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**Next
Neighborhood
Association
Meeting**

**Saturday, June
12th**

**STREAMING
starts at 10:15
but connect
early for some
visiting!**

**Please see
instructions on
the back page
for attending a
meeting online**

**Topics:
Recognizing
our Scholarship
winners**

**Update on
Windsor Village
Development
plans &
opposition**

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Celebrating our students & fighting for good development

By Jackie Brooks, WPNA President

One of the coolest things I have had the privilege to do while serving as the WPNA President is getting to sign 15, yes FIFTEEN, scholarship certificates to Windsor Park Seniors! I am overwhelmed by the hard work of our Schools Committee to not only achieve a record number of applications, but to then rally to fund ALL 15 well-deserving applicants. This amazing accomplishment is a testament to the generous hearts of those in our neighborhood (and beyond) who have come together to fundraise and support the bright future of these graduates. Please join us in celebrating these scholarship recipients at our next *virtual* WPNA meeting June 12th.

While we are celebrating a brighter future for the next generation through scholarships, we are also navigating the challenge and complexity of a proposed redevelopment that threatens the future quality of life in our neighborhood. At our May meeting, WPNA members unanimously voted (via google form) *to officially oppose the Windsor Village Shopping Center redevelopment as currently proposed and support further advocacy efforts*. The Windsor Village property is the historic commercial center for the Windsor Park neighborhood, and it is proposed to be redeveloped in a manner that goes against the Neighborhood Plan and against the interests of the neighborhood as a whole.

The WPNA has written a letter to our Council Members to share our opposition and concerns about the redevelopment, and will partner with our Windsor Park Contact Team to support further advocacy efforts and communication. Please continue to share your voice directly with the contacts suggested by our WP Contact Team chair, Rodney Ahart, during his presentation at our May meeting (including: Mayor Adler, Council Members, City Manager Spencer Cronk, and Director Denise Lucas).

Communicating these concerns reminded me that 3 years ago, Spencer Cronk (our new City Manager) joined us at the June 2018 meeting. He posed a couple of questions:

1. What do you want to retain about your community?
2. What do you see that needs to change?
3. What gives you hope about Austin?

Some of our responses to the first question included: retaining small businesses, improving policing, limiting high property taxes, maintaining infrastructure so it keeps pace with development, creating a more welcoming environment to all, providing easier accessibility to city services, and preserving the diversity of East Austin. A lot of these things I believe are still important to us, and some apply directly to the impacts of the proposed Windsor Village redevelopment.

As a new neighbor, I was impressed and appreciative that our new City Manager took the time to come visit with WPNA and further the dialogue by asking these questions. For question #3, I also agreed with what Meghan Dougherty shared in her July 2018 President's Letter and think it is still true today – that the level of community engagement I see is what gives me hope.

My fellow Windsor Parkers, it is your spirit to continually stand eager, engaged and optimistic about the future that inspires the actions that we take today. I hope that our City continues to seek the voice of our neighborhood to work together toward a brighter future with us.

Changes in Our Oceans- upcoming Climate Conversation

Martin Luecke

The latest National Geographic issue focuses on the many changes taking place in our oceans, which cover 70 percent of our planet. According to current research nearly 60 percent of the ocean is under cumulative stress, at an accelerating pace, directly related to human activities. Scientists examined 14 human stressors on 20 marine ecosystems (intertidal, nearshore, and offshore) and found climate change caused significant impacts across all of them, with intertidal and nearshore ecosystems the most vulnerable.

The recently released Netflix documentary “Seaspiracy” also points to the massive effect of commercial fishing on the health of our oceans, including the stunning fact that much of the trash in the ocean is from the dumping of enormous plastic nets used by the industry.

Please watch our livestream ‘Climate Conversation’ Wednesday June 16 at 7pm with panelist Dr. Juli Berwald, author and ocean scientist whose next book is about the plight of coral. Also appearing is Bruce Melton from the Austin Sierra Club whose photography of ocean rise on the gulf coast underscores the human impact on Texas intertidal and nearshore systems.

Livestream: WindsorParkAustinTX (Facebook page)

Climate Corner – Possible State Laws

Barret Sundberg

As we write (mid-May), we are reaching the peak moments when the Texas Legislature makes its final decisions for 2021-2022, barring any special sessions called by the Governor. Numerous bills that affect climate have been proposed.

One bill that may pass is Senate Bill 1838 (SB 1838), authored by our own Senator Sarah Eckhart. This bill would grant a 99-year lease on certain state property and easements to the Cap Metro Transportation Authority, enabling CMTA to advance its plans for public transport more cost efficiently. Arguably a small but practical bill, this was up for vote in the Senate. This is important because most bills never get out of committee. To become law, it would need to be passed by the Senate and then the House.

House Bill 2221 would create a Texas Transportation Electrification Council, which would develop a plan to create public charging infrastructure in Texas for electric vehicles based on a \$100 registration fee for electric vehicles. We could have charging stations across the state! This bill was approved by the House Committee on State Affairs, but needs to be passed by the House and Senate.

Several broader bills are still in committee. Senate Bill 243, also by Senator Eckhardt, was considered in public hearing by the Business and Commerce Committee on April 20. It would require electric utilities in Texas

to meet energy savings goals. Starting at ¼ % in 2022 and rising to 1%/year by 2025, these would ensure that low-hanging fruit in the energy saving efficiency area is picked statewide. By itself, it could supply a surprisingly large portion (almost a third) of the state power sector’s share of global emissions goals by 2050

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15 Winners of our 2021 Scholarship

Alice Grauly

Thank you, Windsor Park, we did it! On April 1, the Windsor Park Neighborhood Association Scholarship fund had a balance of \$5,448.24. That wasn't enough to award \$1,000 to each of the 15 outstanding, accomplished, and deserving scholarship applicants. Rather than only awarding 5 scholars, the Schools Committee decided to turn to the neighborhood with a big ask: help us raise enough funds to award all 15 scholars. **Neighbors and local businesses answered the call and we raised just over \$10,000 in a little over 1 month.**

Our fifteen 2021 Scholarship Recipients come from all walks of life and all corners of the world. They are pursuing an array of disciplines from Film to Economics, Business, to Computer Science, Biology to Pre-med, Criminal Justice to Education, Civil Engineering, Nursing, and more.

Many worked 1 or 2 jobs to help get their families through difficult times this past year, and perseverance, community, and connection were themes that came up in their essays and their letters of recommendation. We were inspired by and impressed with this outstanding group. Join us in the June 12, general meeting at 10:15am when we recognize all of our 2021 scholars. Congratulations to the following students:

From Northeast Early College High School:

Eberardo Trejo, Alexandra Garcia, Jennifer Arias, Tahaguas Abraha, Salmaan Yazzen Turk, Gabriella Rojas, Sylvia Montoya, Ronaldo Sanchrez-Benitez, Ruben Camacho-Monzon, Maryam Al Gburi, Jocelyne Castilla, Leonardo Mendoza, Yair Navarro

From LBJ Early College High School:

Francesca Contreras, Ehsanullah Deadman

Northeast Early College High School

Katherine Wallach, Social Service Specialist

Congratulations, seniors! Graduation is June 2, 2021, 5pm at Nelson Field. We are so proud of all you have accomplished. Additional congratulations to the 13 Northeast students who won a WPNA Scholarship!

We are currently seeking a community member to join the Campus Architectural Team. As part of the 2017 Bond Program, the district is working with a consultant to develop campus concept plans for high schools, including Northeast. The Campus Architectural Team will review the draft plan and provide feedback. If you are interested in participating in this committee as a community member, please contact Kevin Garcia at kevin.garcia@austinisd.org.

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APRIL 2021 Windsor Park Market Statistics

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# OF HOMES SOLD IN (APRIL 2021)	11
AVG SQ FT OF HOMES SOLD	1,891
AVG DAYS ON MKT OF SOLDS	43
# ACTIVE LISTINGS ON MARKET	6*

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Appreciating our Teachers

Emily Vitris

This pandemic has made us realize that everyday heroes are all around us. Teachers are at the top of my list of superheroes and I've been regularly thinking about ways to honor and support them during Teacher Appreciation Week (celebrated May 3-7). The WP Schools Committee invites you to join us as we extend the appreciation through the month of June. See below for simple ways that you can show the love to our hardworking educators. Please share other ideas with us: schools@windsorpark.info.



Neighborhood Handyman

Sometimes you just need a room painted, a fence repaired, a faucet changed or a fan hung.

That's what I do.

Gary 512 294 3268

- Make a sign or banner for your home, showing support for your neighborhood school.
- Drop off a bowl of fruit for the teachers' lounge. Or a box of coffee!
- If you have children, ask them to make a card or drawing for their teacher and/or something for the entire faculty that can be on display in the teachers' lounge.
- Check to see if your neighborhood school is accepting children's book donations and drop off some of your favorite books for others to enjoy.
- Take an evening walk to the school grounds closest to your house with a garbage bag and pick up trash surrounding the perimeter of the school.
- Take ACTION and advocate! **We will be listing advocacy options on the [Windsor Park website](#) along with the online version of this newsletter.**

Blanton Elementary

Karon Smutzer, BASE Project Director

Registration is open for all students, new and returning. Parents can register their students for next year at <http://portal.austinisd.org>. If you have questions about enrolling at Blanton, please contact the office at (512) 414 2026. BASE (afterschool) will be returning to Blanton in the summer of 2021 and is taking registrations for the school year 21-22. Those interested should contact Ms. Karon as soon as possible.

Andrews Elementary

Elizabeth Morales, Community School Facilitator

The selection process for the permanent principal of Andrews Elementary concluded in mid-May. We are excited to welcome our new principal as we learn and grow together!

Andrews Elementary is getting more diverse reads, funded by the Austin Ed Fund. This grant will be used to purchase books more inclusive and representative of our school community.

We wrapped up the year with end-of-year celebrations and award ceremonies as we recognized the accomplishments of our students. We are so proud of the hard work of our students and staff during this unprecedented year and the continued support of our community is valued and appreciated. We can't wait to welcome everyone back next school year and wish everyone a great summer!

Harris Elementary School

Laura Tomlinson, Librarian

The community is invited to hang a wish on the Wish Tree in front of Harris Elementary. The container with supplies is in the front of the school near the flag poles.

Student Council planted five butterfly gardens to beautify the school campus. Our preK students created pollinator watering stations from items donated by Jenn Evans of Austin Creative Reuse. We want to thank Mr. James Willms for our Monarch butterfly and butterfly chrysalis. The chrysalis was displayed in the library window for the students to observe. The butterfly was out by the next day and was named Gary by our second graders. Both of the butterflies were released near the newly planted butterfly gardens. Thank you to our PTA who helped purchase the

plants, Mrs. Chris Gray for the yellow bulbine plant and Mr. Willms for the lantanas. The garden is thriving and Gary stopped by for a visit.

Speaking of the garden, we are looking for volunteers to help water the plants during our warm summer months. If you can help us out, please contact Laura Tomlinson at laura.tomlinson@austinsisd.org

Gus Garcia Young Men's Leadership Academy

Sandra Zachary, Parent Support Specialist

Gus Garcia YMLA is actively recruiting. - become part of the "Brotherhood". We now provide transportation from anywhere within the city limits. Call the campus at 512-841-9400. Enroll today: <https://garcia.austinschools.org> June 3 is the last day of school for students, until classes resume August 12. We offer Summer School from June 4 to June 30, 2021; transportation and food provided.

Bertha Sadler Means

Rosalind Oliphant, PhD, Mentor Teacher, Community Partnerships

During our Sadler Means Open House and tribute honoring the legacy of Mrs. Bertha Sadler Means, we launched the opening of our new Means Media Studio with a special guest appearance by KVUE's award-winning anchor Ms. Quita Culpepper!

We offer Summer School for 6th and 7th graders who qualify. Registration is June 3, and classes are Mon- Thurs, 9am to 12pm from June 14 to June 30. Please visit our website or call us at 512.414.3234 for more details.

Plans are underway for the Sadler Means inaugural summer film camp, July 19-22. The four-day camp is free, but space is limited. Workshops will be led by industry leaders and students will write, shoot, and edit their own short film. Stay tuned to the Sadler Means website for more information on how you can register.

Leaffooted bugs - identification and control

Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist

Leaffooted bug adults may be mistaken for stink bugs while the immatures may get confused with assassin bug nymphs. Leaffooted bugs are larger than stink bugs and have an elongated body. Leaffooted bugs feed on a variety of fruits, nuts and seeds, such as tomatoes, peppers, pecans or sunflower seeds. They have piercing-sucking mouthparts with which they puncture fruit to suck out juices. The opening left behind after the mouthpart is withdrawn can allow access to secondary invaders like bacteria or fungus.

Leaffooted bugs can be managed by hand-picking (be sure to wear gloves if utilizing this method), using hand-held vacuums to suck the insects off the plant, or by treating the plants with pesticides. If choosing to use a pesticide, read the product label and make sure it can be used in the area you are treating (i.e. vegetable garden).



Immature Leaffooted Bugs



Adult Leaffooted Bugs



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Yard of the Month - June 2021

Sara Jane Lee

The June winners are Anita and Warren Shaul of 2214 Bristol Dr. They have lived there about two and a half years and are members of WPNA. Daphne Jeffers on Ridgemont, a former winner, Leslie Woodworth, a friend, and the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center are inspirations.

Seeing their neighbors walk by while the Shauls were working in the front yard made them feel less isolated during the pandemic. They also loved watching the fireflies, bees and butterflies flitting around the plants.

Anita and Warren have no grass but several well-mulched beds. They did their own landscaping and installed an irrigation system under the mulch. Normally they water once a week in the summer. They never use pesticides or herbicides and depend on compost and mulch to keep their plants healthy.

The Shauls had assumed that the landscape would take less work this year, but the February freeze set many of their plants back. For many, the Shauls were happy that the plants survived even though as shadows of themselves.

They have over 40 varieties of plants. Most are natives. They include Plateau Goldeneye, Mexican White Oak, both Pink and Purple Skullcaps, Black Dalea, Sky

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Flower, Mexican Buckeye, Shrubby Blue Sage, Prairie Goldenrod, Zexmenia, Red Tropical Sage, Fall Aster, Cow Pen Daisy, Texas Sage (which is not a true sage), Sundrops, Winecups, and Sunflowers.

Their advice is “start small and gradually expand to gauge how much time and water a garden requires.” Use mulch and compost instead of pesticides and herbicides. “And most of all, enjoy.”

The Shauls will get a \$50.00 gift certificate from Shoal Creek Nursery, our long-time sponsor of Yard of the Month.

If you like a certain yard, or more than one, tell us. We cannot visit every yard in the neighborhood each month. Feel free to nominate your own yard even if you do not think that it is perfect. Send your nomination(s) to WPNA YOMC. P.O. Box 16183, Austin, Texas 78761, call 512-928-0681, or email wpna.yom@gmail.com.




[Climate Corner, continued from page 2]


Another potentially consequential Eckhardt bill, SB 306, would require numerous state agencies to include climate change in their strategic plans, meaning that each agency listed would have to specify how they will manage projected changes in weather, water availability and temperature from climate change. Had the Public Utility Commission, one of the listed agencies, previously been under such a requirement, perhaps they could have prevented this winter's power outages. The bill is in the Senate's Natural Resources and Economic Development Committee.

Perhaps the most ambitious bill, SB 304 (yes, another Eckhardt product), would require energy producers in Texas reach net zero carbon emissions by 2035 with intermediate benchmarks in 2025 and 2030. Currently in the Business and Commerce Committee, this bill would create a carbon credits trading system so companies that can't get all the way to zero can pay for improvements in other companies to balance out.

Additional bills are discussed on WPNA's website. Progress of the bills can be viewed capitol.texas.gov.








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Windsor Park 2020 Market Report

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 133 <small>NUMBER OF HOMES SOLD</small>	 <small>MOST EXPENSIVE HOME SOLD</small> \$809,000	 \$255,000 <small>LEAST EXPENSIVE HOME SOLD</small>

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

It was an odd year for real estate in an already crazy market.

Since April, we saw a steady decrease in the number of available listings, causing prices to jump exponentially at the end of the year. We normally see offers around 2-4% over list price, but have been seeing many offers 10-20% over in recent weeks.

What does that mean? Buyers are currently bringing tens of thousands in cash to the table, but it's a great time to sell.

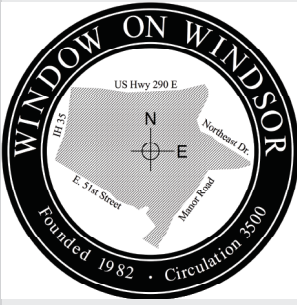
Windsor Park saw a median home price jump to \$450k, up from \$395k in 2019. As always, stay safe out there and I'll be here to answer all of your real estate questions whether you're looking to buy, sell, invest, or rent.

Mueller Update – June 2021

Rick Krivoniak

At May's Mueller Commission meeting, McCann Adams Studios presented a draft of updates to the Mueller Illustrative Plan for Mueller, which is the land-use, color-coded "map" of the site. A new Plan is created every few years to show actual on-the-ground or known "coming soon" changes at Mueller. The current 2017 plan is viewable here: <http://www.muelleraustin.com/uploads/plan/mueller-illustrative-plan.pdf>

Some fairly big changes have happened since the last edition. At Dell Children's Medical Center, structured parking will soon replace surface parking as new facilities are completed. The Aldrich Street District and Mueller Blvd. area is adding retail, office, condos and another district parking garage similar to the McBee Street Garage to serve the areas retail, entertainment, and Sunday Texas Farmers' Market that will relocate to the Pavilion at Branch Park this summer. The Alamo Draffthouse is also anticipated to reopen sometime this year. The middle school's site plan at Tilley and Simond is also now incorporated, as is the announced Ryan Cos. planned 350-apartment project on the Mueller Tower block. Catellus plans to hold some public input meetings on the Tower site this summer. Commissioners also received a presentation on the density and diverse types of housing provided at Mueller. For info: <https://app.box.com/s/6ttzpiy2j1b08tlq8w82zo71qr7gryx>



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Library Updates

Kelly Overton

The Windsor Park Library is one of the branches once again open to in-person browsing. Windsor Park and St. John allow 30 people per hour while Carver allows 50.

The Library Administration has decided to stop doing the 15-minute closing for cleaning every hour starting Wed, May 19th. As of that date, the branch will allow up to their max visitors in at a time. If we reach capacity, folks will wait outside to be let in as people leave on a 1 for 1 basis. As one person leaves, one person will be allowed in. If 3 people leave, then 3 people will be let in.

Book quarantine has stopped and fees and fines have resumed! Still no fines for kids' materials, but fines for overdue adult materials resumed May 17th. Another fee is the \$1 fine for an unclaimed hold. Throughout the pandemic, holds could expire without being picked up and no fines accrued. As May 17th, after 10 days an unclaimed item on hold will add \$1 fine to the patron's account.

Please check your local library website for more details as services evolve. Welcome back in person to your Library!

Austin Police Department District Representative for Windsor Park

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Appreciating our Teachers - web supplement - how to take action

Emily Vitris

Take ACTION. There are so many ways you can help advocate for schools and students.

Here are some of our favorites:

- If you are registered, you can VOTE for candidates who believe in and support public education.
- You can CONTACT elected officials at all levels of government, school district, local, state, and federal, to make your priorities around public education known! Our representatives WORK FOR US and paid school district leadership are paid by our tax dollars! If you live in Texas, you can use your address to find your state and federal elected representatives [here](#).
- You can JOIN advocacy groups in your area working to support public education or any other social justice efforts that support your community. Anything that improves living conditions for the folks living around us will also make education stronger and more effective!
- Many PTAs have advocacy groups, and if your local school doesn't, maybe YOU can start one! (National PTA, Texas PTA)
- Want to learn more? Check out these great advocacy organizations:
 - Raise Your Hand Texas <https://www.raiseyourhandtexas.org/>
 - Texas Educators Vote <https://texaseducatorsvote.com/>
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