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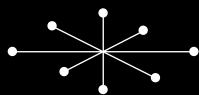
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JUNE 2025

NEXT
NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION
MEETING

SATURDAY
JUNE 14th
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MEETING
FOCUS

2025
Scholarship
Recipients
and
Wildfire
Prevention
Guidance



President's Message for June

BY CHAD COTTON

May was an eventful and inspiring month in Windsor Park. Our community came together in a variety of ways to make a difference & build a stronger neighborhood.

We were proud to provide feedback to the City of Austin's Community Advisory Group as part of the Small Area Mobility Plan. These plans directly impact walkability, bike access, and safer streets in Windsor Park, and our input helps ensure neighborhood priorities are reflected.

WPNA members also joined with Memorial United Methodist Church in supporting a

Habitat for Humanity build—a powerful demonstration of neighborly care and hands-on service.

To end the month, we held an Open Mic Night, which gave neighbors a chance to share their talents and connect in a casual, creative setting. It was a great success, and we hope to host more in the future.

One of the most exciting moments of May was the selection of our 2025 WPNA Scholarship recipients. We'll recognize them at our June meeting—please join us in celebrating their hard work and bright futures. [cont on page 2]

2025 Scholarship Recipients Announced

From The Windsor Park Schools Committee

We are excited to announce that WPNA will award fifteen (15) \$1,000 scholarships to seniors graduating from an Austin Independent School District high school (AISD). 12 students are graduating from Northeast High School while the other 3 are graduating from LBJ, both Windsor Park schools! Please come to the Saturday June 14, 2024 WPNA meeting and celebrate our 2025 students and wish them well.

Since the first scholarships were awarded eleven years ago, our mission continues to be to recognize and support our Windsor Park high school seniors and to support public education (AISD). Thanks to the generosity of Windsor Park residents, WPNA has always funded all qualified applicants. Please consider donating to continue this incredible tradition of community support. Windsorpark.info/fundraising.

This year's recipients are:

Northeast High School - 12

Sarai Ramos
Jose Orozco-Obando
Mya Upshur
Sovereign Stephens
Paulo Zavala Zuñiga
Crystal Ruiz
Queren Villegas
Heidy Castilla
Yoselin Montes Espinoza
Luis Estrada-Enriquez
Odette Rodriguez-Rodriguez
Juell Reed

LBJ High School - 3

Juan Parra
Imani Williams
Michael Ruiz

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June Yard of the Month - 6410 Dorchester Drive

By Sara Jane Lee

The June winners are Beth Chapoton and Deb Bowden of 6410 Dorchester Drive. One of their neighbors nominated them. Beth has lived on Dorchester since 1996; Deb moved there in 2005. They are members of WPNA. Their house is on the corner of Dorchester and Chatham and it and their yard are raised above the street. In the Spring they check out the colorful and well-adapted plants at the Natural Gardener to add to their beds on both Dorchester and Chatham.

In their front yard they inherited a Mulberry Tree, and some Cedar/Ashe Junipers. They rescued two Redbuds that were going to be destroyed when a friend's property was to be sold. In the 1990s Beth planted a Red Oak. The red oak replaced the Arizona Ash that had to be removed. They also have a Flowering Senna and a Flameleaf Sumac. The flower bed above the sidewalk on Dorchester includes Brazilian Rock Rose, Batface Cuphea, several Pink and Purple Sages and Salvias, Firecracker Fern, Purple Lantana, Ice Plant and many more.

On the Chatham Street side, they have a trio of Desert Willow Trees, a Pride of Barbados, Timothy Rock Rose, a Texas Sage, Esperanza [Yellow Bells], and a large Prickly



Pear Cactus which grew from two lobes. Running down the slope to Chatham there is a spectacular Passion Vine. Beth and Deb will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate from Shoal Creek Nursery on Hancock Drive. The Nursery has great collections of plants, seeds, pots, and garden paraphernalia including gloves in various sizes.

Please 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.

President's Message for June, continued from page 1

Finally, May's unseasonably early heat wave is a reminder that we may be facing a hotter and drier summer than usual. These conditions significantly increase the risk of wildfires in urban areas.

At the June 14th meeting, a representative from the Austin Fire Department's Wildfire Prevention Division will speak about steps homeowners can take to reduce fire risk.

We look forward to seeing you at the June meeting—stay safe and stay engaged!



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June Garden Activities

by Chris Winslow via the Enlivenment Committee

1. Water. Early morning is the optimum time... otherwise most of the irrigation water evaporates. Deep soaking is best because it gives the plant a greater reservoir to draw from.
2. Native tree care. This month generally turns out to be pretty hot and dry. Remember your trees are going to be thirsty too. A small amount of rain does little to carry moisture deep into the soil.
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 and conserve water. Leave clippings on the lawn.
7. Add summer color. This is the right time to 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. Make sure they get enough water when they are establishing themselves. Happy gardening everyone.



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OF HOMES SOLD (Over Last 90 Days) **16**

AVG SQ FT OF HOMES SOLD **1,542**

AVG DAYS ON MKT OF SOLDS **46**

ACTIVE LISTINGS ON MARKET **50***

*As of May 7th, 2025 - Single Family Homes.
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Meet your Neighbors - Rocky & Joe

BY MARTIN LUECKE

Our routine is a decade in the making. My neighbor Joe Cook from three doors down is following Rocky along Cloverleaf while I am in the front yard, usually coming to or from work. Rocky is not one for barking or chasing. He likes to amble, and check the smells.

I say 'Hello Rocky' as Joe drops the leash. Rocky smiles and trots over for a good head scratching. I assume he knows my voice, but more than likely he used that uncanny dog radar before I said anything.

I've known Joe since the 90's, so we always have something to talk about. Rocky enjoys a bit of head rubbing and then lies down and waits for us to finish. Eventually he lets Joe know it's time to move on with a funny dog sound. It's clear he communicates on multiple levels.

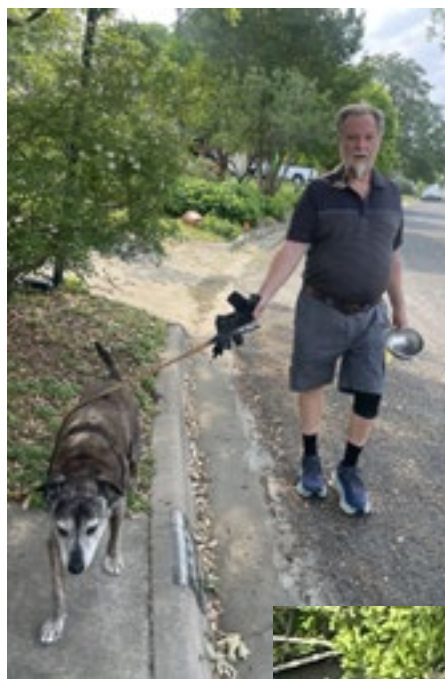
Around the corner they go and maybe two blocks later they repeat the routine with Joe the fireman who's usually taking care of his perfect front yard. It turns out Rocky knows a lot of neighbors on their route, and stops to visit with all of them.

A few years ago, Joe was diagnosed with cancer and following treatments at MD Anderson his doctor prescribed getting as much exercise as possible, despite the fact it was very hard to do. Joe found a willing workout buddy in Rocky. Long walks were the ticket to dealing with the debilitating effects of treatment. "There were days when I could not move, but I knew Rocky needed his walk" Joe recounts. It was the best motivation.

Twice a day was the prescription, and Rocky knew Joe needed it. "Without Rocky, I would not have been able to do it." The long days of treatment and the uncertainty of recovery are maybe the hardest part of being sick. Having a steadfast companion with a heart of gold and a sense of purpose turns out to be just as important as the medication.

Five years on and Joe is doing better, but he still receives treatment, some of it cutting edge stuff. "MD Anderson is the best" Joe states while Rocky waits patiently at our feet.

Rocky is an old man these days, almost 70 in dog years. White hair on his face matches Joe's white mustache. Rocky is moving slower, and sometimes he doesn't really feel like a walk. I have to admit I look forward to seeing him, knowing how much love he brings on his route around Windsor Park. It strikes me how important our neighbors are to each other, no matter how many legs they have.



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Mueller Update - June 2025

BY RICK KRIVONIAK

Mueller pools are accessible to the general public between Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends, or May 24th through August 31st this year. Open Swim, with lifeguards on duty, is weekdays and weekends, with a cash-only daily fee paid at the pool desk, where all patrons must sign a release and show identification.

Ella Wooten pool - Tuesday - Sunday 5 am - 10 pm.

John Gaines pool - Thursday - Tuesday 5 am - 10 pm.

Fees are consistent with City of Austin Aquatics

public pools:

\$5 Adult (18+) and \$3 Junior (12-17)

\$2 Child (11 and Under) & Senior (62+)

For pool addresses and other information, visit www.lifeatmueller.com

Mueller and Windsor Park are now served by CapMetro's Pleasant Valley Rapid Route 800 line, and Expo Center Route 837. Stops are at Rogge & Manor, 51st & Manor, Berkman and Barbara Jordan, Berkman & Simond, and Berkman & Tom Mueller. Information on schedules, route maps and more is at www.capmetro.org/rapid2025

The Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory did not meet in May. The next meeting will be at 6pm on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at the Austin Energy Building, 4815 Mueller Boulevard. Attendees may park free in the AE garage.



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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 June 2025:

Kids Block Party kicks off a summer of fun, reading, and prizes, Saturday, June 7 @ Central, 9am-12:30pm

Windsor Park Neighborhood Book Club, The Morningside by Tea Obreht, Tues, June 10 @ 6:30pm

Crystal Creations for Tweens, Mon, June 16, 1:30-3pm

Storytime in Spanish, Weds, June 18, 10:30-11am

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