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**Next
Neighborhood
Association
Meeting**

**Saturday, Nov
13th**

**STREAMING
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early for some
visiting!**

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for attending a
meeting online**

**Nov Meeting:
WPNA
officer
candidates**

**Austin Creative
Reuse on waste
reduction tips
for Christmas**

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Meet the WPNA Officer slate for 2022

Vote Virtually at the November 13 Monthly Meeting

Nominating Committee: Rick Krivoniak, Alana Carpenter-Moore, Peter Struble, Chito Vela, and Jeanette Swenson

The Nominating Committee is delighted to present a strong 2022 slate for engaged and experienced leadership of WPNA. We gratefully acknowledge and thank the returning leadership for their continuing commitment to the future of Windsor Park. They have kept WPNA vital, strong and engaged in neighborhood events and maintained a strong presence in the larger community. We welcome the addition of Vice President Cesar Benavides to further strengthen our leadership.

Although he is not an elected member of the WPNA leadership, **Chandler Brooks** has stepped in to provide the technological framework to continue our monthly meetings. Going virtual would have been so much harder without his skill, expertise and dedication. His technological wizardry has kept us online and interacting as we abandoned in-person meetings for on-line in April 2020. Thank you, Chandler!

WPNA will vote virtually on the 2022 slate at the November 13 monthly meeting. **Please check your membership status.** To vote, WPNA requires membership 30 days prior to a vote. WPNA appreciates your vote and your endorsement of a strong, community-oriented neighborhood association.

Jackie Brooks, President (2nd year)

Jackie and Chandler Brooks moved to Austin/Windsor Park in May 2017. Windsor Park's established feel and distinct and changing presence of the neighborhood appealed to them. Like many of us, Jackie appreciates Central Northeast Austin's short commute to downtown.

Jackie has brought, in her two years as WPNA Vice President and one year as President, a creative problem-solving approach. As an interior designer, she employs a human-centered approach: using the built world to foster meaningful interactions and experiences. Jackie has recognized and appreciates the value that Windsor Park places on community experiences. Jackie has worked with the Revitalization Committee to build relationships with the business community. She has also been a member of the Windsor Park Neighborhood Contact Team and acts as a liaison between the Contact Team and WPNA to help WPNA focus our advocacy skills.

As President, Jackie has forged stronger connections to the hard-working neighborhood committees and as she moves into the second year as President, she has an excellent overview of the neighborhood and the impact of growth. Balancing community-oriented livability with connectivity remains a high priority. Jackie's ability to support, maintain and foster connections among committees has been invaluable.

Cesar Benevides, Vice President (1st Year)

An Austin resident for most of his life, Cesar Benavides has lived in Windsor Park since 2006. He appreciates Windsor Park's convenient location, the creativity and eccentricity of neighbors, and the willingness to engage in the public process when issues affecting the neighborhood quality of life arise.

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Cesar has worked for 20 years for Austin Energy and City for Austin primarily in institutional finance and accounting and has managed teams of various sizes for the last eight years. He has extensive experience in interfacing with the City of Austin’s internal and external planning and policy processes as well as with Austin ISD.

He served on the AISD Budget Stabilization Task Force as a Parent Representative and worked to factor equity issues into the financial concerns recommendations. Patience and persistence have been valuable qualities as

Cesar has been instrumental in the acquisition and development of Pomerleau Pocket Park. It’s been a slow process and Cesar has been involved in focusing attention on the possibilities of the fenced 2 acres, occasional openings of the park, master plan development, and city and Austin Parks Foundation funding, as we move to a possible late 2022 opening.

Cesar’s goals for WPNA and his first term include: keeping WP advocacy energies focused on the proposed development of Windsor Village; maintaining a proactive stance on transportation and mobility issues facing a rapidly changing city; advocating for WPNA membership growth to support our advocacy and engage WP residents.

Josh Pitts, Treasurer (2nd year)

Josh and his wife moved to Windsor Park in December 1999 and their boy/girl twins joined the household in 2004. Josh appreciates the diversity of humans within our boundaries and the relatively, although lessening, easy access to all points of Austin.

Prior to becoming Treasurer in 2021, Josh served as Inter-neighborhood Representative and on the Transportation Committee. He has delivered WoW on Westminster and Oakleaf Circle for several years. In his first year as Treasurer, Josh has kept our finances up-to-date, established communication with our members, and has worked to increase WPNA membership and to connect new members with various committees. He has updated our financial records. He worked with the Audit Committee to complete required annual audits. As the Scholarship Committee raised funds, Josh kept us up-to-date and was very responsive to our requests. He reports that all 15 of scholarship winners have enrolled and received funds from WPNA. He’s added Venmo to our options for joining/donating to WPNA causes. Maintaining an accurate membership list has been critical for virtual voting on a number of resolutions in 2021. Josh would like to carry the momentum forward into 2022 and perhaps simplify our bookkeeping.

Alice Graulty, Secretary (2nd year)

Alice Graulty grew up in Windsor Park on Larkwood, then Rogge Lane where her mother still lives. After living abroad and out of state for ten years, Alice, her husband and daughter returned to Windsor Park in 2017. She remembered that Berkman Dr. ended at 51st St. and the airport. Today, Windsor Park is Central Northeast Austin and remains a more racially diverse neighborhood, with more access to parks, more businesses, and easier access to downtown. She loves the walkability & bike-ability of the neighborhood, an asset that continues to develop.

As secretary, Alice does what she does best: supporting. She’s an organized and reliable connector, delegator and facilitator. As a result, WPNA can get things done, and Alice keeps the records. In 2019, Alice immediately jumped into the Schools Committee and has collected updates from local schools and sees and publicizes needs. She delivers WoW on two routes and multi-tasks to hear from neighbors. As a neighborhood member and WPNA officer, Alice supports and publicizes neighborhood projects. Alice works to find resources for our institutions and families and offer opportunities for involvement.

For 2022, Alice would like to make our website work better for everyone. We know what needs to happen, but volunteer hours are scarce. Alice would love for WPNA meetings to happen in person again, even as we continue our robust on-line presence.

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November 2021 Mueller Update

Rick Krivoniak

A bus stop/pullout, and bikeway & sidewalk improvements are now underway on the north side of E. 51st across from Tilley Street. More improvements are anticipated at this intersection over the next two years as it will provide the most convenient pedestrian access for the students from Windsor Park traversing 51st Street bound for the coming northeast middle school finally under construction on Tilley at Simond Avenue, and also for the Blanton students who reside in Mueller. Other improvements may come for the intersection before the school opens, which AISD'S website shows is now on schedule to open in the fall of 2023. AISD and the City have worked out a leasing arrangement for the land, since the transfer of the school site to AISD as specified in Mueller's Master Developer Agreement of 2004 was deemed against State law.

The Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission will next meet at 6PM on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 in the Austin Energy Headquarters conference room, 4815 Mueller Boulevard. Enter the garage from Philomena Street for free parking except on the 1st floor or in reserved spots. Enter the building through directly from the garage, and masks are required. For agenda information, visit austintexas.gov/rmmapiac

Andrews Elementary

Elizabeth Morales, Community School Facilitator

Andrews Elementary is now a Partners for Education,

Agriculture and Sustainability school. PEAS will offer outdoor education and professional development in engaging, hands-on learning opportunities. Gators can also participate in Girls Scouts, Safety Patrol, PALS, adult ESL classes, and many other programs at Andrews. Our school has proudly been designated a No Place for Hate school for 2021-2022!

Many ways to support Andrews

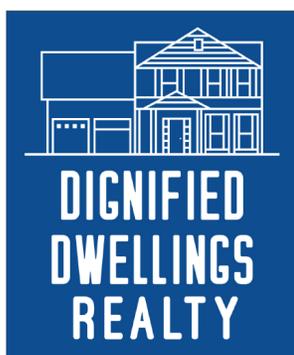
- We need Brighter Bites volunteers! Help bag produce for Andrews families anytime from 8:30 - 11 am every other Thursday. Sign up with Elizabeth Morales 512-414-5654
- Peer Assistance Leadership and Service at Andrews ES is collecting nonperishable food items throughout November and December. If you would like to make a donation, items can be dropped off at the school's front office.
- We are also collecting donations of shoes, clothes, and teacher supplies. Contact Ms. Morales to learn more and to donate

Harris Elementary School

Laura Tomlinson, Librarian

The First Annual Harris Turkey Trot for our CATCH/Wellness night will be on November 18 from 4:30-5:45 pm. HEB Buddy will be here and we will be raffling out some Turkeys. Come out and enjoy a little run/walk with the family!

Early Act First Knight (or EAFK) started at Harris Elementary in October. [Continued on page 6]



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WINDSOR PARK Market Statistics SEPT 2021

AVG SOLD PRICE/SQ FT (SEPT 2021) **\$392.61**

OF HOMES SOLD IN (SEPT 2021) **16**

AVG SQ FT OF HOMES SOLD **1,665**

AVG DAYS ON MKT OF SOLDS **13**

ACTIVE LISTINGS ON MARKET **29***

*As of Oct 11th, 2021 - Single Family Homes.
Request a Detailed Report for Your Section of Windsor Park **

November 2021 Yard of the Month

Sara Jane Lee

The November Yard of the Month winners are Erin Martin, her husband Paul Simmons, their daughter, Indra and their English sheepdog, Oblio. They have lived at 5605 Windward Drive for nine years.

The family loves to take long walks in Windsor Park and adjacent neighborhoods. During the pandemic, they walked more than ever just to escape their house. They were inspired by a variety of attractive landscapes that minimized grassy areas and used native and adapted plants.

Because their front yard slopes down to the street, Erin and Paul had the area near the sidewalk gently terraced. To the side are well-mulched beds equipped with drip water systems. The bed near the house contains red Knockout Roses. Before their thumbs turned green, their results with the roses gave Erin and Paul great encouragement.

Since they lost their 60 year-old Arizona Ash in 2016, their front yard gets attacked by the afternoon sun. Recently when they laid out their beds, they used plants that would survive the heat. These include Firecracker Plant, Flame Acanthus, Threadleaf and a Burgundy Sunflower. They also have several salvias -- Salvia Greggii, Mountain Sage, and Indigo Spires. They also planted Monterey Oak, Flameleaf Sumac, and Anacacho Orchid trees.

Paul and Erin will get a \$50.00 gift certificate from Shoal Creek Nursery. Indra and Oblio are welcome to come along, but Oblio should be on his best behavior as Shoal Creek has a resident cat. Shoal Creek has finished remodeling, and they have a good supply of plants, pots, and equipment and helpful, friendly employees.

We love nominations - if you like a certain yard, or more than one, tell us. We may not have seen your yard, or your neighbor's yard. Feel free to nominate your own yard even if you do not think that it is perfect. Send your nomination(s) to WPNA YOMC. P.O. Box 16183, Austin, Texas 78761, call 512-928-0681 and leave a message, or email wpna.yom@gmail.com.



Climate Corner – Electric Vehicles

Barrett Sundberg

Austin is becoming a center for electric vehicles, so the Climate Conversation on November 17 will focus on what’s happening in our area and how we can participate. Tesla isn’t the only local player in electric vehicle manufacturing, though naturally we are inviting Elon Musk. There are multiple EV companies here now, making motorcycles, semi-trucks, and batteries as well as cars, according to the Austin American-Statesman. We’re “one of the strongest EV communities in the country,” says Austin Manufacturers Association president Ed Latson.

Latson is confirmed as one of our panelists, so we’ll have firsthand testimony from the industry even if Musk’s schedule is too busy. We also expect a panelist from Austin Energy, which has EV rebates, rebates for installing faster home chargers, and more. Details will be included for Austin Energy’s “Plug-In Everywhere” program, which offers charging at more than 1,000 Level 2 charging ports around the city for a mind-bogglingly low \$4.17 per month. Feel free to get a sneak preview of information about EV leases, ownership and charging at <https://ev.austinenergy.com>. There are even \$300 rebates for E-bikes, scooters and motorcycles!

According to the Statesman, EV companies are locating in the Austin region because our high-tech workforce is well suited for developing new technology. For example Hyliion, which designs and installs gear to electrify semi-tractors and tractor-trailers, moved from Pittsburgh to Cedar Park in 2018. “We thought if we could source talent out of other industries, then bring them into the commercial vehicle automotive space, and they can bring a lot of brand new ideas...They can ultimately make our technology that much more competitive,” says Hyliion CEO Thomas Healy. Other companies in the field include Ayro, which makes electric utility vehicles for last-mile delivery, and Volcon, which makes off-road vehicles such as motorcycles and All Terrain Vehicles.

Fuller discussion will be streamed live at **7:00 pm Wednesday, November 17** on our YouTube channel, Windsor Park Climate Conversation.

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Windsor Park September 2021 Market Report

 \$650,000 <small>MEDIAN SALES PRICE</small>	 \$395.37 <small>MEDIAN PRICE / SQFT</small>	 9 DAYS <small>MEDIAN DAYS ON MARKET</small>
 16 <small>NUMBER OF HOMES SOLD</small>	 \$963,470 <small>MOST EXPENSIVE HOME SOLD</small>	 \$325,000 <small>LEAST EXPENSIVE HOME SOLD</small>

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

Do you need to sell before you buy your new home?

There are multiple options that will allow you to buy and sell at the same time. The easiest is doing a seller lease back where you sell your home and then rent it back from the new owner for (typically) up to 60 days while you close and move into your new home. I’ve also partnered with a company that will allow you to buy your new home with an all cash offer, move into it, and then let you sell your current home. There are many ways to tackle it and I’d be happy to help you figure out which works best for you, your budget, and your timeline!

Harris Elementary update continued from page 3

EAFK is a character-building/SEL program for elementary students that is themed around the world of gallant knights. EAFK helps young students embrace positive character traits that reduce disciplinary issues and bullying. The goal is improved academic performance, more positive interpersonal relationships, a superb learning environment and an exemplary campus culture. EAFK is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Austin.

November is National Native American Heritage Month. To celebrate, the Austin Public Library will be presenting a Native American shadow puppet show for our PK3 through first grade students on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 in the Harris library.

Harris Elementary School welcomes our new Parent Support Specialist (PSS), Especialista de Apoyo a Padres, **Yaqueline Rivero Delgado**. Ms. Rivero has a bachelor's degree in Psychology. Prior to working in this position, she worked in Austin ISD as a substitute teacher, a Life Skills Teaching Assistant (TA) for two years at Pickle Elementary, and was one of the PreK teacher assistants working with the four-year-olds at Harris.

Her major goals in this role are to: 1) Develop and promote an inclusive, family-friendly school 2) Facilitate and promote parent education 3) Conduct communications and outreach and 4) Develop parent leaders/PTA. She has great expectations and plans to provide our families with the help, guidance and support they need. As she has stated, "Working for our students and their families will be my highest priority and satisfaction."



Little Deli & Pizzeria

Mohan Rao

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Little Deli & Pizzeria opened its Windsor Park location in December 2019 and, except for a two-month pandemic-induced intermission, the deli has been baking pizzas, cakes and cookies six mornings a week in their very own kitchen. I can personally vouch for the quality of many of their menu items and I am not the only one on my street with a craving for Little Deli's offerings. Yesterday, in just a couple of minutes in my front yard, I had the opportunity to say hello to a couple of neighbors on their way to get some lunch and to greet yet another neighbor on his way back home with a sandwich at hand. The common destination for all three was the

nearby deli that has become a well-deserved lunch and dinner spot for many of us.

Although Little Deli is relatively new to Windsor Park, the deli has been around since 1992 and is a well-established and beloved institution in the Crestview neighborhood. I have fond memories of grabbing a lunch, with my toddler in tow, and admiring at the vibrant neighborhood scene Little Deli managed to create at the Crestview strip mall. It would be great if they are able to recreate a similar feel in our own neighborhood. I feel optimistic that the deli will be able to do just that in Windsor Park.

As much as I like Little Deli's sandwiches and pizzas, the best part for me has been witnessing the interactions between the business and its

neighbors. Little Deli is becoming a good example of what happens when money circulates locally. Teachers at Harris Elementary walk on over to Little Deli for lunch and provide crucial revenue to the business. The deli, with its general manager's keen support, in turn supports Harris' PTA and other student-oriented programs. Meanwhile, neighborhood residents get to enjoy delicious food and a better supported school for their children. Imagine this replicated across the neighborhood starting with a thriving local business ecosystem. So, in the spirit of supporting Windsor Park businesses, stop by Little Deli & Pizzeria and see what's on the menu. You won't leave disappointed.



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Peter Struble, Inter-neighborhood Delegate (2nd year)

After moving to Texas in 1977, Peter Struble moved to Suffolk Drive in Windsor Park in 1994. After working in product development in Austin, he enrolled in UT School of Architecture and soon began to work on residential design and construction. In 1998, he began to work with Jumpstart Artists and took on The Austin SoundScape Project at Blanton Elementary, which Austin Arts Commission funded with a ten-year Cultural Contract. Peter and his wife, Sally Struble, volunteered at Blanton for a number of years in after school programs. Peter focused on arts and crafts projects and Sally on gardening projects.

Peter brings his communication skills and attention to detail to develop creative solutions to complex issues. He has also served on the Nominating Committee for two years and practiced community outreach. Peter hopes that in 2022 he will continue his advocacy for Windsor Park and to expand our outreach to other neighborhoods.

ACR Fashion Show 12 Nov

Austin Creative Reuse is hosting its first fashion show on Friday, November 12th from 6.30 - 9.00 pm at their creative reuse center at 2005 Wheless Lane. **Reuse on the Runway: A Night of Fashion, Costume and Drag** will be an inclusive, judgment-free environment for local creators to show off their designs in six categories: fashion, cosplay, Halloween costumes, historical costumes, fantasy or other genre costumes and drag. They'll have more than 25 local designers sharing more than 60 looks, all of which will incorporate some element of reuse. Their goal is to challenge creatives to look at materials in new ways and to inspire the audience to rethink how they view fashion . . . that fashion can be both spectacular and sustainable. This event is free to the public (tickets required) with VIP seating options and donations gratefully accepted. Grab your tickets at <https://tinyurl.com/ACRFashionShow>. Masks will be required for all attendees.



National Night Out - community connections and safe streets

Gloria Neunaber

After holding an outside, modified registered version of a National Night Out on Tuesday Oct 5th, neighbors on Thames Drive were grateful to have a visit from three Austin Police Department Officers, which included our Windsor Park District Representative Andre Black.

The officers commended us for knowing our neighbors and how important it is for everyone to know who lives on either side of you and the 3 across the street. Knowing contact information such as names, phone numbers, vehicles, and even pets can help keep everyone safer. This kind of connection also allows us to borrow an egg, hedge trimmer, or an extra hand for moving an appliance! It is important to have the number of each house visible so that emergency workers if needed can easily and quickly find our residence. They also emphasized to report any incidents which we are concerned about by phoning 311 (or 911 if it's happening at the time) or by reporting online. Calling in even minor incidents (like a car being rifled through or something taken from a patio or porch) helps keep the police informed – it is possible there could be a trend or a series of similar calls on a street.

If anyone would like to help our WPNA revive its Safety Committee, please let your WPNA Officers know. Let's all keep caring for one another and being good neighbors!



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1. Via facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/WindsorParkAustinTX>) where you can comment and ask questions.
2. Live stream from our website (<http://www.windsorpark.info/>) - available during the meeting

Library & Book Club Update

As we continue to navigate phase 4 threat level of the pandemic, APL locations will continue with express service and limited hours. Outdoor programs have been approved, so keep an eye on the library's events/programs page for outdoor story times and for virtual events. <http://library.austintexas.gov/events>

The Windsor Park Branch is open Mon/Tues Noon-8pm & Weds/Thurs/Fri 10am-6pm.

The amazing Mr. Gabriel, Windsor Park's youth librarian, has an online story time Mondays at 10:30am. If you can't make it to that one, you can use the same link below to look for other librarians hosting story times and sign up for those as well. All virtual story times require registration via Eventbrite. The registration cut off is 2 hours before the story time starts. Register here: <http://library.austintexas.gov/event/all-ages-storytime/virtual-all-ages-storytime-7691865>

The **Windsor Park Book Club** meets over Zoom the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7 – 8:30 p.m. If you're interested, contact Allen Michie at allenmichie@gmail.com. Upcoming books are:

- Nov 9th - Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell
- Dec 11th – various Mark Twain stories including “The Mysterious Stranger”

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