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Sep 3, 2pm: Saturday Family Movie: Ghostbusters (1984)
Sep 7, 14, 21, 28 6:30pm: Practiquemos Español
Sep 13, 3:30pm: Lego Lab
7:30pm: Book Club, "A God of Small Things" by Arundhati Roy
Sep 15, 10:15am: All Ages Storytime
Sep 22, 10:15am: All Ages Storytime
Sep 24, 2pm: Keep Austin Wild - Peacefully Coexisting with Coyotes
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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

Everyone is invited to attend and participate.

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SEPTEMBER LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors,

I hope all of you have had a great summer and are happy to be back at school.

Thank you to all of you who attended our August meeting. At this meeting we received updates from our District 4 Council Member, Greg Casar. Chief among these was the plan to complete the 51st street Vision Plan to make 51st a more pedestrian-friendly street. Additionally, money from the 2012 bond to improve the city's five most dangerous intersections will be spent on improving the intersection at 183 and Cameron road. Construction on that project will begin in the next few months.

In other news, the Windsor Park Library will be closed tentatively from about February to August 2017 for renovations. The library will be spending \$439,000 in renovations, including new carpeting, exterior and interior paint, ADA modifications, and new furniture. Although it will be tough to go without our library for a few months, we have been assured that the newly improved facility will be worth it. If you have any questions about the renovation please contact John Gillum at the Windsor Park Library.

Finally, I've been getting a lot of calls from people of late about neighbors not taking care of their lawns, having "too many" cars in their driveways, and the like. For the record, the WPNA does not get involved in those types of issues between neighbors. We simply do not have the resources or authority to do so. Our beautification committee only works on improving public areas. If you see or suspect code violations, please register a ticket with 311.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Sincerely,
Karen Pagani



September 2016 Yard of the Month

Sara Jane Lee

The September winner is a nomination. So were the July and August nominations Your nominations do help. We cannot look at every yard in Windsor Park every month.

The September winner is Margaret Dahl of 1502 Broadmoor Drive. She has lived here 21 years. Margaret wanted to soften the traffic noise and filter the polluted air on her street. She was inspired by the wild abandon of the greenery in the Barton Creek Greenbelt, our native limestone, and the color and originality of Mexico. The riot of color in her front yard complements her bright blue gate.

Her front yard includes Redbud Trees, Crape Myrtle, Mountain Laurel, Texas Sage, Pride of Barbados , Desert Willow, Mimosa, Italian Cypress, Texas Wisteria, Pink Oleander, Pink Salvia, Rosemary, Firecracker Fern, Butterfly Iris, Texas Lantana, Rock Rose, Dwarf Ruellia, Shrimp Plant, Knockout Rose, Turk’s Cap, Cast Iron Plant, Trailing Lantana, Red Yucca, Cross Vine, Fig Vine, Star Jasmine, Sweet PotatoVine, Passion Vine, Virginia Creeper,Horseherb, Lirope, Purple Heart, Pink Skullcap, Prickly Pear Cactus, Mexican Butterfly Weed, Bulbine, four o’clocks, Elephant Ears, and Lavender.

There is always a shady spot where Margaret can enjoy the outdoors. She also enjoys the seasonal changes in the yard. The light shifts; as the plants change, their colors and fragrances change.

It has taken her 20 years and a few changes to develop the yard she has now. My guess is that will change in a few years. Except for the jobs requiring great strength, she has done it all herself. She has created a ravine filled with stones to hold rain until it seeps into the ground water. She also mulches and applies compost. Her yard is a certified wildlife habitat.

Ms. Dahl 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.



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National Night Out – 4 October

Judi Rockman

Messiah Lutheran Church is having a parking lot party for National Night Out, Tuesday, October 4, from 7 to 9 pm. Everyone’s invited, but especially neighbors on Northridge, Ridgehaven, Cameron and Reinli. Meet personnel from police, fire, EMS and code enforcement -- get to know their work and to show our appreciation. Come celebrate with us - Messiah Lutheran Church, 5701 Cameron Road

September 2016 Mueller Update

Rick Krivoniak

In an attempt to avoid tickets and frustration for those visiting Mueller via car, I’ve included a lot of parking information in recent Mueller Updates. Here’s more: The City of Austin is now charging for on-street parking on portions of Aldrich, Mattie, McBee and Simond Avenue using the same mid-block, sticker-dispensing meters installed downtown and in the UT area. With a rate of \$1 per hour and a 3-hour maximum time limit, payment can be made with coins, cash, credit cards and, with a small surcharge, ParkX, a smartphone application available in the Apple App and Google Play online stores. Enforcement hours are Monday through Wednesday from 10 AM to 8 PM, and Thursday through Saturday from 10 AM to midnight. Sundays are free.

Latest word has the Alamo Draft House Cinema at 1911 Aldrich Street opening in very early 2017. At that time, the adjacent parking garage that also serves the Thinkery and Aldrich Street district will no longer be free. However, participating businesses will offer validated parking in the garage. The City and Alamo hope to implement an expedited validation method to minimize parking-garage traffic jams as movie-goers leave.

With the exception of Simond Avenue, free parking will continue on Lake Park’s bordering streets of Zach Scott, Camacho and Mattie. To the east of Lake Park, Simond and Mattie are subject to the Residential Parking Permit ordinance. The Mueller Property Owners Association-owned Lake Park and Hangar parking lots remain free, though be aware that towing remains a possibility after Lake Park closes at 10 PM. Please heed all signs regarding parking posted at Mueller.

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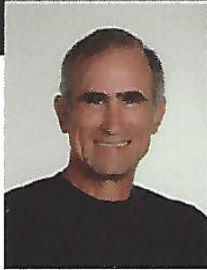
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After 20 years of planning, platting and construction, the completion of Mueller’s redevelopment is on the horizon. Yet, the fates of the Mueller Control Tower, the Browning Hangar, and the Mueller Central building remain undetermined. All three facilities are owned by the City of Austin, but Mueller’s master developer, Catellus, has the contractual right to sell them, with the stipulation that the iconic characteristics of the Tower and Hangar are to be preserved or enhanced with whatever future use is proposed. While selling the properties may be best for one or all of them, I will introduce a resolution at September’s

The next meeting of the Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission (RMMAPIAC/ Mueller Commission) is Tuesday, September 13, 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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Words from Council Member Houston

The members of the City Council hit the ground running after the July break - from council meetings only. Thankfully, I was able spend four days in New Orleans the first of August. Since then, I have focused on reviewing the budget for ways that would least impact Austinites. Moreover, there is the Austin Energy rate case and many other issues and concerns that the community brought to our attention.

One of my primary responsibilities is to listen, in addition to advocating for changes small and large. It is also my responsibility to help guide individuals on productive ways to interface with the City of Austin. For some people in the district there is a serious need to have access to primary health care; there is a desire to have un-regulated rooming/boarding homes licensed and inspected; there continues to be a need for transit, sidewalks, and making sure that individuals who live in ‘historic communities’ can afford to stay in their city.

On November 8th, the largest transportation bond in the history of the city will be on the ballot. At the council level, I voted against the bond proposal, because the process to create the priorities was not inclusive. I have heard from many people who are concerned about the amount, the projects, and what it will cost them when they received their property tax bill.

Please participate in civic re-engagement, get involved and stay engaged. There are opportunities for you to share your thoughts and ideas, and it’s important to take those opportunities to tell us, the council, what is important to you, what gifts you have to share with the City of Austin and what options you want to see.

Save the date – Everyone is invited to the **District #1 Town Hall meeting, on Saturday, October 29th, from 10 am – 12 pm at Huston-Tillotson University**, Agard-Lovinggood Auditorium, close to Chalmers Street. Another notice will be sent when we get closer to the date. If you’d like to be added to our email list, please email the office, geno.rodriguez@austintexas.gov or call the office at 512-978-2101. Also, feel free to call our office if you have questions or concerns to share with me.

Sincerely, Ora Houston, Council Member for District #1

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Crickets

Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist

Field crickets are a common sight around homes in late summer into autumn. These insects are about 1” long when fully grown. Crickets are dark brown to black with large hind legs used for jumping. They also have two cerci, or appendages that come off the tip of the abdomen. Female crickets have a large sword-like structure, the ovipositor, protruding from the tip of the abdomen. The ovipositor is used to deposit eggs into soil.

Crickets feed on plant material as well as other insects. They are able to cause damage to seedlings and sometimes large populations can be destructive. Large masses of dead crickets around doorways or other areas can be distasteful to view and cause a foul odor.

Field crickets are primarily outdoor insects, but may occasionally venture indoors. When crickets do come indoors, they may bother residents with their chirping. Males chirp to attract a mate creating the sound by rubbing their fore-wings together.



Cricket management is more easily accomplished in the summer when nymphs, who cannot fly, are present. Unfortunately, this usually isn’t when large populations of crickets are discovered.

- Before turning to pesticides to manage your cricket problems, try these ideas:
- Turn off outside lights at night or use bulbs that are less attractive to insects
 - Seal cracks & crevices where insects can enter with sealant
 - Remove debris stacked near the structure
 - Keep lawn & surrounding areas mowed
 - Stuff weep holes with copper mesh

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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Meet Your Neighbor, continued from p. 6

At the Fusebox Festival they sang ‘with’ the Mexican free tail bat colony of Congress Avenue. An experimental music ensemble of bats and humans directed by Steve Parker had the audience using echo location devices, featured a megaphone choir, as well as a funnel horn hose band.

This past summer the group traveled to appearances at St. John’s Basilica in Rome, among other stops in Italy. “The sound in there was incredible.” It was a humbling experience for someone who was just looking for a thing to do in retirement.



Two days later in the Pisa cathedral there was a six second delay on the sound returning to the ear of the choir. Think about it: 300 people lift their voices in unison, the sound travels up into the cupola, bounces around from side to side, and then six seconds later returns to the floor. It was their greatest test as a choir, being able to keep in time with singers they could not actually hear.

Celebrating their 20th Year in Austin the group has decided to change their name to “Panoramic Voices”, which more resembles their creative target: to include everyone and everything.

Their next show is September 16 at Bass Concert Hall, where they will collaborate with Golden Hornet Project to reanimate Mozart’s legendary unfinished “Requiem in D minor” as Mozart Requiem Undead. Ten different local composers, such as Graham Reynolds and Peter Stopschinski, as well as DJ Spooky, were commissioned to rework a movement of Mozart’s Requiem Mass, with a 200 person choir in the background. There’s nothing like this anywhere, except maybe Windsor Park. For tickets and additional information, please visit <http://texasperformingarts.org>.

Keep the nominations coming! Martin Luecke 536.0465 or mwluecke@hotmail.com

Update from Council Member Greg Casar

Hi everyone! Your City Council is at work on some big issues right now: we’re setting Austin Energy rates (I support lowering them), finalizing the City Budget, beginning the process of recruiting a new City Manager, and finalizing details on the transportation and mobility bond for this November. There’s a lot to keep up with, and we’ll share as much information as possible, but please don’t hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions as the City Council sets out to make several important decisions within the next month.

City Budget: Some of my priorities for this year’s budget include securing funding to support AISD students and families through Parent Support Specialists and after school programs for schools like Blanton, ensuring our Police Department processes sexual assault evidence in a timely manner so that justice for sexual assault survivors isn’t further delayed, expanding our Homeless Outreach Street Team into our neighborhoods, allocating funding for health and human services programs to take a preventative approach to public safety issues, and continuing to include funding for the revamping of 51st St.

Transportation Bond: Council has been working tirelessly on a bond proposal to bring to voters this November. For the past several months I have advocated for a robust bond package that addresses the mobility and safety needs of North Austin neighborhoods. This package could include up to \$85 million in improvements to North Lamar and \$75 million in improvements to Airport Blvd, as well as more funding than ever before to build missing sidewalks and bike trails to make our neighborhoods safer and more connected. I’ve asked the Council to include a potential rail line up Guadalupe and Lamar, but that proposal has been delayed for additional discussion between now and 2017. Regardless, I’m confident that by the time you read this the City Council will have approved a proposal that reflects the needs of North Austin.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact me via email at Greg.Casar@austintexas.gov or by phone at 512-978-2104. If you are interested in learning about upcoming In-District Office Hours, please don’t hesitate to contact my Communications Director at Shelby.Alexander@austintexas.gov.

John H Reagan Early College High School, cont.

Important Dates

- September 7- Back to School Night
- September 9- 6pm Volleyball team plays McCallum in Reagan Gym
- September 9- 730pm Football team plays Tomball at Nelson Field

If you are interested in volunteering at Reagan High School please contact John Harris at 512-414-6366. If you are interested in mentoring please contact Julia Remington at 512-414-6361.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: BONNIE LOCKHART

Martin Luecke

Our neighbors on Cloverleaf since 2013, Bonnie and Gary Lockhart are ecstatic about having retired in Windsor Park. Bonnie ended her career as Assistant Attorney General that year and it was time to change their lives, so they sold their northwest Austin house and chose WP because “it was walkable”. Only later did they discover Gary’s favorite guilty pleasure: Popeyes Fried Chicken at the end of the street! Today Gary is official photographer for WP Yard of the Month.

But after many years of constant, exhausting, litigation, Bonnie had the yearning to Sing. Yes, SING! With a google search she found something that sounded interesting: a choir that held no auditions. So in 2014 she joined Texas Coral Consort and found herself immersed in the brave new world of choir.

But this was no ordinary choir. Comprised of dues paying members, this group does not discriminate, anyone is welcome. Anywhere from 100 to 200 members will be involved in one of their five shows each year. “We have people who specialize in different areas, like classical, and they only participate in those shows. Some people only do the rock music shows, and some of us do them all.” Bonnie is currently a board member of the organization.

Under the leadership of Creative Director Brent Baldwin, this group of voices take stage in many locales with a diverse number of styles. In the past year they have appeared under the Congress Avenue bridge for the Fusebox Festival, done a Holiday show with The Invincible Czars, and collaborated with 7 different rock bands in one evening called ‘Indie Orchestra Night.’

And on some occasions, there is a real orchestra (see photo next page). “Part of the purpose of this organization is to employ local musicians and composers, to support the Mozarts of today.” And from the eclectic list of collaborators, the idea of ‘Mozart’ can come in many shapes and sizes.

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Andrews Elementary

Crystal Brown, Assistant Principal

Upcoming Events:

September 2nd, 8:30-9:30 a.m. - Coffee with the Principal

September 14th, 3:30-4:30 p.m. - CAC meeting

September 22nd, 5:30-7:30 p.m. - Back to School Night

Celebrations:

We would like to welcome our new staff to the Gator Team!

* Pre-K Bilingual-Olga Cardona

* Kinder Bilingual-Viviana Delgadillo

* First Grade Bilingual-Nataly Rivera

* Third Grade Bilingual- Mariana Martin

* Fourth Grade Bilingual- Laura Flores

* Fifth Grade ESL-Lauren Stevenson

* Fifth Grade Bilingual- Maria Nin

* Assistant Principal-Valerie Sterne

We greatly appreciate our magnificent faculty and staff preparing for and welcoming our students to another Andrews Elementary School Year! For volunteers opportunities please contact: Christina Chapa, Parent Support Specialist 414-5661

Blanton Elementary

Karon Smutzer, ACE Site Coordinator

Blanton opened its doors to many smiling faces on August 22, welcoming the students to the school and the new academic year. We have many new students and some new staff all looking forward to another year filled with learning fun. Please feel free to visit the school, ask questions and learn more about what Blanton Elementary can offer for your student.

Important September dates for parents and community:

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| September 1, 2016 | ACE Parent Orientation |
| September 6, 2016 | Kick-off for Strengthening Families Program |
| September 12, 2016 | ACE Program begins (after school program) |
| September 15, 2016 | Hispanic Culture Celebration, 6:00 p.m. |
| September 21, 2016 | PTA Meeting, 5:00 p.m. |
| | Back-to-School Night, 6:00 p.m. |

Our school year is off to a busy start. 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 karon.smutzer@austinisd.org

John H Reagan Early College High School

Julia Remington, LCS, Bilingual Support Specialist

Welcome back Reagan Raiders! The school year is starting out on a positive note. According to the Texas Education Agency Reagan High School has met standard for the 2015-2016 school year on the state's accountability system!

In other exciting news, Reagan was awarded a national grant to start a Maker Space. The Maker Space will have several 3D printers for students to use. Thank you Mr. Shaffer for taking the initiative of writing out a great grant proposal and keeping Reagan on the cutting edge of technology!

This school year we welcome Kevin Garcia as the new assistant principal for the 9th grade and administrator over the Gifted and Talented students and the 504 Coordinator. Mr. Garcia comes to us from San Antonio and has lengthy experience as being a principal and assistant principal in the past.

[Reagan update continues on page 6]

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