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## **NOVEMBER ELECTIONS INCLUDE OFFICERS FOR WPNA 2015**

*by Martin Luecke, WPNA President*

The September WPNA Candidate Forum for District 1 City Council election saw a large turnout of candidates and constituents. Seven out of nine candidates made an appearance, and all seemed to be serious about their run for office. Big thanks to Rick Krivoniak for getting all those people organized and in the door on time.

We did this forum different from all the others by limiting it to one candidate at a time, allotting 15 minutes each, with a series of questions designed to get a well-rounded view of their personality and platform. Feedback from the candidates and the audience was positive, since it gave everyone a chance to focus on one person.

It is clear from the crowded meeting space that voters from Windsor Park are keen to get an idea of who is on the ballot. With so many names, this was the one time to get some kind of feeling of their differences.

We will repeat this Forum format at the next WPNA meeting as we host the District 4 candidates. We are hopeful for a repeat of the large turnout of both candidates and voters. You are encouraged to submit questions for the candidates either by email to me or at the meeting. We will have blank index cards available.

WPNA will also have an election for officers at the November meeting. I encourage any member of our organization to submit your name for a leadership position. Since the Presidency is a 2-year term-limited position, we will be looking for a new person to run the show. I can say it is a dream job, with lots of perks, and little or no problems or negativities (is that a real word?). As president you are allowed to make up words!

We will also need a Treasurer, since Rebecca Carpenter is leaving the position to spend more time with her ailing mother. Other officer positions include Secretary, Vice President, and Austin Neighborhood Council Representative.

In the past there has been only one person running for each position, with all of us generally taking turns doing one of the jobs. I invite interested parties to come to the October meeting and tell me which position you might have an interest.

There is an old saying: whatever you give will come back to you ten-fold. I have found in my four years of holding office with WPNA that this axiom is absolutely true.

### **Newsletter delivery volunteers needed in the following areas:**

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## Yard of the Month, October 2014

Sara Jane Lee

The October winners are Rose and Rob Brooking of 1903 Rogge Drive. When the plumbers had to dig up part of the Brookings front yard, they were left with a big pile of dirt. That dirt became the berm near the street. Now the berm is bursting with plants including but not limited to Knockout Roses, White and pink Salvia Greggii, Celosia, Copper Canyon Daisy, Torenia, Purple Sage, Mexican Bush Sage, Angel Trumpet, Verbena, Impatiens, Purple Oxalis. The berm is mulched with straw.

Though the yard near the street is still St Augustine grass, the area near the house is covered in crushed granite. There they have three planters made from pipe and the ends of propane tanks. Those contain various succulents. Close to the house they have Sago Palm, Society Garlic, Leopard Plant, Variegated Ginger, Red Yucca, and Philodendron Selloum. Near the driveway they have two metal raised beds filled with Iceplant and Bulbine. Nearer the front of the yard, they have three trees, a large Live Oak, a smaller Oak, and a Sweetgum that they got through the city tree program.

The Brookings have been working on their yard for four years. Though they have been inspired by High End Landscape, Big Red Sun, The Natural Gardener, and other yards in the neighborhood, they did the work themselves. They recommend using all organic products and drip irrigation which cuts down on water use. Also plant drought tolerant varieties that thrive in Central Texas. Cut down on the use of turf grass and use hardscape. They work about two hours a week on their yard, mainly weeding, trimming, fertilizing, and irrigating.

The Brookings will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate from our sponsor, Shoal Creek Nursery, 2710 Hancock Drive.

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 me at [wpna.yom@gmail.com](mailto:wpna.yom@gmail.com), call 928-0681 or write WPNA YOMC, P O Box 16183, Austin, Texas 78761.

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Trinity Child Development Center

*Gloria Neunaber, Director Emerita at Trinity CDC*

Trinity Child Development Center at 5801 Westminister Drive, housed in the Austin Mennonite Church next to the Windsor Park Branch Library, is celebrating their 50th Anniversary this school year. In 1964, the congregation at that time saw a need for a morning Kindergarten Program (this was before public schools offered kindergarten). In 2014, Trinity CDC is now a stand-alone, non-profit child care center open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. serving children ages 1 through 5 during the school year and up to age 11 in the summer.

To help commemorate the CDC's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Austin Mennonite Church is holding a special benefit concert by the Irish duo *Storyman* ([storymanmusic.com](http://storymanmusic.com)). The concert will be held Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. Seating will begin at 5 p.m. with refreshments and homemade empanadas available. Music will start at 6:00 with Storyman taking the stage from 7-9 pm. Admission is free but a donation basket will be passed with proceeds going to support the mission of Trinity Child Development Center.

Storyman, who recently visited Austin as the opening act for Ingrid Michaelson (listen to their duet with Ingrid at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Orq5sZXfGo>), is composed of Kevin May and Mick Lynch, pop balladeers who have been described as "Simon and Garfunkel with a dash of Leonard Cohen and a few drops of Radiohead." They are born and bred Irish lads, but their music has a universal appeal. Come and be mesmerized by their beautiful harmonies and soulful lyrics.

The community is invited to this special concert benefit and to share their memories of Trinity Child Development Center over the last 50 years with us at [trinitycdc@hotmail.com](mailto:trinitycdc@hotmail.com) or on our Facebook page.

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## 2014 Habitat Challenge Open to All: New Urban Habitats and Previously NWF Certified Habitats

Jeanette Swenson

Thanks to those of you who have already newly certified your yard as a National Wildlife Federation (NWF) certified urban habitat for the 2014 Wildlife Austin Habitat Challenge! Windsor Park now has at least 150 certified yards, and we can pride ourselves on transforming Windsor Park into a green urban habitat. The basics are: Provide water sources, food sources from native plants, shelter/cover, nesting places. Windsor Park is an older neighborhood, and our yards already have most of the four. If you have a creek, it's a water source! To certify your yard as a new habitat, request a City of Austin pre-paid application before November 15, 2014. Call 512-978-2606 or go the website: <http://www.austintexas.gov/departments.wildlife-austin>. This year, Wildlife Austin is encouraging public spaces to certify. For example, our churches, library, fire station, and commercial areas are all eligible. Last year, WPNA certified the splash pad landscaping. This year we will certify the native landscaping at the Bartholomew Park Pool, installed by PARD. Take a few minutes in your yard to complete your application, return it to Wildlife Austin. You can also certify directly at National Wildlife Federation: [www.nwf.org/gardenforwildlife](http://www.nwf.org/gardenforwildlife) and pay the \$20.00 fee.

For those of you who have certified over the past five years and always ask if you need to re-certify, you don't. Your yard is certified for life. However, the 2014 Habitat Challenge has a new opportunity – FREE – for you, and it contributes to our 2014 yard count. Best news is that it focuses on making sure that our yards are pollinator gardens. Pollinators are in decline, and providing basics to your yard will attract pollinators to our neighborhood. The basics are: provide a SHALLOW water source; have a diversity of nectar/pollen sources; safeguard your pollinator habitat by removing or preventing invasive plants and avoiding pesticides; and provide shelter for nesting and overwintering. (I checked my yard and found that it's already qualified as a Pollinator Garden after I added shallow sources of water.) To certify your already-certified yard: request the Pollinator Garden Requirements for Neighborhood Habitat Challenge 2014 from Wildlife Austin: [wildlife@austintexas.gov](mailto:wildlife@austintexas.gov). Complete the form—it's a daunting 4 pages of mostly checklists, so I'm not printing it in Window on Windsor, but will have copies at WPNA meetings. Submit the form to [wildlife@austintexas.gov](mailto:wildlife@austintexas.gov) by November 15, 2014. To complete the application you will need to know your watershed: <http://www.austintexas.gov/GIS/FindYourWatershed>.

If you have questions, please contact Jeanette Swenson, [jeanetteswenson@yahoo.com](mailto:jeanetteswenson@yahoo.com) or call 512-627-1295. Thank you for taking the extra steps to continue to upgrade our urban habitat.

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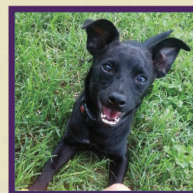
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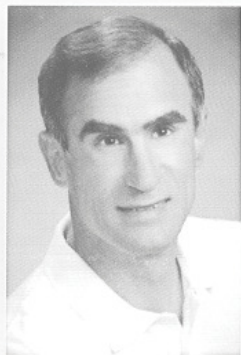
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## Neighborhood School Updates

### Andrews Elementary

*Saleem Blevins, Principal*

The school year at Andrews has gotten off to a terrific start. The students and teachers are back and full of energy, and there has been some great teaching and learning going on already. In September we hosted Back to School Night and our first Principal's coffee of the year, with a really strong turnout of families at each event.

In October we will host a literacy night on the 9th in which families can come learn many of the strategies and techniques teachers use in the classroom and some new and exciting ways to promote literacy at home. We will also host our annual Fall Festival on the 24th. This is consistently our biggest fundraiser and a generally great night of food and fun for the community. There are also plenty of opportunities to volunteer at this event, so please let us know if you are interested.

### Harris Elementary

*Gloria Cano, School Counselor*

Welcome back to our students, staff and parents! We are so excited to be back in school. The students are meeting their teachers, new friends and a new principal. Her name is Ms. Monica Martinez. She comes to us with experience in AISD, Round Rock and Georgetown. We are very pleased to have her here in our Harris community and look forward to an outstanding year under her leadership.

Please remember to follow the bus traffic laws, the school speed zones and be courteous to our crossing guards. We want to make sure our students and community members stay safe. We will post news from our school in this newsletter on a monthly basis so stay tuned to the school news section to stay informed about school events.

### LBJEC/LASA High Schools

*Karen Donelan, Librarian*

Greetings from LBJEC/LASA High Schools!

The school year has started very smoothly and successfully! LBJEC HS has 881 students and LASA has 1013! Newsweek named LASA the 8th best high school in the United States! Sports teams are busy with

their games and practice. Jaguar varsity Football is 1-1 as is girls' Volleyball! We welcome Mr. Bradley Clark as LBJ's new Academic Director. Most Early College High School ACC classes have moved to the new Highland campus! All reports are that it is beautiful, and students love going there! If you haven't had a chance to visit the new ACC campus, be sure to do so. High schools will have two late start days in October. Thursday, October 9, and Thursday, October 30. Classes begin at 10:00 a.m. on Late Start days. Also, coming up in October, there is a Student Holiday on Monday, October 13. That will be Parent Conference for Elementary, and Staff Development for Secondary.

Have a great October!

### New School Dedication Ceremonies!

Austin Independent School District's Dedication Ceremony for the **Bertha Sadler Means Young Women's Leadership Academy** will be held Saturday, October 11th at 3:00pm at the school, located at 6401 N. Hampton Drive.

AISD's Dedication Ceremony for the **Gus Garcia Young Men's Leadership Academy** will be held Sunday, October 12th at 3:00pm at the school, located at 7414 Johnny Morris Road.

We are excited to celebrate these events with the community, and would love to have as many participants as possible support the campuses!

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## Windsor Park Responds to Austin Parks Foundation Challenge

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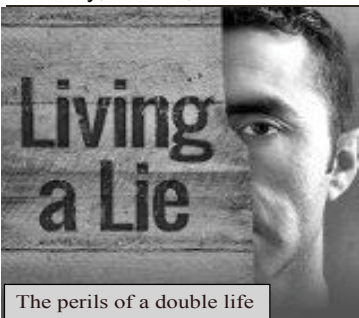

Between July 1 and September 25, supporters of the playscape shades contributed \$2,571.00 to shade our Bartholomew Parks playscapes. Austin Parks Foundation offered a match of all donations between July 1 and September 30. As I write, there are only a few more days left, but Austin Parks Foundation (APF) will contribute at least \$2571.00 to double our July to September total contributions to \$5,142.00, which makes us well on the way to funding the toddler playscape and swings! Our current total of money in the bank is **\$15,679.71** in the fund. We have also had a verbal commitment from Frost Bank and The Shade Project, which will move us closer to the goal. If we can shade both structures in late winter or early spring, there will be additional savings. Thank you to all who have donated, swum on or contributed to the Synchronized Swimming team, and bought new Windsor Park T-shirts. The contributions demonstrate Windsor Park's commitment to our children and our community.

Below is the current list of contributors. Please let me know if I have omitted your name. Treasurer Rebecca Carpenter forwards the contributions received to me, but I may have missed a few. Also, if you have not received your T-shirt, please contact me. Secretary Meghan Dougherty has the T-shirts, but I would be happy to pick up and deliver a T-shirt to you.

I will submit a second Austin Parks Foundation grant request for the fall cycle, and fundraising ideas will be highlighted in the grant request. APF likes to see a neighborhood's ability to fundraise for projects, so I will be sure to include all of our fundraising efforts.

### DONOR LIST AS OF SEPTEMBER 2014

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## Election Information

*Rick Krivoniak*

PLEASE VOTE! November 4, 2014 is the Uniform Election Date for the upcoming General Election, when Windsor Parkers will cast their votes for US Senator and Congressional Representative; Texas Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller, Land Commissioner, Agriculture Commissioner, Railroad Commissioner, State Senator and Representative; numerous Judicial and Travis County officials; three members of the ACC Board of Trustees (one unopposed); two members of the AISD Board of Trustees; Austin's Mayor, and for the first time, Austin City Council Members by District. With multiple candidates in the Mayoral and City Council races, it is likely that no single candidate will get a 50% majority, requiring a runoff election scheduled for December 16, 2014.

One Texas Constitutional Amendment on transportation funding labeled "Proposition 1," and an urban rail/road bond from the City of Austin also labeled "Proposition 1" are on the ballot, along with a bond issue from ACC.

**September 5, 2014** - First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail

**October 6, 2014** - LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE in the November General Election

**October 16, 2014** - First Day to Apply for Runoff Ballot by Mail

**October 20, 2014** - First Day of Early Voting

**October 24, 2014** - Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, NOT Postmarked!)

**October 31, 2014** - Last Day of Early Voting

**November 4, 2014** - Election Day, Last Day to Receive Ballot by Mail

**November 17, 2014** - LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE in the December Runoff Election

**December 1, 2014** - First Day of Early Runoff Voting

**December 5, 2014** - Last Day to Apply for Runoff Ballot by Mail (Received, NOT Postmarked!)

**December 12, 2014** - Last Day of Early Runoff Voting

**December 16, 2014** - Runoff Election Day

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## October 2014 Mueller Update

*Rick Krivoniak*

At September's Mueller Commission meeting, TXDOT's consultants presented an update on Mobility35, the proposed improvements to I-35. Windsor Park will retain access from the northbound upper deck of I-35 via an exit just before Airport Boulevard that will not go to Airport, but rather cross over it and join the frontage road, leading to Barbara Jordan Boulevard and the upcoming 53<sup>rd</sup> Street connection to Cameron Road. However, from the lower level of I-35, there will be a new exit just north of 32<sup>nd</sup> Street taking drivers to the 38<sup>th</sup> Street signal. You'll have to remain on the frontage road from that point northward, going through signals at 38<sup>th</sup> 1/2 and at the Hancock Center underpass to get to Barbara Jordan and 53<sup>rd</sup>, and as above, Reinli, Clayton or 290.

On the southbound frontage side of I-35 and depending on funding, one of the first Mobility35 projects is expected to be the swapping of the entrance and exit ramps immediately south of 51<sup>st</sup>, moving the entry north to allow easier lane crossing to get to Airport Blvd., and the entry will now be further south, but before Airport. The collector-distributor street is also a part of that project, allowing the frontage road traffic to continue under the 51<sup>st</sup> Street bridge miss the current signal at 51<sup>st</sup>, which will eventually be replaced by a roundabout. Please visit [Mobility35.org](http://Mobility35.org) to learn more.

Janine Sisak, a Senior Vice-President with DMA Development, made a presentation at September's Mueller Commission meeting as well, and will offer a brief update at October's WPNA meeting regarding their planned "workforce" affordable housing project. Once sited within Mueller at the southwestern corner of Barbara Jordan Blvd. and Berkman, the project is now looking to locate just east of the AISD Performing Arts Center, between 51<sup>st</sup> and Barbara Jordan. The project is geared to those employed or having a steady source of income but having difficulty in finding affordable housing in the area, and will consist of primarily one- and two-bedroom units. The project's north facade will comply with the 51<sup>st</sup> Street Vision Plan development guidelines, and there will be a retail component at the ground floor.

The next RMMAPIAC (Mueller Commission) meeting is Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 6PM in Meeting Room 1 of the Carver Library, 1161 Angelina Street. Please send Mueller-related questions & comments to bc-Rick. [Krivoniak@austintexas.gov](mailto:Krivoniak@austintexas.gov).

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## Windsor Park Library Updates and Events

Windsor Park Library hosts a calendar of events, films, workshops, and discussions—free and open to the public.

### Events

**October 4, 2pm:** Family Movie Matinee: *Beetlejuice*

**October 7, 7pm:** Community Cinema: *MAKERS*

**October 14, 3:30pm:** Free Play Gaming

**October 15 and 29, 3:30pm:** Thinkery at the Library

### Book Club

**October 14, 7:00pm:** The Inheritance of Loss by Kiran Desai

**November 11, 7:00pm:** Slaughterhouse Five by Kurt Vonnegut

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<http://library.austintexas.gov/>

Link directly to the Windsor Park Library branch here:  
<http://library.austintexas.gov/locations/Windsor%20Park%20Branch>

## 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 Bob Mebane for more information at [rem@grandecom.net](mailto:rem@grandecom.net).

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

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