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Celebrations and Welcoming New Window Park Neighborhood Association Officers

Jackie Brooks, WPNA President

Sign, Sign, everywhere a sign...Did you see the signs? Thanks to Martin and the artistry of some neighborhood volunteers, word about our WPNA Harvest Fest made it far and wide across the neighborhood. As a result, we saw many new faces come together with those more familiar to celebrate 40 years of the WPNA. Our block party at Bartholomew Park (a new location due to the demolition of the Windsor Village Shopping Center) became a backdrop of sunshine, music, catching up with old friends, and making new ones. A much-welcomed gathering after a 2-year hiatus due to the pandemic.

I was lucky enough to post up at the table serving hot cocoa and Tiff's Treats cookies – front row ticket to some of the biggest smiles at Harvest Fest! The joy was everywhere as folks mingled with local vendors and organizations from the community, decorated butterflies for a collaborative art project, swapped for new plants, and captured their goofy side at the



Enlivenment committee photo booth. I was so inspired by the talent of our musicians and performers who shared their gifts with us. And the fire truck!! All of the fun fueled by delicious vegan snacks and sliders from Counter Culture and steaming hot mini tacos from Mi Trailita led to a grand finale “pie walk” where we followed the rhythm of the drum in a circle to win some delicious pies. It’s a great day when you end it winning a pie!

I’d like to thank all of our amazing sponsors, and extend a big round of applause to the tag team duo I refer to as M&M (Martin Luecke and Madison Madden) who led these efforts- bringing all these pieces together in a spectacularly short period of time. [continued on page 2]

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[President’s Letter, continued from page 1]

Harvest Fest was a smashing success for all who came together, donated pies, and shared their time, talents, and treasure. It was one fit for the history books, and a fabulous way to acknowledge the spirit of the WPNA as it carries with us into the next 40 years. (Check out Martin’s recap of the Harvest Fest with photos on page 6 for more)

With the wise words of some past WPNA presidents fresh in our minds, we have a dedicated group of newly elected Officers ready to shepherd us into 2023. Congratulations, and thank-you, Cesar Benavides, Josh Pitts, Jeanette Swenson, and Keith Edwards! We appreciate your willingness to serve this organization and to continue the legacy of positive impact in Windsor Park. Neighbors-if you’ve been looking for an opportunity to make an impact, the **Secretary** role is still open. Please consider and reach out to secretary@windsorpark.info for more information.

And if you missed the Harvest Fest and are worried you missed out on the fun, don’t fret! The celebration will continue on **Saturday, Dec. 10th, as we host our annual WPNA Holiday Party @ The Knomad from 10am-12pm**. It’s a potluck breakfast where we kick off our membership drive and shower our volunteers with appreciation as we reflect on the accomplishments of

this past year. There are so many efforts to celebrate, including (but not limited to): Hybrid in-person meetings, 40 years in 40 days campaign, Piano Parade to install a Community Piano at our Windsor Park Library, Advocacy and Appeal efforts for our Windsor Village Shopping Center (ongoing), recognizing 20 deserving high school seniors with \$1,000 Scholarship Awards, hosting 3 Candidate Forums (including District 4 Council Member, AISD Trustees, and Mayor), rekindling the annual neighborhood block party - Harvest Fest...to name a few.

If you appreciate what the WPNA does for our community, please become a member! Memberships support all of these efforts and it’s one way you can make an immediate impact (don’t forget your donation is tax deductible, because we are a 501c3 nonprofit – thanks past President Mark Boyden!). While we have accomplished a lot, there is always more to do, and we need your help! What would you like to see happen in our community in 2023?

As I write this, my last President’s letter, I shed a happy tear – it has been a privilege and an honor to serve. Thank you for the inspiration, the abundance of memories, and for all the things to look forward to together in 2023. Happy 40th WPNA!

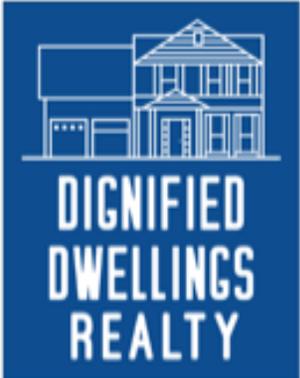


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# OF HOMES SOLD IN (Oct 2022)	5	
AVG SQ FT OF HOMES SOLD	1,858	
AVG DAYS ON MKT OF SOLDS	28	
# ACTIVE LISTINGS ON MARKET	21*	

*As of November 10th, 2022 - Single Family Homes. Request a Detailed Report for Your Section of Windsor Park

Parks Update

Jeanette Swenson

Construction Started at Pomerleau Park

The stakes are in the ground at Pomerleau Park, 1906 Patton Lane! It looks like the layout for the trail. Construction began the week of November 14. The anticipated completion date is late April 2023 and the Park will be open for public use!

Phase one will include seating areas with picnic tables, looped walking trails through the park, sections of maintained turf and preserved meadow fields. Thanks to additional funding through Parkland Dedication Funding and Austin Parks Foundation designated funding, a playground will be added to Phase one and will include shade canopies over the play equipment, trees planted in the playground area, and nature play elements. For more information and the site plan, check out the website:

<http://www.austintexas.gov/department/earl-j-pomerleau-pocket-park-vision-plan>

Bartholomew Park

Bartholomew Park's Tannehill Branch Creek got some love during It's My Park Day on November 5 when 30 eager volunteers hauled many bags of trash, bicycle wheels, tarps, and yes, plastic out of the creek. We didn't quite fill the huge dumpster, but it was close. We also recycled about 100 cans. Thank you to Jennifer Murray-Chavez and Jen Wong for organizing and coordinating with sponsor Austin Parks Foundation. Jen Wong has organized a December 3 clean-up of Tannehill Branch Creek along Broadmoor for December 3, 9:30-noon. To sign up, please sign up with sponsor Keep Austin Beautiful – you can find a link at <http://www.windsorpark.info>

Neighbors from all over Window Park gathered in Bartholomew Park on November 12th for the Windsor Park Harvest Fest. This was the first time we celebrated in the Park; being there allowed us to celebrate 40 years of WPNA and enjoy the many park projects that have been completed over the past twenty-thirty years. Keep your eyes peeled for other opportunities to enjoy our neighborhood parks; they will keep getting better with help and love from neighbors & volunteers and investments from our city.

Ensign wasps

Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist

Have you ever seen what you thought was a weird looking house fly in your home? If so, then you may have seen an ensign wasp. Ensign wasps are small with a body reaching a length of about ¼ of an inch, not including the hind legs which are very long and extend past the tip of the body. These wasps are black in color and have a unique abdomen (the third and last section of the body) that is shaped like a sailor's signal flag and comes off the top of the thorax (the second section of the insect body).

These wasps do not sting or bite, so there is no need to be concerned if you find one or more in your home. Ensign wasps are beneficial insects that help to manage cockroach populations, so seeing them is a sign that there are cockroaches nearby.



Ensign wasps lay their eggs inside the egg case of larger species of cockroaches, such as American, Smoky-brown, or Oriental cockroaches. A single egg is laid in each cockroach egg case. When the wasp egg hatches,

the developing larva feeds on the dozen or so cockroaches inside the egg case. The wasp pupates within the cockroach egg case and then chews a hole to emerge as an adult and begin the cycle over. If an ensign wasp is spotted, then leave it alone to help control cockroaches and search for where cockroaches may be hiding, which is often in dark places near a water source. If you find cockroaches, you can use a cockroach bait product to help manage them. Since the cockroaches that ensign wasps attack are species typically found outside, you can also work to exclude your home to keep the cockroaches outdoors.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown at 512.854.9600.

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December 2022 Yard of the Month - 2124 Brunswick Drive

Sara Jane Lee

The December winners are Carrie and Michael Griffith of 2124 Brunswick Drive. They have lived there since 2009 and are members of WPNA.

Since they were novice gardeners, they spent much time visiting local nurseries where they picked up a copy of "Grow Green." They became enamored with the idea of using native plants because in addition to needing little water and tolerating brutal heat, they look beautiful and look like they belong in Austin. They also got great advice from their neighbors, especially from Willy Glenn, who owns Barton Creek Nursery. He helped them find many plants and gave them great tips that helped the Griffiths grow them successfully.

They have several trees and four large plant beds. The trees are probably their favorites. They include Redbuds, a Live Oak, an Anacacho Orchid, a Desert Willow, a Mountain Laurel, and a Chitalpa (a cross between a catalpa and a desert willow). All but the live oak bloom at some time during the year.

In their flower beds they have many perennials such as Four Nerve Daisy, Damianita, Gregg Mistflower, Rock Rose, and Fall Aster, Turk's Cap and American Beautyberry. The last two are more shade tolerant.

This spring they made a radical change. They took up their St. Augustine front lawn. With the help of the landscaper, Alex Resaka, they resodded the lawn and enlarged their plant beds. They put down new gravel and river rock in them. They also installed Zoysia Grass, which is more drought tolerant than St. Augustine and does well in clay soils.

The Griffiths will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate from Shoal Creek Nursery. While you are there be sure to greet Chicago.

Please send in your nominations for Yard of the Month – where are the hidden gems we have not found yet? We cannot visit every yard in the neighborhood each month. We may not have seen your yard, or your neighbor's yard. 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.

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December 2022 Mueller Update

Rick Krivoniak

Mueller is a Planned Unit Development (PUD), and within it are blocks that distribute various land uses to maintain an appropriate density for the entire development. The PUD has been amended a few times in the past, most recently in 2019. Catellus is proposing a 2022 administrative plan amendment that simply redistributes 173 residential units, lowering the number in the Town Center and adding 161 to the Mixed Residential Area 1 - also known as Town Center North (east of Mueller Blvd., north of Lake Park and Simond Avenue, west of Berkman, and south of 51st) and to Mixed Residential Area 3 (east of Berkman, south of Simond to Tilley, then south of Zach Scott, and then west and north of the Southwest Greenway). The amendment will also clarify wording that Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) are allowed be added to Mueller's Row Houses.

Some Windsor Park residents may receive an official notice from the City in the coming weeks regarding this amendment. If you have questions, email Catellus at contactus@muelleraustin.com.

The Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission will not meet in December. The next meeting is on January 10th 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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*SINGLE FAMILY HOME STATISTICS COLLECTED FROM AUSTIN BOARD OF REALTORS MLS

Austin vs Windsor Park & Rate Drops?

Austin as a whole is down about 19.3% from its peak, while Windsor Park seems to be weathering it a little better at about 12.9% from its peak. October brought us another \$1 million sale in Windsor Park, so there is definitely still a lot of interest. Many builders are still offering to buy down a buyer's interest rate (I've seen plenty offering 4-5%) and we actually saw the largest weekly interest rate drop in about 40 years. I'm hopeful that spring will bring a boost to the market, but only time will tell.

Harvest Fest Gathers Hundreds of Neighbors at Bartholomew Park

Martin Luecke

A plethora of people showed up for the Harvest Fest on Saturday November 12. The weather was terrible the day before, but the sun came out and so did the crowd, clogging the sidewalks of the park around the splash pad, which served as the stage of the event.

There were three musical performances from neighbors Paul Klemperer, Shane Bartell, and Ibrahim from Sahara Lounge, along with a knockout series of performances by the Joyce Willett School of Dance. Donnie Dye brought his hook and ladder fire truck for the kids to climb on, and we saw a demonstration in martial arts from the Max Taekwondo School.

Dozens of children created a special butterfly collage art project aided by our neighborhood nonprofit store Austin Creative Reuse. Several other non-profit organizations were on hand to promote their causes, including Treefolks, Keep Austin Beautiful, Senior Access and Austin Public Library.

There was free food provided by Counter Culture Restaurant (which will be moving to WP next year), Mi Trailita y Mas Mexican Restaurant at the corner of Manor and Rogge, and an extra large box of hot cookies from Tiff's Treats on 51st street. Event sponsors included Merkaba Massage, Ridwell Waste Services, Wishing Horse Productions, HEB, and Frost Bank.

Harvest Fest also featured a living history of WPNA's 40 years of existence, with featured guests Bruce Rockstroh, the inventor of the organization, and Dr. Stephen Rodi, our first president. Also appearing were ten other past presidents, all telling stories of neighborhood accomplishments over the decades. Dr. Rodi wore the original white cap used by WPNA to great effect at City Council meetings in the 1980's, which he offered to sell for \$10,000. There were no buyers but there were many good stories shared.

Fourteen donated pies were won in the Pie Walk contest, and Chris Gray won a \$50 HEB gift card raffle for donating a pie. Gloria Neunaber won a \$50 HEB gift card in the membership renewal raffle.

Several WPNA groups were on hand, including the School/Scholarship committee, the Climate committee, a wacky photo booth provided by the Enlivenment committee, and a free plant swap with the Yard of the Month committee.

Thank you to all those neighbors who showed up for the sign making parties, and especially Jackie and Chandler Brooks, Mohan Rao, and the organizing genius of Madison Madden.



Sadler Means Young Women’s Leadership Academy

Dr. Rosalind Oliphant, Community Partnerships

The Sadler Means basketball team attended the UT Women’s Basketball Game supporting Uvalde. The Lady Dragons sat courtside, threw free throws on the court at half time, and took photos with the Longhorns. Big thanks to the Austin Spurs for sponsoring this incredible experience.

The Texas Alliance of Minorities in Engineering will be on campus mid-month with the STEM Museum on Wheels. Our young leaders will participate in hands-on exhibits, meet local professionals and learn about STEM career paths.

Families, community partners, and interested students are invited to our annual Fine Arts Showcase, Tuesday, December 6, at 6pm. Come support our orchestra, band, dance, and visual artists as they take the stage during this special event.

Gus Garcia Young Men’s Leadership Academy

Dr. Rosalind Oliphant, Community Partnerships

Garcia YMLA culinary classes watered, picked weeds, and harvested vegetables at the Carver Museum gardens. With master gardener Harve’ Franks, our students used fresh picked cucumbers to make a delicious salad. The event made such an impression on students that Ms. Franks came by to help plant herbs and vegetables in our school garden.

Students recently participated in a service-learning activity by collecting canned goods for families in the community. Items from the Garcia YMLA Food Drive were donated to the Central Texas Food Bank in time for the holidays.

Join Gus Garcia YMLA for an evening of musical performances at our Winter Band Concert and Campus Tour, Thursday, December 8, 6-7:30 pm. Come enjoy selections from the Garcia guitar, orchestra, and band ensembles.

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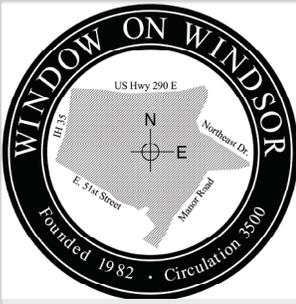
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2. Live stream from our website (<http://www.windsorpark.info/>) - available during the meeting

Library Update

Tuesday, Dec 6 from 6:30-7:45pm - Windsor Park Library Graphic Novel Book Club - Promethea, Issues 1-6, by Alan Moore, J.H. Williams, Mick Gray. Email Sean.Roulier@austintexas.gov to sign up or drop in.

Saturday, Dec 10 from 1-3pm - Coffee, Cocoa, and Creating Canva Holiday Cards! - Bring your own laptop or borrow one of ours! We'll provide the coffee and cocoa!

Tuesday, Dec 13 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm - Windsor Park Book Club - Harlem Shuffle by Coleson Whitehead

- Sunday library hours at selected libraries 12:00-5:00pm - Austin Central; Austin History Center; Little Walnut Creek; Manchaca Road; Ruiz; Spicewood Springs
- The library will be closed Friday, Dec 23 through Monday, Dec 26 for the Christmas Holiday and will be closed Tuesday, Jan 2 for the New Year's Holiday
- Mr. Gabriel joins APL's Outreach team and starts as APL's bookmobile librarian right after Thanksgiving.
- All youth programming takes a break for December.
- ALL Storytimes and youth events will resume with our new Youth Librarian in January, 2023. Come meet her and say hi!!!

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