



# WINDOW on WINDSOR

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**Next  
Neighborhood  
Association  
Meeting**

**Saturday, Dec  
9th at 10am.**

**Knomad on  
Corona - Holiday  
Party!**

**COME TO THE  
ANNUAL HOLI-  
DAY PARTY**

**SEE PAGE 9 FOR  
DETAILS**

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## December Letter from the President

*By Meghan Dougherty*

I can't believe we're wrapping up 2017 already! Where did this year go? I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as president of the Windsor Park Neighborhood Association this year, and I look forward to working for our neighborhood again in 2018. Please join us in celebration at our Neighborhood Association Holiday Party on Dec 9<sup>th</sup>, from 10am – noon at Knomad bar on Corona.

I'd like to take a moment to thank the hard work of our officers and committee chairs. This organization is all volunteer run and accomplishes a lot thanks to the time and talent of neighbors. I'd like to thank the following people, in no particular order:

- **Rodney Ahart** and the dedicated members of the Beautification Committee, especially **Laurel Chesky** and **David Davalos**. Rodney and his committee have written a Neighborhood Partnering Program grant to receive money for a neighborhood sign. They also organize a neighborhood clean-up every other month.
- **Mohan Rao** for getting the Revitalization Committee off the ground and running. **Margaret Dahl** inaugurated it, but when she had to step down, Mohan took the reins. **Marie Garrison** has also taken a leading role in the committee, helping to head up a sub-committee for integrating arts into our neighborhood.
- **Tim Simons** who took over as Transportation Committee chair shortly after moving into the neighborhood.
- [Continued on page 2]

## MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: MARIA LIMÓN

*Martin Luecke*

Our neighbor on Cloverleaf since 1999, María Limón has spent most of her adult life as an activist. These days she works for a non-profit organization called the Texas Council on Family Violence as a facilitator and adult educator for the Abuse Prevention team.

“My job is to help create these conditions for change to happen, to look, reflect and think about doing things differently. Which is what I love about living on Cloverleaf. There are so many instances with my neighbors where we have created these relationships to look out for each other. I've thought about moving, but I can't imagine living anywhere else.”

Originally from El Paso, María moved to Austin in 1980 to attend UT but dropped out after a semester. Back in those days the East Side of Austin was mostly black and Hispanic, especially in the 78702 zip code where María lived. The activism started with her noticing the “redlining” of the neighborhoods. “They wouldn't even deliver pizza there” she says. It was the early days of gentrification in Austin, and María was in the front lines. This experience led to AIDS prevention, environmental justice, and community organizer work, always with the same question: “how do we improve things?”

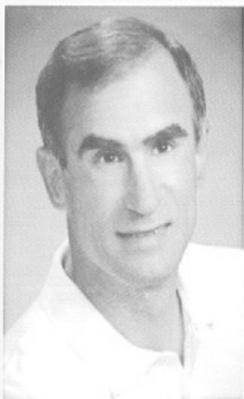
María's parents moved from Mexico to El Paso in the 1950's. Her parents helped people in the community with survival if they did not have enough food, and her mother would help women who were in violent households. In those days there was no government assistance of any kind, and no one really knew how to improve these conditions.

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- Letter from the President, continued from page 1
- Now that we have a plan in place for improving Berkman Drive, we hope to start working on Cameron Road.
- **Jeanette Swenson** and **Jordan Shade** of the Parks Committee who are spearheading the work to get Pomerleau Park developed into a functional park. They are making it a goal to open it to neighborhood use regularly and get neighborhood feedback on designing the park.
- **Juan Pablo Martinez** and members of the Schools Committee that attends CAC meetings, raises money for our scholarship, and generally works to support the hardworking educators and students of our community.
- **Chad Cotton** for his many years of building relationships with the business sponsors in our community and setting us up in Salesforce to keep it all organized. And thank you to **Guadalupe Abbud**, who's taking over as Sponsorship Coordinator and has helped us with Spanish translation.
- **Sandi Wilcox** and the Yard of the Month committee for seeking out beautiful homes in our neighborhood to recognize, **Gary Lockhart** for taking photos of the yards and publishing them in our website, and **Sara Jane Lee** who writes the articles for the newsletter.
- Our webmaster, **Jen Mullinnix**, for setting up and maintaining our website, and **Amanda Rose** for editing and formatting the newsletter and reminding us all to submit our articles each month.
- **Rick Krivoniak**, who serves as a member-at-large in many of these committees and serves on the Mueller Commission along with our past president **Martin Luecke**, and keeps us updated on new developments in Mueller.
- Last, but definitely not least, thank you to the officers - **Meg Brooks, Dan Strub, Emily Vitris, and Brian Graham**. They have all taken on important tasks that help our organization function more efficiently. They keep our procedures, documents, and finances straight, which is a never-ending task.

There are so many other people who contribute in both large and small ways to making this neighborhood association work. From newsletter deliverers, to volunteers at neighborhood clean ups or It's My Park Day, to those who show up to our neighborhood meetings every month, thank you for contributing to our neighborhood! From the Windsor Park Neighborhood Association, we wish you a joyful holiday season with friends and family.

Es tanta la gente que contribuye en diferentes formas para lograr que nuestra asociación funcione. Están los que reparten nuestro "newsletter", los que ayudan limpiando nuestro vecindario o participando en "It's My Park Day", aquellos que asisten a nuestras juntas de cada mes: a todos ustedes Muchas Gracias. De parte de "Windsor Park Neighborhood Association" les deseamos que pasen las fiestas muy alegres en compañía de sus familiares y amigos. **No olvide asistir a nuestra celebración el 9 diciembre a Knomad Bar, Corona Drive, 10 a 12 de la mañana.**



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## December 2017 Yard of the Month

*Sara Jane Lee*

The December Yard of the Month is 1616 Ashberry Drive. This is a repeat winner. Yards are eligible to win again after five years. The owners, Homero Sanchez and Karen Gustafson who won in 2010, had to move to California for family reasons. Their house is rented to college students and managed by Charlee Peate.

Their yard looked good in 2010, and it still looks good. Back then they were inspired by other xeriscaped yards, parks, and local businesses. Then they advised beginning gardeners to research to do some research before planting anything. That is still good advice. In the late summer and early fall of 2009 Karen and Homero worked with a landscaper to develop an attractive design that would reduce water use and require little work.

This is definitely a xeriscape. Homero and Karen wanted a landscape that complemented their mid-century modern house. On the Berkman side of the yard there is grass. The rest is crushed limestone with mulched planting beds. The rust colored metal planters add color. In the planters they have Golden Barrel Cacti and Mexican Feather Grass. By the house they have Bamboo Muhly. They also have Blue Agave, Toothless Sotol, Shoestring Acacia, and Red Yucca. These plants require little care. The main jobs are weeding and blowing leaves in the fall. The leaves come from a mature tree in the middle of the front yard. The pale green of many of their plants complement the grey house with the red front door.

Support our sponsor, Shoal Creek Nursery, who gives a \$50.00 gift certificate to our Yard of the Month winner each month.

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](mailto:wpna.yom@gmail.com).



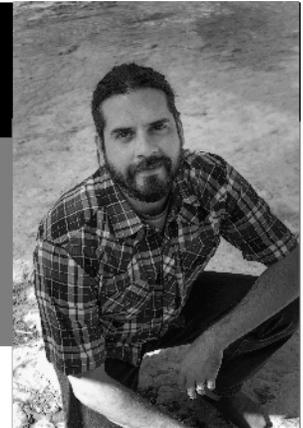
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AVG SQ FT OF HOMES SOLD      1,620

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\*As of Nov 13th, 2017 - Single Family Homes

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## Andrews Early College Prep - Home of the Gators!

*Jennifer Hranitzky, principal*

- December 4-8, 2017 - The Scholastic Fall Book Fair will be in the Andrews Library all week. Volunteers are needed to help out with setting up, and assisting students daily during the book fair. Please call Tammi Powell, the librarian at 512-414-1770, if you can help with the book fair!
- December 14th, 6-7:30pm, the 3rd graders will present the Christmas Program in the cafeteria.

During the winter break, Extend-A-Care will be open daily at Andrews, from December 18th through January 3rd.

## Blanton Elementary

*Karon Smutzer, ACE Site Coordinator*

November was a month of celebration at Blanton: There were adult classes in ESL, Love & Logic and exercise weekly...and there was the Harvest Fest and the Tamalada Celebration.

As usual, we have many wonderful activities and events throughout the year – you are all invited to attend.

Please feel free to visit the school, ask questions and learn more about what Blanton Elementary can offer for your student.

Important December dates for parents and community:

- Dec 4: Adult ESL Classes, 8:30-10 a.m. every Mon. & Fri., room 108
- Dec 4: Winter Fest, 5:30 p.m. @ AISD Performing Arts Center, 1500 Barbara Jordan Blvd. 78723
- Dec 5: Love & Logic Classes, 8:00-10:00 a.m. every Tues., room 108
- Dec 8: 1<sup>st</sup> Session of ACE ends, 2<sup>nd</sup> Session begins January 16, 2018
- Dec 18 – January 3....Winter Break...No School
- Jan 4, 2018.....Classes resume

For more information, please feel free to contact Karon Smutzer, ACE Site Coordinator at [karon.smutzer@austinisd.org](mailto:karon.smutzer@austinisd.org)

## Reagan Early College High School

*Julia Remington, LCSW Bilingual Social Services Specialist*

- December 1 at 6:30pm- The Reagan Blue Jesters present The Wonderful Wizard of Oz
- December 4 and 5 at 6:30pm- Guitar Showcase
- December 6 at 6:30pm in the Theater- Band Winter Concert
- December 6 at 6:30pm in the cafeteria- Early College Parent Information Session
- December 7- Late Start
- December 11 at 6:00pm- FAFSA/TAFSA Night
- December 20- Winter break begins!

Great things are happening at Reagan! We have 100 new qualifiers for Early College classes this Spring. i.e. they passed the TSI test which allows them to take college credits. In November, the journalism class went to Dallas for a journalism conference and were recently on KUT 90.5 discussing the state of journalism today.

The theater teacher, Mr. Trevino, will again take students to New York City over spring break where they will get to enjoy first hand Broadway plays. Many of these students have never left the state or been on a plane. It's crucial we give our students first hand experiences so that they can dream big and reach their goals in life. Unfortunately, many of these students can't afford the \$1600 that it will take to attend the trip. Please consider donating so students can realize their dream. Below is the link to donate. <https://edbacker.com/c/reagan-blue-jesters-new-york-trip>

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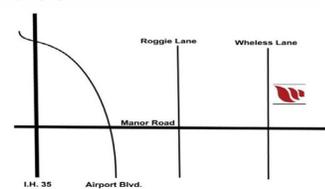
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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

**Sunday**  
10:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
11:45 a.m. Bible Class  
5:00 p.m. Evening Worship

**Wednesday**  
7:00 p.m. Bible Class

**Friday**  
10:00 a.m. Seasoned Saints Bible Study



## Carpet Beetles

*Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist*

Carpet beetles can be found outdoors on crape myrtles or other plants where the adults eat pollen and nectar; the adults may also be found in rodent or bird nests. When these adults move into homes, they lay eggs which can lead to problems. These beetles can be pests in warehouses, homes, museums and other locations.

Carpet beetle adults are small, round to oval shaped and often brightly colored. Larvae are small, tan, and ringed with bands of long hairs. Carpet beetle larvae feed on high protein foods, usually animal based, but they can also feed on plant material. In the pantry, you may find them in items such as powdered milk, dried meats (jerky), or pet food. In other areas of the home, they can be attracted to items made from wool, fur or feathers, areas where dead insects accumulate (i.e. light fixtures), leather book bindings, hair, silk or dried plant products.



A program utilizing sanitation, exclusion and insecticides should be able to get a carpet beetle problem under control.

- Clean accumulations of hair, dead insects, and bird, rodent or wasp nests
- Regularly clean rugs, carpets, upholstery, etc.
- Inspect animal based items (leather, wool, silk, taxidermied animals, etc.) once a year to avoid infestations
- Keep pantry items/ dry goods in sealed, air-tight containers
- Infested items can be heated or cooled to kill any beetles, depending on the

item. Freeze 2 weeks at temperatures below 18°F or heat for at least 30 minutes to temperatures above 120°F

- Insecticides can be used as spot treatments - make sure carpet beetles are listed on the label and treat a small spot first to ensure the product will not stain

If you find a few adult carpet beetles in your home, squish them or vacuum them up. A few adults usually do not warrant a full treatment, but you should watch for a developing infestation.

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




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## December 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. Easiest access from Windsor Park is to take the easternmost driveway on 51<sup>st</sup> Street into the HEB parking lot and continue directly south onto Vaughan Street about one-half mile to Sorin Street, at the southwest corner of the park. (Mueller's recently updated development plan/map is viewable here: <http://www.muelleraustin.com/uploads/plan/mueller-illustrative-plan.pdf> )

The City Council will adopt the 2015 International Fire Code for Austin in December, excluding the portions that might require 25-foot clear street travel widths, which as reported last month, would affect many Mueller and other central Austin neighborhoods. The City will engage in a series of meetings for public and expert input before the Council decides on the final policy sometime in early 2018.

Mueller was celebrated on November 14<sup>th</sup> as the largest nationally certified LEED Gold Neighborhood Development. President & CEO of the U.S. Green Building Council, Mahesh Ramanujam presented the award to Dee Desjardin, VP Mueller Marketing & Communications, who accepted the award on behalf of the project. Mueller has the largest concentration of Austin Energy Green Building rated structures. AEGB has awarded star ratings to the homes and businesses here for being resource-wise contributors to a cleaner environment through efficient energy and water use, better health and greater comfort. The event was held at the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Texas Mentoring Center, located in the Rathgeber Village section of Windsor Park, which was also awarded an Austin Energy Green Building 3-star rating the same evening.

Recently, the AISD Performing Arts Center (PAC) received recognition for its LEED Gold rating by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), making the PAC the 15th LEED building in Mueller. This is on top of its five-star rating from the Austin Energy Green Building program.

Council Member District 1 Ora Houston has appointed Mueller resident Troy Bodley to the Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission. CMD8 Ellen Troxclair's appointee seats remain open. If you have an interest in serving on any City Board or Commission, visit [www.austintexas.gov/department/boards-and-commissions](http://www.austintexas.gov/department/boards-and-commissions).

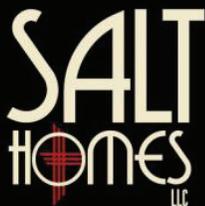
The RMMAPIAC will next meet at 6:00 PM on Tuesday January 9, 2018 at the Britton, Durst, Howard & Spence Building (Chestnut Community Center), 1183 Chestnut Avenue. RMMAPIAC agendas, minutes and other documents are available at <https://austintexas.gov/rmmapiac>

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María Limón, continued from page 1

Family violence is a complicated problem. World Health Organization research shows there are many factors, all inter-related, including poverty, lack of green space, lack of access to healthcare, toxic waste, racism, and inequity which are contributing factors to chronic health and violence in a community.



[picture of María, with her friend Father Daniel Rivera]

María is speaking to me from Spokane where she spent a week training the Washington family violence team on a new program invented here in Austin designed to get families to look at how society perpetuates domestic violence. “We have found a way to present the content which encourages reflection and honesty and even joy and light-heartedness.” The curriculum requires a particular facilitation style that is light and fun, because “otherwise it’s too heavy a topic.” The results are promising.

María says, “Domestic violence is a very gendered problem: men are conditioned to believe their role is to be dominant; women are conditioned to believe they are subservient. We are trying to break down those belief systems so we can end violence without demonizing the aggressors.” It takes a reinvention of thought in the family unit, where change happens incrementally.

María’s next training session here in Austin is open to the public and will happen January 24-26 at the Sustainable Food Center on East 17th St. Contact María at [mlimon@tcfv.org](mailto:mlimon@tcfv.org) if you wish to participate.

Please send me suggestions for stories: [mwluecke@hotmail.com](mailto:mwluecke@hotmail.com) or call [512.536.0465](tel:512.536.0465)

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**ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY**



**WHERE:** The Knomad Bar  
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**WHEN:** Saturday, December 9  
 10 AM - 12 PM

**WHAT:** A festive celebration of our neighborhood. Please bring a potluck dish to share!

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**WPNA Calendar of Events**

**Windsor Park Neighborhood Association Annual Holiday Party!**

**December 9, 10 am - 12 pm, Knomad Bar, Corona Dr.**

**Social Committee Meeting - Planning for Spring Block Party**

**December 16, 12:30 - 2 pm, University Hills Library**

**Transportation Committee Meeting**

**December 19, 6:30 pm, Windsor Park Library**

**Redevelopment Committee**

**December 28, 6:30 pm, Windsor Park Library**

**WPNA Executive Committee Meeting**

**December 18, 7 pm, Windsor Park Library**

**Windsor Park Library Updates and Events**

**Events and Book Club**

- Sat. Dec 2nd, 2pm:** Saturday Family Movie - Rogue One: A Star Wars Story
- Thurs., Dec 7th, 10:15am:** The Elves and The Shoemaker
- Mon., Dec 11th, 6pm:** Holiday Cookie Decorating Class
- Tues., Dec 12th 3:30pm:** Lego Lab
- Thurs., Dec 14th, 7pm:** Graphic Novel Book Club, Identity Crisis by Brad Meltzer
- Tues., Dec 19th 3:30:** Free Game Playing
- Tues. Dec 19th, 4:00pm:** MarioKart 8 Wii Tournament
- Sat. Jan 6th, 2pm:** Saturday Family Movie - Despicable Me 3

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