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Next Neighborhood Association Meeting

**Saturday, Aug
12th at 10am.**

**Back room at
Memorial United
Methodist Church
6100 Berkman Dr.**

Aug Meeting Focus: AISD School Bond vote for Nov. Funds for Mueller School are in this Bond.

Invited Speakers:
**Superintendent
Paul Cruz will be
our guest speakers**

Got something for
the newsletter?
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August Letter from the President

By Meghan Dougherty

August Neighborhood Meeting

As our students return to school and start learning their ABCs, we also need to start learning more about the Austin ISD bond proposal that will be on the November ballot.

This \$1.05 billion bond has the potential to dramatically affect the educational landscape of Windsor Park and its surrounding neighborhoods. One of the key proposals that made the final cut, thanks to heavy activism from both Mueller and Windsor Park residents, is the construction of a new northeast middle school at a site in Mueller. This would provide the only co-ed middle school option for the areas currently zoned to the single-sex schools at Gus Garcia and Sadler Means. This new school would therefore pull from a large geographic region, potentially making it one of the most diverse schools, economically and socially, in AISD.

In addition to the construction of a new school in our neighborhood, the bond includes much-needed improvements to schools across Austin. **For this reason, we have invited Superintendent Paul Cruz to come to our August 12 meeting and inform us about the impact of this bond on the future of AISD schools.** [Continued on page 2]

August 2017 Yard of the Month

Sara Jane Lee

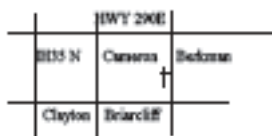
The August winners are Carlos Abilio and Luis Coletta of 1421 Ridgemonst Drive. They have lived on Ridgemonst for 20 years, and won Yard the Month 10 years ago.

Like July's selection, this yard is a nomination. The nominator is not the only admirer of this yard. As I was looking at the yard, a neighbor drove up. She told me how much she admired the yard. They were inspired by other yards in Austin and apply what they like to their yard. They wanted an attractive xeriscape. They also wanted to attract wildlife, especially purple martins.

Part of the yard is St. Augustine, and the rest is flowers and other plants in a gravel scape. Unlike many xeriscapes, this yard is colorful. They have Pride of Barbados, Blackfoot Daisies, Copper Canyon Daisies, Black Eyed Susans, Rosemary, Gaura, Columbine, Coreopsis, Mexican Mint Marigold, Pink Skullcap, Mexican Feather Grass, Yellow Bird of Paradise, Jerusalem Sage, and Plumbago. One of the Lantanas is near the fence. The Pride of Barbados also gives Carlos and Luis some privacy on their front porch.

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[President's Letter, cont. from p. 1]

Please come with your questions!

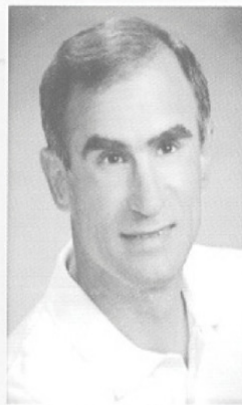
Do You Rent? We Want You!

As an association, we are continuing to reach out to our diverse community. As you all know, this newsletter is delivered every month to all single family homes and smaller multi-family units in our large neighborhood. Did you know there are over 16,000 people who call Windsor Park home? Of these residents, roughly 60% are renters, yet most of the members of the Windsor Park Neighborhood Association are homeowners. We want an association that truly reflects the diversity of the neighborhood. To that end, we are increasing our efforts to deliver this newsletter to apartment complexes. We are looking for volunteers who can serve as apartment liaisons - people who can network with the front office staff and keep apartments in the loop about events and issues affecting the neighborhood at large. In addition, if you are bilingual in English and Spanish, we'd love to use your skills to help us translate some of our announcements or articles into Spanish. About 42% of our residents speak Spanish at home, and we'd like them to know they are also welcome in our association. If you'd be interested in helping us with this effort, please email me at president@windsorpark.info.

Sign up for Electronic Delivery

To continue to improve our communication efforts, we realize that some people prefer to get their information electronically and don't have time to attend our Saturday meetings (although we love to see you in person if you can make it!). As you know, we post our minutes, agendas, Yards of the Month, and this newsletter to our website at www.windsorpark.info. Please sign up for our email updates at the following link, and you will be notified as soon as something new goes up on our site: <https://goo.gl/mmmJGh> And of course, we have a Facebook group that will allow more communication between neighbors: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/WindsorParkNA>

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, August 12th or online!



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[Yard of the Month, cont. from p. 1]

There is also a small raised bed in the narrow strip on the other side of their driveway.

This yard is a labor of love, and like most good yards it is a work in progress. They mow once a week and work in the yard regularly. They advise anyone seeking to improve their landscape to start small, study the plants that you like, and to start planting.

Carlos and Luis will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate from our sponsor, Shoal Creek Nursery, 2710 Hancock Drive.

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. 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.



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Austin Achieve First Day of School - Aug 7th

Wanna Grow Veggies? Did you know that Windsor Park has its own community garden at 5801 Westminster Drive? The garden is tucked behind the Austin Mennonite Church located next to the Windsor Park Library. Access to the community garden is via the wide grassy opening between the church and the library. If you are interested in growing your own organic herbs, flowers and vegetables in the company of your neighbors, email Mohan Rao at geolmohan@gmail.com.

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: KIRK KELSO

Martin Luecke

Our neighbor on Duquesne Drive for 17 years, Kirk is one of those people with two careers. He makes a living as a personal trainer at Kirkwerks training studio on Briarcliff; and he spends his evenings performing in plays and musicals around town.



After I use the word “career” to describe his fitness business, Kirk jokes that he came to it fairly late in life and he’s not really sure what to call it. After a few years working as a trainer for someone else, Kirk went into business for himself, set up shop on Burnet Road, and then eventually found a training space close to

home in Windsor Park. He mostly trains people who are middle aged, one on one, with the goal of just staying healthy. He also teaches yoga and a thing he calls “soul rejuvenation.” I ask Kirk why people don’t work out and he responds “It’s easy to fall into the belief that there is never enough time to work out, but the truth is it makes you feel better.” I attest to that truth.

I actually met Kirk 30 years ago when I was beginning my journalism career in San Angelo as a sportscaster and he was in my circle of friends and playing competitive volleyball. Over the years I have regularly run into him around Windsor Park, and recently at HEB he invited me to see his latest performance as the Cowardly Lion in ‘The Wizard of Oz’ at the Zilker Hillside Theater. This was a surprise because I didn’t know he did that kind of thing.

“I was singing in church in 2010 and our music director approached me after hearing a solo and asked me to audition for a role in a musical he was directing.” Kirk won the role, had fun with the project, and was hooked. He learned how to find auditions, which production companies to follow, and began to earn roles. “I do four or five shows a year, and am always busy with either rehearsals or performances.” He recently did ‘Priscilla Queen of the Desert’ for Zach Scott theater, played Snoopy in ‘Your a Good Man, Charlie Brown,’ and Dr. Frankenfurter in ‘Rocky Horror Picture Show.’

Cowardly Lion is ranking up there as one of his favorite characters so far.

He tells me at the moment he is rehearsing for the musical ‘Chicago’ which will start immediately after ‘Wizard’ closes. “I will be going from Cowardly Lion to very confident lawyer and schmoozer Billy Flynn,” the role played by Richard Geer in the movie. “It’s a very busy summer” he smiles.

The Lion role is pure fun. “It’s like I’m not even thinking, I’m just running around, having a blast, with a fur suit on in the middle of summer in Austin!” We laugh out loud. “They call it the Zilker diet: You will lose weight.” He then explains the special undershirt sewn with large pockets filled with ice packs to keep him from fainting from the heat. “The first rehearsal in costume was without ice and it scared me.” But not enough to quit. “I’ve always been in love with the Cowardly Lion and to play him is a dream come true.” Even if it kills him!



Zilker Hillside Theater is free of charge and runs Thursday through Sunday until August 12th next to Barton Springs. ‘Chicago’ runs August 18 - September 10 at City Theater on the corner of Airport and 38th and a half.

Please send me suggestions for stories: mwluecke@hotmail.com or call 512.536.0465



Austin Achieve Public Schools

Jessica Perez, Communications Associate

Welcome back Polar Bears! After a wonderful summer, we are so happy to have all of our scholars' smiling faces back on campus.

Upcoming Events:

August 7th- First Day of School

August 29th- 6th Grade "Path to Success" Parent Night

August 30th- 7th & 8th Grade "Path to Success" Parent Night

Elementary Expansion: Austin Achieve is growing! We are excited to announce the opening of our new elementary school, coming August 2018. Registration is now open for grades K-2, please visit www.austinachieve.org/elementary to enroll. For more information about our unique curriculum, dual language program and "whole child" approach, or to schedule a tour, please contact Lizett Ternes at (512) 287-0345 // LTernes@austinachieve.org.

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a mentor, you will work with students in a one-on-one or small group setting. Mentoring opportunities are available in multiple class subjects throughout the day, Monday–Thursday. To learn more about mentoring and other volunteer opportunities please call (512) 522-4190.

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Chiggers

Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist

Chiggers are the immature stage of a mite. They climb onto people walking through infested areas, crawl upwards, and wander around the body seeking a good site to settle down and feed. Feeding preference for these mites is in areas where skin is thinnest or where clothing fits tightly, such as the ankles, waist, behind the knees, and the groin area.

Chiggers do not burrow into skin as many people believe, so “smothering” them with nail polish is useless. When chiggers feed, they inject a digestive enzyme that breaks down skin cells which are then eaten. Itching and redness is caused by our body reacting to the enzymes injected into our skin. Itching typically begins 3-6 hours after being bitten, peaks at 24 hours, and can last up to two weeks.

The best way to avoid getting chiggers is to avoid infested areas. Since this is not always possible, here are some other things to try:

- Wear protective clothing- tightly woven items that fit loosely; including long sleeves & pants; shoes or boots
- Tuck pant legs into boots
- Avoid sitting on the ground
- Remove & launder clothing ASAP after being in infested areas
- Shower/ bathe after being in an infested area; scrub vigorously with a washcloth
- Use an insect repellent with DEET or picaridin

To treat chigger infestations around the home try the following:

- Keeping lawn trimmed
- Maintain vegetation; do not allow weeds to grow up & keep brush cleared
- Targeted residual pesticide sprays, usually pyrethroids

For chigger bites:

- Do not scratch pustules; opening pustule might lead to infection
- Oral antihistamines or topical anti-itch creams to relieve itching sensation

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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July 2017 Mueller Update

Rick Krivoniak

On June 26, the Austin ISD Board of Trustees called for a \$1,050,984,000 bond election to be held November 7th. The bond proposition includes \$60,958,000 for an 800-student northeast middle school at Mueller. AISD Superintendent Paul Cruz will be at the August 12th WPNA meeting to fill in more details on the November bond election.

A few improvements were made during the first week of July at the Mueller Trailer Eats site, just in time for the addition of the food trailer Picnik, which is similar to their original location on South Lamar and a recently opened brick-and-mortar shop on Burnet Road. Known for fresh, delicious and nutritious takeaway items, the menu will feature their popular butter coffee, specialty grab-and-go meals, and bone-broth and gluten-free pastries. Plans are to open by early August. More info on all of the Mueller Trailer Eats food options is at www.muelleraustin.com/retail/trailers/

Looking back, the intersection of Barbara Jordan Blvd. and Lancaster became a four-way stop just 10 years ago, and

the brick screen wall, landscaping and “SunFlower” art installation that form the I-35 face of Mueller were awaiting installation. The first phase of residences were still under construction, but no one lived at Mueller quite yet.

PLEASE NOTE DATE & VENUE CHANGE: The Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission will next meet at 6:00 PM on Tuesday August 15, 2017 at the Britton, Durst, Howard & Spence Building (Chestnut Community Center), 1183 Chestnut Avenue. (Note that this is a Special Called Meeting on the third Tuesday than the regular second Tuesday, but the venue change will be for the foreseeable future.) Visit <https://austintexas.gov/rmmapiac> to see Commission agendas, minutes and other documents. Address Mueller questions and comments to bc-rick.krivoniak@austintexas.gov

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Mohan Rao, chair, Revitalization Committee

If you have driven on Berkman just south of Briarcliff lately you have no doubt noticed construction at the Berkman-facing end of the Windsor Village shopping center. We don't know yet the name of the business moving into the site, but we do know this: it will be a restaurant, bar and coffee shop. The same husband-and-wife team that owns Henri's in South Austin, Andy Means and Jessie Katz, are behind this new venture. (Henri's has been closed since April due to a fire.)

The new restaurant will serve breakfast, lunch, dinner, and weekend brunch and will feature burgers, sandwiches, salads, fresh made pastas, house pastries and a kids' menu. A coffee shop and a full bar with a selection of wine and beers on tap will also be available.

The restaurant is expected to open in early 2018. Means and Katz plan to launch a website and social media pages in the coming months. It's great to see Windsor Village add a new, welcoming gathering place in the middle of our neighborhood!

Call for volunteers:

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- **Apartment liaisons** - help us spread our message and advocate for more residents in our neighborhood. We need people interested in cultivating relationships with apartment managers, deliver some newsletters/brochures to apartments in our neighborhood, and learning what renters in apartments need from the neighborhood association
- **English-Spanish translator**- to translate occasional articles/announcements from English to Spanish to help facilitate communication with the Spanish speakers in our neighborhood
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August 14, 6:30 pm, Windsor Park Library

Transportation Committee Meeting

August 15, 6:30 pm, Windsor Park Library

Beautification Committee Meeting

August 17 at 6 pm, Cement Loop (Windsor Village)

Austin Neighborhood Council

August 23, 7 pm, Austin Energy Building 721 Barton Springs Road

Revitalization and Economic Development Committee

August 24, 6:30 pm, Windsor Park Library

WPNA Executive Committee Meeting

August 28, 7 pm, Windsor Park Library

Windsor Park Library Updates and Events

Events and Book Club

Aug 5, 2pm: Saturday Family Movie: Beauty and the Beast (2017 version)

Aug 7, 2pm: Literature Live! presents: The Filofet

Aug 8, 7pm: Book Club: Love by Toni Morrison

Aug 12, 11am: Water Forward Summer Series, District 1

Aug 19, 7pm: Adult Hoppy Hour and Miniature Craft

Sept 12, 7pm: Book Club: Discussion of Animals in Translation by Temple Grandin

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