

# WINDOW on WINDSOR

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Vol XXXVIII No.04 Apr 2019	Resolutions – our neighborhood voice By Dan Stub, WPNA President			
Next Neighborhood Association Meeting	We have an unusual occurrence at the April WPNA meeting – we will be discussing and voting on two separate resolutions. I know, I know, the neighborhood association is taking a stance on things, big deal, who is going to listen? Actually, what we as a neighborhood say can have a big impact. Particularly when we are speaking to our elected officials.			
Saturday, April 13th at 10am.	The first resolution is on schools, and what we think AISD's priorities should be as it is faced with budget shortfalls. The resolution is an initiative and product of the Schools Committee. AISD has to make some major changes, and it has been recommended that it close down some of its schools. While closing some schools may be a foregone conclusion, which schools are closed, or even what criteria to			
at Memorial United Methodist Church	use to close those schools, has not been decided. Nor has the district decided what other steps it might take in order to cut costs. There are many facets to this problem, and many solutions. However, not all of those solutions will be right for our schools, our neighborhood, or the district as a whole.			
Block Party - same day from 1-5pm	The second resolution is on climate change. It is the product of the newly formed Climate Change Committee, the brainchild of Committee Chair Martin Luecke. Of the many issues out there that fight for our attention, climate change is the one that frightens me the most by far. We know that we are			
April Meeting Focus:	changing our climate, and the change will not be good. It could change how we live, how we move, what we eat, where we live. How life exists on this planet will be altered. We can choose to start taking action now, or wait as the damage gets worse and eventually irreparable.			
Two resolutions for WPNA to vote on & Bruce Elphant, Travis County Tax Assessor	So what can we, as a neighborhood, do about these issues? First we discuss them. We are a big neighborhood, with many viewpoints, and many ideas. The next step for these issues is to write up a resolution, a statement of our thoughts and feelings, to present to our elected representatives. That sounds small, but it can have large impacts. Our officials want to make decisions based on what their constituents are telling them. When we speak out, they pay attention. It is how we got the City to build Windsor Park Library, to change the design of the new pool at Bartholomew Park from an oversize wading pool to one that is deep enough to truly swim and even dive in, to persuade AISD to plan for the new school at Mueller to be a co-ed middle school with a diverse student body. From small starts, big things can result.			
	The proposed resolutions are included in this newsletter. Please read them, give them some thought, and come join the discussion.			
	Also, the Know Your Neighbor membership drive ends on Friday, April 12, so turn this opportunity to meet your neighbors into a chance for some free groceries. To enter, use the membership form to have your neighbors show that you referred them.			
Got something for the newsletter? Get it in by the 15th to newsletter@ windsorpark.info	If I don't see you at the April association meeting, I hope to see you at the block party. It will be, as they say, fun for the whole family.			
	Join in on the KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR campaign			

# Meet Your Neighbor - Josiah Wilbarger

Martin Luecke



Two years before the birth of the Nation of Texas, Josiah Pugh Wilbarger was shot and scalped by Comanche Indians near Tannehill Creek, on what is now Troublemaker Studios, home of filmmaker Robert Rodriguez, and technically, within the boundaries of Windsor Park at the corner of 51st and Old Manor Road. Wilbarger survived his scalping, and became a legend.

You can find this story written in granite at the corner of 51st and Berkman, at the edge of Bartholomew Park about 30 feet from the street in a not so userfriendly spot. The marker was commissioned in 1926 by family descendants, and adopted as an official state historical marker in 1936. It was apparently lost to the world for many years off Old Manor Road as the site was unattended and grown over with trees. It was moved to Bartholomew Park in the late 1980's. Josiah Wilbarger, teacher and surveyor, was like many Texians of that time and had migrated from the United States into what was then Mexico as a member of Austin's Colony. As a married man Wilbarger received title to a league of land (4,428 acres) north of Bastrop. In August 1833, Wilbarger was on a survey team of five men when Comanche attacked. Two of the men were killed, two escaped, and Wilbarger was badly wounded. The Comanche took three scalps.

According to legend, Wilbarger, shot twice by arrows, a bullet in the neck, and no scalp, crawled to the nearest creek, cleaned his wounds, realized that he was too weak from blood loss to make it to the nearest homestead, propped himself against a large tree, and for several hours lapsed in and out of consciousness. During the night Wilbarger's sister Margaret appeared to him in a dream and told him that friends would arrive. She had died the day before in Missouri.

At the nearby Hornsby homestead, Wilbarger had been reported dead by the survivors. That night Sarah Hornsby dreamed of a wounded man, leaning against a tree, bleeding, but alive. Sarah woke her husband Reuben and recounted the dream, to which he replied "go back to sleep." Sarah dreamed of Wilbarger again. She then "urged the men at the house to start to Wilbarger's relief." She described the tree and sent them out at daybreak. Wilbarger was found at the exact tree described from her dream.

Miraculously, Wilbarger survived his ordeal, but his scalp never fully healed, and a portion of his weakened skull always remained exposed. He died on April 11, 1845 after hitting his head on a low door frame. He was buried near his home, and in 1936 was reinterred at the Texas State Cemetery here in Austin.

The legend of Josiah Wilbarger eventually reached Hollywood, and in 1967 the syndicated television series 'Death Valley Days' produced an episode based upon the tale called 'The Man Who Wouldn't Die.'

Today there is a Wilbarger County of Texas, and a Wilbarger Creek in Travis County, named in honor of Josiah and his brother Mathias. The creek starts three miles north of Pflugerville and runs southeast 42 miles to the Colorado river, just north of Bastrop and right through the middle of the Wilbarger homestead.

This monument is the only one of its kind in WP. It has been overlooked for decades, even on a busy corner like 51st and Berkman. But soon it will have some company in the form of the new Windsor Park neighborhood sign a few yards away. Maybe then we will stop and appreciate what is ostensibly the first piece of history of our neighborhood.

#### Windsor Park Scholarship - UPDATED!

The Windsor Park NA has extended the deadline for wings restaurant, serving Halal Regular, and Spicy Fried application for Windsor Park neighborhood scholarships Chicken, nine unique wings flavors, and a variety of sides. to April 29, 2019.

Eligibility for the 2019 \$1,000 scholarship(s) is extended havenow chosen appointees to the Robert Mueller Municipal to all seniors graduating from an AISD school who reside Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission. Two in Windsor Park. Preference will be given to students members are new to the RMMAPIAC: City Council graduating from our neighborhood high schools: LBJ, Member District 8 Paige Ellis appointed Mueller resident RHS, and LASA.

WindsorPark.info/scholarship.

#### April 2019 Mueller Update

Rick Krivoniak

The popularity of Mueller businesses does sometimes make parking a challenge. Walking and biking are always encouraged, but if you're in a car, please heed parking signs. Meters for on-street parking are in effect Monday-Wednesday 10AM-8PM, and Thursday-Saturday 10AMmidnight. There is no charge on Sunday. Please note where Residential Parking Permits are in effect. RPP permit hours are in effect from 4PM-10PM Monday-Friday, and Saturday 8AM-5PM. Also note which parking garage serves the businesses you wish to visit. The Thinkery, adjacent "diamond building" (B.D. Riley's, Halcyon, etc.), and the Alamo Drafthouse & its street-level shops will validate for the Aldrich Street garage, with entries on McBee and Robert Browning. Kerby Lane Cafe is served by the Texas Mutual Insurance building's garage.

Tilley Street opened at E. 51st in mid-February. This is the last public street to be constructed on Mueller's perimeter, though Zach Scott Street at Manor Road, completed late last year, remains closed for the next few months until issues with overhead communications utilities are resolved. One additional curb-cut is shown on Mueller's illustrative plan; a parking garage and service alley opening onto E. 51st Street for the block also bounded by Barbara Jordan, Aldrich & Berkman. Counting existing driveways at the former general aviation hangars now used by the Austin Studios, there are currently thirteen access points to Mueller along E. 51st Street, and another eight along the remainder of Mueller's perimeter on Manor Road, Airport Boulevard and IH-35.

Located at 1200 Barbara Jordan Boulevard, Suite 340, the recently opened Halal Wings is the first of its kind in the

USA. Established by the owners of nearby Halal Corner, it's a unique Mediterranean-flavored fried chicken and

City Council Members elected or re-elected last November Rodrigo Lima, and CMD9 Kathie Tovo appointed French Place resident Christopher Jackson. CMD1 Natasha To apply and for more information, consult: www. Harper-Madison reappointed former CMD1 Houston's appointee & Hyde Park resident Troy Bodley. CMD3 Pio Renteria reappointed Carol Drennen, CMD5 Ann Kitchen reappointed Dave Neider, CMD7 Leslie Pool reappointed Corky Hilliard (all Mueller residents), and I was honored to be reappointed by Mayor Adler.

> The RMMAPIAC will next meet at 6PM on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 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



Iconic Bar serving Austin for 56 years with great bands & personable bartenders. See carousellounge.net for music lineup & hours



#### WPNA RESOLUTION: CLIMATE CHANGE AND GLOBAL WARMING RESOLUTION

Below is a proposed resolution that will come before the members of the Neighborhood Association to be voted on at the April 2019 meeting:

Whereas there is a deep concern for causes and effects of Climate Change through Global Warming, the Windsor Park Neighborhood Association (WPNA) urges governments, groups and individuals at all levels to take strong rapid action to reduce climate warming - "mitigate" global warming as recommended by the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change).

WPNA urges the Austin City Council, the State of Texas' governing and enforcement bodies, and the US government to enact policies strong enough to make these bodies global leaders in action to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius. We also urge all local, state, and federal utility agencies and energy providers to transition to renewable energy grids by 2030.

WPNA takes no political position regarding parties, groups, or individuals or politicians, but supports the policies currently being discussed under the label "Green New Deal", and urges the adoption of such policies, preferably through bipartisan legislation. We urge implementation of these policies on a rapid nonpartisan basis.

WPNA would like to support city and regional level efforts to reduce emissions and build resilient infrastructure including, but not limited to:

- Reform the land use code to slow the rate of growth of urban sprawl
- Reduce single-occupancy trips via radical improvement to public transit system ridership capacity and utilization
- Fully fund the Austin Bicycle & Sidewalk Master Plans
- Subsidize and incentivize electric-powered vehicle access
- Promote generous telecommute policies and universal high speed internet access
- Adopt a 2030 goal of 100% net-zero carbon emissions from city-controlled generation
- Mitigate and manage the long-term adverse health, economic, and other effects of pollution and climate change.

WPNA urges the Texas Legislature to pass legislation providing for:

- Study of additional controls on oil and gas facilities to reduce methane and other emissions, such as those in HB 225;
- Reduction of methane flaring and venting sufficient to protect the health of all Texans;
- Enact emission reduction steps such as those suggested in model legislation available from the Lone Star chapter of the Sierra Club.

WPNA applauds Congress for including numerous provisions in the 2018 Farm Bill that have positive effects regarding climate change, but seeks significant action from Congress, including:

- Prompt funding of studies to determine the most cost-efficient methods for the United States to achieve an electrical generation system by 2030 that is carbon neutral;
- Decisive legislation to ensure that by 2030, the United States shall achieve carbon neutral electricity generation for the nation as a whole;
- Ensure that greenhouse gases from CAFOs be measured and reduced;
- Reduce EQIP set asides for livestock operators to zero;
- Increase support for programs to make methane reduction by livestock operators as cost efficient as possible, for example by supporting research on this topic.

Furthermore, WPNA acknowledges that the effects of climate change will have a disproportionate impact on already vulnerable communities and individuals experiencing poverty and will further exacerbate income equalities.

WPNA will, until further notice, take the following neighborhood-level actions to mitigate global warming:

1. Urge residents of Windsor Park to take individual actions to reduce global warming;

2. Promote climate change mitigation efforts by highlighting climate actions of neighbors and local business, starting with a series of "Climate Corner" articles in the neighborhood newsletter

3. Invite all neighborhood stakeholders to develop community initiatives to reduce global warming.

#### Proposed Resolution to Austin ISD on Budget, Equity, and School Closures

#### WPNA Schools Committee

The Windsor Park Neighborhood Association believes the top priorities for Austin ISD in determining its budget redesign should be creating **accountability, transparency, equity, and stability.** In order to encourage AISD to make decisions to reflect these priorities, we are proposing a resolution, to be **voted on by our membership** at the April 2109 WPNA meeting.

- Whereas AISD has been subject to large recapture payments to the state and declining student population in the district, prompting its decision to plan school closures and consolidations;
- Whereas public school ratings are based on standardized tests that don't effectively capture the differences in abilities and needs of those schools' students and are often used when making decisions about schools' success and viability;
- Whereas schools in East Austin have received chronically inequitable support for their unique education needs;
- Whereas the Budget Stabilization Task Force was composed of community members from across AISD and created a list of recommendations for budget cuts and additional sources of revenue;
- Whereas AISD needs to be responsive to the wishes of its community members and honor the work of volunteers by being more transparent in implementing recommendations made by the Budget Stabilization Task Force;

**Therefore, be it resolved** that the Windsor Park Neighborhood Association supports the following recommendations related to the schools in East Austin:

- 1. The socio-economic and racial diversity of AISD add value to the education of all students. When making decisions about school closures, it is critically important to consider how to integrate students from diverse backgrounds.
- 2. All schools throughout the district must be considered for closure, not just schools serving low-income and marginalized students. Equity should be the first consideration in deciding which schools would be closed.
- 3. The district should create schools that are neither too large nor too small and should decide on school closures by looking at total capacity in addition to percent enrollment. Also consider:
  - a. The impact of portables on the total capacity, and the possible savings that could be attained by removing portables or using them for non-classroom uses.
  - b. The percent of students enrolled in schools who live in the zoned attendance area compared to student commuting from other schools.
  - c. Relocating departments from Central Administration to underutilized campuses.
- 4. AISD should set a formal goal of reducing staff turnover and implement programs to achieve this goal by addressing issues related to culture, work climate, satisfaction, benefits and compensation.
- 5. AISD should **not make** any cuts that directly affect classroom instruction (such as increasing student-teacher ratios or replacing teachers' planning periods with instructional time).
- 6. AISD must be accountable and transparent in the expenditure of money, particularly with respect to special programming by:
  - a. Providing reports on the use and efficiency of expenditures for professional development, travel, entertainment, etc.
  - b. Ensuring that all programs are accountable and strategically aligned. The District should adopt the District Management Group Academic Return on Investment (AROI) framework and establish Sunset provisions every few years for any new funding investments under a governance structure that clearly measures and monitors program results and performance.
  - c. Encouraging greater collaboration and communication amongst schools, so they can discover ways to support one another in programming and reduce
- 7. AISD should offer transportation to magnet students on a sliding scale and publicize this sliding scale.
- 8. Consider additional proposals that will generate income or save on expenditures, including:
  - a. Eliminating property tax exemptions for historic properties (which would save about \$1 million).
  - b. Generating additional revenue by increasing the availability of child care at campuses.
  - c. Reducing total utilities billed by implementing more efficiency measures (savings of about \$1 million).
  - d. Optimizing maintenance spending, by prioritizing the most expensive maintenance items across the district for removal or replacement.
  - e. Exploring partnerships with outside organizations, such as PARD or Austin Public Library, to share programming, facility use, and maintenance costs.

We are all working for strong schools, educated students, and enabled teachers. We appreciate AISD giving us the chance for input into decisions that will affect our children and our neighborhood for decades.

#### Week of the Young Child Gloria Neunaber

The week of April 8 – 13th is nationally known as the Week of the Young Child. The purpose of this week is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. Our youngest children need our support so that they can reach the stars!!

Families have a great resource with the National Association for the Education of Young Children's (AEYC) website. Check out http://www.naeyc.org/our-work/for-families

Texas AEYC will be encouraging preschools, licensed child care centers and homes with young children to celebrate the week with Music Monday, Tasty Tuesday, Work Together Wednesday, Artsy Thursday, and Friday Family Celebrations. The Austin Chapter will end this special week focused on investing in early childhood by offering a free event at Faith Lutheran Church at 6600 Woodrow Avenue on Saturday, April 13th from 9 a.m. until noon. Then Windsor Park Neighborhood Association's Block Party in the afternoon of the 13th will be a great time to catch bubbles, play games, and hear great music in the afternoon! Hope you can join both events on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Blanton Elementary**

Karon Smutzer, BASE Site Director/Coordinator

After a very busy March and a restful spring break, the staff and students have returned invigorated and ready to complete the school year. Everyone is looking forward finishing classes during the last nine weeks of school building up to summer vacation.

- April 5: Family Game Night, 6:00 p.m.
- April 19: Student Holiday, NO SCHOOL
- April 26: Coffee with the principal, 8:30 a.m.
- April 29-May 3: Spring Book Fair, School Library (call school for daily times)

Looking ahead - May 17: Spring Carnival, 4-7pm

We invite the community to become a part of the events at Blanton Elementary!

The Blanton After School Enrichment program (BASE) will continue to enroll students: in January we began enrolling students for our six-week summer camp and 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, <u>baseblantonpta@gmail.com</u>

#### Harris Elementary, Early College Prep.

Daniela Garcia, School Counselor

March was a busy month. Our scholars went on several field trips to different UT athletic events as part of our UT Neighborhood program. There are more to come for the month of April. We participated in Read Across America which promotes the love of reading. We had several visitors read books to our scholars including Office Depot, Univision and COA Firefighters. Our librarian, Mrs. Tomlinson, did a great job setting it all up.

The month of April is another busy month. 4th and 5th grade have been working hard and preparing for the STAAR test. The scholars will test on the 9th and 10th. Please review other upcoming events listed below. Our PTA does an amazing job planning events for our students and raising money for our school. We are hoping that all families of current students will remember to officially register for next year so that we can get reliable projections for our future enrollment; Ms. Medina in the office is available for assistance with this.

- 4/9-10 STAAR testing (closed campus)
- 4/17 PTA Bunny pictures
- 4/18 PTA Egg Hunt (we are in need of donations of plastic eggs with non-candy insides)
- 4/18 HEB presentation (2nd grade)
- April 29 to May 3 Teacher appreciation week





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We keep you smiling!



#### 3rd Annual Windsor Park Neighborhood Block Party – April 13th

From your faithful and fun-loving WPNA Social Committee

As many of you know, the Social Committee of the Windsor Park Neighborhood Association is putting on the 3rd annual Windsor Park Neighborhood Block party on April 13th from 1-5pm in the grassy area adjacent to Cement Loop art gallery, across from the Windsor Park Library at 5833 Westminster Dr. We're excited to gather neighbors, participate in fun games and activities, see and hear some rad musicians and performers do their thing, and talk with the various vendors and sponsors that will be present.

The block party is completely volunteer-run (there's just a few of us fighting the good fight!), from setup and clean up, to the booking of talent, coordinating of vendors and sponsors, and more. Our budget is small, but our vision is mighty! We are doing our part to bring our growing neighborhood together, facilitate conversations between neighbors, and enjoy the beautiful outdoor space that is so generously given to us for the day by Cement Loop and its proprietors, Stafford Gunning and Cedric Douglas.

So, what can you expect from the day? We are proud to host a series of great performers and musicians including Shane Bartell, DJ Angel Iturbe, Shirley Johnson (accordionist), the Harris Elementary School Choir and Violin groups, Gary Knippa's band The Friends, psych-rock band The Electric Mushrooms, and more! Vendors will have booths/tables at the party to peddle their wares, talk to you about their organization, or get you involved in the community. Want a booth at the party, or want to be a sponsor (and get your business' name out there in the community)? Contact joe@windsorpark.info and he'll give you the scoop.

We are working to find a delicious food truck to satisfy your hunger, and some school organizations will be selling popcorn and drinks to raise money for student initiatives! Do you know a food truck, beverage sponsor, or similar that would love to participate? Get in touch with joe@windsorpark.info.

And as always, we'll have a bevy of games for young and old alike! Try your hand at ladder ball, frolic in the wake of the bubble machine, or get a group together and have fun with the giant parachute. This day is yours---enjoy it!

This party requires volunteers to make it all happen and ensure the utmost in fun is had by all. Are you willing to volunteer a couple of hours of your time to be a part of this storied neighborhood event? Have a school or volunteer group that wants to pitch in? We welcome it! Give us a shout: joe@ windsorpark.info.

Bring yourself, your family, and your friends (along with any chairs, blankets, food, games, etc.) on down to Cement Loop on April 13th to join in the fun and chat it up with your neighbors! Visit us at windsorparkblockparty.com, or on Facebook (via the Windsor Park Neighborhood Block Party event) to learn more and stay updated on any block party news. See you there April 13<sup>th</sup>!

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UNITED, REALTORS	Market Statistics	JOHN PAUL PORTER
	AVG SOLD PRICE/SQ FT \$231.67 (FEB 2019)	(512) 563-8176 JohnPaul@DigDwell.com
	# OF HOMES SOLD IN 13 (FEB 2019)	3rd Generation Windsor Park Resident
	AVG SQ FT OF HOMES SOLD 1,709	NO OBLIGATION
	AVG DAYS ON MKT OF SOLDS 38	Personal Property Valuations
	# ACTIVE LISTINGS ON MARKET 10* *As of March 12th, 2019 - Single Family Homes Request a Detailed Report for Your Section of Windsor Park	FREE NOTARY SERVICE For all Windsor Park Residents

#### WNDSOR PARK BOOK CLUB

Barbara Haefeli

We are always looking for new members for the Windsor Park Book Club! We have been in existence for over 10 years, and some of us have been in it since the beginning. If you are looking for a book club where you don't have to entertain, but just show up, the Windsor Park Book Club may be perfect for you!

We meet the  $2^{nd}$  Tuesday of the month from 7 - 8:30 p.m. in the Windsor Park Library Meeting Room. Both fiction and nonfiction are on our reading list. The format of the meeting is simple. There is a Discussion Leader who has volunteered to lead the discussion for the month. We are sometimes fortunate enough to have the author join us. Our April book club reading, for Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, is <u>God Save Texas: A Journey Into the Soul of the Lone Star State</u>, by the Austin resident Lawrence Wright. In this his most recent book, he illustrates what makes Texas the place it is.

For May we will read and discuss <u>Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI</u>, the third non-fiction book by American journalist David Grann. Time magazine listed it as one of its top ten non-fiction books of 2017.

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. It is a great place to discuss books, learn about new books, and meet others who enjoy reading. Please give it a try! Hope to see you there!



#### PARKS

Jordan Shade and Jeanette Swenson

**BLOCK PARTY:** The Parks Committee will have a booth at the April 13 WPNA Block Party and will be seeking ideas for and prioritizing new and ongoing projects at Bartholomew. Pomerleau will share public input commentary from the first well-attended public meetings.

#### **POMERLEAU – 1906 Patton Lane**

Thanks to It's My Park Day volunteers, Pomerleau looks more and more like a "park in development." New mulching protects the trees, the crushed granite entry has been extended, and the fence installation continues to take shape. If you would like to participate by crocheting or knitting rectangles of varying sizes and attaching them to the fence, contact Elizabeth Kubala, who generated the ongoing project - <u>elizkubala@gmail.com</u>

Please join us for a very special evening: the final Pomerleau Park public planning meeting on **Monday**, **April 22nd from 6:00-7:30 PM**, at the park. Not only will Katie Robillard from Austin Parks Foundation be revealing a draft of our park's master plan for your review, but we will be grilling 'dogs and throwing back cold ones in our first ever, much over-due, Picnic in the Park! So bring your family, camping chair, picnic blanket, Frisbee, beverage and favorite dog (veggie, wuerst, frank, you get it) and we'll provide the coals, buns, coolers and ice. Don't miss this chance to get involved with our master plan, meet you neighbors, and enjoy our beautiful park land.



Bluebonnets are blooming. If you would like to stage family photos in our emerging park, prior to Master Plan reveal at the Park on April 22, contact Jeanette Swenson. (Jeanetteswenson64@gmail.com.).

If you want to receive regular updates about the work being done for Pomerleau's development, reach out to Jordan at jordan@windsorpark.info. See you on the 22nd!

#### **BARTHOLOMEW PARK**

Thanks to Jennifer Murray-Chavez and her 22 volunteers who spruced up the landscape in the play area; it looks great. The Learning Trail re-paint was rescheduled because of cold, wet weather. Look for details for a repaint date.



### Yard of the Month April 2019 - 5600 Mapleleaf Drive

Sara Jane Lee

Robert and Sue Koon moved into their house at 5600 Mapleleaf Drive 52 years ago. They were our second Yard of the Month winners in July 2004. For much of that time, their yard has looked good. At times we have considered giving them the award again, but have always chosen a new yard. But now we return....

Sue said that much of their inspiration came from books, magazines, and other yards. The yard has evolved over the years. It is still a work in progress with new plants being added and others being taken out. There is a rain barrel to help conserve water.

The trees and shrubs include Mountain Laurel, Crape Myrtle, Desert Willow, Red Oak, Viburnum, and Bradford Pear; the plants include Roses, Irises, Cannas, Trailing Lantana and other Lantanas, Red Yuccas, Gerber Daisies in various shades of pink and red, and Lorapetulum. There are also several Salvias. Many plants, like the Purple Heart, are gifts from friends and relatives.

The lawn is inviting, with a glider and other places to sit and walkways throughout the yard. It looks like a great place to visit and stay a while, at least most days; when I was looking at it, it was miserably cold and windy. While part of this yard's charm is that welcoming atmosphere, we strive to pick yards that can be admired from the street for many qualities.



The Koons 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 not be shy. Do you like a certain yard, or yards, in the neighborhood? Tell us. We cannot visit every yard in the neighborhood every month. We may not have seen your great yard. Feel free to nominate your own yard. People have won that way. 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.





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## WPNA MEMBERSHIP FORM - CUT OUT AND SEND IN

WPNA is a 501(c)(3) organization, your dues and any other donations are tax deductible.

- □ Student/fixed income \$5/person
- □ Standard / Individual \$15/person
- □ Family \$20
- □ Sustaining \$35 or more
- □ Non-voting donations gladly accepted

Referred by:

## Library Happenings

# Windsor Park Branch

5833 Westminster Dr.

Sat, April 6th

- 11am Fix it, Stitch it, Mend it Clinic
- 2pm Family Matinee Movie "Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes Grindelwald"

Tues, April 9th – 7pm Windsor Park Book Club "God Save Texas"

Thurs, April 11th - 6pm Board With Books (come play board games)

Sat, April 20th – 1:30pm Bicycle Maintenance Clinic

Sat, April 27th – 2pm Windsor Park Monthly Movie "Much Ado About Nothing"

Please take a moment to complete this 2 question survey to help the Windsor Park Library better serve you. <u>https://www.</u> <u>surveymonkey.com/r/HGYLVQM</u>

**University Hills Branch**: 4721 Loyola Ln.

**St. John Branch** 7500 Blessing Ave.

