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**Next
Neighborhood
Association
Meeting**

**Saturday, Feb
13th**

**STREAMING
starts at 10:15
but connect
early for some
visiting!**

**Feb Meeting
Focus:**

**Open
Discussion with
our City Council
Members**

Library Update

Got something for
the newsletter?
Get it in by the 15th
to newsletter@
windsorpark.info

Feb 2021 Letter from the President

Jackie Brooks, WPNA President

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“Do you wanna build a snowman?” Many of us were asking this question thanks to a magical snowfall on Sunday, January 10th. I hope you were able to go out and enjoy the rare experience of several inches of snow accumulating during what will be known as the Big Snow Day of 2021 in Austin. Chandler and I felt the crunch under our feet as we explored the wintry wonderland and snowcapped bleachers at Bartholomew Park with an enthusiasm that would make Buddy the Elf proud. I made my first Austin snow angel, had a snow ball fight, and enjoyed the various snowpeople created by neighbors on our walk until we couldn’t feel our fingers anymore. After returning home to defrost, it was fun to see the various videos and photos of fellow neighbors and Austinites making memories with makeshift sleds and their furry friends with laughter and smiles on their faces. Finding Joy in these moments reminded us of our many blessings including a warm home to return to. A power outage in the area required some to bundle up for hours until it was restored, and there are also some in Windsor Park who do not have warm houses to come home to. We are grateful for those who come together in our community to care for each other and send *virtual warm hugs* to you all.

Speaking of virtual and community, without our ability to gather together in person, we’ve had to rely more heavily on our digital platforms and communication channels. Last month during our virtual monthly meeting, we walked through the online version of signing up for membership through the [registration form](#) and Paypal. This, like other things that are now more reliant than ever on a digital experience, will be a topic of review at our upcoming executive committee planning retreat to evaluate how we’re adjusting to suit our new way of meeting and interacting with each other.

Signing up online doesn’t come with the smiling face we wish it could (at least for now), but we’re grateful for the opportunity to explore new and different ways to make becoming a member and engaging with the association easier and better to serve our community purpose: ... *to foster an open, viable, and attractive community with mutual respect, appreciation, and cooperation among neighbors, including property owners, renters, and businesses.*

Through activities that include:

- A. Identifying the common interest in such matters as zoning, public services, private development, conservation of the natural features of the area, and other community concerns.*
- B. Informing the neighborhood about community issues and providing a forum for discussion of them.*
- C. Representing the neighborhood and taking action where appropriate.*

For our next virtual meeting on Saturday, February 13th, we have invited our city council members. Let us know what topics you would like to hear discussed at the meeting- please email jackie@windsorpark.info with your suggestions.

Windsor Park Community Garden

Pat Hochstetler, garden plot coordinator

Windsor Park Community Garden is located behind Austin Mennonite Church (next to the WP library). We are an organic garden, using rainwater when available. A few raised beds (4'x10') are available for rent - \$40 for 2021. There is a 12 hour/year volunteer commitment in addition to the rental fee. Opportunities to garden in the "free food" areas are also available.

We are looking for larger pieces of cardboard to use for Lasange Mulching. You can donate cardboard through the month of February. Please flatten boxes and remove staples and tape. The boxes can be left on the library side of the garden- just toss it over the fence. Thanks in advance! If you have interest in finding out more about the garden, please email wpgardeners@gmail.com

Recycling and Zero Waste

Dolly Lambdin and Gloria Neunaber

We are so proud to be residents of a neighborhood that is a leader in stimulating individuals to take action on climate change (Thanks Martin & Barrett!) and a city that has made zero waste a city goal (keeping 90% of discarded materials in Austin out of the landfill by 2040). It will take all of us individually and working together to make these dreams a reality. During this pandemic, it has been even more challenging to be thoughtful of how to reduce waste. Please think of what you can do as an individual and family to help meet the city goal. Here are a couple of points to consider.

- We're happy to know that all streets in Windsor Park and Austin will get green composting carts by February.
- Do your best at recycling everything appropriate in your blue cart -- cans, bottles, paper, glass, cardboard etc. NO PLASTIC BAGS, string/hoses or Styrofoam -- they mess up the machines and ruin everything!
- Before you throw anything away put "What should I do with?" into the search engine on the Austin Resource Recovery website for help with where it can be recycled or reused.
- Record your action in the Windsor Park Carbon Shrinker (use search in Facebook to find the page)
- Join Windsor Park Buy Nothing group on Facebook to be part of a movement to give and receive to reduce waste and fill local needs.



It was an odd year for real estate in an already crazy market.

Since April, we saw a steady decrease in the number of available listings, causing prices to jump exponentially at the end of the year. We normally see offers around 2-4% over list price, but have been seeing many offers 10-20% over in recent weeks.

What does that mean? Buyers are currently bringing tens of thousands in cash to the table, but it's a great time to sell.

Windsor Park saw a median home price jump to \$450k, up from \$395k in 2019. As always, stay safe out there and I'll be here to answer all of your real estate questions whether you're looking to buy, sell, invest, or rent.

Andrews Elementary

Elizabeth Morales, Community School Facilitator

We have a newly installed digital marquee to keep connected with our community, renovations to our teacher workroom, and have added picnic tables in parts of the campus. We've partnered with Brighter Bites for the 2020-2021 school year to bring nutrition education and healthier foods into students' and families' hands – and we need volunteers! Please sign up at brighterbites.org/volunteer/

Our first Virtual Career Day is Friday, March 12- and we invite you or someone you know to come participate and share information about careers. Please contact Elizabeth Morales to sign up elizabeth.morales@austinisd.org 512-414-1770.

Blanton Elementary

Karon Smutzer, BASE Project Director

Ms. O'Neal has been confirmed as the permanent principal at Blanton. She is overjoyed to be able to continue to work with this amazing community and is looking forward to learning and growing together. Blanton is happy to welcome several new teachers to the staff: Mr. Juan Tellez Sandoval—Kinder; Ms. Nereyda Santiago Arzate--1st; Ms. Adrienne Orlando--2nd; Ms. Maria Marquez--4th; Ms. Susel Gonzalez--5th

Blanton continues to be a model campus for the district in the area of Social Emotional Learning. Ms. McIlwain (PK) and Ms. Melissa Cruz (1st) presented to a district group about the SEL growth here at Blanton.

All neighbors are encouraged to join the PTA. <https://ptablanton.ptboard.com/> This is the best way to follow our news and learn about opportunities to engage.

Harris Elementary School

*Laura Tomlinson, Librarian and Rudy Castillo, Parent Support Specialist [** Versión en español disponible en línea]*

A special shout out to those that helped Harris Elementary this year: Little Deli Staff for giving the Harris Campus a great luncheon // Isaac Rodriguez and Fire Stations #18, #14, #26 // Carl Repp and Hope Lutheran Church // Gabriel Ransenberg from The Austin Public Library // Sarah Robinson and Church of the Cross // Good Shepherd Church // Neighbors Alice Grauly, Shiloh Fallon, and Julie Fiore // Laura Clarke, Christina Gaspari Sudderth, Jeannette Burke. Thank you all for helping give so many of our children a happy Christmas during these hard times!

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Student Council has a GoFundMe page for our spring field trip to Science Mill. We are 80% funded. Please help support our club by contributing: <https://gf.me/u/zatkb9>

This month's presenter at Principal Coffee Chats is Mr. Rowland, technology specialist, who will be discussing the latest technology upgrades; check the Dojo and social media for date and time.

Brighter Bites distribution will continue this semester every other Thursday from 1:30-4:00 pm. They need 5 volunteers for every distribution; Please contact Rebeca at rebeca.hernandez-gonzalez@brighterbites.org.

Gus Garcia Young Men's Leadership Academy

*Jose Luis Mejia & Sandra Zachary [** Versión en español disponible en línea]*

STEM Accomplishment: On Dec 17, 2020, the Atomic Dragons Won the CoderZ top 32 Group competition for our region of the U.S! The team now moves into the top 16 in the region with states from across the nation. Student earned 1st and 3rd place distinctions with individual competitions.

School Registration is now open for Gus Garcia YMLA, 6th – 8th grades; dual language, STEM, Social Justice and high school credit courses – we are actively recruiting! Please call the school for registration information: 512-841-9400. We would like to post campus yard signs at the home of our CAC and PTSA members. For more information or a yard sign, please email Sandra Zachary at Sandra.zachary@austinisd.org Our next CAC meeting is Feb 17, 2021, from 4:15 to 5:00-please join us. The PTSA meeting will follow at 5:15pm.

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CLIMATE CORNER – The 2021 Lege Session

Barrett Sundberg

The Texas Legislature, which meets only once every two years, is now in session. The “Lege” is considering several proposed laws that may affect climate change.

Possibly the most sweeping has been filed by our own Senator, Sarah Eckhardt. House Bill 307 would set the goal that Texas’ power generation will produce net zero carbon dioxide by the year 2035. That’s nearly as fast as the 2030 goal set by many activists, and far faster than the goal of 2050 set in Joe Biden’s campaign platform. The bill’s method “mirrors the renewable energy credit system created by the Legislature in 1999. Generators that exceed the carbon goals can sell credits to generators that are lagging behind,” according to Eckhardt policy director Damien Brockmann. One technology is not favored over another, so companies can use any means of their choice to achieve the goal.

FEBRUARY 17TH -- 7PM CLIMATE CONVERSATION

STREAMING ON
WWW.WINDSORPARK.INFO
AND
ON FACEBOOK
AT THE CARBON SHRINKER PAGE

Another major proposal, House Bill 896, would establish state standards to limit methane emissions from oil and gas wells. Since Texas is a major producer of these emissions, HB 896 could have global impact if passed. Another notable bill is HB 711, which would require safety performance standards for petroleum plants and chemical plants that have frequently failed and led to pollution in communities. Since East Austin has previously had dangerous emissions from petroleum tanks, we can appreciate this bill.

WPNA is hosting an in-depth discussion of these and more, including the question of how neighbors affect legislation, on February 17 at 7:00 pm by Facebook Livestream. Panelists answering our questions will include Matt Johnson, an expert from the Sierra Club, and Damien Brockmann from Senator Eckhardt’s office. Members of other neighborhoods are also being invited to submit questions and view the discussion; feel free to share this widely. Links will be available on the Climate Committee page at windsorpark.info, and also on FB at the Windsor Park Climate Shrinker page.

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*As of Jan 13th, 2021 - Single Family Homes.
Request a Detailed Report for Your Section
of Windsor Park

[School updates, continued from page 3]

Sadler Means YWLA

Rosalind Oliphant, PhD

Mikaila Ulmer, founder of Me & The Bees Lemonade, will headline Sadler Means 2021 Black History Program. Featured on Shark Tank, Ulmer recently released her first book, *Bee Fearless: Dream Like a Kid*. “Even in a pandemic, Yearbook must go on,” says Yearbook sponsor, Ms. Stephanie Matula. This year’s book will include Zoom pictures as well as pictures on campus. Parents and students, please email photos to stephanie.matula@austinisd.org

Sadler Means YWLA continues to recruit for our Media, Visual, and Performing Arts Academy opening in the fall 2021. Check out our recruitment video here: <https://youtu.be/E2wN6EMojW4>

Northeast High School

Alice Graulty

Northeast Early College Start seniors are in full swing and the race to college is on! College & Career Counselor, Ms. Curry, is hosting virtual lunches and special events where students can get help with their financial aid forms and scholarship applications.

Not only is AISD encouraging families to stay remote if possible, AISD is also offering students and staff mass COVID-19 testing once per week while Austin is in Stage 5. Nelson field, here at Northeast HS, is AISD’s North hub for testing.

As a community school, Northeast welcomes neighbors who want to be involved! Please join the CAC (next meeting is February 9th) or the PTA. Or get in touch to find out how to support the incredible work of the Family Resource Center. To learn more, please contact Katherine Frazer-Wallach, Parent Support Specialist katherine.frazer-wallach@austinisd.org

LBJ High School

Shaleiah Fox

If you haven’t had a chance to sign up for LBJ’s weekly newsletter, we highly recommend signing up to stay up to date with all Jaguar happenings. It opens with a positive and energetic message from the principal Mr. Bailey and lists upcoming events and great information about the campus. Visit LBJ’s website, <https://www.lbjchs.austinisd.org/> to sign up.

The Senior Class of 2021 is asking for donations to support a variety of graduation activities to celebrate their last year of high school. Click on this link to learn more and to donate: <https://austinisd.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/19407/63/False/True>

LBJ’s next CAC Meeting is on Tuesday, January 19th at 5:00 pm. All are welcome to join. For more information, please reach out to Karen Brown, Parent Support Specialist, karen.brown@austinisd.org

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Look on the website for additional content, including some articles in SPANISH.

2021 Committees – Join us!

At last month's virtual meeting we heard from our committee chairs about what they are looking forward to in 2021 and how we can get involved. Below is a list of the Committees along with the Chair's contact information and a summary of the highlights they shared with us. Please reach out to committee chairs if you are interested in joining a meeting or volunteering.

Beautification Committee

Chair: Rodney Ahart (Rodney@windsorpark.info)

Meets 4th Thurs/month @ 6pm on Zoom

- Committee founded in 2016, goal is to protect, enhance neighborhood's beauty, hold neighborhood cleanups
- WP neighborhood entrance sign in Bartholomew Park was a recent large project. New project will be landscaping around the sign. Planting day around March. Initiative for making pedestrian crosswalks to add concrete medians and landscaping.

Schools Committee

Chair: Emily Vitris (Emily@windsorpark.info) Meets 2nd Wed/month @ 7pm on Zoom.

- Committee is made up of members with and without kids in school. Goals of committee are to increase awareness about what's going on with schools and advocate for our neighborhood. Lots of changes in AISD leadership w/ new Superintendent and new trustees.
- Annual scholarship for high school seniors. \$1,000/student. We provided additional scholarships in 2020 as a response to COVID.

Transportation Committee

Chair: Hector Martell (Transportation@windsorpark.info) Meets 3rd Tues/month

- Advocating for neighbor's interests (sidewalks, traffic, bike paths). Some areas of focus – Eastlink possible trail through Bartholomew; Belfast Bike Trail
- 2020 was a big year for the city with the 2 bonds that passed; important for WP to pay attention to Strategic Mobility Plan. Working w/ Rodney's team on Windsor Village plan

Yard of the Month Committee

Chair: Sandi Wilcox (wpna.YOM@gmail.com)

- This committee searches for great yards in Windsor Park - Nominations are very important because committee isn't able to drive around to select yards together at this time. Shoal Creek is our wonderful sponsor – they donate \$50 gift certificates to each YOM winner
- Need a WordPress-savvy volunteer to help update website

Climate Crisis Committee

Chair: Martin Luecke (climatechange@windsorpark.info)

- Goal is to continually do outreach about Climate issues, including to elected officials. Committee is 2 years old, has 5 members - we need more people to join the conversation
- Passed a Climate Change from Global Warming resolution; Write the Climate Corner articles in the newsletter; Created the Windsor Park Carbon Shrinker: <https://www.facebook.com/wpcarbonshrinker>; Host Climate Conversations with key leaders and thinkers for policy and climate science.

Parks Committee

Chair: Jeanette Swenson (parks@windsorpark.info)

- Advocating for parks and green space in Windsor Park; making connections to city, state and non-profit groups to support this work.
- Pomerleau Park: Site development could be another year before we break ground on the park. Jordan Shade is point person for this park. Bartholomew Park: We have 2/3 of the funding needed for shade structure. We will be looking for more funding. Worked w/ Austin Parks & Rec to get that native growth along Tannehill Brand Creek.

Window on Windsor (The Newsletter)

Editor: Amanda Rose (newsletter@windsorpark.info)

Sponsorship Chair: Meghan Dougherty (sponsorship@windsorpark.info)

- Newsletter is almost 40 years old, ongoing publication, long history. Printed and delivered door to door to over 3,500 households, and a digital version is posted to our website. We welcome new contributing voices - if you have an article idea, please submit.
- We have ongoing needs for walkers to deliver the newsletter. Please email newsletter@windsorpark.info if you can volunteer and we can let you know the open routes
- Current budget limits us to 8 pages / month, but more sponsors can mean more pages! Please contact sponsorship@windsorpark.info if you want to sponsor the newsletter and get the word out about your business, event or activity.

Revitalization Committee

Chair: Mohan Rao Email: reddevelopment@windsorpark.info Meets: TBD

Connects with local businesses and identifies ways to improve economic development of our neighborhood, with the goal of creating a neighborhood with amenities and gathering places that serve the needs of its residents.

Yard of the Month February 2021 - 1803 Broadmoor Drive

Sara Jane Lee

The February winners are Lloyd Minick and Alex Nishida of 1803 Broadmoor Drive. Lloyd has lived on Broadmoor several years, and Alex moved in a short time ago. They got many ideas from the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center and enjoy watching the bees and other pollinators that their flowers attract. Two large beds divided by a path that leads to the house make up their front yard.

Their plants include Texas Sage, Golden Showers Thyrallis, Copper Canyon Daisy, Prickly Pear Cactus, Desert Globe Mallow, Indigo Spires Salvia, Bieder Butterfly Iris, Trailing Lantana, Upright Rosemary, Bottlebrush, Turk's Cap, and Liriope. They also have some Palm Trees.

About eight years ago, Lloyd and some other college students were living in the house. It took them about a week to set up the original yard, and then it evolved over time. They did so well that that we awarded them Yard of the Month for October 2013.

Lloyd and Alex spend about 10 to 20 hours a year on maintenance, mostly on weeding. Frankly, when I learned that, I wondered that they meant month but decided to accept it! They advise choosing a variety of plants that can withstand heat, cold, and drought.



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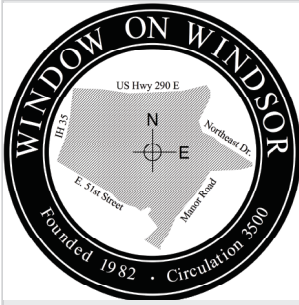
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Lloyd and Alex will get a \$50.00 gift certificate from Shoal Creek Nursery. Shoal Creek is remodeling, but they are open and have a good supply of plants, pots, and equipment – it is still a pleasure to visit there.

Please send us nominations - if you like a certain yard, or more than one, tell us. We cannot visit every yard in the neighborhood each month. Send your nomination(s) to WPNA YOMC. P.O. Box 16183, Austin, Texas 78761, call 512-928-0681, or email wpna.yom@gmail.com.



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Mueller Update

Rick Krivoniak

Mueller's businesses and parks remain under the City of Austin protocols for the pandemic. Playground, exercise and sports facilities at Mueller's parks are now closed.

The construction at PromiseLand Church is not a part of the 51st Street Mobility Improvements Project, which is currently being bid. However, PromiseLand is reconfiguring its parking and access since their entry driveway will be relocated to align with Mueller Boulevard. Barring any difficulties with contractor selection, construction should begin by summertime and should be completed in about 18 months.

The Kebob Shop will open its third Austin location this spring on Barbara Jordan Blvd. in the former Picology location adjacent to La Madeleine. Offering Mediterranean cuisine with a focus on Grilled Kebobs, they will offer curbside pick-up and delivery service, and dine-in when allowed.

The Mueller Commission will continue to meet virtually for the foreseeable future. To listen to Commission meetings via phone, contact Program Manager Matthew Schmidt at (512) 974-6415 or Matt.Schmidt@austintexas.gov at least 24 hours prior to the second Tuesday of the month. Agendas, minutes, meeting recordings and other documents, are available at austintexas.gov/rmmapiac

Library Update

Library services - including many reading groups- continue. Please check out the calendar at your local library.

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