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Oct 11, 7pm: Book Club - *The House of the Spirits*, by Isabel Allende
Oct 13, 3:30: Monstober Soctoberfest
Oct 15, 2pm: Catch'Em All at Windsor Park
Oct 18, 10:15am: Mother Goose on the Loose
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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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WPNA PRESIDENT'S LETTER – OCTOBER 2016

Dear Neighbors,

I hope to see many of you at our meeting on October 8th where will be holding a city candidate forum. As I write this I am still waiting on candidates to RSVP but our hope is to have all of the candidates for District 4 Council Member, sheriff, and AISD Trustee-at-large participate. We will be using a format similar to the last forum we held: Candidates will have 3-5 minutes to introduce themselves and talk about their priorities and vision should they be elected. That introduction will be followed by 5-7 minutes of questions. All candidates for a particular position will be asked the same set of questions that will have been determined ahead of time at the Sept 26th Executive Committee meeting. Once all of the candidates have used their time we will open the floor to general membership where anyone can ask follow-up questions of any candidate. Also, the WPNA will be holding its own election soon for officers - the Nominating committee has news on this on page 2.

In other news: I recently discovered that the Downtown Austin Neighborhood Association (DANA) has had its voting rights in the Austin Neighborhoods Council (ANC) revoked. When I enquired as to why this happened I was told by both DANA's ANC representative, Roger Cauvin, and the president of the ANC, Mary Ingle, that their voting rights were denied because that association allows people outside of its neighborhood to participate as NON-VOTING members. Correspondence to Cauvin from the ANC confirmed this. Here's the thing: the WPNA has an identical policy, as do numerous other neighborhood associations, including: Allandale N.A.; Wooten N.A.; North Shoal Creek N.A.; Highland Park West Balcones Area N.A.; West creek N.A.; and Windsor Hills N.A. (no geographical requirement is mentioned in the latter's bylaws). Nevertheless, all of these neighborhood associations are allowed to vote, as is the WPNA. What is more, there are numerous neighborhood associations with voting privileges that don't even post their bylaws. Indeed, the Windsor Park/Pecan Springs Heritage Association doesn't even post its president's name or contact information. When I pointed this out to Ms. Ingle I was told that I "was missing something." When I asked what that was, I received no response but was informed that the ANC's Executive Committee decisions were final and need not be justified or explicated to its members.

I have to say that I find it extremely unfair that DANA's privileges were revoked. I cannot help but think that it may have something to do with the fact that DANA participates in the Friends of Austin Neighborhoods group, of which Cauvin is a founding member. Or perhaps its because the group hasn't historically voted the way that the ANC's leaders would like. Whatever the case may be, the fact that the ANC has very clearly decided to selectively enforce this policy seems remarkably unfair. The rules should apply equally to all.

Why does this matter? In November we will be voting on a budget for 2017. One of the line items will be our membership dues to the ANC. Whereas I recognize that the WPNA is served well by being a member and participating in that very powerful organization, I can't help but wonder whether we should—on principle and as a group—collectively stand in solidarity with DANA and not renew until that group's privileges are re-instated.

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Windsor Park Neighborhood Association Meeting

Saturday, Oct 08 at 10am.

**Memorial United Methodist Church
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President' Letter, continued from page 1

The WPNA could just as easily find itself in the same position as DANA down the road, and I would like to think that other neighborhoods would stand behind us if that were to happen. The fact is that the ANC derives its power and legitimacy from the neighborhood associations that comprise its membership. By remaining a member if the situation for DANA does not change we would essentially be saying that the ANC's treatment of DANA is fine by us. But is it?

In any event, whatever the WPNA collectively decides to do, if you feel strongly about this and want to reach out individually to the ANC executive committee, you can do so at president@anc.org.

Sincerely, Karen Pagani

WPNA Nominating Committee

Jeannette Swenson

The Nominating Committee, appointed after the September meeting, is searching for engaged and experienced volunteers to lead the Windsor Park Neighborhood Association in 2017. The slate will be presented at the October WPNA meeting, and the membership in attendance will vote to elect at the November meeting. Terms begin in January 2017. The following officers will be elected to serve a one year term: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Austin Neighborhoods Council Representative.

In addition to neighborhood advocacy and conducting neighborhood business, working with established committees and building community in Windsor Park are important components of service. **If you would like to participate in WPNA leadership in 2017, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee or come to the October 8 WPNA meeting.**

The Nominating Committee looks forward to hearing from you: Alana Carpenter, Alana_50@yahoo.com; Rick Krivoniak, krivon@aol.com; and Jeanette Swenson, jeanetteswenson64@gmail.com.

Update from CM Houston

Dear District #1 Neighbors,

The FY 2016-2017 budget for the City of Austin has been completed. I tried my hardest to keep the budget leveled, equitable and fair. It is always an immense undertaking to find creative ways to fund programs and organizations that provide important services, while keeping the impact to the community minimal. I think there are a few things to highlight that are important for the people I serve.

- Championed the funding of \$653,000 for each Minority Commission.
- Championed the funding for two new positons in the Austin Code department to inspect and register Board and Care Homes with more than 7 unrelated adults living together that have been 'unregulated.'
- Supported the transfer of funds to the Lone Star Rail into a reserve fund for a future urban rail from Austin to San Antonio.

I appreciate everyone who contacted me with their thoughts, concerns and ideas for solutions. I listen to you and try to find a way to incorporate it when I am on the dais.

Please remember that you are invited to our **District #1 Town Hall at the end of the month on October 29th**. It will be held at the Huston-Tillotson University, Agard-Lovinggood Auditorium from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. We will be hosting the Austin Fire Department, Austin Police Department, and the Austin EMS to share information about their departments and opportunities. We will also have Capital Metro at an informational table and available to answer questions about the Connections 2025 Plan.

We will be having coffee meetups in November and December. Notices with more information will be emailed and shared on social media as we approach those dates.

Please call our office at 512-978-2101 or email Andre.Ewing@austintexas.gov to be added to our distribution list. Sincerely, Ora Houston, Council Member for District #1

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October 2016 Yard of the Month

Sara Jane Lee

First, a word about our September winner, Margaret Dahl. At the September meeting she donated her Shoal Creek gift certificate to the WPNA Beautification Committee.

The October winners are Emily and Lewis Lively of 1419 Westmoor Drive. They have lived in their house in Windsor Park for 10 years. One of their neighbors nominated them for Yard of the Month. Walking their dogs in the neighborhood has provided them much inspiration. They have gotten ideas online and also from magazines. They have slowly changed the yard, doing most of the work themselves. This year they brought in Santolina Gardens to redo the driveway and the front walk and add a French drain and a rock creek to improve the drainage.

They have purchased some plants; many others are pass alongs. They have Yucca, Prickly Pear Cactus, Plumbago, Liriope, Trailing Lantana, varieties of Muhly Grass, and Pride of Barbados. They especially love their Salvia Coccinea which they have let spread like crazy. They also have Butterfly Bush, Fennel, Rock Rose, Salvia Greggii, and Mexican Heather. Their most precious plant is their Live Oak.

They love their pollinators and love watching the birds and the butterflies that visit regularly. Their birdbaths and humming-bird feeders provide hours of pleasure. They water their live oak, the fennel, and the butterfly bush. Otherwise the plants are pretty much on their own. Of course, they do water new plants until they get established. The plants are well mulched, which decreases the water needs tremendously.

Emily and Lewis advise new gardeners to take their time and enjoy their yard. "Plant for the environment. You'll spend less time worrying and babying plants and more enjoying your yard." **The Livelys 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

Update from CM Casar

As of the second week of September, City Council passed a new budget! Despite this being a tougher budget year, Council was able to move Austin forward as a city that focuses on social equity, fairness, and long-term investments.

The initial proposed budget delivered to the Council at the end of July was a strong proposal. However, it was missing at least two very critical elements for me: sufficient funding to clear our sexual assault evidence backlog and keep it clear (APD announced on the first day of budget adoption that they're committed to clearing the existing backlog), and it was missing sufficient funding to keep social services and great afterschool programs from shutting down at places like Blanton, Sadler Means, and Harris Elementary.

I'm happy to report that these priorities are funded in the newly adopted budget. We had to find over \$3.5M dollars in the budget to get this done—so it was hard work! We were successful thanks to the powerful advocacy of students and parents from AISD, and from survivors of sexual assault and their allies. Hearing many of these District 4 voices at Council hearings shaped the course of this city's future.

Some of the other great initiatives funded in this budget included new and continued investments in healthy food access, an increase to our tax exemption for seniors, Affordable Care Act enrollment, funding for homeless outreach teams for our public safety departments, youth employment programs, new investments in affordable housing, new mental health funding investments, great new public safety facilities like the Sobriety Center, funding to continue improving 51st St., and more!

As always, don't hesitate to reach out to my office if you have any questions or concerns-- you can email me at [Greg. Casar@austintexas.gov](mailto:Casar@austintexas.gov) or call my office at 512-978-2104.

October 2016 Mueller Update

Rick Krivoniak

In late 2006, the City leased 16 acres of Mueller land along 51st Street between Lancaster and Mueller Boulevard to the University of Texas System. The \$1-a-year lease for 99 years also included a \$4 million payment to Catellus for stormwater runoff and other infrastructure, and put a ten-year time limit between each of the four buildings planned for the research campus. UT and the City are now renegotiating that portion of the lease, as 2017 marks the ten-year anniversary of the Dell Pediatric Research Institute's groundbreaking. The site is now a part of the Dell Medical School of UT Austin, rather than the UT System. The renegotiated lease will give UT time to reevaluate the site's master plan in light of changes on the northern edge resulting from the yet-to-be implemented 51st Street Vision Plan.

Traffic signals at Berkman and Barbara Jordan Boulevard became operational in mid-September. By the end of the year the buildout of Berkman Drive within Mueller will be complete. That consists of median-separated north and southbound auto lanes, with cycle-track lanes and parallel parking along much of the length. Some of the east-side sidewalks and landscaping will be installed as development occurs. Aldrich will also be complete and open to 51st Street by year's end. Only two future Mueller streets remain to connect to the perimeter roads. Tilley, which already exists on the Manor Road edge, will front on 51st very near the Bartholomew tennis court driveway, and Zach Scott will intersect Manor Road at the southern edge of Rathgeber Village. This connectivity will allow some dispersion of traffic.

Foundation Communities is now working with Catellus on Mueller's third tax-credit affordable multi-family project, to be located between the Austin Studios and Mueller's school site. The roughly 120-unit project will be family-oriented, offering a number of three bedroom units and a community learning center. Though the project is still a few years off, the site is currently in the Blanton attendance zone, and its impact could be significant if the Mueller school remains unresolved.

Google "Construction Cam – Mueller Diamond Building" for an interesting time-lapse view (with a downtown backdrop) of the Town Center building named for its baseball-field shaped site. B.D. Riley's Irish Pub, Lick Ice Creams, Halcyon Coffee + Bar + Lounge, Stella Public House and J.T. Youngblood's Fried Chicken are anticipated to open in mid-2017. Across the street, Alamo Drafthouse plans for a grand opening in February of 2017, though it's likely there will be a "soft" opening a bit earlier.

The next meeting of the Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission (RMMAPIAC/Mueller Commission) is Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 6:00 PM at Parque Zaragoza Recreation Center, 2608 Gonzales Street.

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Inspecting for bed bugs

Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist

Before the holiday travel season begins, it is wise to know what to look for when traveling so you do not bring home unwanted guests. Bed bugs are small, dark brown to reddish colored insects with no wings. Their bodies are oval and the color and size often depends on if the insect is engorged with blood. Immatures, or nymphs, resemble the adults but are smaller and lighter in color. Usually adults are about the size of a watermelon seed.



Most feeding occurs at night when bed bugs pierce skin while people sleep. The bugs inject a fluid while feeding that can cause some people (about 50%) to have an allergic response. The allergic response causes the skin to become irritated and itchy at the bite location.

After feeding (it takes about 12-15 minutes for a bed bug to become fully engorged), bed bugs crawl away into hidden areas- mattress seams, headboards, nightstands, behind baseboards as well as other locations. They prefer to hide in locations that are close to where they feed, but they will crawl several feet to get to a meal. Bed bugs hide in their

chosen location for about 3 days while they digest the blood meal. Over time, congregation areas become marked with blood, fecal material, hatched eggs and cast skins of molted bugs.

When travelling, always inspect rooms thoroughly for bed bugs before moving luggage into the room. Luggage should be placed until the bathtub until the room has been inspected. Make sure to carry a small flashlight with for to help with inspection. When you return home, place clothing in the dryer (before washing) on high heat for about an hour.

Tips on inspection:

- Look in sleeping areas (bed, pull-out couches)
- Inspect linens as they are removed from the bed
- Check mattress and box spring seams, bottom of the box spring and near the mattress tag
- Inspect the dust ruffle
- If possible, lift the boxspring and inspect the bed frame
- If possible, pull out or remove the headboard to inspect behind it
- Check bedside tables and everything on them, including opening all drawers



If you find bed bugs, go to the front desk to inform them of what you found and request a different room. Do not get a room that is adjacent, above, below or across from the infested room (bed bugs can travel through wall voids to adjacent areas).

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com

Our WPNA School Committee - What do we do, anyway?

Meghan Dougherty, School Committee Chair

The Windsor Park School Committee began about 3 years ago as a way to stay in communication with, and show support for, our neighborhood public schools. We know that schools in District 1 need a lot of love, and we are aware that what happens in the schools affects our neighborhood. Our involvement began with the transition of Pearce and Garcia Middle Schools to the single-gender schools. We were heavily involved in providing feedback through community meetings to advocate for the types of programs and learning experiences we wanted to see.

In addition, members of our committee have joined multiple AISD committees to stay abreast of changes that will affect our neighborhood schools.

We have several members who attend monthly meetings with our AISD Trustee, Dr. Ted Gordon. Some of us worked with a sub-committee of this group that was charged with finding a solution to the unequal representation of minority and low-income students in magnet schools, particularly at LASA. As a result of that work, the district is changing its application procedures starting this year to create a more diverse student body in the next admissions cycle. Cynthia McCollum has been appointed by Ted Gordon to serve on the Facilities and Bond Public Advisory Committee, which is charged with helping decide on upcoming bonds and create a long-term plan for future bonds and how to allocate them.

Three of our members, Emily Vitris, Meghan Dougherty, and Hollie Jenkins, serve on the AISD Boundary Advisory Committee.

All members serve on a Campus Advisory Council of a neighborhood school. These are once-monthly meetings with the principal, some staff, and community members in which we review school budget, data, and initiatives and can provide feedback to the administration. We could use another volunteer to serve on the Gus Garcia CAC.

We all participate in selecting the recipients of our annual WPNA scholarship. In the past two years we've raised \$4000 to fund 4 scholarships at Reagan High School. We are expanding our scholarship to include neighborhood students from LBJ/LASA this year. These scholarships will be awarded based on a competitive application, with our key criteria being residency in the neighborhood and a commitment to community service.

Interested in joining us? We meet every other month on the first Wednesday of the month. Please contact Meghan Dougherty, doughtastic@gmail.com, if you have questions and are interested in participating.

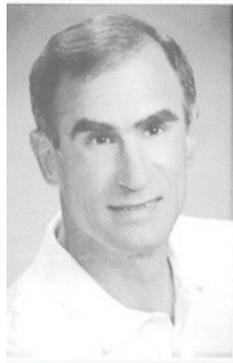
Volunteer opportunity: Memorial United Methodist Church is seeking volunteers to help provide childcare to children whose parents are attending ESL classes. MUMC has been running an ESL program for parents of students at Harris Elementary in partnership with AISD and Manos de Cristo on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. The childcare is free to the parents (childcare is the number one reason why people don't take advantage of these kinds of programs). They'd like to get 8-15 volunteers, so that the volunteers can commit to around once a month. The volunteer would need to work for about an hour. You would be helping to walk kids (about three 3-year-olds) across the street at 11:10 (when they get out of class) from Harris Elementary to the church. You would watch the children from 11:10 to about 12:15. This would be a great opportunity if you're retired, or a stay-at-home mom or dad who could bring along your own children to play (they have a room, with toys set out). Please contact Cynthia Kepler-Karrer at MUMC.

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: SHANE BARTELL

Martin Luecke

Our neighbor on Braes Ridge Street with wife Skyler since 2007, Shane is your classic Austin musician: talented as all get out and making it work in this extremely competitive city that takes pride in its musical talent while conversely becoming too expensive for musicians.

I first discovered Shane’s music through a friend who handed me “Reference” back in 2002. Huge is not big enough a word to describe the sound he captured. Insightful lyrics, lush pop rhythms, beautiful arrangements, I listened to that cd over and over and over. It was one of those artistic discoveries you kinda take pride in owning.

Originally from Kerrville, Shane is NOT a folk musician, but his ties to the famous folk festival go back three decades, which he cherishes. Shane is a melodic pop artist in the grown up adult version. Words like “lush” are used to describe his sound.

Shane was in the 90’s dream pop band “Cling” for 5 years when he decided to try a solo career. After spending a year writing material in Portland, Shane returned to Austin and put together a four piece band, took the money he made in a PPD pharmacology study and recorded “Reference.” This album got him a show at SXSW where he was named one of the outstanding showcases of the 2001 conference. He built a following in Austin and in 2004 recorded his first full length album “Too Soon to Say” with producer Lars Goransson (Blondie, The Cardigans). “It was too ambitious” Shane laments. (After one listen I think it was damned impressive.) After getting lots of indie pop acclaim and critical review, Shane and his band took to touring. And touring. And touring.

By the end of 2006 and touring for 9 months straight, Shane took a break from music. In fact he didn’t pick up a guitar for 3 years. In that time he met his wife, moved to Windsor Park, and became a bartender. You might know him from The Nomad on Corona Street where he worked for almost 4 years.

By the time he got back to thinking about his “music career”, he discovered that his voice had atrophied. For a guy who writes huge lush sweeping themes accented by powerful, soaring vocals, not being able to sing like that is a bit disconcerting. Like Mel Tillis said, The music business is easy to get out of, but impossible to get back into. Shane and his band rebuilt and retooled and worked hard and in 2014 released “The Art of Departure.”

These days Shane is doing more gigs than ever before. He just appeared at the Cactus Cafe a couple months ago, which is when I heard his name on the radio. Shane says he plays a lot around Texas and has a lot of corporate gigs. For a working musician there is still the work to be done, and performing regularly is how to keep a career alive. “I hate the studio, but it’s been so long I’m actually looking forward to recording again.” Shane and his band of 15 years is tightening up 10 new songs and planning a crowd funding approach to their next record in 2017. “It will be stripped down.” Shane says he doesn’t need to be ambitious this time. I sit and listen to his music and think: It’s all ambitious! I can’t wait to hear it!

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Please keep the nominations coming: mwluecke@hotmail.com or call 512.536.0465

Find a National Night Out Party Near You!

Meghan Dougherty

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign held on the first Tuesday of October that gives neighbors and law enforcement an opportunity to partner together. It helps strengthen neighborhood spirit and lets criminals know that we are organized and aware of ways to prevent crime. Neighbors can host an NNO party by completing an application through APD. Those who registered their home are usually visited by a police officer and fire truck or other emergency services. If you aren’t hosting an NNO party, please consider attending one as there are several throughout the neighborhood, and bring a snack or a drink to share. Also, make sure to turn on your porch light to let criminals know that we are vigilant and they can’t stay in the shadows!

National Night Out - Tuesday, Oct 4, 6:30 to 9:00 pm. NNO Parties in Our Neighborhood:

- 5806/5900 Thames Drive
- 5500 Block of Exeter Drive (starting around 7:30)
- 2006 Singing Brook Drive
- 1800 Broadmoor Dr.
- 2612 Sweeney Lane
- 2117 Fordham Ln
- 5701 Cameron Road
- 1708 Westmoor (7:00-8:00 pm)

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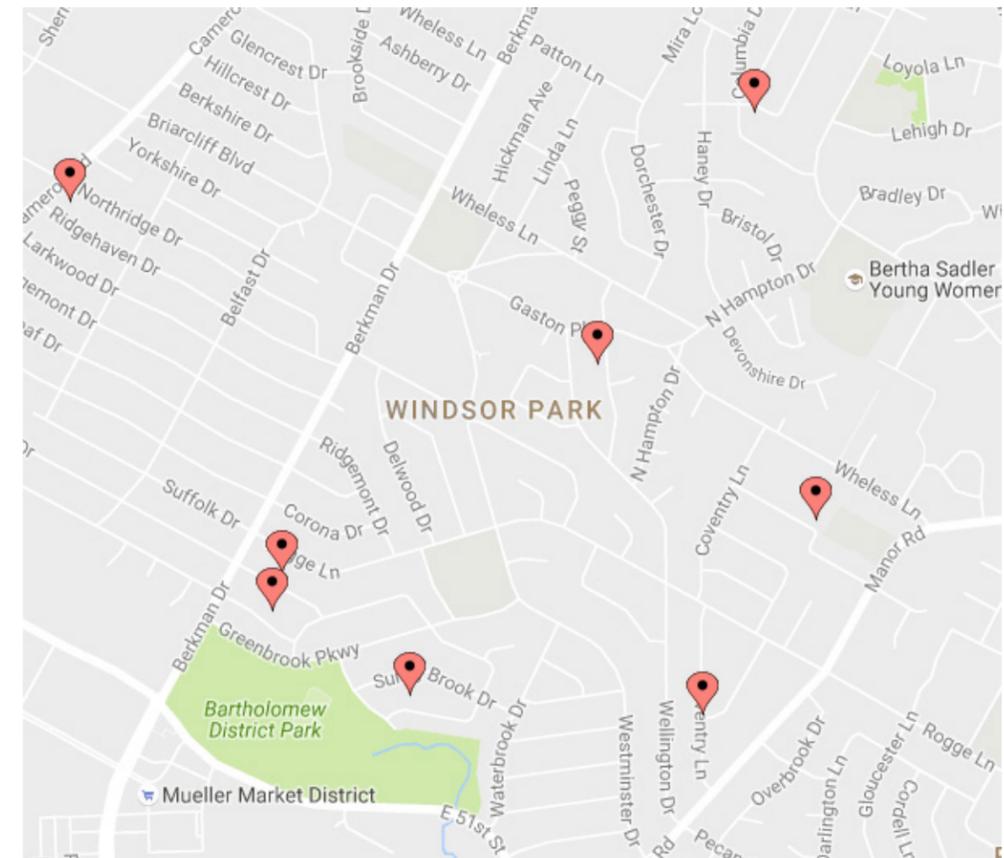
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Upcoming Events

- Week of Oct. 3rd – Custodian Appreciation Week
- October 6th, 5:30-7:30 p.m. – Literacy Night
- October 7th, 8:30-9:30 a.m. – Coffee with the Principal
- October 10th – Parent Teacher Conferences, Student Day Off
- October 12th – Picture Day
- Week of Oct 17th – Bus Safety and Driver Appreciation Week

Our school year is off to a great start. We have been focusing on being caring, and both students and teachers are being recognized during Friday morning assemblies for demonstrating being caring during the week. During the month of October we will be focusing on respect.

If you would like to volunteer at Andrews Elementary please contact: Christina Chapa, Parent Support Specialist 414-5661

Blanton Elementary

Karon Smutzer, ACE Site Coordinator

Blanton hit the ground running this school year...lots of new students, a few new staff and a great excitement for the year ahead. As usual, we have many wonderful activities and events planned for this year so please check your newsletter for the updates. Please feel free to visit the school, ask questions and learn more about what Blanton Elementary can offer for your student.

Important dates for parents and community:

- October 5, 2016 ACE Adult ESL classes begin—8:00-9:30 a.m. and 5:00-6:30 p.m.
- October 13, 2016 Strengthening Families Program—6:00 p.m...every Tuesday through Dec. 14
- October 20, 2016 ACE Program ‘Lights On After School’—4:00-5:00 p.m., parents visit classes
- October 24-28, 2016 Blanton Library Book Fair—7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and during Boo Fest
- October 28, 2016 Principal’s Coffee—8:45 a.m.
- October 28, 2016 PTA Boo Fest—4:00 p.m.

For more information and to ask about opportunities to volunteer, please contact Karon Smutzer at karon.smutzer@austinisd.org

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Sunday Worship
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Join us for Harvest Fest on Sat., Oct 15, 2016 from 9am to 2pm. Music, Garage Sale, Food, Children’s Area, and More! All are Welcome!

Harris Elementary

Upcoming Events:

- Custodian Appreciation Week Oct. 3 – 7
- Red Ribbon Week Oct. 24 – 28
- Literacy Night Nov. 2
- Food Services Appreciation Week Oct. 10 – 14
- Book Fair Oct. 31 – Nov. 11

Celebrations:

We are officially an Andy Roddick Foundation School! The foundation will fund our afterschool programming which includes classes in Violin, Choir, Art, Film Making, Acting and much more! Special thanks to the Austin Film Society, Creative Action and Kids Acting for their support and to our Harris Teachers who give their time and talents! We are also the newest members of the Creative Learning Initiative! BrainPop and AISD have joined forces to demonstrate and support our teachers in creative ways to deliver the curriculum. TG Harris has already started offering creative dance to the second grade and the CLI instructional coach has begun to plan with the other teams on how to incorporate many of the techniques that were taught to us in our summer professional development. A special shout out to our newest program PreK-3!! Our Little Bulldogs are excited to be coming to school and we are excited to see them! Our program is full and our hope is to add a second unit next year.

Request for Volunteers:

Volunteers are needed to support our teachers – laminating , cutting, copying etc!
Volunteers are needed for our Literacy night on Nov. 2 to read, organize and help in our literacy booths.
Please contact Ms. Benita Rodriguez at 512-841-5411 for any and all volunteer opportunities at TG Harris!

Hope Lutheran Mother's Day Out Program

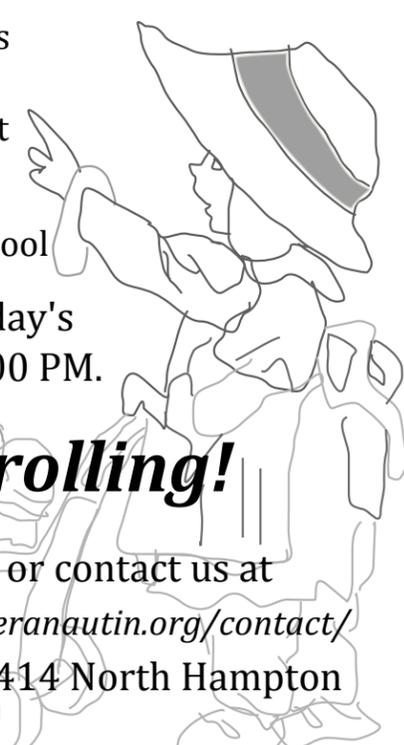
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for children from
18 months to pre-school

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in the Windsor Park neighborhood.



John H. Reagan Early College High School

Julia Remington, LCSW Bilingual Social Service Specialist

- October 4- 5:30pm to 7:30pm Refugee Parent Orientation
- October 7- 7:30pm Homecoming Football Game
- October 11- 9:30am to 10:30am Principal Coffee
- October 22, 9:30am to 3:00pm HopeFest celebration. This is a fun family friendly event. There will be food, games, music, and local resources. We will also highlight the many great programs available at Reagan High School.

Our campus received the following Distinctions for last school year.

- Academic achievement in English and Reading
- Academic Achievement in Social Studies
- Top 25% in Student Progress
- Top 25% in Closing Performance Gaps

If you are interested in having a garden plot in the community garden please call Ms. Zena Mitchell at 512-841-3103.