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Party

Saturday, Dec
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MEET & MINGLE WITH NEIGHBORS AND JOIN WPNA FOR 2024!

I gratefully acknowledge the outgoing officers who stepped up to fill our vacant Executive Committee offices in February 2023: David Butts, Vice President; Dan Strub, Secretary; and Josh Pitts, who continued as Treasurer for his third year. WPNA flourished in 2023 - Thank you all!

Transitioning to the 2024 leadership: Chad Cotton, Vice President; Samantha Searle, Treasurer; and Heather Wong, Secretary will join Keith Edwards who will continue as Inter Neighborhood Delegate. I look forward to working with this new, enthusiastic, committed and decidedly younger group to lead us through 2024.

Neighborhood in Transition: As the neighborhood evolves from a suburban to an urban neighborhood, there is much to do to make changes tolerable and even enhance the quality of life in Windsor Park. We can contribute to our parks, personal safety for all, safer mobility for all

in our streets, preserving and adding business opportunities, school design, and so much more.

December is also a time to celebrate. I wish all of you a season of happy, joyful holidays with lots of opportunities to meet and engage in your community. Local really is best!

President's Letter - December is Transition Time

By Jeanette Swenson

- Time to thank our outgoing officers and welcome and support our 2024 officers.
- Time to meet and socialize with your neighbors
- Time to renew your WPNA membership for 2024. WPNA is our voice for advocacy for Windsor Park and East Austin. Join WPNA to strengthen our advocacy.
- Time to join in the family friendly fun (no business) at the Knomad on December 9.

**VOLUNTEER to deliver newsletters
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We look forward to seeing you at the meeting and at neighborhood events!

Got something for the newsletter?
Get it in by the 15th to newsletter@windsorpark.info

WPNA Scholarship - Pancakes and donations

Thank you to everyone who came to the Annual Pancake Breakfast last month in support of the WPNA Scholarship! Special thanks to the AMC church for hosting this wonderful fundraiser!

We are gearing up to award a new group of seniors this year. Students who attend LBJ and Northeast are eligible to apply, as well as any high school seniors who live in Windsor Park and attend any AISD school. Please let the seniors on your block know about this scholarship of \$1000. The application is available on our website starting January 9.

And as you look at end of the year gifts, please consider donating to the scholarship fund. 100% of our fundraising efforts go directly to students. You can give by going to our website www.windsorpark.info. Go to the Schools tab and then click on the yellow "Donate" button. Thank you for your support!

Reimagine Linda Lane

Elizabeth Kubala

Imagine an open, outdoor space in Windsor Park where people could gather to converse, relax, make art, play games, watch people, and more, all in a car-free environment. Maybe this space would include food trucks as well where neighbors could get coffee or a quick bite.

The Reimagine Linda Lane project aims to create just such a space on the wide block of Linda Lane that abuts Harris Elementary. It also aims to plant shade trees and add a bicycle lane that will help to connect Bartholomew and Pomerleau Parks.

This project is in the visioning stages and will require collaboration and coordination between AISD, the City of Austin and WPNA. If you are interested in visioning and helping to make this happen, contact the Enlivenment Committee at enlivenment@windsorpark.info



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Sunday Worship at 11 a.m. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

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Dec. 9th, 1-5pm Free Community Festival

bounce houses, musical performances, coffee, hot dogs & treats

Dec. 10th, 11am Worship & Swedish Heritage Luncheon

Email secretary@memorialumcaustin.com to purchase luncheon tickets

Dec. 17th 11am Worship with Special Organist Kent Burress

Dec. 24th 6pm Christmas Eve Service Communion & Candlelight



WINDSOR PARK

Monthly Market Statistics

October 2023



AVG SOLD PRICE/SQ FT (October 2023) **\$374.49**

OF HOMES SOLD IN (October 2023) **6**

AVG SQ FT OF HOMES SOLD **1,613**

AVG DAYS ON MKT OF SOLDS **38**

ACTIVE LISTINGS ON MARKET **30***

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Higher interest rates have slowed sales in general. Economists predict interest rates will start trending downward in Q1 of 2024

December 2023 Mueller Update

Rick Krivoniak

Several paid-street-parking changes are coming to Austin, and due to the popularity of the Sunday Farmer's Market, to Mueller. If you haven't already, I recommend you download the free ParkATX app on your Apple or Android phone. It is effective where you see ParkATX app signs and decals, and very soon, where the Residential Parking Permit (RPP) program is in place, as it is on several Mueller streets. Among the app's benefits are two free 15-minute parking sessions every 24-hours, the ability to remotely add time to your space, and if you have any unused time when leaving the parking space, simply stop the parking session and the remaining time will be refunded back into your wallet. For more information, see austintexas.gov/page/park-atx

Mueller's Browning Hangar has become a popular community gathering space, and for small and large events at times. The Master Development Agreement calls for the sale of the hangar to a private entity, though it is to remain at least partially accessible to the community. Catellus has had a lot of interest in it over the years, but only recently found someone they think will be a good fit. We hope to hear more about plans for the hangar early next year.

The Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission does not meet in December. With just ten meetings left, the next will be on Tuesday, January 9th at 6PM at the Shudde Fath Conference Room, Austin Energy Building, 4815 Mueller Blvd.

Enter the parking garage via Garcia Street. For the RMMAPIAC agenda and other information, visit austintexas.gov/rmmapiac

Committee Member volunteers needed to explore ANC

At the November 11 WPNA meeting after long discussion, WPNA voted to form a committee to examine the Austin Neighborhoods Council (ANC) to decide if WPNA wants to apply to rejoin ANC in January 2025.

If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact Jeanette Swenson, president@windsorpark.info, or David Butts, djbutts@sbglobal.net or Keith Edwards, Keith@windsorpark.info.



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Yard of the Month - December 2023 - 1403

Larkwood Drive

Sara Jane Lee

The December winners are Tyler Melmoth and Kimberly Harris, who live at 1403 Larkwood Drive. Since they moved here from the Pacific Northwest thirteen months ago, they have had to learn a new way to garden with plants that were foreign to them. They have enjoyed learning about xeriscaping and landscaping with rocks and dry beds.

When they visited local nurseries Tyler and Kimberly tried to limit their purchases to natives and well adapted plants. These included various Lantanas, including Purple and White Trailing Lantana, Texas Lantana, and New Gold Lantana. The last is a hybrid. They also have Plumbago, Pride of Barbados, Purple Coneflower, Firebush, Desert Globemallow, Batface Cuphea, Passion Vine, Zinnia, various Agaves, and Mexican Feather, Bamboo Muhly & Gulf Muhly Grasses.

Tyler and Kimberly started working on their front yard last March-April. They did most of it themselves except for some large boulders which a large muscular friend moved into place. Using rocks as part of their yard allowed them to eliminate some of the grass in their yard. This cuts down on their water usage. They have also tried to choose plants that do not use much water.

When they started to work on their yard it took them one to several hours a day. Now it does not take Tyler and Kimberly much time, only about an hour of weeding and mowing once a month.

They advise the novice landscapers to look up their gardening zone on Pinterest. Investigate local nurseries and walk around the neighborhood to see what looks good. Kimberly and Tyler will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate from Shoal Creek Nursery. While you are there, be sure to greet the cats and admire the waterfall.

Do not be shy; if you like a certain yard, or more than one, tell us. We cannot visit every yard in the neighborhood each month. We may not have seen your yard, or your neighbor's yard. 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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Windsor Park Neighborhood Association presents
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Wednesday December 6, 7pm

Episode 13:
Climate Change Mitigation
Options and Technologies

Joshua D. Rhodes is a Research Scientist at UT Austin Cockrell School of Engineering, and Dev Niyogi heads the UT Extreme Weather and Urban Sustainability "TE_xUS" Lab



Joshua Rhodes

This show will discuss the many approaches to mitigation of climate change, from Direct Air Capture technology to redesigning cities to include more green space and green architecture.



Dev Niyogi


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Ox beetles

Wizzie Brown, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist

Texas is home to three species of Ox beetles, with the most common being *Strategus aloeus* (others are *S. antaeus* and *S. mormon*). These beetles are large, reddish brown and show sexual dimorphism. Males have protruding horns on the pronotum, a platelike structure that covers the thorax. Adults are winged with front wings hardened into an elytra while hind wings are membranous and used for flight. Ox beetles are in the family Scarabaeidae, along with May and June beetles, so they have a similar body shape but are much larger.

Ox beetles have a complete life cycle with four life stages- egg, larva (called a white grub), pupa, and adult. Ox beetles, both adults and larvae, are not typically considered pests although they sometimes feed on plant roots. Eggs are laid in rotten wood or on roots in sandy soil. Larvae are typical grubs and are creamy white, c-shaped, with 6 legs and a well-developed head capsule. Grubs last about 6- 7 months and then pupate in the soil.

The *Aloeus* ox beetle has major and minor males that have variations in the size of horns on the pronotum. Major males have large horns, two on each side at the rear of the pronotum and one towards the front in the center, while minor males have stubby horns. Males use horns for fighting other males over mating privileges. Female *Aloeus* ox beetles do not have horns, but have a small raised area at the front center of the pronotum that is used for digging in soil.


Aloeus ox beetles are active in Texas spring through late summer. Adults live 4-6 months and feed on flowers and fruit, but populations are usually not dense enough to cause a lot of damage. Often, larvae are found burrowed




into tree stumps, other decaying wood, or compost piles where they are beneficial decomposers. While typically larvae are not considered to be problematic, there have been reports of larvae damaging palms.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600.

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 6 <small>NUMBER OF HOMES SOLD</small>	 <small>MOST EXPENSIVE HOME SOLD</small> \$800,000	 \$362,000 <small>LEAST EXPENSIVE HOME SOLD</small>

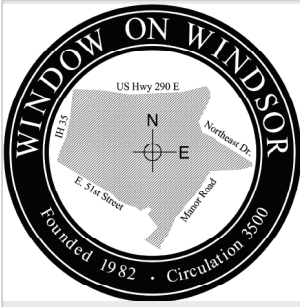
*SINGLE FAMILY HOME STATISTICS COLLECTED FROM AUSTIN BOARD OF REALTORS MLS

Is now a good time to buy/sell?

My advice is always "Buy when you can," and "Sell when you need to."

So if you can afford to buy in this market, I still recommend it. You will be receiving a higher interest rate than those in the past few years, but you have SO much more negotiating power right now. Once interest rates start dropping, prices will likely start rising again. Many builders are still offering a lot of concessions and lower interest rates.

If you can hold off selling, I recommend waiting. Only 6 homes closed in October and we currently have 30 listed in the neighborhood, meaning buyers have a lot to choose from. Unless you have a truly unique and desirable property, buyers are holding most of the cards right now.



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Library Update – Dec 2023

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- ArtSmart: Season’s Special Storytelling and Craft Program - All-Ages, Thurs, Dec 7th, 11AM to 12PM
- (Span/Eng) MACC Drumming Workshop: All Ages, Saturday, Dec 9, 3-4:30pm
- Windsor Park Neighborhood Association Book Club: Braiding Sweetgrass (2013) by Robin Wall Kimmerer - Tuesday, Dec. 12, 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM
- Perler Play! Perler Bead Creations!! - All-Ages, Wednesday, Dec 13, 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM
- Astrology of Now: Free Monthly Meet-up - Ages 15+, Thursday, Dec. 14, 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM
- Get Crafty: Winter Cheer Gift Wrapping Station - Ages 18+, Saturday, Dec 16, 11am-1:00 PM
- Lego Lab - All-Ages, Weds, Dec 27, 3:30-5 PM

Storytimes return Tues, Jan 9th, 2024!

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