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CELEBRATION MONTH AT WPNA

By Jeanette Swenson

At the June 13 WPNA meeting, we will recognize and celebrate our 2023 Scholarship recipients. Join us to meet the eleven scholars and their families. Over the past 9 years, generous Windsor Park residents have supported seventy-two neighborhood seniors and our AISD schools with these scholarships.

We will also celebrate twenty years of the Yard of the Month Committee. One yard at a time, the Yard Committee, which still includes founding members Joe Limon and Sara Jane Lee, has recognized more than 200 Windsor Park yards since the selection of its first yard in June 2003. I appreciate the focus on the positive, community building work of both committees. In the words of Daphne Jeffers, one of the founding members, “We wanted to recognize the good in our neighborhood rather than being the yard police.” Thank you to both committees for your work.

Congratulations to Matthew Kenny, Blanton Elementary, who was honored as AISD Assistant Principal of the Year. Thank you to Bertha Sadler Means YWLA for honoring the WPNA Schools Committee as one of their Community Partners during the Celebration Lunch on May 11, 2023.

There is always more to be done to improve the quality of life in Windsor Park. Hopefully, we can continue to preserve, acquire, and develop open spaces in Windsor Park. Spaces that were available ten years ago are under development, and the potential open space has been lost. Do you know of any open spaces that might be acquired by Parks and Recreation (PARD)? Currently, there is money for parkland acquisition and development through PARD and Parkland Dedication fees that developers are required to pay in exchange for development. Austin Parks Foundation has also been active in acquisition and development.

Thanks to PARD and APF, Pomerleau Park will open in late June, yet another celebration of our neighborhood.

WPNA has been working with Austin Transportation Department, PARD, Safe Routes to school, and CapMetro to alleviate current auto traffic congestion and provide safer mobility for all in the neighborhood. Thanks to Brandon Neubig for the Hey Windsor Park signs, which are popping up around the neighborhood. Slow down for kids and all of us.

As always, there is no shortage of causes to engage with in Windsor Park that will have enormous impact on all of us. Let me know the opportunities and potential trouble spots that you would like WPNA to address.

“Why Natural Habitat” (honoring Earth Day)
Wendy Woodruff, WP Neighbor

In The library gardens we relax in dappled shade of old trees whispering ancient wisdom to those who listen

Breathe in fresh air with the delicate perfume of wildflowers

Gardeners come together sharing plants and hard-earned knowledge.

With musicians and poets celebrating, birds join in the concert

As mothers and children dance and twirl Librarians offer seeds and lemonade in warm greeting

Elders smile with memories and hugs shared No plastics please...

This is our shared habitat

This is our celebration of Earth Day

**Next
Neighborhood
Association
Meeting**

**Saturday, June
10th, 10am**

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

**Come attend
in person or
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We look forward to seeing you at the meeting and at neighborhood events!

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2023 Scholarship winners announced

Alice Grauly, for the WPNA Schools Committee

WPNA Schools Committee is honored to announce that we have 11 WPNA Scholarship recipients for the 2022-2023 school year. Thanks to generous donors in the neighborhood, especially from this year's pancake breakfast fundraiser at Austin Mennonite Church, we were able to fund every single completed and qualified application...for the 9th year in a row.

Congratulations to the 2022-2023 WPNA Scholarship Winners!

Northeast Early College High School

Eden Tekle || Miriam Sanchez || Bibi Wahida Taniwal
Serenity Riggins || Seiry Toral Hernandez
Isaiah Smith || Celeste Pesina || Mayah Arce-Lichty

Austin High School

Jacob Yepez

McCallun High School

Sage Edwards
Sabina Guardado

Many scholarship donations were given in memory of Rebecca Lowe, whose idea spurred the scholarship in the very beginning.

Come meet our winners! We invite you to attend the **June 10th WPNA General Meeting at 10am** which will take place just after our annual Scholarship Breakfast where we will officially recognize scholarship recipients. Please come by to chat and congratulate them on their graduation from high school and their transition to college!

We had an incredible pool of applicants, as we do every year. Students wrote of their volunteer efforts with the National Honors Society, their school's PTSA, their local mosque helping refugees, Austin Youth Climate Equity Council, Worker's Defense Project, at Hope Fest, Austin Pets Alive, the Inside Book Project and the list goes on. Many also spoke of working while in school and helping to support and care for family members all while staying on top of their coursework.

Scholarship recipients are pursuing schools like UT-Austin, Texas State, Concordia, Brown, University of Houston, ACC, and others. We have majors like nursing, psychology, dentistry, studio art, and more. And, as in past years, the quality of the applications and the academics of these students is visible in their high GPAs, their dedication to their communities, their essays, and the supportive words in their letters of recommendation.

In the words of one applicant: "By financially supporting myself through work and demonstrating a strong work ethic, I hope to set an example for others. I am deeply committed to making a positive impact in my community, and I will continue to strive for ways to do so."

In the words of that same student's teacher: "I don't know if [the student's] strength, wisdom, humor and compassion are innate or if they were formed by her loving family and the struggles of her childhood. What matters is, she has the character and confidence to accomplish all of the goals she has set. She will be someone who makes a big difference in this world. Young people like [this student] are the hope of our future. I give her my highest recommendation."

Again, WPNA congratulates all our 2022-2023scholarship winners!



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CLIMATE CORNER - How to Save Money and Reduce your Carbon Footprint

Martin Luecke

At the May WPNA meeting, the Climate Committee brought Bob Hendricks from the Sierra Club to speak about the current state of climate science, climate related bills introduced at the Texas Legislature, and the many aspects of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), which includes \$369 billion of Climate Change incentives and appropriations.

There was a great deal of interest in the Sierra Club's latest program for outreach and public education regarding the IRA, and the current news to curb or defeat efforts in the Texas Legislature to increase public spending on fossil fuels and deny incentives to renewable energy projects and companies.

Rebates and tax credits through the IRA are coming online this year, so stay tuned to this column for updates. The climate committee recommends that you can right now get an \$800 rebate for changing your gas water heater to electric; or get a \$7500 rebate for buying a new electric car; or get tax rebates for installing a solar array system on your house. There are also rebates coming to change your gas house heater into an electric heat pump, as well as changing gas appliances to electric, such as cooking and clothes drying. Austin Energy is a great source for many of these programs.

The easiest thing you can do is sign up for Green-Choice at Austin Energy which will power your home with renewable energy. All of these home improvements count towards a total transition from fossil fuels to a carbon free future. The climate committee is committed to making these transitions in our own homes, and will continue to share these efforts so that all of us can do our part to end our use of fossil fuels.

Please contact us by email to learn more or to become a member of the committee, which has a Zoom meeting the first Sunday of the month: windsorparkclimatecommittee@gmail.com

Parks Update – June 2023

Jeanette Swenson

POMERLEAU

Katie Robillard, of Austin Parks Foundation, announced that Pomerleau Park, 1906 Patton Lane, will open to the public in late June. It has been delayed by permitting issues and recent rainy weather, but it really is taking shape with walking trails, shaded playscape, and a small wildflower prairie. Also, a pavilion with electricity has been funded by a generous donor, and construction will begin in early 2024. To date, Pomerleau development has been funded by Austin Parks Foundation and Austin Parks and Recreation. To highlight the new park, WPNA is planning an October opening celebration that will link Bartholomew and Pomerleau Park.

BARTHOLOMEW

Change is coming to Bartholomew Park as well. In the works are construction of a bike and pedestrian trail through the east end of the park that will connect Windsor Park to the Tilley Street trail at E. 51st Street. A high priority is a traffic signal at East 51st for a safe crossing of 51st into Mueller and access for our middle school students who will attend Marshall Middle School, which will open in August 2023.

Hopefully, a new, safer bike trail will continue through the park to Greenbrook and Westminster and connect Blanton and Harris elementary schools, the Windsor Park library, and Pomerleau Park.

In the May meeting, WPNA voted to expand the use of the dedicated playscape funds to include parks projects. The \$5,218 playscape fund will be available by application to the WPNA Parks Committee and subject to approval by WPNA.

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YARD OF THE MONTH COMMITTEE 20 YEARS OF CHOSING YARDS

Sandi Wilcox

Have you ever noticed on a Saturday morning, a van full of folks driving slowly through the neighborhood, pointing and talking? They are quite possibly the Yard of the Month team that has been honoring beauty one yard at a time for 20 years. Actually, the committee was formed to solve a different concern - policing yards that were unkempt. But someone at the meeting said, "We don't want to be beautification nazis!" So some folks, including Ruth Marie and Daphne Jeffers, set out to honor the beautiful yards instead! They bought a sign and the Yard of the Month was born.

The goal was set, "to preserve the neighborhood's beauty, recognize neighbors for their landscaping work, foster pride in our community, and encourage all neighbors to beautify their own yards." Originally, winners received \$25 from Howard's Nursery and now receive \$50 from Shoal Creek Nursery.

So, for 20 years, the YOMmers have cruised the neighborhood looking for just the right yard to honor. We've chosen over 230 yards. Considering that we wait at least 5 years before honoring the same yard, that's a lot of yards. Two original members have served the whole 20 years; Sara Jane Lee and Joe Limon. Sara contacts owners to collect information from them, writes a news article, then presents a certificate with a picture of the yard and a \$50 coupon from Shoal Creek Nursery. Joe is the sign wrangler, moving the sign to its new location each month. Gary Lockhart takes pictures for the Newsletter and for the certificate. Keva Richardson designs the certificate and posts info on the WPNA website. Other members are Hope Camacho, Sharon Sterritt and chairperson Sandi Wilcox.

In 2010, criteria was formalized and can be found on the website. Basically, we look at the total exterior appearance of the property and the front yard as viewed from the street. This includes the driveway, walks, open space and entrance area. We look for a yard about 5 weeks ahead of time so we have to do a little speculation on how yards will look, considering Texas weather. Only 3 or 4 months in 20 years have not had a winner usually due to severe weather damage. We even met during Corona times on Zoom with pictures of yards. Not near as cool as meeting together, which is always a lot of fun!

YOM hosted several afternoon tours. In 2009, we hosted a Fall Vegetable Garden Tour to introduce the new Community Garden and featured 3 front yard gardens. Community Garden Tours were in 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, and 2011, with Master Gardeners Nancy Murrow and Daphne Jeffers labeling EVERY plant in 3 front and backyards for each tour.

YOM Membership has changed over the years. The first YOM team was Ruth Marie, Sandy Holloway, Joe Limon, Sara Jane Lee and Daphne Jeffers. Other members have included Jeanette Swenson, Chris Krumrey, Paul Licce, and Joe Fisher. The team meets the 4th or 5th Saturday of each month to cruise together for about 2 hours.

It's impossible to cruise all 650+ streets so we do give top priority to nominated yards. Nominations of your neighbor's or your own yard can be emailed to wpna.yom@gmail.com or mention to a member. Even if you don't know the exact address, we will try to find your nominated yard. We LOVE nominations so please let us know. Special thanks to Shoal Creek Nursery, 2710 Hancock Drive for awarding \$50 certificates even during COVID. Thank you also to all our neighbors who help keep our neighborhood an Austin jewel.

2022 AISD Bonds = Many Improvements for Our Northeast Schools

Judi Rockman

School break has started for some, but planners, administrators, stakeholders, and designers are just getting busy with the process of making change become reality. Some Northeast campuses have new buildings coming and modernization for others. Harris Elementary and Sadler Means YWLA have Campus Architectural Teams meeting to guide build decisions. Andrews Elementary will get envisioning in a later group. Northeast and LBJ ECHSchools are slated for modernization.

Online links have information for each school. Find the progress, events calendars, how bond dollars are accounted for, and contacts for more answers. (Also, follow past work at [austinisid 2017 bond.org](http://austinisid2017.bond.org))

- AISDFuture.com

- Bond Book | Austinisd (in English & Spanish)

- <https://bond.austinschools.org/>

- <https://bond.austinschools.org/bond-projects/sadler-means-ywla>

- District 1 trustee: candace.l.hunter@austinisd.org

Meet Your Neighbor: RIP Gary Hallock

Martin Luecke

Windsor Park lost a native son April 25, 2023 when Gary Hallock succumbed to cancer. Having just published three episodes on the Hallock family in this column, there is no need to recap Gary's many successes.

Gary will be sorely missed by the Austin Gilbert and Sullivan Society for which he had played many acting roles over the decades and was a founding member. He was also missed at the O. Henry Pun-Off World Championship held in downtown Austin in May, which he won in 1989 and produced for 25 years.

Gary is survived by wife Christine; sons Andrew (partner Tomas) and Thomas (partner Antonia); and granddaughters Sonia and Fern.

June 2023 Mueller Update

Rick Krivoniak

Boardroom Styling Lounge, a men's styling service also offering scalp massages, pressure point facials, and beer, will open its second Austin location in the Alpha Building on Aldrich later this year. Then in early 2024, several new businesses are planning to open in Mueller. Chuy's, established in Austin in

1982, will open its seventh Austin-area restaurant, with indoor/outdoor seating and a full bar, at the corner of Aldrich and Philomena Streets. Another local favorite, Hopdoddy Burger Bar will open its fifth Austin location, with a full-service bar, also on Aldrich. Locally owned Honest Mary's will open its third fast-casual dining location in the ground floor of AMLI Branch Park. And, Modern Animal, a California general practice veterinary clinic will be expanding into Mueller.

AMLI Residential will build a Lake|Flato-designed multifamily complex in the block bordered by Aldrich, Garcia, Mueller and Philomena. The seven-story community will provide approximately 10,000 square feet of ground-floor retail space along Aldrich Street, with 650 apartments, 98 of which will be affordable at 60% of Austin's MFI.

The Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission currently has three vacancies. If you are interested in serving, apply to the City Clerk's office at www.austintexas.gov/departments/boards-and-commissions, and contact the offices of Council Members José Velásquez, Mackenzie Kelly and/or Zo Qadrito to let them know of your interest.

The Commission will next meet on Tuesday, June 13th 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

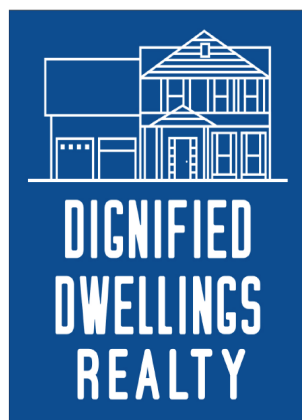


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OF HOMES SOLD IN (April 2023) **4**

AVG SQ FT OF HOMES SOLD **2,015**

AVG DAYS ON MKT OF SOLDS **32**

ACTIVE LISTINGS ON MARKET **25***

*As of May 6th, 2023 - Single Family Homes.
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Mid-Year Home Care Checklist

Check/Change Batteries in Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Check/Change HVAC filters

Trim New Tree Growth away from roof



Yard of the Month – June 2023 - 1414 Northridge Drive

Sara Jane Lee

The June winners are Ruth Mayer and Austin Landon of 1414 Northridge Drive. They were nominated by their neighbors and are members of WPNA. When they moved here five and a half years ago, their front yard was a weedy expanse of Bermuda grass with flowerbeds near their house. They wanted something more natural.

Austin and Ruth were inspired by their neighbors' yards, the Mueller Greenway, the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, and Confluence Park in San Antonio. They were also inspired by "Grow Green" published by the City of Austin, the Native American Seed Co. website and catalog, and KLRU's "Central Texas Gardener" especially the episode about pocket prairies.

About a year later they began working on their yard starting with the flowerbeds and the arbor. They gradually expanded their native flower and plant area. Instead of trying to do it all at once, each season they would tackle a new project. The hardest job was removing the Bermuda so that they could sow flowers and native grasses.

In their front yard, they now have Desert Willow, Retama and Anacacho Orchid trees, Rock Rose, Skeleton-Leaf Golden Eye, Red Yucca, Prickly Pear Cactus, Confetti, Yellow, and Purple Trailing Lantana, Turkscap, Autumn Sage, Mealy Blue Sage, and Crossvine. They also have three native grasses: Gulf Muhly, Prairie Wildrye, and Sideoats Grama.

Their many wildflowers, such as Indian Blanket, Evening Primrose, Winecup, and Beebalm, are Ruth and Austin's great pleasure because they never know what will come up. Whether they're wildflowers or plantings, the flowers attract pollinators. A favorite part of the design is the path that meanders around the pocket prairie in the middle of yard. There, lizards, bees, birds, toads, and other wildlife make their home.

Austin and Ruth did most of the work, but they got help with the pocket prairie and landscaping their side yard into a dry creek bed.

Ruth and Austin will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate from Shoal Creek Nursery. While you are there be sure to greet Chicago and admire the waterfall.

Send in your nominations! 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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35
DAYS

MEDIAN DAYS
ON MARKET



5
NUMBER OF
HOMES SOLD



\$855,000
MOST
EXPENSIVE
HOME SOLD

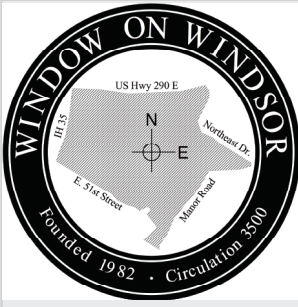


\$489,250
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HOME SOLD

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

Market Compression

In April, only five homes sold in Windsor Park, and each one closed under its original list price. This is a big change from April of last year when we had 16 sales and only 2 of them sold for under their original list price. The median price is about the same year over year, but last year the least expensive home was \$410k and the most expensive was \$975k. Over the last year we've seen the "floors" and "ceilings" of pricing compress, and now lower priced homes are selling for a little more while the highest priced homes are selling for a little less. I might sound like a broken record, but it's worth reiterating - it's more important than ever to market and price properly based on where we are TODAY.



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- [Windsor Park Neighborhood Association Book Club](#)
David Copperfield
Monday, June 12, 2023 - 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM
- [Kids Create: Water Art](#)
Wednesday, June 14, 2023 - 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM
- [African Drum Circle with Mr. Boom Boom! For Kids](#)
Wednesday, July 19, 2023 - 3:30 PM
- [Chicken Coop and Composting Class for Adults](#)
Wednesday, July 19, 2023 - 6:00 PM
- [Sana Yoga Presents: Bilingual Yoga for adults!](#)
Wednesday, June 21, 2023 - 6:00 PM
- [Hip Hop Dance class for kids!](#)
Saturday, June 24, 2023 - 2:00 PM
- [Teen Social Hour](#)
Monday, June 26, 2023 - 3:30 PM
- [Crowe's Nest Farms Presents: Birds of Prey](#)
Wednesday, June 28, 2023 - 3:30 PM
- [Mini Make-It Fair for Adults](#)
Wednesday, June 28, 2023 - 6:00 PM to 7:45 PM