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Neighborhood
Association
Meeting**

**HOLIDAY
PARTY AT
KNOMAD**

**Saturday, Dec
14th, 10am**

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President's Message
By Jeanette Swenson

It's been a rapid and productive two years for WPNA, and I look forward to passing leadership to a committed, skilled, and enthusiastic Executive Committee for 2025. Congratulations, welcome, and thank you to Chad Cotton, President; Laurel Chesky, Vice President; Sam Searle, Treasurer; and Keith Edwards, Secretary, who have officially and unanimously been elected by WPNA membership in a hybrid in person and online vote. Sixty-eight votes in favor with two abstentions were cast. The 2025 budget passed unanimously. Redesign of our logo passed 61-6. Rebecca Leamon has volunteered to be our Inter Neighborhood Delegate, and we will vote to elect her in January, 2025 to complete our Executive Committee. They all bring previous neighborhood / community engagement experience, and I look forward to their leadership into the future.

Our active committees have done amazing work: Climate Committee and EcoFest; Transportation Committee proposed bikeways; Enlivenment Committee: Shade the streets; Beautification Committee, Shade the streets; Schools Committee, Scholarship Program. Windsor Park is incredibly fortunate to have talented people who willingly donate their skills, talents, and time to meet the challenges facing our increasingly urban, and always vibrant, neighborhood.

When WPNA members or leadership calls on you to engage in community events, please step up whether for a one-

time project or a longer-term involvement. Begin your new commitment to the community by coming to the **Holiday Party, December 14, 10-Noon**. Meet your neighbors, eat good food, and celebrate our neighborhood heroes.

Thank you all for your many contributions and the happiest of holidays to all.

Windsor Park
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Holiday party

FAMILY FRIENDLY
POT LUCK BREAKFAST
CELEBRATE NEIGHBORHOOD HEROES
2024

SAT. DEC 14 | 10 AM - 12 noon
The Knomad Bar
1213 Corona Dr, 78723

MEET & MINGLE WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

Climate Corner - Eco Fest Breaks Records

Martin Luecke



More than 500 people attended the second annual Eco Fest at Bartholomew Park last month, setting a WPNA participation record. The event was the culmination of the Shade the Streets program in partnership with Austin Tree Folks, which gave away 750 trees in three hours, breaking two separate Tree Folks records. Fifty more trees will be delivered to those people who signed up in advance but were unable to attend the event.

Participants included Austin Energy, Sierra Club, Austin Creative Reuse, Tree Amigos, Austin Resource Recovery, Austin Climate Parents, Citizens Climate Lobby, Austin Public Library, just to name a few. The biggest line of people was for tree climbing with ropes, which was provided by Urban Forestry from the Parks Department using our favorite live oak tree next to the Splash Pad. All participants reported hundreds of neighbors visiting their tables.

There were lots of activities for the kids thanks to WPNA Treasurer Sam Searle, who also ran the membership table along with VP Chad Cotton. Thanks also to Mohan and Elizabeth for the Enlivenment Committee seed ball table, and Gary and Joe running the plant swap for the Yard of the Month Committee.

Big thanks to Mi Trailita Restaurant for giving away breakfast tacos to our hungry hordes. Many thanks also to sponsors Frost Bank, Knomad Bar, HEB, and the City of Austin Roots and Wings Program, Dignified Dwellings and Sterling Events.



Congressman Lloyd Doggett brought along wife Libby to see their granddaughter at the Austin Climate Youth

Group table. The Congressman addressed the crowd, and was so impressed with the success of Eco Fest, he wants to work with us in the future to build a bigger event, involving more neighborhoods, giving away more trees, and breaking more records.



A Salute to Service: Hope Lutheran Church's Mother's Day Out

Sam Searle

Have you driven past the intersection of Northeast Drive and North Hampton Drive on the edge of our neighborhood? Perhaps you have noticed Hope Lutheran Church, perched atop a small hill and overlooking the northeast quadrant of Windsor Park. Maybe you have taken your fur babies to the dog park built on their property (the only one in Windsor Park), meandered on their gravel trail on a cool evening, or played a game of pick-up soccer or football on their field. However, chances are that you did not know that nestled within the quiet halls of the church and school, a small Mother's Day Out ("MDO") operation has been serving our community for almost 15 years!

Since 2010, Director Amy Swanks, affectionately known as "Nanny" to the children, has been providing affordable, part-time child care in the heart of NE Austin. She has been assisted by Jo Palmer, affectionately known as "Granny Jo", for almost the entirety of the program. Together, these two women have been both the heart and cornerstone of the Hope Lutheran Church MDO program and it is with great admiration and sadness that upon their retirement at the end of 2024, the program will conclude.



Over the fourteen and half years in operation, Amy and Jo have served 136 children, including many siblings, cousins, friends, and neighbors. On any given day, the children could be found creating themed art, singing, dancing, having story time, or enjoying one of the delicious cookies baked by Granny Jo. For many holidays, the children interacted with other groups at Hope Lutheran, including trick-or-treating or exchanging valentines at Seniors Active in Life (SAIL), participating in the annual Christmas program, or dancing at the luaus. Director of Community Engagement at Hope Lutheran Church, Carl Repp, says, "I have never seen a more loving and safer environment for children. Both Amy and Jo always had smiles on their faces, open arms full of love and the kids were always excited to see them, even ones that came back just to say hi. We are sad to see them go, but wish them new adventures and excitement as they begin this new journey in their life."

Director Amy Swanks has been a member of Hope Lutheran Church since 1972 and will still be around on Sundays. However, she will use her time in retirement to care for her aging family members and will miss the littlest members of our community. Jo Palmer has been a resident of University Hills for over 50 years and some of you may remember her family's business: "The Pit" BBQ. Jo will use her time to continue with many of her other roles at Hope Lutheran; she is a busy woman!

Hope Lutheran Church has been a staple of the Windsor Park community for decades and continues to offer free programs and events for our neighbors. In the spring, Hope offers an Easter Festival and, in the fall, a Fall Festival with activities, food and fellowship. They also offer regular programming, including: monthly tacos and prayer, meetings and activities for seniors called Seniors Active in Life (SAIL), and a monthly book club. Whether you are a member or not, Hope Lutheran has engaging opportunities to be a part of your community.

After the MDO Program closes its doors in December, Hope Lutheran will open its school space to Precious Jewels Daycare, offering families in the area another option to have their children attend a program close to home. You can email Precious Jewels for more information at info@preciousjewelsdaycare.net.

If you would like to send a card or share a memory with Amy or Jo, please email sam@windsorpark.info for more information.

Yard of the Month - 1706 Rogge Lane

Sara Jane Lee

The December winner is Charles Barnett of 1706 Rogge Lane. He has lived there for twenty-four years and has been working on his yard since he moved in. He is a member of the Windsor Park Neighborhood Association.

To save water and make his yard easier to maintain, recently he had about two thirds of his St. Augustine grass replaced with Copperhead Red Gravel.

In his front yard Charles has a large Chinese Pistache and an even larger Red Oak tree. He also has Houston Holly, a Spanish Dagger Yucca exploding out of its pot, Red Yucca, Purple Heart groundcover, Indian Hawthorne, and two Texas Sage bushes. One of his Texas Sages has the familiar gray leaves, the other has green leaves. His favorite part of the yard is a young, multi-trunked Mountain Laurel bush surrounded by Lirope, a groundcover often used to edge flower beds and sidewalks.

Like many of our Yard of the Month winners Mr. Barnett advises the novice gardener to use Texas natives or well-adapted plants. That means plants that can handle a lot of heat and be comfortable with little water.

Charles 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. They also have sunhats, gloves and sunhats for children. While you are there be sure to admire the waterfall and greet their cats. Sorry, they don't have any hats for cats.

Do not be shy. If you like a certain yard, or more than one, tell us. 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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October 2024 Real Estate Report

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HOME SOLD



\$460,000

MOST
EXPENSIVE
HOME SOLD

Last month's sales numbers for Windsor Park were easy to run—only one home closed! Currently, there are 13 homes under contract, so this seems like an anomaly. I double and triple checked the numbers because it was so surprising.

Many buyers and sellers are holding off due to the uncertainties right now. Although the Fed has finally cut rates twice, mortgage rates haven't necessarily responded in kind. Austin's inventory is at a 20-year high, making it a great time for buyers to find deals well under list prices. For sellers, be prepared to make some concessions, as buyers have plenty of options.

If you'd like an honest conversation about the Austin market, don't hesitate to reach out!

December 2024 Mueller Update

Rick Krivoniak

On November 9th at Lake Park, Mayor Watson commemorated the 20th anniversary of the City of Austin and Catellus signing Mueller’s Master Development Agreement on December 4, 2004.

The original 1961 NOEL Control Tower letters disappeared with the terminal’s demolition in 2000. Catellus, who had them recreated over two years starting in 2005, will hold their 19th Annual NOEL lighting event in John Gaines Park, off of Tilley between Moreno & Sorin Streets, at 6pm on Tuesday, December 3, 2024.

The Texas Farmer’s Market at Mueller has been voted by Chronicle readers as Austin’s best for 11 years. Its popularity has grown since moving from the Browning Hangar to the Pavilion at 2005 Philomena Street in June, 2021, resulting in a wide area of congested street parking, impacting access to nearby homes. Mueller’s Parking & Traffic Management District will be implementing some changes in the Spring of 2025, so please read and heed the signs at street parking locations. Also, consider downloading the free parkatxapp.com for information on metered street-parking and ease of payment. Off-street parking is available for \$2/hour at the nearby McBee & Simond Garages, both with entrances on Robert Browning Street. Some Aldrich Street retailers validate for up to 4 hours at the garages, so consider shopping, dining, or a movie as a part of your visit. (Note that the Texas Mutual Insurance garage only validates for its tenants, like Kerbey Lane & Rebel Cheese.)

The Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission meets next at 6pm on January 14, 2025 at the Austin Energy Building, 4815 Mueller Boulevard. Parking for attendees is free in the AE garage.

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WINDSOR PARK Market Statistics

LAST 90 DAYS

AVG SOLD PRICE/SQ FT (Over Last 90 Days)	\$340.82
# OF HOMES SOLD IN (Over Last 90 Days)	19
AVG SQ FT OF HOMES SOLD	1,663
AVG DAYS ON MKT OF SOLDS	41
# ACTIVE LISTINGS ON MARKET	31*

*As of Nov 13th, 2024 - Single Family Homes.
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Trends to Note

Election years can result in some dramatic swings in some stats. We saw a 6% drop in price per sq foot since last reporting. I expect to see a rebound coming soon.

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

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: internationalrain@yahoo.com

Laura Freeman's website: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCT6YqYHp8ZZkrOCTG4nHAtg>

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- Sunday Worship at 11 AM
- Christmas Crafts & Dinner for families: 6-7 PM Dec. 4, 11 & 18.
- Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 PM

6100 Berkman Dr ♦ All are welcome here!

December in the Garden

Chris Winslow (presented with support from WPNA's Enlivenment committee)

1. **Replace summer annuals with winter bloomers if the frost has burned them.** Top performers are dianthus, flowering kale, flowering cabbage, pansies, snapdragons, violas, and stock. Add some rich compost and bone and blood meal to the soil to give the new plants a boost.

2. **Plant bulbs:** There is still plenty of time to plant those spring flowering bulbs. Look for narcissus, daffodils, tulips, anemones, ranunculus, jonquils, and muscari.

3. **Cut back perennials:** If the frost and freezing weather has damaged the tops of your flowering perennials, cut them back to just above ground level and mulch with compost and pine-bark mixed. This will conserve soil moisture and keep the roots healthy and warm.

4. **Choose a living Christmas tree:** This is the season to bring a tree indoors for the holidays. Why not choose a living one that you can add to your landscape in January. Some good choices: Aleppo pine, Arizona blue-ice cypress, deodar cedar, blue point juniper, and Italian stone pine.

5. **Rake leaves:** Get outside, do some raking and inhale some of that lovely chilly winter air. Remember, un-raked leaves can damage your lawn, especially if they become wet.

6. **Start a compost pile:** Please don't send those leaves (mentioned in 5) to the landfill. Use them to build a great big compost heap.

7. **Move tropical plants inside... or they will die.** Mandevilla, plumeria, philodendron, ficus, bougainvillea, and hibiscus will all perish if allowed to freeze. Put them in a garage or greenhouse, and provide as much light and ventilation as possible; water when dry throughout the winter. If you can't carry them in, have some row cover (freeze cloth) close at hand.

8. **Care for fruit trees:** Spray them and look after them. Rake all leaves from around the base. Spray with dormant oil to kill scale insects. This should also be done on scale-infested shrubs. Inspect burford holly and euonymus, as they are prone to this.

9. **Buy a little rosemary tree (trimmed).** They are a delight, and make nice table decorations for Christmas. After the holidays, dig it into your culinary herb garden as a center point.

10. **Rest on your laurels:** On those super cold days when it's too cold to be outside, curl up by the fire and reflect on your successes of the past year... and dream up some plans for 2025. A bigger vegetable patch? Chickens? A koi pond. An evergreen screen against the traffic? A moon garden? Endless possibilities.



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 5833 Westminster Dr.**

Upcoming events:
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December Holidays: Closed Tues/Weds Dec 24 & 25

Thursdays Dec 5, 12, 19 - Talk Time: Come practice your English

Friday, Dec 6 & 20 @ 3pm - All-ages Chess, all experience levels welcome. Materials and instruction available in English & Spanish.

Saturday Dec 7 @ 10am - Hooks and Needles: Bring your current fabric craft to share and show

Monday Dec 9, 6:30 – 7pm - PJ Storytime

Monday Dec 9-Monday Dec 23: Free wrapping paper station at the Library
 You bring the gifts, we'll provide the space, wrapping paper, tape and scissors

Tuesday Dec 10 @ 6:30 Windsor Park Book Club - Milkman by Anna Burns

Thursday Dec 12 & 19 @ 6pm - Astrology @ the Library for Free! Dec 12 is a basic class // Dec 19 is a deep dive into someone's chart

Saturday Dec 14 @ 10:30am -The Mexican American Cultural Center presents: Bilingual Storytime in English/Spanish

Weds Dec 18 @ 6pm - Neighborhood Sing-a-long around the Piano; Hot drink bar at 6pm, Neighborhood Caroling starts around 7pm. Sponsored by the WPNA Enlivenment Committee

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