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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dan Strub

Next Neighborhood Association Meeting

**Saturday, Mar
14th at 10am.**

**at Memorial
United Method-
ist Church, room
off gym at back of
church**

Spring is just ahead, and that brings a couple of annual opportunities for the neighborhood to come together and celebrate. Planning has begun for the neighborhood block party, currently scheduled for Saturday April 18, and we are looking for volunteers to assist in everything from recruiting sponsors to building the stage to planning the music to arranging kid's games and activities to set up and clean up. The party has been fun for everyone, with music, food, vendors, and even a fire truck for the kids to explore. If you want to be part of making the party a success, contact Social Committee Chair Joe Marotta @ joe@windsorpark.info. In the meantime, put the party on your calendar for April 18. It is going to be fun.

Do you know any future college students who could use \$1,000? We are accepting applications for \$1,000 scholarships for neighborhood students who are going to start college in the fall. This will be the 6th year that the WPNA Schools Committee has come together to raise funds and do our part to support our future. If you know a senior who lives in our neighborhood and is graduating from an AISD high school, please encourage them to apply for the scholarship! The application is online at <http://www.windsorpark.info/scholarship> and must be submitted by March 31. The scholarships are awarded at a ceremony in May and the neighborhood is invited to come applaud these budding scholars.

Also, we are still accepting donations to the scholarship fund, in order to continue offering these scholarships to deserving residents of Windsor Park. To donate, please contact the Schools Committee Chair Emily Vitris at Emily@windsorpark.info.

Mar Meeting Focus:

**Preservation
Austin**

**Other
presenters
TBD**

**See FB or
Website for
details**

More about topics discussed at the February WPNA meeting

- CapMetro's long term vision plan - capmetro.org/projectconnect
- City of Austin Coyote Management Policy - <https://austintexas.gov/ coyotes>
- Request a yard audit by Austin Animal Services Wildlife Officer Sarah Whitson - Call 311
- An article about the proposed redevelopment of Windsor Village - <https://austin.towers.net/windsor-parks-first-shopping-center-looks-ready-to-grow-but-how/>

Windsor Park Library Book Club

Barbara Haefeli

The Windsor Park Library Book Club is in full swing for 2020! We have our reading list and have had a couple of lively discussions, the most recent on A Gentleman of Moscow by Amor Towles.

We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7 – 8:30 p.m. in the Windsor Park Library Meeting Room. The next Windsor Park Library Book Club meeting is Tuesday, March 10, 2020. The book for March is One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel Garcia Marquez. Our book for April is Paradise by Tony Morrison. We hope one or more of these appeal to you and you will come and join us – we would love to welcome you!

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

SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS - SEE PAGE 3

Blanton Elementary - Karon Smutzer

Students and staff are busy with studying, homework and more learning, and we have plenty of events in March, around Spring Break. For more information about Blanton Elementary or BASE please feel free to contact Ms. Karon, karonsmutzer@gmail.com

On Saturday, March 7th, 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Blanton Elementary is hosting their 1st annual Move-a-thon fundraiser and our Windsor Park community is invited to join the fun! Come cheer on the neighborhood children as they run/walk to raise money for their school. There will be plenty of off-track activities for free family fun. For more information or to volunteer - move@ptablanton.org

To donate - <http://bit.ly/pledge-blanton>

Harris Elementary - Laura Tomlinson, Librarian

Congratulations to our Teacher of the Year, Ms. Libby Dominguez, Harris' Physical Education teacher. Coach D is responsible for so many good events in addition to teaching in the gym. She leads an after-school running club, helps students participate in Marathon Kids, and coordinates CATCH Night and Field Day. This year Harris won a Mayor's Health and Fitness Award. We are very proud to have Ms. Dominguez leading us in our physical and health activities.

Sign-up for our Pre-K today! If you are a parent of a three or four-year-old, don't delay. Get a head start on your child's future. We offer Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4! Full day classes offered as well as Dual Language at Thomas G. Harris! We provide free breakfast in the classrooms and free lunch for all ages.



Northeast High School - Katherine Wallach, LMSW, Social Service Specialist

Save the date: April 25 - Unity Walk & Kids Fest

We are proud of all of our extraordinary students and the great things they are doing. As an Early College, many of our students have started their spring classes at ACC. We have 163 students taking 258 college classes this spring semester. If you're on the corner of Montopolis and Riverside, keep an eye out for a billboard designed by Northeast student, winner of the AISD billboard contest themed "Peace, Love and Art". Practicum students have begun their training hours at our partner facility and will develop the essential skills necessary as they prepare to become Certified Nurse Aides this Spring.

We had a few select musicians fortunate enough to experience playing with the Austin Symphony Orchestra at our school. Four Northeast band students received a superior Division 1 rating on their Class 1 Solos at UIL Region 18 Solo & Ensemble Competition. In addition, our band competed in the Underground Showdown Battle of the Bands and took home 1st place in the Medium Band category.



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Mueller Update

Rick Krivoniak

Now underway at Mueller's Mary Elizabeth Branch Park (2201 Aldrich Street, across from Kerby Lane Cafe) is an events pavilion that will also be a new & slightly larger home for Mueller's farmer's market. Designed by The Lawrence Group architects, the pavilion will have three walls of floor-to-ceiling glass, huge ceiling fans & bi-folding overhead doors offering a covered yet open-air option in nice weather, and efficient HVAC for closed comfort in its 19,800+ square feet. There will also be concession facilities, two sets of unisex restrooms, and more power outlets for vendors. The location is more centrally accessible to Mueller residents, and will be served by Aldrich Street district parking garages. Weather permitting, construction is estimated to be completed by the end of the year.

The Browning Hangar, current home to the farmer's market, has always been intended for use in some other commercial capacity, yet to be determined. Most likely to come with the new use will be enclosure for all-year use, additional parking, restrooms, and possibly kitchen or catering facilities.

A Mueller fact worth noting: There is one tree for every four parking spaces in retail centers, helping to reduce the urban heat-island effect and increase walkability. Catellus will plant a minimum of 15,000 trees by build-out.

The Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission will next meet at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, March 10, 2019 at the Chestnut Community Center, 1183 Chestnut Avenue. For RMMAPIAC agendas, minutes, meeting recordings and other documents, visit austintexas.gov/rmmapiac

\$1,000 WPNA SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

For the 6th year, The Windsor Park Neighborhood Association Schools Committee has collected funds to offer AISD graduating seniors who live within the Windsor Park boundaries an opportunity to apply for an \$1000 scholarship for attending a 2- or 4-year college in the following year. **The 2020-2021 scholarships are offered to all Windsor Park seniors, graduating from any AISD high school. Preference will be given to Northeast, LBJ, and LASA seniors.**

Eligibility Requirements: A student must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Be an AISD senior who will be attending a 2- or 4-year college in 2020-21.
- Currently reside in the Windsor Park boundaries (map online)
- Have at least a 2.5 overall GPA or have demonstrated GPA growth over time.
- Be involved in community service – “community” can be family, neighborhood, school, or church related.

All eligible seniors should **apply by March 31, 2020.**

Applications should be submitted online at www.windsorpark.info/scholarship

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Austin Creative Reuse (ACR) – Welcome to the neighborhood

Elizabeth Kubala

By the time you read this, Austin Creative Reuse (ACR) will have moved into its new digs on Wheless Ln. Many Windsor Park residents have been long time supporters and enthusiastic shoppers at ACR. Now that it's in the neighborhood, many more will likely follow suit.

For those who don't know, ACR is a fun place for artists, crafters, and DIY-types to find inspiration and low-cost materials for creative projects. Not only that, much of the constantly changing, you-never-know-what-you'll-find inventory is collected from the waste streams of local businesses, thus diverting it from landfills. To date, ACR has helped to keep over 150,000 lbs. of materials out of landfills, putting it instead into the hands of happy customers and educators.

Founder Rebecca Stutch was inspired by reuse stores around the world, and, in particular, The Scrap Exchange in Raleigh where she lived before moving to Austin in 2009. In Austin, she recognized a community dedicated to both the arts and the environment and decided it would be a perfect place for a reuse store. She rounded up fellow conservation enthusiasts and started building relationships with businesses, government agencies, artists and educators. Long before the store opened its doors, volunteers were busy collecting and distributing materials to schools, helping the City of Austin find ways to reach its Zero Waste goals, raising awareness about conscious consumption and sustainability, and building up a mailing list of supporters.



In September of 2015 ACR finally realized its dream of opening a brick and mortar location at The Linc, near Highland Mall. Now after 4 1/2 years, ACR is ready to grow to the next level and is well positioned to reach toward its mission of **fostering conservation and reuse through creativity, education, and community building**.

With the much larger space in the new location, ACR will be able to expand its inventory and focus even more on the community building aspect of their vision. There will be a meeting space where organizations focused on conservation and reuse can meet. Classroom space will make it possible to offer more Art of Reuse and Art of Repair classes as well as more children's programming (a big priority right now). The fenced-in outdoor space will be used for community events, including the annual ZeroLandfill event where artists, art educators, and the general public can pick up free remnants and expired samples donated by architecture and design firms. ACR will be seeking ways to connect to and engage with the neighborhood. If you have ideas, you can send them in an email to info@austincreativereuse.org. In the meantime, here are some ways you can get involved:

- **Donate:** Of course, art and craft supplies are always welcome, but in addition Board President Carole LeClaire suggests that people think outside the box when it comes to making donations. You may not need those bottle caps and corks, but they might be just the thing for someone else's project. On ACR's website are lists of items they do and don't accept.
- **Volunteer:** "Open volunteers" show up for special events or organized volunteer activities. (Parents and children aged 10 and up can even volunteer together.) "Core Volunteers" receive an orientation training and a background check. Then ACR staff members help them to find a niche that suits their interest and personality. And if you catch the bug and want to do even more, you can look into joining a committee.
- **Stay informed and spread the word:** Join ACR on social media (Facebook, Instagram, email listserv) and let others know about the organization.
- **Shop** (of course). That one's easy. See you in the aisles.

Yard of the Month – March 2020

Sara Jane Lee

Send nominations to: wpna.yom@gmail.com or call 512-928-0681

The March winner is Ann Meredith of 5510 Exeter Drive. When we walked up to the door, she seemed a little suspicious of us. Telling her that we wanted her front yard to be the March Yard of the Month must have pleased her because she replied, “You made my day!” Ann has gotten ideas from her sister, friends, “Central Texas Gardener”, the Wildflower Center, and the Agrilife Extension Service. She is a member of Gardening 101 in Central Texas on Facebook and takes classes at the Natural Gardener. Ann recommends that the new gardener just jump in. The novice can find out much by taking free classes, talking to experts at nurseries, and talking to friends. It helps to keep a gardening journal.

She has a Sycamore and a Monterrey Oak as well as Mountain Laurels, Rose Bushes including Knockout and Old Blush. and a row of Yaupon Hollies by the retaining wall separating her property from her neighbor. A Daffodil was shyly blooming under a mountain laurel. Near her house, Ann has Skyflower, Bougainvillea, Mexican Honeysuckle, Aztec Grass, Esperanza, Star Jasmine, Plumbago, Oleander, and Elephant Ears. Many of her flowers are in her rain garden to the right of her sidewalk. They include Mexican Heather, pink and red Salvia Greggii, and other Salvias, Gregg’s Mistflower, Society Garlic, Rosemary, Cilantro, Celery, Peppers and Yarrow. A large rock diverts the rainwater.



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AVG SOLD PRICE/SQ FT (JAN 2020)	\$278.07
# OF HOMES SOLD IN (JAN 2020)	7
AVG SQ FT OF HOMES SOLD	1,407
AVG DAYS ON MKT OF SOLDS	16
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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR - C.C. Rowe

Martin Luecke

Our neighbor on Ridgemont since 2017, C.C. competes in duathlons for fun and has a dual career as a running coach and a sign language interpreter. But many folks in Windsor Park know her as the volunteer delivery runner for the Buy Nothing Windsor Park Facebook group. Having said that I have a lot to explain: a duathlon is a race where you run, then bike, then run. A sign language interpreter helps the deaf with doctors' appointments, legal issues, high tech meetings, etc. The Buy Nothing group is for anyone who wants to give away items they no longer need, and conversely, receive items they may want, for free. It's a neighborhood clearing house that eliminates the garage sale as your chief decluttering agent.

C.C. became a Buy Nothing member last year (anyone can sign up through Facebook) and discovered people are on this platform all the time and items are crisscrossing the neighborhood every day, which is something C.C. does as she trains for her next race. In the interest of giving herself plenty of mileage to run, C.C. began coordinating the movement of free stuff (that can fit into a backpack) from house to house across Windsor Park. She developed a delivery map of WP, with a course designed to go in a big circle with all the stops coordinated to get items from point A to point B and efficiently cover her 4 to 6 mile run. "I love getting to meet my neighbors doing the deliveries. Windsor Park is a place where neighbors really care about each other." Since her runs are often at 6am, she is usually making deliveries on front porches in her training gear before the sun comes up. "I know it looks strange, running up to random houses in the dark. I'm just waiting for someone to call the police!"

C.C. started competing in triathlons in 2004 (run-bike-swim). "I was a bike commuter at the time, and a swimmer in high school. I didn't train for the race. I crossed the finish line and said I'm doing this again!" From there she went big. "I run-walked my first marathon in 6 hours 42 minutes and decided to do it faster." Her next marathon clocked in at 5 hours 40 minutes. C.C. was officially bitten by the competition bug. In 2013 she won her first age group duathlon and took it to the next level, eventually making the USA Duathlon Team and competed at the world championship in Spain. "My goal was to not finish last!" She finished third from last.

2018 was a big year for C.C. because she competed in her first Iron Man race (2.4 mile swim - 112 mile bike - 26.2 mile run). "Iron Man is for seriously deranged people" she notes. Her time was 14 hours 55 minutes. She decided to try again. "I did the second Iron Man because I wanted the jacket" given to race participants. She finished in 13 hours seven minutes. C.C. ran the Austin Marathon in February because she needed a 26-mile training run in her routine of preparing for a 69 mile ultramarathon later this year called "Possum's Revenge" held at Possum Kingdom in North Texas. "I'm doing the race because I like the belt buckle" being given to the finishers.

Back in 1999 C.C. met some deaf people in a bar and was inspired to take a sign language class at ACC, which turned into an associate's degree and a career. "Austin has the largest deaf community in America" she says bluntly. There are a lot of people in government, technology and medicine who need translation services.



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Having lived in Hyde Park for almost two decades, C.C. decided to move to Windsor Park three years ago. "The first thing I noticed was the neighbors being so friendly and doing things together. Like the Women of Windsor Park group having lunch....I feel connected to my neighborhood. I love it!" So next time you see someone running up to your neighbor's porch at six in the morning, please don't call the police. It's just C.C. doing her part to replace Amazon.

Please contact me with story suggestions: mwluecke@hotmail.com 512.536.0465

CLIMATE CORNER – RISING OCEANS AND COMMUNITIES DISSAPPEARING

Martin Luecke

In the past four years a number of tiny islands in the Pacific have disappeared into a rising ocean. Most were uninhabited atolls. From the Maldives to the Marshall Islands and Christmas Island to Hawaii, as oceans rise, there will be massive displacement of inhabitants in this century. “The tipping point when potable groundwater on the majority of atoll islands will be unavailable is projected to be reached no later than the middle of the 21st century,” said Dr Curt Storlazzi, a researcher at the US Geological Survey (USGS).

The planet is already producing climate change refugees, mostly from drought (see: Syria), who are trickling into the cities from parched farm lands. But islanders have a unique problem: they are all threatened equally by rising oceans and the only option is move to a continent. This raises an even larger question: what are the human rights of those displaced by climate change?

Recently a native of Kiribati lost a New Zealand Supreme Court decision to allow him to immigrate on the basis of a right to survival from climate disaster. Kiribati is already drowning and is predicted to be the first inhabited island requiring evacuation from climate change. The NZ court said the man was not under imminent threat, and therefore was deported. Soon, water pollution will seep into his island, followed by disease. And it will be repeated throughout the century - the death knell of many a paradise.

Sea level rise ultimately threatens 1.5 billion people worldwide. Climate science is just now grasping the extent of sea rise based upon new evidence which shows temperature change at the poles is moving exponentially faster than predicted. The new numbers indicate a 20 foot sea rise by the end of the century. Say goodbye to South Florida, the Gulf Coast as we know it, New York City, LA, San Francisco, Boston, you name it.

And thus, dear reader, I ask what your rights are to life, if Austin becomes uninhabitable? These climate events may seem very far away, but not so for your grandchildren. I think Climate Change has become the greatest of human rights issues.

Our committee meets every first Sunday of the month at a different location - contact me for info if you would like to join: mwluecke@hotmail.com

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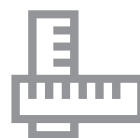


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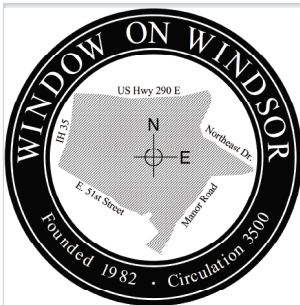
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Library Events

Windsor Park

- Mar 3rd Tues Voting Site
- Mar 4th Wed 6pm Resume and Job Search Help
- Mar 7th Sat 12pm Read Across America Storytime Party (games, crafts, snacks and more!)
- Mar 10th Tues 7pm Windsor Park Book Club "100 Years of Solitude"
- Mar 12th Thurs 6pm Board With Books (Come play board games!)
- Mar 25th Wed 6pm Craft Night (Women's History Month – Make Appreciation / Greeting Cards) & Resume and Job Search Help

University Hills

- Free Tax Preparation with AARP: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10am-1:30pm
- Mar 18, Wed 7:00pm. Audiobook Club: The Unhoneymooners
- Mar 19, Thurs 3:30-6:00pm. Seuss x Seuss West: Seuss Reuse. Create a variety of crafts from recycled materials.
- Mar 26, Thurs 6:00-8:00pm. Women's History Month: Women and Wikipedia edit-a-thon.

St. John's

- Mondays, 6:30-7:30pm: Yoga class.
- Wednesdays, 12:00-1:00pm and Thursdays 6:00pm-7:30pm: Bilingual Computer Basics
- Thursdays, 10:00-11:00am: iPad Basics for Seniors; 4:00-5:00pm: Chess for everyone;
- Mar 21, Sat, 12:00-2:00pm: Women's History Month: Wooden Signs; Vision Statements. Create a sign with the Cricut maker; supplies provided.