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Windsor Park Library Updates and Events

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Aug 6, 11am: Hip Hop Dance with Weva

Aug 6, 2pm: Saturday Movie Matinee - Zootopia

Aug 9, 7pm: Book Club: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain

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The Windsor Park Neighborhood Plan Contact Team (WPNPCT)

is a representative group of neighborhood stakeholders charged as stewards of the Neighborhood Plan, to uphold the implementation of the Plan's vision, goals and recommendations, and to review & vote on all proposed amendments to the Plan.

Meetings are the second Monday of each month at the Windsor Park Library (subject to change) at 6:30 p.m. Contact Conor Kenny at conor@conorkenny.net or 512-968-3050

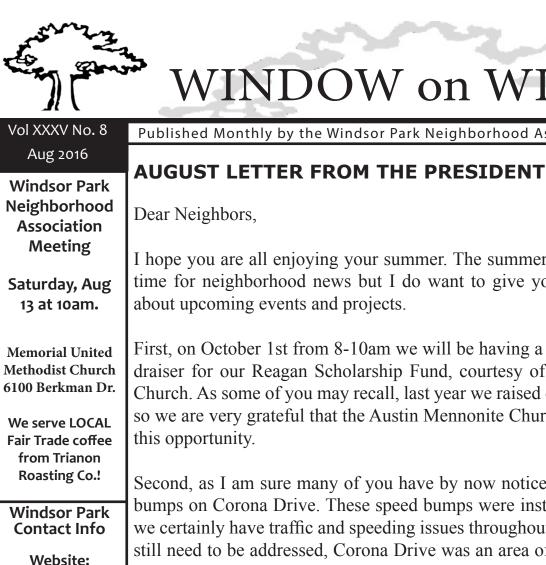
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WINDOW on WINDSOR

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I hope you are all enjoying your summer. The summer time is usually a slow time for neighborhood news but I do want to give you some quick updates

First, on October 1st from 8-10am we will be having a pancake breakfast fundraiser for our Reagan Scholarship Fund, courtesy of the Austin Mennonite Church. As some of you may recall, last year we raised over \$600 at this event, so we are very grateful that the Austin Mennonite Church has again offered us

Second, as I am sure many of you have by now noticed, there are now speed bumps on Corona Drive. These speed bumps were installed in July. Although we certainly have traffic and speeding issues throughout the neighborhood that still need to be addressed, Corona Drive was an area of particular concern for many Windsor Park residents. District 4 Council Member Greg Casar made these speed bumps possible by not only doing a lot of the legwork to get it done quickly but also by using unspent funds from his own operating budget. Thank

I hope to see many of you at our August meeting where we will hear from the Facilities Process Manager at the Windsor Park Library, John Gillum, about upcoming renovations that are slated to occur at our local library.



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Austin City Council votes to close land use loophole for charter schools

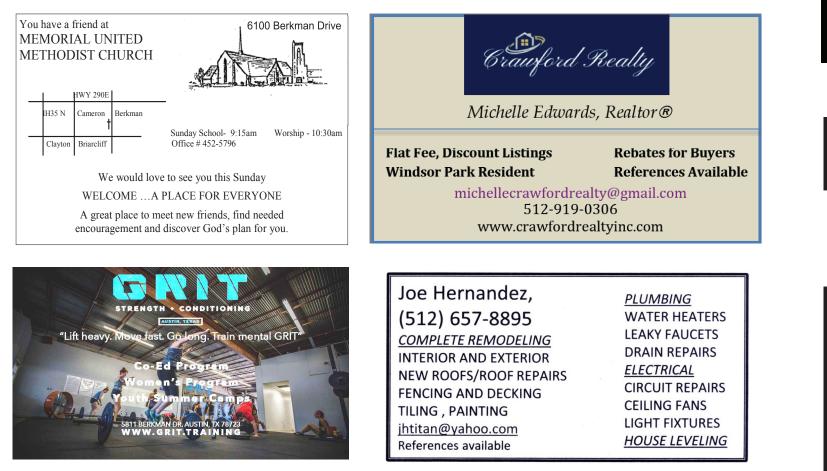
Amanda Rose

The Austin City Council voted on June 23rd to apply the same land use standards to charter schools that are in place for local public schools. This vote was closely followed by members of the Windsor Park neighborhood, as Austin Achieve on Manor Road was a focus of some of the debate. Several Windsor Park residents provided testimony to the council in the September 16th council meeting.

The vote followed almost two years of meetings and discussions between stakeholders including neighbors, parents, neighborhood groups, public charter schools, AISD, environmental groups, council members, city staff, Save Our Schools, and ANC. The issue was raised in several WPNA meetings with vigorous debate.

The Statesman, Chronicle and Austin Monitor have all covered this issue extensively – a few recent articles are mentioned below. "Council reaches compromise on charter school land use debate", Austin Monitor, 27 June 2016. http:// www.austinmonitor.com/stories/2016/06/council-reaches-compromise-charter-school-land-use-debate/ The Austin American Statesman ran recent articles on June 16th and 18th, and the Chronicle had articles in both the June 3rd and June 24th issues.

The amendment was debated during the June 16th council meeting - see item 73: http://www.austintexas.gov/department/city-council/2016/20160616-reg.htm. Testimony can be viewed here http://austintx.swagit.com/play/06162016-628/0/



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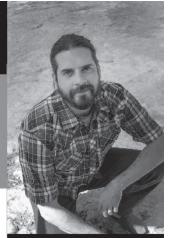
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JUNE 2016 Windsor Park Market Statistics

AVG SOLD PRICE/SQ FT (JUNE 2016)	\$245.52
# OF HOMES SOLD IN (JUNE 2016)	14
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August Yard of the Month

Sara Jane Lee

The August winners are Justyna and Yalmaz Akyondem of 1428 Corona Drive; they have lived there seven years.

They were inspired by Google Images, their neighbors' landscapes, and the landscape architecture program that Justyna was taking at the University of Texas at Austin.

The plants in their front yard are Texas natives or adapted low water plants. They include Bottlebrush, Turk's Cap Jerusalem Sage, Bulbine, Prostrate and Upright Rosemary,

Prickly Pear Cactus, and Aztec Grass. Their Pride of Barbados (AKA Red Bird of Paradise) plants are spectacular. This seems to be the year for Pride of Barbados; it could be called Pride of Windsor Park. They also have some shrubs and trees including a Dwarf Pomegranate, an Olive tree, two Fig trees, and mature Crape Myrtles. The plants are surrounded by black mulch. Justyna and Yalmaz also added a gravel walkway that separates most of the yard from the house.

Their favorite parts of the landscape are the "pop of color "from plants like the pride of Barbados", and the screen that the landscape provides. They also appreciate its low maintenance requirements. Doing all the work themselves, it took them one to two months to install it. They water about once a month in summer and none at all in winter. Weeding takes one to two hours a week.

They took advantage of Austin's rebate program for converting turf to xeriscape. It paid for 25% of their cost. They suggest that others do the same.

The Akyondems will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate from our sponsor, Shoal Creek Nursery.

Pictures of the Yard of the Month are displayed on our website, www.Windsorpark.info as well as on our Facebook page. Check them out.

Do you like a certain yard, or yards, in the neighborhood? You can nominate more than one. Tell us. We cannot visit every yard in the neighborhood every month. We may not have seen your great yard. Don't be humble. We love to get nominations. To nominate a yard or yards, e-mail us at yom@windsorpark.info, call 928-0681 or write WPNA YOMC, P O Box 16183, Austin, Texas 78761



Meet Your Neighbor - summer break Martin Luecke

This month, Meet Your Neighbor is taking a "summer break" as I am on vacation. Please do keep the nominations coming - as I always need ideas for interesting neighbors to interview. Please give me a call or drop me an email -Martin Luecke 536.0465 or mwluecke@hotmail.com.



August 2016 Mueller Update Rick Krivoniak

There was no Mueller Commission meeting in July, though the City and Catellus released this information midmonth. Early last year, the City of Austin created its first Parking and Transportation Management District (PTMD) at Mueller to help promote a vital and walkable community while addressing the developing town center area and the parking needs of businesses, visitors and residents. As Mueller continues to develop, the PTMD will target traffic and parking situations as new streets are added and special events draw growing crowds.

On August 1st the City's Transportation Department will launch the first phase of this pilot program starting with the implementation of paid on-street parking in the area adjacent to Lake Park and the Thinkery, which is already experiencing constant vehicle and pedestrian activity. All other parking options throughout Mueller remain the same in this phase including the parking available at no charge in the Lake Park parking lot. Outreach efforts for this launch are targeted to stakeholders within and around Mueller via various communications, including e-blasts, information online, signs in the implementation area, and informational flyers.

The next phase of the pilot program is anticipated to roll out late this year to prepare for the opening of Alamo Drafthouse and the first of many Aldrich Street town center small businesses in early 2017. It will include paid parking on newly opened streets and paid parking in the District Garage, with the Thinkery, Alamo Drafthouse and participating area retailers and restaurants validating their patrons' garage parking tickets for specific timeframes.

Details of this pilot parking program including all parking options, meter times, FAQs, and the plan's background are now available online at bit.ly/parkingatmueller, which will be noted on signs in the area and in other correspondence.

Last year, the Travis Central Appraisal Distrcut changed policy and began appraising Mueller affordable homes at market rate, making them unaffordable for many homeowners. After months of negotiations, an agreement was finally reached in July. Patti Summerville, Executive Director of the Mueller Foundation which administers the affordable program, released the following statement:

As a result of the mediation, the Mueller Foundation and TCAD have come to an agreement regarding the appraisals of the majority of the income-qualifying homes at Mueller. This agreement:

- Bases the tax appraisals on the price the homeowners paid for their homes;
- Recognizes the restrictions placed on the homes in determining their appraised values;
- Provides program clarification for TCAD; and,

• Avoids a potentially long series of costly trials and allows both sides to move on to other important business. Consequently, the three lawsuits filed by individual Mueller residents against TCAD have been settled and will not go to trial.

The next meeting of the Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission (RMMAPIAC/ Mueller Commission) is Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at 6:00 PM at Parque Zaragoza Recreation Center, 2608 Gonzales Street. Address Mueller questions and comments to bc-rick. krivoniak@austintexas.gov



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School Committee Update

Meghan Dougherty, School Committee Chair

Summer is starting to wind down, and it seems like it's gone so fast! The School Committee has laid out some goals and plans for the upcoming school year.

We are planning on partnering with the newly formed Beautification Committee, led by Rodney Ahart, to work on beautifying some of our neighborhood schools. Our first goal is to work with Harris Elementary. It has such a prominent location in the neighborhood, but the grounds are often littered as it's located on a major intersection and near two bus stops. We will organize a clean up in conjunction with the school. We hope to start an ongoing partnership with Harris to help it keep its grounds clean and attractive. More details will follow once we've figured out a schedule.

We are kicking off our scholarship fundraising effort this year with a **Back to School party at the Nomad**, Friday, August 19, 4-7 pm. We are especially extending the invitation to all the school personnel that work in our neighborhood schools. The Nomad will donate 10% of its proceeds to the WPNA Scholarship Fund, and there will also be drink specials. We hope to raise more money this year so that we can extend our scholarship to neighborhood students who attend LBJ High School. It is truly a wonderful way for the neighborhood to give back to our students and give them support to embark on the next stage of their lives. So please come out and support neighborhood businesses and neighborhood students.

If you are interested in participating in our school committee, we meet the first Wednesday of each month. Please contact Meghan Dougherty, School Committee Chair, schools@windsorpark.info for more information.



Windsor Park Beautification Committee Rodney Ahart

The Windsor Park Beautification Committee h kickoff meeting June 23, 2016. The committee dr mission and a vision, selected initiatives to focus tially and set a schedule for meetings moving for The meeting minutes and announcements of upc meetings will be posted on the listserv.

- **Mission:** To enhance, restore and protect the beauty of Windsor Park.
- **Meeting schedule:** Meetings will be held every third Thursday of the month at 6 PM.

The committee targeted the following initiatives: Promoting neighborhood pride and encouraging neighbors to take care of their residential lots, removing litter along streets and sidewalks, creating distinctive and attractive neighborhood entrances with landscaping, signage and lighting, and eliminating weeds.

In addition to focusing on beautifying key entrances to Windsor Park along Berkman and Cameron, the committee will also be identifying entrances along the eastern portion of the neighborhood for possible landscaping or other improvements.

The committee is also compiling contacts and researching ways to reach out to businesses, apartment complexes, neighborhood groups, and city and private services to engage and energize beautification throughout Windsor Park.

We welcome you to attend the meetings, participate in the initiatives and encourage your neighbors, including your neighborhood businesses, to get involved. Together, we can make an even more beautiful Windsor Park!



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Dead spots in the lawn? Look for chinch bugs....

Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist

Chinch bugs often appear in Texas lawns during hot, dry conditions. Usually damage starts in sunny locations or near driveway and sidewalk areas. Damage appears as irregular dead patches in the lawn surrounded by yellowing or dying grass. Chinch bug damage can be mistaken for other lawn problems like white grubs or fungal diseases, so confirmation of chinch bug activity is needed before choosing proper treatment.



So how do you tell if you have chinch bugs? The easiest way is to look for the insects. One way to look is to cut both ends out of a

can, push it into the ground using a twisting motion and then fill the can with water for about 10 minutes and wait for any bugs to float to the top. Another way would be to get down on your hands and knees and part the grass to look for the insects. For both methods, samples should be taken in the damaged (yellowed grass), not dead, grass areas.

Chinch bugs are small (about 1/5 of an inch as adults; immatures are smaller). Adults are black with white wings containing triangular markings. Nymphs, or immatures, are yellowish or pinkish with a light colored band across their body. Nymphs do not have fully developed wings.

Treatment is usually a liquid or granular formulation. Liquid formulations are often bottles that attach to

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Your sale is simple as 1-2-3: (1) you pick a date to close, (2) sign a contract, (3) show up at a title company to pick up your check. Service is friendly, no pressure, no games. For more information on how to sell your property to a direct cash buyer call Alex Gurevich (512) 773-5673 Liquid formulations are often bottles that attach to the end of the garden hose or concentrates that you mix with water in a tank sprayer. Granular formulations are applied with push spreaders and need to be watered in after treatment.

Treatment should be applied to the area where damage is occurring and several feet out from the damaged area; the entire yard does not have to be treated. All label instructions should be read and followed before and during the treatment.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com

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Blanton Elementary School update

Karon Smutzer, ACE Site Coordinator

The last two weeks of the ACE summer camp were in July, we had our 'nine days of science and service' at McKinney Falls State Park. Summer camp ended on July 22, it has been weeks of fun for students and staff, we have had a daily field trip that included parents as well as students and many other wonderful events.

With summer coming to an end we want to make the community aware of some very important dates for the upcoming school year. Please feel free to visit the school, ask questions and learn more about what Blanton Elementary can offer for your student.

Important dates for parents and community:

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August 1, 2016	School office open on a lin	nited basis, call before	e visiting512-414-2026
August 10, 2016	ACE Registration	2:00-6:30 p.m.	Room 105
August 13, 2016	Pre-K/Kinder Playdate	10:00 a.m.	(Beautification day also)
August 18, 2016	Meet the Teacher	4:00-6:00 p.m.	
August 22, 2016	First Day of School		

We encourage the Windsor Park community to join us for the fun and enjoyment of any special events whenever they have the opportunity, just keep an eye on this column to find out what has and will be happening at Blanton Elementary. For more information, please feel free to contact Karon Smutzer, ACE Site Coordinator at <u>karon</u>. <u>smutzer@austinisd.org</u>



Update from Council Member Casar

I hope you all have had a great summer! I have some good news about new neighborhood traffic calming below!

August means the City Council will be hard at work on two very important issues: the Austin Energy Rate Review and the City Budget. The City Council reviews Austin Energy's electric rates every five years in a thorough, transparent process that involves an impartial hearing process in addition to public hearings at the Electric Utility Commission and the City Council. Our City Budget Office has been gathering resident input on City budget priorities for the coming year— you can learn more about the budget development process at www.austintexas.gov/dollarsandsense. If you'd like more information or would like to get more involved in the Austin Energy rate review process and/or the City Budget process, don't hesitate to contact my office by email at Greg.Casar@austintexas.gov or by phone at 512-978-2104.

Corona Drive Speedbumps are here!

Last year, virtually all of the neighbors on Corona organized and brought a request for traffic calming devices forward to my office and the Transportation Department. We utilized funds from my office's remaining budget (basically, what others spend on office supplies or furniture) to make the speed bumps a reality. I hope these traffic humps provide some much-needed relief to neighbors along Corona Drive and the surrounding area. I think projects like this show the power of Windsor Park residents coming together to create positive change!