



WINDOW on WINDSOR

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Next Neighborhood Association Meeting

Saturday, May-
13th, 10am

Meeting at Me-
morial United
Methodist
Church on Berk-
man

Come attend
in person or
streaming at
windsorpark.info/

VOTE at the
meeting - in
person or on-
line

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

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

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Vote.... Vote.... and participate!

By Jeanette Swenson, WPNA President

In May, there are two voting opportunities. First, I hope you have already early-voted (April 24-May 2) election. If not, **May 6 is election day**, and the single ballot item is Prop A / Prop B, which both address the extent of citizen oversight of the Austin Police Department.

At the **May 12 WPNA meeting**, members will vote on the proposed change in the status of the Playscape shade fund. The goal to shade the three playscapes began in 2011 with a donation from WPNA and has been generously supported by more than 100 Windsor Park residents. In 2014, WPNA, with generous support of an Austin Parks Foundation grant, installed shades over the smaller playscape and the toddler swings (\$30,000). In 2018, the larger playscape was redesigned and cost had more than doubled to \$50,000, and four grant proposals were not funded. **My recommendation from the Parks Committee: The current balance in the designated play scape fund \$5,218 be expanded to fund parks projects in Windsor Park.** Vote in-person or online at the May 13 general meeting.

At the May 13 meeting, chaired by Vice President David Butts, Alex Phillips from the Austin Transportation Department, will offer suggestions to WPNA about ways that ATD can contribute to safer and increased mobility in Windsor Park. The focus will shift to **pedestrian and bicycle safety as we cope with the ever-increasing traffic congestion in our neighborhood.** At the May meeting, Alex introduced himself and solicited ideas from attendees about problems in Windsor Park.

Four general areas of concern are:

- 1) East-West connectivity within and exiting the neighborhood (address the difficulty of East-West crossings both within the neighborhood and linking East and West Austin.)
- 2) Safer crossings of Berkman Drive;
- 3) At E. 51st and Tilley, installation of a traffic signal to provide safer crossing between the new middle school through Bartholomew Park.
- 4) Adding and upgrading safer family friendly bike lanes in Windsor Park. Examples would be implementing the Belfast Bridge and Bike Trail west of Berkman and a Greenbrook/Westminster trail linking Tilley Street crossing to Blanton and Harris elementary schools, the WP library, Bartholomew Park, Pomerleau Pocket Park east of Berkman.

I know there are more options and ideas on this topic, and I look forward to your input.

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Schools Update

Sadler Means YWLA

Dr. Rosalind Oliphant, Community Partnerships

Sadler Means young leaders participated in The Color of Justice symposium at the UT School of Law. The National Association of Women Judges and the Travis County Women Lawyers Association hosted the event for teens to learn about the legal profession and hear from judges and attorneys about their path to law school and beyond.

Sadler Means YWLA is proud to recognize the Windsor Park Neighborhood Schools Committee as one of our outstanding community partners. AISD will honor outstanding volunteers and community partners in schools at their annual Salute Awards Program, May 10, at the AISD Performing Arts Center.

Sadler Means YWLA offers a diverse range of fine arts, expansive media experiences, and robust visual arts opportunities. All AISD girls in 6th - 8th grade can automatically opt in by completing their choice sheets and selecting a track. Call Sadler Means front office to register your middle school student at 512.414.3234.

Garcia YMLA


Dr. Rosalind Oliphant, Community Partnerships

Ms. Autry and her Garcia culinary students are always cooking up something good! The young chefs made homemade pasta, using pasta machines and semolina flour to prepare a delicious pasta salad for Garcia's monthly teacher's luncheon.


Eight young men are perfecting their golf game each Wednesday during our after-school clubs. Garcia's Golf Program, led by Coach Morrison and Mr. Jacobson, is sponsored by the Cedric Benson Mentoring Program and the PGA. Students meet at the Lions Municipal Golf Course.

Dual language, fine arts, technology, culinary, athletics and social justice are a few of the many great programs offered at Garcia Young Men's Leadership Academy. Contact the front office at 512.841.9400, Option 0, for more details on you can register a young man in 6th -8th grades for the 2023-24 school year.







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Windsor Park March 2023 Market Report

 \$639,500 <small>MEDIAN SALES PRICE</small>	 \$329.17 <small>MEDIAN PRICE / SQFT</small>	 45 <small>DAYS</small> <small>MEDIAN DAYS ON MARKET</small>
 8 <small>NUMBER OF HOMES SOLD</small>	 \$830,000 <small>MOST EXPENSIVE HOME SOLD</small>	 \$445,000 <small>LEAST EXPENSIVE HOME SOLD</small>

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

Price Reductions & Buying Power

We are currently seeing more price reductions than pending sales. What does that mean? It means that homes are not being priced for the reality of today's market, which puts buyers in a powerful position. Buyers not only have more to choose from, they have better negotiating power, and are more likely to get their offer accepted. For sellers, this is the time to consider a fresh coat of paint and new floors to stand out. It can mean the difference between getting multiple offers on opening weekend vs. months of chasing the price down. If you don't have the funds to make the updates to get top dollar, let's talk. I have a few programs we can discuss that will allow you to make updates for selling and pay for them with the proceeds at closing.

Climate Corner - The Eco Extravaganza Electric Lawnmower Giveaway and Rebate Show

Martin Luecke

The Climate Committee has several programs on tap for this month. First up will be at the WPNA monthly meeting, Saturday May 13 where the Climate Committee will have a speaker.

On Wednesday May 31 we will host Congressman Lloyd Doggett's Senior Policy Advisor Mark Rickling on the Windsor Park Climate Conversation regarding all the federal rebates available to homeowners through the Inflation Reduction Act. Among many items, this includes \$800 to switch your water heater from natural gas to electric. We will also be joined by an Austin Energy representative to discuss local programs and rebates. Tune in to find out what you can do to help reduce your carbon footprint in your own house.

Our YouTube show livestreams at 7pm at <https://www.youtube.com/@windsorparkclimateconversa5286> and is available any time after that on our YouTube channel.

On Saturday June 3 the Committee will give away an Electric Lawnmower and Electric Edger/trimmer at our first ever Eco Extravaganza. Congressman Doggett's Austin Staff Assistant will be available to answer questions about federal rebates available to homeowners. A representative from Austin Energy will be there to help with local rebates. Several local climate change organizations will table the event, including Citizen's Climate Lobby and the Sierra Club. This is your opportunity to see a house with solar panel system up close and learn how it works. Committee member Selwyn Polit is hosting the event at 5512 Coventry Lane from 11am to 1pm.

The Climate Committee is dedicated to helping Windsor Park residents take action. We have done a great deal of research the past four years and we believe the answer is to personally stop using fossil fuels as an energy source. We believe the best way to achieve that is electrifying our homes and transportation as soon as possible and switching to renewable energy sources. We recommend switching to the Green Choice renewable program at Austin Energy as a first step, and today there are lots of rebate dollars available to take other actions. And a free lawnmower! Look for our signs around the neighborhood.



May 2023 Mueller Update

Rick Krivoniak

Principal Jordan Benson of Marshall Middle School spoke at the April Mueller Commission. She's busy preparing for the first class of 260 sixth-graders who will start school on August 14th. AISD busing policy provides rides to those living more than two miles from the school, so Windsor Parkers living west of Cameron Road, or north of an arc from Larkwood at Cameron to roughly Briarcliff at Berkman, and those north of Wheless Lane may qualify. For more information, enter your address into the Bus Stop Finder Utility at www.austinisd.org/transportation

More new businesses have opened or are coming to Mueller. Those recently open in the Diamond Building at 1905 Aldrich include sweetgreen, offering salads and warm bowls (Suite 140), and Veracruz Fonda & Bar, with breakfast, lunch & dinner tacos (Suite 125). Coming soon are Nautical Bowls (undisclosed site), with a gluten/dairy/soy/refined sugar-free fruit, nut and grain menu; Aviator Pizza & Drafthouse (1905 Aldrich Boulevard, #115), and Mueller's 50th restaurant, Dish Society (1900 Aldrich Boulevard, #130), an all-day, farm-to-table eatery serving American fare.

The Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission will next meet on Tuesday, May 9th at 6PM at the Austin Energy Building, 4815 Mueller Blvd. Enter the parking garage via Garcia Street. For the RMMAPIAC agenda and other information, visit austintexas.gov/rmmapiac

Parks Update – May 2023

Jeanette Swenson

Pomerleau Pocket Park's projected May opening date has likely been postponed according to Katie Robillard at Austin Parks Foundation. APF and PARD are waiting for a water meter / tap permit and trade permit for irrigation from the City of Austin. Meanwhile, the park is taking shape and WPNA is working with Austin Transportation Department to install a safer crossing at Berkman and Patton Lane.

Jen Wong, assisted by Jennifer Murray-Chavez and Guadeloupe Abbud, led a successful Tannehill Branch Clean-up in Bartholomew Park on April 8. Forty volunteers gathered forty plus bags of trash and 5 bags of recyclable cans and bottles. More trash was picked up for the Earth Day clean-up on April 22, led by Guadalupe Abbud and WPNA.

We have prioritized a safe pedestrian crossing through Bartholomew Park to Tilley Street and the new Marshall Middle School, opening in August 2023. Austin Parks

and Recreation, Watershed Protection and WPNA stakeholders met and pointed out areas of concern including an open space adjacent to the north side of the creek; a completed trail around the park, safer connection across the pool parking lot; erosion points on the north side of the creek; the soccer field / dog park location and re-configuration; restoration of 18 hole disc golf course; and integration of the Watershed Protection mitigation project with the proposed through the park trail. There are a lot of moving pieces!

To address the under programming at Bartholomew Park, Austin Parks Foundation has designated and publicized a play-date in the parks for Bartholomew. Hopefully, it will be publicized earlier as notification of the first two coincided with the release date. To access information earlier, check Austin Parks Foundation website: austinparks.org and click on events or playdates in the park.

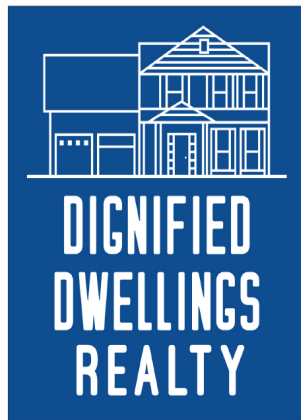
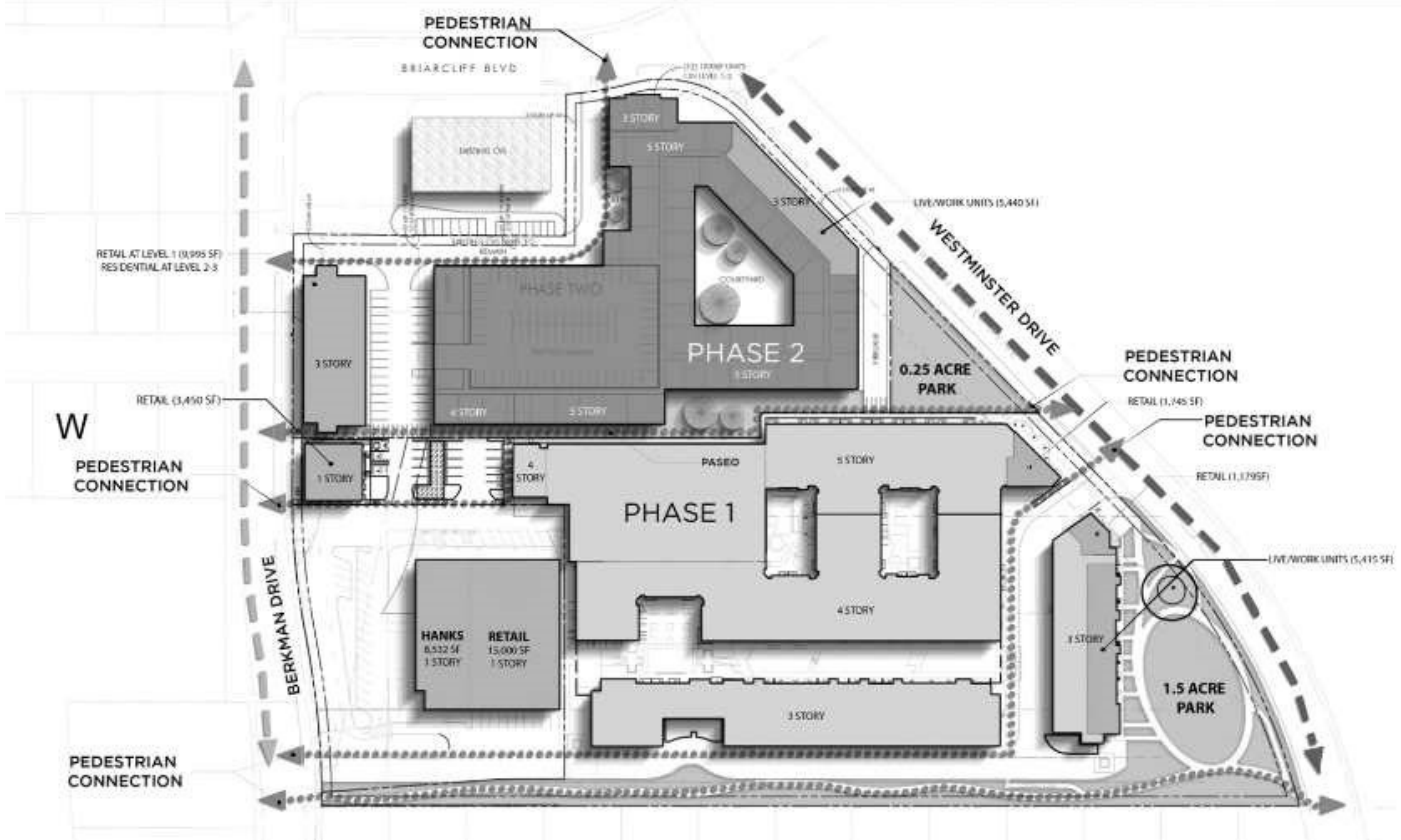
See below for our intrepid Tannehill Creek clean-up crew from early April



Update on Windsor Village Development

Transwestern Development presented a proposed site plan for their Phase II redevelopment of Windsor Village at February's Windsor Park Contact Team meeting. They have also applied

to the City of Austin for a site plan permit, which indicates there will be 296 apartments, 9,995 square feet of retail space facing Berkman, and 3,000 square feet of commercial space (likely to be about 4 or 5 live-work units) facing Westminster.



WINDSOR PARK Monthly Market Statistics

March 2023

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AVG SOLD PRICE/SQ FT (March 2023) **\$351.26**

OF HOMES SOLD IN (March 2023) **8**

AVG SQ FT OF HOMES SOLD **1,807**

AVG DAYS ON MKT OF SOLDS **73**

ACTIVE LISTINGS ON MARKET **20***

*As of March 10th, 2023 - Single Family Homes. Request a Detailed Report for Your Section of Windsor Park



Yard of the Month - 1501 Corona Drive

Sara Jane Lee

The May winners are Leticia Reveles, Thom McFarland, and their son Avery of 1501 Corona Drive. Thom and Leticia have lived there for twenty-five years, Avery for considerably less.

They have two small vegetable plots in their front yard. Flowers, especially Red Poppies, and some herbs are scattered over the remaining yard. These plots include Cilantro, Garlic, Peppermint, Thyme, Chives, Kale, Onions, Parsley, and various Sages. There is more Cilantro outside the garden plots than inside them. Leticia describes it quite accurately as a forest of Cilantro. They also have Indian Blanket, Texas Lantana, pink Roses, red Roses, pink and red Penstemons, and a blue Salvia. Many of the plants attract polinators.

They have many shrubs and small trees such as Pomegranate Bush, Euonymus and several small trees. The trees include two Crape Myrtles, an Oak, a Viburnum, a Peach, a Plum, a Mulberry, a Mountain Laurel, and a Cherry Laurel. There are enough small trees that I worry I may have missed some!

Leticia and Thom have been working on their yard for years. It is a constantly changing project and the result of trying plants and seeing which ones thrive. Many are perennials or annuals that reseed themselves year after year. Much of the yard is part of Avery's playground. Thom and Leticia will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate from Shoal Creek Nursery. While you are there be sure to greet Chicago and admire the waterfall.

Do not be shy. If you like a certain yard, or more than one, tell us. We cannot visit every yard in the neighborhood each month. We may not have seen your yard, or your neighbor's 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 and leave a message, or email wpna.yom@gmail.com

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Windsor Park Library Update and Events

The Library takes a programming break in late spring, so no storytimes in June!

Sat, 5/6 from 7am-7pm Come VOTE @ the Windsor Park Branch!

Come celebrate Asian-American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Heritage Month with these programs and events throughout May 2023:

Programs for All Ages!

- Thurs, 5/18 @ 4-5pm Asian Dragons All Ages Performance
- Sat, 5/20 @ 2pm ATX KDC: KPop Dance Group Lesson and Performance
- Weds, 5/24 @ 5:30-7:30pm Board Game Fun for all ages 😊

Programs for Ages 5+

- Weds, 5/3 @ 3:30-5pm Lego Lab
- Weds, 5/17 @ 3:30-5pm Come Make Candy Sushi
- Weds, 5/24 @ 3:30-5pm Board Game Fun

Programs for Teens & Adults

- Tues, 5/9 @ 6:30pm Windsor Park Neighborhood Book Club - David Copperfield by Charles Dickens (just the first half this month....we'll read the 2nd half in June)
- Weds, 5/10 @ 3:30-5pm Teens Create: Anime Cell Painting
- Weds, 5/17 @ 5:30-7:30pm Read-Watch-Talk, Sci-Fi Edition: "Arrival" -- short story by Ted Chiang & 2016 film directed by Denis Villeneuve

The MACC @ APL!

The Mexican-American Cultural Center is closed for renovations, so they're holding programs in different locations all over Austin for 2023. Here's what the MACC is bringing to Windsor Park in May...

- Mon, 5/1 & 5/15 @ 4pm - Beginner Voice, Guitar, Music Lessons for FREE from the Mexican-American Cultural Center -.Ages 15+, preregister at maccwellness@austintexas.gov
- Sat, 5/13 @ 3pm - Drumming Lesson for FREE from the Mexican-American Cultural Center - Ages 15+, preregister at maccwellness@austintexas.gov
- Sat, 5/ 27 @ 2pm - Painting Open Studio - Ages 18+, preregister at maccwellness@austintexas.gov

Earth Day in Windsor Park- April 22

Neighbors were busy celebrating Earth Day together this year - either cleaning our beloved Bartholomew Park or coming together in Community at the Library. Volunteers collected over 40 bags of trash at the park.



Earth Day at the Library





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Windsor Park Neighborhood Association

Online meetings streamed at windsorpark.info/ and also available on our Facebook page

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Sunday: Closed
Monday: 9:00 am-8:00 pm
Tuesday: 9:00 am-8:00 pm
Wednesday: 9:00 am-8:00 pm
Thursday: 9:00 am-8:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am-5:00 pm
Saturday: 10:00 am-5:00 pm

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