of activities occupying their time and you are welcome events. For more information, please feel free to contact to join in! This month we are having our First Annual Karon Smutzer at karon.smutzer@austinisd.org or call CATCH Family Fun Night as well as our Winter Dance! 512-841-5678 to leave a message. Parents are excited about our Parent University offerings including the DACA Immigration Educational Forum **Harris Elementary** night on February 12th. We also have a new program Gloria Cano, School Counselor starting January 27th and continuing through April 23rd that is all about College Readiness. We hope to see you In February students at Harris celebrate Friendship there. We are the Bertha Sadler Means Young Women's Week. During this time students participate in activities Leadership Academy where our girls LEAD THE WAY! that demonstrate what a good friend is like. We talk about

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answer session with an author, literacy games and book give away. Another school tour will be hosted on the 13th