



WINDOW on WINDSOR

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**Next
Neighborhood
Association
Meeting**

**Saturday,
March 11th,
10am**

**Meeting at Me-
morial United
Methodist
Church on Berk-
man**

**Come attend in
person!**

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We look forward to seeing you at the meeting and at neighborhood events!

Got something for the newsletter? Get it in by the 15th to newsletter@windsorpark.info

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President's Message

Jeanette Swenson, Acting President

I am happy and relieved to announce that WPNA has a full Executive Committee to continue to lead a robust WPNA during a year of rapid change! Thank you to Dan Strub and David Butts.

WPNA 2023 Leadership: Jeanette Swenson, Acting President; David Butts, Vice President; Josh Pitts, Treasurer; Dan Strub, Secretary; Keith Edwards, ANC/Inter-neighborhood Delegate.

At the February 11 meeting, CM Chito Vela presented the I-35 Capital Express Central Project. He focused his presentation on the northern end of the project, which will severely impact Windsor Park. He responded to many thoughtful questions and concerns. Two standouts were: the limited and difficult East - West connectivity. The Airport Boulevard intersection is complicated and is not safe for pedestrians or bicycle traffic. This is not a Mobility Project.

WPNA Members proposed the following motion, which was unanimously adopted with one abstention: **“The Windsor Park Neighborhood Association (WPNA) rejects the premise that the expansion of I-35 is justified, equitable, or necessary. However, if the project were to continue, the WPNA supports the Council’s resolution in support of caps and connections on the I-35 project.”**

In addition to the WPNA motion, it’s important to provide individual feedback to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDot). TxDot is accepting and recording public comment until March 7, 2023. Address public comment to My35CapEx.com or CapExCentral@txdot.

gov. Phone calls will also be recorded: 512-832-7060. Your input is important on this project that will permanently change mobility for Windsor Park.

In a second vote, the WPNA unanimously approved adopting the following resolution to Austin City Council, to oppose the Planning Commission recommendation of increased density at 6305 Berkman. WPNA supports adopting the City Staff and Windsor Park Neighborhood Contact Team zoning recommendation: **“The Windsor Park Neighborhood Association supports the City staff recommendations on zoning and density for the proposed development at 6305 Berkman.”**

City Council will vote on the 6305 Berkman Drive development on February 23. Again, individual input is valuable.

MARCH 31, 2023

DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR 2023 WPNA SCHOLARSHIP

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Please spread the word:

The \$1,000 scholarship is offered to all Windsor Park seniors graduating from any AISD high school.

VOLUNTEER FOR A NEWSLETTER ROUTE!

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Chasing Coral at the Mueller Alamo Drafthouse – community fundraiser and film screening

Wed., March 22, 2023 - 6pm.

Scott Johnson, Host & organizer

Everyone is invited to attend the Community Fundraiser / Film Screening of **Chasing Coral** at the Mueller Alamo Drafthouse. The documentary chronicles a team of divers, scientists and photographers who recorded more than 500 hours of underwater footage for this amazing film, hoping to discover why corals are vanishing at an unprecedented rate. This is a local showing of an important film – Scott Johnson, the film screening host, to increase the awareness of the impact of climate change on coral reefs and learn about the value that healthy oceans play in maintaining life on Earth. With sufficient community support a significant donation will be made to 4 local initiatives – details can be found at the page below – which is also where you can purchase tickets.

Please buy your tickets in advance – tickets are not available via Alamo Drafthouse.

Frequently Asked Questions Page and Ticket

Options: <https://golftennislessonsatx.com/fundraiser-at-alamo-drafthouse>.

Save the Date: Tannehill Branch Clean-up

Saturday, April 15, 2023, 9-12.

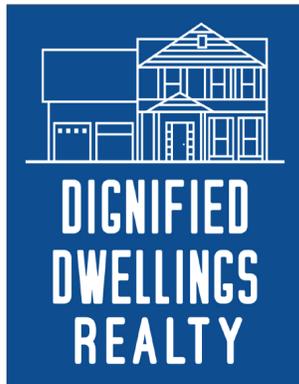
Meet in the splash pad area in Bartholomew Park at Greenbrook and Berkman, then spread out along Tannehill Branch Creek - downstream and upstream- to clean the creek.

Jen Wong and co-leaders Jennifer Murray-Chavez and Jeanette Swenson have registered our project with Keep Austin Beautiful as a part of their annual city-wide clean-up. Sign-ups will be available soon on KAB website.

LEAVES – THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING!

Leaf collection in Austin is an ongoing process during the fall, winter and spring. Here are some guidelines to help with leaf disposal. Leaves are collected curbside in the green compost bin. They can also be placed in paper leaf bags and personal collection cans. There is currently a limit of 15 extra bags or cans per household per pickup. These leaves go to Organics by Gosh where they are turned into compost. Organics by Gosh is the City’s contracted compost company, located in Elgin, Texas.

Please do not put leaves in plastic bags curbside – those would be collected as trash and the customer is charged \$10.20 (plus tax) per bag. These leaves go to the landfill.



WINDSOR PARK Monthly Market Statistics

January 2023



AVG SOLD PRICE/SQ FT (January 2023) **\$340.36**

OF HOMES SOLD IN (January 2023) **7**

AVG SQ FT OF HOMES SOLD **1,682**

AVG DAYS ON MKT OF SOLDS **38**

ACTIVE LISTINGS ON MARKET **13***

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR - The Family Hallock, Part II

Martin Luecke

You recently met Gary Hallock in this newsletter, having sold his family's hand-made apartment complex for demolition, which is a tragedy. Reader response was huge. People showed up at the complex for tours. My phone started ringing, sharing stories of long-ago Austin and this amazing family called The Hallocks.



Hallock family and related vehicles, December 1958.

Windsor Park's oldest resident, Ruby Taylor, knew the Hallocks well, and attended many a party at their home, where she witnessed the singing and acting talents of the four Hallock brothers, Bruce Jr, Don, Gary and Mark, and their mother Enid. "For birthday parties, every guest brought a single flower, and they would be gathered up as a bouquet for the birthday person. Then all the kids would recite a poem, or sing a song, or perform a dramatic reading to that person." Ruby smiles in remembrance "It was something I'd never seen before, and it happened at every party."

Enid Hallock was an aspiring singer, having come from a singing family. The older boys were musical. Little Bruce did percussion, Don and Gary sang harmonies. "Enid always sang The Star Spangled Banner at the 4th of July neighborhood parade" says childhood friend Larry Smith, who came by to help Gary organize all the stuff at the apartment complex to be sold. Larry and his four brothers lived down the street from the Hallocks in the early 1960's and recounts the time Big Bruce took the boys up in the family airplane, turned off the engine, and silently dropped to earth, only to restart the engine and pull some loop de loops. Gary does not remember this story but was quick to add, "That definitely sounds like something my dad would do."



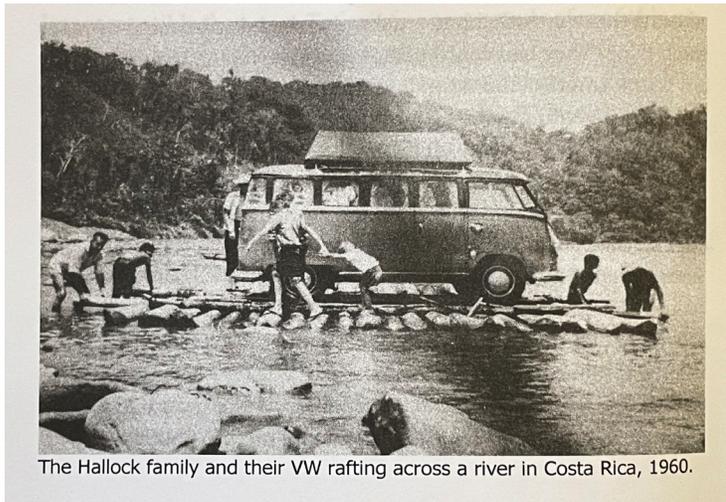
Gary says his father was obsessed with building airplanes. In 1939 Bruce won a national model aircraft competition for unique design, which began his career as a pilot and aircraft engineer. Trained by the Navy, Bruce flew troops and supplies during WWII. After the war Bruce turned to civil aviation, flying all types of people and cargo around the world. He once had a Norseman single engine aircraft he would fly down to Belize City, fill up with lobsters, and bring to San Antonio to sell. This story is from the book *Sky Full of Dreams*, written by Bruce Jr. about the many exploits of his father. "We didn't have much money, but we ate lobster three times a day!" Bruce recounted for the book.

In 1950 Bruce designed and built the Road-A-Plane flying car, which could remove its wings and drive around town after landing at the airport. It was an odd sight on the streets of South Austin. This was the first of several prototypes over the decades, but the only one which could actually fly. Gary remembers many hours of installing rivets at a young age. "Dad designed rudders on wingtips decades before anyone else. Today you see them on lots of modern aircraft." Bruce envisioned a future full of his personal aircraft, but he was an idea man, not a sales man, and these prototypes never saw mass production. In fact, we are still waiting for flying cars.

Larry recounts how they would all build balsa wood flying model airplanes and get in a big circle and launch them all at once into the center, where they would crash into each other, with the surviving aircraft determining who won. They called it 'Rouing'. This story eventually was published in *Model Airplane News Magazine* and *The Daily Texan* as a subculture of the model aircraft world.

At this time the Hallocks were living in Delwood II, the little neighborhood at the southern edge of the landing strip at Mueller Airport, about two hundred yards from Browning Aviation Terminal where Bruce kept aircraft

and worked as a pilot. Bruce was fond of saying he flew four US Presidents, including LBJ in his 1960 campaign, but none were President at the time.



The Hallock family and their VW rafting across a river in Costa Rica, 1960.

In 1960 Big Bruce took the whole family on a six month south of the border trip through Mexico and Central America. The Hallocks owned the very first Volkswagen Microbus in Austin, and Bruce modified it so that all six family members could sleep and live in the vehicle, mostly cooking on a compact gas stove and camping out under the stars. It was a once-in-a-lifetime adventure that took them to every country in Central America driving primitive roads and fording dozens of rivers and streams, sometimes by log raft. The Hallocks encountered few problems and were greeted warmly everywhere they went. The Darien Gap between Panama and Colombia was impassable (even to this day), so they parked the Microbus in the Canal Zone, flew to Colombia and spent a month in Medellin and traveling by steamboat on the Magdalena River. The VW was returned to Miami by cargo plane and the family followed by airliner.

The Family Hallock story will be concluded next month. Gary and wife Christine will be hosting a “Going Out of Business Sale” this month at The Old Homestead on Clayton Lane, near Cameron Road. If you are looking for gently used appliances, ceiling fans, doors, building materials, porch swings, wagon wheels, power tools, plumbing supplies, or bathroom and kitchen hardware, you might find a real bargain available.

The Art of Free Flight Combat

BY BRUCE HALLOCK . . . Free Flight Combat—a strange contradiction, but IS it when one releases simple rubber-powered stick models on their way, but in groups, to do Combat?

• The hobby of model airplane building is easily divided into different categories—each with its own attractions and satisfactions, and each with its own enthusiastic following. The types of modeling are as varied as the people who make up this nation; in fact, it sometimes seems that beyond an affinity for balsa wood, modelers have little in common. While one gets a kick out of a dizzy speedster on a wire, someone else would rather be indoors watching the transparent delicacy of a microfilm marvel. Yet another may prefer to strain his neck trying to follow a little dot as it vanishes into the clouds. Some live to do tricks with fancy radio equipment; others would just as soon stay at home, putting detail on a scale beauty

Three eager beavers heave their combaters into the air, with the hope that they, of their own free will, will meet and possibly destroy.

Formation routing (see text), at a high school parking lot.

J.A.C. Col. Don Macy displays two versions of his weary Muskrat.

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Harris Elementary

In the short month of February, Harris Elementary covered a lot of ground! St. David's Foundation made dental visits for students who needed it, we celebrated Black History month, and had our spring book fair. PTA organized a coffee social & wellness walk for Harris families, and in addition to picture day, PTA created a Valentines' backdrop for students to have fun with (complete with a polaroid camera!).

Join us any 2nd Tuesday of the month for Principal's Coffee to get to know what's going on and meet Ms. Cardenas. We are always looking for community members to join the Campus Advisory Council (meetings every 3rd Tuesday at 4pm).

The PTA would love to add 14 PTA members in February and 17 in March for Texas PTA awards. Community members are welcome to join, you don't need to have a student to be a member!! You can do it on-line or at any Harris PTA event.

In March or April we will be having a Campus Beautification Day! Interested in helping out? Get in touch with the Harris PTA <https://harrispta.weebly.com>

BLUE RECYCLING BIN INFORMATION

Gloria Neunaber

We continue to see plastic bags placed in the blue recycling bins on our Windsor Park streets. Please, remember – plastic bags do NOT belong in recycling!! For more information: <https://www.austintexas.gov/recycling>

Hard plastics can be placed in the blue recycling bin BUT what are hard plastics? Here are some examples of the hard plastics that can be put into the recycling bin: laundry baskets, plastic outdoor furniture, kiddie swimming pools, cat litter buckets (metal handles removed), and pet carriers (metal removed). Some of these items do not have a recycling symbol on them. These items must fit into the blue bin. If the items are too big to fit into the blue bin, they will have to be taken to the Recycle & Reuse Drop-Off Center.

All glass jars need to have their lids removed. Keep all plastic lids on plastic bottles and containers. All lids smaller than a credit card need to go into the trash. All lids larger than a credit card should go into the blue bin.

Wax-type milk and juice cartons can NOT go into Austin's Blue Bins. They are made of layers of materials that cannot be separated for recycling.

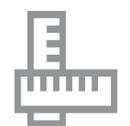


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Windsor Park January 2023 Market Report

 \$605,000 MEDIAN SALES PRICE	 \$318.09 MEDIAN PRICE / SQFT	 13 DAYS MEDIAN DAYS ON MARKET
 7 NUMBER OF HOMES SOLD	 \$665,000 MOST EXPENSIVE HOME SOLD	 \$310,000 LEAST EXPENSIVE HOME SOLD

*SINGLE FAMILY HOME STATISTICS COLLECTED FROM AUSTIN BOARD OF REALTORS MLS

Is it a good time to buy or sell?

When asked if it's a good time to sell, I have always told people to sell if you need (or want) to and buy if it makes financial sense. Real estate isn't a year-by-year investment, it should be at least a 5-10 year commitment. It's been interesting seeing us go back to a little bit of a more balanced market after all the craziness of the past few years. I had two listings in Windsor Park both go into multiple offers their first weekend on the market in January. More important than ever, you need to make sure you're timing, pricing, and marketing properly. Do you want to be the home that has multiple offers & buzz or do you want to be the home chasing the price down week after week?

BUILDING NEIGHBORHOOD RESILIENCE

Elizabeth Kubala, Enlivenment Committee

Webster defines resilience as “the capacity to withstand or recover quickly from difficulties”. One of the most effective ways to build resilience is to build community. A neighborhood provides great opportunities for building community based on proximity. With a little effort and some groundwork, neighbors can be ready to support each other during difficult times.

This became clear on our street during and after the recent ice storm. On Peggy Street, we have been laying the groundwork over a number of years. We have created a text thread in which we share information and resources. Someone needs a cup of sugar. Someone else has plenty. Someone gets Covid. Someone offers to bring soup. Someone is ready to pass on a hammock. Someone else wants it. Someone wants to promote their child’s art sale. Someone else loves supporting young artists. Someone will be out of town for a week. Everyone watches their house.

We have come together as neighbors to organize our annual Halloween street party. We organized a curbside happy hour social during Covid. We provided the people power to wheel the decorated piano to the library. Through these and other activities, we have built connections.

When the ice storm hit, we knew right away who needed help and who could provide it. Here are some of the things we were able to do for each other.

- Offer hot coffee, power outlets, camping stoves, hot showers, and shelter to those who lost power.
- Commiserate as we shared fallen-limb photos
- Share ladders and saws to bring down broken tree limbs
- One neighbor came over with his reciprocating saw and helped my husband and I clear our driveway so we could use our car.
- My husband and I were able to supply a generator (bought after the Snowpocalypse) to neighbors without power so they could run their wifi and charge their devices.
- Another neighbor made a grocery run and offered to pick up items for others.
- An arborist neighbor offered to consult with any of us about our trees and provided us with a list of reputable arborists.

So please get to know your neighbors. None of us has all the skills and resources we need to face adversity, but together we might. There will likely be times (like during the “Snowpocalypse”) that our close-by neighbors are the only ones we can help and the only ones who can help us. If you know of someone in Windsor Park who is supporting neighbors and building community, let us know. Perhaps we’ll start a monthly column honoring these people.

Elizabeth Kubala is a member of the Enlivenment Committee that seeks to build a thriving, distinctive, healthy, attractive, engaged, inclusive, diverse and visionary neighborhood through Creative Placemaking, Community Building and Community Engagement, Business Development, Encouraging Local Economies, Promoting Land Stewardship and Ecological Health. For more information about the Enlivenment Committee, email enlivenment@windsorpark.info

March 2023 Mueller Update

Rick Krivoniak

At the February 14th RMMAPIAC meeting, Commissioners passed two resolutions to be sent to the City Council. With concerns about maintaining the 25% of affordable housing that currently exists at Mueller beyond the expiration of the Master Developer Agreement (MDA) on December 2, 2024, a resolution was approved to basically notify the City Council of that impending date, and to recommend they begin a process of determining how best to protect and extend affordability at Mueller.

The second resolution was to remove residency in one of twenty-five neighborhoods as a qualification for appointment to the RMMAPIAC. Currently, one Commissioner resides outside of those neighborhoods, and the terms of several Commissioners expired in February. It did not seem productive to limit potential candidates as the Commission is abolished on the same date that the MDA expires.

The Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission will not meet in December. The next meeting is on March 14th at 6PM at the Austin Energy Building, 4815 Mueller Blvd. Enter the parking garage via Garcia Street. For the RMMAPIAC agenda and other information, visit austintexas.gov/rmmapiac

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German cockroaches

Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist

German cockroaches are most commonly found within homes and commercial food establishments, usually in the kitchen. The adults are about ½ inch long, tan and have two dark stripes above the head. The females carry their egg case- called an ootheca- protruding from the abdomen until the day before hatching. The nymphs, or baby cockroaches, look similar to the adults, but are smaller and without fully developed wings.

It is possible to bring German cockroaches into homes via infested boxes, grocery bags, furniture or dried pet food. They may also enter around loose-fitting doors and windows as wells as through sewer lines, attics, or where pipes penetrate the structure. While cockroaches are often associated with filth, even well-maintained structures can become infested.

German cockroaches are active at night, and are usually only visible during the day if they are disturbed or there is a severe infestation. They like to rest in tight, dark spaces such as under or inside cupboards, behind loose baseboards, under warm appliances, in bathrooms, or any tight dimly lit space. Cockroaches are omnivores and scavengers, feeding plant and animal products such as meats, starchy foods, baked goods, leather, book bindings and wallpaper paste.

Inspection is important to any cockroach control program. Identify the type of cockroach and their location(s). Eliminate indoor hiding places such as accumulated paper materials- magazines, newspapers, or cardboard. Sticky traps can help to monitor cockroaches and can also help to reduce populations without the use of chemical. Sticky traps should be placed against walls near cockroach feeding and hiding areas so that cockroaches walk/ run across the glue while following the edge of the wall.

Chemical control is needed to eliminate cockroach infestations. An easy-to-use and less toxic option are baits. Baits are a combination of toxicants and food attractant and should be placed in areas where cockroaches are known to feed. Residual sprays are available in ready-to-use containers or concentrates that are mixed with water. Sprays are fast and easy to apply and should be used to target areas where cockroaches rest during the day. Dust treatments should be used in cracks and crevices, wall voids, under refrigerators or around pipes. Dusts should

be applied in a light, even coat that is barely visible. Sprays and dusts should NOT be used in the same area where you have placed bait (it will contaminate the bait and the cockroaches won't pick it up).

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600.



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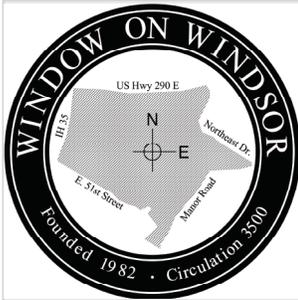
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**Zine Night at Windsor Park Branch -
 MARCH 8, 6pm**

**Create with Canva - MARCH 11, 1pm
 Read-Watch-Talk: Sci-Fi Edition - TANK
 GIRL ONE - MARCH 15, 5;30pm**

BIZAID EVENTS - MARCH 22

**Dual Language Chinese Mandarin-
 English Storytime - MARCH 25, 11am**