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Next Neighborhood Association Meeting

Saturday, Feb 12th

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Joining together to enhance our community

By Jackie Brooks, WPNA President

On Saturday, February 12th, we will host our WPNA meeting in-person with the option to still participate virtually. We're providing both options so you can pick what works best for you, and what you are most comfortable with! (That being said, it may take a bit of trial and error to get things running smoothly, so please bear with us as we navigate this change)

Our in-person meeting will be held at MUMC (Memorial United Methodist Church) @ 6100 Berkman Dr. in the gym so we have room to spread out. We are mindful that Covid is still a challenge to navigate, so we are encouraging masks and socializing outdoors before and after meetings.

We invite you to join us in person at 10am for some coffee and donuts while you sign in, grab a name tag, and find a seat. The meeting programming and virtual live-stream will begin at 10:15am.

We're also so glad to bring back our Citizen's Communication to the agenda – at the beginning of the meeting, we will open up the floor to neighbors (up to 2 min. each) to share announcements, give a shout out, or address something top of mind. Open sharing and conversation has been the hardest to provide in our online venue, so we're grateful to be able to provide this opportunity again at our in-person meetings. If you have something to communicate and are planning to attend virtually, please email president@windsorpark.info for the zoom link (by Friday, before the meeting).

Have you enjoyed reading our posts about WPNA accomplishments on our social media? Our celebration of WPNA's 40 years continues with a wonderful tribute created by our neighbor, Miranda Molen. With the help of many neighbors and committees contributing highlights and content, "40 years in 40 days" shares stories that celebrate the accomplishments of the WPNA. If you aren't on social media, don't worry – we'll share some of these highlights and more with our committees at our February meeting, so please join us!

We hope you enjoy seeing all that the WPNA has accomplished in the spirit of improving the quality of life for our community. With 40 years behind the WPNA, it goes without saying that there is a long line of Windsor Parkers that have contributed in so many ways - Is there something you remember that we should highlight? Let us know so we can celebrate it together.

Do you want to be a part of the ongoing legacy? See page 2 for how to make an impact.

THE WPNA SCHOLARSHIP IS OPEN & ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS
SEE PAGE 4

President's letter, continued from page 1

Join the WPNA as a member today. Here's how:

- 1. Fill out a registration form
 - a. On the back of a newsletter (and mail in with your check)
 - b. At a meeting
 - c. Online on our website http://www.windsorpark.info/membership/
- 2. Pay the membership donation
 - a. In person @ a meeting or event (cash, check, venmo, or paypal)
 - b. Mail a Check payable to "WPNA" to (WPNA P.O. Box 16183 Austin, TX 78761)
 - c. Pay online with Paypal (@WindsorPark) or Venmo (WindsorPark under Businesses) or use the QR codes in this newsletter

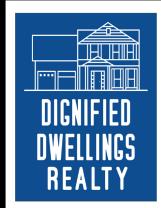
3. Get involved

- a. Attend WPNA monthly meetings
- b. Email a committee chair and join committee meetings and efforts
- c. Become a newsletter deliverer(see page 7)
- d. Tell your neighbors about WPNA

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AVG SQ FT OF HOMES SOLD 1,672

AVG DAYS ON MKT OF SOLDS 58

ACTIVE LISTINGS ON MARKET 6*

*As of Jan 14th, 2022 - Single Family Homes. Request a Detailed Report for Your Section of Windsor Park **

February 2022 Mueller Update

Rick Krivoniak

The Teacher Retirement System of Texas is purchasing the Shorenstein Building on Aldrich Street across from BD Riley's Irish Pub. The TRS \$200-billion trust fund is the sixth largest public pension fund in the US, providing retirement and related benefits for those employed by the public schools, colleges, and universities supported by the State of Texas.

TRS will be moving roughly 500 of its employees into this first building, with plans to build an adjacent building to house the remaining 500 employees within the next two years. Two parking garages will provide ample parking for both employees and patrons of the Aldrich Street retail and entertainment district.

While TRS is a governmental agency and will not pay property taxes into the Mueller Tax Increment Financing reinvestment zone on its portion of the building, the ground floor store-front retail and office space, under the management of Catellus, will generate some taxes. Mueller's TIF, which pays for all the onsite infrastructure, has exceeded expectation and is anticipated to be paid off much earlier than its 2045 contractual termination date, after which taxes generated at Mueller will go into the City's general fund. The sale of the current TRS property on Red River at 11th Street is also expected to considerably add to Austin's tax base.

The next Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission meeting is February 8th at 6PM to be held at the Permitting and Development Center Assembly Room, 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Drive. Meetings will resume at the Austin Energy HQ in March. For RMMAPIAC agenda and other information, visit austintexas.gov/rmmapiac



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Our \$1,000 scholarship is open to high school seniors who live in Windsor Park and attend any AISD school

AND

ANY HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AT NORTHEAST OR LBJ NO MATTER WHERE THEY LIVE.

For further details and to apply, visit windsorpark.info/scholarship Deadline is March 31st, 2022

MAYOR ADLER TO APPEAR ON CLIMATE CONVERSATION

Martin Luecke

WPNA Climate Committee is hosting another livestream program on Wednesday February 16 at 7pm regarding the recent International Climate Conference COP26 in Scotland which was attended by Austin Mayor Steve Adler.

The Mayor has agreed to appear on our program and address questions regarding the conference and how the City of Austin is working with the international effort. The livestream will also feature panelist Solemi Hernandez, who attended the conference representing Citizen's Climate Lobby and will be joining us from Florida.

According to the official UN website: The COP26 summit brought parties together to accelerate action towards the goals of the Paris Agreement and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. This is the world's most important international climate organization and what happens here sets the stage for our collective climate action.

This Climate Conversation is your only opportunity to learn what happened at COP26, from two opposing perspectives: Government and Activist. You will not read it in the newspaper; it will not be available on TV. You can only get it at Windsor Park Climate Conversation YouTube channel. The show will be recorded for later viewing.





Feb 2022 Yard of the Month - 6302 Windslow Court

Sara Jane Lee

The February Yard of the Month winner is Jose Serna of 6302 Windslow Court. Though he has lived on Windslow Court for 3 years, he has lived in Windsor Park for 22 years. Back in 2010, Mr. Serna also won Yard of the Month when he lived on Sandhurst Circle.



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In the front yard, Mr. Serna has Italian Cypress Trees,

Palm Trees, Dianthus, Agaves and many Rose Bushes. He also has many potted plants near his house. Mr. Serna is a landscaper who often takes home the plants that his customers want to replace. He enjoys his new plants, and does not worry about their varietal names.

He uses trial and error to see what works and is willing to move plants that do not do well in their homes. He has been working on his landscape since he moved in and advises other gardeners to try a variety of plants in their yards. If they do not work where they are planted, move them. They may be very happy in another place. Another plant may be great in the original place.

Mr. Serna will get a \$50.00 gift certificate from Shoal Creek Nursery. Shoal Creek has a good supply of plants, pots, and equipment, and their employees are helpful and friendly.

Please send in nominations for Yard of the Month! If you like a certain yard, or more than one, tell us. Feel free to nominate your own yard even if you do not think that it is perfect. 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.



Harris Elementary

Laura Lomas Tomlinson, M.ED, MLS, Librarian

Harris Elementary will have its Spring Book Fair February 14-18, 2022 from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. Parents can come and shop after school from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m or shop online at https://www.scholastic.com/bf/harriselementaryschool17

The Harris PTA is planning to paint the picnic tables in the 100 wing courtyard. Paint date is Monday, February 21, 2022 - There is no school that day. We need volunteers to help out. This will be an outdoor activity. Masks will be required. Students can help if their parents are with them.

Andrews Elementary

Elizabeth Morales, Community School Facilitator

In December, Andrews Elementary hosted its first ever Holidays Around the World Family Craft Night. Families enjoyed a music performance, craft from various holidays, hot chocolate, cookies, and more. Andrews Elementary is partnering with Dr. Tracey Flores, assistant professor of Language and Literacy at the University of Texas, to provide an on-site practicum to students in the teacher education program. The UT Language and Literacy will provide practical experience to students at the university while helping Andrews' students close learning gaps.

Tzu Chi is also working with Andrews Elementary to increase attendance, provide tutoring, and celebrate cultural diversity through several support initiatives. Adult ESL classes are now offered at Andrews Elementary every Tuesday and Thursday.

Our No Place for Hate Diversity art contest is being held from January 24th to February 18th. We can't wait to see the amazing work of our students!

We're always looking for volunteers! Volunteers can support our school by helping during Brighter Bites or by signing up to be a mentor. We are also collecting new or gently used shoes or pants for students. The campus has created a Family Resource Center to meet the needs of our school community. If you would like to support the Family Resource Center, please drop off your donations of socks, underwear, hygiene items, and clothes at the school's front office. Want to support Andrews Elementary? Contact Elizabeth Morales at 512-414-5654 to find out how you could help.

Garcia Young Men's Leadership Academy

Jose Luis Mejia (Principal)

Garcia YMLA celebrated its first in-person Holiday Band Performance for the year. Parents can begin to enroll at Garcia YMLA (2022-2023) using the common application. We are looking for campus mentors for your young men. We are also looking for guest speakers that would like to talk to our young men about careers in STEM. If interested please contact Parent Support Specialist (Sandra Zachary) 512-841-9400 or sandra.zachary@austinisd.org

Sadler Means Young Women's Leadership Academy

Rosalind Oliphant, PhD

The Sadler Means YWLA basketball program had an outstanding season! Both teams play in the Division II North Zone, with the 7th grade team finishing in second place, and the 8th grade team in first place with an undefeated season. **Go Dragons!**

Twenty-five Sadler Means student leaders representing four organizations on campus were special guests of State Representatives Celia Israel and Cheryl Cole for a tour of the State Capitol, a special visit to the House Chamber Floor, and an interactive discussion on civic responsibility and leadership. Thank you to our legislative leaders for an outstanding learning opportunity for our student leaders.

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Save the date for Latinitas Start Up Chica Conference, Saturday, February 12, at Sadler Means. Latinitas invites all girls, 9 - 14 years old, to spend the day learning business skills needed to launch their own startup or product. For more information, contact beatriz@latinitasmagazine.org.

Northeast Early College High School

Katherine Wallach

Come out to Northeast to enjoy a game of basketball and root for our student athletes! Next home game is Friday Feb 4th at 8pm vs Navarro.

We are still looking for our community member representative for our CAC! Please contact raul.rivera@austinisd. org if you are interested in shaping the future of Northeast ECHS.

The programs at Northeast ECHS open the doors to many different career pathways. The Health Science pathway leads to a certification as a PCT patient care tech, where students take helpful classes such as Medical Terminology. WanttomentorastudentatNortheastoranotherAISD school? If you want to be an extra supportive adult in a teenager's life, if you have a career that you want to encourage high schoolers to consider or if you speak Spanish, we'd love to have you!

To register go to https://austinpartners.org/volunteer/ and either select "I prefer to register without making a donation" or if you would like to donate to APIE, follow the prompts available. Select that you want to mentor at Northeast ECHS. Once you've completed training and background check, we will match you with one of our students to mentor.

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2022 Million Dollar Expectations

I've discussed with a few neighbors that WP hasn't had a \$1Mil closing yet... 'Yet' being the opperative word. The highest recorded closing in the MLS for WP has been \$963,470 and we currently have a \$949,777 listing that's under contract, so we'll see what it closes at. For better or worse, I feel confident that by this time next year we'll have broken that million dollar barrier. Austin saw a slight slow down this fall, but spring has already started picking up. All indications are that the Austin market will continue to rise. We still have many companies expanding and people moving here. Rising interest rates may help curb the growth a little, as buyer's buying power decreses with higher rates, but 3-5% is still considered historically low.



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- 2. Live stream from our website (http://www. windsorpark.info/) available during the meeting

Library Update, Windsor Park Branch

Since the City's back in Stage 5 for Covid, the library is back to all virtual programs and will continue our limited hours.

Story time every Monday @ 10:30am (Online/5 yrs & under): Head to the Eventbrite site (https://www.eventbrite.com/e/virtual-all-ages-storytime-tickets-227219608967) to register and request an invite.

The Windsor Park Seed library continues! Come pick up some seed to grow and then bring back seeds to share with the community after your harvest. Seed library near the front doors inside the entryway.

The Windsor Park Branch is open Mon/Tues Noon-8pm & Weds/Thurs/Fri 10am-6pm.

Information about APL's virtual events can still be found on the Library's events calendar: http://library.austintexas.gov/events

The **Windsor Park Book Club** meets over Zoom the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7-8:30 p.m. If you're interested, contact Allen Michie at allenmichie@gmail.com.

Austin Police Department District Representative for Windsor Park

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