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**Next
Neighborhood
Association
Meeting**

**Saturday, Aug
10th, 10am**

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President's Message

Jeanette Swenson

Many thanks to Vice President Chad Cotton for his planning and facilitation of the July and August meetings, to Inter-neighborhood Delegate Keith Edwards for acting as secretary for July and August, and to past Treasurer Josh Pitts for stepping in to greet you all and help distribute the 2024 Scholarship checks. I'm traveling in search of cooler weather, but so far, the Northeast is hotter than ATX and unless it cools significantly, the Pacific Northwest currently has 100-degree days. However, I am finding all sorts of new trails, conservation ideas, and cooling ideas to try out in Austin.

Hector Martell presented the newest action on the long-neglected Cameron Road, and a public input survey that is available here: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/b8ec12a854d45c9b8b4721ff73f5915>. Read the full assessment, plans and priorities, then complete the embedded Project Survey to respond to another survey. Windsor Park has long been neglected in all safe modes of transportation for all mobilities within, entering and exiting the neighborhood from any direction. I hope that you all signed the petition to add family-friendly commuter bikeways to connect our schools, parks, and libraries east of Berkman, and along Belfast west of Berkman. An east-west trail is proposed along Rogge to the Pecan Springs neighborhood. Still problematic are a US 290E east-west bike lane, sidewalks that would connect us safely to the Linc, and bike lanes along Airport and beyond.

The Shade Brigade, along with other groups, is planning a neighborhood-wide initiative to shade the streets, which will make our streets and sidewalks cooler and safer for all. TreeFolks and Tree Amigos are proposing fall plantings. Stay tuned for ways to volunteer and get involved – and get trees for your yard!

Finally, Chad Cotton has published an overview of the result of the second inter-neighborhood safety

meeting, organized by CM Harper-Madison's office, supported by CM Vela's Office, CM Qadri's office, and the Austin Police Department, Travis County Constables, and attended by Austin Transportation and Public Works staff. See our website: <https://www.windsorpark.info/public-safety-community-meeting/> Both Travis County Constables and the Austin Police Department have committed to have a resolution in place before school begins in August. Pecan Springs elementary has experienced speeding on Rogge during school hours, and parents and children have been harassed both on foot and in cars at Rogge and Manor. This has been the first multi-neighborhood (University Hills, Windsor Park, Pecan Springs/Springdale, and Mueller) effort to resolve issues that impact us all.

Stay cool and get involved.

Josiah Wilbarger Monument Relocated

Jeanette Swenson and Kim McKnight

The relocation of the Josiah Wilbarger monument from Bartholomew Park in Austin to Fairview Cemetery in Bastrop was completed on May 23, 2024. The monument, possibly the oldest commemorative marker in Travis County, was erected in 1927 by Caroline Wilbarger, a descendant of Josiah Wilbarger. The original location was near today's Old Manor Road and 51st Street, close to the spot where Wilbarger was found after he was attacked. It was relocated to Bartholomew Park in 1985.

The entire team did an outstanding job of carefully removing the monument and setting it in its new home in the Wilbarger Family plot in the Fairview Cemetery in Bastrop. PARD colleagues completed the removal of the slab on which the monument stood to restore the site. PARD has placed a small sign at the site at 51st and Berkman notifying the public of the relocation.

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Several PARD staff members, including Director Kimberly McNeeley, attended the Windsor Park Neighborhood Association meeting last summer to discuss neighborhood concerns about the Wilbarger Monument.

PARD was asked by Council Member Chito Vela, who attended the meeting, to explore options that would be responsive to these concerns.

PARD worked with both the Travis County and Bastrop County Historical Commissions to locate a Wilbarger family descendant. After discussions with the family, it was determined that the Wilbarger Family plot at Fairview Cemetery in Bastrop would be the best permanent location for the monument to memorialize Josiah Wilbarger. In fact, Josiah Wilbarger had been interred in the family plot until his remains were transferred to the Texas State Cemetery as part of the Texas Centennial in 1936. The family is thrilled with this outcome and plans a re-dedication of the monument sometime this year.

The resolution is a win-win for the Windsor Park neighborhood and the Wilbarger Family. Thank you to the City of Austin, Austin Parks and Recreation, and Council Member Vela. Windsor Park especially appreciates Kim McKnight of PARD for her careful and professional research; her work with the Wilbarger family; her outreach to Austin Parks Foundation to fund the relocation; and especially, her responses to the concerns of many Windsor Park residents.

Mueller Update – August 2024

Rick Krivoniak

Something possibly affecting Mueller has surfaced very recently. Item 3 on the July 18, 2024 Austin City Council meeting agenda reads, “Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and other necessary and appropriate agreements to evaluate and facilitate the potential sale of the District Energy and Cooling system.” City Manager T.C. Broadnax proposed this possible sale without prior input from stakeholders, stating, “a transition to a new owner would maintain existing benefits and provide opportunities for further growth...” It all seems to be happening very quickly.

The City’s Electric Utility Commission was to weigh-in this on this at its July 15 meeting. EUC member and Windsor Park resident Cesar Benevides indicated he wanted to know much more before supporting the idea. The Austin Monitor noted those expressing opposition to the sale include 3 mayoral candidates and AFSCME Local 1624.

It’s unclear if this sale just applies to the 2 downtown cooling districts, or includes the others at the Domain, and Mueller’s Cooling Heat and Power (CHP) Plant at 4901 Lancaster Dr. Per Austin Energy’s website, it is among the most environmentally-friendly energy systems in the world, providing chilled water cooling, steam, and on-site electric production to Seton’s Dell Children’s Medical Center (who Cesar indicated oppose the sale). CHP’s chilled water customers include, Austin Energy Headquarters, Dell Pediatric Research Institute, Ronald McDonald House, Seton Hospital Headquarters, Seton’s PACE Specialty offices, Strictly Pediatrics, and Texas Mutual Insurance.

The Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission meets on Tuesday, August 13th, 6pm at the Austin Energy Building, 4815 Mueller Boulevard. Access free parking in the AE garage via Garcia Street. Agenda and more information at austintexas.gov/rmmapiac.

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Austin Creative Reuse - Updates from your favorite reuse center right in your own neighborhood!

Tanya Marin, Communications & Community Engagement Director at ACR

Last month, Austin Creative Reuse took in 47,000 pounds of materials that might have otherwise ended up in the landfill, and we continue to grow our organization with workshops, community events, and more. We are happy to announce that we were recently able to negotiate a 5 year lease contract and will be sticking around the neighborhood until at least March 2030! This is great news for our community and our staff, as we were worried about the possibility of being priced out of our space (Austin's commercial real estate market is wild!).

As we continue to foster conservation and reuse through creativity, education, and community building in Windsor Park and surrounding areas, we are also cultivating our ongoing relationship with the WPNA. We have a couple projects in the works, including aiding the Shade Brigade in making watering receptacles for the trees that will be donated by Tree Folks during November's Eco-Expo, and giving a small presentation at July's neighborhood association meeting regarding plastic pollution and creative solutions to tackle this major problem.

If you'd like to get involved with our mission, we encourage folks to check out our upcoming workshops, volunteer opportunities, and more at austincreativereuse.org. I'd like to thank all of the neighborhood fans for your continued support of our nonprofit. See you at July's meeting and keep an eye out for more updates from us in future newsletters!

The Refugee Family Gets a House

Martin Luecke

In November 2018 Jaqueline and Joas and their six sons arrived in Windsor Park after 20 years in a Rwanda refugee camp. They were brought to Austin by the UNHRC refugee program because they could not return to their home in Democratic Republic of Congo following a civil war. Because of the kindness and generosity of this neighborhood and those around us, this family was able to transition into a world for which they were not prepared.



Since that time three of the sons have graduated high school. The most recent is Fabrice who matriculated in May from LBJ High, and will be attending ACC in the fall, where he will join older brothers Elisa and Innocent.

Three years ago, I helped the family get a car loan, which established credit. They now own two cars. Last year I helped them with a home loan, and after much effort they were able to purchase a new house in a new neighborhood in Manor large enough to accommodate all eight family members. They moved in April, achieving the

American dream in less than six years.

I say thanks to all who donated household goods, clothes, and cash in those early days. It made a difference.



Memorial United Methodist Church loves Windsor Park!

- Blessing of the Backpacks during worship August 18.
 - Sunday Worship at 11 AM
 - GriefShare at the end of Aug.
- Register online. ♦ All welcome.

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From WPNA's Enlivenment Committee

For Gardeners & Birds: August notes

Chris Winslow

For Gardeners in the Heat of the Summer

1. Mulch and water: Your vegetable garden, landscape, flowerbeds and trees need some help to make it through this torrid month. Mulch generously, and water deeply.

2. Lawn care: Your grass also needs deep, infrequent watering and keep the cutting height for your lawnmower as high as possible. This will help shade the roots and conserve water.

3. Vegetables: This is the month to start sweet corn, okra, snap beans, cream peas and black-eyed peas from seed. Because the first frost (on average Nov. 27) is likely to occur within 120 days, use transplants for your peppers and tomatoes. During the second half of this month, plant your broccoli, cabbage and Brussels sprouts.

4. Survive: While it is nice of you to nurse your plants through this brutal month, it is perhaps even more important that you look after yourself. Three gardening rules for August: garden early in the morning; wear sunscreen and a large brimmed hat; drink gallons of water.

For the Birds in the Heat of the Summer

1. Water: Set up a birdbath in your garden. Keep it topped up every day, and clean once a week. Keep the area nearby clear, so that predatory cats have nowhere to hide.

2. Food: Help our feathered friends survive with good quality seeds. Buy in bulk from feed stores to save money.

3. Hummingbirds: Mix 4 parts water to 1 part sugar and place in a feeder, and enjoy the magic of the visiting hummers. Make sure your feeder is red (their favorite color), and you can tie a red ribbon nearby to help them find their way.

4. Brush piles: While out in the yard, create little brush piles here and there out of twigs and branches. This will protect the birds so they can feed on the ground, and if a cat appears or a hawk swoops down, they'll have somewhere to retreat.

5. Native landscapes: Our native birds grew up with native berries, and they are the best form of nourishment. Keep this in mind when shopping for plants. Sunflowers, salvias, yaupon holly, possum haw holly, agarita, coral berry, American beauty-berry and Turks caps are all good choices. Happy Gardening Everyone.

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AVG DAYS ON MKT OF SOLDS **27**

ACTIVE LISTINGS ON MARKET **32***

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Yard of the Month -
5703 Sutherlin Road
Sara Jane Lee

The August winner is Joyce Bryant of 5703 Sutherlin Road. She has lived there over forty years. Her late husband, James, loved to work in the yard. Mrs. Bryant keeps it up.

She has Lily of the Nile, (also known as Agapanthus,) lining her walkway. She also has Sago Palm, Ruellia, Rose Bushes, a Pomegranate Bush, Boxwood Bushes, Bearded Irises, and Milkweed, which attracts Monarch butterflies. There is a great variety of Crepe Myrtles. Boy, does she have crepe myrtles!

There are white ones, pink ones, and lavender ones. Most are shrubs or small trees, but two are enormous trees, or enormous for what I usually think of as crepe myrtles.



Mr. and Mrs Bryant have tried many thing over the years. Mrs. Bryant advises choosing plants that will survive the Texas climate and that people who have grass in their yards should cut it high.

Mrs. Bryant will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate from Shoal Creek Nursery on Hancock Drive. It has great collections of plants, seeds, pots, and garden paraphernalia. While you are there, be sure to greet their 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. 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.



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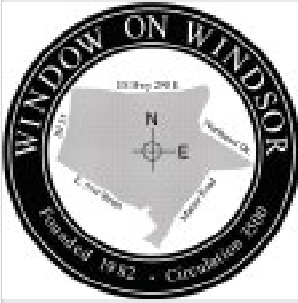
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Thursdays 10– 11:30am - Early Literacy Playgroup

Aug 3 – 1-4pm Mediapalooza

Aug 6 – 1-2pm Glow Sock Hop

Aug 7 – 10am – 12noon – Magnet Mania!

Aug 8 – 6-7:30pm - Astrology of Now: Free Monthly Meet-Up

Aug 9 – 1-2:30pm - Just for Teens: Astral Watercolor Painting

Aug 10 – 1:30-3pm - DIY Wood Coasters

Aug 12 – 12noon – 1:30 pm – Baby Social Hour

Aug 13 – 6:30-7:30pm - Windsor Park Neighborhood Book Club “Sea of Tranquility” by Emily St. John Mandel

Aug 17 – 10am – 12noon - Hooks and Needles

Aug 28 – 3-5pm - All Ages Lego Lab

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