

## **WINDOW on WINDSOR**

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### President's Odds and Ends

Jeanette Swenson

Next Neighborhood Association Meeting

Saturday, Nov 9th, 10am

Nov meeting:
Voting for new
officers, budget
and new design
/ branding
Come join us at
the back of
MUMC

Save the Date: 18 Nov WPNA/WPNCT Zoom Meeting

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Got something for the newsletter? Get it in by the 15th to newsletter@ windsorpark.info El sitio web de la Asociación de Vecinos de Windsor Park (WPNA), <a href="https://www.windsorpark.info">https://www.windsorpark.info</a>, se puede traducir fácilmente al español. Vaya a nuestro sitio web, haga clic en el botón naranja titulado "Translate" ubicado abajo y izquierda del la pagina. Aparecerán dos banderas. Simplemente haz clic en la bandera mexicana. Para volver al inglés, simplemente haga clic en la bandera de EE. UU. Comparte esto con tus vecinos hispanohablantes e invítalos a participar en WPNA. Recordatorio : la Fiesta de fin de año en el Nomad el 14 de diciembre es una cálida y festiva bienvenida a Windsor Park. ¡Muchísimas gracias a Chad Cotton por organizarlo!

The Windsor Park Neighborhood Association Website, <a href="https://www.windsorpark.info">https://www.windsorpark.info</a>, can now immediately and easily be translated into Spanish. Log on to our website, click on the orange **Translate** button at the bottom left. Two flags will pop up. Just click on the Mexican flag. To return to English, simply click on the US flag. Share this with your Spanish speaking neighbors and invite them to participate in WPNA. Remember, the **Holiday Party at the Nomad on December 14** is a warm and celebratory welcome to Windsor Park. A huge thanks to Chad Cotton who made this happen!

Tell us your Neighborhood heroes - Please send me (president@windsorpark.info) the names of people who have taken that extra step to be a good neighbor. We are collecting names from the community and from WPNA Committee chairs so our heroes can be recognized at the **Holiday Party**.

**Voting** is top of my mind right now, as Election Day is Tuesday, November 5. Polls are open from 7 AM-7 PM. National, State, and Local elections are crucial. Windsor Park and Austin will elect a Mayor and Windsor Park's City Council District 4 is also on the ballot. There are also AISD Board elections and a bond election. Your participation in the voting process is valued and vital.

In November, WPNA will also hold several **votes** – first will be for a committed slate of officers to guide us through 2025. Voting will be at the **November 9 meeting** and we will also vote online during the week following November 9.

Our nearly complete slate is: President, Chad Cotton; Vice President, Laurel Chesky; Treasurer, Samantha Searle; and Secretary, Keith Edwards. Brief bios for Chad, Sam, and Keith are on page 4 of the October Window on Windsor. Laurel's bio is on page 2 of this issue. Thank you all for your commitment to our neighborhood. I can't wait to follow them as they take us in new directions. Currently, our Executive Committee is nearly complete. We are still searching for a candidate to continue Keith's work as InterNeighborhood Delegate. It's an important and exciting job as we are expanding our outreach to work with our adjacent East Austin neighborhoods to advocate for East Austin.

At the November meeting, we will also **vote** on the 2025 budget. It was presented at the October meeting, and Sam Searle and the Executive Committee are soliciting your comments and feedback.

Finally on the agenda will be a **vote** on exciting new directions for rebranding our logo and promotion of Windsor Park that hearken back to our mid-century modern roots. Jackie Brooks & Andrew Knight's talented design experience offered new versions. Their ideas will be shared on FaceBook and we welcome your feedback.

Save the Date: November 18, 6:30 PM, ZOOM.

WPNA and WPNPCT have tentative confirmation of a joint meeting with the Bureau of Transportation and Public Works and CM Chito Vela to address safer mobility for all within WP and connect us to adjacent neighborhoods. We will focus on Berkman Drive, Belfast Bridge and Bike Trail, Proposed Trail connection at E. 51st and Tilley, and more. https://us02web.zoom.us/i/84521918109

## WINDSOR PARK OPEN MIC: Dec 8, Austin Mennonite Church

Calling all musicians, poets, storytellers, jugglers, mimes, and actors. Please join us for a family-friendly Open Mic celebration of the performing arts of Windsor Park; 6 - 8 p.m., Sunday, Dec 8th at the Austin Mennonite Church (5801 Westminster Drive). Children's performer Laura Freeman will start the show. Thereafter, the microphone will be open to all Windsor Park talents. Sign up begins at 5:30 p.m. Slots will be 5 mins. Presented by the WPNA Enlivenment Committee. Special thanks to Pastor Kim Becker and all at her church for sharing their space with us. Questions? Send them to Darrel Mayers: <a href="mailto:internationalrain@yahoo.com">internationalrain@yahoo.com</a>

Laure Freeman's YouTube Channel:

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#### November 2024 Mueller Update

Rick Krivoniak

Nothing Bundt Cakes next-door to Sprouts, Modern Animal Veterinary Care at 2015 Aldrich, and Honest Mary's healthy grain bowls at 2021 Aldrich, have all recently opened in Mueller. Two more businesses hope to debut by year's end. South African chain Nando's PERi-PERi Chicken's will locate its 4th Texas location in the Origin Hotel at 1825 McBee. Using African Bird's Eye chiles (aka PERi-PERi) to marinate chicken, they'll offer wings, thighs, legs, breasts & whole chickens, and use the meat in salads, wraps, bowls & sandwiches. And Austin-born Hopdoddy Burger Bar, with 30 locations in Texas and 18 in 7 other states, should open soon at 2005 Aldrich.

In early 2025, downtown's southern cuisine restaurant Olamaie's will open Little Ola's Biscuits at 1905 Aldrich (formerly Halcyon), serving numerous sandwich variations on buttermilk biscuits, along with house-made lemonades, teas & espresso, and sangrias, wines & beers.

On Saturday, November 9th from 3-5pm at Lake Park, the City of Austin and Catellus will a celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the signing the joint-venture Master Development Agreement to redevelop the former airport. It should be a fun time for all! And the annual NOEL lighting event is scheduled around dusk on Tuesday, December 3rd at John Gaines Park.

The Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission next meets at 6pm on Tuesday, November 12th, at the Austin Energy Building, 4815 Mueller Boulevard. Park free in the AE garage. Commission agendas, presentations, etc. are available at austintexas.gov/rmmapiac.





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### WPNA Vice President candidate profile -

**Laurel Chesky** 

Vice President candidate Laurel Chesky bought a home in Windsor Park in 2013 and was on the Contact Team for one year.



She has been

involved in the Beautification Committee for 10 years, where she led clean-up projects and helped get the entrance sign at Berkman/51st implemented. Currently, she is also involved in the Shade the Streets initiative. She loves the neighborhood and plans on being here a long time!

Our candidates for President, Treasurer, and Secretary were profiled in the October Window on Windsor, which you can view online on the Windsor Park website: <a href="https://www.windsorpark.info/oct-2024-window-on-windsor/">https://www.windsorpark.info/oct-2024-window-on-windsor/</a>

#### November 2024 Yard of the Month - 1907 Northridge Drive

Sara Jane Lee

The November winners are Merrill Alley and Tim Clancy of 1907 Northridge Drive. They have lived in Windsor Park for 10 years, and in their current house for the last 6 years.

They have many trees including two mature Live Oak Trees and Smoke Trees. They also have Agaves and Boxwoods. Their favorite elements of their yard are the live oaks and the crushed gravel surrounding them and other plants. The giant live oaks were the reason that Tom and Merrill fell in love with that location.

When they began planting flowers, the results were disappointing until Merrill's mother Laura Alley gave them some suggestions this spring. They adore the Leopard Plants that grow close to



the house. Merrill and Tom hand water the leopard plants a few times a week. The agaves survive little water and great heat.

As much as Merrill and Tom love their live oaks, they can be problematic. In the spring and summer, they produce

what seems like tons of pollen; they also shed leaves. In the fall, they shed acorns. Merrill and Tom highly recommend walking around Windsor Park and observing

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Tom and Merrill 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 including gloves in various sizes. While you are there be sure to greet their cats and admire the waterfall.

what works for your neighbors.

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 favorite yard. 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.

#### Trinity Child Development Center – 60 years strong

Amanda Rose



Nestled in the heart of Windsor Park, Trinity Child Development Center has been a staple in our community for six decades, providing affordable yet quality childcare to countless families. Their mission has always been to create a nurturing environment where children can learn, grow, and thrive. Trinity is passionate about serving our economically and ethnically

diverse community, and providing support to both the children who attend and their families. Trinity CDC was founded in 1964, and generations of Windsor Park children have gained a

great foundation there.







Executive director, Cynthia Romero, and two of the board members reached out to WPNA to spread the word not only about their 60 great years supporting our kids, but also to celebrate and promote the 39th Annual Sharing with Santa event, which has become a beloved tradition in our community. Sharing with Santa is the first Saturday in December from 10am – 1pm and is both a fund-raising event for Trinity CDC and a wonderful alternative holiday celebration emphasizing giving and a sense of family and community. neighbors December 7th at 5801 Westminster Drive (right next to the Library) for free brunch, a silent auction, pictures with Santa and fun games for the children.

Donations to the auction or any offers to help are greatly appreciated – please contact director@trinitycdc.org. More information about Trinity, their childcare services and history is available at their website <a href="http://trinitycdc.org">http://trinitycdc.org</a> or by calling 512-928-2212



# Windsor Park

September 2024 Real Estate Report

#### Jef Hahl

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#### **Climate Corner - Adopt A Tree!**

Martin Luecke

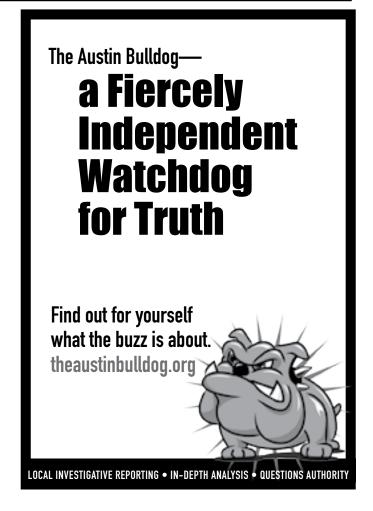
The Climate Committee is planting six trees this month on city land behind Blanton Elementary School and we need volunteers to adopt a tree and water it every week.

Patrick Rastelli volunteered at the October WPNA meeting and is the newest member of the Shade Brigade. The job requires you to carry water to the tree. We will equip the tree with a slow watering device that you fill. We will help you find water carrying equipment that won't spill.

This is a three-year commitment. According to Tree Folks it takes that long to get a small tree established. And if it helps: I'm adopting one of the trees. We'll do this together.

Keep an eye out for new, young trees in the neighborhood as many Windsor Park residents - maybe even you - will have gotten a new tree at the Eco Fest in early November. Together, we can support each other to make sure these new trees thrive to Shade our Streets!

martin@windsorpark.info





#### **Austin Studio Tour Comes to Windsor Park**

Each year, artists across Austin open their doors to share their studios and artwork during the Austin Studio Tour. This is a free self-guided event that provides opportunities for the public to meet the artists of Austin in their creative spaces. The tour will take place over 2 weekends in November and will be divided into two regions, WEST of IH35 and EAST of IH35. For more information visit <a href="https://www.bigmedium.org/ast24">https://www.bigmedium.org/ast24</a>

**Weekend 1:** November 9-10 WEST of IH-35, 12-6pm **Weekend 2:** November 16-17 EAST of IH-35, 12-6pm

Many Windsor Park Artists will be taking part, and you can visit them on the second weekend (November 16-17). There will be a range of media and styles, so please support the artists in our neighborhood!



Artist Name	Medium	Stop	Address
Lisa Choinacky	Painter	458	1231 Broadmoor Dr
Shawn Camp	Painter	459	1605 Larkwood Dr
Andrea La Valleur-Purvis	Sculpture	460	5833 Westminster Dr
Austin Mennonite Church	Visual/Performance Art	461	5801 Westminster Dr
Austin Kern	Painter	464	1304 Briarcliff Blvd
Scott Rolfe	Assemblage	465	1305 Glencrest Drive



#### Memorial United Methodist Church loves all people in Windsor Park!

New website, new look: <a href="https://memorialumcaustin.org/">https://memorialumcaustin.org/</a>

- Sunday Worship at 11 AM
- Fall (Craft) Festival Sat. 11/16
- 9 4: Register on our website. Come do your holiday shopping and have fun too!
- Thanksgiving Feast Sun. 11/24, 12:30-2 Gym 6100 Berkman Dr ◆ All are welcome here!







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

#### **Ten Garden Tips for November**

Chris Winslow, presented with support from WPNA's Enlivenment Committee

- **1. Plant a tree**: now is still a perfect time to get that shade or ornamental tree in the ground. Now is also a good time to fertilize your trees.
- **2. Plant flowering perennials**: it is never too late. Even though their tops will be burned back with the first hard freeze, their roots will be hardy. During the cool days of winter, they will establish a healthy root system for a fine show in the spring.
- **3. Plant some winter blooming annuals**: in central Texas, we can grow pansies, snapdragons, violas, stock, cyclamen, flowering cabbage and kale. Remember to work in some organic plant food such as blood and bone meal. These slow-release plant foods will feed your plants throughout the winter and into the spring. Pansies love blood meal.
- **4. Plant fall bulbs**: still plenty of time to do this. There is a great selection of late-winter to early-spring flowering bulbs to choose from. Look for tulips, narcissus, jonquils, muscari, daffodils, ranunculus, and anemones. They benefit from the slow-release phosphorus found in bone meal. Mix a tablespoon in the root zone when planting.
- **5. Force some bulbs indoors:** this is a fun activity for Thanksgiving and Christmas time. Easiest are the paperwhite narcissus. Add some potting mix to a clay or plastic 6" bulb pan (fill about ½ way). Place 3 to 5 bulbs on top of the soil and add some decorative gravel to keep them upright and firm. All you need to do now is water the bulbs in and place the pot in a sunny location. It takes around 3 weeks for the bulbs to force out their foliage and open their flowers. Easy and decorative.
- **6. Winterize your lawn** with a slow-release organic lawn food. This will give nutrition and strength to your lawn for the coming cold months.
- 7. Cutback your perennials after the first frost, and mulch your beds with compost and mulch mixed together. This combination will feed the roots while conserving water and warming the bed.
- **8. Onions, scallions, garlic**: November is onion, scallion, and garlic month. Don't wait till the days get long again. Success requires growing in the short days of winter. You too can grow an onion 6" across! Timing is most important.
- **9. 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!

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# Windsor Park Library 5833 Westminster Dr. Upcoming events:

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Wednesday Nov 6 @ 3pm Perler Beads Thursday, Nov 7, 10 - 11am Early Literacy Playgroup

Thursdays in Nov 7, 14, 21 @ 1pm Talk Time: Come practice your spoken English Friday Nov 8 from 12:30-1:30 Books & Babies Fridays, 8 & 22, 3-4:30 All Ages Chess Open Play

Saturday Nov 9 @ 10:30am All-Ages Storytime

Saturday Nov 9 @ 1pm Dioramas Tuesday Nov 12 @ 6:30 Windsor Park Book Club West with the Night by Beryl Markham Tuesdays - Nov 12, 19 and 26<sup>th</sup> 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. All ages story time Wednesday, Nov 13, 10am - 2pm MiniMake-

IT Lab

Wednesday, Nov 13, 4pm Crafternoon: Pine Cone Animals

Thursday, Nov 14, 10 - 11:30am Imagination Station: Cleaning up. This come-and-go program is designed to give caregivers and their children time to explore together. Toys, board books, and a weekly craft will be provided.

Thursday, Nov 14 & 21 @ 6:00 The Astrology of Now: What's happening in the sky? Saturday Nov 16 @ 1pm East/West Studio Tour: Meet and Create with Sculptor, Andrea La Valleur-Purvis

Tuesday, Nov 19, 5-7pm Neighborhood Game Night — Come out and Play!

Wednesday, Nov 20 @ 3pm Lego Lab

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