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Next Neighborhood Association Meeting

Saturday, Aug 11th at 10am.

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Meeting Focus:

Elections Focus

Come meet the Mayoral Candidates!

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

August Letter from the President

by Meghan Dougherty

Hopefully you've found ways to beat the heat this summer, including visiting the pool and the splash pad in Bartholomew Park. Did you know that Mueller pools are also open to the general public? Ella Wooten Pool is open from Tuesday – Sunday, 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM, and John Gaines Pool is open to the public from Thursday – Tuesday, 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM. Both pools only charge \$3 for adults, and \$1 for children under age 11 and senior citizens over 62. Dottie Jordan Park in University Hills also has a pool that is open Thursday – Tuesday, 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM. If Bartholomew Pool is looking too crowded for you, consider checking out these other options.

In other news, our community members have been very active politically in the 2018 primaries and general election. As you probably already know, Windsor Parker Chito Vela ran a very close race for Texas State Legislature against Sheryl Cole. Another neighborhood resident, West Hansen, ran in the Democratic primary for U.S. Congressional District 25, which was won by Julie Oliver. And now, Martin Luecke, past president of WPNA, has qualified to be on the ballot to run as an independent in that same race, against Democrat Julie Oliver and the incumbent, Republican Roger Williams. We encourage everybody to vote in this important race.

At our August WPNA meeting we plan to have a forum for the City of Austin Mayor's race. We have already confirmed the attendance of Mayor Adler, running for reelection, and former City Council member Laura Morrison.

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Garden Guide: Trees

William Glenn

In summer, it is not a great time to plant trees, but it is a great time to *think* about planting trees in the late fall. There's a lot to consider!

A simple Internet search is a great place to start. Key in "Right tree for the right place." You'll get endless images that will get you thinking in terms of what types of trees belong in different parts of your yard. Is a cheerful flower-display what you're after? Fruit? Shade? They're all possible, and all available locally! Many local garden centers will have these in stock, come October. Make sure to buy from a reputable source! A poorly grown or poorly cared-for tree can cause real problems for years to come.

The following trees are perhaps less well-known, and perhaps less common around Windsor Park, but are well suited for our neighborhood nonetheless.

- 1) Lacebark Elm. With mottled trunks of grey, brown, pink and peach, this Elm grows quickly (unlike the native Cedar Elm), and attains a medium size. Perfect to frame a smaller front yard, where a showpiece tree is desired. 35' tall at maturity.
- 2) Lacey Oak. This diminutive native Oak tree has a bluish-grey hue to the leaves, and stays a bit smaller than the Live Oaks and Post Oaks you'll see around the area. They also tend to have a "lollipop" habit that is very beautiful and symmetrical. 40' at maturity.
- 3) Arroyo Sweetwood. This rare native to northern Mexico has delicate, and wispy foliage, and lovely white flowers that smell of cinnamon and vanilla; a real treat! 20' at maturity. [Continues on page 5]

[Letter from the President, continued from page 1]

The meeting will be held as usual, the second Saturday of the month, August 11 at 10 am at the Memorial United Methodist Church.

We also hope to organize a forum for City Council District 1. Council member Ora Houston has already announced that she will not run for reelection, so it looks like that race will be hotly contested. More details on that will be publicized soon.

As a 501c3 non-profit, we remain neutral in elections and do not endorse any candidate or party. However, we do work hard to create opportunities for you to learn more about the elections and get face-to-face time with the people running to represent you. We look forward to seeing you participate in these events. And as we head into the heart of August, stay cool, Windsor Park!



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Yard of the Month - August 2018 - 1304 Corona

Sara Jane Lee

The August winners are Kelsey and Heath Robinson of 1304 Corona Drive. They have lived on Corona since 2011. They received much inspiration from Kelsey's mother. Kelsey describes her as "an accomplished and conscientious gardener," who helped them "design a functional space using drought-tolerant plants that require minimal maintenance and water". With Kelsey's mother's help, Kelsey and Heath started working on their yard in the spring of 2012. They observe that mulching the yard helps the plant beds and looks good. Also they advise to not be afraid to contrast colors and textures.

Though many of their plants are drought-tolerant, they have a drip irrigation system courtesy of an easy to install kit from a close-by big box store. They turn it on about once a month. Each month they also "spend a few hours grooming things and providing basic maintenance."

In their front yard, they have Crape Myrtles, Knock Out Roses, Mexican Feather Grass, lots of Iris, Muhlenbergia, Texas Red Yucca, Mountain Yucca, Prickly Pear Cactus, Blue Agave, a pink Rose, Salvia, Pride of Barbados, and a mature Pecan Tree.

Right now their favorite plants are the Crape Myrtles and the Pride of Barbados because they bloom like crazy in the heat. In the spring they enjoy the Knockout Roses and bring in the flowers to make arrangements for their dining room table. Kelsey also enjoys watching the Agaves grow and sprout pups. She plants some and others she gives away to her neighbors.

A neighbor nominated Kelsey and Heath because she noticed how much time they worked in their yard. The Robinsons will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate from our sponsor, Shoal Creek Nursery. Please support them. When you shop there, tell them that you live in Windsor Park.

Do you like a certain yard, or yards, in the neighborhood? Tell us. We may not have seen your great yard or nomination - feel free to nominate your own 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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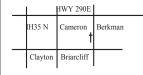




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- 1) Mexican Olive. Although this little mushroom of a native tree sometimes gets cold damage in severe winters, it usually recovers quickly. It is sturdy and globular like a big green gumdrop. The real treat comes with the heat of summer, when stunning show of tubular white flowers overtake the entire tree! 25' at maturity.
- 2) Montezuma Cypress. Yes, a cypress, but it doesn't need very much water, I promise! Unlike the Bald Cypresses that line Ladybird Lake, the Montezuma Cypress keeps some leaves yearround, and grows really fast. If you need a big green giant, this is a great, drought-tolerant option. 75'+ at maturity.

Remember to ask lots of questions at the garden center, and really think it through! Trees are a lovely addition to your landscape and will be with us for a long, long time!



Come Hear from the Mayoral Candidates *Dan Strub*

The November elections are approaching, and things are heating up. At the August WPNA meeting, we will have the candidates for the City of Austin mayoral race come speak. Each candidate will get 15 minutes to talk to us and answer our questions. It will be your chance to talk with them and decide who you think should lead Austin for the next 3 years. The meeting is open to everyone, so come on out.

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PARKs update

Jeanette Swenson

BARTHOLOMEW: Austin Parks Foundation did not fund the WPNA request for \$49,500 to add two shades to cover the unshaded swings and large playscape at Bartholomew Park. However, we did receive two excellent letters of support and input from the Windsor Park Facebook Families, and a commitment from John Cano of Austin Northeast Kiwanis to make the playscape shades their primary beneficiary of their first annual fall Butterfly Festival fundraiser/event on October 6. The WPNA Executive Committee agreed to continue to reserve \$3,750.00 in the playscape fund and begin a new campaign to complete the project. We are actively seeking new funding sources: ideas include reaching out to a dermatologists' group that is currently funding shading for playscapes, and the St. David's Foundation that has an initiative for safety and park development. And we may reach out to neighbors again for direct donations impressively, individual donations from more than 100 residents in 2013 raised \$14,000 or 1/3 of the costs to shade the toddler swings and small playscape.

The Beautification Committee has applied for a landscaping grant from Austin Parks Foundation to landscape the corner of Greenbrook and Berkman and 51st and Berkman. Both are part of the Neighborhood Partnering Project grant for Berkman Drive.

Christine Chute-Canul, Austin Parks and Recreation Development Administrator, announced at the July 14 WPNA meeting that the long-awaited trail re-design between the splashpad area and the pool will be released on July 16.

POMERLEAU PARK: Austin Parks Foundation funded one master planning grant, which will be a 10-12 month process. The first meeting of the Park Design Committee to begin to develop our Master Plan for this park was held July 21. Watch for opportunities for public input to add your ideas. Katie Robillard, park designer on the Austin Parks Foundation staff will guide us through the process. Jordan Shade, Amelia Long, Kyle Girten, Cesar Benavides, and Jeanette Swenson are on the committee, which also includes representatives from Austin Parks and Recreation.

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However, poison ivy is serious deterrent to increased activity in Pomerleau Park. Poison ivy, spread by roots, hangs from trees in the groves, runs along the fence lines, is among the wildflowers, and most visibly about 20 feet into the park at the entrances. Several eradication possibilities have been suggested: goats (apparently unreliable, but find poison ivy tasty); herbicides (not effective and need to be repeated with increasing toxicity), and hand-pulling (most effective and would require a large crew). WPNA would like to apply for a grant to hire a group like American Youth Works, Americorps, or a private landscaper to pull the poison ivy in the park, but no one willing to do the work has been located. If YOU would like to gather a neighborhood crew, we could begin to make a dent in the removal during the design process. So, if you have any leads or information about poison ivy removal, please contact Jeanette Swenson, jeanette@windsorpark.info.

Parks Bond and Budget Advocacy: City Council approved a \$231 million parks bond to be voted on November 6. The bond proposal includes \$40 million for Aquatics, including expanding program in high needs areas like Districts 1 and 4; \$45 million in land acquisition; and \$97 million for park improvements and infrastructure. To follow the advocacy process, go to austinparks.org/advocate to subscribe to their advocacy newsletter with alerts when direct advocacy is most needed.

Currently, the City budget is being prepared. Parks and Recreation is understaffed and maintenance budgets are inadequate. Advocacy for increased staff and funds for maintenance should be heard now. Contact Windsor Park Council Members Casar, Houston, and Tovo. Also, CM Leslie Pool is passionate about parks, so include her in your advocacy emails, letters, or phone calls.





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August 2018 Mueller Update

Rick Krivoniak

On the Austin City Council June 28th Agenda, Item 33 read, "Authorize negotiation and execution of an exclusive negotiation agreement with Catellus Development Corporation for acquisition of approximately 3.3 acres and improvements located at the northeast corner of Philomena Street and Mueller Street in the Mueller Development, and earnest money in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00." Turns out that Austin Energy is looking to relocate its headquarters to Mueller. We hope to learn more about this at the August Mueller Commission meeting.

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On Wed, August 18th at 5 PM at Mueller Central (4550 Mueller Boulevard), Agni The Dance Company & Agni Entertainment, along with the City of Austin - as an annual, officially-proclaimed event - will host Austin Bollywood Day. Come join the festival showcasing Indian culture, Indian food, clothing, music, vendors & contests, and celebrate Bollywood dance and Indian culture!

The 1st Anniversary Celebration of the Aldrich Street Fair happens on Thurs. September 13 from 7 to 9 PM. Come out for a night of fun, food and live music as we celebrate Aldrich Street, Mueller's dining and entertainment district.

Austin.CultureMap.com reports that Mueller's Kerbey Lane Cafe is planned to open in the Texas Mutual Insurance building at 2200 Aldrich Street by the end of 2018. The local chain also has a new executive chef, Joe Anguiano, known for upscale New American cuisine. While Kerbey Lane fans need not worry about the menu favorites, new items will include comfort-food classics kicked up with international flavors, such as Eggs Benedict with bacon & fried green tomatoes, or a Japanese-inspired salmon burger with a wasabi mayo and a side of miso-glazed cauliflower. Anguiano has also played off of Kerbey's popular queso appetizer with a new dessert featuring Amy's Ice Creams Mexican vanilla ice cream, a scoop of mint chip to mimic guacamole, a pico de gallo of strawberry & kiwi, and shortbread chips.

Report Mueller traffic and street problems to 311. Mueller park maintenance can be reported to Associa Hill Country Property Management during business hours at 512-703-9202, or email them at <u>contactus@muellercentral.com</u>.

The Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission (Mueller Commission) next meets at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at the Britton, Durst, Howard & Spence Building (Chestnut Community Center), 1183 Chestnut Avenue. RMMAPIAC agendas, minutes and other documents are available at https://austintexas.gov/rmmapiac



MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: TED RODDY

Martin Luecke





Our neighbor on Sunnybrook since 2008, I first saw Ted perform at the Continental Club a dozen years ago at their annual Elvis tribute night. My friends really loved Elvis and sold me on the fact that this was not an Elvis impersonator act. It was, in fact, a tour de force, 13 piece band called The King Conjure Orchestra which delivered a massive sound that would have made The King proud. After that night I found a new appreciation for Elvis's music.

But to think of Ted as the Elvis Guy is so very not what Ted is about. Musically he is a blues guy. At 15 growing up in Corpus Christi he went to a concert to see a young Ted Nugent as the opening band, "but then Freddy King came on and blew my mind." Thus began Ted's obsession with the blues.

"I'm a harmonica player, and blues was my passion in the early days so I played in a lot of blues bands in Dallas. We even opened for James Brown for a couple shows." He moved to Austin in 1985 and put together Teddy and the Tall Tops doing rockabilly, country, blues and swamp pop Cajun stuff. Swing bands became popular in the 90's and were doing a lot of gigs back then. The night before our interview he and the Tall Tops had made an appearance at a 60's style boutique hotel at The Domain called Lone Star Court.

The Elvis tribute thing started as a hoot night in 1986 with a bunch of rockabilly musicians. By the third year everyone was doing the 50's Sun Studios material, but no one was tackling Elvis's later work. Ted was on a new

mission: capture that Elvis 70's sound. "It's a unique thing because it is not an impersonation. The whole concept was to give the audience a taste of the power of that band Elvis had in the 70's. It was this huge sound and we try to do our humble best to nail it."

"Up to that point (in 1986) I had shied away from doing Elvis stuff too much. I have a voice that has that quality and I didn't want to become the guy people only think of as 'The Elvis Guy', but now, years later, that's what people know me for" he laughs. "It's nice to be remembered at all" I half-joke, wondering how I would like to be remembered.

These days Ted has a day job. He laments the fact that it's very difficult for musicians to make a living in Austin. Many have left town. "I'm afraid we are seeing a permanent change in the music industry." Rent goes up but Ted says the pay for musicians has actually gone down. "The only way to really make it here is to tour all the time."

Ted's had many bands over the years with different purposes, such as his country harmonica band, or his jump blues exotica band. His latest incarnation is a 'one man band' performance at the Carousel Lounge right before the belly dancer show every third Saturday of the month. Ted is having fun with the gig: "It's your best opportunity to Keep Austin Weird, and it's right here in the neighborhood."

Get your tickets now for the 32nd Annual Ted Roddy and the King Conjure Orchestra's Memorial Tribute to the King on Saturday August 18th at continentalclub. com. You can find Ted's music and show listings at reverbnation.com/tedroddy. The Carousel Lounge is on 52nd street near Cameron Road. (BYOB)

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photo by Brett Brookshire

Head Lice – super lice

Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist

Head lice can become a problem brought home from summer camp or during the school year. These insects are small, tan to gray, and wingless. Eggs, also called nits, are glued to the hair shaft near the scalp. Nits are dark in color until they have hatched and turn white. It takes 7-11 days for eggs to hatch. Females lay 3-5 eggs each day and live from 7-10 days.

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Head lice reside on the hairy part of the head. If they

drop off, they only live for about 2 days. They are incapable of surviving on pets and are not known to transmit any diseases from person to person.

Several states, including Texas, now have what are being called "super lice". Essentially these lice are resistant to pesticides commonly found in over the counter lice treatments. If you are using an over the counter treatment for lice and they are not dying, then you need to see a physician. Doctors are able to prescribe other treatments that can kill the lice.

To manage lice:

- 1. Use an effective treatment. Head louse shampoos contain insecticides so they must be used properly and with care. Wash the infested person's hair in a sink or basin so insecticide does not come into contact with other parts of the body. The person shampooing should wear rubber gloves. Do NOT use off label products such as flea & tick shampoo, other insecticides, or gasoline. Only treat the infested person(s), but check everyone in the household.
- 2. Hair combing is an *extremely* important step in controlling head lice. Shampoos may not kill all eggs, so thorough combing can help remove eggs from the hair shaft. Wet hair and use a special metal louse comb to comb through small sections of hair. Remove debris from the comb with a tissue and place it in a plastic bag that can be sealed and disposed of when you are finished combing through all hair. Hair should be combed daily until no more lice or nits are found.
- 3. Clothing and bedding of the infested person should be washed in hot, soapy water at the same time as the treatment. If items cannot be washed, try dry cleaning. For items that cannot be laundered, place them in a sealed plastic bag in the freezer for at least 24 hours.
- 4. It's important to contact anyone your child has had close contact with to let them know of the head louse infestation. This can help everyone manage the problem at the same time so there is less chance of reinfestation occurring.

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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