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### MESSAGE FROM THE NWACA BOARD PRESIDENT

- Joyce Statz

As we all know, we're in the final phase of our City elections, so please cast your ballot, and then consider how to be involved in Austin's new approach to governance. As our District 10 Council Member gets established, she will name people to the dozens of boards and commissions that support us in Austin. Think about the areas in which you or a friend can bring your expertise to bear – from A (Animals) to Z (Zoning). While the collection is undergoing some restructuring, you can see the current list of possibilities at this City web page: <http://www.austintexas.gov/department/boards-and-commissions>

The Austin Fire Department is one of the first offering a district-based opportunity to serve, though it's not through our Council Member. Austin Fire Chief Rhoda Mae Kerr is forming a Community Risk Reduction Advisory Board, composed of one community representative per district. See the Announcements and News section of the NWACA web site home page for more information – and if you're interested, apply by December 12<sup>th</sup>.

As we close out the year, I want to thank our NWACA Board for the fabulous job everyone's done this year. A list of the events and services they have provided fills pages and pages! We did a quick gathering of the amount of time these 21 people have collectively spent on NWACA work this year - it's about 2800 hours! Well done!

We're pleased to announce a new member of the Board, John Sepehri, as we go into 2015. John's been an active member of our Civic Engagement Committee, and it's great to have his energy on the Board. Welcome, John!

## NWACA and NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Date	Location	Event
Dec. 7, 2:00 PM	Kneaded Pleasures	Monthly Meeting of NWACA Parks Committee
Dec. 10, 8AM	Kneaded Pleasures	Monthly Meeting of NWACA Communications Committee
Dec. 10, 7PM	5305 Valburn Circle	Bi-Monthly Meeting of NWACA Wildlife Management Committee
Dec. 20, 8-10 AM	Doss Elementary School Parking Lot	Recycling the Tough Stuff: BOPA (Batteries, Oil, Paint, Antifreeze) – see article below

## NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS NEWS

- Jen Despina

It's December and here in Austin it's a really fun time to be a kid! There are so many festivals and things to do with children throughout this month. Here are some for you to think about:

### **Trail of Lights**

This year the Trail of Lights will run from December 7<sup>th</sup> through December 21<sup>st</sup>. You can also buy FastPass tickets - no lines and an early non-crowded entry. For the first time this year there will be a ferris wheel too! So fun! Check out [www.austrintrailoflights.org](http://www.austrintrailoflights.org)

### **Holiday Stroll**

Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup> the tree at the Capitol will be lit. At 6pm the caroling begins, at 7pm the tree is lit, and after that stroll down Congress Avenue where shops stay open late and there are many activities featured. Check out <http://www.downtownaustin.com/holiday-stroll>

### **Round Rock Holiday Lights**

Want to see some fantastic holiday lights from your own car? Drive up to Round Rock for a spectacular drive through show with over 2 million lights over 1.5 mile path that you drive through. Running from December 1<sup>st</sup> through December 20<sup>th</sup> at Old Settlers Park. Word to the wise - the line can be 2 hours long. Pick your times accordingly! <http://www.roundrocktexas.gov/RocknLights>

Want to give back this Holiday Season? Check out this blog for several local organizations that can use some help this season: <http://do512blog.com/2014/11/25/ways-to-give-back-this-holiday-season-in-austin/>.

**December also means school is out! AISD is out for winter break beginning on Friday December 19<sup>th</sup> through Friday January 2<sup>nd</sup>, with all students returning Monday January 5<sup>th</sup>.**

An update: in last month's column we neglected to mention the \$150 donation NWACA made to Murchison's fundraiser along with all the other schools we supported in 2014. Sincere apologies!

## WATER BILL SETTING PERIOD IS WINTER

- Austin Water Utility

The wastewater average on your City utility bill represents the estimated amount of wastewater discharged into the sanitary sewer system. It is a cap on the volume of wastewater you will be billed each month. Each year, the Austin Water utility uses a low watering period in winter to set the wastewater charge for the coming year. The period used for the computation varies by location in the City. To find out the period of time used for your home, go to this web site: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/water/wwaverage/wwaverage.cfm> and enter the requested information from your last utility bill. You'll be provided the 90-day period during which your water use will be monitored for future billing purposes. During this 90-day period, you'll want to economize on optional water uses, of course.

This update was released by the NWACA Board on November 24<sup>th</sup>, as part of our ongoing communication to our community regarding the Austin Oaks PUD:

To date, we have:

1. Conducted a Community Forum on the Austin Oaks (AO) PUD.
2. Conducted a survey to get the community's input on the AO PUD application.
3. Passed a NWACA resolution in opposition to the AO PUD, consistent with the survey results.
4. Communicated our resolution in opposition to the City staff and discussed our concerns with City staff.
5. Communicated NWACA's opposition to the AO PUD to the AO owner and the Drenner Group.

The Drenner Group asked for a meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup> with the leaders of the four neighborhood associations that border the Austin Oaks property to provide an initial response to the concerns raised by NWACA. In that meeting, the Drenner Group outlined various concepts and provided various documents, some related to the existing application and some relating to their possible subsequent proposal. NWACA heard the comments and:

1. Made clear that any proposal would have to be in writing, and preferably provide a consolidated comparison with the original application.
2. Made clear that NWACA was only listening to their comments and that any proposal would have to be taken back to the NWACA Board and distributed to the community for community deliberation and input.
3. Any proposal would have to again be discussed in an open Community Forum.

Today we received a one page consolidated comparison of the original application and the proposed revisions. It (Austin Oaks PUD Evolution.doc) is posted, along with other documents provided from the November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, on our web site [www.nwaca.org](http://www.nwaca.org) We have asked if there are additional documents that would further detail or outline their proposal, and are awaiting a response. Some of the posted documents were explained to relate only to the original PUD application. We will provide to you any additional documents they send us.

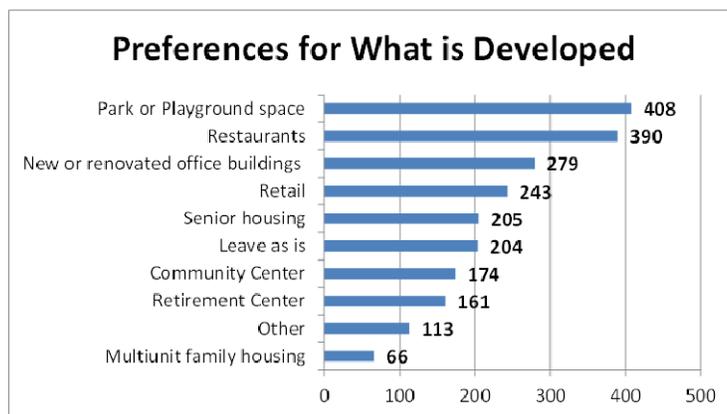
At this time, the NWACA Board:

1. Requests your feedback to this revised proposal concept.
2. Requests that all conversation remain respectful.
3. Will coordinate another Community Forum on the new proposal.
4. Will receive your feedback and develop a follow on survey to create a data supported response.
5. Will discuss all of the foregoing as a Board and develop the appropriate response.

Despite misinformation to the contrary, there is no negotiation process taking place. As representatives of NWACA, we are gathering and disseminating the information provided to us by the Drenner Group about changes they are proposing to make to their PUD Application. We will then gather the membership's feedback to this proposal and provide that to the Drenner Group in response.

As a reminder, back in September the neighborhood expressed these preferences IF Austin Oaks is indeed redeveloped, under current zoning restrictions or as a PUD. These results were based on 683 total responses to the survey.

Please send any comments to us at [nwacainfo@gmail.com](mailto:nwacainfo@gmail.com)



As we work on this, we appreciate the ongoing support of our NWACA members. If you haven't yet joined, or you haven't renewed yet in 2014, please do so. You can either complete and send the membership form at the end of this newsletter, or go to this link on our web site [Join NWACA](#)

Thank you very much for your support.

NWACA Board

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

At its last meeting, the Austin City Council voted 6-1 to adopt code approach #2 "the deep clean and reset" as the framework for revising Austin's land development code. The selection came with approved amendments from the dais "that the level of rewriting be as extensive as deemed necessary by Opticos Design (the City's consultant on this work), with as many appropriate opportunities to create by-right regulations; that there will be a focus on green infrastructure and sustainable water resources; and that the team follow a three-step process with respect to the application of form-based code." The three steps are:

1. Opticos will implement form-based code in a small number of interested neighborhoods
2. Opticos will prepare staff to implement form-based code in additional neighborhoods
3. Opticos will prepare Council for implementing form-based code in a further number of appropriate neighborhoods or activity centers.

There are three basic facets of code: "by right," "customized code," and "discretionary." "By right" is where the code has clear criteria, and if an applicant meets the criteria they are automatically approved. "Customized code" is a PUD or a code that is written as a site-specific code for approval. "Discretionary" is when something is allowed by code, but staff has the discretion to decide where and when it is appropriate, based on defined conditions. Currently most of the development happening in Austin is heavily customized and discretionary which creates a complicated and expensive atmosphere as well as extremely late Council meetings. One of the main goals is to shift more review and approvals to the "by right" process. Council adopted a more extensive version of code approach #2, but many local organizations and commissions voted for code approach #3. Code approach #3 would have applied more broadly right out of the gate and been a more extensive rewrite. Code approach #2 will have more hurdles to clear in terms of where it will be applied, although Council did push Opticos to make the rewrite more extensive than the originally proposed #2.

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>

### END OF YEAR REMINDER

- NWACA Membership Committee



As you look around and do those "end of year, get the house in order" tasks, is there a NWACA task out there waiting for you? Did you remember to **renew** your membership this year? Now's the time to take action on those good intentions. Help keep your NWACA Board energized, so they continue to spend more than 2800 hours of their volunteer time per year helping you and the rest our community!

Either use the form at the end of this newsletter, or go online to this link: [Join NWACA](#) Thanks very much!

## IT'S ELECTION TIME AGAIN... PLEASE VOTE!

- Jen Despina, Civic Engagement Committee

NWACA's Civic Engagement Committee had a busy and successful election season. NWACA's bylaws prohibit us from endorsing any candidates or propositions. In order to benefit the neighborhood, NWACA formed the Civic Engagement Committee to give our neighbors information that will help them be better informed when they place their vote.

To this end, NWACA's Civic Engagement Committee hosted three election forums during this fall. First, we hosted all 8 District 10 City Council candidates in a forum with more than 200 attendees. NWACA also hosted a Proposition 1 Rail Bond and ACC Bond forum during which we had panels of speakers both for and against the bonds. Over 40 of our neighbors attended this forum. Lastly, we hosted Mandy Dealey and Sheri Gallo in a run-off forum prior to early voting in the Austin run-off election, during which 50 of our neighbors got to ask questions and listen to both candidates' answers.

We thank you for your interest this election season and look forward to continuing these forums during the next election cycle.

Early voting is in full swing through December 12th, and Election Day is December 16th. Please vote!

## RUNOFF ELECTION INFORMATION

- Civic Engagement Committee

Video interviews by KLRU, in collaboration with the Annette Straus Institute and leadership Austin:

<http://www.klru.org/episode/civic-summit/>

The videos from the November 21<sup>st</sup> forum conducted by the City of Austin Ethics Commission, moderated by the League of Women's Voters is here: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/11212014-546>

- Video 1 – candidates for districts 4 and 7
- Video 2 – candidates for districts 6 and 10
- Video 3 – candidates for districts 1 and 3
- Video 4 – candidates for district 8
- Video 5 – candidates for mayor

## VOLUNTEER FOR THE TREES

- John Warden

In early January a handful of volunteers will place NWACA's yard signs reminding everyone not to prune oak trees from February through June. The signs have been an important part of the Prevent Oak Wilt (POW) campaign in our neighborhoods for years. Volunteers move the signs weekly at their convenience, through June. **NWACA needs a few new volunteers** to tend two or three signs each during this year's campaign. To volunteer for this limited task, contact [nwacainfo@gmail.com](mailto:nwacainfo@gmail.com)

The POW signs are placed only in the yards of our neighbors who have consented, as part of NWACA's oak wilt awareness effort. A few additional yards have been 'recruited' this year so that a sign won't appear more than every third week at any location.

If you're new to the neighborhood, you might want to review the past year's newsletter articles explaining why it's not safe to prune live oaks or red oaks during February through June ([www.nwaca.org/newsletters](http://www.nwaca.org/newsletters)). In short, it exposes the trees to the greatest risk of oak wilt and it causes sucker growth that is not a natural addition to the tree canopy. New member or old, you can share a friendly reminder with your neighbors that any pruning of oaks should be completed by February 1st, since anyone's pruning mistake puts everyone's oaks at greater risk.

**COYOTE MANAGEMENT POLICY ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL - Wildlife Management Committee**

On November 20<sup>th</sup>, the Austin City Council adopted a new Coyote Management Policy, after more than a year’s work by a Coyote Working Group of the Animal Advisory Commission, and about six months of efforts by the NWACA Wildlife Committee to have the interests of our neighborhood incorporated into a policy that had been drafted without our involvement.

Between the initial draft and the final version of the policy, our committee attended many meetings, did a lot of background research, and canvassed the neighborhood on two key issues with the policy – the conditions under which coyotes could be removed, and constraints on the types of equipment used to remove them. The survey had overwhelming response to continue the proactive approach that has been used for the last 10 years, which was initially developed in response to a significant number of aggressive coyotes sighted in the NWACA area. Our concerns were also shared by City and County staff and personnel in Texas Wildlife Services, who implement the policy.

One of the Council aides did a great job of gaining consensus among the player on both sides of the issues, and the final version accommodated our concerns very well. The policy leaves the decisions about trapping methods to the professionals, and it provides a coyote response guide similar to the status quo. Like today, it’s not necessary for a coyote to bite a person or kill a pet in the presence of its owner to be considered for removal; other signs of aggressive behavior also can lead to removal. We wanted the guide to be more proactive about coyote presence on schoolyards and playgrounds, also triggering consideration of coyote removal. While we didn’t get that change, we’re assured by the Animal Center Director and her Deputy that when coyotes are appearing near children, there are enough other reports to trigger that consideration.

A key point, however, is that the 311 calls must be logged, so that there is such evidence. Thus, as we move into 2015, the Wildlife Management Committee will be providing educational materials about reporting coyote sightings and incidents. We will also educate the neighborhood on hazing methods and how to avoid attracting coyotes into the neighborhood. To get a head start, you might view the video at the link below. While it uses humor to make its points, this is a very helpful explanation of what it takes to effectively haze a coyote:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7MOnDlx71Q0>

*The committee wishes to especially thank Jennifer Hopper and Carolyn Abernathy for their talented and vigilant work on this issue, collaborating with members of other neighborhoods who also shared our concerns.*

**ZONING UPDATE – Overlook at Spicewood Springs - Joyce Statz**

Neighbors may recall a rezoning case that was active this summer for the property at 4920 Spicewood Springs Road, where the developer sought to have the property zoned General Office (GO), to be able to build a 20,000 square foot office building on 4.283 acres, which is expected to generate about 386 additional car trips per day on Spicewood Springs Road. Neighbors nearby objected to the additional traffic, the size of the building, and the setback from the road (wanting it to be further back). In addition, there were issues raised about impact on critical environmental features. That case was denied by City Council in August, after active involvement of the neighbors.

The property owners have returned with another rezoning request, this time for Limited Office (LO), with essentially the same building plan, but set back 10 feet further from the street because of LO requirements. This case is scheduled to be heard by the Zoning and Platting Commission in their December 16<sup>th</sup> meeting at City Hall (convenes at 6:00 PM). Concerned neighbors are encouraged to review the situation and provide their comments at the meeting or to the City’s Case Manager, Ms. Sherri Sirwaitis, at [sherri.sirwaitis@austintexas.gov](mailto:sherri.sirwaitis@austintexas.gov)

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Fund, or the Park Fund, between October 28<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>.

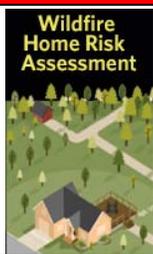
Donations to the Oak Wilt Fund provide financial assistance to property owners dealing with oak wilt. With this assistance, NWACA can reimburse forty percent of a pre-approved homeowner's expenses, up to a maximum \$1,000 reimbursement. NWACA policy requires that a property owner obtain an assessment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

Donations to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Fund help NWACA to host the best 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade in Austin! In 2015, we will be celebrating our 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual parade on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

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.

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| • Don Lovering          | • Martha Owen and Paul Forderhase |
| • Gail and Chris Sneden | • Mary Ellen Sullivan             |

## 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](http://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

## 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!

## "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](mailto:nwacainfo@gmail.com) or send us a message via U.S. mail.

## FIREWISE TIP OF THE MONTH – CWPPs FOR ALL OF US

- Joyce Statz

*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](http://www.nwaca.org) web site.*

This month our tip isn't really a piece of specific advice, but a bit of information about plans for making Central Texas more fire-adapted.

On November 14<sup>th</sup>, City and County officials signed the documents and joined members of the community in celebrating the release of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) for Austin and Travis County. After the awful wildfires of 2011, City Mayor Lee Leffingwell called for a joint task force to develop a plan for our area that would make sure that all communities in the area were well prepared for when the next wildfire hits. Using guidelines from the Texas Forest Service and stakeholders from throughout the area, the task force developed a 325-page set of guidelines (plus many more pages of supporting material) that can be used by professional firefighters, land managers, land developers, and neighborhood groups.

NWACA's Wildfire Prevention Committee began its CWPP for the NWACA area early in 2014, with guidance from the Wildfire Division of the Austin Fire Department, using results of a NWACA-wide wildfire risk assessment done by AFD. The draft has been slowly evolving, awaiting the release of this broader plan, so that the NWACA plan can leverage its specific advice. In 2015, this plan will be completed, so it can be used to address risks in our large green spaces, as well as our work with homeowners to minimize the risks to their property and families.

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

Are you on Facebook? Join our Facebook group at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/299472207877/> to be part of neighborhood conversations 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 at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/NWACA-Northwest-Austin-Civic-Association/563320463775985>

There is also a special-purpose Facebook group for information about the Austin Oaks PUD at this link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/213579268812724/>

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](mailto: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.

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

German cockroaches are most commonly found within homes and commercial food establishments, usually in the kitchen. The adults are about ½ inch long, tan, and have two dark stripes above the head. The females will carry the egg case protruding from the abdomen until the day before hatching. The nymphs, or baby cockroaches, look similar to the adults, but are smaller and without fully developed wings.

German cockroaches may enter buildings through infested boxes, grocery bags, furniture and dried pet food. They may also enter around loose-fitting doors and windows as well as through sewer lines, attics, and where pipes penetrate the structure. Cockroaches are associated with filth, but even well-maintained structures can become infested.



German cockroaches are active at night, and are usually only visible during the day if they are disturbed or there is a severe infestation. They like to rest in tight, dark spaces such as under or inside cupboards, behind loose baseboards or in bathrooms. They are omnivores, feeding on plant and animal products such as meats, starchy foods, baked goods, leather, book bindings and wallpaper paste.

Inspection is important to any cockroach control program. Identify the type of cockroach and their location. Eliminate indoor hiding places such as paper or cardboard. Sticky traps can help to reduce cockroach populations without the use of chemicals. Place traps

against walls near cockroach feeding and hiding areas.

Some type of chemical control will be needed to eliminate cockroach infestations. Baits are a combination of toxicants and food attractant. Baits should be placed in areas where cockroaches are known to feed. Residual sprays are available in ready-to-use containers or in concentrates that are mixed with water. Sprays are fast and easy to apply. Dust treatments should be used in cracks and crevices, wall voids, under refrigerators or around pipes. Dusts should be applied in a light, even coat that is barely visible. Do not apply dust or residual sprays to areas that have bait.

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](http://www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com)

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## 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](mailto: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:

- 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 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade (42<sup>nd</sup> 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) 4<sup>th</sup> 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               |