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Jan 7, 2pm: Saturday Family Movie - Kubo and the Two Strings
Jan 10, 4pm: Lego Lab
Jan 10, 6:30pm: Windsor Park Book Club - Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi
Jan 11, 18, 25 - 6pm: Pajama Storytime
Jan 12, 19, 26 - 10:15: All Ages Storytime
Jan 14, 21 - 10:30: Meditation Classes - with Eastside Yoga
Jan 24, 4pm: Crafternoon
Feb 1, 6pm: Pajama Storytime
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The Windsor Park Neighborhood Plan Contact Team (WPNPCT)

is a representative group of neighborhood stakeholders charged as stewards of the Neighborhood Plan, to uphold the implementation of the Plan's vision, goals and recommendations, and to review & vote on all proposed amendments to the Plan.

Meetings are the second Monday of each month at the Windsor Park Library (subject to change) at 6:30 p.m.
Contact Conor Kenny at conor@conorkenny.net or 512-968-3050

Everyone is invited to attend and participate.

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Looking toward the New Year... Your Membership Makes a Difference!

By Meghan Dougherty, president

Thank you to the staff at the Nomad and our neighborhood volunteers for hosting a successful holiday party once again. And thank you to all who came out to be a part of our festivities. Our annual holiday party is a great opportunity to reconnect with old neighbors, meet new ones, and renew your membership for 2017.

I also want to thank our outgoing officers, Karen Pagani and Charters Wynn, for their dedication, time and service to our neighborhood. Looking toward the new year, I'm very excited to work with our executive committee for 2017, which includes some new and some returning officers: Dan Strub, our new vice president, Meg Brooks, our returning Treasurer, Emily Vitris, our new secretary, and Brian Graham, our returning ANC representative.

I have shared a survey with our neighborhood through our various communication platforms: Nextdoor, Yahoo listserv, and Facebook. As of this writing, we've had over 100 responses, which will help inform our strategies and goals for 2017.

I've especially appreciated the non-members who've shared their concerns and experiences with us, because one of my main goals is increasing and diversifying our membership in 2017. The biggest reason given for not joining the WPNA was simply time. We all have so much on our plate and so many demands on our time, so this concern is understandable. The good news: joining is an easy, quick process.

Even if you're not able to come to a Saturday neighborhood meeting, you can join by mailing the form attached to the back of this newsletter or by donating online through our Paypal account.

You can visit our website here: <http://www.windsorpark.info/membership/> and click on the level of membership that fits you and your lifestyle. We have everything from a fixed income membership for \$5 to a sustaining membership for \$35. But to us, the money is not as important as your participation, even if it just involves following neighborhood news in this newsletter or on one of our social media platforms. We'd love to welcome you to a meeting, but if you don't have time on a Saturday morning, we still welcome you to join our organization.

The next most common reason people haven't joined is they don't know what we do. In short, we are a nonprofit that advocates for our neighborhood's interests with the city and county. We also organize committees of volunteers to initiate projects that improve the quality of life for our residents. So, how will your membership benefit you as a resident of our neighborhood?

- You might be familiar with the work of our beautification committee, which is planting medians around the neighborhood, organizing monthly cleanups, and currently applying for a grant to get neighborhood signage and increase neighborhood pride.

- Possibly you know of our transportation committee, which conducted a survey of our neighborhood's transportation concerns and communicates with the city to get more pedestrian crossings, speed bumps, and sidewalks.

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Want sidewalks? Come hear John Eastman at the January meeting

Margaret Dahl

John Eastman, Project Manager, Street and Bridge Sidewalks and Special Projects Division Public Works Department, City of Austin will be at the January WPNA meeting Saturday 14th, 10am Memorial United Methodist Church, 6100 Berkman. **Come with your questions**

Want to connect with your neighborhood and neighborhood association? Count the ways....

Amanda Rose

Come to a neighborhood meeting! Currently on 2nd Saturday, 10am

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Fungus gnats

Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist

Fungus gnats often become a problem in homes due to an overwatering problem. Since this time of year can bring poinsettias or other plants into the home, fungus gnats are a pest to watch for.

Fungus gnat adults are small, black, long-legged flies with long antennae. Most adults are about 1/16 an inch but some can get up to 1/2 an inch. They are weak fliers and generally remain near potted plants, growing media, foliage or leaf litter.

Larvae, or immatures, have a black head capsule and long whitish body without legs. They feed on organic matter such as mulch, compost, grass clippings, plant roots and fungi. When conditions are very moist, fungus gnat larvae can become abundant and may leave slime trails on media that looks similar to trails left by snails or slugs.

While these gnats are a nuisance they are fairly easy to manage. Indoors, it is a good idea to use yellow sticky cards as a monitoring tool. Potato pieces may also be used as a monitoring tool for fungus gnats. To do this, imbed a peeled potato cube into media and inspect the underside of the potato and the media directly below it twice a week for fungus gnat larvae.

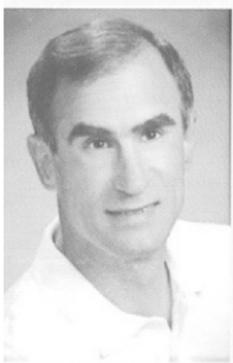
To manage fungus gnat populations, work on reducing excessively moist conditions. Avoid overwatering and make sure that there is good drainage. The surface of container soil should be allowed to dry before watering again. If using compost, make sure that items have been fully composted. Compost piles should be turned regularly and kept away from doors or windows. Inspect all doors, windows, vents and screens for a good seal to reduce the number of gnats that may enter a structure.

Bacillus thuringiensis var. israelensis or the nematode *Steinernema feltiae* can be applied in containers to control larvae. Either spray on the media or apply as a soil drench. Biologicals work best when they are applied early in an infestation. If a population is already large, they may not provide the control desired.

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

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- Or you might be familiar with our schools committee, which offers \$1000 scholarships to students who graduate from Reagan, LBJ or LASA. If you know of a senior graduating this year who lives in our neighborhood and has been involved in community service, please encourage them to apply for the scholarship (deadline March 15)!

The thing is, none of these committees or initiatives have as much clout with the city if you don't join. Do you want to see a cleaner, more beautiful Windsor Park? Then join our association. Do you want to support education for the children who live in our neighborhood? Then join our association. Do you want to help fight crime and make our

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Message from CM, Ora Houston & Staff

Genoveva Rodriguez

The last year has been a successful year for the Austin City Council. 2016 was my sophomore year in office and we have learned a lot about a lot in two years. We look forward to continuing to serve everyone in District #1!

Last year, the Health and Human Services Council Committee worked hard to establish the ability for Code Inspectors to register/license and inspect boarding homes where 7 or more unrelated individuals live to ensure that their housing is safe. Many people in District #1 expressed concern about the well-being of some of our most vulnerable. My goal as the first council person for District #1 was to spend a lot of time reaching out to and connecting with individuals in the community who have been marginalized and feel that they are not heard by City staff or prior council. It was important to establish a line of communication between individuals in the district and City staff to respond directly to issues that affect their quality of life.

Our office also made sure to partner with other agencies and entities to foster a positive working relationship. For example, we partnered with the Texas Department of Transportation to pave and restripe East Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd. from Airport Blvd. to the access road of Hwy 183. We also supported budget items for commissions whose work relates to disparities and inequities in contracts, economic infrastructure, employment, education, housing, language access and healthcare in the City of Austin for certain populations.

Throughout 2017, we hope to bring focus on the lack of equity in policy decisions, budget allocations on advisory groups and the implementation of procedures in City Departments; to encourage Central Health to extend primary health care to communities that are East of Airport Blvd., to the Travis County line; and legacy issues and length of agreements with those entities.

We will continue to host our quarterly Town Hall meetings and Coffee Chats throughout the district. In 2016, we also hosted several special-called Town Hall meetings to address pressing items and allow the community to participate. Please find information on our City of Austin website, Facebook or by signing up for our distribution list. Contact our office at 512-978-2101. From our District #1 office to your family, we wish you a prosperous new year!

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: AMERICAN BOTANICAL COUNCIL, part 2

Martin Luecke

Our neighbor headquartered at the 1850 Case Mill Homestead on Walnut Hills Drive and Manor Road since 1998, ABC is a nonprofit herbal education organization founded by Executive Director Mark Blumenthal in 1988. With members in 81 countries, from growers to health care providers, ABC is the world's largest source of herbal ethnobotanical scientific information, including essential oils and fungi. Their mission statement: promote the responsible use of herbal medicine.

There are several ways ABC achieves this goal: publishing books and magazines; publishing on the internet (www.herbalgram.org); and traveling the world speaking to conferences. Mark just returned from doing four appearances in Israel. With 18 full time staff, a cadre of consultants, authors and researchers, ABC provides eight searchable databases online containing the latest scientific data on everything from Acerola to Yaupon Holly. Peer reviewed and written at a high scientific level, ABC is the clearing house for the medicinal and therapeutic use of herbs, and regularly consults federal and state agencies like the FDA and the DEA. In other words, ABC helps make policy.



Mark says the biggest myth of the supplement industry is that it is not regulated by the FDA. In fact, the FDA website says: FDA regulates both finished dietary supplement products and dietary ingredients. FDA regulates dietary supplements under a different set of regulations than those covering "conventional" foods and drug products. Under the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 (DSHEA):

- Manufacturers and distributors of dietary supplements and dietary ingredients are prohibited from marketing products that are adulterated or misbranded. That means that these firms are responsible for evaluating the safety and labeling of their products before marketing to ensure that they meet all the requirements of DSHEA and FDA regulations.
- FDA is responsible for taking action against any adulterated or misbranded dietary supplement product after it reaches the market.

ABC's big initiative at the moment is the botanical adulteration education project. Just like it sounds, ABC is leading the charge in uncovering the "adulteration" of different products through scientific research, guiding manufacturers on which source materials meet FDA regulations. Partners in the education project include the American Herbal Pharmacopoeia (AHP), and the University of Mississippi's National Center for Natural Products Research (NCNPR).

This is important stuff Windsor Park. Our neighbor is helping keep us safe. And in the pantheon of humanity, herbs are in the top 3 list along with water and food. Civilization was founded on homo sapiens' ability to cultivate nutrition sources in predictable

cycles, and hunter gatherer clans survive to this day precisely because of their herbal knowledge. ABC is doing this job for us. And we, in this modern society, take for granted our easy access to these products of nature. Few of us could actually find in nature the herbs required to treat illnesses. And most of us are unaware of the many uses of these herbs in our daily lives. Tea is the primary intersection of humans and herbs in the world today. Chinese Emperor Shen-Nung is credited with accidentally inventing herb tea in 2737 B.C.

So five thousand years of global herbal data is now available to anyone who wants to join ABC. As a member you too can 'Adopt-An-Herb', ABC's program which, according to their web site: "helps ensure that the most current information on their herb is available in HerbMedPro. This enables consumers, researchers, educators, media, health practitioners, government agencies, and members of industry to have easy access to abstracts of the latest scientific and clinical publications on the many aspects, properties, and benefits of the adopted herb." I can see the family photo now: me with my new adoptee, Stinging Nettle, sitting in the garden! Cheers to ABC! *Please send me suggestions: mwluecke@hotmail.com or call 512.536.0465*

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Jan 2017 Yard of the Month

Sara Jane Lee

The January winner is Kristen Moses of 1306 Northridge Drive. She has lived on Northridge Drive for three years. She wanted a modern landscape that would complement the midcentury features of her house. She also wanted to highlight the two large trees in her front yard.

She has a St. Augustine lawn with black rock beds at the street and near the house. The pavers leading to the house also rest on a black rock bed. These are outlined in rusted ironwork. She also has ironwork planters defining distinct areas of the yard. She has Silver Ponyfoot and various succulents in the planters. The bed near the street has Golden Barrel Cactus, Ocotillo succulents, Agaves and a lovely plant with red blooms. The bed at the side of the house has a variety of plants including Shrimp Plant.

It took her about two months to landscape her yard. Yes, she had help. She also had an irrigation system installed. That, the planters and expanses of rock cut down on the watering and the mowing. She advises anyone planning a landscape to watch the patterns of sun and shade in the yard and plant accordingly. Also consider how much maintenance the plants will require. Or more to the point, how hard do you want to work?

Kristen will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate from our sponsor, Shoal Creek Nursery. Pictures of the Yard of the Month are displayed on our website, www.Windsorpark.info as well as on our Facebook page. Check them out.

Do you like a certain yard, or yards, in the neighborhood? You can nominate more than one. Tell us. We cannot visit every yard in the neighborhood every month. We may not have seen your great yard. Don't be humble. We love to get nominations. To nominate a yard or yards, e-mail us at yom@windsorpark.info, call 928-0681 or write WPNA YOMC, P O Box 16183, Austin, Texas 78761

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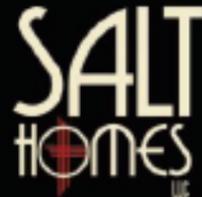


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Message from CM Greg Casar & Staff

Shelby Alexander

Entering 2017, I'm reflecting on the work we have done with your support to raise the voices of residents in North Austin and fight for progress across our city. As I begin a new term, I'm looking forward to the work ahead of us because, as you know, there's a lot more to do. Thank you to everyone for your support, and for giving me the honor of serving a second term to the Austin City Council!

Big District 4 transportation improvements on the way

In 2016, we shared with you the roughly \$2 million in transportation improvements that District 4 residents can expect to see in their neighborhood through the City's "quarter cent funds." In December, the City purchased additional speed cushions to allow our Transportation Department to speedily install and complete several of the traffic calming projects we initiated earlier that year, along with the several high-ranking streets that are eligible to be funded and installed. If you have questions about the timelines for upcoming projects, please don't hesitate to contact the District 4 office.

Over the next few years, I'll keep you posted as we begin to implement the City's \$720 million transportation bond

program, which was approved by Austin voters last month. These dollars are slated to transform areas like North Lamar, Airport, and Burnet Road to be friendlier for pedestrians, bicyclists, neighbors, small businesses, and drivers alike. We'll also begin construction of many of the City's highest priority sidewalks as soon as we can.

Update on APD DNA Lab

As I've shared with you, our office has been working for the past several months to address the challenges facing the Austin Police Department's DNA lab, which closed earlier this year after an audit by the Texas Forensic Science Commission revealed poor scientific protocols and a lack of transparency. During the City budget process, we secured a commitment to send backlogged sexual assault exam kits out to other labs for testing, and we tasked the City Manager's office to review the operation of the APD lab and to consider the formation of a lab independent from the City because of the serious concerns related to procedural and scientific issues at the APD lab.

Now, City and County officials are working together to ensure that a thorough scientific review of the practices at the lab is completed, along with a thorough legal review of the cases where people were convicted of crimes using evidence processed by the lab. City and County officials are also working together on a process to determine the best leadership structure for the lab in the future to ensure transparency and effective forensic services.

My highest priority in these areas is the pursuit of justice and I am committed to ensuring that evidence in Austin is processed swiftly and with appropriate safeguards to ensure accuracy. We can and must do better.

Keep in touch

If you'd like to subscribe to our email newsletter, please call my office. You can call us at 512-978-2104 or email me at Greg.Casar@austintexas.gov

January 2017 Mueller Update

Rick Krivoniak

Due to mud concerns adjacent to the Tower, the December 6th Tower Lighting event was moved last minute to John Gaines Park, which served as an excellent venue for the 11th NOEL re-lighting ceremony. The Reagan High School Drum Line and the Nash Hernandez Orchestra provided a festive atmosphere, and State Rep. Celia Israel threw the switch to light the NOEL for the holiday season.

Though a large amount of infrastructure was already in place, it was just ten years ago this month that the first six home-builders at Mueller were announced, leading to the first residents moving in just before the end of 2007. No stores were open yet in Mueller, and Dell Children's Medical Center was still a few months away from taking in its first patients. Mueller's redevelopment is now roughly at its halfway point, having survived the 2008-2010 recession with a slowdown. Currently developing at fast pace, expect some exciting things at Mueller for 2017.

Weather permitting; the full width of Berkman Drive through Mueller should soon be open. Narrow traffic lanes, a median, parallel parking and cycle-tracks in the street's cross-section are designed to create "friction" and slow traffic. Past speed and safety concerns on Berkman led the City's Transportation Department to try "dynamic speed display" signs, showing the speed of approaching cars atop the posted speed limit. The signs will rotate around the city, as studies indicate their effectiveness wanes with time, but initial findings did show that speeds were reduced on the southern stretch of Berkman. A new 4-Way stop at Zach Scott Street is also anticipated to slow speeders. Pedestrian activated, rapid flashing beacon crossing signals are being considered for two locations on Berkman.

With the newly elected City Council Members D6 Flannigan and D10 Alter, and with two commissioner resignations (by D5 CM Kitchen & D9 CM Tovo), four appointments to the Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission will be made by the end of February. Unlike most City commissions, RMMAPIAC members must reside in Mueller or in nearby neighborhoods. Windsor Park residents Martin Lueke (by CM D4 Casar), and yours truly (by Mayor Adler) will continue to serve two more years. If you have an interest in serving on any City board or commission, visit www.austintexas.gov/departments/boards-and-commissions.

Recent communications to the City Council by the RMMAPIAC include: A recommendation to consider potential City use and funding for Mueller Central, the Hangar and the Tower; encouraging the Council to ask that the Capital Metro Connections 2025 study consider high frequency options along primary corridors in and near the Mueller area; and a recommendation to pursue State legislation allowing cities the option of reducing neighborhood speed limits and implementing a pilot project at Mueller.

The RMMAPIAC (Mueller Commission) will next meet on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 6:00 PM at Parque Zaragoza Recreation Center, 2608 Gonzales Street. Visit <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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Schools - Changes Are a'Comin'

Meghan Dougherty, Schools Committee

There are a lot of changes happening districtwide that will be affecting our neighborhood schools. The school that will be built in Mueller is still an ongoing topic of discussion. Most of the community members who have attended planning sessions with AISD expressed the desire for a middle school to be built there, perhaps the only co-ed option near our neighborhood, which would pull students from all around District 1. However, recently AISD announced its plans to make the Mueller school an elementary, to replace Pecan Springs.

Another issue to keep on your radar are the results from the AISD Facility Condition Assessment, accessible on the AISD website here: https://aecomconnect.com/AISD_FCA/ AISD has been conducting these assessments on every school in the district over the past few months. This is to help inform the work of the Facilities and Bond Planning Advisory Committee (FABPAC). They are designing a comprehensive plan for the needs of district schools ahead of a bond that will be proposed in next fall's election. Their mission is to not only address urgent needs in facilities, but also to come up with a long-term plan for AISD schools to stay ahead of problems. Please check the website to see the status and recommendations for your school. There was a recent article on KUT that addressed many of these issues: <http://kut.org/post/district-faces-hard-decisions-it-plans-future-school-construction-and-closures>

While it lies on the edge of our neighborhood, we should also be watching for proposals to move LASA out of LBJ and out of District 1 entirely. There have been ongoing issues there with sharing the space and concerns about the inequities and lack of diversity. AISD has recently added changes to its magnet school application, to allow for greater diversity in students attending AISD schools. There will be a two-pronged selection process - one that continues to select students in the usual way, based on scores, essays, grades, etc; and another one that will ensure equity in geographic distribution of students attending LASA. This helps address the problem that LASA, while based in our district, doesn't serve many of our students. In 2014-15, only 1.7% of its students came from the LBJ attendance zone and 5% from Reagan, while 21% and 19% came from the Bowie and Austin High attendance zones, respectively. Some people feel the challenges facing the shared space of LASA and LBJ would go away if LASA moves to another school building, but this would move it out of District 1, reducing our neighborhood's access to high-achieving schools.

Moving forward, we might want to explore these issues as a neighborhood and address AISD directly with our desires and hopes for the future of our schools..

Bertha Sadler Means Young Women's Leadership Academy

Christina Almaraz Ortiz, Principal and Liena Garcia, Parent Support Specialist

Upcoming events:

- January 5, 2016 – Principal's Coffee 11:30 -12:30 pm
- January 10, 2016 – Parent Night 5:30 pm - Know Your Rights Session - La Posada
- January 16, 2016 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Student and Staff Holiday
- January 19, 2016 - Catch Night - Salsa Dancing Session 6:00 pm
- January 24, 2016 – Parent Cloud Training offered 8:00 - 9:00am and 5:00 - 6:00 pm
- January 27, 2016 – Family Fun Night 5:30 – 7:30 pm
- January 28, 2016 - Girls Conference ALL DAY Saturday

For more information and updates, feel free to call the school at 512-414-3234.



Blanton Elementary School

Karon Smutzer, ACE Site Coordinator

November was the beginning of our holiday season and students enjoyed the Thanksgiving break and are looking forward to the Winter break as well. Holiday activities are loads of fun, but the learning continues on a daily basis. As usual, we have several activities and events planned for the upcoming month...we hope you might have time to join us. 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:

- December 1 through 15.....Adult Zumba, 4:45-5:45 p.m., every Tues. & Thurs. in the gym
- December 2.....Winter Fest, 6:00 p.m.
- December 7.....Adult ESL Classes, 8:00-10 a.m., room 108.
- December 9.....ACE After School...Session 1 ends, ACE resumes January 17
- December 21 - January 3...Winter Break.....NO SCHOOL
- January 4.....Classes Resume

Blanton has a very busy school year planned, we encourage the Windsor Park community to join us for the fun and enjoyment of any special events whenever they have the opportunity, just keep an eye on this column to find out what has and will be happening at Blanton Elementary. For more information, please feel free to contact Karon Smutzer, ACE Site Coordinator at karon.smutzer@austinisd.org

Thomas G. Harris Elementary

Lori Cordaway, School Counselor

Upcoming Events

- December 1- Multicultural Night from 5-6:30 p.m. "Holidays Around The World"
- December 5- UT Astronomer in Library for 5th grade
- December 7- Nutcracker Field Trip 3rd grade
- December 9- Career Day from 8:30-10 a.m.
- December 14- Lion King presented by Kids Acting Club and The Andy Roddick Foundation
- December 15- CATCH night at 5:30 p.m. Choir/Musical
- December 20- 13th Annual Sing A Long 9-1:30, Pre- K Polar Express Day
- December 21- Winter Break Begins

Harris getting ready to celebrate and acknowledge National African American Heritage by displaying classroom work and Career technology in February.

Announcements!

Welcome AMANNAH services to our after-school program! They are assisting our most recent immigrant/refugee scholars! Great to have them on board!

Breakfast in the Classroom begins in January! Breakfast will be delivered to the classrooms and scholars will eat in the classroom from 7:40 - 8:10 every day. Research shows that with this program, there is an increase in the percentage of students eating breakfast which in turns leads to better focus, attention and behavior.

BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR NEIGHBORS, NEW AND OLD!!

MAY WE ALL FIND WAYS TO ENJOY AND BE PART OF OUR COMMUNITY OF WINDSOR PARK IN 2017