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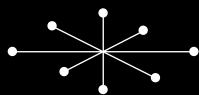
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Membership Drive: A Resounding Success!

BY CHAD COTTON

The Windsor Park Neighborhood Association (WPNA) is thrilled to announce the success of our 2025 membership drive, which concluded on February 28th. This year during our membership drive, we welcomed 326 individuals from 212 households into our growing community of engaged neighbors.

Your participation strengthens our ability to advocate for Windsor Park, organize meaningful events, and support initiatives that make our neighborhood a vibrant place to live.

Our membership drive was greatly enhanced by the generous support of our local sponsors,

whose contributions helped make this initiative a success:

- Mum Foods Smokehouse & Deli – 5811 Manor Rd
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- Quality Seafood – 5621 Airport Blvd
- Home Slice – 501 E 53rd St, Austin
- The Pampered Platypus – <http://pamperedplatypus.com>
- Batch – 3220 Manor Rd

A huge thank you to these businesses for their commitment to Windsor Park and their generous contributions to our community!

A Neighborhood Full of Energy & Looking Ahead

BY CHAD COTTON

With so many new and returning members, Windsor Park is buzzing with energy! To help you stay informed we've added a calendar to our website: <https://www.windsorpark.info/neighborhood-calendar/>. We are adding more and more community events including our committee meetings, social events and our next WPNA meeting.

At our next general meeting on April 12, we will feature visitors from the discussing resources for seniors and those supporting seniors, as well as two important votes:

1. Support for a dog park at Mueller
Learn More: <https://windsorpark.info/dogpark>
2. Support for infrastructure necessary for future I-35 caps
Learn More: <https://windsorpark.info/i-35-caps>.



These votes will have a lasting impact on our neighborhood, so be sure to join the discussion and make your voice heard!

On April 5th WPNA will be partnering with Austin Creative Reuse to do a cleanup operation in the areas near Austin Creative Reuse. <https://www.windsorpark.info/neighborhood-calendar/>. Even if you can't join us for that I urge you to take that day to go out and pick up litter on your street.

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

April Projects for Gardeners

BY CHRIS WINSLOW, via the WPNA Enlivenment committee

1. Spring vegetable gardening: Plant those warm season crops. This list includes beans, black-eyed peas, okra, squash, cantaloupe, tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, watermelon, corn, and eggplant. There's still time to plant those cooler season crops: lettuce, radishes, and carrots.

2. Fertilize your garden: Do this organically with compost. Other sources of nutrition are dried fish flakes and organic fertilizers formulated for garden use. You can also use liquid fertilizers, such as fish emulsion and seaweed extracts.

3. Control weeds: Keep them down with mulch and by weeding a little bit every day.

4. Plant spring annuals: This is the perfect time. Work some compost into your flower beds and you'll give these new plants just the food they need to flower through the summer. Some ideas: begonias, zinnias, marigolds, petunias, coleus, periwinkle, cosmos, larkspur, portulaca, and purslane.

5. Plant perennials: Choose some of your favorites from the extensive lists available, or visit your neighborhood nursery and browse. Look for the many varieties of drought tolerant and showy lantanas and salvias. Also blackfoot daisies, skullcaps, purple coneflowers, black-eyed Susan,

plumbagos, columbines, rockrose, ruella, and verbena.

6. Ornamental grasses: Native varieties are best due to their heat and drought tolerance. My favorites are big muhly, coastal muhly and the maiden grasses. For a short grass in a very dry place, you might like Mexican feather grass. It is blond-colored, reaches 1.5 feet in height, and makes a beautiful accent plant that moves so gracefully with the slightest breeze.

7. Fertilize lawn: Use a slow release organic fertilizer. The 3-1-2 ratio is best. Allow 10 pounds of fertilizer for every 1,000 square feet of lawn. Mowing height should be 2.5 inches for St. Augustine grass and 2 inches for Bermuda and zoysia. I like to return the grass clippings to the turf. These clippings act as a mulch and help to reduce weeds. Water infrequently and deeply to encourage a deep root system. This practice will train your lawn grass to be more drought tolerant and help to conserve water.

8. Fertilize shrubs, trees: Mulch with a compost-mulch blend to provide nutrients and conserve water. Deep, infrequent watering of shrubs and trees will encourage deep, drought-tolerant root systems. Remember to seal pruning cuts on oak trees. It might save them from oak wilt. Happy springtime gardening everyone!

EARTH DAY celebrated throughout April

A reminder to all that Earth Day happens in April – events are happening on various dates.

Earth Day Austin at Huston Tillotson will be celebrated April 12th from noon to 6pm <https://earthdayaustin.com/>. Also, our Windsor Park branch library will be organizing an Earth Day Celebration on April 19th <https://library.austintexas.gov/event/green/earth-day-7761913>. UT is hosting an Earth Day Fair from 2-5pm April 22nd <https://sustainability.utexas.edu/events/ut-earth-month-2025>. On April 27th, visit Cedar Park to attend their Earth Day event <https://visitcedarparktexas.com/event/earth-day-celebration-2025/1585/>.

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Small Area Mobility Plan Pilot

BY HECTOR MARTELL, RODNEY AHART AND JEANETTE SWENSON

The Windsor Park Neighborhood Association (WPNA) and the Windsor Park Neighborhood Contact Team (WPNCT) with assistance from CM Vela met in November 2024 with the Department of Transportation and Public Works (TPW) to advocate for safer mobility for all within and entering and exiting Windsor Park.

With the leadership of TPW, a nine member Community Advisory Group (CAG) was formed and will meet regularly to address mobility issues that challenge our neighborhood. Thank you to members of the CAG who agreed to participate: Rebecca Leamon, Hector Martell, Ethan Moorhead, Julie Montgomery, Rodney Ahart and Jeanette Swenson are all from Windsor Park. Shirley Terry, Pecan Springs/Springdale NA and Karen Davidson, University Hills are also members of the group. We currently would like to add a representative from the Mueller NA.

All meetings will be at the Windsor Park Library. As we move forward in the process, there will be community engagement meetings. The first meeting was on March 12, 2025. Future meetings will be announced as we want this to be a community-wide process and plan.

WPNA and WPNCT have shared with (TPW): the need for improvements on Berkman Drive, Proposed safer bike north-south and east-west bike routes, four pages of trouble spots in WP and University Hills that were compiled from your comments in 2024.

Little Free Puzzle Library

BY CAROL KENT

The Little Free Puzzle Library is up and running. It is at 6406 Linda Lane and is visible from the street. You can see the blue box in the photo on the right.

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April 2025 Mueller Update

BY RICK KRIVONIAK

At Garcia and Aldrich Streets in Mueller, there is 3,400 square-foot off-leash dog-run area, owned by the Mueller Property Owner's Association (POA), but open to the public. However, the City's Dog Off-Leash Area Map shows that east of IH-35 and north of the river, only two current City facilities are open; the unfenced Davis/White Northeast Neighborhood Park at 6705 Crystalbrook Drive, and the fenced Walden Bark Park at 4729 Springdale Road. The Little Walnut Creek Greenbelt is shown as coming soon, but no address or date is provided.

Mueller resident Merrell Foote spoke briefly at February's WPNA meeting seeking community support for a larger off-leash dog park in Mueller. The Parks & Recreation Department has offered to fund a pilot dog park if the POA can show community support and agrees to insure and maintain it. Most sites under consideration are on the City-owned perimeter greenway along Manor Road.

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AVG SOLD PRICE/SQ FT
(Over Last 90 Days) \$360.77

OF HOMES SOLD
(Over Last 90 Days) 18

AVG SQ FT OF HOMES SOLD 1,473

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*As of March 19th, 2025 - Single Family Homes.
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YOM - dormant for April

BY SARA JANE LEE

"April is the cruellest month," the phrase from T.S. Eliot's poem *The Waste Land* pops into my head as the Yard of the Month Committee tried to find a winner for the month of April. I know that there will be many colorful yards in April, but about the first of March when the committee was hunting, these same yards look bedraggled to half dead. We drove and drove around Windsor Park, but we could not find a candidate for Yard of the Month. So, we are taking a regenerative month off.

This month, enjoy the great variety of yards in Windsor Park. While you walk or drive around, please notice yards that may qualify for Yard of the Month – jot them down as possible nominees. There are only two absolute disqualifiers: a yard cannot win more than once every five years, and Yard of the Month Committee members cannot win. If we do not pick your nomination, we keep it on file, and look at it again later. To nominate a yard or more than one, call 512 928-0681 or email wpna.yom@gmail.com.

Red Card Initiative

BY JEANETTE SWENSON

The Red Card initiative is to inform people of their constitutional rights, under the 4th, 5th, and 6th amendments, that apply to citizens or non-citizens on American soil who may be approached by ICE, Police, or other official. WPNA ordered 500 laminated, wallet-sized Red Cards to distribute throughout Windsor Park.

The card states: "I do not wish to speak with you, answer your questions, or sign or hand you any documents based on my 5th amendment rights under the US Constitution." The cards are printed in Spanish on one side and English on the other. The exception is that the driver of a stopped vehicle must show their driver's license. Passengers are not required to provide licenses.

Most of the 500 cards are now in the community, thanks to all who have taken a few cards to distribute. Red Cards are in the library, churches, schools, Little Free Libraries, Little Free Pantries, local businesses, and parks. Additional cards are available from www.ilrc.org/red-cards. Questions? Contact Jeanette, 512-627-1295.



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- Professional Photos

[Mueller Update, continued from page 4]

The POA is creating a working group to further explore the idea, with Austin's Parks Department acting in an advisory role. You can show support at www.muellerdogparkcoalition.org

The Mueller Commission meeting passed a recommendation at its March 11th meeting encouraging the City Council to provide funding in the 2025-2026 City budget for lifeguards at Mueller's POA-owned Ella Wooten and John Gaines pools during the Memorial Day weekend in May through Labor Day weekend in September period when they are open to the general public per a policy initiated by Catellus. Lifeguards must be present during those times, and the entry fee, the same as charged at Bartholomew pool, is far too low to cover the cost of lifeguards. Mueller homeowners, who pay an annual pool fee, may swim at the pools without lifeguards present.

The next meeting of the Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory will be at 6pm on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at the Austin Energy Building, 4815 Mueller Boulevard. Attendees may park free in the AE garage. Commission agendas, presentations, etc. are available at austintexas.gov/rmmapiac



"Spiderwort" by Linda Anderson

[Neighborhood Energy, continued from page 1]

Don't miss our upcoming Free Café event on April 19th from 10:00 – 11:00 AM at Pomerleau Park - see flyer on page 4. This will be the first of our quarterly events hosted by the WPNA Enlivenment Committee, designed to bring neighbors together over coffee and conversation.

Thank you to everyone who joined WPNA this year—your participation fuels the vibrant, engaged spirit of our neighborhood. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!



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Help Revive the Windsor Park Community Garden

BY BETHANY HART

Join us on **Saturday, April 12th, 2025, from 1:00-3:00 PM** at the Windsor Park Community Garden for the 40th annual Keep Austin Beautiful Day! The garden has fallen into disrepair in the last few years and significant trash, debris, and brush have built up. To address this, we have partnered with Keep Austin Beautiful (KAB) for their city-wide litter pick-up day. This volunteer day will be a huge step forward in the ongoing plans to revitalize the garden. Because KAB will be providing trailers and haul-off, a successful day will save the garden a significant amount of money in trash-removal costs to be paid outside of this event.

How you can help: Bring your energy and enthusiasm! Tools and neoprene gloves will be provided (though work gloves may be better suited). Wheelbarrows are especially needed if volunteers are able to bring theirs. Volunteers should also bring water, snacks, sunscreen, and any other sun protection. Parking will be available at the library next door or on Westminster Ave. Children are welcome but must be well-supervised as there are hazards in the garden.

Sign up today and be part of this exciting renewal effort! Register at www.givepulse.com/event/581678
Can't make it on April 12th? No worries! Stay tuned for future work day opportunities!

If you are interested in joining the garden (as a gardener or a non-gardener volunteer) and/or the revitalization committee, please email Bethany Hart at wpgardeners@gmail.com

Early Season Grasshoppers

BY WIZZIE BROWN

Most people don't start to think about grasshoppers until summer when they become very noticeable because of their large size. Unfortunately, that large size also means that they eat more and usually at that stage they have wings and can fly to wherever they want to go. If you want to reduce grasshopper damage in the garden, it's best to start looking for grasshoppers now and manage them when they are small nymphs and don't have wings to fly away.

Turning over soil in areas before planting can expose grasshopper eggs which may lead to a reduced hatch rate. Controlling weeds in and around the property can help reduce food sources as well as egg laying sites.

Early season grasshopper control can utilize low impact options such as vacuuming insects from plants, insecticidal soaps, horticultural oils during cooler temperatures, or botanicals (just remember that oils and botanicals are broad-spectrum and can kill beneficial and pest insects that come into contact with the pesticide).

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at ebrown@ag.tamu.edu.

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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 for all ages.

Highlights for April 2025:

Tuesday April 8 @ 6:30

Windsor Park Book Club

The Only Woman in the Room by Marie Benedict

Saturday April 12 @ 12pm

Crafty Adult: Ukranian Egg Painting

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