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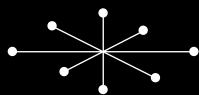
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Public input
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Neighborhood News

BY CHAD COTTON

April brought us beautiful weather and several successful community events, and May promises to be just as engaging.

In April, neighbors joined a cleanup organized by Austin Creative Reuse, which resulted in the removal of dozens of bags of trash from Pomerleau Park, Hickman Avenue, and Fort Branch Creek. Additionally, we participated in another cleanup, sponsored by Keep Austin Beautiful, at the Windsor Park Community Garden. Together, we filled one dumpster with trash collected from the garden and could have easily filled another, highlighting the need for continued efforts. Finally, the Enlivenment

Committee hosted the first of what we hope will become a quarterly Free Cafe in Pomerleau Park.

May offers numerous opportunities to provide feedback on neighborhood mobility, as detailed in Jeanette Swenson's article on page 3.

For fun and community building, the Enlivenment Committee has organized an open mic night on Linda Lane, generously hosted by our neighbor, Carol Kent. See below for details.

Furthermore, in celebration of National Bike Month, residents can [continued on page 2]

Open Mic Party May 25th

From The Windsor Park Enlivenment Committee

If you have a song to sing, a story to tell, or a poem to read or recite, please consider joining us for our second Windsor Park Open Mic on May 25th. Location: 6406 Linda Lane. Enter through green gate on the north side. Time: 6 - 9 p.m. (sign up sheet closes at 8 p.m) - 5 minute slots, all adults and children welcome! BYOB and snacks

The evening will begin with a set by songwriter/singer Caroline Sears.



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Contact: internationalrain@yahoo.com

Red Card Update

By Jeanette Swenson

WPNA's initial order of 500 Red Cards was quickly placed in the community. Thank you to all who willingly provided space for red cards at schools, churches, parks, neighborhood businesses and the local branch library. WPNA approved the purchase and reorder of 1000 Red Cards at the April 12 meeting. They are being distributed by volunteers. If you would like to distribute Red Cards or need a resupply of Red Cards, please contact Jeanette at 512-627-1295.

From personal experience, when I offered cards to businesses in a small shopping center, people's relieved reactions validated the real need to have concrete evidence of their rights. Each card, printed in Spanish and English, should be carried and produced to ICE or anyone who questions a person's immigrant status. [story continues on page 3]

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

May Yard of the Month - 1303 Ridgehaven Drive

By Sara Jane Lee

The May winner is Mary Wilson of 1303 Ridgehaven Drive. She has lived in Windsor Park for 31 years and is a member of WPNA.

About 10 years ago Mary had to have the old sycamores in her front yard removed. This resulted in too much sunshine for her San Augustine lawn. When Tree Folks offered her two trees to shade the street, she chose Chinquapin Oaks. Though she still has a small area covered in grass, the part of the lawn near her house became a stone patio.

Near the street Mary has native and well adapted plants including Flame Acanthus, Esperanza, Coralberry, Pride of Barbados, Turk's Cap, Mountain Laurel, Red Yucca, Red Salvia, Gregg's Mistflower, Four Nerve Daisy, Spiderwort, and Lantana. A low wall separates this area from the rest of the yard. In the middle of the yard, she has three raised beds holding vegetables and herbs. These include Carrots, Tomatoes, Lettuce, Shallots, Cucumbers, Spinach, Broccoli, and Zucchini.

Near her house she has pot plants and Daffodils, Amaryllis, and various Lillies. She also has a rain barrel to collect water for her vegetables.

Mary suggests that new gardeners imagine what you want

to see from their front windows. Start small if you are working alone. Take your ideas to a local nursery and ask their advice.

Mary will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate from Shoal Creek Nursery on Hancock Drive.

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



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participate in a variety of bike-related activities like the Bike to Work Fueling Station hosted at the Windsor Park Library Branch Friday, May 16 - 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM.

Memorial United Methodist Church has invited us to join a Habitat for Humanity build on May 17th. For more details, please see our website at <insert link> or contact MUMC Pastor Robyn Bishop at robynbmumc@gmail.com.

I encourage everyone to participate in these informal gatherings and connect with your neighbors.

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Red Card Update, continued from page 1

The cards succinctly state our basic Constitutional 4th, 5th and 6th Amendment rights guaranteed to all citizens and non-citizens in this country.

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The Spanish version is slightly different: "Usted tiene derechos constitucionales:

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Chief of Police Lisa Davis recently made the following statement: "The Austin Police Department does not, and has not in the past, had a role in enforcing federal civil immigration laws. We are focused on our mission of keeping Austinites safe and investigating criminal activity that secures justice for those who are victims of crime."

Thank you all for doing your part to keep all in our neighborhood safe.

SAMP Seeking Community Input

BY JEANETTE SWENSON

After a productive fourth meeting of the Small Area Mobility Plan (SAMP) comprising Community Advisory Group (CAG) and Department of Transportation and Public Works (TPW), we are ready for the community input phase.

The goal of the SAMP and CAG is to achieve safer mobility for all ages and abilities using the entire range of mobility options - auto, bus, bicycle, pedestrians, scooters in Windsor Park as well as connecting our adjacent neighbors in University Hills, Pecan Springs, and Mueller.

Throughout May, there are numerous opportunities to meet and talk with the CAG and TPW and provide input to the SAMP. A survey will be available to identify "trouble spots" in the area. We are excited to hear from you and hear your ideas!

Join us at any of the following public events:

- May 2: Bike to School Day and Coffee at Blanton, 7:15 AM
 - May 10: WPNA and Pecan Springs/Springdale neighborhood meetings, 10:00 AM-Noon
 - May 17: Open House at Dottie Jordan, 10:00-Noon
- Watch for evening events scheduled for the Windsor Park Library and possibly University Hills Library. We will be posting other events, so stay tuned.



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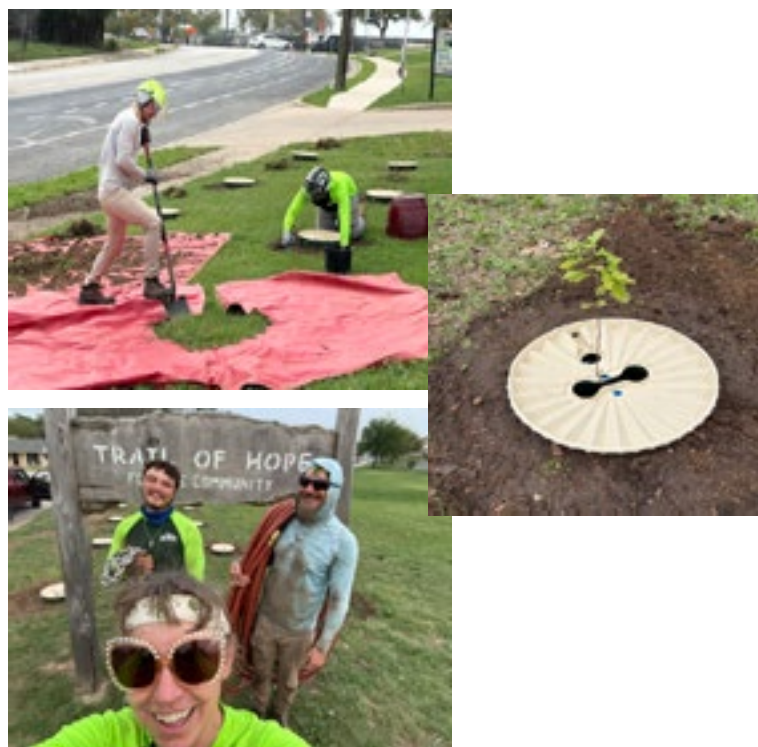
BY MARTIN LUECKE

Next time you drive on Northeast Drive, slow down when you get to the intersection of N Hampton Drive, then look for the double rows of baby trees at Hope Lutheran Church and Eastside Baptist Church. These trees were planted courtesy of Tree Amigos Shade Our Streets™ initiative, led by their Program Director, Stephanie Simmons (TX-5194A).

“We have installed approximately 140 trees in places that really need shade along Windsor Parks’ Bikeways Vision” Stephanie reports. “Everyone was excited to see the new trees. While planting at Eastside Baptist, some pedestrians suggested ‘We plant near the track’, which was already on our list!”. Across the street, Hope Lutheran has a very popular walking track and dog park in need of shade trees.

This project is the culmination of an effort that started last year when the Climate Committee created our Shade The Streets program. Word got out into the ether about our free tree plan, and Tree Amigos reached out to WPNA with an offer to apply for a grant in partnership with WPNA. Last fall, Tree Amigos was awarded a \$3,000 Food, Climate Equity, and Resilience Projects Grant from the City of Austin’s Office of Climate Action and Resilience.

It is an amazing coincidence that both initiatives had the same idea and came up with (almost) the same name.



The grant money was used to purchase some fancy tree watering devices called the Waterboxx, all the way from the Netherlands. Once primed with water, they have this magic way of capturing dew at night and basically never run out, even in the hot summer sun. They are about to get the Texas test.

Stephanie listed the trees they have planted, and points out they are all native and drought tolerant: Pecan, Escarpment Live Oak, Monterrey Oak, Chinkapin Oak, Lacey Oak, Montezuma Cypress, and Cedar Elm, also known as Texas Elm. “Once established, the trees should survive the Texas summers” Stephanie offers.

She highlighted, “We installed multiple species so that a disease will not wipe out a bunch of the same trees all at once.” Variety is the spice of life.

So Windsor Park owes a huge thank you to Tree Amigos for donating three days of their arborists’ time and equipment installing these trees. Stephanie smiles at the thought: “It was really great to have a job planting trees instead of just cutting them down.” Creation instead of destruction. With a bit of luck, Northeast Drive will eventually have a small forest to roam.





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Don't forget to protest your property taxes! I've met with multiple people recently who are being over-assessed by tens or even a hundred thousand dollars. One seller was afraid that if they protested and lowered their assessment, they wouldn't be able to sell for as much. County assessments have nothing to do with market value. It's actually beneficial to have lower assessment if you're planning to sell. You want to protest your taxes every year and have that assessment as low as possible.

Reach out if you're not sure where to start, I have a great company that I personally use and is free if they can't save you any money.

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

Ten Garden Activities for May

by Chris Winslow

1. Plant flowers: This is a perfect time for flowering annuals and perennials. Begonias, zinnias, marigolds, moss-roses, purslanes, and vinca are all good choices. Perennials might include lantanas, salvias, and verbenas.

2. Vegetable garden care: Remember to water deeply to encourage a deep, drought tolerant root system. Still time to add a few warm season crops: sweet and hot peppers, green beans, okra, eggplant, and black-eyed peas. Fertilize tomatoes.

3. Mulch: Place around all plants to conserve water and keep the temperature around the plant roots comfortable. Mixing some compost with the mulch will help replace nutrients as the plants grow.

4. Care of roses: Dead-head spring flowering roses to encourage a new flush of flowers. Apply fertilizer to produce new flowers. Watch for powdery mildew, black spot and western flower thrip. Treat with organic sprays: Neem oil and wettable-sulphur.

5. Move houseplants outside: Put them out for a spring breather. Move them slowly towards their new light expo-

sure. Too much sun too fast will burn the leaves. This is also a good time for transplanting.

6. Insect control: All this new spring growth is attractive to every kind of critter imaginable. Be nice to the environment (and to yourself) and only use organic sprays. If you have larvae (caterpillars) eating holes in your plants and trees, look for products that have B.T. as the main ingredient. If sucking insects like aphids, spider mites, whitefly, scale, and mealy bug are the problem, use Neem oil or Spinosad.

7. Maintain irrigation: If you own an automatic sprinkler system, it would save water and money to have it tuned up. Set the controller for deep, infrequent watering to encourage a deep, drought-resistant root system. Install rain sensor.

8. Fertilize lawn: Use an organic blend with a 3-1-2 ratio. Ten pounds per 1,000 square feet of turf area should be adequate.

9. Feed the birds: With lots of new birds in the area, keep those feeders full.

10. Grow basil: The top herb for the summer months is basil. With the nights getting warmer, this wonderful herb should finally have the temperatures it needs to take off.


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Scholarship Applications Continue to Impress

BY JEANETTE SWENSON

WPNA received fifteen 2025 Windsor Park Scholarship applications reflecting commitment to family, community, and active engagement. In the words of one applicant: "Community means being united.... [I] believe [that] being present shows unity and loyalty." They already make a difference through their volunteer work with the Climate Youth Council, Austin Public Library, PALS, Casa Marienella, and school leadership positions. They report personal growth and the value of being a teammate and source of support as an unexpected benefit of their involvement. They have seen needs and organized clubs to meet those needs. One of my personal favorites is starting a Cooking Club to "...bring people together over food."

Over the past eleven years, WPNA has awarded \$1,000 scholarships to seniors at Northeast and LBJ High Schools, our two neighborhood high schools, and to Windsor Park seniors graduating from any AISD high school. The scholarships have been generously funded by donations from more than 250 neighborhood residents. The small donations, the pancake breakfast at Austin Mennonite Church, and several large individual donations have sustained the scholarship fund. In 2025, we hope to award seventeen scholarships, which will include two 2024 recipients who remain eligible through the fall of 2025. In July and August, Treasurer Sam Searle will be writing checks for seventeen college bound students.

Since 2023, the Scholarship Committee has not made a community-wide appeal to all Windsor Park residents – we have been able to maintain that delicate balance between having sufficient funds to award scholarships and having a small reserve. But now, to help us prepare for 2026, we ask that you consider supporting the scholarship fund to replenish our fund. Donate by Check, cash, PayPal, Venmo. Go to <http://www.windsorpark.info> - scroll to DONATE. It's the best investment in the youth of our neighborhood you can make. One applicant described his

mentorship with a six-year-old: "mentoring a child...is a great way to make a kid's day brighter... and [gives me] a newfound hope in the next generation." After reading application essays, I share that same hope and confidence in our 2025 graduates.

May 2025 Mueller Update

BY RICK KRIVONIAK

Icon home builders plan to construct twelve 3D printed homes on Tom Miller Street at the southeast corner of Mueller. They range in size from 2,395 s.f. three-bedroom homes to 651 s.f. bungalows, ranging in price from \$1.32M to \$365K. The ground floors will be 3D printed, with conventional construction for the second floors. According to www.homes.iconbuild.com, seven of the twelve are already sold as of mid-April.

Roger Levon Taylor, Sr. Plaza, surrounding the Mueller Control Tower at 3925 Berkman Drive, was dedicated on March 29th, the last of Mueller's twelve parks/plazas. Named for the founder of the JJ Seabrook Neighborhood Association just across Manor Road from Mueller, my late friend Roger led the campaign by neighborhoods surrounding Mueller to save the Tower from demolition. Roger's daughter, Roslyn, and her twin brother Roger Jr. spoke, as did Mayor Watson. The Plaza's ground level has seating areas for rest, relaxation, and possibly future al fresco dining, while lushly planted sculptural land forms are connected by a bridged path with elevated views of the surroundings.

The next meeting of the Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory will be at 6pm on Tuesday, Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at the Austin Energy Building, 4815 Mueller Boulevard. Attendees may park free in the AE garage.

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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!



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 May 2025:

Thursdays in May, 1-2pm - Talk Time: Come practice your English!

Weds, May 7, 4-6pm - Family Naturalist: Bugs and More!

Friday, May 16, 7-9am - Bike to Work Day Fueling Station

Saturday, May 17, 1-2pm Indonesian Angklung and Dance Performance

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