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MESSAGE FROM THE NWACA BOARD PRESIDENT

- Joyce Statz

If there's a theme to this issue of the newsletter, it is "NWACA is working to preserve our quality of life." There is a status report on the proposed Austin Oaks PUD. At this point, the City staff is still working through its review questions and comments with the applicant, but what we can all do now is express our concerns to City staff and City Council members.

Another article in the newsletter describes a wildfire that occurred in Stillhouse Hollow Preserve at the end of August. It gives us a wakeup call about being prepared, so that our homes are hardened against a wildfire occurrence that might get out of hand. Please read and heed the advice there.

NWACA will be holding a District 10 Candidate Forum on Thursday, October 2. There are also many other forums being held throughout the City, if you're unable to attend ours. The Chronicle maintains a list for Council and Mayoral forums here: <http://www.austinchronicle.com/elections/candidate-forums/> This is a very important election for all of us, as we look forward to having local representation on City Council. Please attend a forum and get to know the candidates, so you can make an informed vote in the upcoming election.

Tuesday, October 7 is National Night Out, a time to gather with neighbors on your street to get to know each other and to strengthen neighborhood relationships with our first responders: police officers, fire department, and EMS. If your street hasn't already organized a Neighborhood Watch, now is a good time to start!

NWACA and NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Date	Location	Event
Oct 1, 8AM	Kneaded Pleasures	Monthly Meeting of NWACA Communications Committee
Oct 1, 7PM	6500 Santolina Cove	Bi-Monthly Meeting of NWACA Wildlife Management Committee
Oct 2, 8AM	Kneaded Pleasures	NWACA Membership/Sponsorship Committee Monthly Meeting
Oct 2, 6:30-8:30 PM	Dell Jewish Community Campus	NWACA District 10 Council Candidate Forum – Community Hall
Oct 4, 1 PM	TBD	Monthly Meeting of NWACA Zoning Committee
Oct 5, 2 PM	Kneaded Pleasures	Monthly Meeting of NWACA Parks Committee
Oct 7, 7PM	Throughout NWACA	National Night Out in Texas
Oct 8, 6:30 PM	Mangia Pizza	NWACA Monthly Board Meeting
Oct 14, 6:30PM	McCallum High	APD Region 1 Commander’s Forum (see article below)
Nov 2, noon – 4PM	Dell Jewish Community Campus	Snout by Snoutwest – celebration of bond between humans and dogs – demonstrations, live music, information

DISTRICT 10 COUNCIL CANDIDATE FORUM – OCTOBER 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
- Dell Jewish Community Campus, 7300 Hart Lane
- Community Hall

All candidates plan to attend: Margie Burciaga, Tina Cannon, Mandy Dealey, Sheri Gallo, Matt Lamon, Jason Meeker, Robert Thomas, and Bill Worsham.

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

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATES - Cuatro Groos

In the last several months, we’ve experienced incidents like these in our neighborhood:

1. Mountainclimb - two burglaries on Mountainclimb Drive - one attempted burglary of items from within an automobile in June and one successful burglary of power tools from carport storage on July 6th at 3:45am. The July burglary captured three individuals on videotape. The videotape has been provided to APD.
2. Neighbors on Chimney Corners reported a suspicious vehicle [recently], seeming to case the area. [Later,] neighbors in the area saw the same vehicle and called APD. When APD arrived, they caught the guy trying to break into a car and arrested him. He had apparently approached two young women to try and sell them drugs not long before that. Watchful neighbors trusted their instincts, called it in, and made a difference.

Tuesday, October 7 is National Night Out, and we encourage you to gather with the neighbors on your street and talk about how to make your street safe. If you haven’t already established a Neighborhood Watch group for your street, contact us at nwacainfo@gmail.com . We’ll come and provide training and all the materials you need to keep watch over your area and prevent criminals from wreaking havoc.

CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN AT THE HIGHLAND PARK ELEMENTARY HOOT!

- Becca Stephens



Come dress in your Halloween costume and enjoy the games, booths, the famous cakewalk, moonwalks, haunted house, food, and much more!

The Hoot is the annual Highland Park Elementary fall carnival. Everyone in the neighborhood is invited!

DOSS HALLOWEEN EVENT *H'Owl 2014: Saturday at the Matinee.*

- Dandre Whitehead

The annual Doss H'Owl 2014, "Saturday at the Matinee" is coming soon:

- **Saturday, October 25**
- **2 to 5 p.m**
- **Doss Elementary School Campus.**

This community event is a day of games, friends, food and fun! Tickets, t-shirts and other items go on sale in early October. Please check the Doss website www.dosspta.org for information on early ticket prices and t-shirt sales! See you at the H'Owl!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT DOSS – THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

- Jen Despins

Doss Elementary is our neighborhood Blue Ribbon elementary school and serves our neighborhood children from pre-kindergarten through 5th grade. It currently has an enrollment of over 900 students!

We have a perfect opportunity for those with a little bit of time to help our neighborhood school!

- **Reading:** Do you love to read? Help out in Doss' Read Naturally program by coming in to read with a small group of students each week.
- **Mentoring:** Doss is seeking mentors to form relationships with children in our community who could use another adult role model. We are seeking people who can commit to either a once a week lunchtime commitment, or a once a month commitment - only 8 school year meetings.
- **Gardening:** Have a green thumb and a love for nature? Help is needed in caring for plants in our beloved Debbie Brink Atrium, as well as our OWL (Outdoor Wildlife Learning) Center. If you are handy with basic gardening tools or know about native plants, these "hands on" spaces will grow on you.
- **Administrative Help:** Can you spare some time helping in our office? Our school has grown tremendously and the nicest people you'll ever meet in our front office could use some help. Simple filing, copying and answering phones.
- **Cafeteria Monitors:** Help in the cafeteria is always needed during our lunchtime. Our lunchtime begins at 10:30 and goes until 1:00pm.
- **Handy?** Doss needs a fresh coat of paint! Looking for volunteers to help paint some benches and railings as well as some other light handy work around the campus.
- **Library Assistance:** Help shelve books, and help the children check out their weekly library books.

And we've made it easy to sign-up. Simply follow this link to sign-up: <http://www.dosspta.org/pta/volunteer/> or go to the Doss PTA website at www.dosspta.org and click "Sign Up: Volunteer @ Doss". Or contact Jen Despins, NWACA Board Member and Doss PTA Exec Board Member and Mom at jdespins@gmail.com.

JOIN NWACA AT SNOOT BY SNOOTWEST – Sunday, November 2

- Rebecca Leightman

JCC Austin celebrates the special bond between humans and dogs with Snout by Snoutwest. While dogs are not typically allowed on the campus (other than service animals), this special event welcomes all friendly pups on leashes with current vaccinations. (The only pets at this event are dogs.) Pet-free humans are also welcome!

Sunday, November 2 from 12-4 PM. (Rain date: November 9)

7300 Hart Lane, Austin TX 78731 (512)735-8000

- Obedience demonstrations
- Live music
- Dog treats
- Doggie wading pools
- Rescue groups and local shelters will have dogs available for adoptions
- Food and snacks for purchase
- Bounce house for kids

\$5 for Adults, FREE for Kids and Dogs! 12-4 PM. A portion of the proceeds will benefit **Therapy Pet Pals**.

Interested in volunteer opportunities? Have a high schooler needing service hours? Register to volunteer at

<http://www.shalomaustin.org/page.aspx?pid=957>

CodeNEXT: EVOLUTION OF OUR LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE - David Whitworth, Zoning Committee

As the evolution of Austin's Land Development Code continues, these elements are the focus at this time.

Code Approach

The CodeNext consultant has submitted three "Code Approach Alternatives" to revising our land development code known as: #1 "The brisk sweep," #2 "The deep clean," and #3 "The Complete Makeover." The consultant has already recommended going with #2. This is a hybrid of cleaning up our existing code with appropriate changes, and incorporating "form based code" where appropriate. A mapping stage comes at the end of the process where it will be determined which areas will be most impacted by entitlement revisions to the code. Then it will go to council for a vote. This entire process is guided by the goals in Imagine Austin and is an attempt at facilitating those goals where current code does not support them. The alternatives are described in this report:

http://austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Planning/CodeNEXT/ALDC_CodeApproachesReport_090314_small.pdf

Some ways to measure code improvements could be people's ability to live near work, less traffic congestion, higher rates of public transit use, central school enrollments, cost of living and a reversal of family migration as measured by the city demographer.

Development Review Process:

The city has also hired the Zucker Group in a separate contract to improve our development review process. Zucker is a management consultant that works with municipalities, and the goal is to improve the usability of the development review process for staff, private citizens, and the business community.

Some ways to measure development review improvements could be through staff surveys, staff performance reviews, staff turnover rate, permit review duration periods, permit center wait times, inspection wait times, and lower expenses in terms of holding costs and clear outcomes for development in Austin.

To monitor the ongoing activity with the Land Development Code, see this City web site:

<http://www.austintexas.gov/codenext>

The Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan that underpins these efforts can be found online here:

<http://www.austintexas.gov/department/our-plan-future>

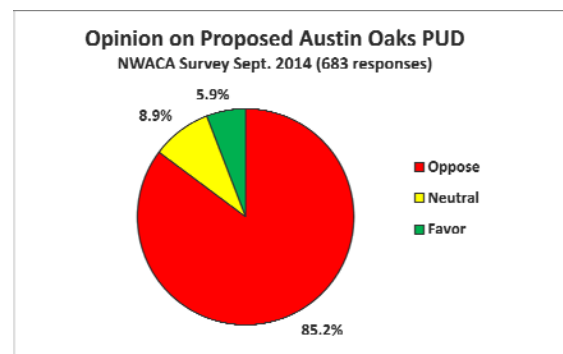
UPDATE ON AUSTIN OAKS PUD - Shannon Meroney and Joyce Statz, PUD Ad Hoc Committee Chairs

In our last newsletter, we described the Community Meeting about the proposed PUD that was held on August 19th, and we invited you to take part in a NWACA-wide survey. That survey gathered your opinion about the PUD, as well as providing the NWACA Board with your input on the issues that are topmost in your mind – both local neighborhood issues and City-wide civic issues.

We had a terrific response to the survey – 683 people participated! A summary of the issues input will be posted to our web site, and, like last year’s survey, it will be used by the Board as direction for the coming year.

The first question on the survey asked for the respondent’s opinion about the proposed PUD. The chart to the right shows the breakdown of opinions.

Based on these survey results as well as the feedback received at the August meeting, the NWACA Board voted unanimously to oppose PUD Re-zoning Application for Austin Oaks as currently proposed. That vote has been conveyed to all City Council members and to City staff in the Planning and Development Review Department. (The full resolution can be found on the NWACA web site.)



NWACA has also been in contact with the City staff, sharing our concerns about this application. With the survey results and this resolution, the NWACA Board will continue to vigorously oppose this PUD application with City staff, the Zoning and Platting Commission, and City Council, as the case proceeds.

We learned this week that the Bryker Woods Neighborhood Association has also voted to oppose the PUD application. That makes 5 neighborhood associations that have done so; none in favor. (NWACA, Allandale, North Shoal Creek, and Balcones Civic Association are the others.)

Going forward, we will continue to provide updates in the newsletter and through our email list. We will also use a new Facebook page – *NWACA Austin Oaks PUD Info* - to communicate developments on the PUD rezoning application. If you are on Facebook, please join this page and encourage interested neighbors to do the same.

If you haven’t yet done so, you can send your comments about the proposed PUD to the Planning and Development Review case manager lee.heckman@austintexas.gov and to all City Council members at this link: <http://austintexas.gov/mail/all-council-members> . Ask that the message you send to Lee Heckman be included in the backup for the Zoning and Platting Commission and City Council hearings. The discussion about development on this property is likely to go on for some time. We don’t yet have dates for what is happening in the near term. City staff still has several areas of review outstanding, which need to be completed before the next step in the process: a review by the Environmental Board, after which the applicant can again respond to City staff comments, which can result in further discussion. After this, a public hearing will be scheduled with Zoning and Platting Commission, where we can express our concerns. Two to four weeks after that, the matter could go to City Council, where again a public hearing is held and we can testify.

WILDFIRE AT STILLHOUSE HOLLOW – BE PREPARED

- Joyce Statz

About 2000 NWACA homes within a half mile of Stillhouse Hollow Preserve received a postcard from the Wildfire Division of the Austin Fire Department (AFD) last week, with the message at the right on one side of the card. Our homes are the ones that were in the “ember zone” of that fire – if the canopy had ignited.

It reminds us that wildfires happen not only in California or Colorado, but right here in NWACA!



Sunday evening, August 31, there was a fire in the Stillhouse Hollow Preserve which destroyed the observation deck; only the cement support posts remain. Thankfully, little vegetation ignited, since the fire occurred in this particular area, where there are springs and the surrounding area was quite moist.

Quick action by our local fire department and the Wildfire Division prevented this fire from reaching homes in our neighborhood. The origin of the fire is still unknown, and AFD is asking for our help to find the cause.



A question that has been raised by neighbors near this fire is “How can we find out what’s going on?” Neither 3-1-1 nor 9-1-1 has the capacity to carry current information on all such incidents. Here are some sources:

- AFD has a Twitter feed, @Austinfireinfo, on which all fire events are communicated, so residents using Twitter can follow that feed for information.
- News outlets are another source, though they may lag the event.
- Austin’s Homeland Security site: <http://austintexas.gov/department/hsem> has emergency information of several types. Data on active Austin Fire Incidents is updated every 3 minutes.

In case there is a need for evacuation because of a wildfire, AFD will use the emergency notification system that goes through the 9-1-1 registry. All land lines are covered by 9-1-1. To have your cell phone included for such emergency contact, register here: http://www.co.travis.tx.us/emergency_services/ens_cell_phones.asp

The postcard provides three simple steps to take:

- Develop and practice a family evacuation plan (see <http://tinyurl.com/AustinRSG> for details)
- Harden your home against a wildfire (more at www.firewise.org)
- Be part of the solution (see information about wildfire prevention at www.nwaca.org)

Another part of the solution is to sign up now for your free home wildfire risk assessment. Certified assessors will walk your property with you, so you know how to harden your home. It takes less than an hour of your time. To arrange for an assessment, 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 at: NWACA, P.O. Box 26654, Austin, TX 78755.

CITY COYOTE POLICY CHANGES PROPOSED

- Jennifer Hopper and Carolyn Abernathy

The City of Austin's Animal Advisory Commission is considering a proposal that, if passed as is, would result in significant changes to the current coyote management policy. The current policy allows for a graduated response matrix based on a scale defined by local wildlife biologists; included in that is removal of aggressive coyotes. The change being proposed is for a different graduated response, created with the goal of extending Austin's no-kill initiative (currently in place for dogs and cats) to all of Austin's wildlife. Those advocating to extend the no-kill policy to coyotes have proposed that the removal of aggressive coyotes be limited exclusively to coyotes who have made attacks on humans. Attacks on pets, even an attack on a pet on your property off-leash would be considered incidents. An attack on a pet that is on leash would be considered an encounter. Pack roaming during daylight hours, tracking people, and multiple attacks on pets reported throughout the neighborhood would be considered normal coyote behavior.

Additionally, those advocating for changes in the coyote management policy want to eliminate all but one option for coyote removal. As part of their proposed plan, the only allowable option for coyote removal would be with the use of box traps. Unfortunately, the use of box traps is generally considered to be an ineffective approach for coyote capture.

NWACA representatives have requested that The Animal Advisory Commission move to keep a response scale very close to the prior one, with no constraints on the removal methods, asking only that the wildlife biologist's approach will reflect current best humane practices. Currently, an average of 10 coyote a year are captured and removed throughout all of Austin. We believe that educating the public about coyote hazing, and removing food sources for all wild animals will be effective in keeping our coyotes from becoming aggressive in the first place. However, when coyote behaviors reflect a loss of fear of humans and occasionally become a threat to the safety of citizens and pets, an effective option for removal must remain an option.

NWACA needs your help! If you have personal experiences and concerns about coyotes in our neighborhood please plan to attend the next meeting of the Animal Advisory Commission at 6 PM on October 8th, at the Austin Animal Center at 7201 Levander Loop. A second meeting will occur with the Public Health and Human Services Committee on October 21st at 3 PM at City Hall. We especially need your testimony if you've witnessed attacks by coyotes.

FALL AND WINTER TREE MAINTENANCE

- John Warden

If you've been in NWACA for any time you're well aware of the association's Prevent Oak Wilt campaign, especially the "Do Not Prune Oaks Feb-June" message. The past year's newsletters have discussed proper methods for *when it's safe* to prune your oaks; removal of invasive trees and plants that can out-compete your prized trees; and multi-year planning for tree maintenance including removal and replacement. Do you have new neighbors on your block? If so, part of neighboring might be to share NWACA's decades-long focus on the value of your neighborhood's trees. Some common mistakes among new homeowners not familiar with the risk and cost of oak wilt can be avoided, beginning with a friendly conversation on Fall and Winter maintenance and planning for healthy trees year-round. And don't forget to mention the benefits of your NWACA membership!

FREE TREES TO AUSTIN ENERGY CUSTOMERS (THAT'S US!)

- TreeFolks

TreeFolks is a central Texas charity that promotes comprehensive urban forestry practices. They are now offering free trees to Austin Energy customers through 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 more information, see this link:

<http://www.treefolks.org/neighborwoods/>

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 August 22st, 2014 and September 25th, 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.

• Robert Bracewell	• Margo and Mike Buckner
• Yisi Cao	• April Lorren McCormack
• Nancy and Sam Sutherland	• Diane and Mike Wheeler
• Melanie and David Wilkes	

NOMINATIONS FOR STATE POET LAUREATE, STATE MUSICIAN, STATE ARTISTS –Texas Comm. On Arts

AUSTIN, Texas – September 2, 2014 – The Texas Commission on the Arts (TCA) is seeking nominations for the positions of 2015 and 2016 State Poet Laureate, State Musician, State Artist two-dimensional media (e.g., painting, photography), and State Artist three-dimensional media (e.g., sculpture).

All Texas citizens are encouraged to make nominations, and self-nominations are encouraged. The nomination form and complete information are available online at <http://www.arts.texas.gov/initiatives/texas-state-artist/>. The deadline for Texas State Artists nominations is October 15, 2014.

All qualified nominees must be native Texans or five-year residents of the state. Candidates must have received recognition for high levels of excellence and success in their respective disciplines. They also must have received critical reviews in state, regional or national publications.

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!

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

Late summer into fall, people may notice tiny insects that are mottled grayish-brown collecting near windows, especially if hackberry trees are nearby. Hackberry psyllids (pronounced sill-ids) look like tiny cicadas and are actually closely related to them. Adults are about 1/8 inch long.

Another name for hackberry psyllids is hackberry nipple gall maker. Adults lay their eggs on hackberry leaves in the spring. When eggs hatch, the psyllid feeds on the leaf and the leaf responds by developing a small pocket around the insect. The pocket is called a gall. Hackberry trees do not show long term damage from the galls or feeding of the psyllids, but the galls can make the tree unsightly.

These insects are not harmful to humans or companion animals. In the fall, the insects are searching for overwintering sites. They normally overwinter under the bark of trees, but sometimes they will utilize whatever crack or crevice they can find. This, along with the psyllids being attract to lights at night, can lead them near doors and windows and sometimes they end up inside the home.

To manage fall invasion of hackberry psyllids:

- Use fine mesh (18) screening
- Reduce outdoor lighting or use bulbs that are less attractive to insects
- Use sealant to seal cracks and crevices

Insects that find their way indoors can be vacuumed up.

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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"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.

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 14, 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, November 4, 2014 - 6-8:30 p.m. - GAMA 8801 Research Blvd Suite 100.

To help you see which of these forums serves your street, please see the maps that are on the Crime and Safety Committee page at our web site: www.nwaca.org

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!

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** 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 |