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## **WINDSOR PARK BEGINS ITS OWN TRAFFIC CALMING INITIATIVE**

*by Karen Pagani, WPNA President*

Dear Windsor Park Residents,

First, a big thank you to all of you who interrupted your amorous activities and attended our February meeting on Valentine's Day. We had a fantastic and very informative presentation by Nelson Linder, head of the Austin chapter of the NAACP.

At this meeting we also rolled out our new 'signage initiative,' about which we are very excited. The goal of this campaign is to hopefully alleviate some of the problems we've had with traffic, speeding, and the like in our hood. We have been and will continue to be dialoguing with the City and our representatives so that they can 'officially' address the problem. The thing is, these things take time and money...and lots of it.

In the meantime, as an association and a neighborhood WE need to all come together and be a little more proactive in fulfilling our community's needs. And, although our council members have been extremely proactive in getting attention drawn to the circulation and safety issues affecting this community, that does not mean that we have to wait until things work their way through city planning and the like to do something. In that spirit and as discussed at our February meeting, we are going to get signs made reminding people to slow down, respect all traffic laws, and yield to pedestrians. Will it work? We don't know, but it's worth a shot.

Thanks to two anonymous donors, we had pledges already for \$200 toward the signs before even launching the campaign. The announcement was made at the meeting on 2/14 and subsequently posted to the listserv. As of the moment I'm writing this (3pm on 2/15) we have already raised \$50 more toward the initiative. The plan is to initially buy around a hundred signs and distribute them in a manner that targets streets that are particularly problematic. There will be a recommended donation of \$3 in exchange for a sign to help offset the cost of producing them. These donations will allow us to purchase more if it seems to be working and there is a demand for them. If not, all funds raised will return to the Association and be used for other projects. We are hoping to roll out the signs in March.

But what should we put on them? Our thinking is that these signs might be more effective if there were a little variety (and a little more humor, poetry, whatever). Accordingly, we crowdsourced the verbiage to our listserv under the handle of "Traffic Calming: WPNA Signage Initiative." So far we have already received a lot of excellent suggestions—including a few poems and even a haiku! If you have a suggestion, please log into/join the listserv and post it. If you haven't done so already, you should really check the listserv out. Garage sales, lost dogs, criminal activity, cultural events: subscribing to the listserv is THE best way to stay abreast of what is going on in your community. You can find it here: <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/windsorpark/info>.

If you want to donate toward the signage initiative, please mail a check to the WPNA with "signage initiative" in the subject line. All checks—both for membership and for the signage initiative—can be mailed to: P.O. Box 16183, Austin, TX 78761.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our next meeting at which Meg Erskine, executive director of Multicultural Refugee Coalition, will be our guest speaker. The Multicultural Refugee Coalition is a nonprofit organization that serves refugees who have been in the United States long term.

## See You Around the 'Hood!

Nicki James, *Window on Windsor Editor*

Greetings from your by-the-time-you-read-this-I-will-be-your-former-newsletter-editor editor. This, my 22<sup>nd</sup> newsletter, is my last. Beginning next month, I am turning over the reins to Amanda Rose to become your new editor (really, flip on over to the back page and see Amanda's name there—but come back as I have a few thoughts to leave with you).

It has been an honor to serve our WPNA community each month by putting together a newsletter that I've hoped, every month as it has leapt from my hot little hands, has provided you with helpful and interesting information. I've learned a lot in this process—such as when the name of that person who won Yard of the Month sounds familiar, maybe think about double-checking to see that he is indeed the drummer you thought he was before publishing his address. (Sorry about that, you know who you are—and you do have a great yard. And music.)

I've enjoyed working with the several regular contributors, without whose written donations we wouldn't have a newsletter in the first place. It takes time to draft a word or two or 400, so raise your glasses (wine...tea...bifocal) to these folks each month when the newsletter is delivered. Special thanks to Martin, Jeanette, Rick, Sara Jane, Meghan, and Laurel for providing Grade A content over the last two years.

I'm excited to serve our community in another capacity—representing city council District 1 on the Austin Fire Department's Fire Community Advisory Board (FCAB). This group was recently created to focus on steps, programs, and actions to reduce fire and emergency risks in our Austin community. For one very personal reason, the fire community has been near and dear to my heart, so I'm looking forward to providing value to this group.

Keep our community strong: Volunteer, donate, and just get to know your neighbors. Take care, and I'll see you around the 'hood!

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## March 2015 Yard of the Month

*Sara Jane Lee*

The March winners are Pat and Laquetta Shane of 5900 6214 Walnut Hill Drive. Pat closed on the house in 1999, the day after the old airport shut down.

Like many people in our area, they have adapted their yard as the summer heat has gotten more severe. In the parts of the lawn that got full sun all day the grass began to burn. These areas are now xeriscapes with well-mulched plant beds and areas with river rocks and larger rocks. Many of these areas are outlined in Texas limestone. To soften the straight lines of the house and the lot, Pat used curving lines for many of the mulched and rocky areas.

Pat started modifying his landscape in 2010 and continues to work at in the spring and the fall of the year. He has used many native plants and some adapted ones. In a bed near the house, he has irises. To one side of the house there is a Bur Oak tree. Nearer the street he has Texas Sage, Rosemary, a Crape Myrtle, Purple Heart, Lamb's Ear, and many Cacti, including Prickly Pear, Yucca and other succulents. He plans to plant more cacti and do more rock work.

He has been fortunate to get much advice and some of his stone from his neighbors. He advises the new gardener to do research to find plants that thrive in our zone. Only use plants that are heat and drought tolerant, and will tolerate occasional freezes. Of course many are natives. Now Pat never waters. His maintenance consists of raking leaves and mowing the grass that remains in the yard.

Pat and Laquetta will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate from our sponsor, Shoal Creek Nursery, 2710 Hancock Drive.

Pictures of the Yard of the Month are displayed on our website, [www.Windsorpark.info](http://www.Windsorpark.info) as well as 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 [wpna.yom@gmail.com](mailto:wpna.yom@gmail.com), call 928-0681 or write WPNA YOMC, P O Box 16183, Austin, Texas 78761.



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## Volunteer at Bartholomew Park for It's My Park Day

Jeanette Swenson



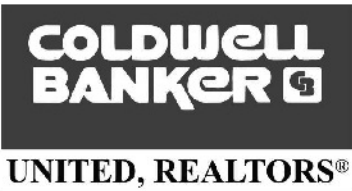
On Saturday morning, March 7, volunteers will meet at the Bartholomew Park splashpad at Greenbrook and Berkman to spruce up, refresh, rebuild, and repair our neighborhood park. Austin Parks Foundation sponsors and supports city-wide park projects on the first Saturday in March. This year there will be two projects in the park. Sprucing up Bartholomew will be led by a group from Bae Systems, and Refresh, Rebuild, and Repair will be led by Windsor Park Neighborhood Association. In addition to free t-shirts, KIND Bars, and snacks, it's a great opportunity to get to know your park and your neighbors as we work to restore the park.

To sign up, go to [austinparks.org](http://austinparks.org). At their website, click on It's My Park Day. Click on VOLUNTEER. Scroll through the alphabetical list of park projects to Bartholomew Park (numbers 6 and 7), and sign up. Very easy and very rewarding. We've always had an excellent turnout from all parts of Austin, so I encourage you to sign up early.

On IMPD, meet in the splashpad area at Greenbrook and Berkman, sign in, and decide which project you would like to work on. We will be weeding and pruning the landscape in the splashpad area, repairing the rain garden that attempts to control splashpad overflow, mulching trees, and landscaping in the splashpad area. We will also pick up trash along the length of the creek from Berkman to the east end of the park. We will also root collar and mulch young trees on the south side of the creek at Berkman and 51st. The Learning Trail will be prepped and re-painted. We will work to spruce up the infrastructure at the ballfields. Tools will be available, but if you have favorites, bring them clearly marked.

If you would like to volunteer and cannot access the APF website, please contact Jeanette Swenson, 512-627-1295.

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AVG SOLD PRICE/SQ FT (JAN 2015)	\$207.52
# OF HOMES SOLD IN (JAN 2015)	6
AVG SQ FT OF HOMES SOLD	1,771
AVG DAYS ON MKT OF SOLDS	46
# ACTIVE LISTINGS ON MARKET	11*

\*As of February 13th, 2015

### HISTORICAL WINDSOR PARK MARKET GLANCE

JAN 2014 AVG Price/ Sq Ft (13 homes sold)  
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## Shade Installation for Toddler Playscape and Infant Swings

Jeanette Swenson

Thanks to Parks and Recreation Director Sara Hensley and PARD Designer DANne Williams, the color impasse has been resolved for the shades. DANne Williams met with the WPNA Executive Committee and PARD agreed to issue a waiver for the colors of playscape shades. The Executive Committee voted to use blue poles for all playscapes and a silver shade for the toddler playscape and a blue shade for the toddler swings. Both shade colors provide the maximum UV shade protection - 90+% and will make the playground area safer for our children.

The contract has been signed with USA-shade. USA-shade will prepare the engineered drawings and secure the permit. Upon receipt of the 50% deposit from WPNA funds (\$14,375), the project will be released into production. Four weeks later, USA-shade will install the structures in the park over a 4-5 day period. Then final payment will be made using our Austin Parks Foundation Grant of \$12,500 plus a final \$1,875 from WPNA funds. It's an amazing achievement for Windsor Park. Thank you all for your support.

The last phase of the project will be the securing \$18,500 to shade the larger playscape. It would be a real accomplishment if we could raise the funds in time to complete the last phase of the project in 2015. Consider donating to the playscape fund and join the 100 plus individuals and businesses who have already made generous contributions.

## Pink Houses

The purpose of this group is to provide a forum for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, other individuals and families living in the Windsor Park and other 78723 neighborhoods to share thoughts and ideas, to organize social and community gatherings and events, and to meet others in our neighborhood. The Pink Houses First Friday Happy Hour visits local establishments each month. Other ideas for activities are always welcome. More information is available at <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/pinkhouses/info>

## Garden Gnome Landscape

Natives, naturally.

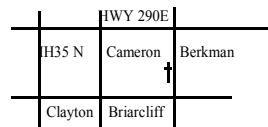
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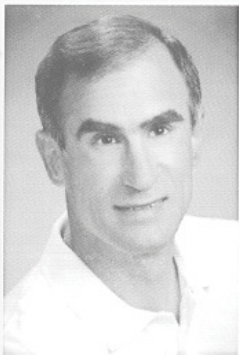
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## **How Can You Help Texas Schools?**

*Schools Committee Update by Meghan Dougherty*

There is a popular idea among certain Texas politicians that public schools should be subject to the same competitive forces as private businesses. We should reward schools that work, as evidenced by high test scores, and punish schools that fail. As a result, lawmakers continue to divert aid away from public schools and increase funding to charter and private schools (so-called school choice measures).

As we enter a new year of legislative action in Austin, let's make a concerted effort to contact our lawmakers and educate them about the state of education in Texas. Here are some facts to consider:

- 60% of Texas students are low income
- 17.5% are English language learners (and the number is rising)
- By 2050, Texas will see the student population almost double, to 9.5 million

However, here's the reality:

- In inflation-adjusted dollars, public schools receive \$611 less per pupil than in 2008
- In inflation-adjusted dollars, teacher pay decreased 25% from 2002 to 2012
- State education aid dropped 25% from 2002 to 2012

The fact is, if we don't do something about education in this state soon, the numbers and the need will overwhelm us. Many private businesses already import workers (how many people do you know in Austin from other states or countries?) because they can't find the people with the right education and expertise here. This problem will only get worse.

What can you do? Contact your representatives – State Senator Kirk Watson, State Representative Dawnna Dukes, and State Board of Education Member Ken Mercer. Also, you can contact the Senate Education Committee and the House Public Education members.

Ask them to restore \$600 per pupil per year (which comes to around \$6 billion). There is currently \$8.1 billion available in general revenue. We don't even need all of it!

In addition, stay on top of new bills being introduced on testing. One that needs immediate advocacy involves helping current high school seniors who have not passed their STAAR tests, which might cost them their graduation. SB 149 will allow graduation review committees to exempt seniors from passing on STAAR by looking at the student's GPA, scores on other tests, completion of advanced courses, and review of student's projects or portfolios. This is a time-sensitive action if we want to help high school seniors graduate with their peers and begin their next stage of life.

The problem with the competitive model of education is that every competition results in winners and losers, and in this case, the losers will be the neediest students in Texas.

## **Neighborhood Schools Updates**

### **Fanny Andrews Early College Prep**

*Elizabeth Miesch, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher*

On January 29, Fanny Andrews Early College Prep showcased Science Fair projects at Winter Wonderland Math & Science Night, an interactive experience, wherein students applied knowledge and skills to solve Math and Science problems. Scholars measured, multiplied, constructed snowmen, assembled circuits, and students operated microscopes and made observations with hand lenses. Participants earned Gator bucks for solving problems, and they used their earnings at the Wonderland Store. Thanks to all who contributed to the evening's success! Winners from Andrews' Science Fair presented their projects at the annual Austin Energy Regional Science Festival, February 18 – 21, 2015. Congratulations to all who placed!

On February 12, students, parents, teachers, and administrators participated in CATCH Night, an evening designed to promote health awareness. vVendors presented their wares, visitors tasted free, delicious, healthy snacks, and many participated in the healthy exercise of ZUMBA and jumping rope. vThank you to our ZUMBA instructor!

Andrews celebrated Black History Month by having students create bulletin boards as they learned about an important historical figure. On February 26, students

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performed in an evening program to celebrate all the contributions of these important men and women.

Andrews is very grateful for all the support it has received. We wish to acknowledge ACE, CIS, the parents, the teachers, the many volunteers, and the community for the support. We are especially thankful for the Mentors who give their time freely to help better a child's life, and for the endless hours that Tzu Chi has given from their hearts to the students of Andrews.

On the first Friday of each month, the principal of Andrews, Mr. Saleem Blevins, has a Parent Coffee in the cafeteria. Andrews welcomes the community to join these parent coffees.

### **Blanton Elementary**

*Karon Smutzer, Site Coordinator*

Our Family Literacy Night held on February 5<sup>th</sup> was a rousing success. From 5:30-7:30 p.m. we had free food, a question and answer session with a renowned author, literacy games and a RIF book give-a-way. We had many visitors...parents, students and community alike enjoyed the evening. The month of February was also Black History month and on February 19<sup>th</sup> there was a program for parents and community to celebrate what we have learned. The students have worked hard on this program.

Our school tours have been bringing in many people who want to investigate the wonderful opportunities about our dual-language school and all its benefits. Two tours were scheduled for February, one on the 13<sup>th</sup> and the other on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Play-to-Learn sponsored by Camp Fire continues to work with children before they reach pre-kinder age on literacy and technology.

The ACE after school program has activities for parents and community. Every Thursday during the month of February from 4:00-5:00 p.m. they hosted a ZUMBA class in the gym. ESL classes for English learners are provided Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30-10:00 a.m. On March 26<sup>th</sup> we will be inviting a speaker at 6:00 p.m. to talk to parents, staff and community about child safety. April 7, 9, 14, and 16, adult computer classes will be from 6:00-8:00 p.m. with a chance to win a Proscan tablet for outstanding attendance. ACE will also be offering RAD Self Defense classes for women on a date to be announced.

Plans are already being made for community invited Spring Fling Carnival in April and a spectacular Spring Music Program in May that will be a must see and attend events. For more information, please feel free to contact Karon Smutzer at [karon.smutzer@austinisd.org](mailto:karon.smutzer@austinisd.org) or call 512-841-5678 to leave a message.

### **Harris Elementary**

*Gloria Cano, School Counselor*

Our first ever Multicultural Fair was a huge success! We had a big turn out with a good time had by all. There were food samples from countries that represent our school, crafts, games and performances from our choir, PK students and our Violin group as well as dances from Nepal and Burma.

We will be celebrating Read across America Day on March 2. Various guest readers will be here to read to our students. The book by Dr. Seuss, "Oh the Places You'll Go" is just one of the books that will be read. Our cheerleaders and choir will also participate.

Friendship Week was celebrated from February 9-13. Everyday students completed an activity that demonstrated what we can do to be a good friend. We ended the week with outdoor fun listening to quotes, cheers and music with a friendship theme. We want all our Harris Bulldogs to be kind, thoughtful and nice!

Happy spring time to all our neighbors. Please watch out for our students who will be on Spring break from March 16-20. Please drive slowly on Wheless Lane in front of our school during our student dismissal time from 2:20-2:50.

### **LBJEC and LASA High Schools**

*Karen Donelan, Librarian*

Greetings from LBJEC and LASA High Schools! At this writing, our amazing ladies' and men's varsity basketball teams are having a fantastic season! Kudos to the skilled and hard-working players! Both teams will be going into playoffs, and we wish them and their coaches all the best, and thank them for their hard work and dedication.

The Jaguar women are coached by the awesome Coach Renee Brown, and the men by the equally awesome,

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Coach Freddie Roland. Thank you, coaches, for your many years of dedication to our Jaguars! Friday, February 13, was Parent Night and Senior Night; it was the last home game for our Senior Jaguar Basketball men. They played a great game, winning against the Bastrop Bears, and their last regular season game at Reagan H.S. Playoffs will follow!

Information from the College and Career Center: Our college-bound seniors are in FAFSA mode! Ms. Tucker will be holding FAFSA nights for parents and students. The Denby Foundation will be hosting a "College Day" for selected juniors on April 25th, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be a motivational speaker, college essay assistance, and much more. Applications and further information may be picked up CIS, room 161, or Dr. Jones' office. The first 15 complete applications will be selected.

Congratulations go out to the LBJ Robotics Team! They came in 2nd place in the Advanced Inventions category at the TCEA Area 13 Competition 2015. The team also qualified for the state competition to be held on May 2, 2015 in Dallas, Texas. The team sponsors are Dr. Bell and Co-sponsors Mr. Villavicencio and Hugo Landaverde from SHPE. LBJECHS has officially started a PALS program. We have 13 great 11th and 12th graders in the program. These students will be mentoring the students at Pecan Springs Elementary. Great news is coming from the AVID program, led by Ms. Kerrie Carter! This year every senior in the AVID program has applied to a 4 year university. More than 50% have been accepted to at least one university. We wish you all a happy and safe Spring Break!

### **John H. Reagan Early College High School**

*Julia Remington, LCSW Bilingual Social Service Specialist*

Go Reagan Raiders! We are proud to announce that the Reagan band took first place in the 2015 Houston MLK Battle of the Bands. To see their winning performance go to <http://youtu.be/6y9iU9HtRDA> We also would like to give a shout out to the Reagan Boys' Varsity basketball team. They are currently 13-1 in district. Additionally, sophomore, Mark Wilson, leads the district in assists per game and steals per game.

The Reagan community is busy as ever with a full calendar of sports, parent programs, and family and

student events. On January 29, the school hosted the Reagan Showcase for middle school students and parents which highlighted the school's pathways, clubs, and support services, as well as had special performances by the cheerleaders, band, and dance team.

Upcoming events on campus include:

**February 26 at 6pm:** Refugee Parent Orientation. Refugee parents will be able to meet with school staff to talk about their student's graduation plan with an interpreter available to translate.

**March 4 and March 25 at 6pm-730pm:** "Ready, Set, Go to College" Information Nights

**March 10 at 9:30am:** Coffee with the Principal

The Reagan Family Resource Center is partnering with Champion for Kids and Walmart to raise donations for needy students and families in our vertical team. Please consider donating. From February 18-March 4 the Norwood Walmart will have purple bins at the registers where customers can place purchased items for donation. We are asking for donations of snacks and hygiene products.

Finally, a very special thanks to Camila and Matthew McConaughy, who have provided yoga and boot camp classes to Reagan staff and students via their Just Keep Livin Foundation.

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### **"Meet Your Neighbor" Feature Stories**

*Martin Luecke*

Windsor Park is full of interesting people and stories. From your own porch you probably know the guy with the great profession, or the tireless volunteer, or the crazy yard artist. Window on Windsor is looking for nominees for future stories. We are also looking for writers to contribute those stories. If you would like to write a story or nominate a neighbor, please contact Martin Luecke at [mwluecke@hotmail.com](mailto:mwluecke@hotmail.com) or 512.536.0465.



## Feeling Stretched as a Caregiver?

*Information from Deaconess Sharon Teague, Hope Lutheran Church*

Powerful Tools for Caregivers is an educational series designed to provide you with the tools you need to take care of yourself.

This program helps family caregivers reduce stress, improve self-confidence, communicate feelings better, balance their lives, increase their ability to make tough decisions and locate helpful resources.

Classes consist of six sessions held once per week and are lead by trained Class Leaders, some of whom are experienced caregivers themselves. Interactive lessons, discussions and brainstorming will help you take the “tools” you choose and put them into action for your life.

**WHERE:** Hope Lutheran Church, 6414 N. Hampton, Austin, Texas 78723

**WHEN:** Wednesdays, May 6 – June 10, 2015

**TIME:** 5:30 – 7 P.M.

Class size is limited and pre-registration is required. The last day to register is Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

For more information or to register, contact Sharon Teague at 512-926-8574 or [steague@hopelutheranaustin.org](mailto:steague@hopelutheranaustin.org)

Classes will be FREE, thanks to support from AGE of Central Texas and The St. David Foundation. A light supper will also be served.

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## AHOY! THE PLACE TO BE ON THURSDAY MORNINGS

Is Hope Lutheran Church for some ME time.

Escape the pressures surrounding your life by joining us on Thursday mornings. For two hours, leave your worries at the doorstep and step into a warm and welcoming atmosphere of fun, stimulating conversation and activities.

Our calendar for March includes: St. Patrick's Day party on Mar. 12th, current events discussion, dominos and other games, sing-alongs, chair aerobics and delicious snacks.

Where: Hope Lutheran Church at 6414 N. Hampton Dr.

Time: 10:00 am-12 noon

You'll find us in the Hope Harbor building 400 at the end of the parking lot off N. Hampton. Look for the Lighthouse painted on the front of the building.

For additional information:  
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## March 2015 Mueller Update

*Rick Krivoniak*

A 6-acre portion of the Southeast Greenway along Manor Road is expected to open in mid-March, and will include peach, pear, fig, kumquat, loquat, lemon, olive, pecan, persimmon and pomegranate trees. Signage will explain the harvest seasons for the various trees and herbs. All ponds Mueller are a part of the stormwater management system.

Austin's first Parking & Traffic Management District was approved for Mueller by the City Council on February 12<sup>th</sup>, followed immediately with a second district in an area east of I-35 near downtown. On-street metered parking will soon be installed near the Thinkery and a small area of residences will be subject to Residential Permit Parking. Please be aware that Lake Park is maintained and owned by the Mueller Property Owner's Association, and its parking lot does not fall under City regulation. Heed signs and note that parking is being monitored.

The 51<sup>st</sup> Street Vision Plan Open House has been delayed but may yet happen in March. The City hopes to have a nearby venue for this event.

According to their website (modpizza.com), Seattle-based MOD Pizza anticipates an April opening for their Mueller location, near Torchy's Tacos. If their TABC application is approved, they will also sell beer along with superfast pizza.

A Fine Arts Student Showcase, held on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, was the inaugural performance for AISD's Performing Arts Center.

The next Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission meeting is at 6PM, Tuesday, March 10, 2015, in the Carver Library Meeting Room 1, 1161 Angelina Street. Please send Mueller-related questions & comments to [bc-Rick.Krivoniak@austintexas.gov](mailto:bc-Rick.Krivoniak@austintexas.gov).

## Park Volunteers Make a Difference

*Jeanette Swenson*

Bartholomew Park benefits from the volunteers who contribute ongoing support to the park. One consistent group of volunteers has been the UT-Lions Club. Over the past three years, they have contributed at least three volunteer days per year. They have just completed a February 15 workday to remove invasive bamboo from the east end of the park. The emerging bamboo needs to be cut to the ground monthly during the growing season. UT-Lions will also do invasive bamboo removal on April 19 as well as volunteer for It's My Park Day on March 7.

Bae Systems, which is based near the park are also a group of repeat volunteers. This year they will be leading a project in the park on It's My Park Day.

The newly landscaped median at 290 and Berkman will also be having a workday in March to maintain, landscape, and mulch the median. Five or six volunteers make a huge difference here. In addition to the one-time mulching and planting, we also need volunteers who would care for a section of the median - weeding and trash pick-up. Watch for announcements on the listserv and give an hour or two to our neighborhood.

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## A Word from Council Member Gregorio “Greg” Casar

Hi Windsor Park! On January 6th I was proud to be sworn-in as the first Council Member representing District 4 on the new 10-1 City Council. Windsor Park is mostly split between District 1 (primarily east of Westminster Dr.) and District 4 (west of Westminster). Thanks to a neighbor's suggestion, I'll be writing newsletter columns regularly to keep you up to date on what I'm working on for Windsor Park and Austin as a whole.

### New Public Engagement Process

I heard time and time again on the campaign trail that business at City Hall is too often directed by the few, rather than by the many. I worked relentlessly with my colleagues to remodel our legislative process to improve genuine public participation.

We successfully created brand new Council committees for every major topic you're interested in. This new system will allow everyday Windsor Park residents to provide input earlier in the process, long before the final decisions are made or votes are cast. I will be serving as Chair of the Planning and Neighborhoods Committee, Vice Chair of the Public Safety Committee, and a member of the Economic Opportunity & Innovation and Housing & Community Development Committees. I'll keep in touch with you through the newsletter about critical committee meetings that will affect Windsor Park residents' futures. With these committee assignments, I'll especially be focusing on the growing cost burden on moderate and middle-income Austinites along with public safety in our neighborhoods (including traffic safety).

### First Casar Policy Victories

I was proud to partner with the Austin Public Libraries during my first weeks in office to change a policy that was preventing many Austin children and families from being able to access paper library books and electronic books. You may have also heard that there was controversy around directing affordable housing funds towards projects in parts of West Austin. I'm happy to report that the new City Council did choose to do the right thing and vote for affordable housing in neighborhoods where there are very, very few options for working people.

### Keep In Touch

I was able to attend the February Windsor Park Neighborhood Association meeting, and I look forward to attending many more. I enjoyed hosting a constituent coffee day at the Corona Cafe (on Corona Dr.) on February the 27th. I'll be hosting more coffees there in the future. You can see the schedule for upcoming neighborhood coffees on my Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/gregoriocasar](http://www.facebook.com/gregoriocasar)). Also, I'll be at Bartholomew Park for "It's My Park Day!" on the morning of March 7th.

If you can't make it in person, know that my team and I are always available by phone at 512-978-2104, or you can shoot me an email at [Greg.Casar@austintexas.gov](mailto:Greg.Casar@austintexas.gov). I'm excited for what's ahead in 2015. I know we have a lot to work on, but with a great, engaged neighborhood like Windsor Park, there's so much we can achieve.

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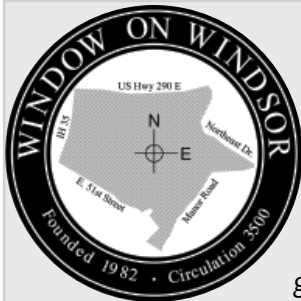
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## Windsor Park Library Updates and Events

### Events and Book Club

**10:15am on March 19 and 26:** All Ages Storytime

**March 7, 2:00pm:** Saturday Movie Matinee: *The Box Trolls*

**March 10, 7:00pm:** Book Club: *Gulliver's Travels* by Jonathan Swift

**March 12, 3:30pm:** Thinkery at the Library

**March 13, 7:00pm:** Legends

**March 17, 3:30pm:** Lego Lab

**March 18, 7:00pm:** Improve Yourself

**March 26, 3:30pm:** Thinkery at the Library

**April 4, 2:00pm:** Saturday Movie Matinee: *The Book of Life*

**April 7, 3:30pm:** Book Club for Littles

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Monday - Thursday: 10am - 9pm

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### The Windsor Park Neighborhood Plan Contact Team (WPNPCT)

is a representative group of neighborhood stakeholders charged with being stewards of the Windsor Park Neighborhood Plan and upholding the implementation of the Plan's vision, goals and recommendations, and to review and vote on all proposed amendments to the Neighborhood Plan. Meetings are the second Monday of each month at the Windsor Park Library (subject to change) at 6:30 p.m. Contact WPNPCT Chair Steve Speir for more information at [sspeir@austin.rr.com](mailto:sspeir@austin.rr.com).

**Numbers count! A strong neighborhood association advocates more effectively for Windsor Park! Join us today!**

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