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Windsor Park Cares

By Chad Cotton. WPNA President

I'm continually amazed by the generosity of our community. At December's holiday party, Janis Bookout, a Windsor Park resident, and leader with the Community Resilience Trust, shared an idea that quickly took shape. With the help of Kelly Overton at the Windsor Park Library, we secured a collection space, and Robyn Bishop, pastor of Memorial United Methodist Church, offered a location to organize efforts. Thanks to this collaboration, the newly formed Windsor Park Care Team has already made an impact. Learn more in the accompanying articles (pages 5 & 7), and consider joining the "Windsor Park Care Team"—details are under "Get Involved" on our website.

This is the final month of our **2025 membership drive**. If you were a 2024 member, your membership expired at the end of 2024; if you haven't done so, now's the time to renew! Not a member yet? Join today to add your voice and stay informed. See the back of this newsletter for more details and for a membership form. Or look online - "Become a Member" under "Get Involved" on our website.

Mark your calendar for our March meeting, where the Austin Watershed Protection Department will present plans for a major Tannehill Creek overhaul in Bartholomew Park. This is a meeting you won't want to miss!

Do you have a thriving native landscape you'd love to showcase? We're accepting applications for our spring garden tour. If you're passionate about native plants and wildlife habitat, contact me at president@windsorpark.info to participate.

Finally, stay connected by joining our email group at <https://groups.io/g/windsorparkatx>. It is the best way to receive timely updates from city offices and neighborhood news. You can also visit our website at <https://windsorpark.info> for more information. Thank you for all you do to make Windsor Park a vibrant, caring community!



WPNA Scholarship Open for 2025 applications

Calling all AISD seniors who live in Windsor Park or who attend school in Windsor Park (LBJ, Northeast)! The Windsor Park Neighborhood Association Scholarship is now open!

This **\$1,000 scholarship** aimed at students in the neighborhood who are engaged in helping their community is due March 31, 2025. Visit <https://www.windsorpark.info/scholarship/> to read the application eligibility and to apply!

Windsor Park Enlivenment Committee presents:

Ten Garden Tasks for February

Chris Winslow

We are in one of the most exciting gardening months of the year. The days are getting longer, and the last average freeze and frost dates approach.

1. Clean up the landscape. Cut back perennials and apply a mulch-compost blend. Add green sand and sulfur to plants their soil to be a little more on the acidic side. Check leaves for signs of iron deficiency. Light green leaves with darker veins indicate a lack of iron. Green sand and sulfur will help to cure this deficiency.

2. Plant fruit trees. Peaches, pears, persimmons, plums, apricots, pomegranates, and apples do well in this area. For those with limited space, or with an appetite for novelty, try a 'four-in-one' grafted apple or pear. They have four different varieties grafted on the same tree. For those without a yard, you might try a dwarf peach. They are easy to grow in a pot or whisky barrel.

3. Plant vegetables in kitchen garden. Broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cauliflower, cabbage, pod peas (sugar snaps), Swiss chard, carrots, lettuce, and asparagus crowns. Also consider Onions, such as the white Texas Supersweet called Contessa.

4. Plant winter hardy herbs. Thyme, oregano, Italian and curled parsley, rosemary, winter and summer savory, garden sage, and chives. Herbs like to have at least a half a day's sun in a well-drained location.

5. Plant flowers in the garden. Calendula, pansies, stock, cyclamen, violas, dianthus, bluebonnets, nasturtium, flowering cabbage and kale, and larkspur. For a great show, plant snapdragons now for April and May color.

6. Plant a rose. Besides some good old standbys like the peace rose, Mr. Lincoln, climbing Don Juan, and Blasé, there are some interesting newcomers to look for, such as the Knock Out series, Home Run and Belinda's Dream. But let's not forget our charming antique roses as well. Antiques are disease resistant, hardy, and can shower our landscapes with very

beautiful, showy flowers.

7. Prune your roses. A mid-month activity. A word of caution: make sure you know what kind of rose you have before you begin to cut them back. Most shrub roses bloom on new wood, so a pruning will help to force new growth and blooms. Climbing roses bloom on old wood, so this means a pruning back of climbers will remove all the flowers before they have a chance to bloom.

8. Control lawn weeds. Spread a pre-emergent weed killer over the yard and water it in. We recommend corn gluten. This is an effective organic pre-emergent that will not poison waterways and aquifers. If you spread it over the lawn, it will control those spring and summer weeds before they have a chance to germinate. You can safely use it in the garden or in flowerbeds.

9. Maintain garden tools. Repair and maintain garden tools. Change the oil on the lawnmower, and have the blades sharpened.

10. Garden plan. Put something down in a book, a diary, or even on a scrap of paper that you tape to the wall. This will help you plan your weekend activities and get your plants in the ground at the correct time of the year.

Wouldn't you know it? February is the shortest month with so much to do! Happy gardening everyone! *This article was provided by the Austin Garden, a free newsletter published twice a month. To sign up, visit austingarden.org*

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February 2025 Mueller Update

Rick Krivoniak

The Mueller Commission did not meet in January.

With the election or re-election of Mayor Watson and City Council Members Vanessa Fuentes (D2), Chito Vela (D4), Krista Lane (D6, Mike Siegel (D7), and Marc Duchon (D10), six Mueller Commission positions will expire in February 2025, along with similar numbers on most City of Austin Boards and Commissions. These boards and commissions help represent Windsor Park, northeast Austin, and the City as a whole. Find one that interests you and apply for appointment at: www.austintexas.gov/services/apply-become-board-or-commission-member

The next meeting of the Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory will be at 6pm on Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at the Austin Energy Building, 4815 Mueller Boulevard. Attendees may park free in the AE garage. Commission agendas, presentations, etc. are available at austintexas.gov/rmmapiac.

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OF HOMES SOLD IN (Over Last 90 Days) 19

AVG SQ FT OF HOMES SOLD 1,433

AVG DAYS ON MKT OF SOLDS 38

ACTIVE LISTINGS ON MARKET 24*

*As of Jan 7th, 2025 - Single Family Homes.
Request a Detailed Report for Your Section of Windsor Park

Trends to Note

At time of reporting,
the number of Active Listings is
DOWN 20%

Let's see what Spring Time Brings!

WP's Go-To Source For Market Statistics since 2010

Winter Response 2025

Chad Cotton

Windsor Park has come together in an inspiring effort to support those in need during the winter months. Under the guidance of Janis Bookout from the Community Resilience Trust (see the **Meet Your Neighbor** article on page 7 of this newsletter), the neighborhood has formed a new initiative called the Windsor Park Care Team. Within just two weeks of initial discussions, the team launched a coat drive to help our unhoused neighbors prepare for the first freezing spell of January.

Kelly Overton from the Windsor Park Branch of the Austin Public Library played a key role by quickly providing central location for residents to donate gently used coats, winter hats, gloves, and scarves. Robyn Bishop, pastor at Memorial United Methodist Church, also stepped up to help, offering space at the church to organize and distribute the donated items. Her willingness to support the effort made a significant impact.



The Windsor Park community showed remarkable generosity, donating a wide variety of warm clothing. Volunteers from the Community Resilience Trust worked diligently to organize and distribute the coats to unhoused neighbors, providing essential warmth during a critical time.

As February often brings even colder temperatures to Central Texas, the Windsor Park Care Team plans to continue their efforts. Stay tuned for updates and opportunities to get involved.

To learn more or support this initiative, visit their website at <https://communityresiliencetrust.org/winter-response/>. To sign up for the Windsor Park Care Team visit <https://www.windsorpark.info/windsor-park-care-team/> or scan the code.





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

Yard of the Month: 1317 Westmoor Drive

Sara Jane Lee

The February winners are Christopher Crant and Colleen Berry of 1317 Westmoor Drive. They have lived there about a year and a half. Shortly after purchasing the house, Christopher and Colleen honeymooned on Corfu and in Southern Turkey. They wanted to bring the attractive hardscapes and flowing greenery to their new front yard, but they found that they could not just duplicate the Mediterranean plants here. Though the climates are similar, they are not identical. They needed to use natives that would survive Austin's heat, drought, and freezes. They found r/austingardening and the Texas A&M Horticulture websites useful.

A brown slatted fence divides their yard with a small area near their house giving them privacy and a larger area going to the street pathway made of large concrete blocks goes from the street to the house. On one side of the pathway an extremely raised bed contains Texas Sage and Silver Ponyfoot. The way the ponyfoot hangs down the front of the raised bed reminds them of the Mediterranean. They have several Little Ollie Dwarf Olive Trees. They also have several Santolinas and Golden Barrel Cacti, a Prickly Pear, and an Upright Rosemary bush. Their trees include a Monterey Oak, a Cherry Laurel and a young Peach Tree. They were astonished to harvest fifty peaches last May. They also have two red Knockout Roses and several clumps of Gulf Muhly Grass.

Christopher and Colleen advise the novice gardener to start with a plan and do much online research so you will not be sold what does not grow here. Remember that this part of Austin has clay soil. Water well to get your plants established.

Colleen and Christopher will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate from Shoal Creek Nursery on Hancock Drive which does have good advice. It has great collections of plants, seeds, pots, and garden paraphernalia including gloves in various sizes. While you are there, be sure to greet their cats and admire the waterfall.

Nominate a yard! 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. 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 and leave a message, or email wpna.yom@gmail.com.



Meet Your Neighbor - Janis Bookout

Martin Luecke

Super volunteer and community organizer Janis Bookout has recently started a new project called Windsor Park Cares, providing support for our unhoused neighbors. The group is currently distributing winter clothing and personal hygiene donations through Memorial United Methodist Church and Windsor Park Library. Janis and her team have identified most of the unhoused living in Windsor Park and are making sure they can survive our weather extremes. They ask the community to make donations and invite volunteers to join their program with the QR code on this page.



The Bookout family are 30-year WP residents and live on Glencrest. Jonathan is a music teacher, multi-instrumentalist and composer appearing in several local bands in places like Sahara Lounge. Evan is currently studying at the prestigious Berklee College of Music and Ryan plays saxophone in the Fine Arts Academy at McCallum High School. They are the classic musical family.

Janis became a volunteer in collaborative grassroots groups for disaster response in 2005 when Hurricane Katrina folks displaced from New Orleans, many of whom landed in Austin. Since then, she helped respond to Hurricanes Rita, Harvey, Florence and Michael, Winter storms Uri and Mara, and the heat wave of 2023. Her desire to help eventually lead to the creation of Community Resilience Trust (CRT) during Covid in 2020, which is a network of many grassroots groups and organizations that prioritize people with lived experience of systemic harm in Austin. In addition to collective action projects, they have written public policy papers for Austin City Council, Travis County Commissioners Court, Austin Public Health, and local Equity and Resilience departments.

During winter storm Uri they mobilized 60 organizations and six city departments to transport unhoused people to shelters and hotels around Austin, saving countless individuals. With water mains broken, power failures across the county, and emergency vehicles unable to respond, it was Janis and her team getting help to the most vulnerable people in Austin. They provided 25,000 meals and 25,000 gallons of water in three weeks and helped transport and shelter over 300 unhoused people. This collaboration led to the Austin Weather Response Collaborative and Windsor Park Cares Team.

Janis also does equity consulting and data analysis and is currently studying for her Masters in Public Health at Boston University online program. In addition, she is the Director of Austin Earth Day, and is on the Board of the Texas EV Alliance.

Janis and the WP Care Team visit the unhoused whenever bad weather threatens. “Every time we go out, many of the people don’t know what’s happening with weather, and don’t know the shelters are opening.” City and county shelters typically shelter about 400 people. During winter they open when it gets below 35 degrees. “It’s much worse when it rains or the wind is blowing” Janis adds. “There is a text alert system, but half the people do not have phones.” The collaborative goes out to communicate around the city. Janis is hoping to get more neighborhoods to start their own Care Team.



There is an obvious question of personal safety, and Janis is quick to point out in her experience that it is uncommon to meet unstable or disregulated people. “98 percent of the unhoused people I help are very nice and incredibly grateful.” Janis is proud of her 20 volunteers here in Windsor Park. “People care about the unhoused, they just want guidance in how to get involved.” If you want to get involved: Janis@earthdayaustin.com
Please contact me with story suggestions: martin@windsorpark.info



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Windsor Park Library

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 Mondays Feb 3, 10, 24 @ 4pm Mexican-American Cultural Center Presents: Guitar classes in English and Spanish
 Tuesday Feb 4, 11, 18, 25 @ 10:30 All-ages Storytime
 Weds Feb 5 @ 3:30pm Get Crafty: Valentine’s DIY Cards
 Thursday Feb 6 @ 10am Imagination Station: Lawncare
 Thursdays Feb 6, 13, 20, 27 @ 1pm Talk Time: Come practice your English
 Fridays Feb 7, 14, 21, 28 @ 12:30pm Books and Babies
 Saturday Feb 8 @ 12pm Love Notes: a Valentine’s Type-in
 Tuesday Feb 11 @ 6:30 Windsor Park Book Club *An Unfinished Love Story* by Doris Kearns Goodwin
 Weds Feb 12 @ 3pm All Ages Perler Beads
 Thursday Feb 13, 20 @ 6pm Astrology @ the Library for Free!
 Friday, Feb 14, 28 @ 3pm All-ages Chess, all experience levels welcome - Materials and instruction available in English & Spanish
 Saturday Feb 15 @ 10:30am All-ages Story Time
 Saturday Feb 15 @ 12pm My Bloody Valentine’s Blood Drive
 February Holidays: **closed Mon, Feb 17 for Presidents’ Day**
 Tuesday Feb 25 @ 5:30pm Film for Thought: *When Harry Met Sally*

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