



WINDOW on WINDSOR

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Next Neighborhood Association Meeting

Saturday, Feb
11th, 10am

Meeting at Gym
of MUMC 6100
Berkman Drive
and

STREAMING
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Join early to
visit!

We look forward
to seeing you at
the meeting and at
the neighborhood
events!

Got something for
the newsletter?
Get it in by the 15th
to newsletter@
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President's Message

Jeanette Swenson, Acting WPNA President

As the 2023 Acting President, I want first to thank Cesar Benavides for his commitment to WPNA for the ten years I've known and worked with him through WPNA. He has advocated for development of new parkland and served on the Master Plan Committee to design Pomerleau Park; He's served on AISD Facilities Committees, regularly supported our neighborhood. He served as Vice President in 2021 and I was thrilled that he agreed to serve as our 2023 President. However, because of family and work conflicts, Cesar has had to step down as President; I'm confident that his commitment to Windsor Park will continue.

Until the Nominating Committee finds a President and/or Vice President, I'm excited to serve Windsor Park into its 41st year as an active, engaged neighborhood association. I'm confident that we have the resources in our neighborhood to continue to build the community we hope will meet the challenges facing the neighborhood. I believe that our best chance to effect change is involvement in our local neighborhood.

With that in mind, Windsor Park Neighborhood Association has leadership positions open. Please think about where you might contribute to our neighborhood. WPNA has critical vacancies: Secretary, Vice President and/or President. The Secretary records and publishes minutes of WPNA meetings. It's our historical record! The President and Vice President work to connect us to the community at large. Committees are also shorthanded: Schools, Transportation, Nominating, and Parks Committees. Our Safety Committee has been inactive for several years. So, if you want your voice heard, join a committee and or WPNA leadership. Contact me: President@windsorpark.info or Past President Jackie Brooks who is searching for volunteers. Jackie@windsorpark.info.

The City of Austin Transportation Department's presentation at the January 14, 2023 meeting was the best attended meeting since pre-pandemic. There was not enough time for them to respond to all of our questions that reflected the traffic frustration that we experience daily Windsor Park. And, it is only beginning. As of late December, Rodney Ahart of the WP Contact team identified ten neighborhood changing projects in various stages of development. As you see from the addresses, all of Windsor Park will be directly affected during the construction process and after: Windsor Park Towers, 6007 N IH-35; High Grove, 5900 Cameron Rd.; Clayton Lane Residences, 1120 and 1124 Clayton Lane; The Acre at Berkman, 6203 Berkman; Windsor Village, 5811 Westminster Dr.; Wheless Townhomes, 1510 Wheless Ave.; The Lancaster, 5111 Lancaster Ct.; and E. 51st and Cameron. And, I'm sure more are to come - like the expansion of I-35. How do we respond effectively to the fact that we are losing neighborhood services, losing irreplaceable open space, and experiencing increased traffic in and through our neighborhood? How do we make sure that the Street Impact fees that are collected for each project are disbursed in Windsor Park? How do we make sure that transportation means more than automobile traffic? We need transportation to mean "safer mobility for pedestrians, cyclists, and buses" as well.

One final note, the January 2023 meeting was our last hybrid meeting. WPNA is exploring ways to record the meetings and make them available to you. I look forward to hearing from you. Concerns, solutions, volunteer?

**WPNA SCHOLARSHIP now
open for applications:
[www.windsorpark.info/
scholarship](http://www.windsorpark.info/scholarship)**

CLIMATE CORNER February 2023 - Geothermal Can Work in Texas

Martin Luecke

Geothermal is a renewable energy source used to heat and cool buildings, supply hot water to your house, and create energy for the electric grid with zero CO₂ going into the atmosphere. This energy source runs 24/7/365, is synergistic with solar and wind power generation, and eliminates lost heat from outdoor HVAC equipment. You will find it available directly under your feet, anywhere on earth.

This technology requires drilling deep underground and circulating water through pipes to be used in multiple applications, from heat pumps to steam turbines creating electricity for the entire grid. This installation will require the skills and technology currently used by the oil and gas industry.

Considering that more than half of our global CO₂ is created by heating and cooling buildings and houses, the WPNA Climate Committee believes geothermal is the linchpin answer to replacing fossil fuels in Texas and around the world, will protect our electric grid from failure due to weather calamity, will dramatically reduce the cost of electricity, and create lots of jobs.

On our next Climate Conversation program, we will bring you a detailed explanation of the system with panelists working in the industry. Scheduled to appear is Geothermal Engineer Kevin Kitz from Boise, Idaho; Dawn Johnston, Principal Director of Clearwater Reserves of Tyler, Texas; and Professor Maria Richards, Southern Methodist University Geothermal Lab Coordinator.



Watch our program live on our **YouTube channel Windsor Park Climate Conversation, Wednesday February 8 at 7pm.** If you join us during the live broadcast, you will have the opportunity to ask questions of our panel.

After the broadcast, you can watch the program at any time on our YouTube Channel where you can find all of our previous shows available 24/7 - just go to YouTube.com and search for "windsor park climate conversation".

Schools Updates:

Sadler Means YWLA

Dr. Rosalind Oliphant, Community Partnerships

Sadler Means YWLA took part in the annual MLK Day celebrations to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Leading up to the march, students discussed Dr. King's work and the many brave people who worked for civil rights, including our namesake, Mrs. Bertha Sadler Means.

Thanks to the East Austin Coalition for Quality Education, Sadler Means young scholars will kick off Black History Month attending a special lecture from author and activist, Professor Angela Davis. We have a full month of activities studying the accomplishments and contributions of African Americans.

Next month, Sadler Means is hosting a Big Art Day for students and parents. The Texas Art Education Association established the event to raise awareness of art education and art as a creative force in our communities. Our art teacher, Ms. Rank needs shoe boxes for the planned project. If you can donate, please email Linda.Rank@austinisd.org to arrange a drop off time.

Gus Garcia YMLA

Dr. Rosalind Oliphant, Community Partnerships

Garcia students participated in Generation Citizen's Texas Civic Day at the Carver Museum. Generation Citizen empowers young people to become engaged and effective citizens. Garcia took home the Grassroots Change Award for compellingly articulating why their focus issue matters to the community. Way to go, Dragons!

Garcia AVID students enjoyed a recent visit to Baylor University for a "Future Bears Day" basketball game. Students saw the beautiful campus, met with college students, and received admissions information. Through activities like this and others, Garcia is committed to college and career readiness and success.

To learn more about programs at Garcia or enroll for the upcoming school year, please call the office at 512-841-9400. You can also contact the front office to learn how you can join Mr. Mejia's Principal Chats. The next principal's chat is February 23, at 9am.

Yard of the Month - 5209 Robinsdale Lane*Sara Jane Lee*

The winners for February are Will and CoCo Robertson of 5209 Robinsdale Lane. They have lived there since 2017. They inherited a Ligustrum which provides shade and three Palm Trees, one of which may be the tallest palm tree in Windsor Park. Right after they moved in, they got help designing their yard and putting in a walkway.

Since Will had grown up in the Hill Country, he wanted cacti and other drought tolerant plants for the front yard. These include Prickly Pear Cactus, Hedgehog Cactus, and a Yucca. Will has transplanted these and some boulders from his family home. They also have Whale's Tongue Agave to replace the Blue Agave that cratered after the 2021 freeze. Along the side of their yard, they have Sandankwa Viburnum. By the house they have Knockout Roses. In their yard they also have Lantana, Foxtail Ferns, and Gulf Muhly Grass.

They advise visiting local nurseries and asking questions; the employees there are experts in the local soils and water conditions. Start small and add a plant or two every year. The Robertsons will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate from Shoal Creek Nursery. While you are there be sure to greet Chicago.

Please send us nominations for Yard of the Month. If you like a certain yard, or more than one, tell us. 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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2023 WPNA SCHOLARSHIP IS NOW OPEN - APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 31, 2023

The \$1,000 scholarship is open to high school seniors planning to attend college (2 or 4 year college) in the 2023-23 school year that are:

- Living in Windsor Park attending any AISD school
- Attending Windsor Park AISD high schools (Northeast and LBJ) and residing outside of the Windsor Park boundaries.

Applicants must be planning to attend a 2-year or 4-year college in the 2023-2024 school year.

To apply through the above link:

1. Read through the [Application Guidelines](#) on the website
2. Gather required information BEFORE you start the application
3. When you have the required information, complete the application
4. Complete and submit the online application by March 31, 2023

For the past eight years, Windsor Park residents have generously and enthusiastically supported our neighborhood scholars and high schools. As WPNA kicks off its ninth year of funding scholarships, please consider donating to the WPNA Scholarship Fund today. You make the scholarships possible. Thank you!

Please share the scholarship information and encourage neighborhood seniors to apply!

To apply online for a \$1,000 WPNA SCHOLARSHIP, go to:

www.windsorpark.info/scholarship

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 (December 2022)

OF HOMES SOLD IN **9**
 (December 2022)

AVG SQ FT OF HOMES SOLD **1,706**

AVG DAYS ON MKT OF SOLDS **29**

ACTIVE LISTINGS ON MARKET **13***

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Windsor Park December 2022 Market Report



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\$380.52
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29
 DAYS

MEDIAN DAYS
 ON MARKET



9
 NUMBER OF
 HOMES SOLD



\$1,210,000
 MOST
 EXPENSIVE
 HOME SOLD



\$360,000
 LEAST EXPENSIVE
 HOME SOLD

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

Spring Uptick

We were expecting a little bit of an uptick this Spring and we've started to see it. Interest rates are settling (higher than we'd like, but they've been trending down for 3 months) and buyers are starting to come back in the market. My latest Windsor Park listing had 5 offers within 2 days. We're still seeing a number of price decreases, but when something is priced and marketed properly, people are jumping on it. I spoke to a builder I know the other day and they wrote 9 contracts the prior week. It's not gangbusters like it has been the last few years (probably for the best), but it's definitely leveling out.