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**Next
Neighborhood
Association
Meeting**

**Saturday, Sept
11th**

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

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

**Topics for the
Sept meeting
are still being
finalized**

Got something for
the newsletter?
Get it in by the 15th
to newsletter@
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September 2021 Presidents Letter

By Jackie Brooks, WPNA President

It's hard to imagine that September is here and students are back to school. Though sadly, due to the recent rise in covid cases from the Delta variant, COVID precautions are still in place and families and teachers must keep up with guidelines. We wish all of our students, families, teachers, and administrators a safe and productive year.

At our last WPNA meeting, we had two special guests, Emily Sawyer and Jen Cregar, join to discuss another topic that is top of mind for our schools – equity. And more specifically, equitable PTA funding. One piece of information that was highlighted from the AISD Board Information Session as a reason behind this decision around PTA funding was the unintended consequences surrounding Federal access to Title I school funding as a district overall- something I wasn't aware of, though I admit I have a lot to learn on the subject. Another takeaway from the conversation that I found equally as important to the information referenced was the personal experiences shared. Emily recognized (from her own experience as a parent at Blanton) that most parents are just trying to help. There is a sense of openness from the conversation that I appreciated by acknowledging the wide range of feelings on the subject (including hard feelings) and the encouragement of all perspectives getting together to discuss this important and complicated issue. If you would like to reach out for further discussion or questions, please email Jen Cregar, Austin Alliance for School Funding Equity, jcregar@gmail.com.

I also want to reiterate a big Thank-You to our Audit committee for performing the 2019-2020 Financial Audit. Members included- Committee Leader: Sheryl Cheatham, Volunteer Reviewers: Josh Pitts, Alana Carpenter-Moore, Cam Russe, and assistance from our previous treasurer, Meg Brooks. We reviewed the report during our August monthly meeting and have distributed copies via email and our neighborhood listserv. If you did not receive a copy and would like to view the report, please feel free to email secretary@windsorpark.info to request a copy.

I am proud that we have had some fantastic guests and conversations at our virtual monthly meetings, but I also want to address some challenges we've had with providing access to our online meetings on the website. As you know, we are powered by some very generous volunteers, but sometimes life happens, and things don't go exactly as planned. Please know that inclusivity is important to us, and we'll continue to work on ways we can be more consistent (with back-up plans) and increase our accessibility. We've received helpful feedback including that folks appreciate the ability to watch the replay when they are not able to attend the meeting in real time. I also want to thank everyone for continuing to offer constructive feedback and encouragement, as well as extending a little grace when things don't quite go as planned. If you have thoughts or ideas on our monthly meetings you would like to share, please don't hesitate to reach out: email president@windsorpark.info.

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The fact that our online meetings have provided a way for us to continue business in these times has been very helpful, but I'm also realizing another challenge with virtual voting is that it doesn't allow as much room for real-time discussion as compared to in-person meetings. It's a helpful part of the voting process to consider perspectives and also have an opportunity to make amendments. The ability to vote remote is convenient, but I also realize the power of conversation that we all miss dearly from being in our in-person meetings. I do think the opportunity to vote being extended to those who aren't able to attend the meeting live, through an online form, has been a benefit toward our goal to increase accessibility and inclusivity. I'm not sure there is a perfect solution to combine the best of both worlds, but we will keep brainstorming ways we can tackle this digital challenge and how it might evolve into a hybrid approach for the future. In the meantime, we encourage folks who are able to join the meeting live on facebook to participate in the chat conversations and ask questions. It's also another way for those that weren't able to attend live and watch the replay to see the comments and consider the perspectives, so please share the meeting with others if you think it might be helpful.

On that note, I know we were hoping for a return to in-person meetings soon, however we are also being mindful of the recent surge in cases and therefore will consider pushing as needed to follow COA guidelines. As always, we look forward to the day we can see your smiling faces and share coffee and donuts again.

Climate Conversation Features US Congressman Lloyd Doggett

Martin Luecke

The WPNA Climate Committee will host 14 term Congressman Lloyd Doggett on Wednesday September 15 at 7pm. The live-stream will appear on our YouTube channel: Windsor Park Climate Conversation. The program will be recorded and available on this channel along with all previous episodes.



This is our first opportunity to find out which climate legislation has a chance of coming to a vote in the United States Congress. Doggett recently became co-sponsor of a carbon pricing and dividend rebate bill supported by the climate committee.

CLIMATE CORNER: Climate-friendly development guidelines

Barrett Sundberg

As Windsor Park grows more popular, new apartments are being planned and we are working to make them climate friendly. The Contact Team, which represents WPNA on the details of new development, has kindly welcomed our input. To guide future projects after Windsor Village, the Contact Team is preparing a criteria document for evaluating project plans which can also be used as an ask list to let developers know what we want.

In the buildings themselves, we seek features such electric utilities. To get the deepest effect, we refer to LEEDS and the City of Austin green building standards. Outside the buildings, we seek to avoid construction of unnecessary parking, while including infrastructure for electric charging to be installed when needed. Details on all these issues are on the WPNA website on the climate page.

Crape myrtle bark scale

Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist

Crape myrtles are a popular landscape tree in parts of Texas, prized for their beauty. While this tree has been relatively maintenance free for years, that is no longer the case now that crape myrtle bark scale (CMBS) has been found in Texas.

Crape myrtle bark scales are small, wingless insects, pinkish in color and covered with a white, velvety covering. When looking at the bark of an infested tree, check for round to oval shaped white velvety insects. If you puncture one with a toothpick, it will exude a pink substance. When inspecting crape myrtles for CMBS, look along trunks and limbs, as well as smaller twigs and branches found towards the top of the tree. You'll want to look for scale insects and sooty mold. Sooty mold is a black colored fungus that grows on honeydew. Honeydew is an excretion from scale insects (and other small, soft-bodied insects such as aphids and mealybugs).

Heavily infested crape myrtles have CMBS that produce copious amounts of honeydew on the tree and surrounding area which leads to growth of sooty mold, turning landscape plants and the surrounding area (or items underneath infested trees) black. Infested crape myrtles produce fewer and smaller blooms which may be difficult to tell unless you have an uninfected tree to compare. Only male crape myrtle bark scales fly. Once CMBS are in an area, they can move onto nearby trees.

Control options are varied for CMBS. There are predators and parasites that attack and eat CMBS, such as ladybugs, but this may awhile for you to see control and the scale insect population may outgrow the population of the predators.

Pesticide treatment for crape myrtle bark scale can be done with either a contact spray or a systemic. Systemic treatments should be applied earlier when crape myrtle leaves are budding out. Systemics such as imidacloprid and dinotefuran are best used as a soil treatment in March so they are taken up by the tree and in place for the crawler population that emerges in April-May. These products should be used when trees are NOT in bloom to protect pollinators.

If you notice crape myrtle bark scale infesting your trees late in the season (approximately July and on), then you can use a high-pressure water spray to knock the scale insects off the tree. Another option is to get a scrub brush and dip it into a bucket of soapy water and wash the insects of the trunk and branches of the trees. Click below for a video on how to treat crape myrtles for CMBS:

<https://citybugs.tamu.edu/2018/08/28/how-to-treat-your-crapemyrtle-for-bark-scale/>

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown at 512.854.9600.

September 2021 Mueller Update

Rick Krivoniak

At the August 10th Mueller Commission meeting, staff shared information that the City and AISD have reached an agreement that will allow a construction to start on the northeast middle school. Negotiations continue to reach a full solution for the land transfer, though the fall semester of 2023 will likely be the earliest possible opening date. In 2004, the City and Catellus signed the Mueller Master Developer Agreement providing 10 acres at no cost for a school site at Mueller. However, new legislation on the conveyance of land ownership between governmental entities (like the City & AISD) was passed in 2011, apparently without grandfathering existing agreements.

An August 11th Austin Business Journal item announced renewed interest by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas in moving from their downtown location to Mueller at 1900 Aldrich Street in the heart of Mueller's business district. No longer looking at the Berkman & 51st Street block, TRS wants to purchase the nearly completed Shorenstein Building and a yet-to-come adjacent building directly across Aldrich from BD Riley's for \$300M± to consolidate it's 500 employees at one location. Deferred maintenance on their 1000 Red River building is estimated to cost up to \$75M, but the location's proximity to the Capitol might bring an estimated \$100M.

Mueller resident Gabrielle Thomas won an individual bronze medal and a team silver medal at the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo. She has a neurobiology & global health policy degree from Harvard, and is now pursuing a graduate degree in public health from UT. She is the third-fastest woman of all time in the Olympic 200 meters at 21.61 seconds, set at the 2020 US Olympic trials.

Currently, Mueller parks are open for recreational use, but masking and social distancing are strongly recommended. Due to the current health situation, all Mueller event approvals will follow the City of Austin's event guidelines for Fall 2021. Note that all event dates are subject to last minute cancellations due to a change in the City's health status.

The Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission will next meet on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 6PM. Texas Open Meeting Act exemptions allowing virtual meetings during the pandemic are set to expire on September 1st, but may be renewed by the Governor. More information closer to the meeting date should be available at austintexas.gov/rmmapiac

Andrews Elementary

Audrey Guerrero, Principal & Elizabeth Morales,
Community School Facilitator

Hello neighbors! My name is Audrey Guerrero, and I am the new principal of Andrews Elementary. We are so excited to get this year up and running. If you live in the area and want to come visit, we are allowing tours as long as safety protocols are followed. Our school is a truly international school with a diverse community of learners. We currently offer dual language, creative learning, social emotional learning and have a Certified Academic Language Therapist on site. We will also offer before and after school this year for our little gators. Come see us! We can't wait to meet you.

As we kick off the 2021-2022 school year, we invite our Windsor Park neighbors to join our CAC and PTA. Follow Andrews Elementary on Facebook at @AndrewsElementaryECP to stay connected on our latest news or contact Elizabeth Morales at elizabeth.morales@austinisd.org to learn more about supporting Andrews.

Harris Elementary School

Laura Tomlinson, Librarian

Harris Elementary is Austin Creative Reuse's (ACR) School of the Month for September! Throughout the month of September, shoppers and visitors to ACR, located at 2005 Wheless Lane, will be invited to purchase low cost school supplies, art supplies and other creative materials from an ACR wish list created by Harris' teachers and staff. Plus on Saturday, September 11, 2021, all monetary donations received at ACR's registers will be donated to Harris in the form of ACR gift cards. Be sure to stop by ACR in September to support Harris students!

Mr. Rowland, Technology Instructor, created a **Tech Cafe** to help develop students' digital skills. He will be teaching third grade through fifth grade how to use a 3D-printer which he purchased through a successful Donors Choose project. He is seeking support or donations of filaments for the 3D Printer. If you would like to donate, the printer is



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Windsor Park July 2021 Market Report

 \$665,330 MEDIAN SALES PRICE	 \$403.87 MEDIAN PRICE / SQFT	 5 DAYS MEDIAN DAYS ON MARKET
 14 NUMBER OF HOMES SOLD	 \$850,000 MOST EXPENSIVE HOME SOLD	 \$410,000 LEAST EXPENSIVE HOME SOLD

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

The craziness of the spring market is cooling off a little.

We're starting to see a cooling off of the market from this spring's craziness. Properties are still receiving multiple offers, but not the 50-100 we saw a few months ago. Prices have also seemed to stabilize a little (not dropping, just selling for 10-11% over list price, instead of 25-50%), which is a little closer to "normal" Austin.

The Windsor Park median sales price of July 2020 was \$435,000. In one year's time, we experienced a 53% increase.

the Robo 3D C2 Compact Smart 3D Printer, www.matterhackers.com. Donations can be made to Harris Elementary 3D Printer, or filament donations taken to the front office care of Mr. Ragnar Rowland.

Harris PTA is raising funds to support a vibrant learning environment for students, teachers, and administrators. Harris PTA is inviting local businesses and community leaders to become school sponsors through our **“Support the Bulldogs Banner Program.”** Donations of any amount are welcome, but those who donate \$250 or more receive the following:

- A 3x6 foot large banner with logo displayed on Harris Elementary’s Sponsorship fence along Berkman Dr.
- Student-made thank you card.
- Recognition on Harris PTA Facebook, school event fliers, and school and neighborhood listservs with sponsor logo.

To become a Harris Bulldog Sponsor, please complete the [Bulldog Banner Program Google Form](#). If you have any questions, please contact Shaleiah Fox, Harris PTA Fundraising Committee Chair at shaleiahfox@gmail.com

Sadler Means YWLA

Rosalind Oliphant, PhD | Mentor Teacher

Sadler Means YWLA hosted a three-day Back to School event for the 350+ students registered this school year. Students received free backpacks, school supplies, and uniforms. More than 50 families signed up for the PTA! Windsor Park neighbors can also join our PTA as community partners by signing up at <https://txpta.secure.force.com/JoinPTA/>.

Our young leaders are off to a fantastic start! Latinitas has teamed up with our robotics teacher to start a competitive robotics team; Impact Austin awarded scholarships so 12 of our 8th graders can participate in their Girls Giving Grants (g3) leadership and community service program; and Texas State’s Talent Search is on campus providing student success initiatives and enrichment activities including a recent trip to the Witte Museum in San Antonio. Sadler Means YWLA promotes scholarship, leadership, and community service to help ensure students succeed in high school, college, career, and life. If you have questions, ideas, or would like to contribute, please contact Rosalind Oliphant at rosalind.oliphant@austinisd.org.



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**** MARKET TIDBIT ****

As of Aug 15th, 2021 :: Average Days on Market for Active Listings was 28 days...

Is this shift temporary? Only time will tell!

WINDSOR PARK Market Statistics JULY 2021

AVG SOLD PRICE/SQ FT (JULY 2021)	\$412.52
# OF HOMES SOLD IN (JULY 2021)	14
AVG SQ FT OF HOMES SOLD	1,626
AVG DAYS ON MKT OF SOLDS	5
# ACTIVE LISTINGS ON MARKET	20*

*As of Aug 15th, 2021 - Single Family Homes.
 Request a Detailed Report for Your Section of Windsor Park **



Local Business Profile: Muscle Maintenance Company

Mohan Rao, WPNA Revitalization Committee

A couple of years ago an old shoulder injury flared up again and made it impossible for me to lift my arm above shoulder level. It took the guidance of a fellow Windsor Park resident, and a few weeks of exercises and stretches, to fully regain my arm's range of motion. My good fortune began with a chance meeting at the Mueller HEB between my wife and Marc Frazier, our trainer from many years ago. It turned out Marc lived a short walk from our house and had expertise in healing musculoskeletal injuries like the one I had.



Ever since Marc graduated from high school, he has surrounded himself with gym equipment and with people working on improving their strength, balance and flexibility. In the 1980s Marc turned his fascination with skeletal mechanics and anatomy to help people walk, run, climb, jump, lift and swim in a safe

and efficient way. He takes a holistic approach and incorporates elements of therapeutic exercises, strength training, massage therapy and yoga when working with clients. On my quest to heal my shoulder, I quickly came to appreciate his familiarity with the human anatomy and how he could sense the connectedness of every bone and muscle in the body. Each exercise and stretch he prescribed came with much appreciated explanation of how it helps my shoulder heal and stay healthy. In Marc's way of thinking, healing has to come from the person and his role is to merely provide the tools and knowledge for the healing to happen.

Unsurprisingly, Marc's ways of working with his clients changed dramatically when the pandemic hit. Working one-on-one in a public gym was no longer an option. But his longstanding philosophy of encouraging his clients to take charge of their own wellbeing turned out to help overcome some of the pandemic-related restrictions. Most clients either already owned enough basic equipment or were willing to acquire it. With equipment at hand, Marc

and his clients found ways to work remotely. Lately however, with the restrictions easing, Marc is beginning to see clients face-to-face again both at gyms and at clients' homes. (Although, due to a resurgence of COVID cases in Travis County, some of the earlier restrictions may be put back in place.)

Marc, a native Austinite, has lived in Windsor Park for over 16 years and he says this neighborhood feels like home. He appreciates Windsor Park's convenient location and is grateful for the influx of new amenities. He puts some of his non-work hours to good use by volunteering at the Texas Memorial Museum as a guide. Spending time at the museum allows him to indulge in his fascination with all things bones and animal anatomy; and volunteering puts one of Marc's guiding life-principles to work: "to help people make their time on earth a little bit better."

Muscle Maintenance Company, Marc Frazier (owner)
marcdfrazier@gmail.com 512-484-6010



Meet Your Neighbor Update: New Graduate!

Martin Luecke

Elisa Byiringiro received his high school diploma in July, becoming the first of the six refugee brothers to graduate. Elisa will study construction at Austin Community College in the fall.



September 2021 Yard of the Month

Sara Jane Lee

The September Yard of the Month winner is April Rohlich. She has lived at 1303 Westmoor Drive for 8 years and is a member of WPNA.

As an early project, April had to remove a 180-year-old red oak that had lived out its life. April spread the rotten roots as fertilizer to begin what became a “pocket prairie” with a variety of plants and mushrooms, and the animal life that they attract.

The plants include Big Muhly, Four-Nerve Daisies, Black-Eyed Susans, Inland Sea Oats, Mexican Bush Sage, Rock Roses, Purple Coneflowers, Rosemary, Gregg Mistflowers, Gulf Muhly, White Guara, Wax Myrtle, Yaupon Holly, and Green Antelope Horn Milkweed. When mature these plants require little water and less work. They attract all sorts of pollinators and other wildlife ranging from bees, dragonflies, beetles, spiders, birds to the occasional Texas Spring Lizard. Her Milkweed is a spectacular attractor. April has seen it host the complete Monarch life cycle; egg, caterpillar, chrysalis, and adult. Before they are adults, Monarchs can only use the milkweed. Adult Monarchs can drink nectar from several flowers including the milkweed.

In 2019, April hired a landscaping company to put in the rock borders separating the yard into distinct areas. She chose native plants and would advise the beginner to do the same. That cuts down on work and increases the chance of success.

April will get a \$50.00 gift certificate from Shoal Creek Nursery. Shoal Creek has finished remodeling, and they have a good supply of plants, pots, and equipment; it is a pleasure to visit and talk with the knowledgeable staff. If you like a certain yard, or more than one, tell us. We cannot visit every yard in the neighborhood each month and we appreciate nominations. 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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Or dues may be paid by Paypal through the WPNA website!

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1. Via facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/WindsorParkAustinTX>) where you can comment and ask questions.
2. Live stream from our website (<http://www.windsorpark.info/>) - available during the meeting

Library Updates

Kelly Overton

As we continue to navigate phase 5 threat level of the pandemic, all APL locations will continue with express service and limited hours. The Windsor Park Branch is open Mon/Tues Noon-8pm & Weds/Thurs/Fri 10am-6pm. We will not provide indoor programming or open meeting room reservations. Information about APL's virtual events can still be found on the Library's events calendar: <https://library.austintexas.gov/events/calendar>

Anyone up to age 18 can get a free book as a part of the summer reading program. Ask for more info at the circulation desk inside! The amazing Mr. Gabriel, youth librarian from the Windsor Park Branch, has an on-line story time every Monday from 10:30-11:00. Join the Zoom Meeting from this link every Monday morning: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78474570554?pwd=UkNvUk9WOXQrcXdRMmt5U3BjUHhp6dz09>
 Meeting ID: 784 7457 0554
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