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All residents of Windsor Park are eligible to become voting members of the Windsor Park Neighborhood Association. If you would like to join the association, please send your dues, at the level appropriate for you, to the address below or bring them to a monthly general meeting. Memberships are renewed yearly and expire on December 31 of each year. In order to vote on WPNA positions, you must have been a member for 30 days. Business members are welcome but do not have voting privileges.

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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.
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WPNA PRESIDENT'S LETTER – NOVEMBER 2016

Dear Neighbors,

It was nice to see many of you at our October meeting where we heard from some of our candidates running in this year's local elections. Among those in attendance were Gregorio "Greg" Casar, incumbent for Council Member of District 4; Sally Hernandez, candidate for Sheriff; and Cindy Andersen, candidate for AISD Trustee at Large. All candidates were given an opportunity to lay out their plans if elected and to answer questions from general membership.

Three cheers for our Beautification Committee, chaired by Rodney Ahart. If any of you were out and about on Saturday, October 22nd you likely saw our Beautification Committee in action, as they cleaned up trash on Berkman, see story on page 8. The Windsor Park Neighborhood Association Beautification Committee recently was awarded a \$3,562 grant to landscape and beautify the entrance to Bartholomew Park at Greenbrook Parkway and Berkman Drive. The funding will allow us to beautify the corner of our park with trees, shrubs, attractive drought tolerant plants, and solar lighting. Additionally, the Neighborhood Partnering Program (NPP) Application for "Gateway to Windsor Park" requesting neighborhood signage, street landscaping (including the portion of Harris Elementary School along Berkman Drive), and rapid flashing pedestrian crossing beacons was submitted on October 1st. We received notice from NPP that our application was received, and we'd be contacted soon with next steps. If our application is selected, a series of neighborhood input sessions and outreach to local businesses will be required. Stay tuned for more on that.

The Pancake Fundraiser Breakfast hosted by the Austin Mennonite Church on October 1st was a huge success and raised \$1,055 for our Scholarship Fund. The WPNA is grateful for AMC's continued support of this important initiative and we would like to thank Pastor Lee Lever and his congregation for offering to organize and host this event once again.

I hope to see many of you at our meeting on November 12th at which will be voting for WPNA's officers. All positions will be in play. If you would like to run for an office, please contact us and we will put you in communication with members of our nominating committee. At this meeting we will also be voting on a budget for 2017. All members who reside within Windsor Park and were current on their dues as of October 12th are eligible to vote.

Details for our annual holiday party and potluck are forthcoming, and we will keep you posted once we firm that up. Sincerely, Karen Pagani

COME TO THE NOVEMBER MEETING TO VOTE FOR THE NEW WPNA OFFICERS!

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November 2016 Yard of the Month

Sara Jane Lee

The November winner is Mirena Martinez and her family of 1906 Wheless Lane. She and her family have lived on Wheless for 18 years.

Mrs. Martinez wanted her yard to look good. She did not start out with a detailed plan. She just bought plants that she liked and seeds that she thought would look good. However, she did pay attention to the plants’ light and water requirements. She waters carefully, inspecting the plants daily and only watering those that need it. To save water, she keeps the pressure low and only waters where it will help the plants.

They have Ruellia, Four O’Clocks, Coral Honeysuckle, and Coxcomb. Her favorite plant is the Squash plant. It has pretty blooms followed by delicious squash. She also loves her trees including a Tangerine and Guave. She observed that the plants are ephemeral, but the trees last a long time. She also has an Orange tree. The tangerine and orange trees are producing fruit now. Many of her plants provide food as well as beauty. Many of their plants grow outside or on their front cyclone fence. Over their gate is an arbor covered with vines. Their trees are inside the fence.

Mrs. Martinez 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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Cigarette & Drugstore Beetles

Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist

Cigarette and drugstore beetles are pests of stored products and can become a pest in the home. These beetles are small, around 1/8” long, reddish-brown with an oval shape. If you disturb the beetles, they often will tuck in their legs and lay motionless.

Adults enjoy dark cracks and crevices, but will fly in brightly lit areas to locate a place to hide. The beetles are most active at dusk and continue activity through the night. Adults do not eat solid food, but will drink liquids. Larvae are small, grub-like and creamy white.

Cigarette and drugstore beetle larvae infest a variety of products such as tobacco, flour, dried fruit, herbs and spices, nuts, rice and pet food. These pests may also infest non-food items such as potpourri, dried flower arrangements, papier-mâché, prescription drugs, cosmetics and bookbinding paste.

The life cycle is dependent upon temperature and availability of resources- with warmer temperatures and adequate resources the life cycle will be faster. Mated females lay eggs in food sources. After hatching from the egg, larvae begin to feed on the food and grow. Eventually, larvae pupate and form a protective cocoon in the food item. Adults live from 1-4 weeks.

To manage these beetles, you must find the source, double bag it and throw it away. All stored food items should be inspected, even those that have not been previously opened. If you do not want to throw away infested food items it can either be heated or cooled to kill any insects and then sifted to remove any insects. To freeze, put the items in a sealed plastic bag and place in the freezer for about a week. To heat the items, spread on a large cookie sheet and place in a 200 oF oven for 1-2 hours.

To prevent infestations, inspect all food items before buying; do not buy damaged food products. Dried goods can be stored in sealed, air-tight containers. If leaving the home for extended periods store items in the freezer or refrigerator. While inspecting stored food items for infestation, clean the pantry as you go. Vacuum or sweep up any spilled food items. Wipe down shelving with a cleaning product and use caulk to seal any shelf areas where small bits of food may collect.

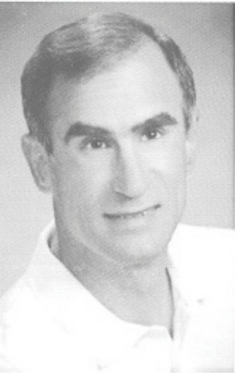
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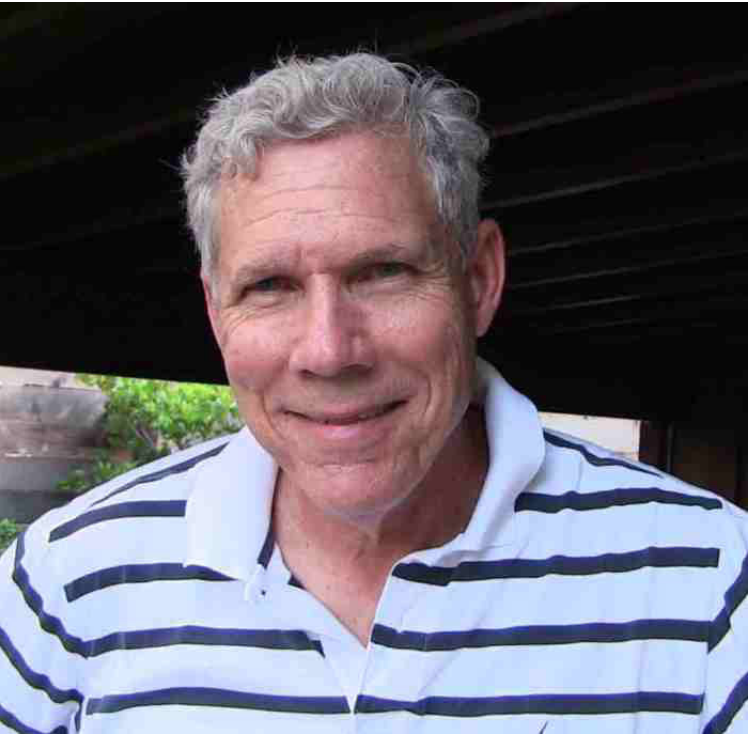
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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: DENNIS GEROW

Martin Luecke

Our neighbor on the corner of Ridgheaven and Cloverleaf since 1987, Dennis has spent 26 years as Historic Architect for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. You may have seen his work at 30 of the 100 parks in Texas, but you would not have known it. The whole point of the job is to make it look like the original. You can see a form of this in his front yard which contains a low stone wall, replete with native grasses and plants.

Dennis provides technical assistance and guidance to steward the care and maintenance of all the significant structures of the Park system. He works closely with the Texas Historic Commission obtaining permits and making plans. This includes adapting ADA requirements for people with disabilities into structures that are not very easy to change, like the Battleship Texas. “It’s all based upon age and the influence of the architect, or the movement that spawned



the particular work, like the Civilian Conservation Corp of the 1930’s.” Much of the Park system was built at that time.

Having a conversation with Dennis about his work is like taking a history tour. He just got home from Goliad, where the Texas revolution was born. It’s the place where the “Come and Take It” flag was invented. They are trying to determine a program of work to enhance the Zaragoza birthplace and the Goliad mission complex, which was a CCC reconstruction of a historic mission dating back to the 18th century. It’s a collaboration between the state and the local community, which has a vested interest in the park.

Dennis’s first love is history, for which he received his bachelor’s degree at UT, and then earned his masters in architecture. His first job was in Galveston restoring the Mary Moody Northern mansion, which took 4 years.

As you read this, his efforts are being deployed at the Indian Lodge in Ft. Davis. If you have ever wanted to see the night sky at it’s best, the McDonald Observatory is the place to go, and the Indian Lodge is the place to stay. I am speaking from experience. On the way there be sure to stop at Balmorhea State Park and swim at the world’s largest spring fed pool. One of Dennis’ next projects will be happening there at the motor courts.

“We have a huge backlog of projects. First in line are public safety concerns, like waste water issues. The stuff I work on is the core of our system. I’m an advocate for these parks, and elevate them to the attention of the system to get funding.”

The state legislature finally did something wonderful for the Parks department in the last session: significant funding using 94% of the state’s collected sporting goods sales tax. The money is limited to construction and maintenance, but does not include operation of parks. Construction has increased from 20 million dollars a year to almost 80 million this year. “A majority of that is going into Battleship Texas, which has a lot of need.”

His favorite project was his first assignment: Penn Farm at Cedar Hill State Park near Arlington. “It was an abandoned farm that had an interesting history and a wonderful site.” I think the main part of Dennis’ job is to fall in love with a place first. Almost three decades later he still loves that project. And as a history buff, saving old places is about as good as architecture can get.

Dear Readers: I need your help with nominations. Contact me today: mwluecke@hotmail.com or call 512.536.0465

2017 WPNA Officers election – voting on Nov 12th

Alana Carpenter, Rick Krivoniak, and Jeanette Swenson, WPNA Nominating Committee

A complete slate of 2017 candidates for elected officers to Windsor Park Neighborhood Association was presented at the October WPNA General Meeting. The elected officers become our Executive Committee. The slate is a mixture of those currently serving and those new to the Executive Committee. All candidates are already contributing to Windsor Park in a variety of capacities.

Members present will vote at the November 12 meeting to elect officers to lead WPNA for one year terms (January 2017- December 2017). Nominations will be accepted from the floor prior to voting.

Thank you to all candidates for providing the Nominating Committee with background and vision information, which is summarized below. Most of all, thank you all for your commitment and service to Windsor Park.

The candidates are:

PRESIDENT: Meghan Dougherty

Meghan moved to Windsor Park in 2012, attracted to the neighborhood by its tree-lined streets, volunteer activity, and diversity. She brings organizational skills, enthusiasm for community service and involvement, and experience in team building. Meghan has been an Instructional Coach in Round Rock schools. She also served as Secretary for WPNA for three years, expanded our presence in social media, and established an active WP Education Committee. The Education Committee works to build relationships with WP schools and works with AISD and community organizations working for schools. A major achievement has been raising funds for four scholarships, awarded to graduating seniors from Reagan HS. Meghan looks forward to rebuilding relationships in WPNA and reinforcing our sense of community.

VICE PRESIDENT: Dan Strub

Dan moved to Windsor Park in 2002 to live in Central Austin in a mid-century home and because he appreciated the neighbors and neighborhood involvement as residents spent time and effort to make Windsor Park a better place. Dan has a Master of Public Affairs. He offers experienced skills in Robert’s Rules of Order, which the Co-op he lived in as a student at UT used as governance. He also values his work as a softball coach where he uses tact with volunteers to work towards consensus. He solicits public input and works towards consensus in his work with Austin Water Bureau. Dan has volunteered with Friends of Tannehill Creek, distributed Window on Windsor, built houses with Habitat for Humanity, and tutored with Austin Partners in Education. His goals as Vice President are to work on transportation connectivity, including bicycles and pedestrians, between WP and Mueller; work with the Austin Police Department to develop a good relationship through the neighborhood representative; and work with City of Austin on growing homeless population.

SECRETARY: Emily Vitris

Two years ago Emily and her husband purchased their home in Windsor Park, their first Austin neighborhood that felt like a neighborhood. She loves the diversity, proximity to downtown, access to nearby Mueller, offerings in both neighborhoods for food, entertainment, outdoor spaces, and schools within walking distance. As an educational administrator, Emily needs to be aware of the big picture questions, which are also appropriate for a vital neighborhood association: Where are we going? What steps do we need to take to get there? How do we promote leadership?

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[WPNA Officer election - continued from page 3]

How do we effectively delegate? How do we involve more people? Emily is a patient, calm good listener, and she is organized and goal driven to convert big picture ideas to action items. Creativity is crucial in garnering volunteer support, and creating partnerships with local businesses to accomplish goals we set for ourselves as a neighborhood. Emily has been active in the WPNA Education Committee and recently joined the newly formed WPNA Beautification Committee. Communication and additional opportunities for connection among all of our residents is an area that Emily would be eager to improve.

TREASURER: Meg Brooks

Attorney Meg Brooks moved to Windsor Park in 2005, but previously she had been involved in Weed and Seed, a federal program, that targeted crime reduction in neighborhoods including Windsor Park. Meg has served as Secretary to WPNA for 2 years, convened the annual Audit Committee, and currently serves as Treasurer. She cares about WPNA and takes the job of Treasurer seriously as a person of honesty and integrity. Her goal is to set up an efficient, transferable records system, which will make it easier to track and meet WPNA goals.

AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOODS COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE: Brian Graham

Brian moved to Windsor Park in 1983 because it was close to his work at the State Capitol Complex and offered reasonably priced homes in a close-in city neighborhood with established trees and amenities. He also chose WP because of its tri-ethnic nature. Brian retired after more than 30 years working in and around the Texas Legislature as Capitol Correspondent for a chain of Texas daily newspapers, a total of 11 years with the Texas Legislature, and 15 years for Bob Bullock. Brian uses his analytical and communication skills to absorb detailed information and convert it to an understandable form. Brian also brings extensive knowledge about city, state, and WP governance. Brian currently serves as ANC Representative and has used his skills to inform WPNA membership about issues that affect the neighborhood. Brian would like to focus on expanding the outreach of WPNA. His primary goal in 2017 will be to help neighborhood deal with complexities and potential impact of Code Next on our future.

Update from CM Casar

Hi all! I've been meeting with Windsor Park neighbors issues like flooding, tax appraisals, and the City's trails program to connect more neighbors by foot to 51st street and Mueller. We've also had some exciting initiatives pass at Council that I'd like to update you on:

With a nearly unanimous vote, Council created more pathways to the middle class for our construction workforce by requiring developers who utilize our expedited permitting process to give back to the community with higher wages, better safety, and training. In a state that has banned measures like raising the minimum wage, we have to come up with creative ways like this to combat growing inequality in our city.

These efforts are getting recognition on a national level -- the White House and the U.S. Department of Labor hosted the Southern Worker Voice Regional Summit here in Austin with Deputy Secretary of Labor Chris Lu and Sharon Block, Senior Counselor to the Secretary. I had the opportunity to present our most recent wins here in Austin for the workers' rights movement. I'm proud to see the partnership between the hardworking people in our community and a progressive Council be recognized on a national level.

Council also passed a resolution I sponsored condemning bigotry and hateful anti-Muslim words and actions. Our Council pledges to support Muslims and immigrants who have come under attack in our communities. This resolution was a part of a national week of action of more than 500 elected officials across the country who are spreading this message.

Unfortunately, it has become commonplace to hear anti-Muslim sentiments as part of our national discourse. As a non-Muslim, I cannot share what the experience is for our Muslim community members. But we know by watching the news and by listening to Muslim community members and learning about their experiences, that hateful sentiments and violent actions directed at Muslim people are all too common. We cannot ignore the hateful attitudes being spread by local and national leaders, and we cannot merely condemn them privately. By standing up together with elected officials across the United States, we are publicly recommitting ourselves to the values of Austin: inclusion and respect for all people of all faiths.

As always, please keep in touch by calling my office at 512-978-2104 or emailing me at Greg.Casar@aus-tintexas.gov.

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Volunteers Made Berkman Drive Cleanup a Success

Laurel Chesky



Armed with trash grabbers, weed eaters and hedge trimmers, volunteers swarmed the north end of Berkman Drive on Saturday, Oct. 22 for the Berkman Drive Cleanup. The event, spearheaded by the Windsor Park Neighborhood Association Beautification Committee, succeeded in its goal of improving the appearance of Berkman Drive between U.S. 290 E and Briarcliff Boulevard.

More than 20 volunteers, including students and Windsor Park neighbors, worked along the sidewalks for two hours. Volunteers collected litter, cut weeds and tall grass, and trimmed overgrown hedges and trees impeding the sidewalk right-of-way. In addition, a volunteer crew worked on the landscaped median just south of U.S. 290 E.

Keep Austin Beautiful provided trash grabbers, orange safety vests and trash bags. Home Depot and Lowes donated yard waste bags.

These neighborhood events afford students the opportunity to give back to their community and fulfill their volunteer service hour requirements. Moreover, strong neighborhood participation can play a substantial role in Windsor Park being awarded future grant funding.



In September, the Beautification Committee held its first cleanup event, which was focused on Cameron Road. Thank you to all volunteers who have made these cleanups a success! The committee plans to hold cleanups on a monthly basis. Watch the Windsor Park Facebook page, Yahoo email group or the website Nextdoor for upcoming event announcements. For more information on the Beautification Committee, email Rodney Ahart at rodahart@yahoo.com

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31st Annual Sharing with Santa

Gloria Neunaber

Trinity Child Development Center will be hosting its 31st Annual Sharing with Santa on Saturday, December 3rd from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Trinity CDC, a non-profit center serving children ages 1 through 5, is housed in the Austin Mennonite Church at 5801 Westminster Drive (next door to Windsor Park Branch Library). All neighbors are invited to stop by December 3rd for a free brunch with entertainment and a chance to talk with Santa. We encourage all to bring Santa a toy which will be donated to APD’s Blue Santa program. There will also be an Elf Room, where children get to shop for their parents; a Craft Room where children and adults create together; Games like fishing, dart throw, etc.; a Marketplace where various items are for sale; and a Silent Auction where some great buys can be obtained. It’s a great way to kick off the holiday season, so come join us!

Mueller Update

Rick Krivoniak

Last month, Our Cities, Our Climate, A Bloomberg Philanthropies/U.S. State Department partnership, brought together 17 urban-sustainability directors for an international exchange to highlight and advance city climate action. Participants traveled to San Francisco, Austin, and Washington, D.C., meeting with U.S. sustainability leaders. In Austin, they toured Mueller, where all buildings must be LEED or Green Building certified, and the Pike Powers Lab, a research and development center piloting energy conservation technologies. Participants also attended SXSW Eco, and a panel including Mayor Adler; Antha Williams, head of Bloomberg Philanthropies’ environment program; and Jonathan Pershing, U.S. Special Envoy for Climate Change.

Two new local restaurants will debut at Mueller in early 2017 on the ground floor of the Alamo Drafthouse building in the Town Center. Mueller couple Ashley & Sean Fric are opening Colleen’s Kitchen, a southern-inspired, full-service neighborhood restaurant catering to families by day and the entertainment/culinary scene by night (open for lunch, dinner and weekend brunch), featuring southern classics like fried green tomatoes, deviled eggs and mac & cheese with a contemporary touch. Bao’ed Up, from Xian Sushi & Noodle restaurateurs April Zheng and Ting Lin, will serve homemade bao, a classic Chinese bun-like dish that is steamed and filled with meat and vegetables.

Capital Metro’s Connections2025 program plans to establish a more frequent, reliable and connected transit system by tripling the High-Frequency Route Network from 6 to 17 routes, and by adding two MetroRapid lines. One of those new lines, the 820, will travel along Manor Road from Springdale Center to Dean Keaton and on to UT and downtown, with 7-10 minute frequency and local rather than premium fares. The Mueller Neighborhood Association passed a resolution asking CapMetro to revise that route, taking Manor to 51st to Berkman to Manor in the southbound direction, and Manor to Berkman to 51st to Manor in the northbound direction, with three stops on Berkman each way. The Mueller Commission also passed a resolution at its October meeting urging the City Council to encourage CapMetro (3 Council Members are on its Board) to consider this “Berkman Alignment” in an effort to better serve the greater east Austin community. Note that this alignment will also provide closer access to the 820 line for much of Windsor Park. See <http://connections2025.org/> for the proposed CapMetro changes that will also affect other Windsor Park routes.

The decision on a school at Mueller remains complicated. Among questions and comments from attendees at October’s WPNA meeting directed to the candidate for AISD Board of Trustees At-large Position 8 was a statement that just 25% of Mueller children attend AISD schools. According to AISD’s Department of Communications, student demographic information is collected by ZIP Code, thus they do not have any neighborhood specifics of where students attend school. Numerous homeschooled, private and charter students across the city have never entered the AISD system, leaving estimates for AISD-enrolled students versus the school-age population a bit speculative. Mueller’s growth is also faster than Austin’s in general, so no verifiable data on student attendance is currently available. Much more will be known after the 2020 Census is completed, but a Mueller school decision is anticipated before that time.

Visit <https://austintexas.gov/rmmapiac> to see agendas, minutes and other documents related to the Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission (RMMAPIAC/Mueller Commission). The Commission’s next meeting is Tuesday, November 15, 2016 (not the usual 2nd Tuesday) 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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October was a very busy month at Blanton, we had picture taking, a great book fair, our Halloween Boo Fest and ACE celebrated Lights On After School with an open house for parents to visit the program in progress. Please feel free to visit the school, ask questions and learn more about what Blanton Elementary can offer for your student.

Important November dates for parents and community:

- November 1 & 3, and subsequent Tues & Thurs..... Adult Zumba, 4:45-5:45 pm, in the gym
- November 2, and subsequent Wednesdays.....Adult ESL Classes, 8:30-10 a.m. & 5-6:30 pm, room 108
- November 4.....Reading Rock Stars (for Blanton students only)
- November 4.....PTA Bake Sale, 2:50 pm
- November 5.....Texas Book Festival
The 2016 Texas Book Festival will be held November 5-6, 2016. The Texas Book Festival Weekend is free and open to the public and takes place in Austin, Texas, at the State Capitol and surrounding grounds.
- November 6.....Daylight Savings Time Ends.....’Fall Back’
- November 12.....School Beautification Day, 10:00 am
- November 16.....LBJ Harvest Dinner, 6:00 pm
- November 18.....Principal’s Coffee, 8:45 am
- November 21-25.....Thanksgiving Break...No School

We encourage the Windsor Park community to join us for any special events. 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

Thomas G. Harris Elementary
Lori Cordaway, School Counselor

Upcoming Events

- October 31- Nov. 4 Annual Book Fair- Library
- November 1- Magnet School Applications available online for Parents and Students
- November 2- Harris Literacy Night 5-6:30 p.m.
- November 3- Kealing Magnet for Liberal Arts and Science Showcase from 5:30-7 p.m. @ Kealing M.S.
- November 10- Fulmore Parent Information Night 6-7 p.m. @ Fulmore,
- November 14-18 Harris No Place For Hate Schoolwide Activity
- November 17- Lamar Fine Arts Academy Open House from 8:30-11:30 a.m. @Lamar M.S.
- November 21- 25 Thanksgiving Break
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Celebrations

Harris Bulldogs show their spirit and take the pledge to say no to drugs with Red Ribbon Week School Activities and pumpkin / door contests!

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John H. Reagan Early College High School
Julia Remington, LCSW Bilingual Social Service Specialist

- November 3 - Late Start Thursday. Students begin class at 10:15am
- November 5, 9:00 am to Noon Saturday School. Students can catch up on lost credits or missing assignments.
- November 8, 9:30am to 10:30 am Principal Coffee
- November 16, 530pm- StandUp for Reagan- An annual Thanksgiving dinner and community meeting held to celebrate Reagan’s successes and to garner community support.

Please note that this school year students and staff have the entire week of Thanksgiving off. We hope everyone has a chance to spend the holiday with loved ones as well as have time to reflect on all that you are thankful for. Reagan would like to thank our wonderful mentors, volunteers, community sponsors, and Reagan parents who truly help make Reagan a great high school every day.

In October, President Obama’s program, My Brother’s Keeper, was brought to Reagan High School. 29 students received mentors! MBK is a mentoring program aimed at reducing absenteeism. MBK Task Force Chair Broderick Johnson describes the program as follows: “MBK is about obliterating the barriers our kids face. It’s about building strong, lasting bridges to opportunity for boys and girls, young men and young women, no matter what their back-ground or the circumstances into which they were born. It’s about investing in what works, acting with a sense of urgency, basing strategies on data and evidence, and having the courage to call-out and tear down discrimination in every system and policy where it shows up.”

School Committee Update
Gloria Neunaber

First, a big thank you to the Austin Mennonite Church for hosting a very well-attended and delicious pancake breakfast in support of the WPNA Scholarship Fund. As you read in the president’s letter, the breakfast raised a total of \$1,055. This is a huge help in supporting our students.

In addition to the national vote taking place November 8th, there are other local elections taking place that day. If you vote straight Democrat or Republican, please remember to keep going to the end of the ballot where non-partisan school board members are up for election.

There is a section of Windsor Park which is in AISD District 3; Ann Teich is the incumbent unopposed for this district. At large position 8 has two new candidates running -- Cindy Anderson and David Quintanilla.

School Board volunteers spend a lot of time helping to make things better for ALL kids -- we need to help them by voting!



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