



WINDOW on WINDSOR

Published Monthly by the Windsor Park Neighborhood Association • Austin, Texas

Vol 42 No.09
Sept 2024

BECOME A WPNA MEMBER - WWW.WINDSORPARK.INFO/MEMBERSHIP

**Next
Neighborhood
Association
Meeting is
our Candidate
Forum**

**Saturday, Sept
14th, 10am**

**Mayoral and
City Council
D4 Candidates
Forum**

**Come join us at
the back of
Memorial
United
Methodist
Church**

Please thank our
sponsors for their
support of and
investment in
Windsor Park!

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

President's Message

Jeanette Swenson

As I write this, I am soaking in the last 2024 sunset over Saturna from North Beach on Orcas Island and hoping for another spectacle. It has been a welcome cooler-than-usual two weeks, and I hope the coolness holds for the next three weeks in Portland until I return to the inevitable Austin heat.

I am impressed with local preservation and development of public lands on Orcas through the San Juan Land Bank and Land Trust. In the past twenty years they have acquired, managed, and developed remarkable trails and landbanked new public land on the island. The Exchange works with San Juan Disposal and Recycling towards a Zero Waste goal. In honor of Plastic Free July and growing concerns about the contamination of our waters by micro plastics that increasingly contaminate our waters and enter our systems, I spent a couple of hours one Saturday morning collecting "nurdles," almost microscopic bits of plastic, that are degrading into Eastsound. Working on a 3'x3' area at the water's edge, I filled a gallon bucket half full. Yes, in the global scope of the problem, it was "a drop in the bucket," but it certainly raised my awareness to a new, anxious level.

I look forward to the September 14 meeting when WPNA will host a candidate forum for our City Council District 4 and Mayoral candidates. **NOTE: the meeting will be entirely devoted to the forum and will begin at 10:00 AM.** Send questions the you would like the candidates to address to Jeanette@windsorpark.info. Please limit your questions to community concerns that impact us all.

Thank you all for your participation and remember to register to vote if you have moved.

Thank you to all who emailed your support for more, improved, safer bike lanes in Windsor Park. The bridge across Tannehill Branch Creek was not funded in the 2025 budget. Apparently, an upgrade is in the works for the crossing at E. 51st and Tilley and along Berkman Drive.

The Transportation Department is working on improvements in Windsor Park that might facilitate safer movement within the neighborhood, and hopefully the plan will take a more comprehensive view of intra-neighborhood traffic and connections to adjacent neighborhoods. Safer mobility for all abilities in our neighborhood includes the massive tree planting planned for Windsor Park.

September 2024 Mueller Update

Rick Krivoniak

With the goal of keeping the bow-trussed Browning Hangar accessible to the public, a majority of the Mueller Commission voted at its August meeting to send a resolution to the City Council to consider leasing it in lieu of selling it, as called for in the Master Development Agreement. Catellus would have to agree with changing the MDA. The resolution also called for the addition of restroom and food service facilities, the pursuit of historic zoning for the property, and exploring the establishment of a conservancy for maintaining the building. Note that Catellus has been marketing the building for some time in the hopes of finding an owner who will do these same things, so without their full support, the City Council could be reluctant to respond.

[Continued on page 2]

[Mueller Update, Continued from page 1]

Scroll down about two pages on the Muelleraustin.com/businesses/ website for a Directory listing the names of over 100 Mueller restaurants, retail and other commercial offerings, with most linking their websites. Note they are divided into their respective locations: Aldrich Street, Market District, Regional Retail, Shop Houses, and other.

The July 18th City Council agenda item regarding the potential sale of downtown's District Energy and Cooling system, noted in last month's Mueller Update, was withdrawn.

The Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission meets on Tuesday, September 10th, 6pm at the Austin Energy Building, 4815 Mueller Boulevard. Park free in the AE garage. Commission agendas, presentations, etc. are available at austintexas.gov/rmmapiac.

Garden Ideas for September

Chris Winslow

We are entering a period of transition as we move from the doldrums of summer into what can be one of the busiest of seasons for central Texas gardeners. Some jobs for this month.

1. Cut back annual summer flowers, mulch, and feed. We have approximately 75 to 90 days until the first frost . . . plenty of time to get a renewed flush of color.

2. Gardeners still need to be ready to water their trees, shrubs,

turf grass and landscape beds. Slow, deep watering will encourage a deep root system and make your landscape more able to withstand drought.

3. It is time to plant new vegetables for fall and winter harvests during the last week of the month: broccoli, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, and cabbage.

4. Buy bulbs. The season to plant tulips, hyacinths, crocus, jonquils, daffodils, grape hyacinths and anemones is just around the corner.

5. Mulch all beds and trees with compost mixed with mulch. This mixture will protect plant roots from heat and cold extremes, and conserve water.


6. Inspect trees for fall webworms, and if you find them, come up with a strategy to get rid of them using Thuricide or Dipel.
7. Fertilize lawn towards the end of the month. (Please choose an organic fertilizer.)

8. Be on 'brown patch alert' for your grass, and be ready to treat this disease with the organic Actinovate.

9. Keep on the lookout for a world of fall bedding (annual) plants. As temperatures cool, we can begin to plant dianthus, snapdragons, and petunias.

10. Watch for black spot and mildew on roses. With cooler weather, these pesky rose diseases will begin to show up. An organic spray of Neem oil or wettable sulfur should help in keeping it at bay. Happy Gardening Everyone!

This article was provided by the Austin Garden, a free newsletter published twice a month. To sign up, visit www.austingarden.org





John Paul Porter
Owner/Broker/REALTOR
(512) 563-8176
JohnPaul@DigDwell.com

3RD GENERATION
WINDSOR PARK RESIDENT

NO OBLIGATION
Property Valuations

WindsorParkAgent.com

WINDSOR PARK

Market Statistics

LAST 90 DAYS

AVG SOLD PRICE/SQ FT (Over Last 90 Days)	\$388.77
# OF HOMES SOLD IN (Over Last 90 Days)	30
AVG SQ FT OF HOMES SOLD	1,514
AVG DAYS ON MKT OF SOLDS	32
# ACTIVE LISTINGS ON MARKET	33*

*As of Aug 12th, 2024 - Single Family Homes.
Request a Detailed Report for Your Section of Windsor Park

Trends to Note

**Since month's reporting
Price Per Sq Ft continues to
trend UPWARD by 2.19% & we
sit at 3.3 months of inventory.**

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

September 2024 Yard of the Month - 1300 Cloverleaf Drive

Sara Jane Lee

The September winner is Jennifer Daily of 1300 Cloverleaf Drive. She has lived there for 25 years.

When she began to plan to improve her yard, she observed what was thriving in neighborhood yards. She wanted a landscape that would succeed in Central Texas and would not require much maintenance. To do this she used a landscaper, Tony Cobble who, with her input, designed and installed the new landscape. He continues to maintain it. She waters if there has been no rain for a while.

She has Agave, Yucca, Prickly Pear Cactus, New Gold and Purple Trailing Lantana, and Sago Palm. Her trees include Eve's Necklace, a native Texas tree that has survived heat, freezes, and drought in her yard.

Ms. Daily recommends that novice gardeners check out their neighbors' yards, find out what works in their yards, and research those plants for heat and drought tolerance. If one is not a serious gardener, hire a professional who respects your vision.

Ms. Daily 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 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.



SAHARA
LOUNGE
 'JEWEL OF THE EAST SIDE'
 LIVE MUSIC SHOWS & DJ DANCE PARTIES!
 'AFRICA NIGHT' EVERY SATURDAY!
 DANCING - LOUNGING
 FREE PARKING - BACKYARD PATIO
 7-MINUTE DRIVE FROM WINDSOR PARK!
 1413 WEBBERVILLE ROAD - AUSTIN - TEXAS
saharalounge.com

CLIMATE CORNER - The Shade Brigade is Coming

Martin Luecke

Expect a knock on your door the next two months from a Shade Brigade volunteer offering free trees for our Shade the Streets program. They will be carrying tree adoption contracts. You will have a choice of two trees: live oak and cedar elm. Both are native, drought resistant species that grow big and tall.

The trees come from Tree Folks through a program from Austin Energy and the City of Austin. We will be giving them away at Bartholomew Park on Saturday November 2. They will be five-gallon size. We will also give mulch with each tree.

The Shade Brigade is a group of 18 volunteers who will be going door to door finding locations for trees that can provide shade over the asphalt and concrete of the neighborhood.

We are looking for additional volunteers to adopt a tree that will be in a public space. We will be planting six trees on Blanton Drive right behind Blanton elementary school. Your job will be to bring water to your tree once a week for two years. We will give you tree watering devices to make it easier.

SCAN to know more



If you can't volunteer your time but you want to help, you can make a donation at www.windsorpark.info

www.windsorpark.info/shade-the-streets

WP Candidate Forum - Austin Mayor and City Council D4 council races

10am on Saturday, September 14

Come Join us and Ask Your Questions!

Send in your questions in advance of the meeting to Jeanette Swenson at Jeanette@windsorpark.info.

November 5, 2024 Election Deadlines

- October 7, 2024 Deadline to register to vote, whether voting early or on Election Day.
- October 21, 2024 First day of early voting by personal appearance.
- October 25, 2024 Last day to apply (by mail, fax or electronic transmission) for an early ballot to be voted by mail. Note, the application must be received by the early voting clerk by this deadline.
- November 1, 2024 Last Day of early voting by personal appearance.
- November 5, 2024 ELECTION DAY, polls open 7:00 am – 7:00 pm

For more voter information, see <https://tax-office.traviscountytexas.gov/voters>

National Night Out is coming soon

Tuesday, October 1st, 2024

You can learn more and register to participate at <https://www.austintexas.gov/department/national-night-out>



Memorial United Methodist Church loves all people in Windsor Park!

- GriefShare starts Sept. 12 on Thursdays 6:30 - 8:00 PM. Register online.

- Sunday Worship at 11 AM

- Ya'll Come BBQ Lunch on Sept. 8 at 12 PM.

6100 Berkman Dr

◆ www.memorialumcaustin.com

BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY | TEXAS REALTY
HOMESERVICES



Laura Hoke

REALTOR ®

512.689.7393

LHOKE@BHHSTX.COM

LAURAHOKE.BHHSTX.COM

**Rebecca's Pancake Breakfast
Benefitting WP Scholarship Fund**

Saturday, October 5, 2024

8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

5801 Westminster Drive (next to the Library)

For the 10th year, the Austin Mennonite Church community is sponsoring their Pancake Breakfast with proceeds going to the Windsor Park Neighborhood Association's Scholarship Fund. The event is named in memory of Rebecca Lowe, an involved community member whose idea established this important scholarship.

All are invited to this fun outdoor event to enjoy freshly made pancakes, (includes the option of gluten free pancakes) coffee, juice, and sausage (including a veggie sausage option) by making a donation. There is a large grassy area where there will be space and games for kids after they eat.

If you would like to volunteer to help serve, please contact Stacy Vlasits at stacyvlasits@gmail.com or 330-347-0836.

If you are unable to join us on the 5th, please consider going to the Windsor Park Neighborhood Association's website, click on 'Neighborhood Association' and select 'Scholarships' from the drop-down menu. Direct link: <http://www.windsorpark.info/scholarship/>



**AUSTIN
MENNONITE
CHURCH**

You are invited to join our inclusive faith community as we strive to love God and neighbors and seek justice and peace in Austin and beyond.

9:30AM Faith Formation Classes

11AM Worship Gathering

5801 Westminster Dr, Austin, TX 78723

visit austinmennonite.org for more info

Scribner's

PAINTING COMPANY

Austin's Neighborhood Painter

Call, text or email to schedule your free quote today!

(512) 731-5280 scribnerspainting.com

scribnerspainting@gmail.com



Time to get cooking!

**Cooking & Cocktail Classes
for Every Skill Level
book at letseataustin.com**

LOCATED IN WINDSOR PARK

Apply Now!

Ages 6-14 welcome to apply

DO YOU KNOW A YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR?
 Children develop a brand, create a product or service, build a marketing strategy, and then open for customers at our one-day marketplace.

ASCENT Children's Business Fair

Apply by October 7th


SCAN TO LEARN MORE



www.childrensbusinessfair.org/ascent-austin

The Austin Bulldog—
a Fiercely Independent Watchdog for Truth

Find out for yourself what the buzz is about.
theaustinbulldog.org



LOCAL INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING • IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS • QUESTIONS AUTHORITY



Windsor Park

June 2024 Real Estate Report

Jef Hahl
 10+ Year Windsor Park Resident
 Broker Associate & Realtor
GRI, ABR, RENE, SRES, TAMS, RESA, PSA
Jef@HahlHomes.com
 512.796.6750

					
\$510,000	\$380.95	15	9	\$400,000	\$860,000
MEDIAN SALES PRICE	MEDIAN PRICE / SQFT	MEDIAN CUMULATIVE DAYS ON MARKET	NUMBER OF HOMES SOLD	LEAST EXPENSIVE HOME SOLD	MOST EXPENSIVE HOME SOLD



Scan to see what your home is worth

Neighbor Special - All Homes Listed Include:

- Paid Online Promoted Ads
- 3D Tours
- Floorplans
- Professional Photos
- Open Houses
- Professional Staging Consult & Report
- Buy & Sell "Move-Up" Discount

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

Guinea Paper Wasps

Wizzie Brown, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist

Guinea paper wasps, *Polistes exclamans*, are one of the more common paper wasps seen in Texas. They are reddish brown wasps with yellow markings, about ¾ inch in length with smoky wings. Antennae are tipped with orangish-yellow. The base of the abdomen where it joins to the thorax is black. Depending on the temperature of where you are in Texas, it is possible to see the wasps year-round.



Paper wasps make a nest out of chewed wood fiber collected from plant stems, fences, or other wooden structures. The nest is usually a single layer of cells, open faced, and hangs from a single filament. The nest is typically constructed in protected areas such as under the eaves of homes, in shrubbery, mailboxes or on fences.

Mated queens overwinter in small aggregations in sheltered locations. They emerge early in the year, often January and February, and build a small nest in which to lay eggs. Colonies grow in physical size as well as number of wasps as time progresses.

Colonies have three castes: queen, worker, and males. Workers typically live about 15 days while queens can live up to 3 months. Males are produced when need for mating. There is little to distinguish between queen and worker, and workers can take over egg laying duties if the queen leaves to establish a satellite nest or dies. Satellite nests help to ensure colony survival if the original nest is parasitized or predated upon. Older workers may also establish satellite colonies as they have more developed ovaries, and once mated, can begin to lay eggs.

Guinea paper wasps are beneficial not only as pollinators, but as predators. They hunt caterpillars to feed their young. Caterpillars typically come from snout moths, tiger moths, owlet moths, prominent moths, sphinx moths, prominent moths, skippers, and white and sulphur butterflies.

While Guinea wasps are unaggressive away from the nest, they will defend their home and offspring. If the nest is in an area where a stinging incidence is unlikely, leave it alone to allow the wasps to benefit your garden. If the nest is built in an area where people or companion animals may get stung- in a mailbox, on playground equipment, etc.- then it is recommended to manage the wasps and then remove the nest.

Early in the season, when nests are just being started by founding females, it may be possible to discourage paper wasps to nest in a certain area by knocking down the nest repeatedly. This is not recommended when the nest is larger and contains multiple wasps.

KNIPPA PROPERTIES
SALES / LEASING
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Whether you're buying or selling,
We're here to help you through every
step of the process. Contact us
for a market analysis.

*Northeast Austin
Specialists*

Gary Knippa
512-657-7714 Mobile
gary@knippaproperties.com

Clayton Knippa
512-870-7311 Mobile
clayton@knippaproperties.com

www.knippaproperties.com

Aerosol formulations- both synthetic and naturally derived- are available for paper wasp management. The nest should be treated either in the early morning or late evening to ensure that wasps are not out foraging for food. Use caution when treating paper wasp nests. Not only are you using pesticides, but you are dealing with insects that can sting repeatedly. After all wasps are gone, knock down the nest, squish it, and throw it away. You may want to clean the area where the nest was hanging to rid the area of any pheromones that could attract new wasps to the area.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown at ebrown@ag.tamu.edu.



WEB: <http://www.Windsorpark.info>
 NEWSGROUP: <https://groups.io/g/windsorparkatx>
 FACEBOOK pages:
 Windsor Park Neighborhood Association AND
 Windsor Park Neighborhood ATX

Contact Us

President.....Jeanette Swenson.....president@windsorpark.info
 Vice PresidentChad Cotton.....vicepresident@windsorpark.info
 Secretary.....Heather Wong.....secretary@windsorpark.info
 TreasurerSamantha Searle.....treasurer@windsorpark.info
 Inter-Neighborhood.... Keith Edwards.....keith@windsorpark.info
 WoW Editor.....Amanda Rose.....newsletter@windsorpark.info
 Sponsorships.....sponsorship@windsorpark.info

Become a Member! More members mean our voice makes more impact. Memberships range from \$5 to \$35. **Details on our website or use the form below**

Become a Newsletter Sponsor! Sponsors get their message out to over 3500 recipients, and support the newsletter. Sponsorships available for various sizes and durations, starting at \$50. Graphics and payments required by the 15th to sponsorship@windsorpark.info

Make checks payable to WPNA and mail to:

WPNA, P.O. Box 16183, Austin, TX 78761

Or dues may be paid by Paypal or Venmo

WPNA MEMBERSHIP FORM - CUT OUT AND SEND IN

WPNA is a 501(c)(3) organization, your dues and any other donations are tax deductible.

- Student/fixed income — \$5/person
- Standard / Individual — \$15/person
- Family — \$20
- Sustaining — \$35 or more
- Non-voting donations - gladly accepted

Member Name(s) : _____

E-mail for 1st Member: _____

Email for Add'l Member: _____

Address: _____

Phone(s): _____

Windsor Park Library

5833 Westminster Dr.

Upcoming events:

<https://library.austintexas.gov/events?loc=184&date=>

Thursdays in Sept 1pm - 2pm TalkTime: Come practice your English through guided activities and fun discussion prompts

Friday Sept 6, 13, 20 - 12:30pm - 1:30pm - Books and Babies

Saturday Sept 7 - 10:00am - 12:00pm - Hooks and Needles

Tuesday Sept 10 @ 6:30 - Windsor Park Book Club- *Sweetness of Water* by Nathan Harris

Monday Sept 16 & 30 - 6:30 – 7pm - PJ Storytime (Back! For the first time in a year!!!)

Tuesday Sept 17 - 6pm - 7pm - Hispanic Heritage Month: Coffee Talk. Desnudo Coffee presents a talk on Columbian coffee followed with a Q&A and free coffee sampling

Wednesday, Sept 18 - 10am - 2pm - MiniMake-IT Lab

Saturday Sept 21 - 2pm – 4pm - Hispanic Heritage Month craft: Cartoneras.

Tuesday Sept 24 - 10:30-11:30 am - Special Hispanic Heritage Luche Libre stories and mask-making.

Friday Sept 27 @ 3pm All Ages: Chess Club!

NEW Austin Police Department District Representative for Windsor Park

Officer Mark Moreno
Mark.Moreno@austintexas.gov