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**Next
Neighborhood
Association
Meeting**

**Saturday, Nov
11th at 10am.**

**Back room at
Memorial United
Methodist Church
6100 Berkman Dr.**

**Meeting Focus:
CodeNext
and
a guest panel
discussing
economic
development
in Windsor Park**

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November Letter from the President

By Meghan Dougherty

Special thanks to Guadalupe Abbud for translation services - **Espanol sur pagina 2**

Election Day - Tuesday, November 7

Did you know there's an election this month? If you haven't already voted early, please try to make it to the polls on the 7th. There are three WP voting locations: Blanton Elementary, Memorial United Methodist (on Berkman), and Messiah Lutheran (on Cameron Rd). Voter turnout in our neighborhood was around 60-70% during last November's general election, but voter turnout plummets in years without a presidential race. For example, in November 2015, only 10-15% of voters from our neighborhood voted. So make sure to get your voice heard!

This year there are several propositions for the state, Travis County, and Austin Independent School District. To see your ballot, go to <https://www.votetravis.com/vexpress/display.do>, and plug in your information under "Voter Lookup".

At our Oct. meeting, the neighborhood association voted unanimously to support the AISD school bond. This signals the priority our neighborhood places on improving the [to p.2]

Entrance Sign Designed by Windsor Park Artist Slated for Berkman Drive and 51st Street

WPNA Beautification Committee (WPBC)

The Berkman Drive and 51st Street entrance to Windsor Park will soon be marked by a custom-designed and built entrance sign. The Windsor Park Beautification Committee (WPBC) spearheaded the entrance sign initiative as a unique visible way to beautify our area, increase our neighborhood pride, and establish our community brand.

"Studies have shown that the installation of attractive signage and landscaping at the entrance of a community can vastly improve pride of place, decrease litter, deter crime, and aid in attracting families, retail, and services to a neighborhood," said Rodney Ahart, WPBC chair. [cont. on page 3]



**CodeNext:
opening the
discussion and
deciding on next
steps**

Brian Graham

Over the past months, we have talked a lot about CodeNext and possible rezoning impacts on Windsor Park. Coverage has included articles in the *Window of Windsor*, presentations and materials at the WPNA monthly meeting and postings online. We also encouraged folks to feedback to the city during the comments period that just wrapped up Oct 31st. We will have additional materials at the Nov. 11th meeting and will post these online in advance of the meeting.

Now, the time for talk is coming to an end; the time for decisions has arrived. For that reason, the WPNA is devoting a good portion of the November meeting for WPNA members to express their views and concerns about CodeNEXT and, if the membership agrees, to vote on whether to support the CodeNext proposals concerning Windsor Park.

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[Letter, cont. from p. 1] infrastructure & learning experiences for our students. With most schools in our district 50+ years old, this bond is a necessary source of funding to maintain and enhance school facilities, especially as the school district will be sending over \$500 million back to the state as part of the recapture program.

Get involved!

Our committees are hard at work making our neighborhood a better place. Good things are coming from the city for improving the Berkman Drive corridor. The City received valuable feedback from our community on ways to ensure the smooth flow of traffic along with pedestrian & bicycle safety. As part of the plan, they will be installing pedestrian refuge islands at busy intersections. These could add not only safety, but also beauty to our neighborhood. The Beautification Committee, headed by Rodney Ahart, is looking into ways to add landscaping to those islands. If you'd like to help with this project, please contact them. Rodney will be presenting more information during our November 11 WPNA meeting.



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Dia de Elecciones. Martes, Noviembre 7

Sabía usted que hay elecciones este mes? Si no voto en forma anticipada, por favor haga todo lo posible por llegar a los casetas de votación el 7 de Noviembre. Hay 3 ubicaciones en Windsor Park para votar. Blanton Elementary School (Escuela Primaria Blanton), Memorial United Methodist Church sobre Berkman; y Messiah Lutheran sobre Cameron Rd. Si le gustaría estar bien enterado sobre las propuestas de las elecciones de este año, visite la página <https://www.votetravis.com/vexpress/display.do> y asegurese de registrar su informacion bajo "Voter Lookup" para ver las propuestas . (Si necesita ayuda de traducción puede llamar a Guadalupe Abbud 512-804-6564)

El Vecindario voto para apoyar la propuesta del Bono para Austin ISD , el cual proveerá fondos tan necesitados por las escuelas para mejoras y proyectos de construcción.

Embelllecimiento

Nuestros comités están trabajando con energía para hacer que nuestro vecindario sea un mejor lugar. El Departamento de Transporte de la Ciudad de Austin ha recibido opiniones valiosas de nuestra comunidad sobre cómo asegurar un buen flujo de tráfico, así como para la seguridad de peatones y ciclistas.sobre la calle Berkman. Como parte del plan, se instalarán ciertas islas de refugio peatonal. Estas islas aportarían además de la seguridad, un grado de embellecimiento a nuestro vecindario. El Comité de Embellecimiento, dirigido por Rodney Ahart, está buscando como agregar areas verdes a dichas islas.

Considere por favor el participar en nuestra asociación para hacer de nuestro vecindario un mejor lugar para vivir!

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[Entrance sign, cont. from p. 1]

The sign concept was designed by artist and Windsor Park resident Keva Richardson, who donated her time and effort to the project. Richardson’s minimalist design reflects the neighborhood’s mid-century aesthetic while incorporating durable materials. The design calls for a concrete base skirted by a container plant bed featuring Texas native vegetation. The top portion will be constructed of metal and display the words “Windsor Park Neighborhood” in a modern, sans serif font.



“I wanted to design something that reflected the unique architectural features of the homes in our post-war, mid-century neighborhood,” Richardson said. “The idea was to keep it mid-century, yet contemporary with clean lines.”

The three open spaces in the design mimic the iron and brick work found on several homes throughout the neighborhood, Richardson said, and also represent the open, friendly, and welcoming residents. The container bed reflects the modern aesthetics of today’s contemporary landscape design, she said. Richardson said she chose the Neutraface font for the lettering because of its nod to mid-century and modern design.

The WPBC’s master plan currently calls for a version of the entrance sign to be located at or near three additional major entrances of the neighborhood: 290 East and Berkman Drive; 290 East and Cameron Road, and 51st Street and Cameron Road. Exact placement of the signage will depend on state and local right-of-way and safety considerations.

The committee plans for the entrance signs to be funded by a combination of grants and private donations from businesses and neighborhood residents. Construction of the first sign is expected to begin once final materials and costs for fabrication are determined.

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Business Spotlight: Corona Coffee Co.

Mohan Rao, Revitalization Committee



To watch Naiman Rigby and Brigette Hutchison (Corona Coffee Co., 1215 Corona Dr.) work is to see experienced teamwork in action. The husband-and-wife duo move around the coffee shop with speed and efficiency doing what needs to get done without getting in each other's way. And they clearly like what they do. Keeping the shelves stocked, wiping the counters and tables, interacting with the customers and making superlative coffee is all in a day's work.

Both Brigette and Naiman are native Texans, born in Lubbock and Corpus Christi respectively. They are also longtime Austinites - in Windsor Park since 2007.

Their path to coffee shop proprietorship was not a straight line. Music played a big role in Naiman's upbringing and as a young adult he spent time playing harmonica in eight European countries. Brigette graduated from The University of Southern Mississippi with a Theater degree focused on costume design. Brigette worked as a lighting designer for a variety of venues including SXSW and the Austin Convention Center.

All the while, coffee played a key role in their lives. As Naiman puts it, "Coffee helped me be more creative and open minded," and from the beginning of their relationship, they spent their days hopping from one coffee shop to another working on crossword puzzles and philosophizing about the universe. Brigette and Naiman became regulars at Corona Coffee Co. soon after moving to Windsor Park. They have been operating it since April 2013.

It is clear that running Corona Coffee Co. is more than just a source of income. "Labor of love" is one way Naiman describes his work and then adds "This coffee shop, the interaction with the people is everything for me." He sees Corona Coffee Co. as a "third place" (after home and workplace) where people can visit or work with others, or just hang out with their own thoughts, in a welcoming space that promotes creativity.

Brigette loves providing a venue where people can come together and meet, adding "[There] is a strong sense of community here. We are proud of that." They can be rightfully proud of all the personal touches they have added to their coffee shop. The numerous paintings displayed were painted by Brigette's mom and Brigette has some of her own art on display.

When asked what is it that they like about operating a coffee shop in Windsor Park, Naiman responds "Windsor Park has a very capable and active community. There is an amazing variety of people living here... Vitality is already there in the neighborhood. It's a matter of making it more visible." He wants the neighborhood to remain inclusive where everyone's vitality is honored.

As for challenges, Naiman points to a lack of viable commercial spaces in Windsor Park, spaces that are both affordable and workable. I ask him what can Windsor Park residents do to support local businesses. "Come here and spend your money" is Naiman's quick response, served with a grin.



November 2017 Yard of the Month

Sara Jane Lee

The November winners are Daphne Jeffers and Bob Wheelless of 1405 Ridgemont Drive.

In 1986 when Daphne bought the house, the front yard was nothing but bare dirt because it had been excavated for an addition; Daphne could do what she wanted. In 1988, she and Bob married in the back yard, and they continued to transform their yard together.

Daphne was inspired by the garden on the lot now occupied by Casey's New Orleans Snowballs. It was a colorful, cottage garden regularly tended by an elderly lady who gardened wearing a sun bonnet and an apron. Every time Daphne drove by, it lifted her spirits.

Daphne and Bob's plants include White Mistflower, Yellow Bells aka Esparanza, Fall Blooming Aster, Firecracker Plant, Texas Tarragon Marigold and Mexican Mint Marigold, Mexican Heather, Blue Shade Mexican Petunia, two kinds of Chrysanthemum, Blue Gregg and White Mistflowers, Mexican Bush Sage, Egyptian Star Penta, Pink Oxalis, Purple Coneflower, Tall Goldenrod, Rock Rose, Creeping Ruellia, Turk's Cap, and Apricot Canna. Most of these plants will bloom through November. There are two trees, Crepe Myrtle (now blooming) and Mexican Redbud, which blooms in the

spring. The plants are mulched with gravel paths winding among the plant beds.

Daphne's favorite plant is a pass along blue Iris that blooms early in the spring. Daphne and Bob also like their pentas, Gregg's mistflowers, purple coneflowers, and salvias because they are butterfly magnets. They like looking at their yard and watching all the wildlife, especially hummingbirds and monarchs, which their garden attracts. When I was looking at their yard and talking to Daphne and Bob, I saw a small green lizard go into a decorative birdhouse.

Daphne advises picking appropriate plants for your yard. Read the back of the plant label or the back of the seed packet. It will tell the spacing, mature height, sun conditions, water needs, growing temperature range or zones, soil ph, soil acidity, etc. Then follow that advice!

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

Do you like a certain yard, or yards, in the neighborhood? Tell us. We cannot visit every yard in the neighborhood every month. We may not have seen your great yard. Send your nomination(s) to WPNA YOMC, P O Box 16183, Austin, Texas 78761, call 512 928-0681, or e-mail wpna.yom@gmail.com.



Upcoming Park Events

Jeanette Swenson

Saturday, November 4 is Fall It's My Park Day. WPNA has two projects: **Bracing for Winter** at Bartholomew Park and **Peering into Pomerleau**. Go to <http://www.austinparks.org/IMPD> to register for either event; both are from 9-12.



POMERLEAU PARK, 1906 Patton Lane

The September 30 event, Mapping the Plants of Pomerleau Park, was well attended and a lot happened: basic, experiential watercolor instruction, plant identification, park exploration, and community building. At the October WPNA meeting, we displayed some of the art created.



If you haven't had a chance to see Pomerleau Park, It's My Park Day is an opportunity to explore the park when the gate is open. There will also be a table to offer your suggestions. Our goal is to have the park open once a month.

Jesse Neumann at Urban Forestry has cleared the dangerous deadwood and raised the canopy, which makes it possible to open the park for us to continue clearing the area. Jimmy Cone and Sonny Chandler, Parks and Recreation, have mowed the invasive Johnson grass. The hurdles to opening at this point are safety and funding.

Street lighting will be installed in the park area soon, a crosswalk is planned at Berkman and Patton Lane, and a clear view of the park will be provided for Austin Police to drive by and see into the whole park. Funding is a critical piece to opening the park, so advocacy to include

development funds for Pomerleau Park on the upcoming Parks and Recreation bond is crucial. Things don't happen in parks unless residents ask and work for them.

BARTHOLOMEW PARK

Keep Austin Beautiful and Austin Parks Foundation have led community groups in cleaning trash, mulching, scattering wildflower seed balls, and weeding summer build-up of landscaping weeds. The Beautification Committee is planning to install a berm at the corner of Greenbrook and Berkman in the fall. WP Park Stewards needs to be revitalized.

Large grant requests to complete shading of the unshaded playscape and swing set were all rejected, so I'm regrouping on that. If you have ideas for funding the shades, contact me.

Thank you all for your contributions. Please contact me at Jeanette@windsorpark.info or 512-627-1295 with questions, suggestions, and to volunteer.



How to respond to coyotes in your neighborhood

Adrienne Clark (Animal Protection Officer- Wildlife, Austin Animal Center, (512) 978-0514) and Fiona Kozuh

As Austin grows, our interactions with wildlife increase. To keep coyotes and other wildlife wild, we can follow a few, simple preventative measures:

- Always keep trash and compost in a secure bin
- Keep your barbecue grill clean
- Keep the area under your fruit and nut trees free of droppings (a coyote's diet can be up to 40% fruit in Texas)
- Avoid feeding pets outdoors (if you must feed pets outside, feed during the daytime and remove the uneaten food as soon as the animal has finished).
- Feeding wildlife and feral cats can attract coyotes. In addition to coyotes eating the food, mice and other animals will be drawn to leftovers, which can subsequently attract predators such as foxes and coyotes.

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Andrews Early College Prep

Dr. Jennifer Hranitzky, Principal

Upcoming Events:

- November 3rd, 8:30-9:30am, Coffee with the Principal
- November 7th, AISD Bond Election
- November 8th, 8:30-10:00am, Andrews-Spanish Autism Parent Coaching Series
- November 19th, 5:30-7:30pm, PTA Turkey Bingo!
- November 30th, 4:30-5:30pm, Campus Advisory Council - Everyone is Welcome!

Parent Coaching Series for Spanish Speaking Parents of Children with Autism - This coaching series provides information to parents on a monthly basis, from the Austin Autism Society. We will host the 3rd presentation from the series, in Spanish on November 8th, from 8:30-10:00am in our library; the topic is "Emotional Regulation". The series is also offered in English, at Gullett Elementary, on November 15th.

Blanton Elementary

Karon Smutzer, ACE Site Coordinator

October was a very busy month at Blanton, we had picture taking, our Halloween Boo Fest and ACE celebrated Lights on After School by joining the Boo Fest celebration.

Important November dates for parents and community:

- November 7: Love & Logic Classes, 8:00-10:00 a.m. every Tues., room 108
- November 9: PTA Meetings, 3:15 & 5:15 p.m.
- November 10: Principal Coffee, 8:30 a.m.
- November 10: Tamalada Celebration, come make tamales, 6:00 p.m.
- November 11: School Beautification Day, 10:00 a.m.
- November 20-24: Thanksgiving Break...No School

We encourage the Windsor Park community to join us for any special events; just keep an eye on this column to find out what has and will be happening at Blanton Elementary. Feel free to visit the school, ask questions and learn more about what Blanton Elementary can offer

for your student. For more information, please feel free to contact Karon Smutzer, ACE Site Coordinator at karon.smutzer@austinisd.org

Harris Elementary

Kimberly Blankenship

The school year at Harris is in full swing as our calendar has been packed with fall events. Harris is happy to be the recipient of the Kellogg Grant, which will help focus time and energy into connecting families as partners. This opportunity could not coincide better with our active Parent-Teacher Association; everyday, you can catch our PTA throughout the hallways delivering popcorn and pickle orders, providing school-wide parent notifications, or training for in class reading support.

Students are learning the example of community involvement right in their hallways. Students also celebrated saying 'No to Drugs' and learned about the impact healthy choices have on their brain during Red Ribbon Week. Our 5th grade students had the exciting opportunity to participate in Earth Camp where they explored the impact of water resources around the Austin area.

Bulldogs probably couldn't pick their favorite event of the month as they also attended the Scholastic Book Fair lined up with Literacy Night. Students should have plenty of reading material to cuddle up with over Thanksgiving Break, November 20th – 24th.

With all the excitement of Fall Events and the love of learning happening, December is sure to be a segue into another half of a great school year at T.G. Harris Early College Prep!

Austin Achieve Public Schools

Jessica Perez, Marketing & Communications Associate

Upcoming Events:

Polar Bear Tailgate - Friday, 11/3 (3:00-5:00 PM): Join us for an afternoon of BBQ, yard games, and a pep rally before we send the Polar Bear Football team off for their last regular season game.

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Do You Know A Great Teacher?

We are looking to hire elementary school (K-2) teachers for the 2018-2019 school year! If you or someone you know are interested in learning more about the opportunities available for next year please visit austinachieve.org/careers or email talent@austinachieve.org. [To p. 8]

Group Giveback Day

Is your business or organization looking for a way to give back to the community? Participate in a Group Give Back Day here at Austin Achieve! During these events, volunteers complete a variety of campus enhancement projects that help foster a positive learning environment for our scholars. To learn more about Group Giveback Days and other volunteer opportunities please call (512) 522-4190.

Follow us on Facebook to stay up to date with the latest Austin Achieve news.



Centipedes

Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist

Most centipedes found in Texas are relatively small, but the red headed centipede, *Scolopendra heros*, can reach over nine inches when full grown. The bite of larger species of centipedes may cause extreme discomfort and pain.

Centipedes can live from one to six years. They prefer moist, protected habitats such as under stones, rotted logs, leaves or bark. Winter is spent as an adult and eggs are laid in soil during warm months and are covered by a sticky substance.

Centipedes are predaceous with many species feeding on other arthropods, such as insects. Centipedes have a single pair of antennae on their head and a long, worm-like body. They have one pair of legs per body segment with the first pair of legs modified to function as claws and are used to capture prey. These claws are sometimes called fangs since they are connected to poison glands that can inject venom to subdue captured prey.

Most centipedes can only bite with their poison claws located directly under the head resulting in a bee-like sting; however, *Scolopendra* can harm a person with the sharp claws of its many walking legs. Each walking leg is tipped with a sharp claw capable of making tiny cuts in human skin. The best rule of thumb is to never handle large centipedes.

With cooler weather, centipedes may move inside homes to avoid extreme temperatures. Tips to prevent centipedes from sharing your home:

- move objects providing harborage away from the structure such as compost piles, firewood and stones
- create a band of gravel, or similar material between the foundation of the home and any landscape beds that touch the structure
- occasionally turn mulch near structures to allow it to dry out
- seal cracks, crevices, and pipe penetrations with sealant that will expand with our temperature extremes
- repair weather stripping around doors and windows as needed
- properly ventilate crawl spaces or areas under the home to allow for air flow through the area
- use perimeter sprays around a building's foundation

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



[Coyotes, cont. from 6]



Hazing

To discourage coyotes from associating people with safety and food, eliminate the food sources around your yard and engage in hazing if you see a coyote on your property. Hazing is a process used to reinforce a coyote's natural wariness without harming them.

To haze, be big and loud: Wave your arms, shout, use noisemakers, throw non-edible objects in its direction (but not at it), or spray the animal with a hose. It shouldn't take much for the coyote to get the memo -- just be persistent and maintain eye contact. Do not haze if a coyote is sick, injured, with pups, or is in its territory or out at night.

Pet safety

Keep small pets inside when possible and monitor them while outside. While walking dogs, use a secure, 4-6 foot leash and do not let dogs explore vegetation that you can't see through. It is advised that pets be fed indoors. If pets must be fed outdoors, feed during the daytime and remove food as soon as your pet is finished

For more information on hazing and pet safety, visit: <http://www.austintexas.gov/departement/coyotes-central-texas>

Austin Animal Center coyote page: <http://austintexas.gov/departement/coyotes-central-texas>

Printable PDF Flyer: http://austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Animal_Services/Animal_Protection/16-Mar-AAC-CoyoteAwareness-Brochure-8.5x11.pdf

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November 2017 Mueller Update

Rick Krivoniak

The 11th annual NOEL Mueller Tower Lighting on will be held on Tuesday, December 5th from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. The celebration, with live music, a dance floor, treats and hot drinks, will be held at John Gaines Park, east of Berkman and bounded by Moreno, Tilley, Sorin and Vaughan Streets.

Compass Coffees is a new coffee/tea trailer at the Mueller Trailer Eats location. Known for their smooth espresso drinks, they're open from 8 AM – 2 PM on weekends and 7 AM - 1 PM on weekdays. Bao'd Up, at the street level of the Alamo Drafthouse Mueller, was recently named one of Zagat's hottest new restaurants in Austin.

At its September 28th meeting, the City Council postponed adopting the 2015 International Fire Code for Austin. A number of citizens requested the delay after being alerted that the new code would eliminate some previous City Council-approved exemptions to requirements for 25-foot clear travel widths. Many central Austin, Windsor Park and Mueller streets do not meet that standard.

At its October 10th meeting, the RMMAPIAC passed a recommendation to Council requesting that the City engage in a process to include public input from affected neighborhoods before adopting the new code. Commissioners noted that Mueller's narrow streets had specifically been designed using street-parking & narrower widths (which slow traffic speeds), cycle-tracks and other methods as recognized by the National Association of City Transportation Officials to incorporate safer, multi-modal use in a densely populated environment.

Pedestrians risk a 25% of severe injury being struck by a car going just 23 mph, 50% at 30mph, and 90% at 45mph. In 2016, Austin had 28 pedestrian and 2 bicycle fatalities, and over 500 incapacitating traffic injuries. The Austin Fire Department dealt with 5 unintentional fire deaths and responded to 45,000 medical emergency calls for the same year. Clearly, both emergency vehicle access and pedestrian/cycle safety issues deserved to be heard by the public at appropriate City Boards and Commissions before the final fire code is adopted.

Council Members Houston's and Troxclair's appointee seats remain open on the Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission.

If you have an interest in serving on any City Board or Commission, visit www.austintexas.gov/department/boards-and-commissions.

The RMMAPIAC will next meet at 6:00 PM on Tuesday November 14, 2017 at the Britton, Durst, Howard & Spence Building (Chestnut Community Center), 1183 Chestnut Avenue. Go to <https://austintexas.gov/rmmapiac> to see RMMAPIAC agendas, minutes and other documents. Address Mueller questions and comments to bc-rick.krivoniak@austintexas.gov

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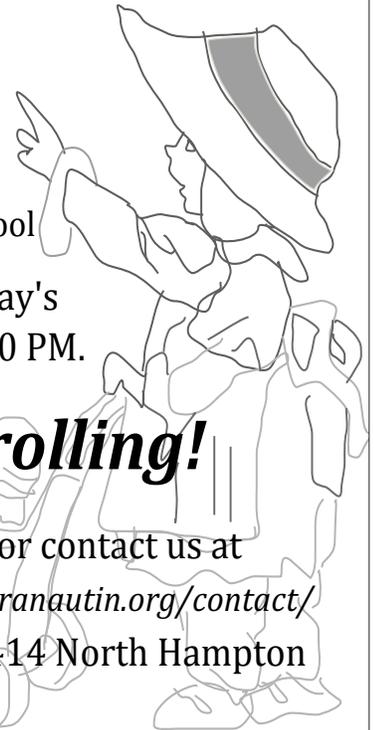
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East Austin Studio Tour (E.A.S.T.)

Scott Rolfe

The East Austin Studio Tour (E.A.S.T.) is once again upon us: Local artists across East Austin will open their studios to the public on the weekends of November 11-12 and 18-19, from 11 am to 6 pm. 78723 has a good representation of artists. The following are just a sample of what our neighborhood has to offer:

- Katy David 2204 Palo Pinto Dr. Modern Pysanky/Batik Eggshells
- Scott Rolfe 1305 Glencrest Dr Assemblage
- Gabe Langholtz 1305 Glencrest Dr Painting
- Chaos Woods 5335 Westminster Dr Wooden Curiosities
- Cement Loop 5611 Berkman Dr Various Artists
- Blanton Elementary 5408 Westminster Dr Student Art Exhibit
- Windsor Park Library 5833 Westminster Dr Doris Bickley

This is a great way to check out local talent, as well as meet your neighbors. For more information about neighborhood artists check out <https://www.facebook.com/23East> For more information about the overall event go to <http://www.eastaustinstudiotour.com/> Maps will be available at local libraries, including the Windsor Park branch.

WPNA Slate of Officers 2018

Nominating Committee: Alana Moore, Rick Krivoniak, Jeanette Swenson

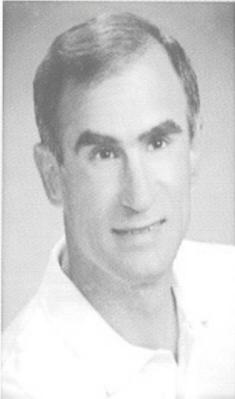
The Nominating Committee presented the 2018 WPNA slate of officers (below) at the October general meeting. The Nominating Committee had an easy task this year as our Executive Committee has volunteered to continue to serve Windsor Park. Thank you all for bringing new vitality, activity, and engagement to the neighborhood.

- Meghan Dougherty, President
- Dan Strub, Vice President
- Emily Vitris, Secretary
- Meg Brooks, Treasurer
- Brian Graham, ANC Representative

We will vote on the slate at the November 11 meeting, and terms begin in January 2018. As always, nominations will be open from the membership at the November meeting.

According to our by-laws, the President and Vice President are limited to 2 one year consecutive terms, so it's not too early to begin thinking about becoming more involved in WPNA. Several new and existing committees, well supported by the Executive Committee, offer ways to benefit and continue the re-vitalization of Windsor Park.

If you have questions, contact jeanette@windsorpark.info.



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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: NAKIA

Martin Luecke

Our neighbor in WP since 2002 and arguably the most famous and recognizable person in all of East Austin, Nakia is living the quiet life with his husband Robert and their dog Tyson. Occasionally he takes them both out for a walk.

It may be quiet on their street, but life is anything but quiet for the blues and soul singer: he and his band The Blues Grifters have recently finished recording their first album; they have just returned from playing music festivals in Spain; their next Austin gig is at Stubb's on November 12 appearing with Shiny Ribs and Carolyn Wonderland; and once he can figure out the title of the album, they will take it on the road for a tour.



Originally from small town Alabama, Nakia was working for a record company in Chicago in 2001 when he came to Austin for SXSW. There's a cute story (that I heard on a KUTX radio spot) about how he met Robert on that trip, after chatting online for a few weeks and making a plan to meet on Nakia's first day in Austin - they have been together ever since.

"I tell people we've been married for 15 years" Nakia responds when I ask when they got married. It turns out they did it legally in 2016, a year after Nakia proposed. "We did it just as soon as it became possible." A quality assurance engineer for a tech firm, Robert bought their Windsor Park house the year before they met. Six months after that first SXSW encounter, Nakia moved to Austin, and has been in Windsor Park the whole time. "We have talked about moving, but we really like our neighborhood." He mentions the idea of remodeling. I offer to help.

Nakia rolls off a list of jobs he did in Austin before the singing career: appearing as an extra in several films (including Idiocracy), commercials, etc. But he started singing almost immediately; eventually becoming a working musician, and even landing a job as backing vocalist for Alejandro Escovedo. In 2010 Escovedo's producer suggested Nakia start a blues band, and the Blues Grifters were born. Doing all Blues and Soul covers from the '50s to the '70s, they had a residency at Lucky Lounge, and was discovered by Hollywood on a Facebook post from a KGSR radio live performance at Saxon Pub.

The producers of "The Voice" television show took Nakia's live video, along with 3 others, and pitched the idea for the show to NBC, telling the network that there was a lot of talent out there. Partly because of Nakia and the Blues Grifters, we are now in the 11th season of the show. But that first season in 2011 changed his life. "I was a Blues and Soul singer doing pop music" he reasons, "and they liked it." That is an understatement. Nakia spent a year performing on that show. He made it all the way to the semifinals, one of the top 8 artists.

After that he was an Austin celebrity, and he lent his name and his talent to all sorts of non-profit organizations, especially SIMS and HAAM, which benefit the Austin music community. It's important to Nakia that he give back. This town has been good to him, and he is happy to be in Windsor Park. He says you can get free tickets to the November 12 show at Stubbs if you go to his website nakia.net and click on Events.

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We ask you to consider several vital questions including:

- Whether what is being proposed for WP is in accordance with your view of what Windsor Park is now and should be in the future;
- Whether the WPNA, as an organization, should take a position on CodeNEXT; and
- Whether the specific proposals are acceptable or should be rejected or changed.

We look forward to you joining the discussion and possible vote at the November meeting!

Aside from a member vote, Windsor Park has already had a community voice on CodeNext in that the Windsor Park Neighborhood Plan Contact Team voted at its meeting in October to take the following positions:

- To reject the proposals to rezone the residential areas of WP into three separate zones and, instead, to recommend the adoption of a single zone for the entire neighborhood. It specifically called for the adoption of Zone R3B which, in effect, would remain the status quo with smaller minimum sized lots than are currently the case.
- To rezone the corner of Lancaster and 51st Street to MS3B in order to make it comply with its neighboring tracks.
- To call for the creation of a setback zone along the western side of Cameron Road in which no building taller than 45 ft. in height would be allowed.

Note: The Contact Team was unable to consider other possible changes in the time available at the meeting but may do so at its next meeting.

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AVG SQ FT OF HOMES SOLD	1,572
AVG DAYS ON MKT OF SOLDS	80
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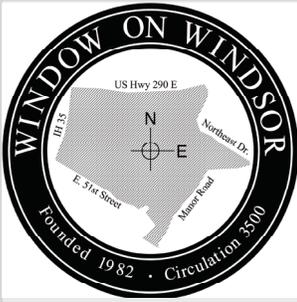
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WPNA Calendar of Events

It's My Park Day: November 4, 9-12 am, volunteer at either Pomerleau or Bartholomew Park (sign up at <https://austinparks.givepulse.com>)

Windsor Park Neighborhood Association meeting: November 11, 10-12, Memorial United Methodist Church on Berkman

Contact Team Meeting: November 13, 6:30 pm, Windsor Park Library

Neighborhood Happy Hour: November 14, 5:30 pm, Centote

Beautification Committee Meeting: November 16, 6 pm, Cement Loop (Windsor Village)

Transportation Committee Meeting: November 21, 6:30 pm, Windsor Park Library

Austin Neighborhood Council: November 22, 7 pm, Austin Energy Building 721 Barton Springs Road

Redevelopment Committee: November 23, 6:30 pm, Windsor Park Library

WPNA Executive Committee Meeting: November 27, 7 pm, Windsor Park Library

Windsor Park Library Updates and Events

Events and Book Club

Sat., Nov 4, 2:00pm: Saturday Family Movie, Boss Baby

Wed., Nov 8, 15, 22, 29, 6pm: Pajama Storytime

Thurs., Nov 9, 16, 30, 10:15am: All Ages Storytime
 7:00pm: Graphic Novel Book Club

Tues., Nov 14, 3:30pm: Lego Lab
 7:00pm: Book Club - The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu

Tues, Nov 21, 3:30pm: Free Play Gaming

Tues, Nov 28, 3:30pm: Crafternoon

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