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**Next
Neighborhood
Association
Meeting**

**Saturday, Nov
14th**

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

**Nov Meeting
Focus:
WPNA Officer
Elections
2021 WPNA
Budget
Speakers on
Homelessness
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Crime Issues**

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President's Letter

By Dan Strub

Are you tired of staying home, desperately looking for new things on Netflix or having virtual happy hours on Zoom? Need to get out, have a change of scenery, see something other than your computer or TV screens? I suggest that you check out our state parks. There are parks all around us – right here in town at McKinney Falls, down the road at Bastrop or Pedernales Falls, or further afield at Inks Lake, Guadalupe River, Lost Maples, or Longhorn Cavern. You can hike, bike, horseback ride, swim, boat, camp, birdwatch - renew yourself outdoors, out of your house. The parks are requiring reservations, which requires some planning, but ensures that they are not crowded and all for plenty of safe distancing. Reserve your spot online up to a month in advance at the state parks website <https://texasstateparks.reserveamerica.com/>. It is a great way to clear your head, breathe some fresh air, and renew your outlook. You will be glad you did.

On to Windsor Park Neighborhood Association business, I want to thank Rick Krivoniak, Alana Carpenter-Moore, and Peter Struble for serving on our Nominations Committee. They were successful in recruiting candidates for all five of our elected officer positions. Jackie Brooks, our current Vice President, has agreed to run for President; Jack Lewis is running for Vice President; Josh Pitts, our current Intra-Neighborhood Representative, is running for Treasurer; Alice Grauly for Secretary; and Peter Struble for Intra-Neighborhood Representative. Yes, Peter not only served on the nominations committee, but has volunteered to serve as an officer himself. Bios for each of these candidates are included in this newsletter.

It is important to emphasize that while these folks have agreed to be nominated, that does not close nominations. Nominations are open until voting begins at the November neighborhood association meeting. You can nominate yourself or you can nominate someone who you think would be a great asset to Windsor Park. All you have to be is a member of the association, and be willing to put your time and effort into making Windsor Park the kind of neighborhood you want to live in.

Speaking of voting, we had a vote at the October meeting on a resolution from our Transportation Committee supporting Austin Transportation Propositions A and B. We held the voting online, and after cross-checking ballots against the membership list, we are able to announce that the resolution passed 25 to 1. It appears that Windsor Park is strongly in favor of investing in transportation improvements. A number of folks who voted were not current members, so their votes were not counted. Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote.

Mueller Update - November 2020

Rick Krivoniak

Jesse Andrews Park, Mueller's 8th park, bordered by Philomena, Eberly and Robert Browning streets, is named after the first woman to graduate and the first woman to teach at the University of Texas at Austin. The park is expected to be completed this month. Amenities include a play-scape, tables for chess & checkers, an outdoor dining area with occasional food trucks, a performance space, bike racks, and restrooms. Once completed, the park will be open to visitors, but as with other Mueller parks, the facilities remain closed following the City of Austin's pandemic protocol.

The Pavilion located in Branch Park, just across the street from Kerby Lane Café, is expected to be open in the first quarter of 2021, and it's anticipated that Mueller's Sunday morning and Wednesday evening Farmer's Market will move from the Hangar to the Pavilion sometime in March. Groundbreaking for the AISD middle school at Mueller is expected before the end of 2020. Mueller residents have joined those in Windsor Park to see that a safe crossing at the intersection of 51st and Tilley is in place prior to the school's 2022 opening.

Staff reported at November's Mueller Commission meeting that the Catellus-City of Austin redevelopment joint venture is in very good financial shape. However, the Covid-19 pandemic has had an impact on many businesses in Austin, including at Mueller, and sadly, the Alamo Drafthouse Cinema has been a casualty. Staff urged that we support local small businesses whenever possible. RMMAPIAC meetings continue to be held virtually for the foreseeable future, though agendas, minutes, meeting recordings and other documents, are available at austintexas.gov/rmmapiac

Candidate Bios: President – Jackie Brooks

My husband Chandler and I moved to Windsor Park in May of 2017 and have never felt more welcomed to a community. From our soon-to-be neighbors cheering us on at the open house, to the pleasant surprise of our first Window on Windsor newsletter being delivered that invited us to an annual holiday party to get to know our neighbors, we felt the outreached hand of this diverse, active, and caring community. I'm so glad we went to that Holiday Party, as it was through these initial conversations - sharing our passions and backgrounds over cookies and a pot luck breakfast - I was introduced to the revitalization committee. The energy of the members in those meetings was electric and the more I learned about Windsor Park and its strong heritage of advocacy the more I was inspired to share in that cause.

I was honored to be invited to serve as the Vice President for the last two years and in that time, I have continued to be inspired by the engagement of fellow neighbors coming together through committees and monthly meetings - bringing both awareness and important conversations to the table to solve together. As President, I will strive to be a steward of this forum, to seek the diverse feedback that is paramount to the betterment of our organization, and encourage all of our members to be that out-stretched hand to those living in our community.

Candidate Bios: Vice-President – Jack Lewis

Other than being a member, I have no previous Neighborhood Association involvement. My geological career took me from the U.S. for half my working life. I've now lived in Austin for 26 years -16 in WP, more than twice as long as anywhere else.

I turned 93 on Halloween, and am still recouping from a hip operation after a fall during a blackout last year. Did not renew my driver's license, sold my car, now depend mostly on daughter Sally and son-in-law Peter Struble (with whom I live) for my limited trips around town. Peter will be working with me on our association affairs.

Candidate Bios: Secretary – Alice Grauly

Alice Grauly grew up on Larkwood Dr. in Windsor Park and her mother still lives on Rogge Lane. She attended many of our neighborhood schools growing up and has been witness to the changes as Austin has grown and Mueller has been developed.

In 2010, after seven years in Massachusetts, Alice moved back to Austin. In 2018 she made her way back to Windsor Park with her husband and her daughter (who began kindergarten virtually at Harris Elementary in September). Alice became active in the neighborhood association at that point, joining the Schools Committee and taking a special interest in the WPNA scholarship program. She's enjoying her new Window on Windsor delivery route up Hickman and around Cheshire Dr.

Alice sees a lot of value in being involved at a local level and is honored to devote time to helping our neighborhood stay connected and informed in order to grow responsibly and make careful, equitable decisions around transportation, the environment, housing, business, schools, and more.

Candidate Bios: Treasurer – Josh Pitts

Josh currently serves as our Inter-Neighborhood Representative. He has also been a newsletter deliverer for much of his time in the neighborhood and has been on the Transportation Committee.

He grew up in the Lubbock area, has been in Austin since 1995, and has been a homeowner in Windsor Park since December 1999. Josh lives on Westminster drive east of Blanton Elementary with his wife and 16-year-old twins, who just began driving. Josh works at engineering firm Atkins and his wife Rachael works at Texas Municipal League.

Josh wants to fill the role of Treasurer because it's a vital role to the association which is currently being generously filled by a former Treasurer (thanks Meg!). Josh looks forward to a solid year of bookkeeping and financial updates for the neighborhood association.

Candidate Bios: Intra-Neighborhood Delegate – Peter Struble

I was born and raised in Ann Arbor, Michigan in the heart of the roaring 1950s. In 1977 I moved to Austin with my then girlfriend who had been hired by the Austin Public Library system. I attended the University of Texas Austin to study Architecture, which had been a lifelong passion of mine. In my professional career I focused primarily on architectural design and project management.

I was recruited by The Center for Maximum Potential Building Systems in 1993, working primarily on product development with a focus on sustainable design and innovative technologies, I am still an Associate at CMPBS and have enjoyed numerous interesting collaborations with a wide variety of Austin and nationally recognized artists. I was a Cultural contractor with the City of Austin for ten years.

I moved to Windsor Park in 1994 and have watched it go through many changes. My Wife Sally and I began working with students at Blanton Elementary in their after-school programs, she doing gardening and I focusing on art and music. My work at Blanton led to the development of the Austin SoundScape Project in 1998, a project that continues to this day. I look forward to great things in Windsor Park and welcome the opportunity to serve our neighborhood.

Yard of the Month – November 2020 -

6310 Dorchester Drive

Sara Jane Lee

Jacquie and Philip Fuller of 6310 Dorchester Drive are the November winners. When I asked Jacquie if she would accept Yard of the Month, she said that they hoped to win in 10 years, and “Yes they would accept.” Then she danced a bit.

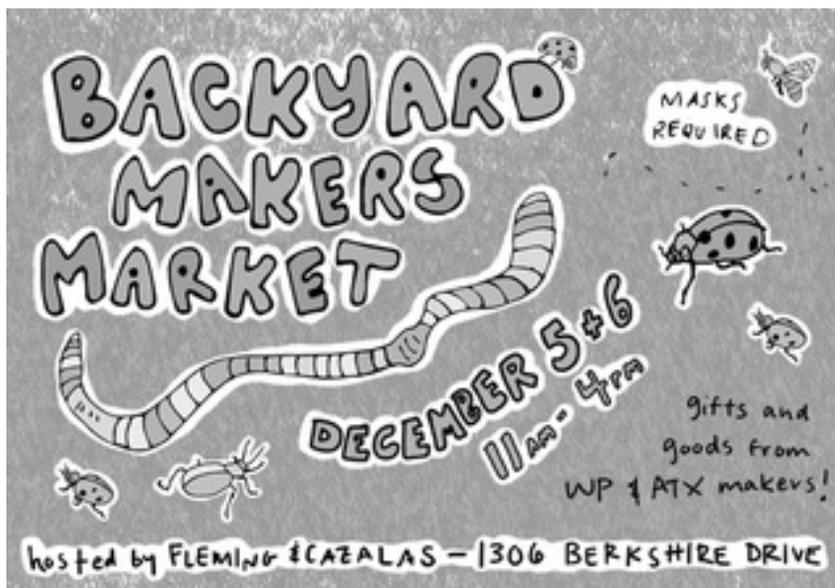
They were inspired by inspired many of the yards that they saw on their walks around the neighborhood. On those walks they took pictures and made notes. They also consulted the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center.

Though they moved to Dorchester four years ago, they really began working on their yard two springs ago. They did this inexpensively, using trees from Tree Folks, using old cardboard instead of landscaping cloth, buying mulch on sale, and buying \$2.00 to \$3.00 plants. A friend gave them some Prickly Pear Cactus cuttings. Their Tree Folks trees were a Goldenball Leadtree and a Chinquapin Oak. To complement the trees, Jacquie and Philip bought some four-inch plants and gradually added more. These plants including *Salvia Greggii*, *Salvia Coccinea*, *Pride of Barbados*, *Orange Esperanza*, *Copper Canyon Daisy*, *Mexican Honeysuckle*, *Blackfoot Daisy*, *Rosemary Mexican Feather Grass*, *Silver Ponyfoot* and more.

Their advice is to pay attention to the information that comes with the plant. If it says that *Esperanza* will be 4-8 feet tall and 4-6 feet wide, do not plant something else, say a *rosemary*, one foot away while your plant is still small.

The Fullers will get a \$50.00 gift certificate from Shoal Creek Nursery. Right now, Shoal Creek is remodeling, but they are open and have a good supply of plants, pots, and equipment. It is still a pleasure to visit there.

Do not be shy. Please send us nominations. We may not have seen your yard, or your neighbor’s 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 email wpna.yom@gmail.com.



WPNA Schools Committee: How we can support local schools

Shaleiah Fox

For the next three months, the Schools Committee will highlight impactful and achievable ways you can support the neighborhood public schools. This month we'll share about the elementary schools in our neighborhood: Andrews, Blanton, and Harris. Community engagement is a predictor of better student outcomes and stronger schools. Get involved today!

We highly encourage community members to join the PTA of every neighborhood school if they can. For many campuses, PTAs provide critical funds to support parents, school field trips, and teaching supplies.

Campus Advisory Committees (CAC) participation provides another opportunity to learn more about our schools and support their success. The group focuses on the administration of the school – budget, campus improvement plans, staffing, etc. There is no fee to join and it is open to any and all community members and an excellent way for business leaders to get involved in the neighborhood that keeps their doors open.

ANDREWS ELEMENTARY, at 6801 Northeast Dr., is tucked into a quiet corner of our neighborhood and serves children from both Windsor Park and University Hills.

Visit andrews.austinschools.org to learn more about PTA and CAC

Right now, the school's most important goal is to fundraise for an outdoor classroom/play area for their pre-k kids. Let's step up and donate to help create a healthy space for our tiniest residents!

Andrews also has volunteer opportunities that are outdoors where a safe distance can be maintained.

Andrews needs extra royal blue polo shirts, socks, and underwear for students.

Contact Elizabeth Morales, Community School Facilitator: elizabeth.morales@austinisd.org or 210-420-1722.

BLANTON ELEMENTARY, at 5408 Westminster Dr, Austin, is located in the heart of and serves children from Windsor Park.

- Visit blanton.austinschools.org learn more about the campus and join the CAC.
- Become a member of the PTA at ptablanton.org and join the Facebook Page, facebook.com/PTABlanton.
- Join the active and information Facebook family group at facebook.com/groups/BobcatFamilies.

HARRIS ELEMENTARY, at 1711 Wheless Lane and visible along Berkman Drive, serves children from Windsor Park.

Visit harris.austinschools.org to learn more about the CAC and campus.

Visit tinyurl.com/ptacommitee to join the PTA or sponsor a teacher or family's membership!

Check out Harris' Amazon Wishlist and purchase items for teachers and students: tinyurl.com/y4fr8unt.

Help share the story of Harris – a school with committed and experienced teachers and staff and bright students. As Harris works to increase enrollment numbers, our community can help by getting to know the school and spreading the word.

Stay connected @ThomasGHarrisEl on Twitter and @HarrisBulldogs118 on Facebook.

Email Shaleiah Fox, CAC Co-Chair at shaleiahfox@gmail.com. To learn more about campus needs, contact Parent Support Specialist, Rudolph Castillo at rudolph.castillo@austinisd.org.

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Caregiving can be stressful and overwhelming at any time, but during this pandemic, caregiving can seem absolutely impossible some days. Hope Lutheran Church is offering a **FREE** 2-hour workshop with tips on how to de-stress and make your life more manageable. The workshop will be conducted with a limited number of in-person participants and will include all the safety precautions: masks and social distancing. The program will also be offered via through Zoom for those who request it.

Where: Hope Lutheran Church, 6414 North Hampton Dr., Austin 78723. Building: Hope Harbor # 400

When: Nov 17th, 2-4 pm To register, email steague@hopelutheranaustin.org or call 512-926-8574

Blanton Elementary

Karon Smutzer, BASE Project Director

Blanton began operating in-person during the month of October for students choosing to return. Extensive precautions are being observed for the students and adults on campus at this time. Blanton will follow current public health guidelines and district mandates at all times. Virtual programming is still available for students who chose to remain at home. Please feel free to contact the school, ask questions and learn more about what Blanton Elementary can offer for your student.

BASE (after school) is planning to begin in-person programming in January. For more information, please feel free to contact Karon Smutzer, BASE Project Director at karon.smutzer@austinsisd.org

- Nov 3 Parent/Teacher Conference Day...NO SCHOOL
- Nov 14 Blanton Beautification Day
- Nov 20 Principal's Coffee...8:30 a.m.
- Nov 23-27 Thanksgiving Holiday...NO SCHOOL

Harris Elementary

Zoila Cardenas, Principal / Directora

We have been very excited to see our students return to the school building. Thank you to everyone for your support as we continue to update our procedures to transition to in-person learning, while still servicing our remote learners. We are committed to providing quality instruction, connection, and support to our students in both remote and on-campus settings! To prepare our Harris Elementary instructional staff, we are participating in a book study, led by our Technology Interventionist Coach, Ragnar Rowland, on The Blended Learning Blueprint for Elementary Teachers by Jayme Linton.

Please continue to spread the word that we continue to register students. Did you know that Harris Elementary proudly offers high-quality Pre-K programming for three and four-year-olds? Please call the school office for more information, 512-414-2085. See our website for upcoming activities and events: <https://harris.austinschools.org>

Austin Achieve Public Schools

After *zooming* through virtual learning since the pandemic closed our schools in March, we are excited to safely begin reopening our campus for in-person instruction. On Nov. 9, any family who chooses can have their scholar participate in on-campus learning. Virtual learning will remain an option for all families who desire it for the foreseeable future. With help from our community, we've been able to provide tremendous resources for our scholars during virtual learning, including:

- Free Chromebooks for all scholars to support virtual learning,
- Free internet access via hotspots for scholars in need, and
- Distributed over 630,000 meals to families since March!

Polar Bears Win Season Opener

This season, our football team is competing in the UIL football league for the first time ever - and we kicked it off with a dominating

44-20 win. We are excited for the opportunity to play at a new level and welcome you to watch us play on our home turf at the Northeast Campus! All visitors will wear masks, participate in symptom screenings, and have their temperature checked prior to entering campus.

Achieve the Vote

This fall, we launched #AchieveTheVote initiative to encourage civic engagement in our community. In September, we registered over 100 voters, including families, staff, and scholars - 65 of whom also registered as poll workers! Our Northeast Campus will serve as an official polling location on Election Day, November 3. We invite you to utilize this convenient location and make your voice heard.

FREE Community Meals

Our Child Nutrition Team is distributing free curbside meals for children aged 19 and under at our Northeast Campus (7424 E. Hwy 290) weekdays from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and our Manor Road Campus (5908 Manor Road) weekdays from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Children do not need to be enrolled at Austin Achieve to receive a free meal.

Sadler Means Young Women's Leadership Academy

Rosalind Oliphant, PhD, Mentor Teacher | Community Partnerships

To celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, students at Sadler Means YWLA participated in an inspiring virtual conversation with award-winning broadcast journalist Olga Campos Benz. Additionally, our young leaders were invited to enter a school-wide writing contest to research a Latina who has made a difference to this country in service.

Under the direction of our new principal, Ms. De'Sean Roby, Sadler Means YWLA will launch its Media, Visual, and Performing Arts Academy in the fall 2021. The program offers a diverse range of fine arts, expansive media experiences, and robust visual arts opportunities. All girls in the LBJ Vertical team (Harris, Andrews, Norman Sims, Pecan Springs, Jordan, Winn, and Overton) can automatically opt in by completing their choice sheets and selecting a track.

Sadler Means YWLA promotes scholarship, leadership, and community service to help ensure students succeed in high school, college, career, and life. Visit our website at <https://berthasadler.austinschools.org/> to learn more about the great things happening at our school.





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Martin Luecke

WPNA is a non-partisan organization which does not endorse political candidates or parties. I say that because this is a story about a group that is non-partisan, but political.

Jackie Hardee and Chris Kadas were very busy in the run-up to the November elections. They and their Windsor Park volunteer group "Indivisible TX 25 East Austin" worked on the race for the District 25 congressional seat which represents our neighborhood in Washington.

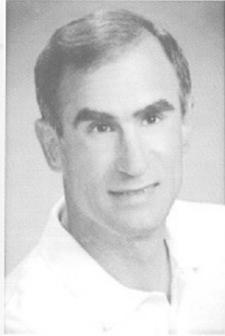
"We've been really focused on getting people registered to vote and now we're encouraging them to vote" says Jackie. "We are phone banking and organizing volunteers" says Chris. The Windsor Park group meets on zoom every Monday at 7. "We are non-partisan. We have republicans, we have independents" Jackie tells me. "Most of us are democrats. We do help some candidates, but it's a non-partisan group just being progressive."

Jackie has lived on Running Brook Dr. since 1985. She is a retired environmental engineer. "It was actually in the neighborhood newsletter that I first learned of Indivisible (after the 2016 election). I have been meeting with them weekly ever since."

Chris Kadas is an attorney with Texas Parks and Wildlife and lives on Greenbrook Parkway. "We have a fairly diverse group in Windsor Park. It's really an informal type organization and there are many, many different chapters around the country and they all operate independently. There is no top-down order, it's just the members of

our group that decide what to do. It's really member oriented."

Jackie describes meetings. "We talk about concepts and ideas and policies and educate each other about things like the electoral college and how to talk to your legislator. It's also kind of therapeutic."

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Politics has a powerfully emotional side these days.

The Windsor Park team are not engaged in fundraising. "Most of our activities are organizing volunteers to work on specific campaigns and co-sponsoring things, block walking, and phone banking" Chris explains. "We worked really hard on the 2018 election. We had scores of volunteers knocking on doors and trying to get out the vote. I think the evidence shows we were really successful."

By the time you read this the election might be over, but Chris offers a prediction. "It's going to depend on turnout and voter enthusiasm. ... People in Travis County are fired up."

You can reach them via Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/IndivisibleTX25EastAustin> or via email atx25east@gmail.com

Please contact me with story suggestions: mwluecke@hotmail.com 512.536.0465

New apartments about to open in Windsor Park – AHA!

Jolene Keene, Executive Director, Accessible Housing Austin!

Accessible Housing Austin! is excited to be a part of the Windsor Park Community and to get the word out about this wonderful project! The new 27-unit apartment complex at 1915 Briarcliff is fully affordable and accessible to persons with a disability. After about a year of construction, AHA! Briarcliff is ready for applications, with the first residents expected in December 2020. <https://ahaustin.org/apply-for-housing/>

AHA! was founded in 2005 by members of ADAPT of Texas who wanted to provide the disability community with affordable, accessible places to live. There are over three million persons with disabilities in Texas and there is not enough housing to meet their needs. We are excited to be building in the heart of Austin with access to so many excellent amenities and transportation options.

AHA! Briarcliff is planning to offer an open house in early 2021, when we hope our Coronavirus numbers have dropped. In the meantime, folks are welcome to contact AHA! with questions or even a request to tour the property.

There are a number of ways to support this project - some donation opportunities are listed below. Folks can buy a brick, a bike rack, or a tree to be placed at the AHA! at Briarcliff site.

Donation Opportunities www.ahaustin.org/donate
Information on Accessible Housing Austin! www.ahaustin.org

Applications for Housing: <https://ahaustin.org/apply-for-housing/>

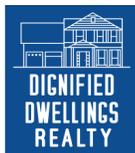
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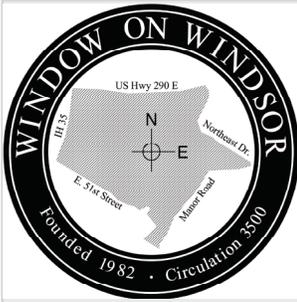
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Climate Corner Nov 2020

Barrett Sundberg

When WPNA passed its climate resolution last year, we committed to pursue neighborhood initiatives to reduce climate change. It's time to start showing how much we've done. Meet the Windsor Park Carbon Shrinker: <https://www.facebook.com/wpcarbonshrinker>

The Carbon Shrinker is an online Google Sheets spreadsheet where each of us can record individual actions we are taking to reduce carbon emissions. Its built-in formulas calculate the pounds of carbon saved by suggestions from previous articles, such as using GreenChoice electricity, buying electric lawn equipment, and walking or bicycling. Then it calculates the group impact of our actions. Already, the early participants have saved 62 tons of carbon. Please join us by visiting the site and adding actions that you are taking or have taken. You just scroll to the bottom of the names and add a new line for each action you take, selecting the action from a menu and following the automatic instructions. The more we can show actions we are taking, the more we can inspire others to take action as well. By year end, we'd like to be saving 100 tons of carbon per month. That would put us on track to exceed our goal of 1000 tons of carbon next year. Stand up and be counted by adding your own actions!

We linked the Carbon Shrinker from WPNA's new Carbon Shrinker Facebook page, which can be found by searching Facebook for "Windsor Park Carbon Shrinker". Pressing the page's "Learn More" button takes you to the Carbon Shrinker. The FB page also has a video tutorial that demonstrates how to enter your actions.

WPNA also expanded our climate outreach last month by inviting members of 12 other neighborhoods and several climate change organizations to join our members in an online panel discussion of climate change solutions. Two nationally renowned scientists, one congressional candidate and local activist Louisa McDaniel offered a surprisingly hopeful conversation, commenting consistently that though the climate change problem is huge, we have solutions available that we can implement.

The entire event is now on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Tqk3ZZlkxo&feature=share> and can also be accessed through the Carbon Shrinker page.

Additional information is available on WPNA's website under Climate Committee.