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NEXT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

SATURDAY NOV 14th 10AM at MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NEXT MEETING FOCUS

WPNA Officer Vote

52nd St and Lancaster shelter

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WPNA Officer Profiles

Meet the 2027 WPNA Officer Candidates

We'll be voting on the 2027 officer slate at the November monthly meeting (details at left). Meet the neighbors who have volunteered to serve as officers.

Laurel Chesky for President: Windsor Park has been my home since 2013, when I purchased my house on Halwill Place. I first became involved with WPNA as a member of the Beautification Committee, helping to organize clean up events and implement the Berkman & 51st entrance sign. I've been honored to serve as your vice president for the past two years, and I'd be equally honored to step into the president role.

My 2027 priorities include improving communication with the neighborhood, working with the city to complete the Belfast Bridge and Trail project, advocating for safer streets, and further building our volunteer ranks. Thank you for putting your trust in me.

Marj Wormald for Vice President: As a 20-year resident of Windsor Park, I've loved watching our community evolve and grow. You may know me and my partner through the art installation in our front yard on Broadmoor - a project we created to bridge divides and offer connection and reflection.

I have been seeking an opportunity to extend my values of steady, collaborative stewardship into our neighborhood in a broader, more public way. I have served on other boards in the secretary role and the treasurer role, and I am confident I can fulfill the duties of Vice President for our neighborhood board. My goal is to support our incoming President and the board in keeping our neighborhood peaceful, welcoming, and well-cared-for. I believe that effective leadership is about listening, showing up, and doing the practical work behind the scenes. I would be honored to bring that spirit of quiet dedication to the board.

Rebecca Leamon for Treasurer: I have lived in Windsor Park for 3 years, and have been on WPNA's Executive Committee as Inter-neighborhood Delegate since January, 2025. My career has focused on compliance and financial accounting, at Deutsche Bank, T. Rowe Price, H&R Block, and currently sponsored research contracts at UT Austin. I look forward to maintaining our robust budget with a transparent and fair process for financial management as established through the careful stewardship of Sam Searle.

Chad Cotton for Secretary: I've been involved in the WPNA for 18 years, almost the entire time that I've lived in Windsor Park. I started by delivering newsletters, which I still do, and for at least 12 years I served as the Sponsorship Coordinator. I've helped establish many of the current platforms and technologies that we currently use to manage the organization. Most recently I served a year as Vice President, and the last two years as President, and I feel that I'm in a good position to safeguard and improve the official documents of the organization as well as provide continuity in the leadership.

Oshadi Wimalarathne for Communications Officer: My name is Oshadi (you can call me Osh), and I've lived in Windsor Park for 2 years. I love being involved in my local community, and I would be grateful for the opportunity to serve as Communications Officer for the WPNA. I have been on social media for most of my life and I believe it's a great way to help build connections both on and offline. I hope to make the neighborhood association's communication engaging & effective, with a "Zillenial" flair. Windsor Park is a great neighborhood, and I look forward to contributing to its future!

Upcoming Events

Cyclovia, Saturday, Nov. 7: Bike, walk, or skate to this free Living Streets event, brought to you by WPNA and Ghisallo Cycling Initiative. 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.

New Neighbor Happy Hour, Wednesday, Nov. 11: All Windsor Park residents are invited to socialize and welcome our new neighbors. Moved here in the last 12 months? Your first drink is on us. All first-time WPNA members get a free gift. Nomad Bar patio, 1213 Corona, 5-7 pm.

Free Lunch at Wheless Lane Church of Christ, Nov 11 & Dec 9: Come by 2702 Wheless Lane from 11-1pm to pick up a boxed lunch.

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WPNA Monthly Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 14: Vote on 2027 officers and budget. As always, enjoy coffee and conversation before business begins at 10:15am. Memorial United Methodist Church, 6100 Berkman, 10-11:30am.

Open Mic Night, Sunday, Nov. 29: The Enlivenment Committee presents a repeat performance of this popular, family-friendly event. Bring your song, story or magic trick to share with your neighbors, or just come enjoy the show. Austin Mennonite Church, 5801 Westminster, 5-8pm.

Caroling at the Library Tradition Continues! - December 15, 2026, 6-7pm: Get into the holiday spirit with our annual caroling event! Enjoy a hot cocoa bar provided by the library. Raise your voice with your neighbors as we sing seasonal and mid-winter carols accompanied by the piano. All ages welcome. Brought to you by WPNA Enlivenment Committee and the Windsor Park Branch Library.

On-Going Resource for Activities for Kids: For things to do with kids around Austin, takethe.kids is a free site that lists library storytimes, park programs, festivals and more, updated daily: https://austin.takethe.kids/

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Yard of the Month – 1426 Westmoor Drive

BY SARA JANE LEE



Alan and Kitty Bird of 1426 Westmoor Drive are the November winners. They have lived on Westmoor for 15 years and are members of WPNA. They admired several neighborhood yards, especially one belonging to one of their neighbors. A trip to Kyoto, Japan gave them some ideas about the design of their yard.

When Alan and Kitty started working on their landscape, they were able to incorporate some elements that the previous owners had left for them and a Japanese aesthetic using hardy native and well adapted plants.

These plants include Mexican Hummingbird plant, Lantana, Fireworks Grass, Jerusalem Sage, Mexican Sage, Red Yucca, Box Hedge, Prickly Pear and Nopales Cactus. They also have Magnolia, Ash, Monterey Oak, and Pecan trees.

During the summer the Lantana and the Red Yucca are constant stops for hummingbirds and all sorts of butterflies. To give the winter months some color, they have Youpon Holly, Cast Iron Plant, Monkey Grass, Agave, Yucca, Boxwood, and Heavenly Bamboo (this bamboo is a variety of bamboo that does not take over your yard and probably the yards of a few of your neighbors). Kitty and Alan have built small nooks all over their yard to encourage the local lizards.

Since Alan and Kitty live on the corner, they have added hardscape and a fence to give them some privacy and comfort. They are very pleased with their new hardscape. They advise others to choose natives that can stand Texas weather.
Please send in your nominations to email wpna.yom@gmail.com or mail to WPNA YOMC. P.O. Box 16183, Austin, Texas 78761, call 512-928-0681 and leave a message.

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Scan to see what your home could be worth

Thinking of selling this spring? Now is the time to start getting your home ready. These days, putting your best foot forward matters more than ever. Whether it's decluttering, tackling minor repairs, or refreshing curb appeal, starting now gives you time to do the work properly and spread it out, without the pressure of a looming deadline. Wait until spring is in full swing, and you'll be in a rush and behind the competition. Start today to be one of the first polished options buyers see. In this market, the early bird really does get the worm.

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

November in the Garden

BY CHRIS WINSLOW (via WPNA's Enlivenment Committee)

1. 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.

2. 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, & fall asters. Don't forget to check out fall blooming ornamental grasses. Tops on my list are coastal, big muhly, and maiden grass.

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 & 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 snap dragons. 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.

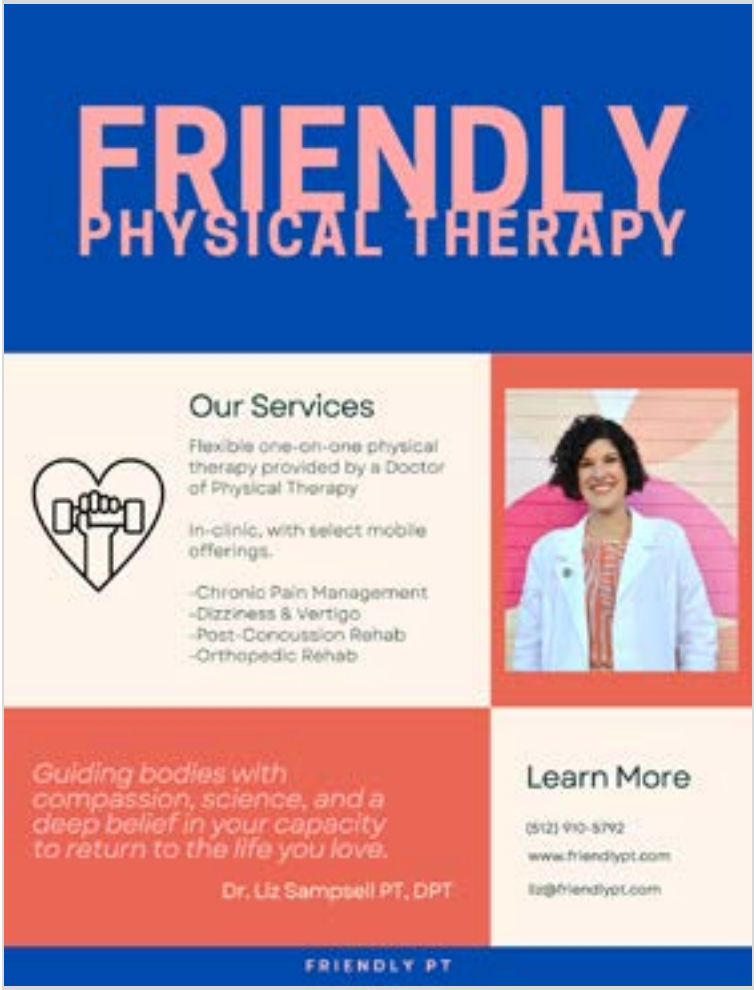
6. Harvest basil and make pesto. Also plant some winter-hardy culinary herbs. Rosemary, oregano, parsley, cilantro, sage, thyme, & chives love winter and can provide fresh cut herbs for the kitchen.

7. Plant winter grass seed: if you have a bare spot or would like to get rid of a muddy patch, sow some rye grass 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, jonquils, ranunculus, anemones, hyacinths, and narcissus. When planting, remember to add a little bonemeal to the root.







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WPNA President's Letter

BY CHAD COTTON, WPNA PRESIDENT

It's festival season, and there's plenty to do in Windsor Park! I encourage everyone to make the most of our brief Austin autumn and get out to enjoy the many festivals and events happening around the neighborhood.

Windsor Park has been selected as the host neighborhood for Ghisallo Cycling Initiative's Cyclovia ATX 2026! Join us on Saturday, November 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. along Westminster Drive between Briarcliff and Rogge. It's a great opportunity to get outside, enjoy our neighborhood streets, and connect with our community. Visit cycloviaatx.org for more information.

At our October meeting, WPNA members voted on two important initiatives, and both passed. The first was to sign a letter encouraging the City Council to update the planned design for the 51st Street corridor between Cameron Road and Berkman Drive to better reflect modern approaches to walkable and bikeable street design. The second was to send a letter of support to the owners of the property at Manor Road and Rogge Lane, encouraging them to consider the nonprofit Hungry Hill Foundation's application to become a tenant at that location. Thank you to everyone who participated in these decisions!

At our November meeting, we'll hear an update on the proposed budget, learn about the 52nd St and Lancaster shelter, vote on the slate of officers for 2027, and share ideas for the new year. Be sure to check out the candidate profiles on the front page of this issue of Window on Windsor, then join us at the meeting to learn more and cast your vote and share your ideas.

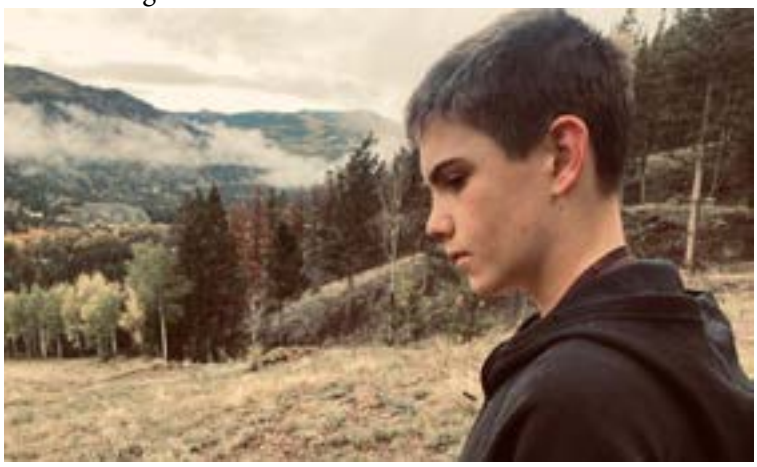
Windsor Park OPEN MIC - NOV 29

with special guest Ira Thorne

Please join us as a participant, or audience member, for our Open Mic celebration at 5 pm, Nov 29th at the Mennonite Church. Windsor Park musicians, poets, actors and storytellers - you will all be welcomed to the stage.

Our special guest is the rising star Ira Thorne. Authentic, rootsy, and full of heart, 12-year-old Ira has impressed crowds at the Old Settler's Music Festival, winning the Youth Talent Contest in 2025. (Search on-line - Ira Thorne End of the Morning - to hear his talent.)

Many thanks to Pastor Kim Becker at the Mennonite Church (5801 Westminster Drive, by the Library), for sharing the Church's space with the Enlivenment Committee and the Windsor Park Neighborhood.





Third Year of Eco Fest Another Success

BY MARTIN LUECKE



The line for free trees was around the corner and down the block at Bartholomew Park. Eco Fest was blessed with amazing fall weather and a great turnout of neighbors from many parts of Austin.



Tree Folks gave away nearly 700 trees of various native and drought tolerant species provided by a grant from Austin Energy. We asked adopters to water their trees once a week for three years.

Mi Trailita Restaurant on Manor Road provided delicious lunch tacos while at another table the seitan skewers from Counter Culture Restaurant on Berkman were sinful. Thank you to all the volunteers like Boy Scouts troop 413 who showed up to shovel free mulch, and UT students who kept the Fire Truck kid safe. Thanks to all the WPNA members who helped bring all the parts together.



The Minor Mishap Marching Band got us moving early, with young and old dancing beneath the shade trees as the big brass wandering performers gave the park a mid morning lift. Amidst the clamor, representatives from 20 different eco friendly organizations like Sierra Club and Austin Water Conservation were on hand to answer questions and share ideas. Meanwhile children had the choice of making a hanging bat at the Enlivenment Committee table, Seed Balls at the Climate table, or water color paintings at the local school table.



A big thank you to Frost Bank for sponsoring Eco Fest again and having a water table for our thirsty neighbors. And a major thank you to the City of Austin's Roots and Wings program from the Urban Forest Department, without which Eco Fest could not exist.

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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!

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- STEM Extravaganza: Wed, Nov 4th, 4:00 PM
- Practiquemos Español: Tues, Nov 10th and 24th, 12:00 PM
- WPNA Book Club - The Henna Artist by Alka Joshi: Tues, Nov 10th, 6:30 PM
- PowWow Dancers: Wed, Nov 18th, 6:30 PM
- Free Yoga: Sat, Nov 21st, 10:30 AM
- Kids Create: Woven Yarn Baskets: Mon, Nov 23rd, 4:00 PM
- Kids Create: Stained Glass: Mon, Nov 23rd, 4:00 PM

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