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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT – AUGUST 2015

Windsor Park Neighborhood Association Meeting

Saturday, Aug 8 at 10 a.m.

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Dear Windsor Park Residents,

Thank you to everyone who attended our July meeting. We had a very informative presentation from TxDot about the future of I-35 and 183. We had the opportunity to give feedback on what we want done and, perhaps more importantly, do not want done as TxDot rethinks the major arteries that connect our neighborhood to the rest of Austin. Will our requests and concerns be respected? I have no idea. But it is clear from the conversation and from past experience that we need to all stay involved and informed as Austin grows and the roads are reconfigured to address the ever-increasing population here. We also need to stay vocal.

On July 15th, Ashley Holmes and I attended a meeting of the Friends of Austin Neighborhoods at the Hole in the Wall. The mission of the group is posted on their website <http://www.atxfriends.org/> – but basically, they serve as another “voice of the neighborhoods” for the city.

As many of you know, the WPNA has been a member of the Austin Neighborhoods Council (ANC) for quite some time, and we will continue to be part of that group. Indeed, Ms. Holmes and I are both deeply committed to maintaining the Association’s longstanding relationship with the ANC insofar as we will continue to take an active role in that organization, inform our membership of topics discussed in the ANC, and cast votes on behalf of the WPNA at their monthly meetings.

A question before us now is whether we want to join other, emerging groups of neighborhood associations that take a different tack. My own thoughts on the issue are that it is best for us to have a holistic approach to issues affecting our city and neighborhood and to see them from an array of angles and perspectives. We also want to make sure that other groups that are increasingly becoming legitimate and powerful voices in local politics take our concerns into account.

In the coming months I would very much like to discuss the possibility of joining other groups in addition to the ANC, both in the Executive Committee and in our General Meetings. This may mean slightly altering the position of our ANC Representative (currently Ashley Holmes) and having her serve as more of a neighborhood delegate, ambassador, or something of that ilk. It could also mean creating a new position. Ms. Holmes is willing to attend meetings of the Friends of Austin Neighborhoods group, and I would be more than happy to accompany her to those when time allows.

Separately, a suggestion was put forward by our ANC rep, Ashley Holmes, to streamline the review and feedback on ANC resolutions by using the listerv. Rather than reading ANC resolutions at our general meetings, Ms. Holmes will now post all ANC resolutions

[Letter from the WPNA President, continued from page 1]

(as well as resolutions from any other groups we may join) on the listserv and invite feedback in the form of emails. More nuanced and in depth conversations concerning the resolutions will now take place at the Executive Committee Meetings, where time constraints are less of an issue. Our Executive Committee Meetings are held on the last Monday of every month at the library from 6:30-8:15 and are open to the public. If you have never attended one, I encourage you to do so.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our next meeting on Saturday, August 8th. As per usual I will post an agenda for that meeting on our list-serv on the Thursday that precedes it. As it stands now at that meeting we are hoping to present a preliminary budget for next year (to be finalized and voted on in September). That's all for now.

Best, Karen Pagani, WPNA President

Texas Gas Service – Manor Road Project Update

Texas Gas Service (TGS) will be working on Manor Road during late July and August 2015. They plan to start working in the intersection of Manor Road and Northeast Drive Saturday, July 25th. During this phase, both directions of Manor Road will detour at/before Northeast Drive and both directions of Northeast Drive will detour at/before Manor Road; please follow the posted detour routes and construction speed limits.

The intersection work is scheduled to be completed Saturday, August 1st. At that time, TGS will begin working in Manor Road from Northeast Drive to Wheelless Lane. The work in this phase will take approximately three weeks and will only allow North/East bound traffic on Manor Road; again, please follow the posted detour routes and speed limits.

TGS thanks all residents and travelers for patience during this time. Please direct any questions or concerns to Texas Gas Service, Michele Eiben (512) 465-1140 Michele.Eiben@onegas.com

Meet Your Neighbor: David Butts

Martin Luecke

Our neighbor on Patton Lane since 1993, David Butts is one of the most successful political consultants in Austin for the last few decades. In a freewheeling, off the cuff interview, the self-described political junkie started with a joke: "Why did communism fail? There wasn't a buck in it."



For some reason, we began with the 80's and Ronald Reagan and it eventually led to the Soviets...and you get the rest. The topics varied as quickly as the wit, with lots of laughing, peppered with observations about a lifetime of politics that began in a small Texas town in 1960 with the Kennedy campaign. At a very young age a progressive political attitude was being shaped by the realization that what he saw around him in that small town was inconsistent with what the media was saying about life in America. "Media exposure made me aware of what the image was, and what the reality was, and it bothered me, so I became active." In a few minutes he moves from the Poll Tax to the Voting Rights Act to Supreme Court rulings as primers for his youthful awareness of important events.

When he moved to Austin as a UT student, David helped organize the first ever student voter registration movement when the law changed in 1971, which led to registering 39,000 students in two years. That's a lot of new voters in a city of 250,000 and it immediately led to many progressive candidates starting distinguished careers in Austin. The first big political victory came in 1975 when David helped organize the campaign to defeat a \$500B bond election which would have led to the city building water and wastewater lines in the Barton Creek watershed. "We took on the political establishment and defeated the bond. It was the first environmental [challenge] to the city where we came to grips politically with an issue like that." These days you can't get elected in this town without some kind of environmental credit.

Since then it has been all politics all the time. Until now. "I'm moving away from elections these days. I'm less enamored with politics." There are many reasons for this change of heart. "No one can think about running for office unless you have personal wealth or you know someone who has money who can get from you what they need."

David thinks the Supreme Court has undermined our democracy with repealing voting rights and unleashing unlimited political donations. This leads to massive control of the political system by money and almost no public outcry. "The public is easily confused, divided, split, un-involved, they're worried about putting food on the table." And he thinks it's only going to get worse. "The political system is overwhelmed by our money. We are about to witness the most expensive political campaign in the history of the world. In 2016 it will be \$4-\$5 billion spent... we don't really know how much because of all the under the table dark money, from China, Switzerland, who knows where." It's democracy to the highest bidder. Which leads to a bumper sticker joke: "Don't Forget to Vote - Not that it Matters." We laugh grimly.

These days other things are more important. Climate change worries him greatly. David sees the future danger clearly: "There are two worlds: the natural world and the artificial world in which we live. For our artificial world to exist, the natural world needs to continue to function. If it doesn't function then there will be a collision between those two worlds." It's a harsh statement about a harsh possibility and there's no sugar coating it: we must all get busy with the next campaign.






JUNE 2015 Stats

AVG SOLD PRICE/SQ FT (June 2015)	\$207.47
# OF HOMES SOLD IN (June 2015)	11
AVG SQ FT OF HOMES SOLD	1,609
AVG DAYS ON MKT OF SOLDS	14
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*As of July 12th, 2015

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August 2015 Yard of the Month

Sara Jane Lee

The August winners are Sally Partridge, Chris Lepard and their son, Tom, of 1400 Cloverleaf Drive. Sally was inspired by other yards in the neighborhood, especially her neighbors on the other side of Nassau Drive. (By the way, those neighbors also have won Yard of the Month!) She has also gotten ideas from Austin area garden center and gardening blogs.

They are on a corner with their front yard made up of grass and hardscape broken up by flower beds. Their side yard is a profusion of flowers. Sally enjoys the contrast of neat hardscape and luxuriant plants. Many of their plants reseed themselves and hide the inevitable weeds. Sally also enjoys "chatting with passersby while pottering in the garden."

Her favorite plants are a Pear Tree that was a Father's Day present to Chris, and Molineux, a yellow David Austin rose named after her hometown soccer team. They also have Plumbago, Purple Cone Flower, Lantana, Salvia Greggii, pink and red Turkscap, Pride of Barbados, Rock Rose, other Red Roses, Sky Flower, Petunias and Geraniums. A pink flamingo is perched jauntily in a large tree in their front yard.

Sally and Chris started redoing their front yard about three years ago, and have added to it each year. To cut down water use, they use drip hoses. They advise planting what you like and using natives. They also warn that after three or four years plants may have to be moved.

Sally and Chris 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 our 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 928-0681 or write WPNA YOMC, P O Box 16183, Austin, Texas 78761

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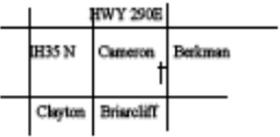


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Tawny Crazy Ants

Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service
Program Specialist

The Tawny crazy ant, formerly known as the Raspberry crazy ant, was originally found in Harris County in 2002. It is currently confirmed in 27 Texas counties.

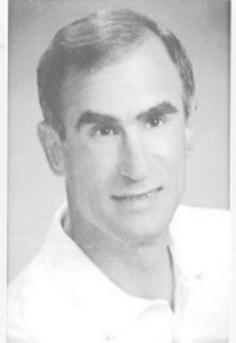
Tawny crazy ants have a cyclical population level throughout the year with populations peaking in late summer, decreasing in the fall and then beginning to build again in the spring. Tawny crazy ants are capable of biting, but do NOT sting like fire ants. They are mostly nuisance pests, but can reach extraordinary population levels (in the millions) and can become a problem when getting into electrical equipment. Tawny crazy ants do not have nests or mounds like fire ants; they tend to nest under things- rocks, landscape timbers, flowerpots, etc.

For more information on this particular ant species go to <http://urbanentomology.tamu.edu/ants/raspberry.html>

Treatment Options

- Removing harborage areas- fallen limbs, rocks, leaf litter, etc. These ants will nest under pretty much anything on the ground, so you may want to remove anything that is not necessary.
- Alter moisture conditions (crazy ants prefer moist, humid conditions)- reduce watering, repair any leaks, improve drainage
- Eliminate honeydew producers from area. Crazy ants tend honeydew producers such as aphids, whiteflies, hoppers, mealybugs and scale insects.
- Use pesticide sprays to treat infested areas- under rocks, along landscape edging, etc. Pesticide sprays can also be used to create a barrier around the outside of the home. Piles of dead ants may build up in treated areas, so they must be removed to keep the barrier maintained.
- Hire a pest management professional (PMP). PMPs have access to pesticides that are unavailable to homeowners and they also have experience dealing with pest problems regularly.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com



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Tannehill Branch Creek Cleanup Day

Nadia Khan, Friends of Tannehill Creek FTBCreek@gmail.com

When: Saturday August 15th, 2015 9am-12pm

Where: meet at the concrete ramp just east of 1413 Broadmoor Drive. We'll split up from there if we have enough people.

Join volunteers to pick up trash in the portion of Tannehill Branch Creek that runs from the pocket park near Belfast to the Berkman crossing. There are several areas that need attention.

Keep Austin Beautiful's Adopt-a-Creek program will be providing supplies. Please wear long pants and long sleeves to help prevent poison ivy exposure as you may be walking along the banks. Bring water, hat/sunscreen and bug repellent.

Come out to help, or stop by to lend encouragement. We will have at least 4 events each year, so if you can't make it this time, please join us next time! There is a lot of work to be done. Send us a quick email if you think you will come: FTBCreek@gmail.com.

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Four-lined plant bugs

Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist

Four-lined plant bugs are brightly colored. Nymphs (immatures) are red while older nymphs start to have wing pads with yellow and black stripes. Adults have fully developed wings that are yellow and black striped. Adults look similar to, and may be mistaken for, striped cucumber beetles.

These insects have piercing-sucking mouthparts which they use to suck out plant juices. The plant bugs suck out chlorophyll and leave a “window” between the upper and lower epidermis of the leaf. Damage appears as white, dark or translucent spots of foliage and is sometimes mistaken for fungal damage. Feeding may also cause curling and browning. Fortunately, damage is mostly cosmetic, but if you are trying to eat the foliage of the damaged plant it may become a problem.



The insects feed on a wide variety of hosts, including fruits and vegetables, annuals and perennials and woody plants. When disturbed, the insects are fairly good at hiding. They either crawl to the underside of the leaves or drop to the ground to hide among foliage.

If you feel the need to manage these insects, try insecticidal soap. If that doesn't work, you can try azadirachtin (neem- concentrate, not oil; it's getting too hot to use oil formulations) or pyrethrins. If that doesn't work then try a residual contact product.

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Windsor Park Berkman Drive Transportation Survey PRINT COPY

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What changes would most improve travel along Berkman?

What intersection along Berkman is most in need of a pedestrian crossing?

- Berkman & Greenbrook Parkway (near Bartholomew Park)
- Berkman & Rogge
- Berkman & Patton
- None
- Other (please specify)

Does Windsor Park have too many, too few, or about the right number of bicycle lanes?

- Many too many
- Somewhat too many
- Slightly too many
- About the right number
- Slightly too few
- Somewhat too few
- Much too few

What would most improve traffic safety along interior streets?

With the anticipated increase in traffic on Berkman Drive, the growth of Mueller and the recent HEB opening, which best describes your preferred roadway configuration?

- Current – As is with buffered bike lanes on each side, one lane each direction
- Old – No bike lanes, one lane each way
- Reduced bike lane width, one lane each way with a center turn lane for the full length
- Other (please specify)

In a typical week, which of the following forms of transportation does your household use? (Circle all that apply)

- Automobile
- Bicycle
- Bus
- Walk
- Other (please specify)

How many people currently live in your household?

How long have you lived in Windsor Park?

- 0-3 years
- 3-5 years
- 5-10 years
- 10-15 years
- More than 15 years

For geographical purposes only, what is your address?

Through which of the following do you stay informed of neighborhood concerns? (Circle all that apply)

- Newsletter
- Windsor Park Neighborhood Association Meetings
- Windsor Park List Serve
- Neighbors
- Other (please specify)

Update from Council Member Casar

Budget season around the corner

City Council will receive the proposed 2015-2016 city budget from the City Manager’s office on July 30. Please stay tuned for opportunities to learn more and provide input in the month of August! We’ve also received additional funding for Transportation improvements in District 4, so please email my Policy Director John Lawler at John.Lawler@austintexas.gov if you have ideas of where you would like to see this funding make the biggest impact. We will be following up with folks who attended our Transportation meeting earlier this year, as well as other constituents who have reached out to our office regarding Transportation concerns.

Cook Elementary Playground improvements and reopening underway

My office has put our weight behind improving and reopening the Cook Elementary Playground. The playground has been shut down for safety reasons since last year. This playground not only serves the school, but the entire neighborhood as a shared space with the City of Austin. After convening several meetings, I’m happy to report that the Austin Parks Foundation has generously committed funding for the project. AISD and the Parks Department are now in the process of selecting the new and improved playground equipment. PARD hopes to get the playground reopened this Fall, so I look forward to celebrating this great collaboration between the City and AISD with all of you!

Keep in touch

My next set of office hours will be on August 7 from 1pm to 4pm at the Windsor Park Library at 5833 Westminster Drive. Please contact my Communications Director Shelby Alexander at 512-978-2157 if you would like to set up a 20 minute appointment. As always, my office and I are available at 512-978-2104. If you need to reach me immediately please shoot me an email at Greg.Casar@austintexas.gov. I want to hear from you!

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August 2015 Mueller Update

Rick Krivoniak (recently RE-APPOINTED to the Mueller Commission)

As of the end of June, the Austin City Council had approved 10 of the 11 members to the RMMAPIAC (Mueller Commission). Council Member Don Zimmerman has yet to name an appointee, and neither the Commission nor the Council will meet again until August. Windsor Park has two members on the commission. Council Member Greg Casar appointed former WPNA president Martin Luecke, and I am honored to have been appointed by Mayor Adler. Five members are returning, and at least seven members reside within Mueller. Anyone interested in being CM Zimmerman's appointee and living in one of the 25 Mueller-area neighborhoods where residency is required to serve on the RMMAPIAC (www.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=230862), should contact his office.

The Commission advises the City Council on issues regarding Mueller, and serves as a venue for citizens to get updates on Mueller's progress and to voice ideas and concerns regarding the project. Mueller is a Planned Unit Development (PUD) with some flexibility in land uses allowed in its seven districts. The Master Developer Agreement (MDA) between the City and Catellus governs most decisions for the improvements at Mueller. Occasionally, the City Council is required to act, as in

the sale of any former airport land to another governmental entity, as happened with the AISD Performing Arts Center. Any major changes to the MDA would require presentations to the Commission, who would then advise the Council on the issue, but of course, the City Council has final say on such decisions. More information on the RMMAPIAC can be found at www.austintexas.gov/rmmapiac

Transportation Survey Deadline is August 15th!

Windsor Park Berkman Drive Transportation Survey

The purpose of this survey is to gather input on Berkman Drive existing street and any concerns, changes, or user experiences to be discussed and presented to the City of Austin (COA).

It should be noted that Windsor Park is experiencing growth challenges with continued population expansion, high desirability of central living, and additional traffic generated by the Mueller Market District along with the opening of Berkman Drive through Mueller. Additionally, the city has several policies in place that impact street configurations that were vetted and approved by past city councils. Some of these policies include:

* COA has adopted a Complete Streets Policy. This policy requires the city to fund pedestrian, bicycle, and transit infrastructure as part of all projects in the Right of Way (in addition to still focusing on vehicular traffic flow and safety).

* COA updated its Bicycle Plan in 2014. This plan shows Berkman's planned bicycle infrastructure as "protected" bike lanes. The road currently "buffered" bike lanes for most of its length (bike lanes with striped buffer at the edge of the vehicular lane, as opposed to just a single stripe).

Your input is appreciated. Please communicate this survey to your neighbors as the greater response assists with the communicating the needs of Windsor Park.

THE SURVEY IS AVAILABLE ONLINE at: www.surveymonkey.com/r/BerkmanDrive

Completed hard copy surveys can be returned at the Windsor Park Public Library in the foyer (entry hall). Only one survey per resident is requested. Please write or circle response accordingly.

SEE PAGE 8 FOR THE SURVEY

Pink Houses for August

The August 7th Pink Houses First Friday Happy Hour will be a potluck gathering at the home of Alfred & Rudy, starting at 6PM. Please RSVP to alfred@alfred-catering.com for the address.

To receive e-mail notices about Pink Houses activities, join the Pink Houses Yahoo group at <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/pinkhouses/info>.

The purpose of this group is to provide a forum for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and friendly individuals and families living in the Windsor Park/78723 neighborhoods to share thoughts and ideas, to organize social and community events, and to meet our neighbors.

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Haute European Salon, at 4533 Ruiz Street, is Mueller's first shop-house open for business. Salon owners Katalin Kiss and Bosco Lazar moved to Austin from Europe. Katalin and her team bring 15 years of beauty salon expertise in haircuts, trims, coloring, styling, braiding, hair consulting, and additional aesthetician services for both adults and children. Mueller's three-story Shop Houses have 500 s.f. of commercial space with 1,600 s.f. of living space upstairs. Outside of historic buildings downtown, this is a unique building type in Austin.

Local eatery the Halal Corner/Kismet 2 Mediterranean Cuisine has taken advantage of the former Bonehead's location at 1200 Barbara Jordan Blvd., Suite 300 on the corner of Lancaster. Offering Mix of Greek, Mediterranean, Middle Eastern and Arabic Food, it's owned and operated by a Jordanian family who have owned Kismet Café on 24th Street for 10 years.

The RMMAPIAC meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month, except for July and December. The next regular meeting is August 11, 2015 at 6 pm at the Carver Library, 1611 Angelina, Meeting Room #1. On the agenda are introductions of members and staff, election of a Chair and Vice-Chair, discussion of the mission of the board, and the first of a series of presentations in order to better acquaint new commissioners with the project.

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