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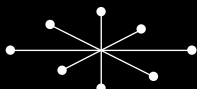
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Candidates

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51st Street  
plans



## City Council passes Belfast Bridge funding resolution

BY LAUREL CHESKY, WPNA VICE-PRESIDENT

Following up on last month's article, the Austin City Council on August 27 did pass the resolution to advance the Belfast Bridge and Trail, which would connect Broadmoor Drive to 51st Street. The resolution authorizes the negotiation of a funding agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT), the pass-through entity for the federal funds garnered by Rep. Lloyd Doggett.

"It's a critical gap in our network there, and to see it hopefully built soon is going to be a joy for the entire neighborhood," said Chito Vela, Mayor Pro Tem and District 4 Councilmember, at the August 27 City Council meeting. "We're going to get this done."

However, some of our joy is tempered by TXDOT's plan to proceed with the Broadmoor extension to the I-35 access road. At the City Council meeting, I urged the city to create a safe pedestrian crossing.

"We expect [the extension] to send more traffic into our neighborhood and across Belfast drive, exactly where pedestrians and cyclists will cross to reach the bridge," I stated during public comments. "In parallel to this project, we respectfully urge Transportation and Public Works to design a safe pedestrian crossing at Broadmoor and Westmoor drives now. Please do not wait to see what happens. Implement a protected crossing before the Belfast Bridge and Trail are constructed and ensure the safety of our community."

## Upcoming Events

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser, Saturday, Oct. 3. Benefits the 2027 WPNA Rebecca Lowe Scholarships. Donate what you can and enjoy breakfast with your neighbors. Austin Mennonite Church, 5801 Westminster, 8:30-11:30am.

Voter registration deadline, Monday, Oct. 5: Visit [votetexas.gov](http://votetexas.gov) to register or check your registration status.

National Night Out, Tuesday, Oct. 6. Spend the evening hanging with your neighbors! This event promotes police-community partnerships to make neighborhoods safer. Find WP events on [windsorpark.info](http://windsorpark.info). Various locations, 6-8pm.

WPNA Monthly Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 10: Meet 2027 WPNA officer candidates, Austin Watershed Protection gives an update on its project at Bartholomew Park, and Safe Streets Austin will discuss proposed changes to 51st Street. Check [windsorpark.info](http://windsorpark.info) for full agenda closer to the meeting. Memorial United Methodist Church, 6100 Berkman, 10-11:30am.

Wheless Lane Church of Christ – Community Meals, Oct. 14, Nov 11 and Dec 9: The Church will be providing Community Meals on the second Wednesday of each month through the end of the year. They will be handing out box lunches to anyone who needs a meal from 11am – 1pm. Pickup at: 2702 Wheless Lane

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## Upcoming Events, cont. from p1

[see more Upcoming Events on page 2]

**Austin Eco Fest, Saturday, Oct. 17:** Join us for the greenest event of the season! The WPNA Climate Committee gives a repeat performance of this popular Roots & Wings Festival. Adopt a free sapling, climb a tree, and dig into other fun, eco-oriented activities. Bring the kids! Bartholomew Park, 10am-1pm.

**Cyclovia, Saturday, Nov. 7:** Bike, walk, or skate to this free Living Streets party. WPNA is partnering with the Ghisallo Cycling Initiative to bring this event to Windsor Park. While focused on bicycling, a wide range of fun activities will be on hand for kids and adults alike. Westminster between Briarcliff and Rogge, 10am-2pm.

**Open Mic Night, Sunday, Nov. 29:** The WPNA Enlivenment Committee presents a repeat performance of this popular, family-friendly event. Austin Mennonite Church, 5801 Westminster, 5pm. Watch our website and Facebook page for details.

## Shade the Streets and EcoFest

BY MARTIN LUECKE

By now the Shade Brigade has been going door-to-door in Windsor Park and you might have discovered a FREE TREE flyer on your door, inviting you to order trees from Tree Folks for Home Delivery. Use the QR code below or this URL: <https://app.treefolks.org/signup?event=86> to order two trees of your choice delivered to your door in November.



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We have one ask: plant a shade tree 15 feet from the curb in an open space of your front yard, with the second tree going to a space of your choice, and agree to water them once a week for three years. We are trying to cool and beautify Windsor Park. The best time to plant trees is November.

There will be 500 free trees available at Austin Eco Fest Saturday October 17 from 10 to 1pm near the splash pad at Bartholomew Park. The Minor Mishap Marching Band will make an early appearance, along with Congressman Lloyd Doggett. There will be free tree mulch, live music, local food, tree climbing with ropes courtesy of the Austin Urban Forest department, a fire truck, and many local eco / environmental organizations.



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Let's sit down and go over your options. It's never too early to put together a schedule and game plan.

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

# Yard of the Month - 1617 Wheless Lane

BY SARA JANE LEE

The October winners are Steven Elliott and Michael Duhan of 1617 Wheless Lane. They have lived on Wheless Lane for thirteen years and are members of WPNA. Steven and Michael were inspired by the desert, the mid-century yards in Palm Springs, the stories in Sunset Magazine, and the yards of Windsor Park

Since they wanted a desert landscape, they have Agaves, Cacti, Aloes, Sotol, Yucca, and other desert plants. Their newest one is a yucca that they have named "Tina". Come winter they really work to protect their plants from frost. They had help with the hardscape including their custom rusty steel planters, one of which is very near the street.

They advise the new gardener to start small and to have patience. It is exciting to pick out a small plant and then watch as it grows and flourishes.

Steven and Michael 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. While you are there be sure to greet their cats and admire the waterfall.

Do not be shy. If you like a certain yard, or more than one, tell us. We cannot visit every yard in the neighborhood each month. We may not have seen your yard, or your neighbor's yard. Feel free to nominate your own yard. People have won that way. Send your nomination(s) to email [wpna.yom@gmail.com](mailto:wpna.yom@gmail.com), postal mail at WPNA YOMC, P.O. Box 16183, Austin, Texas 78761, call 512-928-0681 and leave a message.



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# October in the Garden

BY CHRIS WINSLOW (via WPNA's Enlivenment Committee)

1. Plant fall-flowering perennials. Look around and see what's blooming this fall. Some good choices are Mexican bush sage, pineapple sage, Mexican mint marigold, Copper Canyon daisy, and fall asters. Don't forget to check out fall blooming ornamental grasses. Tops on my list are Gulf Coast muhly, big muhly, and maiden grass.
2. Prepare grass for winter. Now is a good time to fertilize the lawn. Feeding now will help the roots through winter dormancy. Inspect and treat for brown patch, a disease common with cooling, moist weather conditions. This is also a good time to apply corn gluten for weed control, and to top-dress with manure-based compost.
3. Plant a tree. Choose from central Texas's great selection of native and adapted shade and ornamental trees. Plant one of the many oaks or elms for shade. Or add color to your late winter and spring season by planting a redbud, mountain laurel, orchid tree, flowering peach or pear, or a Mexican plum.
4. Plant a vegetable garden. Now is the time for broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, and Brussels sprouts from transplants. Easily grown from seed are collards, spinach, carrots, radishes, lettuce, mustard and collard greens, beets, Swiss chard, spinach, and turnips. Garlic and shallots (multiplying onions) can be planted now with short day onions just around the corner in November.
5. Plant snapdragons. These wonderful, winter hardy flowers should be planted now for a showy late winter and spring garden. They almost guarantee a Yard of The Month sign in April. Other bedding plants to choose from are dianthus, violas, pansies, stock and flowering kale, and cabbage.
6. Harvest basil and make pesto. Also plant some winter-hardy culinary herbs. Rosemary, oregano, parsley, cilantro, sage, thyme, and chives love winter and can provide fresh cut herbs for the kitchen.
7. Plant winter grass seed. If you have a bare spot or would like to get rid of a muddy patch, sow some ryegrass or fescue. Rye grass can also be planted in a vegetable garden area to provide green compost in the spring and soil aeration. Elbon rye seed can also be planted over winter in garden areas plagued by soil nematodes (a disaster to tomatoes).
8. Plant wildflowers. These need to be planted in the fall. They will grow leaves and stems while the days are short during the winter and will flower in the spring as the days get longer.
9. Plant fall bulbs. For spring flowers, some of the best choices are daffodils, grape muscari, tulips, and jonquils.

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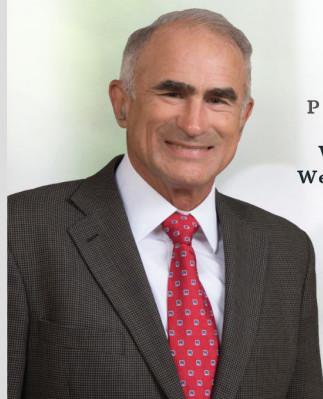


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# WPNA President's Letter

BY CHAD COTTON, WPNA PRESIDENT

October and November are full of fun and exciting events here in Windsor Park. Check out our Upcoming Events article and keep an eye on the WPNA website for dates, details, and new events as they are added.

This time of year is also when we begin looking ahead to the coming year and thinking about how WPNA can best serve our neighborhood. At our September meeting, members voted on two important measures that will shape how we operate and how we put our resources to work.

First, we approved several changes to our bylaws. These updates are designed to make running the Neighborhood Association easier, safer, and more efficient, while giving our volunteers and board members the tools they need to keep WPNA moving forward.

We also voted to put more of the money we have raised directly to work in the neighborhood. That means supporting projects and programs through our committees, including efforts to shade our streets, care for neighbors who are most in need, provide more opportunities for neighbors to gather and connect, support our local schools through their PTAs, and help keep Windsor Park looking beautiful through our Yard-of-the-Month committee.

At the October meeting we'll get a chance to see the designs for the watershed protection department's project in Bartholomew Park. Come support our scholarship fund at the Pancake Breakfast, enjoy EcoFest, have a happy and safe Halloween.



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# Thanks to our many Newsletter Volunteers

BY AMANDA ROSE

The WPNA monthly newsletter, Window on Windsor, has been a treasured part of our neighborhood for over 40 years. The “secret sauce” or “magic” that brings you this newsletter are the wonderful neighbors who volunteer to distribute the newsletter—dropping it at your doors or apartment complexes.

We recently invited our intrepid newsletter delivery volunteers for a day of appreciation – see below for some of the motley crew.

We always need new volunteers so if you want to walk around some newsletters to your neighbors, please send an email to [newsletter@windsorpark.info](mailto:newsletter@windsorpark.info) and we will do our best to find a convenient route for you.



Above are some of our volunteers who have been helping for over 20 years! [Photo credit: Kitty Bird]



Thanks to our newsletter delivery volunteers who came to the Free Cafe appreciation [Photo credit: Kitty Bird]



**Austin  
Art Tour**  
Nov 14, 15,  
21, 22  
11am-5pm

You are invited to the **AMC: Art & Music Center** during the **2026 Austin Art Tour** next month featuring art from primarily BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ artists, and including pieces from Inside Books Project.

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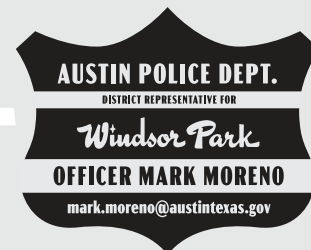
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# WPNA MEMBERS Wanted!

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 October 2026:

- Wed 10/7 and 10/14 5:30pm - The Artist's Journey Painting Class
- Tues 10/13 and 27, 12:00noon - Practiquemos Español
- Tues 10/13 6:30pm - WPNA Book Club featuring The Anomaly by Hervé Le Tellier
- Thurs 10/15 6:30pm - Between Two Worlds Book Club: The Zelmenyaners
- Sat 10/17 1:00pm - Stitching 100: Community Quilts Celebrating History, Style, and Story
- Tues 10/20 6:00pm - Wings at Dusk: Austin's Bats & Native Night Gardens
- Sat 10/24 2:00pm - Seed, Swap, Sow, and Grow: Native Plant & Seed Swap & Sapling Giveaway
- Mon 10/26 6:00pm - Real Life Ghost Stories!

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