



# WINDOW on WINDSOR

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## Next Neighborhood Association Meeting

**Saturday, Mar.  
9th at 10am.**

**at Memorial  
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front of the church  
by the Sanctuary**

## March Meeting Focus:

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## KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR - ENRICH YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

*By Dan Strub, WPNA President*

We all want to like our neighborhood. But have you given thought to what makes a neighborhood? At the very root is neighbors. Those folks living next door to you, across the street, behind you. These are the people who make up your immediate community. Do you know them?

There are many reasons to get to know your neighbors – keeping an eye out for the unusual, pet sit on short notice, work through dealing with downed trees or barking dogs. Having someone who can help you move a heavy piece of furniture or borrow a cup of sugar from. Someone who can bring in your trash cans when you are out of town, or remind you to put yours out on the right day. You might even make some friends along the way. Someone to share gardening tips with over the back fence, or invite over for a dinner party. As you know the people around you, you feel more a part of the neighborhood, of living among people who you share things in common with instead of anonymous strangers. It builds trust, inclusion, and cooperation. It builds a neighborhood.

Meeting your neighbors is not always easy. At times, particularly if you live by rental properties, keeping up with your neighbors can be challenging. I like to bring newcomers a six pack of beer and a plate of cookies. Or if the timing works, offer to lend a hand when the moving truck appears. But it is not always easy, and there are other demands on our time. But I have never regretted reaching out to my neighbors.

Now the WPNA is working to give you another reason to reach out to your neighbors. The **Know Your Neighbor Membership Drive** will give you an excuse to knock on your neighbors' doors, introduce yourself, and in so doing, earn a chance to win free groceries from the HEB. Or even more valuable, you might make some new friends. At the same time, you will be making our neighborhood association stronger. Memberships boost our voices when we ask for parks improvements or better bus service, and allow the neighborhood association to fund clean ups, park projects, and this newsletter. See our article about the contest in this newsletter for the rules. Take this opportunity to get to know your neighbors, get their phone numbers, meet their kids and their pets, and help build the neighborhood association. Scan below & see page 2.

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**KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR** campaign



## Join in on the **KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR** campaign

We all have neighbors, right? What if you could get a free week's groceries at HEB Mueller for knowing your neighbors? YOU CAN! For every neighbor you get to join the WPNA, you get a chance at prizes and so do they! So get out there and meet your neighbor and invite them to join the WPNA!

How to win:

- For every neighbor you get to sign up to be a 2019 WPNA member, you and the new member get a raffle ticket and an opportunity to win one of the (2) HEB \$50 gift cards
- The person that registers the most WPNA members, wins the grand prize - a \$100 HEB gift card.

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  - Check mailed in to (WPNA, P.O. Box 16183, Austin, TX 78761)
  - Check brought in person to the March or April WPNA monthly meeting (<http://www.windsorpark.info/>)

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## MOD PIZZA FUNDRAISER & WPNA SCHOLARSHIP

*Emily Vitris, WPNA Secretary*

The Schools Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the MOD Pizza fundraiser on February 13. We raised \$661.58 toward scholarships for senior students at Reagan, LBJ and LASA!

Please encourage any neighborhood students who are in the 12th grade at these schools to apply for the WPNA scholarship! The deadline to apply is March 29. The link to the application can be found at [www.windsorpark.info/scholarship](http://www.windsorpark.info/scholarship).



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## Meet Your Neighbor - Refugee Services of Texas

*Martin Luecke*

I recently attended the volunteer training meeting of the Refugee Services of Texas (RST) office on St. John's Avenue. Attending was at the suggestion of Stacy Saucedo, the resettlement case manager for our Congolese refugee family. Volunteer Coordinator Megan Wright was orienting a crowd of predominantly white, middle class Austinites who mostly have no experience with the subject.

I felt like a unicorn in there, having spent the past two months working closely with the Joas and Jaqueline family getting them set up on Linda Lane, thanks to the generosity of Windsor Park residents. The family is adjusting well and working on language acquisition. They are no longer in need of household items or clothes. Four of the boys are attending local schools, and all playing soccer for those schools. Other big news: Joas has gotten a job! This is a very important first step into independence. If Jacqueline and Eliza can get employment soon it will completely change their situation. Their RST services have ended and their case is officially closed. At this point I am paying for some of their utilities and bus passes, which amounts to \$250 a month. I am accepting donations at my Paypal account which is attached to my email below.

RST is a non-profit organization in charge of the refugee acceptance program for Texas. The State of Texas refugee program was closed by the Governor's Office back in 2016. 90% of RST's operating budget comes from the Federal Government. Last year they brought 250 refugees to Austin, their largest office in Texas; most come from the UN Refugee program. RST has small offices in Houston and Dallas and a surprisingly good program in Amarillo.

In the training, Megan has a lot of ground to cover, and I realize, as she counts off all the rules of engagement for volunteers, that I have broken many of them. Apparently, it is very unusual to adopt a refugee family without being asked! Thanks to the support of you, dear readers, Windsor Park has broken the mold upon which most resettlement cases are formed.

The standard operating procedure for volunteers goes like this: First you attend the training session, then comes the background check, followed by acceptance into the program, whereupon you volunteer online for different "missions", which are mostly transportation to and from various appointments for vaccinations, social security cards, medical clinics, and learning the bus system. The

last one is actually extremely important, and Megan wishes out loud for at least one volunteer a week who knows the dark arts of Cap Metro. A hand goes up nearby and a young woman says "I got you on that." It is a welcome offer.

Megan reviews the typical refugee journey, which starts with fleeing their country of origin, usually into a neighboring country, and then applying for asylum with the US State Department, where background checks are conducted, and then finally acceptance into the United States. The process takes on average 9 years to complete. "All of the refugees want to live in their home countries" Megan says matter-of-factly. "They don't choose to leave. They are forced out by circumstance." Most refugees are fleeing war, but some refugees are victims of sex and labor trafficking. (There is a separate training program for volunteers to participate in Survivors of Trafficking Empowerment Program (STEP)).

RST resettlement program provides the following: rent for 3 months; groceries for the first 2 weeks; furniture; help with social security cards and SNAP food cards; help to enroll children in school; employment program to build resumes, practice interviews and find jobs; medical case management which includes health clinic visits and vaccination appointments; and social adjustment services. With their limited budget RST is dependent upon volunteers to make everything work.

Can you help? I hope that Windsor Park can put together a Welcome Team of 12 people to host a refugee family for 6 months. The team helps find a place to live, puts together all the furniture and household items, loads the house with groceries and then meets the family at the airport and takes them to their new home with dinner waiting. All of this is coordinated with Megan and RST. The first step is to attend the Volunteer Training Program, which will be Tuesday April 16 from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Contact Megan to sign up: [mwright@rstx.org](mailto:mwright@rstx.org). Tell her you want to be on the Windsor Park Welcome Team.

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## **Business Profile: Windsor Park Yoga** **windsorparkyoga.com**

*Mohan Rao, Revitalization Committee*

Katherine Tanney's yoga studio on Broadmoor Dr holds seemingly contradictory qualities: it feels spacious yet warm and the décor is Zen-minimalist yet welcoming. During our interview the winter sun streamed into the studio and the entire space was aglow. Katherine moved into Windsor Park in 2006 and has been offering yoga classes in our neighborhood since June 2017. Many of her clients live in our part of town and appreciate not having to commute across Austin to learn and practice yoga.



Before moving to Austin, Katherine lived in Los Angeles where she worked as an assistant film editor before obtaining a masters degree in Creative Writing. In Austin, while developing her own writing projects, Katherine worked as a proofreader and freelance writer. The Great Recession of 2008 forced Katherine to seek a new profession and in 2012, with an associate's degree in physical therapy in her pocket, she joined St. David's Hospital as a licensed Physical Therapist Assistant.

Through the move from Los Angeles to Austin and through the changes in career, yoga has been a constant in Katherine's adult life. At 25, Katherine decided to check out a yoga class because "yoga just sounded cool." She took an immediate liking to the discipline. After the very first class she noticed better posture, increased self-confidence and overall improved outlook in life. After decades of yoga practice, Katherine felt confident that she could help others by teaching yoga and became a certified yoga instructor in 2016.

One of Katherine's frustrations is yoga magazine covers. The magazines quite often depict yogis as young, hyper-supple and extremely fit. In her mind, none of those qualities are necessary to practice and benefit from yoga. From the beginning, Katherine has set out to teach adults of all backgrounds, ages, sizes and conditions. Her clients are typically in their 40s to 70s, though she recently taught a thirteen year old. What keeps Katherine going is the feedback and encouragement from her clients. One favorite quote: "...All my senses were comfortable. Visual, olfactory, auditory... and [Katherine] herself feels like she is very nurturing. The class was good for our level, very well explained, logical and organized." That would keep me going!

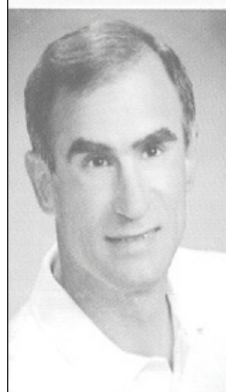
Currently, Katherine's hospital job as a Physical Therapist Assistant provides her work she greatly enjoys and it gives her the financial stability to pursue her other passion for teaching yoga. Eventually, in her "retirement," she would like to open a stand-alone yoga studio with other teachers and reach a larger audience. But Katherine is well-

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## PARKS

*Jeanette Swenson*

### POMERLEAU - 1906 Patton Lane

For It's My Park Day on March 2, Jordan Shade has organized a "day of park service and fun...for us to come together as a community..." Elizabeth Kubala designed and implemented Pomerleau's first installation art project for the fence (see picture). Malena Pomerleau-Peterson commented that she had built the fence around the park initially and that her mother, Afton Pomerleau, still lives close to Pomerleau and is an avid knitter. A perfect blend of honoring the past, creating the community, and moving Pomerleau into the future.



Watch for announcements on the Windsor Park Listserv or Facebook page for opening of Pomerleau for bluebonnet family photos – it looks like there will be a great crop this year!



Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) has Pomerleau Master Plan on its website: [www.austintexas.gov](http://www.austintexas.gov). **Please review the summaries of meetings 1 and 2, look at the two draft options for park development, and provide input to the Design Committee.** Thank you for the many thoughtful comments and suggestions. The 3rd and final public input meeting for the Pomerleau Master Plan will be held in late March or early April. We will get the word out when we have a final date.

### BARTHOLOMEW

**Organized youth soccer is in Windsor Park!** Delwood Sport Complex (formerly Delwood Optimists, <https://delwoodsports.org>) offers a program for 6-8 year olds in the field behind the ballfields. Coach Juan Benitez holds team practices on Tues. & Thurs. evenings; games will be on Saturday mornings. A program for 4-5 year olds will start in early March. PARD will fence the soccer field beginning in mid-March and are exploring options for adding bleachers.

Delwood has the fields looking terrific; Manor ISD is a new partner who provided the new fencing and batting cages. According to Brandon Kraft, "While our primary focus is character and athletic development of our local youth, we would love to be a community hub and would love for our neighbors to feel welcome to come watch a game or even help out. **We could definitely use more coaches....**Soccer is a real need now and baseball could benefit from folks willing to lead a team in coming seasons."

All fields are locked and open only for practices and games in order to have a decent, clean playing surface for games. Problems for fields continue to be: 1) Playing on wet fields; 2) Playing on fields during and right after maintenance work; 3) Dogs and their "leavings"; and 4) People on field who refuse to leave when asked.

To celebrate Delwood's commitment to soccer and youth sports, come to **Opening Day, Saturday, March 23rd at 10:30 AM**. Reagan HS ROTC will present colors and Mayor Adler will be on hand to throw out the first pitch.

On **Saturday, March 2** for It's My Park Day, Jennifer Murray-Chavez will lead Beautifying Bartholomew. Stop by and appreciate their work in the splashpad area. Thanks to Mermaids for Clean Water who will be cleaning up the creek - an ongoing two year project for the Mermaids. Waterloo Disc Golf will have a mulching project around some of the course trees and around tee boxes and baskets. Thank you to project organizers and all of the volunteers working to maintain and improve Bartholomew Park.

## Blanton Elementary

*Karon Smutzer, BASE Site Director/Coordinator*

We started February with a wonderful Winter Fest; the remainder of the month was busy with learning and other activities. Our weather kept us up and down during February; everyone is looking forward to March with spring right around the corner.

- March 8: Coffee with the Principal, 8:30 a.m.
- March 10: Daylight Savings Time Begins (Clocks forward 1 hour)
- March 18-22: Spring Break (no school or after school)
- March 25: Classes and after school program resumes
- March 27: CATCH/SEL Night, 5:00 p.m.
- March 30: BASE Parent's Night Out, 7:00-10:00 p.m. (fee charged)
- March 30: Parent's Party, 8:00 p.m.

We invite the community to become a part of the events at Blanton Elementary, please check our calendar monthly for the different activities.

The Blanton After School Enrichment program (BASE) will continue to enroll students: in February we started the contract renewal process of enrolling students for the next school year. BASE is the first self-sustaining after school program to develop in Austin as a result of being part of a 21<sup>st</sup> Century grant. For more information about BASE or Blanton Elementary please feel free to contact Ms. Karon, [baseblantonpta@gmail.com](mailto:baseblantonpta@gmail.com)

## Harris Elementary

*Principal Monica Martinez and Daniela Garcia, School Counselor*

We had a great Lunar New Year celebration. The Texas Dragon/Lion Dance team Company came and danced into the hearts of all our Bulldogs! The performers did the traditional Lunar New Year dance and answered many questions from the Bulldog audience.

Another great happening this semester is the creation of our Peace Path by our Gifted & Talented scholars. Our GT scholars' Problem Based Learning activity is in its early stages. These scholars chose the Peace Path to both solve the problem of a muddy path between the



buildings and to have a quiet space to reflect on their behavior. We are extremely proud of this group who not only identified a space in their school for needed improvement but drew out plans that would incorporate all of the student body, where all students will decorate a path marker and assist in painting of the mural on the outside walls. We invite the community to come visit our Peace Path when complete!

Another sign of spring is School Registration. Registration for the 2019-2020 school year is now open! We are open to transfers and at this time have seats in PreKinder 3, PreKinder 4 and Our Dual Language Two-Way programs! Please contact Ms. Ivette Medina at 512-414-4639 or [ivette.medina@austinisd.org](mailto:ivette.medina@austinisd.org) for more information!

## Winn Elementary

*Tammara Harrington, PTA President*

March Calendar items for Winn:

- 3/18/19 - 3/22/19 Spring Break
- 3/21/2019 Campus Advisory Council -- 5p- 6p in the school library
- 3/30/19 - Community Fair
  - 10a - setup
  - 11a - 1p - Free Admission

## Reagan Early College High School

*Julia Remington, LCSW Bilingual Social Services Specialist*

- March 2 at 9am- Girls soccer game at Nelson field
- March 9 at 730 am- Attendance Orientation. Please plan to attend with your student if your student needs to recuperate missed hours.
- March 9, 9am to noon- Saturday school. Students who need to make up hours can attend to get help with class assignments.
- March 12- 9am- Coffee with the Principal in the conference room.
- March 18-22- Spring break. Enjoy!

Did you know that ACE: Afterschool Centers on Education is part of the Reagan team? Denise Febo is the site coordinator and has been doing an excellent job of creating meaningful and instructive programs for students and parents. In December, ACE hosted a 'Wrap Party' that involved providing gifts to students so they could wrap them and give them to younger siblings for the holidays. Also, as part of the program English as a second language classes have begun for parents. If you would like to learn more about how you or your child can be a part of ACE please contact Ms. Febo at 512-841-2663 or stop by room 211.

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## WPNA NEIGHBORHOOD WANTS AND NEEDS SURVEY – in English and Spanish

*Jackie Brooks*

The Revitalization Committee has updated the Wants/Needs Survey to include a Spanish Translation for our Spanish Speaking Neighbors! Survey Link: <https://goo.gl/forms/JgCRC3V9ZvSCyBqG2>

Or hover over the QR code with your camera to access the survey with your mobile device:

The survey will continue to run through March so we can try to reach as many folks as possible.

We want everyone to have an opportunity to share their feedback, and are working to eliminate as many barriers as possible. One of those barriers is knowing the survey exists - can you help us spread the word? Here are a few ways you can help:



- 1) Share our posts on social media (especially to other groups that are active in the neighborhood)
- 2) Share with organizations you are part of in the neighborhood (churches, schools, businesses) - would they be willing to share a link to the survey with their community? Or hang / post a flyer? As a resource, we have created a flyer you can print and post on a community board with information about the survey and how to access it (email [jack-ie@windsorpark.info](mailto:jack-ie@windsorpark.info) for a digital copy you can print).

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## WINDSOR PARK BOOK CLUB

Barbara Haefeli

Are you looking for a book club that meets near your home, and one where you don't have to entertain, but just show up? If so, the Windsor Park Book Club may be perfect for you! We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 7 – 8:30 p.m. in the Windsor Park Library Meeting Room. Learn more at the WP website [www.windsorpark.info](http://www.windsorpark.info)

- On March 12<sup>th</sup>, we will discuss Meg, Jo, Beth, Amy: the Story of Little Women, by Anne Boyd Rioux. It is a non-fiction, 150th anniversary tribute which describes the cultural significance of Louisa May Alcott's classic and how it is relevant today.
- Our April book club reading is God Save Texas: A Journey into the Soul of the Lone Star State, by the Austin resident Lawrence Wright, who illustrates in this book what makes Texas the place it is.
- The May book is Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI by David Gramm.

The Windsor Park Book Club is open to everyone. You don't even have to live in Windsor Park. If you haven't finished the book, that's okay. Also, you don't have to come to every meeting.

The format of the meeting is simple. There is a Discussion Leader who has volunteered to lead the discussion for the month. Sometimes we are even lucky enough to have the author join the discussion.

Please come join us - we welcome new participants! It's a great place to discuss the book, learn about new books, and meet others who enjoy reading. Hope to see you there!

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aware of the challenges in finding an appropriate space in the current real estate environment. She knows that this dream may take several years to come to fruition.

## Garden Guide – Spring is upon us

*William Glenn*

Now that spring is upon us, I'll bet that quite a few of you are eager to get out and plant some new plants in the garden! I thought I'd give some suggestions for great plants that we can use in Windsor Park. As I've discussed before, we have some of the best soil in Austin, so we ought to take advantage!

Want some privacy or a windbreak? Check out the 'Mirror-Leaf' Viburnum. This is a big evergreen shrub with glossy, 8-inch-long leaves that look kind of like a Magnolia. It partial or dappled sun, they really thrive, and grow quickly without much effort. Keep it moist for its first summer, and give it room to spread to a mature height and width of 12 feet.

It can look really nice to have a row of plants along the edge of your house. A "skirt," if you will. Traditionally, "baby" boxwoods and hollies have been the plants of choice because of their diminutive size and mannerly growth habit. A new addition to this bunch is the lemony-yellow 'Sunshine' Ligustrum. It is easy to take care of, stays short, is amenable to close-shearing, and adds a dramatic color where traditional choices were relatively subdued. This is a sterile (non-invasive) variety. It grows quickly too!

If you'd like to help our local ecosystem thrive, think about popping in a few different native perennials that bloom throughout the growing season. This way, there is a bit to choose from when wild nectar and seeds become less abundant in the heat of summer. Great choices for these include all of the local milkweeds, mistflowers, native salvias such as "Mealy Blue" or "Henry Duelberg" and maybe try a "Pow-wow" or "Cheyenne Spirit" Echinacea. If you like hummingbirds, give a 'Flame' Acanthus or Pyramid Bush a try!

Local nurseries will be filled to the rafters with these kinds of plants, and they'll give you expert guidance for free. Be very sure that you're choosing plants that have not been treated with **Neonicotinoids**. These are systemic products that are translocated within the plant's tissue, and will kill insects that come into contact with the plant. They cause big problems

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## Mueller Update

*Rick Krivoniak*

The opening of Tilley Street at E. 51<sup>st</sup> Street has again been delayed, but is still expected to open by the end of March, and Zach Scott Street at Manor Road is expected to open in the second quarter of the year.

The Mueller Neighborhood Association is now producing a monthly newsletter, the *Front Porch Flyer*, which is available online at [www.muellerneighborhood.org](http://www.muellerneighborhood.org). The current issue features an interesting item on Rathgeber Village, the collection of non-profit organizations at 4800 Manor Road. This area is actually in the southwestern-most part of Windsor Park's boundaries, but imposed Mueller's design guidelines on itself in order to integrate seamlessly along their common boundary of Zach Scott Street.

Austin-based Swish Dental expected to open its sixth and seventh locations in late February. Swish Dental family is at 2604 Aldrich Street at the 51<sup>st</sup> Street corner of the Aldrich 51 ground floor, and Swish Dental Alamo is at 1911 Aldrich Street at the Cinema's street-level. Founder & owner Dr. Viraj Desai likens treatment at her practice to a "dental day spa."

KUTX will "Rock the Park" at Mueller Lake Park again this year with FREE, family-friendly concerts and Sunday-evening kids' show, "Spare the Rock, Spoil the Child." Grab a spot on the lawn (blankets are cool, but no chairs) and grab your dinner from a food truck. We'll have rock-and-roll face-painting for the kids (no charge, but tips are welcomed), and coloring for the kids

at the Mueller tent, additional activities from our sponsors, and cold beverages for the grown-ups. Face-painting starts at 6:15, Kids' Music at 6:45, adult rock at 7:30 on the following Sundays: March 1 (rain date March 22), April 5 (rain date April 12), and May 3 (rain date May 17). Parking is \$1/hour in the McBee Garage across from the Thinkery. Street spaces are also available around the park. Coolers, picnic blankets, and stadium cushions are okay. Chairs, glass containers or alcohol are not permitted.

It's sometimes hard to believe, but this May marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of aviation ceasing at Mueller. No events are currently planned to mark that milestone, but Catellus is planning on celebrating the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mueller's redevelopment groundbreaking. More information will be available as those plans come together.

The Mayor & City Council Members Harper-Madison, Renteria, Kitchen and Ellis are currently making appointments (and reappointments) to the City's boards and commissions. Windsor Park benefits by your service, so if you have any interest, submit an application to the City Clerk in person or online and inform City Council Members of your interest in serving. The Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission will next meet at 6PM on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 (one week early due to SXSW) at the Britton, Durst, Howard & Spence Building (Chestnut Community Center), 1183 Chestnut Avenue. To see RMMAPIAC agendas, minutes and other documents, visit [austintexas.gov/rmmapiac](http://austintexas.gov/rmmapiac)

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## Yard of the Month – March 2019

*Sara Jane Lee*

The March winners are Bob Knipe and Becca Lamdin-Abraham of 1503 Westmoor Drive. Both Bob and Becca helped build gardens at the schools where they worked as Health and Physical Education teachers. They also took what was then called the “Citizen Gardener” course at the Sustainable Food Center. If you wish to take the course, it is now called “Community Food Gardening.” When they bought the house Westmoor, they had to use the front yard because there was too much shade in the back yard.

Their favorite part is the garden, or as Bob calls it, the “Yarden.” That is because they can immerse themselves in it. That is easy to do, because it is most of the yard. The first thing you see in the yarden is Artichokes. There are two types, Elongated and Globe. They have over ten plants that they have propagated from two plants. They also have Red Beets, Peas, Broccoli, and three types of Peppers, Chile Pequins, Serranos and Jalapenos. Their herbs include Flat and Curly Leafed Parsley, Rosemary, Lavender, Greek and Italian Oregano and Cilantro. The Mexican Butterfly Weed or Tropical Milkweed has pretty blooms and feeds Monarch

Butterfly caterpillars.

When Bob and Becca moved in six years ago, they inherited a tree and some shrubs that provide some shade. They had a plan in mind all along and advise others to do the same. The garden has raised beds, Hugelkultur culture beds and wicking beds to capture and hold water. Bob, Becca, family, and friends did all the work themselves. Depending on the time of year, it takes Bob and Becca 1-2 to 6-8 hours a week to maintain the yarden.

Bob and Becca will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate from our sponsor, Shoal Creek Nursery. Please support them. When you shop there, tell them that you live in Windsor Park.

Do you like a certain yard, or yards, in the neighborhood? Tell us. Please nominate a neighbor’s or your own yard. Send your nomination(s) to WPNA YOMC, P.O. Box 16183, Austin, Texas 78761, call 512-928-0681, or e-mail [wpna.yom@gmail.com](mailto:wpna.yom@gmail.com).







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*Daniel Shane Wolfe, Windsor Park Library  
 Branch Manager*

### Windsor Park Branch

5833 Westminster Dr.

- Sat, March 2 – 2pm Family Matinee Movie “Ant Man and Wasp”
- Tues, March 12 – 7pm Windsor Park Book Club “Meg, Jo, Beth, Amy”
- Thurs, March 14 – 6pm Board With Books (come play board games)
- Sat, March 23 – 2pm Women’s History Month Movie “League of Their Own”
- Thurs, March 28 – 10:30am “Tiger Woman” puppet show

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