



# WINDOW on WINDSOR

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Meghan Dougherty

**Next  
Neighborhood  
Association  
Meeting**

**Saturday, Sept  
8th at 10am.**

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**Sept  
Meeting Focus:**

**Our Local  
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As the 2018-19 school year begins, I am reminded how important schools are to the success of our state, city, and neighborhood. Schools play an integral role in making neighborhoods great. Obviously, people shop for schools just as much as they shop for tree-lined streets and friendly neighbors when they're looking for a home. However, neighborhoods that want good schools must invest in those schools. It has become far too easy to blame the failure of schools on those who are working in the buildings. While our school personnel must take ownership over how and what is taught, they also rely on us to provide the resources, time, and effort they don't always have to further enhance the education students are receiving.

For example, parent teacher associations contribute extra funding to the buildings, outside of what is allocated by the district or state. They coordinate volunteers to help with all kinds of enrichment activities, from tutoring to field trips. Parents who are involved in their child's school are likely to develop better relationships with their teachers, leading to better communication about the child's progress. Students' grades, attendance, and test scores all improve when parents are active in the school building.

However, involvement in public education does not have to be limited just to parents and guardians of school-aged children. Did you know that in our WPNA schools committee, several of our members don't even have children, or their children are adults? However, they are all united in the idea that schools are part of the fabric of a community, and good schools help create a strong community. They volunteer to read in the school libraries, they serve on Campus Advisory Councils and other district-level committees, and they keep our neighborhood informed about issues affecting the schools.

When we talk inequities across campuses within the district, oftentimes those inequities can be traced back to the community's involvement in their neighborhood schools. But, volunteering isn't the only way to give back to schools. Schools have been underfunded by the state for several years now, meaning an increasing proportion of school funding is coming from local [See p. 2]

### Questions about Homelessness in the Austin Community

*Ann Howard, ECHO (Ending Community Homelessness Coalition)*

*NOTE: At our August meeting we had invited Ann Howard as our guest speaker. She was unable to attend, but knowing that the neighbors in attendance had many burning questions, we collected their questions and shared them with her afterward. Here are some of the questions and her responses. For the full article, please visit our website at [www.windsorpark.info](http://www.windsorpark.info).*

The Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (ECHO) is the lead agency that plans and implements community-wide strategies to end homelessness in Austin and Travis County. We are the backbone for homeless services and work closely with nonprofits and government agencies to coordinate assistance for people experiencing homelessness in our community. ECHO manages data on homelessness and advocates for just policies and adequate funding to assist those in need. We believe it is the community's responsibility to provide a compassionate response and ensure homelessness is rare, brief, and only happens once.

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[President's Letter, continued from p. 1] property taxes, and important programs benefiting low-income students are being cut ("Study: Texas lags behind most states in school funding" Austin-American Statesman, 11/28/17). So please get involved this year - vote in the AISD school board election, vote for candidates willing to re-fund education at the state level and who will support increased school funding from the federal level. And call your representatives at every level and remind them how important it is that we give funding back to our schools. Our neighborhood is only as good as its schools, and we can definitely do better.

We will be inviting our neighborhood elementary school principals to attend our meeting in September, and middle and high school principals, along with candidates for AISD school board, to come in October. Join us on September 8 at 10 am at the Memorial United Methodist Church and learn more about our neighborhood schools.

## MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: JENNI SPERANDEO

*Martin Luecke*

Our neighbor on Ridgemont since 2012, Jenni is president of Dangerbird Records, an indy label out of Los Angeles that includes a lot of talent like Matt Costa, Holly Miranda, Austinite A. Sinclair, The Dears, and up and comers galore. It's like owning a candy store and there's all these great flavors and Willie Wonka keeps inventing more!

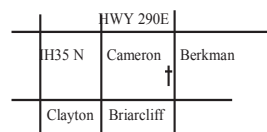
The very first question: how does one run an LA record label from Windsor Park? And more importantly, where can I get that job? Well that's a long story. First, help open and operate a college radio station while attending Michigan State University. Then, get a radio promotions job after graduation at cool reissue label Rhino Records. Follow that up with a couple decades of hard work in an industry that has endured some major structural changes, and ultimately have some great luck and timing. Jenni transitioned from Radio Promotion at Dangerbird to taking over all label operations upon its re-structuring. And that's when they moved back to Austin (Jenni, husband Gerald and son Vincent). The key here is to become President right before you do that.



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"This is a business that happens all over the place. Our distributor is based in New York. I just got back from a Record Store Day Summer Camp in New Orleans." Jenni attended with the band Slothrust, who performed at the event, and is wearing a Juiceboxxxx "Never Surrender Forever" t-shirt, another Dangerbird artist she describes as evolving from rapper to singer and songwriter fronting a live garage/punk band. "Interesting" I respond, trying to imagine what that sounds like. "He's an inspirational cat" Jenni says matter of factly. And there's the magic: musicians are on the cutting edge of our culture and working with them every day to realize their dreams is important. Imagine where we would be without Aretha Franklin and those who gave her the space to work?

[Homelessness, continued from page 1]

***We have heard the city has created a coalition on working on homelessness. What is the city doing about it?*** Mayor Steve Adler and Mayor Pro Tem Kathie Tovo have championed efforts to house homeless veterans, youth and families. To date, 900 homeless veterans have been connected to housing and received financial assistance to get settled that was provided by the federal government. City funds several housing initiatives by contracting with local non-profits like Caritas, LifeWorks, SAFE, ECHO and more.

***What is the root cause of homelessness and the best way to address the issue?*** There are many root causes of homelessness, but it often happens when a crisis in the home results in the loss of housing. This crisis might be loss of income, health problems, family breakup, inequity and instability, lack of affordable housing in Austin, involvement in the criminal justice system, etc. ECHO does work with some organizations on awareness and prevention, but we believe the best way to address the issue is to implement the Action Plan to End Homelessness (which you can find on ECHO's website).

***We are concerned about trash and littering, and many homeless are going to the bathroom in public areas (behind buildings, under the overpasses). What can we do?*** Please call your city council representative and convey your concern. We need the city and county government to direct more funding to strategies that end homelessness so that we don't have to spend so much money cleaning up homelessness.

***What is the best way to volunteer, not just with ECHO, but other organizations? Which organizations are best to support volunteers and where could we find that information?*** Most non-profits list ways to volunteer on their websites so the easiest thing to do is google the name of the agency and explore their material. Strong nonprofits in Austin working together to end homelessness include: Caritas of Austin, LifeWorks, SAFE, Salvation Army, Front Steps, Integral Care, St. Louise House, Family Eldercare, Any Baby Can and ECHO. ECHO uses volunteers on workgroups and to conduct the annual survey of people experiencing homelessness.



## **SAVVY CAREGIVER CLASSES**

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This program is sponsored by **AGE of Central Texas** and funded by **St. David's Foundation**. The six class sessions will help you recognize and understand the different stages of dementia.

A light supper will be served at 5p and the class will begin at 5:30p. All is totally **free**.

**Wednesdays 5- 7:30 pm; Sept 13 - Oct 18, 2018**

**Hope Lutheran Church, 6414 North Hampton Dr., Austin, TX 78723**

**Building 400 – Hope Harbor**

***To register contact: Sharon Teague 512-926-8574 or  
steague@hopelutheraustin.org***



## Backyard Beekeeping in Windsor Park

*Jacqueline Galvan*

I've been keeping honey bees in my backyard since April 2017, and I'm often asked what that entails. Below are some tips on how to be a good bee neighbor & what to do if you want to start a hive.

### What are the benefits of backyard bees?

Much of our food supply depends on pollination, and honey bees are excellent pollinators. The produce section of our grocery stores would look very different without honey bees. Keeping healthy bees in our community ensures that our gardens and urban farms flourish. Having a healthy honey bee hive in my backyard not only helps with pollination, but my male bees (called drones) mate with queens from other hives, meaning that my healthy bees are spreading their good genes all over the city.

### How can I be a good honey bee neighbor?

A healthy honey bee hive can have tens of thousands of bees, which might feel like an alarming amount. However, honey bees fly up to five miles for food, so they're likely sailing past your door. If you have a bird bath or water fountain, you may attract bees looking to bring water back to their hive. This is crucial in hot months, so consider adding stones to your water source to help keep them from drowning. In the event that you do encounter a bee, resist the urge to swat. While it's natural to fear being stung, a honey bee will not sting unless it feels threatened. In terms of treating your yard for pests, consider natural or pollinator-friendly pesticide alternatives, as pesticides can completely wipe out a healthy hive.

### What should I know if I want to start beekeeping?

Beekeeping is an enjoyable hobby, but it does take knowledge, money and time to start. Your first step should be understanding bee biology. Know the difference between a queen, worker bee and a drone and be able to identify an egg, larva and pupa. Research the legal requirements for where you can place your hive and, if you choose to monetize it, how to legally sell honey. If you plan to purchase your bees (instead of catching wild bees, which is one way to do it!), you'll need to order them in the fall and pick them up in the spring. Know what equipment you'll need, including a jacket, smoker, and supplies to build your hive, and have it ready before you bring your bees home. Accept that you will be stung. You may want to consider having an EpiPen on hand – a small portion of the population is very allergic to bee stings. While honey is a nice bonus, it shouldn't be your main focus. A strong hive likely won't yield a surplus of honey until its second year, and with our warmer winters, you'll want to keep plenty of honey for the bees to feed themselves. If you're in it for the love of the bees, you'll never be disappointed.

## Are you or someone you know living with early memory loss?

Memory Connections early memory loss support program is free and meets on Tuesdays from 9:30 to 2:30 at Hope Lutheran Church. We are looking for older adults living with a diagnosis of early memory loss to join our group - participants enjoy various cognitive and physical activities to exercise their brains as well as a professionally facilitated support group. Memory Connections provides a safe place where adults experiencing early memory loss can share their challenges and emotions with others in similar situations.

For more information or to schedule an admissions interview, please contact AGE of Central Texas at 512-451-4611, ext. 236 or [memoryconnections@ageofcentraltx.org](mailto:memoryconnections@ageofcentraltx.org).

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## Mueller Update

Rick Krivoniak

The park under development on Aldrich Street about two blocks south of E. 51<sup>st</sup> Street will be informally known as Branch Park, named after Mary Elizabeth Branch. She was born in 1881, the daughter of former slaves, who became the president of Austin's Tillotson College in 1930, transforming it from a women's junior college into an accredited, A-rated, four-year, co-ed undergraduate school, improving and expanding the campus building program and faculty. In his first term in Congress, LBJ appointed Branch to the Negro Advisory Board of the National Youth Administration. She was also president of the Austin Chapter of the NAACP, and helped establish the United Negro College Fund. Plans call for Branch Park to open in October, and more information on its amenities is available at [www.muelleraustin.com/uploads/releases/town-cent-park-release.pdf](http://www.muelleraustin.com/uploads/releases/town-cent-park-release.pdf)

As noted last month, the City Council voted in June to begin negotiations with Catellus for a new Austin Energy (AE) headquarters location. Catellus responded to AE's request for proposals with a concept sited on Mueller Boulevard at Philomena Street. In speaking with Mayor Adler at the August WPNA meeting, he indicated that the Mueller location appeared to be the best deal for AE rate-payers. The negotiations are in a very early stage, and while many questions remain about the AE facility,

it seems that Mueller's success – the redevelopment has been funded by the sales and property taxes generated within its boundaries - has made the location fiscally feasible.

Mueller Neighborhood Association steering committee chair Lila Valencia presented the results of a survey conducted by the MNA earlier this year. It was quite interesting to see how many of their residents expressed a desire to better interface with surrounding neighborhoods. MNA will share a summary of the results of this survey on their website ([www.muellerneighborhood.org](http://www.muellerneighborhood.org)) and on social media.

The Aldrich Street Fair returns this year on Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. Enjoy live music from the PDA Band along with glassblowing demonstrations, a bubble artist and a photo booth, as well as food and drink samples (including cocktails from Austin's Tito's Handmade Vodka). Retailers will stay open late for shopping, games and more. Alternative transportation is always encouraged, but free parking will be available in the McBee Street Garage.

The next Advisory Commission will meet at 6PM, Sept 11, 2018 at the Chestnut Community Center, 1183 Chestnut Avenue. Visit <https://austintexas.gov/rmmapiac> to see Commission agendas, minutes and other documents.

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## **Garden Guide: Bring on the Butterflies!**

*William Glenn*

With fall just around the corner, it is a great time to create an “all-you-can-eat buffet” for local and migrating butterflies. It’s still a little bit early to plant most of the garden’s perennials, but there are a few precious plants that are worth planting now and babying through the heat for the surge of fall butterflies that are on their way. One of my favorite parts of fall is the cloud of Monarch butterflies dancing above my giant mistflower in late October and early November. There are so many happy butterflies that I can actually *hear* the whirl of dozens of wings aflutter.

Milkweed is critical for Monarch butterflies, which can really use our help at the moment. At your favorite nursery, you can usually find two or three native species of Milkweed that will provide an essential food source for larva. I’m usually able to find Showy Milkweed, Common Milkweed and Green Milkweed locally, and try to put them in a semi-sunny spot with good garden soil. Conventional farming practices that include widespread herbicide use have severely diminished milkweed populations in the monarch flyways, so it is up to us to pop them in the garden to help out. Check with the Xerces Society’s website for great suggestions too.

In addition to the milkweed bunch, a rich nectar source from flowers will provide adults the energy they need to continue with their arduous voyage. My absolute favorite is the Giant Mistflower. It comes alive with sky-blue flowers in October, and is the bubbling locus of activity in the garden. In addition to several species of butterflies, bees like it too. Giant Mistflower gets big though, say, 5’X5’, so make sure you’ve got enough space in a sunny spot with good soil. The Blue Boneset is a smaller alternative mistflower with basically the same allure as the giant. It is a mannerly shrub that is great as a “bed skirt” for taller, leggier plants. The easiest mistflower to find is the Gregg’s Mistflower which has an interesting scalloped leaf and gets covered in sky-blue flowers as well. From my experience, this one can handle a bit less sun than the other two, but still needs some direct sunlight to bloom well. Gregg’s Mistflower is an attractive groundcover that can get 18” or so tall when in bloom, but can “run” pretty aggressively out of bounds, so be prepared for that!

Keep a birdbath, bowl or plate with a few stones or bricks settled into shallow water so the butterflies can perch and take a sip. They cannot drink from open areas of water,

so shallow puddles or muddy areas are great for them to drink. There are tons of creative products and ideas to facilitate this online too; look it up!

The good folks at our garden centers will be happy to share their favorite butterfly plants too; there are hundreds to choose from. Let’s all make Windsor Park the most magical butterfly-friendly neighborhood in town!

## **Andrews Elementary**

*Gabriela “Gabbie” Soto, Principal*

Andrews will be having a new start and end time for the 2018-2019 school year. Start time is 7:40 a.m., Tardy bell 7:45 a.m., Dismissal 3:00 p.m.

We will also be returning back to Uniform Dress Code: colors are royal blue, yellow gold and white polos and bottoms are khaki, navy blue and dark jeans.

Our District of Innovation (DOI) days will be Sept. 24, January 3-4 and Feb. 15th. Back to School Night is scheduled for Sept. 20th from 4-7:00 p.m. First Principal’s Coffee will be on Sept. 6th at 8:30 a.m. in our Cafe.

We look forward to an outstanding year filled with exciting learning opportunities for our scholars. We welcome our community and parents to join us as partners and volunteer at our campus. Please consider also joining our PTA and our Campus Advisory Council (CAC) as we need more parent representation. These committees share in our Vision for the academic success of all our scholars! We look forward to welcoming you home.

## **Blanton Elementary**

*Karon Smutzer*

Another school year begins with all its hustle and bustle: students meeting new teachers and getting assigned to classrooms, teachers welcoming students - everyone has bright expectations about the new school year!

The federal funding for the ACE program has come to an end at Blanton Elementary. Thanks to the hard work and persistence of many parents, the Blanton After School Enrichment program (BASE) will continue to serve the parents and students of our school. 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, [baseblantonpta@gmail.com](mailto:baseblantonpta@gmail.com)

Upcoming Blanton events to note:

- September 3 - Labor Day – NO SCHOOL
- September 7 - Skating Party, after 4pm. Playland Skate Center, 8822 McCann Dr.
- September 20 - Back-to-School Night, 5:30 p.m.
- September 24 - Teacher Professional Development – NO SCHOOL

## Austin Achieve Public Schools

Jessica Perez

August was a very exciting month at Austin Achieve! We welcomed over 400 new elementary families, the middle school expanded with the addition of our founding 5th-grade class and the first class of college-bound scholars started their senior year of high school.

Northeast Campus Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Thursday, September 20 | 8:30 - 9:30 AM. | 7424 E Hwy 290

The opening of our elementary school is a further realization of our mission to prepare East Austin's youth to attend and excel at the nation's top universities. In celebration of this accomplishment, we'd like to invite our Windsor Park neighbors and fellow community members to our ribbon cutting ceremony. The event will include breakfast, a brief presentation, and a ceremonial ribbon cutting. You will also have the option to stay on campus after the close of the presentation for a tour of the building to see our work in action. Please RSVP at <http://bit.ly/2ORpWf7> or contact Celina Maggi at [cmaggi@austinachieve.org](mailto:cmaggi@austinachieve.org) for more information.

## Reagan Early College High School

Julia Remington, LCSW Bilingual Social Services Specialist

The Reagan Raiders are back and better than ever. Nearly 50 students attended the Summer Bridge program (rising 9th graders) and 27 passed tests to become college eligible! 79 ECHS students took ACC summer courses. 16 Reagan staff attended AVID Summer Institute.



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Additionally, we enthusiastically welcome our new head Football Coach and Athletic Director, Abdul “A.J.” Mustafa. Coach Mustafa has coached for 16 years and mostly recently served as the offensive coordinator at Springs Woods High School.

- September 3, NO SCHOOL-HOLIDAY
- September 5, 5p-8p Back to School Night
- September 20- Late start day. Classes start at 10:15am
- September 22, 7am- Attendance Orientation. Please plan to attend with your student if your student needs to make up missed hours.
- September 22- 9am to noon. Saturday School. Please have your student attend if they need to make up missed hours, assignments or need extra help.

If you would like to get more involved at Reagan ECHS please contact Richard Castillo, the part-time Parent Support Specialist at [Richard.castillo@austinisd.org](mailto:Richard.castillo@austinisd.org)

## Kiwanis Club Butterfly Festival



The Kiwanis Club of Austin-Northeast is hosting its first-annual Austin Kiwanis Butterfly Festival on October 6, 2018 from 10am-5:00pm at Mueller Lake Park Amphitheater (near the intersection of

Aldrich St. and Simond Ave.). Mueller is a presenting sponsor of the festival. This event is a one-day chance to walk with hundreds of butterflies, contained in a 300 square foot tent, set with flowering plants provided by a local nursery. Once inside the temporary butterfly habitat, watermelon on sticks held by volunteer “butterfly wranglers” will draw the beautiful, delicate creatures to families and kids of all ages for closer observation and photo opportunities. Admission to the butterfly habitat is free for kids under 3, \$5 for kids ages 3-17, and \$7 for adults. Tickets are available on-site and online at [www.austinnortheastkiwanis.org/butterfly](http://www.austinnortheastkiwanis.org/butterfly).

Free face-painting, coloring, lessons from butterfly/plant experts, a silent auction, and other engaging activities to enjoy will take place around the butterfly habitat. Proceeds from the event will go toward funding installation of sun shade structures at the Bartholomew Park playgrounds.

How can you help? Organizers are still seeking out event sponsors to underwrite the event as well as donors of silent auction items from local businesses. Volunteers are also needed to help transport equipment and supplies to the event location for setup and teardown. Think you can help? Email [president@austinnortheastkiwanis.org](mailto:president@austinnortheastkiwanis.org) to get involved.



About Kiwanis: Established in 1915 and dedicated to serving the children of the world, Kiwanis International is a global volunteer organization that annually raises more than US\$100 million and dedicates more than 18.5 million hours to strengthen communities and help children.

The Kiwanis Club of Austin-Northeast was chartered in 1961 and consists of 16 men and women of diverse ages and backgrounds with a commitment to volunteerism.

Through classroom reading, sponsorship of our service leadership programs, sponsorship of Boy Scout troops, funding for anti-bullying programs, and more, these Kiwanians work locally to improve the community and lives of children. The club meets weekly at Tres Amigos at 7573 E Hwy 290 from 12pm-1pm on Thursdays and monthly for an evening social/meeting at different locations. Prospective members are always welcomed.

## WPNA Schools Committee

*Emily Vitris*

The Schools Committee held their first meeting of the school year on August 15. We would love for you to join us!

Our committee is focused on creating a connection between the schools in our neighborhood and the Windsor Park community. We work toward that goal by sharing information between the schools and community, engaging in school events and volunteer opportunities, participating in our neighborhood school CACs (Campus Advisory Council), offering college scholarships to graduating seniors at Reagan and LBJ, and fostering engagement between the community and AISD leadership. If any or all of that sounds exciting to you, please consider coming to a meeting. We meet the first Wednesday of each month at 7 pm. Our next meeting will be held on September 5 at 5806 Thames Drive.

We also hope you'll join us for our September WPNA meeting on September 8 at 10 am. This month's focus will be on elementary schools. Principals from five of our neighborhood schools will be on hand to answer questions and share their hopes and needs for volunteers for the 2018-19 school year. Whether you have a child enrolled in AISD now or will in the future, or you simply want to learn more about our neighborhood schools, this meeting is for you. Our neighborhood is only as good as our schools. Come join in the dialogue with your neighbors and those tasked with the important job of educating our youngest WP residents! For more information on the schools committee, please email [schools@windsorpark.info](mailto:schools@windsorpark.info)



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What we don't have in Austin is a comprehensive music industry. "The industry is in LA, New York, and Nashville. Austin has a music scene and it's a great place for enjoying live music, but it's tough to make a living at it." Didn't Ted Roddy say exactly the same thing in last month's story? So be sure to tip your band wherever you enjoy one. They're not getting paid much.

Jenni's office is at The Cement Loop in the Windsor Village Shopping Center. "Cement Loop opened in 2014, right across the street from Trinity, where my son was in pre-school, walking distance from our house. It's perfect!" Husband Gerald works in the tech department at SXSW. They were very close friends with Brent Grulke, creative director of SXSW, who died suddenly in 2012. "We decided it was time to move back to Texas near family." They had met in Austin back in the 90's, then moved to New York, and then back to LA in the mid 2000's. "The first listing we looked at was perfect, Eileen Gill and Gary Knippa made it happen. We had friends who lived in Windsor Park and knew the neighborhood well." Son Vincent is now in 3rd grade at Blanton Elementary and gets to walk to school.



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Be sure to visit their website [dangerbird.com](http://dangerbird.com) to see all the record label artists present, future and past. Jenni played a large role in the career of Fitz and the Tantrums, who've had massive success. I'm looking forward to hearing the punk-rapper release later this month from Juiceboxxx. Inspiration is one of the great parts of discovering new musical creations. It makes one feel better about humanity.

- Juiceboxxx "Never Surrender Forever" <https://soundcloud.com/dangerbirdrecords/juiceboxxx-never-surrender-forever>
- Slothrust "Double Down" <https://soundcloud.com/dangerbirdrecords/slothrust-doubledown>
- This is Matt Costa This Is Santa Rosa Fangs [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gHj20z\\_DtiQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gHj20z_DtiQ)

*Please send me suggestions for stories: [mwluecke@hotmail.com](mailto:mwluecke@hotmail.com) or call 512.536.0465*

## Parks - Upcoming Events

*Jeanette Swenson*

- Thursday, September 27, 6-8 PM, at Memorial United Methodist Church, 6100 Berkman Dr. The Park Master Plan Design Committee will hold its first public meeting to gather public input for Pomerleau Pocket Park, 1906 Patton Lane. Come and share your ideas. How do you envision using the 1.9 acre space?
- Saturday, October 6: Butterfly Festival, sponsored by the Northeast Austin Kiwanis, at Mueller Lake Park. See more details on page 8. **The primary beneficiaries of the fundraiser will be the playscape shades at Bartholomew Park.**
- Saturday, November 3 - Fall It's My Park Day. Two projects are planned, one for Bartholomew and one for Pomerleau. Look for details in the October Window on Windsor.

The Parks Committee has applied for a \$5,000 Austin Parks Foundation Neighborhood Grant and we hope to hear back soon about this. In early fall, the Texas Conservation Corps and American Youthworks will contract with WPNA, PARD and APF to work for five days to remove invasives in park: Ligustrum, Chinaberry, Johnson Grass, and poison ivy.

## Yard of the Month - September 2018

*Sara Jane Lee*

The September winners are Dan Love and Joellen Wynne. They own and manage the duplex at 1200 Cloverleaf Drive. They live on Westmoor in Windsor Park. Until a few months ago they lived on 1705 Cloverleaf. That yard provided much inspiration for the duplex yard.

In the spring of 2016 Dan and Joellen remodeled the duplex and relandscaped the yards. They hired Casey Boyer Gardens to help with the plan and install the plants and hardscape. Since the duplex is at a busy corner, Dan and Joellen wanted a design that provided their future tenants an oasis that minimized both sound and foot traffic near and across their yards as well as safety. That design also needed to provide low maintenance and look good.

They have a Loquat Tree, Monterey Oak, Old Fashioned Iris, Plumbago, Xexmenia, Agave Weveri, Bamboo Muhli, Star Jasmine, Desert Willow, and Texas Sage. The Texas Sage is their favorite plant and favorite part of the design because its bloom can predict rain and it provides color and privacy.

To conserve water, they chose low water plants and had a drip water system buried near each plant. Dan does maintenance every two weeks. His main, most time consuming job is weeding.

Joellen and Dan 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 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](mailto:wpna.yom@gmail.com).

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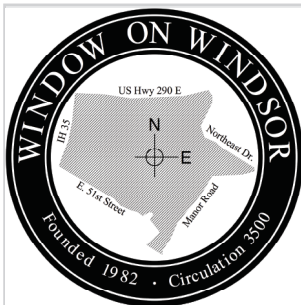
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## Local Library Happenings

*Dana Newlove*

### University Hills Branch Events

- Wednesdays, 12:30pm: Computer and Resume Classes
- Mondays, Sept. 10, 17, 24, 6:00pm Pajama Storytime
- Wednesdays, Sept. 12, 19, 26, 11:00am: All Ages Storytime
- Tuesdays, Sept. 11, 25, 4:00pm: Library Science-STEAM
- Friday, Sept. 21, Lego Lab: Friday, Sept. 21, 3:00pm

### St. John Branch

#### Youth Programs

- Saturday, September 1, 1:00 PM Saturday Family Movie- Avengers Infinity War
- Wednesdays, starting September 12, 6:30 PM Pajama Storytime
- Wednesday, September 12, 4:30 PM NBTween Graphic Novel Club – Brave & Secret Hero Society #1
- Thursdays, starting September 13, 10:30 AM All Ages Storytime
- Thursday, September 13, 7:00 PM Family Craft Night – Felt Cat Toys
- Tuesday, September 25, 2:00 PM Lego Lab
- Wednesday, September 26, 4:30 PM NBTween Graphic Novel Club – Nameless City #1 & Ocean of Secrets
- Thursday, September 27, 3:30 PM Free Play Gaming

#### Adult Programs:

- Talk Time: improve your English skills in this conversation group. Saturdays, 11:30am - 1:00pm.
- Senior Computer Club: Thursdays 10:00am-11:00am
- Yoga: relieve your stress with yoga. (Mondays, 6:30pm-7:30pm)
- Introduction to Computers (bilingual). Starting Sept 12, Weds - 1-2pm