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MESSAGE FROM THE NWACA BOARD PRESIDENT

- Joyce Statz

This issue has much information about current zoning cases in our neighborhood, as well as an announcement about a City meeting regarding updates to the Land Development Code, CodeNEXT. We invite everyone to stay informed and be involved.

As the article about the Austin Oaks PUD indicates, the NWACA Board is building a multi-neighborhood coalition to address the proposed PUD. We are also surveying the neighborhood about the PUD plan, and we need everyone's responses to effectively represent you with the City. Please follow the link and take the survey (or send in a paper response) **no later than September 17**. Thanks very much!

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



The NWACA Wildfire Prevention Committee can help you minimize the risk to your home from wildfire. Certified assessors are ready to 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 about preventing wildfire, go to www.nwaca.org and click on the *Firewise Request* link at the left side of the home page. If you do not have internet access, please mail us at: NWACA, P.O. Box 26654, Austin, TX 78755

NWACA and NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Date	Location	Event
Sept. 3, 8AM	Kneaded Pleasures	Monthly Meeting of NWACA Communications Committee
Sept. 4, 6:00 – 8:30 PM	UT Thompson Conference Center	Community Stakeholder Event – City of Austin CodeNEXT session on Code Approach Alternatives for new land development code
Sept. 4, 8AM	Kneaded Pleasures	NWACA Membership/Sponsorship Committee Monthly Meeting
Sept. 7, 2:00 PM	Kneaded Pleasures	Monthly Meeting of NWACA Parks Committee
Sept. 10, 6:30 PM	Mangia Pizza Mtg.Rm	NWACA Monthly Board Meeting
Sept. 16, 7 PM	Temple Beth Shalom	Candidate Forum – Mayor and Travis County Judge; Dell Jewish Community Campus
Sept. 17, 6:30 PM	First Presbyterian Church, 8001 Mesa	Tree and Environmental Stewardship Committee Meeting
Sept. 17, 7:00 PM	St. Matthew’s, 8134 Mesa Drive	Open House/Input Session on Murchison Pool Park Improvements; B-18 (basement of Sanctuary building)
Sept. 20, 8AM to noon	NWACA	NWACA Neighborhood Garage Sales Please register at www.nwaca.org
Sept. 27, 9-Noon	Allen Park	Work day in conjunction with National Public Lands Day
Oct. 2, 6:30-8:30 PM	Dell Jewish Community Campus	NWACA District 10 Council Candidate Forum – Community Hall
Oct. 7, 7PM	Throughout NWACA	National Night Out in Texas
Nov. 2, noon – 4PM	Dell Jewish Community Campus	Snout by Snoutwest – celebration of bond between humans and dogs – demonstrations, live music, information

NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS NEWS

- Jen Despina

It is September and the kids are back at school! As the students settle in, our area schools have “back to school” nights for the parents to learn out their students’ curriculum. This is the current schedule:

- *Anderson & McCallum*: September 10th – information on the time will come directly from the school
- *Doss*: Thursday September 4th – Two sessions for parents to choose from, with the first one beginning at 6pm; Kindergarten has its own curriculum night on Wednesday, September 3rd at 6pm.
- *Highland Park Elementary*: Tuesday September 2nd – 5:30pm for Kinder and 1st grade parents, and 6:30pm for 3rd and 4th grade parents
- *Lamar & Murchison*: 6pm on Tuesday September 9th

September also means football and soccer! The fields along Far West are used for both of these popular sports all weekend long. Please be mindful of all the children when driving through the neighborhood.

Check back for important information next month about our neighborhood schools’ fall carnivals. Huge fundraisers for our local school and a lot of fun for all!

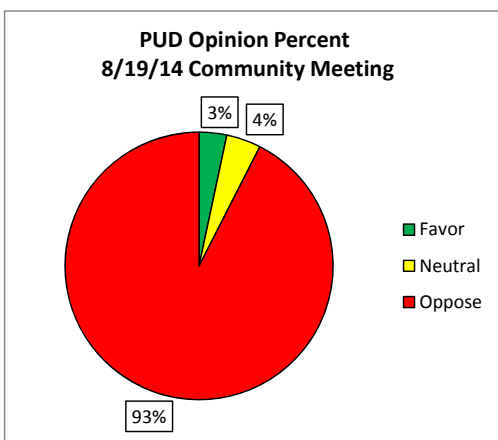
UPDATE ON ZONING CASE – 4920 SPICEWOOD SPRINGS ROAD (OVERLOOK)

- Joyce Statz

On Friday, August 29, the rezoning case for the Overlook at Spicewood Springs Road went before City Council for a first reading; ***it was denied***. The NWACA Board supported the valid petition of nearby neighbors, asking for height and size restrictions, limits to impervious cover, restricted uses, and a 25-foot setback from the road. Several nearby HOAs spoke to their concerns, as did individual neighbors. Notable in depth and coverage of the current view along Spicewood Springs Road and the surrounding environmental factors were very effective slide presentations done by Dennis Watts on the part of the valid petitioners, and by Karen Sironi on environmental matters. NWACA also thanks Ann Denkler for her outstanding research for us on this case.

On August 19th, NWACA, surrounding neighborhood associations (Balcones Civic Association, Allandale Neighborhood Association, and North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association), and the Williamsburg-Charleston Place HOA hosted a Community Meeting about the proposed Austin Oaks Planned Unit Development (PUD). More than 300 residents attended this lively session.

Jerry Rusthoven from the City of Austin’s Planning and Development Review Department described the purpose and process of a PUD. Stephen Drenner from the Drenner Group (representing the developer) presented the current vision for the 31-acre property, and both answered questions from the audience. A brief summary of the meeting can be found on the NWACA web site, along with many documents about this proposed PUD. We will continue to post updates there as the case evolves.



A survey of those present at the August 19th meeting sought the attendees’ position with respect to the PUD. Responses are summarized in the chart to the left. The most common reasons to oppose the PUD were traffic impact, additional overcrowding of schools, threat to trees on the property, building height that is inconsistent with the neighborhood footprint, and environmental impact. When asked about alternatives they would prefer to see if this site was re-developed, the most common responses were park or playground space, retirement or senior housing, and office space like the offices now on the site.

At this point, City Staff is still reviewing the Rezoning Application. Comments are expected to be available on or about August 29th.

NWACA is gathering input from the entire NWACA community about their opinion, as well as creative ideas for what we all want to see in this space. Please provide input at this link by September 17: www.surveymonkey.com/s/PUDNWACA

In addition, send email with your comments about the proposed PUD to:

- nwacainfo@gmail.com, to be used (along with survey results and the feedback from the Community Meeting) in our discussions with the developer, in testimony at the Zoning and Platting (ZAP) Commission hearing, and at City Council hearings about this case
- the Case Manager for the rezoning request, lee.heckman@austintexas.gov [Ask him to include your letter in the backup for ZAP and City Council]
- all City Council members: <http://austintexas.gov/mail/all-council-members>

NWACA and the other neighborhood associations are forming a common committee to coordinate information gathering and action planning about this PUD case. You will see more detail about what is being done and how you can help on our web sites and email lists in the coming weeks.

TreeFolks, a central Texas charity that promotes comprehensive urban forestry practices, is now offering free trees to Austin Energy customers via their NeighborWoods Program, to lower summer temperatures and reduce energy consumption by investing in tree canopy cover for Austin’s neighborhoods. Call 512-443-5323 or send email to shade@treefolks.org with your street address. Trees will be delivered starting in October, and they are 4 to 5 feet tall at delivery. For info at: <http://www.treefolks.org/neighborwoods/>

IMPROVEMENTS FOR MURCHISON POOL - OPEN HOUSE AND INPUT SESSION - Caroline Alexander

Imagine a pool with artful shade structures, ample seating, appealing landscaping, and fun features for the kids to play on during safety breaks. This could be possible for our little neighborhood pool through a partnership that the NWACA Parks Committee has formed with the City of Austin's Parks and Recreation Department.

If you enjoyed a refreshing swim at Murchison Pool this summer, you may have noticed three new picnic tables that provide a much needed place to sit and shed your things before hopping in the water. These tables are just the beginning of things to come at Murchison if all goes as planned.

As part of the process to make an improvement plan for the pool, we are soliciting your input and ideas. Please take a few minutes to fill out a survey at <http://nativeedgelandscapes.com/murchison-pool/>

You can also get more information at our open house.

- **When:** Sept 17 at 7:00
- **Where:** Room B18, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 8134 Mesa Dr

And stay tuned for details on how to get involved and/or donate funds to support our efforts!

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.

In case you don't find new owners for all the treasures at your sale, consider taking what remains to the Goodwill facility on Far West Boulevard, just across the street from Doss. You won't even have to take things back into the house, and Goodwill is prepared to be blessed by your donations that day!

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.

NWACA DISTRICT 10 COUNCIL CANDIDATE FORUM – OCT 2, 6:30 PM - Civic Engagement Committee

Please mark your calendars and come to hear our District 10 Council Candidates at the upcoming forum:

- October 2, 6:30 – 8:30 PM
- Community Hall, Dell Jewish Community Campus, 7300 Hart Lane, Austin 78731

All candidates have been invited to attend: Margie Burciaga, Tina Cannon, Mandy Dealey, Sheri Gallo, Matt Lamon, Jason Meeker, Robert Thomas, and Bill Worsham. (*All have confirmed their attendance.*)

The session will begin with a brief reception during which candidates visit with attendees, followed by opening remarks from each candidate, Q&A, and closing remarks. There will also be a designated space for each candidate to display campaign literature.

MORE CANDIDATE FORUMS – MAYORAL , COUNTY, D10 RACES - Civic Engagement Committee

In addition to the NWACA forum for District 10, NWACA neighbors are invited to attend one or more of the following:

- Public Citizen and partner organizations forums on energy-related issues:
 - Districts 6 and 10: Sept. 12, 6-9 PM, First Presbyterian Church, 8001 Mesa Drive, Austin 78731
 - Mayoral: Sept. 29, 6-9 PM, First Unitarian Universalist Church, 4700 Grover Ave., Austin 78756
- Forum co-sponsored by Temple Beth Shalom and Interfaith Austin
 - Mayor and Judge of Travis County Commissioners Court: Sept. 16, 7 PM, Temple Beth Shalom, 7300 Hart Lane, Austin 78731
- Many others are listed at the Austin Chronicle's web page tracking forums:
 - <http://www.austinchronicle.com/elections/candidate-forums/>
 - Be aware that locations and times may change, so check the link shown with a listing before you travel to a particular forum

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IS OCTOBER 7 – PLAN YOUR EVENT NOW - Crime and Safety Committee

This year, National Night Out will occur on Tuesday, October 7.

National Night Out (NNO) is a great opportunity for neighbors to get to know one another and to strengthen neighborhood relationships with our first responders: police officers, fire department, and EMS.



We encourage you to participate in this year's National Night Out by having a front-yard party with your neighbors. Organizing a National Night Out party is easy – just invite your closest neighbors or your entire block to gather in your front yard. In the past, neighbors have hosted ice cream parties, cookouts, dessert gatherings and other front-yard events. Some have a fire truck visit them; others have an APD officer or EMS vehicle.

When you register your party with the Austin Police Department, you can request a visit from a public safety agency. You can also get crime prevention and fire safety information to distribute at your party, as well as small goodies contributed by National Night Out sponsors. To register, complete the City of Austin application **by September 15**. Online here: <http://austintexas.gov/department/national-night-out> or by US Mail to: Austin Police Department Office of Community Liaison, Attn: Rosie Salinas, P. O. Box 689001, Austin, Texas 78768-9001

CRIME AND SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH – TEACHING KIDS ABOUT STRANGERS - Cuatro Groos

Neighbors are back from summer trips and school is in session. Please be aware of kids walking and riding bicycles to and from school. Parents, now is a great time to talk to kids about who is a stranger, who is not a stranger, and what to do around strangers. See this link for great info:

<http://www.ncpc.org/topics/violent-crime-and-personal-safety/strangers>

NWACA will be reaching out to our Neighborhood Watch volunteers to activate new block watches this fall. If you're ready to get your block active, please email us at nwacainfo@gmail.com

CodeNEXT "APPROACH ALTERNATIVES" PUBLIC MEETING SEPT 4 - David Whitworth

On **September 2nd**, Opticos will release three "Approach Alternatives" for reformatting and organizing our land development code. It does not appear these suggestions for formatting will have any significant content recommendations, but all code changes are related, so we need to stay aware. Any revisions to base code may affect the entitlements of developments within NWACA boundaries. For example, any re-zoning or PUD approved at the land planning (zoning) stage (which is heavy on public input) could automatically enjoy additional entitlements after the fact, with a code change. If the base code changes, these developments could enjoy the new entitlements by re-permitting to amend their plans, which is lighter on public input. If code were to become more restrictive, previous zoning agreements may be grandfathered. Confused yet? That's why we are re-writing our code. The goal of the code re-write is positive and meant to clarify (formatting) and allow for the types of appropriate developments Austinites want (content).

The format and organization of a Land Development Code (LDC) determines the legibility and intuitiveness, and ultimately the usability, of the code. Our current LDC has been amended so much over the years, that references are weak and you may read one section not knowing another section overrides the section you are reading, and you may have no indication that the other section exists. The code format needs to be more cohesive, usable, and understandable.

From the CodeNext outreach:

The next step in CodeNEXT is to establish an approach for reorganizing and rewriting our Land Development Code in a way that advances the goals of Imagine Austin and addresses key issues identified from the community input and professional analysis process. In September, the team will release the Code Approach Alternatives & Annotated Outlines document, which examines the basic "elements" that go into a land development code:

- *How it is formatted and organized?*
- *How it is used to evaluate and approve permits for development projects?*
- *What kinds of regulations are applied and how?*

The Code Approach Alternatives report will also describe three possible frameworks or approaches to revamping our code, and analyze how each might perform in overcoming challenges with the current code and helping achieve the vision of Imagine Austin. The report will recommend an approach that the CodeNEXT team believes does the best job for Austin.

*There will be a community-wide event on **Thursday, September 4th from 6 – 8:30 p.m. at the University of Texas' Thompson Conference Center** to discuss the concepts and recommendations of the Code Approach Alternatives report. Everyone is welcome to attend this event.*

DROUGHT-RESISTANT LANDSCAPE OF THE MONTH - 5010 North Rim Drive

- Joyce Statz

This series highlights a homeowner's yard with successful drought-resistant landscaping. We welcome references from readers for examples they appreciate and would like to share with our readers.

Featuring Yard of: Carol and Sandy Dochen
Address: 5010 North Rim Drive
Year started: 2013
Changes Made: Major rework to correct drainage; put in a French drain system; got rid of all the grass to reduce watering costs and mowing requirements; made platforms of Trex decking, with black plastic below; created metal wells around the trees to keep dirt and mulch off the tree trunks



Prominent Features: raised beds, interesting sculpture

Watering Approach: Drip irrigation in the planters, with extra drip for the trees; Irrigation is done once a week, except during the winter

Lessons Learned: some plants that weren't covered in the winter were affected, but they came back over time; next winter, cover the tender ones

Plant List: Butterfly iris, Greek oregano, Holly fern, Jerusalem sage, lambs ear, lantana, Mexican feather grass, Milkweed, periwinkle, pink skullcap, philodendron, salvia, turk's cap, and more

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, and the Park Fund, between July 30th, 2014 and August 21, 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.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jenny and Eric Carman 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suzanne and David Huff
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FIREWISE TIP OF THE MONTH – CURRENT CLIMATE CONDITIONS: HAZARDOUS!

- 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.

It is the end of August in Austin, Texas...SUMMER TIME!!! We have already experienced weeks of 100+ degree weather, projected to continue for several more, with little hope of rain in our fifth year of very dry conditions.

EFFECTS OF WEATHER CONDITIONS: High temperatures, reduced humidity, and high winds over the recent years, and combined with watering restrictions, have adversely affected the health of our plant life. Especially affected are trees, native brush, and native ground covers. These conditions can reduce their water retention and their ability to resist urban wildfires. It causes trees to have more dead wood within their canopies and shed more burnable fuel to the ground. It kills the native long-stem grasses, vines, weeds and other ground-covers. All of these become fuels for an urban wildfire. And, the high winds can carry the fire very rapidly through our beautiful valleys and yards!

WHAT CAN WE DO? How do we address the weakened condition and vulnerability of our vegetation? Two things. First, deep-water our trees as much as legally allowed by our water restrictions, to enhance their ability to resist fire; and second, we remove all dead wood and fuels from our yards and the canopies of our trees and bushes, mow our lawns as short as recommended by the nurseries; and finally, suggest weed-eating our wild, native un-irrigated long-stem grasses, vines, weeds and other ground-covers to within 3" – 4" in length (some native grasses can grow 18" to 24" in height, thus providing a large field of wildfire fuel).

OBSERVATIONS: During these precarious weather conditions, please pay attention to the direction, nature, and force of the current hot winds. Notice if there are any unusual smells in the wind, i.e. smoke, fire, etc. If you are smelling smoke/fire, call 911 and describe your observations, then do as they tell you.

OVER 50? 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 go to www.lliaustin.org or see your nearest Austin-area library then for a copy of the catalog.

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!

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

On Facebook? NWACA now has two presences there - a Facebook group for neighborhood conversation and a community Facebook page dedicated to NWACA events! "Like" us to keep up with important news that impacts our neighborhood.

If you're 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, establish your own Facebook profile, then search for us and join us.

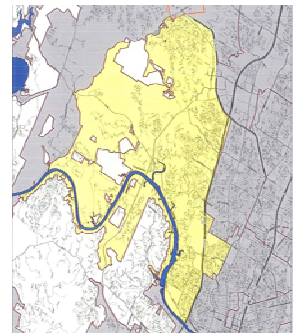
Our NWACA Notes Yahoo Group is another vehicle for trading messages, news, and trends. You can join by sending an email to: NWACANotes-subscribe@yahoo.com .

CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS TIMELINE

- Civic Engagement Committee

If someone asks, do you know which City Council District is yours?

Here's a map of District 10, which includes NWACA and Courtyard, Great Hills, Highland Park, Jester, Rosedale (part), Tarrytown, and West Enfield neighborhoods.



Candidates running in District 10 are Margie Burciaga, Tina Cannon, Mandy Dealey, Sheri Gallo, Matt Lamon, Jason Meeker, Robert Thomas, and Bill Worsham.

Below is a list of upcoming relevant dates.

September 5, 2014	First day to apply (by mail or by fax) for an early ballot to be voted by mail
October 2, 2014	NWACA District 10 Candidate Forum, Dell Jewish Community Campus; 6:30 PM [see article about this elsewhere in the newsletter]
October 6, 2014	Voter-registration deadline to be eligible to vote in the 2014 City Council election
October 17, 2014	City Council candidate videotaped 5-minute statements begin airing on ATNX and City of Austin web site
October 20, 2014	City Council candidate responses to League of Women Voters questionnaire available on City web site and at City public libraries
October 20, 2014	First day of early voting in person
October 24, 2014	Last day to apply (by mail or by fax) for an early ballot to vote by mail
October 31, 2014	Last day of early voting in person
November 4, 2014	Election Day
December 1-16, 2014	If a runoff is necessary, it will be announced on November 18, 2014 and voting will take place December 1-16, 2014
January 6, 2015	New Council members take office and determine which of them will serve 2-year terms, and which will serve 4-year terms, so that Council Member tenures are staggered going forward

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.

"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.

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-p1csrprodcwi.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:

- Zoning concerns
- 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).
- 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 |