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MESSAGE FROM THE NWACA BOARD PRESIDENT

- Joyce Statz

It's time to be thinking about schools starting their new academic year. As we do, there are opportunities to save money on purchases for school supplies and ways to help our schools gather funds for their needs. One of the articles below describes the contributions made by Target. Another way many of us can help is by clipping box tops on many things we use every day. Paper products, cereals, dairy products, fresh vegetables, and many more things have coupons on them which can earn money for our schools – each is worth 10 cents, and most local schools have coordinators who collect the box tops and pass them along to get the funds. For more information check this web site: <http://www.boxtops4education.com/>

Remember the Sales Tax Holiday coming up soon - August 8 - 10. As in previous years, the law exempts most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced under \$100 from sales and use taxes. See the fine print at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxpubs/taxholiday/d/>

IS YOUR HOME FIRE-HARDENED? SIGN UP FOR YOUR FREE WILDFIRE RISK ASSESSMENT

The NWACA Wildfire Prevention Committee can help you minimize risk to your home from wildfire. Certified assessors can do a free assessment of your home with you, so you know how to harden your home. To arrange an assessment or to get more information, go to www.nwaca.org and click on the *Firewise Request* link at the left side of the home page. If you have no internet access, mail us: NWACA, P.O. Box 26654, Austin, TX 78755

NWACA and NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Date	Location	Event
August 1, 1:30 PM	Austin Terrier, 3435 Greystone Drive	Monthly Meeting of NWACA Zoning Committee
August 3, 2:00 PM	Kneaded Pleasures	Monthly Meeting of NWACA Parks Committee
August 6, noon	Mangia Pizza	Monthly Meeting of NWACA Communications Committee
August 7, 8 – 9AM	Kneaded Pleasures	NWACA Membership/Sponsorship Committee Monthly Meeting
August 7, 7PM	3909 Rockledge Drive	Bi-Monthly Meeting of NWACA Wildlife Management Committee
August 9, 6:30 – 10PM	Murchison Pool	Family Friendly event – Outdoor Movie and Pool Party - <i>Events</i>
August 12, 6:00 – 8:30 PM	Anderson Mill Community Center	Region 2 APD Commander’s Forum; see article below for more details
August 13, 6:30 – 8:30 PM	Mangia Pizza Meeting Room	NWACA Monthly Board Meeting
September 20, 8AM to noon	NWACA	NWACA Neighborhood Garage Sales – <i>sales throughout the neighborhood; see article below</i>

NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS NEWS

- Jen Despins

It is August, which here in Austin means the kids are going back to school soon! High school orientation for all entering 9th graders is on August 15th at 9:30am. Middle school orientation for all entering 6th graders is on August 15th at 8:30am.

If you have a Doss Owl or a Highland Park Scottie, “meet the teacher” will be on Friday August 22nd. Doss class lists will be posted on the website and outside the school on Thursday August 21st. Want to find out more about Doss happenings? Check out the Doss PTA website at www.dosspta.org. Want to find out about Highland Park happenings? Check out www.hppta.org.

All of our AISD students will be beginning school on Monday August 25th. Remember, on that morning all of our area children will be walking and biking to our schools. Please drive slowly and carefully through our neighborhood and remember to leave yourself more time for your commute.

HELP OUR SCHOOLS WITH YOUR TARGET CREDIT CARD

- Rebecca Leightman

With the help of Target REDcard credit card, Target has donated \$387 million to local K-12 schools since 1997 through [Take Charge of Education](#) (TCOE). The program lets guests designate **1 percent** of their REDcard purchases to a **K-12 school** of their **choice** to fund whatever the school needs most. In 2013, more than 85,000 schools received a TCOE check, totaling more than \$32 million in TCOE donations for the year.

Do you have a Target REDcard? If so, please consider selecting the donation option to one of our area schools. It's simple to sign up and you do not pay any extra amount for your Target purchases. Help support our schools with this program. Target wants to give money to our schools! All you have to do is tell them which one. You don't need to have a child or have a child at the school to take part. Our area schools are overcrowded and underfunded. Any little bit helps our schools accomplish their goals. Here is the link to sign up :

<https://www-secure.target.com/redcard/tcoe/home?catalogId=10051&langId=-1&storeId=10151&krypto=cQcHDksCxhgmutHxyjlq48%2BIHQzAFPvRjj%2BCK5QVyor4h0nGk1rMzYuRJJkChJT8LUqnEiXjccfX%0AJRWy3V0ESQ%3D%3D&ddkey=http:redcard/tcoe/home>

JULY 4TH PARADE – THANK YOU, ONE AND ALL!

- Events Committee

Our 42nd Fourth of July Parade was a wonderful event – superb parade and a wonderful Freedom Fest at Doss!

This year we held our first Float Contest, and we look forward to growing the competition and the excitement about that in coming years. Our winners for 2014 are:

- Murchison Belles - Team Spirit
- Austin Emergency Center - Patriotic
- Gnarly Gneighbors - Kids Choice & Best Overall
- Rankin-Carman Families -Most Creative



Thanks to everyone who helped make this happen – scores of volunteers, neighbors who contribute to the 4th of July fund throughout the year, all who marched in the parade, and everyone who attended. A special thanks to all our sponsors, without whom we couldn't make it possible! Each month we feature several platinum-level sponsors in our newsletter, and all the Gold and Platinum sponsors are listed on our web site. Please thank them when you visit them; we really appreciate their support. We look forward to doing this again next year!

NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALES COMING SEPTEMBER 20

- Carol Dochen



Again this year, NWACA will provide free publicity for the Fifth Annual NWACA Neighborhood Garage Sales for any neighbor within the NWACA boundaries. We welcome everyone to hold a sale!

This year's sales will be on Saturday, **September 20**, from 8 AM until noon. Each participating family holds the sale in their own garage or front yard, or perhaps joins a neighbor to hold the sale. All proceeds stay with you doing the sales – none goes to NWACA.

NWACA will promote the event in many ways:

- Provide you with directional signs that indicate where you are having the sale (first 50 homes signing up)
- Post signs throughout the neighborhood during the 3 days prior to the sale
- Provide a list and a map of locations of individual sales on our web site
- Advertise in the Austin American Statesman (print and online) and on Craigslist.

If you wish to participate, please sign up **no later than September 17th** on our web site www.nwaca.org Being a home with a sale on September 20 allows you to take advantage of the free NWACA publicity and leverage the traffic coming into the neighborhood to visit your neighbors' sales.

This event and the others throughout the year are possible because neighbors join NWACA as members. If you haven't yet paid your \$25 annual dues, you can do that through the web site or by U.S. mail.

PLANNED PRUNING

- John Warden

With the best ground moisture in several summers, you might have noticed more new growth on your trees than you've seen the last couple of years. Let them do their thing. If you think pruning is needed, postpone it until the dormant season, which is most reliably Dec-Jan. On most species, pruning now will only stimulate new growth of 'suckers' that don't conform to the trees' needs or natural configuration. Late summer can be a good time to consult an arborist while your trees still have their foliage and determine whether and how to prune this winter.

ZONING ITEM UPDATE: 4920 SPICEWOOD SPRINGS ROAD

- Ann Denkler and Zoning Committee

An application to rezone an undeveloped property at 4920 Spicewood Springs Road, from Single Family zoning to General Office with a Conditional Overlay, will be considered by the **Austin City Council, in the County Commissioners Courtroom at 700 Lavaca, on Thursday, August 7th after 2pm. (Agenda item number 124.)** The property is located two properties beyond the crest of the hill as you're heading east on Spicewood Springs Road from Loop 360. The developer proposes to build a two-story, at street grade level, flat-roofed, 18,508 square foot office building with an underground parking garage on 4.283 acres.

Most of the properties along Spicewood Springs Road are developed with two-story office buildings, although there are eight homes across the street from the site and some condominiums nearby.

The Zoning and Platting Commission recommended the property be rezoned as General Office with a Conditional Overlay that allowed the property to be developed with all uses allowed in General Office and restricted the development standards to that of Limited Office (LO) for height, building coverage, floor to area ratio, and impervious cover except for the front yard set-back. GO allows the property to be set back 15' from the property line, LO 25'. GO allows six uses not allowed in LO: business school, business support services, limited restaurant, personal services (hair salons, dry cleaning, etc.), printing and publishing, and off-site parking. This is the recommendation the City Council will vote on.

The proposed development is expected to generate 363 trips per day. Spicewood Springs Road averages 22,207 vehicle trips per day, with approximately 25,000 trips at Mesa/Spicewood Springs Road and 17,000 vehicle trips at Loop 360/ Spicewood Springs Road. Spicewood Springs Road is two lanes in front of the proposed development but a divided arterial closer to Mesa Drive. Enough Right Of Way is dedicated to the City of Austin to widen the road to four lanes with a twenty foot wide median, although there are no current plans to do so.

The tract is located over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone and is classified as a water supply watershed. The site will be required to have a sedimentation and filtration pond, which is shown on their site plan. The 4.283 acres will be subdivided out of a larger tract and the remaining 20.065 acres will remain SF-2. The 20.065 acre tract has steep slopes, is heavily wooded, and is within the Critical Water Quality Zone. The site plan for the tract shows the impervious cover is 14% of the gross site area and 31.7% of the net site area. Development in this watershed is limited to 40%. Of the tract's 4.283 acres, approximately 3.329 acres will remain undeveloped. The site has critical environmental features: rim rock, seeps and wetlands that will need to be addressed by the applicant. In addition, the United States U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is assessing whether the property has any endangered species on the tract. They are also evaluating whether tree clearing along Spicewood Springs Road on the tract removed habitat.

The NWACA Board approved a motion to support office use on the site so long as development of the property was more in character with other properties along Spicewood Springs Road, that the traffic impact is limited to 363 trips per day, and that the sensitive environment of the tract be protected. Since the Board voted on their recommendation, a valid petition has been submitted, with 43% of the adjoining neighbors opposing any zoning category other than Limited Office and limiting development of the property to 10,500 square and 28.5' in height from grade level at Spicewood Springs Road. A valid petition requires that at least 6 of the 7 council members vote affirmatively to rezone the case to the Zoning and Platting Commission's recommendation.

Please share your thoughts about this case with NWACA at nwacainfo@gmail.com . We will share your input with the City Council. You can email the council directly at: <http://austintexas.gov/mail//all-council-members> .

ZONING ITEM UPDATE – SPICEWOOD SPRINGS AND MOPAC – Ann Denkler and Zoning committee

An applicant briefed the Austin City Council on June 26th regarding a rezoning request for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) for four tracts south of Spicewood Springs Road, from Hart Lane to Mopac. The 31 acres are currently developed with twelve two- and three-story office buildings totaling 450,000 square feet. Woodhollow Drive bisects the tracts from north to south, and Executive Center Drive bisects the tracts from the northwest to the southeast. The tracts are zoned Limited Office, Limited Retail, and General Retail; and they are across the street from single family homes on Hart Lane and Spicewood Springs Road.

The intention of PUD zoning is to create superior projects that might not occur using conventional zoning and site development standards; and they are expected to provide greater environmental protections, connectivity, innovative design, and other community benefits in return for additional density and flexible site development regulations. Projects must meet Tier 1 requirements: meet code objectives, provide equal or greater developmental standards, provide a total of 10% open space in residential tracts and 20% in non-residential tracts, build green buildings, be consistent with neighborhood plans and compatible with adjacent properties, provide for environmental protection, provide for public facilities and services that are adequate to support the proposed development, provide for appropriate transportation and mass transit connections, prohibit gated roadways, and include at least 10 acres of land. After meeting Tier 1 requirements, applicants must provide at least one item in a set of Tier 2 requirements. These can include providing space for meetings, providing space for a local business at reduced rates, wider sidewalks, affordable housing, etc. The existing PUD regulations also include a provision for establishing a baseline in order to calculate a density bonus; PUDs requesting height or floor to area ratios (FAR) above the baseline amount are required to contribute in some manner to affordable housing, either by providing units on site or by a payment of a fee in lieu of construction. Because the city cannot require affordable housing as a condition of zoning, providing affordable housing is one measure of superiority.

The developer is proposing 1,634,000 square feet of development: 650,000 in residential (574 apartments and 36 townhomes), 872,000 square feet of business office, and 112,000 square feet of retail (which includes two restaurants totaling 10,000 square feet). One of the office towers is proposed to be 17 stories, another 14 stories, a third 8 stories, one 5 stories and three 4 stories. The property is expected to generate an additional unadjusted 21,000 vehicle trips over existing traffic, with 20% of the traffic heading west on Spicewood Springs Road, 20% heading east to Anderson, 20% going north on Mopac, 15% going south on Mopac, 5% going north on Hart Lane, 5% going south on Wood Hollow Drive, 5% west on Greystone, 10% going west on Far West Boulevard.

The draft Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) analyzed the traffic impact of phased development every four years starting in 2018 until 2031. However, at this time, there is no actual schedule proposed for development. The draft TIA shows that the intersections of Far West/Mopac and Spicewood and Mopac will become much worse, as well as Greystone at Hart Lane and Greystone at Mopac.

The NWACA Board will be host a meeting in the first half of August for interested residents.

BECOME AN URBAN STEWARD

- John Warden

Austin's non-profit Tree Folks believes that the more you know about trees, the more you will want to take care of the trees at your home and in your community. The goal of the Urban Forest Steward program is to equip you with the knowledge and skills you need to do just that! In its third year, this series is more exciting and in-depth than ever before, with topics taught by respected professionals from both public and private sectors. This comprehensive series covers important topics such as tree benefits and advocacy, tree biology, tree planting, pruning and care, pest and disease issues, and tree identification. <http://www.treefolks.org/ufs/>

EXPLORE GARDENING FOR BIRDS AND BUTTERFLIES

- Julie Sanford

Begin by exploring the wonderful diversity of wildlife of the Texas Hill Country and surrounding areas, as well as the geographical and biological factors contributing to that diversity. This course examines ways that you can manipulate habitat elements (food, shelter and water) to create conditions more welcoming to birds, butterflies, hummingbirds and other interesting backyard wildlife. The class meets in a central Austin church, except for one field trip near the end to an exemplary local garden. Instructor Mark Klym is coordinator of the Texas Hummingbird Roundup and Texas Wildscapes programs at Texas Parks and Wildlife.

When: 1:30—3:30 P.M. Tuesday, Starts Sept. 16, 8 Classes

Where: Christ Lutheran Church, 300 East Monroe, Austin, TX 78704

This course is among the 70 sponsored this fall by the **Lifetime Learning Institute (LLI)** of Austin, which provides non-credit classes to adults 50 years of age and over. Tuition for LLI courses is just **\$20 per course**. To register watch for the fall, 2014 LLI catalog at www.lliaustin.org on **August 10**, or go to your nearest Austin-area library then for a copy. *Classes may fill quickly so do not delay after August 10.*

WORK UNDERWAY ON COYOTE POLICY FOR CITY OF AUSTIN

- Joyce Statz

In the last several weeks, members of the NWACA Wildlife Management Committee have joined the Coyote Working Group, a group asked by a subcommittee of City Council to review the practices used by the City of Austin for coyote management in the urban wildlife interface. That committee has a draft policy which is being reviewed and may lead to a City Ordinance that modifies how coyotes are addressed when citizens report their behavior. We will keep you apprised of the status of the policy and any changes in City regulations, as they evolve.

Meanwhile, it is very important that neighbors take the following steps:

- When you encounter a coyote or see a coyote attacking a pet, please report it to 3-1-1. The City needs this data to understand the current behavior of coyotes in the City.
- If you (adults only) see a coyote in our streets or yards, please attempt to scare them away by using hazing tactics. That is, yell and wave your arms, throw sticks or small stones at them, and make noise. This kind of human response is endorsed by wildlife biologists throughout the country and by the Humane Society. Unless the coyotes know they are not welcome in our populated areas, they will assume otherwise, and they will habituate to our neighborhoods.

CRIME AND SAFETY TIP – WORK WITH “YOUR FIVE”

- Cuatro Groos

The summer months are a time when many area families go on vacation. Thieves know this, and they scout neighborhoods looking for easy opportunities. If you are planning to leave town, it's a great idea to talk to "your five"- the neighbors on either side of you and the three neighbors across the street. Let them know when you will be gone. Ask them to collect newspapers/mail, look out for flyers left on your door, park their cars in your driveway and otherwise look after the place while you are gone. Working together we can make our neighborhood a less attractive target for criminals!

“ART OF FITNESS” WALKING PROGRAM FOR NWACA

- Stacey Brewer

Have you been thinking about starting an exercise program? NWACA Sponsor Austin Emergency Center is helping to bring Austin Fit’s “Art of Fitness” walking program to our neighborhood. This is the first time that Austin Fit has offered a program outside of the downtown area!

Whether you’re interested in learning proper fitness walking form or are trying to ramp up to run marathons, this program can benefit you! Each week you’ll meet to learn tips, participate in drills and exercises, and walk in groups (tailored to your goals) throughout our beautiful neighborhood. This program is for everyone, regardless of fitness level or age.

The program will begin on **Saturday, September 13th** and meet **every Saturday morning through December 1st**, when it will culminate in optional participation in the Austin Runners Club’s Decker Challenge 5K or Half Marathon on December 7th.

If you’d like to participate in the walking group, meet in front of the Austin Emergency Center at 8:30AM on September 13th. Registration will take place for 30 minutes and then training will begin at 9AM. The cost for this program is \$60.00. For more information send an email to Elayne Barber, Lead Walking coach at purple@austinfite.com. For more information on Austin Fit programs visit www.austinfite.com/

A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR MEMBERS

- Membership and Sponsorship Committee

NWACA would like to thank our members who have so generously contributed to the Oak Wilt Fund, the 4th of July Parade Fund, or the Park Fund, between June 25th, 2014 and July 29, 2014.

Donations to the Oak Wilt Fund provide financial assistance to property owners dealing with oak wilt. With this assistance, NWACA can reimburse forty percent of a pre-approved homeowner’s expenses, up to a maximum \$1,000 reimbursement. NWACA policy requires that a property owner obtain an assessment of oak wilt infection, or risk of infection in healthy oaks, from an arborist with ASI oak wilt certification.

Donations to the 4th of July Parade Fund help NWACA to host the best 4th of July parade in Austin! This year we will be celebrated our 42nd Annual parade on July 4th 2014.

The Park Fund will help us revitalize parks in NWACA with projects such as putting picnic tables at Murchison Pool Park and providing materials for cleanup days at several of our parks.

• Linda Aaker and Bob Armstrong	• Andrew and Kim Cook
• Susan and Barry Curlee	• Stacy and Aaron Daniels
• Sandra and Duane Dicus	• Linda and Chris Dimick
• Zada Doherty	• Mark Garrett
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• Margaret and William Van De Graaf	• Patricia and Bill Warren
• Blythe and Chris Wilson	

FIREWISE TIP OF THE MONTH – GET FIREWISE, AND BE AN ASSESSOR

- Al Simmons

Each month we feature helpful information about ways to make your home more fire-adapted, better able to prevent wildfire destruction. The full set of tips is archived on the www.nwaca.org web site.

What do you know about urban wildfires? Bastrop - The Pinnacle Fire - Steiner Ranch – California - Colorado - Washington State - all have been in the news, all cases of wildfire that burned a lot of vegetation, destroyed many homes and other structures, and several claimed lives as well. On the local news, all of these events were a lot of flames, smoke, and devastation...and sadness for the victims of these fires. What can be done to prevent the incredible damage?

You can prepare yourself and your family for these types of events. Learn how to prepare yourself, your home and your neighborhood by gaining the knowledge and skills needed to effectively evaluate the threat that an urban wildfire can pose to your home and family, and learn sound solutions that you and your community can use to reduce this threat. Learn what homeowners can do to reduce the threat of wildfires; how to develop landscaping and yards to reduce danger to homes; how to harden a home to reduce the dangers of flying embers and direct flames; how to interface with Emergency Care Providers to help them in protecting families during such dangerous events; how families can escape before the fire endangers lives; and many other important facts for you and your neighbors.

NWACA has a team of assessors who were trained in 2013 and have been helping homeowners identify risks since then. On September 20th, the Wildfire Division of the Austin Fire Department is offering a Wildfire Hazard Assessment Training workshop to train more neighbors on the facts of wildfires and preparing those who wish to, to become assessors. The NWACA team would love to have additional assessors and encourages you to take part in this training opportunity.



When: Saturday, September 20, 2014; seminar 9 AM to Noon
Field training for assessments in the afternoon (weather permitting)

Where: Riverbend Church, 4214 N. Capital of Texas Highway, Austin, TX 78746

Full event is free of charge

Register here: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/wildfire-hazard-assessment-training-tickets-12139235781>

“SCOOP THE POOP” SIGNS AVAILABLE FROM CITY OF AUSTIN



Some of our neighbors have expressed an interest in yard signs that remind dog-walkers to pick up after their dogs. The City of Austin has provided us small free yard signs that can be used to remind our friends to ‘scoop the poop’ as they walk their dogs.

We have a batch of those signs for distribution to anyone who’d like one. If you would like one, please let us know at nwacainfo@gmail.com or send us a message via U.S. mail.

APHIDS

- Wizzie Brown

Each month we feature helpful information from the Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program, provided by Program Specialist Wizzie Brown.

Aphids feed on a wide variety of plants in Texas. They have high reproductive capabilities so their populations can grow to large numbers quickly.

Aphids are small, soft-bodied insects that come in a variety of colors. Some have wings while others may not, but all have cornicles, or “tailpipes” that come off the tip of the abdomen.

Aphids have piercing-sucking mouthparts which they use to pierce plant tissue and suck out the juices. Damage often appears as yellowing or curling of foliage. Aphids also secrete a sweet, sticky substance called honeydew. Honeydew often appears on the plant as a shiny spots or sometimes the honeydew may have sooty mold growing on it. Sooty mold is a black fungus that can block sunlight from reaching the plant leading to a decrease of photosynthesis.



Some ideas for managing aphids are as follows:

- Encourage natural enemies such as ladybugs, lacewing larvae and syrphid fly larvae; know what these creatures look like so you don't kill them
- Use high pressure water sprays to dislodge aphids from the plant
- Less toxic pesticides include active ingredients such as insecticidal soap, azadirachtin (neem), horticultural oils or d-limonene
- Other pesticides to manage aphids may include active ingredients such as permethrin and other pyrethroids, acephate, carbaryl or imidacloprid

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out the blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com

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SEE A GREAT DROUGHT-RESISTANT LANDSCAPE? TELL US!

- Joyce Statz

For about a year, we've been featuring a neighbor's landscape that gives us ideas about things we can plant that are drought-resistant and look great, too.

If you'd like to share your landscape with us, or you want to nominate one of a neighbor, please let us know. If you see an inspiring example as you drive through the neighborhood, tell us about that one, too, and we'll contact the neighbor to get their story. With our persistent drought, we really need a lot of new ideas!

APD QUARTERLY COMMANDER'S FORUM SCHEDULE

The NWACA area is included in two districts of the Austin Police Department, thus we have two District Representatives, and we are served by two of the quarterly Commander's Forums.

Region 1, Central West (B4), District Representative Darrell Grayson – covers Baker Sector: (a) the area from Spicewood Springs to Far West, Mesa to Mopac, plus (b) all of the area south of Far West, from 360 to Mopac. The upcoming Region 1 Commander's Forums for 2014 for Central West:

- Tuesday, October 7, 2014 - 6:30 - 8 p.m. - McCallum High, 5600 Sunshine Drive

Region 2, Northwest (A3), District Representative Joe Hebbe – covers Adam Sector, the area from Spicewood Springs to Far West, 360 to Mesa. The next Region 2 Commander's Forum for 2014:

- Tuesday, August 12, 2014 - 6-8:30 p.m. - Anderson Mill Community Center, 1500 El Salido Parkway
- Tuesday, November 11, 2014 - 6-8:30 p.m. - Great Hills Baptist Church, 10500 Jollyville Rd.

NWACA FACEBOOK GROUP AND NOTES YAHOO GROUP – SHARING AT ITS BEST!

Are you on Facebook? Join our Facebook group and be part of neighborhood conversation on everything from local events to lost dogs, reporting suspicious criminal activity, and exchanging referrals on residential services (as well as feedback on negative experiences). Get to know your neighbors online! We just passed 1000 members in the group!

Due to the group's huge popularity NWACA now also has its own community Facebook page dedicated to NWACA events! "Like" us to keep up with everything going on with our organization and important news that impacts our neighborhood. An easy way to stay in the know about the Northwest Austin.

If you're already on Facebook, you can find us at: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/299472207877/> and <https://www.facebook.com/pages/NWACA-Northwest-Austin-Civic-Association/563320463775985> or search for "NWACA - Northwest Austin Civic Association." If you're not on Facebook, you can easily establish your own Facebook profile, then search for us and join us.

Our NWACA Notes Yahoo Group is another vehicle for trading messages, news, and trends. You can join by sending an email to: NWACANotes-subscribe@yahoogroups.com . The bigger the group the more valuable the info!

REMINDER ABOUT NOT FEEDING THE DEER

Some new neighbors may not be aware that feeding deer is prohibited in Austin. If you see someone feeding deer, let them know that it's bad for the deer, and it's a violation of a City ordinance. If the feeding persists, you can report it by calling 3-1-1. The Code Compliance Department will send someone to talk with the neighbor.

CAN WE SEE YOU? CAN YOU SEE US?

Walk Left
Run Left



Be Seen
Be Safe

If you're walking or running in the street, are you able to catch the eye of the driver of the car or truck or motorcycle in your lane? If not, you're probably in the wrong lane!

Please remind your family and friends, as you are out walking and running that you need to be facing the traffic. It's the law for a reason - it's the safe way! When out there at night, please also wear something reflective, to help drivers see you in the dark or dusk. Thanks!

TAP SIGNS AVAILABLE

The Traffic Awareness Program (TAP) signs are a very visible way for you to raise awareness about the excessive speeds on our residential streets, cautioning drivers to slow down. To show your support, place a free "Please Slow Down" sign in your front yard!

If you would like a sign, please contact us at nwacainfo@gmail.com



CALL 9-1-1 FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

The 9-1-1 emergency number gets you a response for a wide variety of issues:

- Life-threatening issues – house on fire, person having a heart attack, burglary in progress, etc.
- Health-related crises – someone can't catch their breath, incapacitated person needs a lift out of the bathtub, and more.
- If you're unsure, err on the side of caution!

Call 9-1-1 and you will get a quick and kind response from EMS, Austin Police Department, and Austin Fire Department personnel.

CALL 3-1-1 FOR ASSISTANCE WITH ANY NON-EMERGENCY ACTION BY THE CITY OF AUSTIN

The City of Austin provides one number, 3-1-1, that citizens may call for things like the following:

- Coyote sightings or howling – provide an exact street address, so the trapper can locate them
- Reporting trees that have fallen and block roadways or sidewalks, or those that drag on power lines
- Reporting dead animals for pickup; they must be placed at the curb, though; City personnel are not allowed to enter our yards to gather them
- Problems with loose dogs or traffic signals not working
- Reporting instances of people feeding deer.
- And more.

Call 3-1-1 or file a request at <http://austin-p1csrprodwi.motorolasolutions.com/Home.mvc/Index>

NWACA MAILING LIST – IT'S FAST AND FRIENDLY!

If you're among the NWACA members getting this newsletter by U.S. mail, but you also have an email address, please let us know your email address and let us deliver the newsletter and other news to you that way. You can easily click on the many links in the newsletter to find more detailed information, and you'll get your news much sooner than if you wait for it from "snail mail!" When we sign you up for the email list, we'll give you a clear explanation of how to set up your options.

WHY JOIN NWACA?

The Northwest Austin Civic Association is your neighborhood association! NWACA represents YOU on issues like:

- Crime (how to prevent car and home break-ins, interacting with APD on issues)
- Transportation (raising awareness about excessive vehicle speeds and tracking new traffic lights).
- Zoning concerns
- Wildfire Prevention (helping homeowners harden their homes against wildfire)

NWACA plans the annual 4th of July Parade (42nd Annual in 2014!), organizes election and issues forums, sponsors an annual neighborhood garage sale, publishes a newsletter and much, much more!

NWACA Membership Form

Send annual dues of **\$25 (renewable each January)** with this form to: NWACA, P.O. Box 26654, Austin, TX 78755

Homeowner Name(s): _____

Street Address: _____ Zip _____

Email #1 (kept private; print): _____

Email #2 (kept private; print): _____

Phone (with area code): _____ Date: _____

Do you have school-age children in our local schools? ___ Yes ___ No

(Our monthly newsletter includes a schools column, which you might want to review.)

Annual Dues: \$25

(Optional) 4th of July Parade Contribution: \$10___ \$20___ Other ___

(Optional) Oak Wilt Fund Contribution: \$10___ \$20___ Other ___

(Optional) Parks Fund Contribution: \$10___ \$20___ Other ___

(You can also pay via PayPal by following this link on our web site: [Join NWACA](#))

(If you've already paid your dues for this year, please pass this on to a neighbor who is not yet a member.)

Volunteers are always needed on our committees.

Please mark those you'd like to know more about, and a Committee Chair will contact you.

Thanks very much!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Civic Engagement | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crime and Safety/Neighborhood Watch | <input type="checkbox"/> Tree and Environment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildfire Prevention |
| <input type="checkbox"/> History | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership and Sponsorship | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning |