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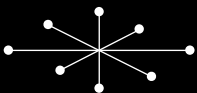
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NEXT
NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION
MEETING

SATURDAY
JUNE 13th
10AM
at HOPE
LUTHERAN
CHURCH



NEXT
MEETING
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Scholarship
Awards and
Schools
Updates



President's Message

BY CHAD COTTON, WPNA PRESIDENT

Summer is heating up, and after a busy spring, we're ready to celebrate! At our June 13th meeting (held at Hope Lutheran Church for this month), the Windsor Park Neighborhood Association will celebrate this year's scholarship recipients and hear updates from our schools committee about important topics related to schools.

On June 21st come celebrate the summer solstice at the Windsor Park Open Mic Night from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM on Carol's backyard deck at Carol's Backyard Deck. Don't be deceived; it may be a residence, but it's a really nice deck and always a fun time!

On Sunday June 28th, from 1:30 PM - 3 PM at Austin Mennonite Church 5801 Westminster Dr, the Austin Mennonite Church is hosting an in-person and virtual Non-Partisan Travis County Volunteer Deputy Registrars training. Keep an eye on our website for more information on this event.

As summer temperatures rise and conditions become drier, it's also important to stay mindful of seasonal fire danger in and around Windsor Park. Pay attention to Red Flag Warnings and other fire weather alerts, especially during periods of high heat, low humidity, and strong winds. Avoid outdoor burning, unattended fire pits, fireworks, or any activity that could accidentally spark a grass fire. Even small sparks from equipment, cigarettes, or vehicles parked on dry grass can quickly become dangerous.

To find more information about emergency readiness check out the article on our website here: <https://windsorpark.info/be-fire-wise>. To request a FREE, personalized home evaluation to learn how to better protect your home from fire risk through a Structure Ignition Zone Evaluation (SIZE), visit the link above and click on the "Order a SIZE Analysis" button.

June 13th WPNA meeting will be held at Hope Lutheran Church at 6414 North Hampton Drive in the gym

As one of our residents, Jane Churchill, recently reminded me, the hot and dry weather can also increase wildlife activity near homes, especially for neighbors living near creeks and greenbelts. Residents may begin seeing more Coyote and Red Fox searching for food and water.

While these animals can seem cute and are an important part of our local ecosystem, it's best not to let them become accustomed to finding food around homes. Please avoid intentionally or unintentionally leaving food sources accessible, including pet food, unsecured trash, fallen fruit, or other edible scraps. Helping wildlife stay wild keeps the wild animals, our domestic animals, neighbors, and ourselves safer.

WPNA takes a position on Broadmoor extension to I-35

BY LAUREL CHESKY, WPNA VICE-PRESIDENT

WPNA members voted last month to oppose the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) plan to connect Broadmoor Drive to the I-35 access road, part of the I-35 Capital Express Central project. A statement detailing our position was presented to the city of Austin Mobility Committee on May 14 and was emailed to TxDOT and Austin Transportation and Public Works (ATPW) officials. In summary, the statement declares:

- The WPNA opposes the plan to connect Broadmoor Drive, a narrow residential street, to the I-35 access road.
- Should the Broadmoor extension go forward, we call for ATPW to design projects to mitigate resulting impacts to our residential streets and work with our association to select final designs that align with our residents' lived experience.
- We call for TxDOT to fully fund these mitigations.

Read the full statement at <http://www.windsorpark.info>. If you want to get involved in this effort, email vicepresident@windsorpark.info.

GOT SOMETHING FOR THE NEWSLETTER? GET IT IN BY THE 15th TO: newsletter@windsorpark.info

June in the Garden

BY CHRIS WINSLOW, via the WPNA Enlivenment Committee

1. Water: Early morning is the optimum time... otherwise most of the irrigation water evaporates. Deep soaking is best.
2. Native tree care: This month generally turns out to be pretty hot and dry. Remember your trees are going to be thirsty too.
3. Mulch: This will cool the roots and slow the water loss from evaporation. Mixing your mulch 50:50 (bag-for-bag) with compost, will add nutrition and relieve stress.
4. Slow release: fertilizers When feeding flowerbeds and turf, be sure to use an organic-based, slow-release fertilizer. You will avoid burning plant roots in the summer heat and will have little impact on our watershed. Foliar sprays with seaweed will also help reduce heat stress.
5. Care for your roses: The first flush of your spring roses has finished. The flowering ends of the rose stems have probably formed hips (seed pods). Cut them off and there will be a new round of flowering. Also, give them some rose food. Examine them for any sign of insects, especially spidermites, and treat with horticultural oil (Sunspray or All Seasons) or Spinosad.
6. Mow high: Cut your grass as high as you can stand. Longer grass blades will help shade the turf & conserve water. Leave clippings on the lawn.
7. Add summer color: Plant heat-loving summer color in those empty spaces. Planting in the morning and evening is best. For summer color, zinnias, purslane, moss rose, and vinca seem to be the hardiest. Water well to establish them.

WPNA's Enlivenment Committee presents:



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Celebrating Our 2026 Windsor Park Graduates

BY HEATHER WONG

June may be a little quieter than the busy month of May, but it is still an exciting time in Windsor Park. School is out for the summer, families are taking well-earned breaks, and many graduating seniors are preparing for the next chapter of their lives. For some, this will be their last summer at home before heading off to college, careers, training programs, or other new adventures as adults. The Windsor Park Neighborhood Association is proud to celebrate and support these students through our annual scholarship program.

This year, WPNA is thrilled to award scholarships to 34 graduating seniors, with \$1,000 awarded to each student to help support their future educational and career goals.

We received completed applications from students attending several local high schools:

- 16 applications from Lyndon B. Johnson Early College High School
- 9 applications from Northeast Early College High School
- 7 applications from A.N. McCallum High School
- 1 application from Austin High School
- 1 application from Garza Independence High School

These scholarships are made possible through the generosity of individuals in our community, donors, and neighbors who believe in investing in the future of Windsor Park's young people, with special thanks to the Austin Mennonite Church for its fundraising efforts.

We welcome the public to attend the scholarship awards presentation on June 13th from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM at Hope Lutheran Church in the gym. Congratulations to all 2026 graduates and scholarship recipients. We cannot wait to see what you accomplish next!

If you would like to support next year's graduates, please consider making a donation through the WPNA scholarship page: Windsor Park Scholarship Fund. Click on "Donate" to contribute.



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We've seen a slight shift in the Spring market. Our inventory has started to drop and more homes are going under contract. I'm very curious whether this is a trend or just our Spring bump. Sellers are still more likely to lower their price than go under contract, but any shift in the right direction is a good thing.

We experienced rates dip a hair under 6% and saw buyers jump off the fence to take advantage of it. Rates are back around 6.6%, so we will see how that affects buyer confidence.

*SINGLE FAMILY HOME STATISTICS COLLECTED FROM AUSTIN BOARD OF REALTORS MLS

Tiny Forest Rebuilds

BY MARTIN LUECKE

Good news Windsor Park: most of the dozen tiny trees cut down in March have come back to life and are defying the odds to survive. Only four have died, thanks in part to a very wet spring, maybe the most rain in years. The drought is not officially over, but with El Nino coming back this summer, we may see record rainfall for the year.

The Climate Committee delivered moisture trapping mulch to every Tiny Forest tree thanks to neighbor Josh Westheimer who provided a chip drop from his driveway. Chip Drop is a free mulch delivery service from Austin area tree trimming companies.



Thanks also to Eda Gowdy on Briarcliff for donating a very large Mexican Sycamore she has

been growing in a pot for several years. This will replace one of the dead pecan trees and will be planted in the fall when it is time to plant again.

If you have a native shade tree growing in a pot in your yard, please consider donating it to the Tiny Forest.

We are looking for Desert Willows or Texas redbuds. We also need two more families to adopt a baby tree. Contact me: Martin@windsorpark.info



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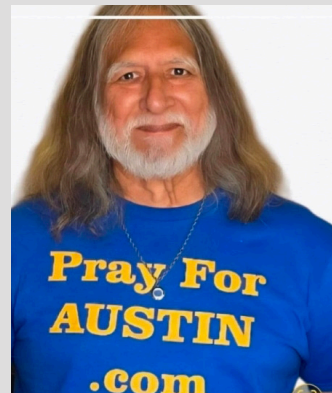
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Yard of the Month - 1703 Cloverleaf Drive

BY SARA JANE LEE

The June winners are Buff Strickland and Bill Van Wart and their son, George. They live at 1703 Cloverleaf Drive. They are members of WPNA. After they lost their oak trees In January 2023, they radically changed their yard. They got ideas from books, gardening blogs, the Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center, and the Native Plant Society of Texas. They applied for and received an Austin Water Wise Rebate.

Seedling Landscape Design removed their grass and installed the path. In November 2023, they put down new soil and mulch. In the spring of 2024, Buff, Bill, and George planted much of the yard. As a school project, George planted the area between their driveway and their neighbor's property.

They have a profusion of plants in their front yard including perennials, grasses and trees. Some are the Fall Obedient Plant, Texas Lantana, Rock Rose, Texas Sage, Autumn Sage, White Mistflower, Gregg's Mistflower, Flame Acanthus, Zexmenia, Black-Eyed Susan, Texas Persimmon, Side Oats Grama, Little Bluestem, Inland Sea Oats, Texas Mountain Laurel, and Mexican Sycamore.

The pollinators bring them great joy. Many of the lizards and the birds put on an ever-changing show, but a roadrunner has become a regular. Because they used natives, they only needed to water when the plants were young and in times of severe drought.



Buff advises the new yard people to remove as much grass as possible, plant natives, use the Austin Water Wise rebate, and stay ahead of the weeds.

They will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate from Shoal Creek Nursery on Hancock Drive. It has great collections of plants, seeds, pots, and garden paraphernalia including gloves in various sizes.

Send your nomination(s) to WPNA YOMC. P.O. Box 16183, Austin, Texas 78761, call 512-928-0681 and leave a message, or email wpna.yom@gmail.com.



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Harris Elementary Grand Opening

BY AMANDA ROSE

On April 28th, neighbors, parents, students and dignitaries gathered to celebrate the grand opening of the newly built Harris Elementary School. In attendance were current and former teachers, staff, and families going back generations as well as neighbors curious about the inside of the beautiful new addition to Briarcliff & Berkman.

The new building, part of the 2022 bond, opened its doors in January, so those gathered were able to admire not just the Texas Society of Architects' Design Award-winning school and grounds, but the art, accomplishments and school spirit of the teachers and students displayed throughout the school.

After welcoming performances by the Marshall Middle School band and the Harris Cheer Squad, principal Sonya Wyatt, AISD Superintendent Matias Segura, School Board Trustee Candace Hunter and Council Member Chito Vela all spoke to commemorate the day. A fifth- and fourth-grad-



er spoke about what Harris means to them, one presenting in English and one in Spanish displaying the school's commitment to high-quality Dual Language learning. Members of the Gus Garcia Guitar ensemble wrapped up the festivities before visitors toured the campus. More pictures from the Grand Opening can be found online at www.windsorpark.info



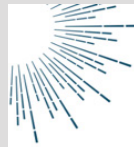
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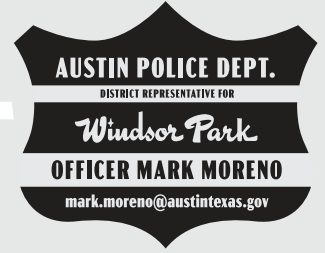
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WPNA MEMBERS Wanted!

Come one, come y'all,

Welcome to Windsor Park! A throwback neighborhood with a modern feel. Please join the WPNA - we are stronger and more effective as a local voice for our neighborhood when more neighbors join.

We welcome all neighbors. Come join a meeting and see what's going on in your neighborhood. We'd love to meet you and share what Windsor Park is all about.

See ya soon!



Explore the Library in person, online or via your favorite device to access materials to read, listen to or learn from. Check out the Calendar online for activities.

Highlights for June:

- Tween and Teen Stop Motion Claymation Workshop - Tues, June 2 & June 16, 2:00
- Bike Mechanics 101 Presented by Yellow Bike - Tues, June 2 & 16, 6:00
- Hooks and Needles - Sat, June 6, 10:00
- Practiquemos Espanol - Mon, June 8 & 22, 11:00
- Build Better: A Free Series on Home Construction - Wed June 10 6:00
- Kittypalooza with Austin Animal Services - Sat, June 13, 10:00
- All Skills Crochet Group - Tues, June 23, 5:30
- The Crafty Adult: Beaded Bookmarks - Sat, June 27, 1:00

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