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MESSAGE FROM THE NWACA BOARD PRESIDENT

- Joyce Statz

The NWACA Board is looking forward to an exciting 2015, following up on a banner year in 2014. This year, we'll again have a series of events for the whole neighborhood – family-friendly events, the best 4th of July Parade in Austin, activities and work days in our parks, opportunities to recycle household waste, our annual neighborhood garage sales, seminars, and community meetings on current issues. We'll provide free wildfire risk assessments and help you set up Neighborhood Watch groups. We'll keep you informed about the PUD and other zoning issues that arise.

We'll keep you apprised of things happening in Austin and Travis County as well. This month, notice the Big Brush Pickup starting January 12th throughout NWACA – a great time to get rid of some wildfire fuel around your home.

Notice in the upper left of this page that we have a new NWACA logo, a result of the rebranding campaign of 2014. We asked you in May to give us your ideas about our neighborhood and what you most appreciate about it. We asked what words come to mind when you think about NWACA. Common responses were "home," "community," and "neighborhood." Those words and your other inputs were used by the designer, Debra Danziger, to develop a set of candidate logos, from which we chose the one we're introducing this month. We hope you like it as much as we do! Watch for our new web site in a few weeks, too, with a whole new look.

Thanks for giving us the opportunity to serve our fantastic community! We welcome you to participate with us throughout the year. Happy New Year, everyone!

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NWACA and NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR			
Date	Location	Event	
January 4, 2 PM	Kneaded Pleasures	Meeting of NWACA Parks Committee	
January 5, Noon	Mangia Pizza	Meeting of NWACA Zoning Committee	
January 7, 8 AM	Kneaded Pleasures	Communications Committee	
January 8, 8 AM	Kneaded Pleasures	Membership and Sponsorship Committee	
January 12	Throughout NWACA	City of Austin Big Brush Pickup	
January 14,	Mangia Pizza	NWACA Monthly Board Meeting	
6:30 – 8:30 PM	Meeting Room		
January 19	National Holiday	Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday	
February 2	Travis County	Filing deadline for 2014 property taxes (see article below)	

PROPERTY TAXES FOR 2014 DUE ON FEBRUARY 2

While our property taxes are generally due on January 31st, the deadline is extended this year since January 31st falls on Saturday. Taxes are due February 2nd, 2015. Penalty and interest beginning at 7% of the base tax will be added on February 3rd, 2015.

NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS NEWS

- Jen Despins

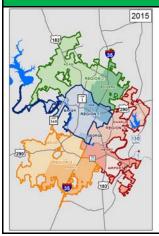
As we enjoy this busy month and travel through our neighborhood please also remember to SLOW DOWN, especially during the hours our children are going to and from school. Also, please keep in mind that some of our students have extracurricular activities and are traveling home after the crossing guards have gone home. Drive SLOWLY and please keep a watch out for these children that are trying to cross at the crosswalks.

School resumes very soon, on Monday, January 5.

Keep in mind that there is a student and staff holiday this month, in celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on January 19th.

NEW APD BOUNDARIES FOR NWACA

- Compiled from APD sources



On December 17, 2014, the Austin Police Department (APD) changed the boundaries of its patrol areas, and now all of NWACA is covered in the Baker area of Region 1, rather than being split into two areas as before. Here is a map of the four new APD regions, so that you see where all of them are located.

Our District Representative is Officer Darrell Grayson, who has been one of the two assigned to NWACA for several years. He can be reached at 512-974-5242 or by email at Darrell.grayson@austintexas.gov

Each APD region holds a quarterly Commander's Forum, where APD representatives discuss current issues and provide guidance about preventing crime. Dates for the meetings in 2015 are still being arranged. We will publicize them as they are set.

NEW HANDS-FREE LAW EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015 - Compiled by Rebecca Leightman



Starting January 1st, a new city ordinance is in effect that prohibits the use of electronic handheld devices while operating a vehicle or bicycle. Let's help make the roads in Northwest Hills the safest in Austin. The hands-free initiative aims to increase safety by decreasing distracted driving, which includes any activity that could divert a person's attention away from the primary task of driving.

Five things you need to know before Austin goes "hands-free:"

- 1. Drivers cannot use ANY mobile devices behind the wheel. The rules don't stop at cell phones. Use of IPods, mobile GPS navigators, electronic reading devices, and other specific mobile devices are also prohibited. Drivers and cyclists are allowed use of a hands-free system such as Bluetooth, headphones, or an affixed GPS system.
- 2. Software and gadgets can help you stay hands-free. Headsets aren't the only option.
- 3. The rules apply to bikes too.
- 4. You can use your cell phone in emergencies. You should continue to call 9-1-1 or 3-1-1 to report a crime or an accident. Even in an emergency situation, it is best to pull over and come to a complete stop before using or operating any mobile or hand-held device.
- 5. The cost of a ticket: up to \$500. Violation of this ordinance will be a class C misdemeanor.

Here are TxDOT reportable distracted driving statistics from 2011-2013:

Texas Statewide		Austin Area			
Crash Year	Fatalities	Total Crashes	Crash Year	Fatalities	Total Crashes
2011	415	83,729	2011	32	7,008
2012	472	90,958	2012	28	7,738
2013	463	95,283	2013	22	7,719

For more information about the hands-free law, visit www.austintexas.gov/handsfree

CAMPAIGN SIGN DISPOSAL

- John Warden

Campaign signs of corrugated plastic or plastic sheet should not be put in your recycling or trash bin. Team with a neighbor to take your signs and their steel stakes, along with household and lawn chemicals, fluorescent tubes, and paint thinners, to the City's Hazardous Waste Facility. Learn more at www.austintexas.gov/hhw.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL BOPA

- John Warden

Thanks to the NWACA and Balcones Civic Association volunteers who conducted the Fall Batteries /Oil /Paint /Antifreeze collection on December 20. We estimated about 1,200 pounds of these wastes were diverted from household trash and delivered to the City facility for recycling or proper disposal.

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

At the December 15th Code Advisory Group (CAG) meeting, Katherine Nicely sat for her first meeting as a CAG member after being selected to replace Chris Bradford. A presentation was made to the CAG on the "2014 Comprehensive Housing Market Analysis" which discussed trends in housing costs and availability for various demographics and income levels. Austin needs to improve in terms of abundant and affordable housing options. This could require changes to the land development code such as smaller allowable lots and increased density.

In related news, the Planning Commission could be voting soon on a resolution that "the existing neighborhood plans can be replicated with the new Land development code when the new code is applied in the code mapping process." This may be an effort to restrict land development code changes within existing neighborhood planning areas.

The 2014 Comprehensive Housing Market Analysis can be found here:

http://austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/NHCD/2014_Comprehensive_Housing_Market_Analysis_-Document reduced for web.pdf

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

ADOPT A PREVENT-OAK-WILT SIGN

- John Warden

In the next couple of weeks, NWACA volunteers will place a handful of Prevent Oak Wilt signs in our neighborhoods to remind everyone not to prune the oaks during the months of February through June. Each sign is moved weekly among three approved locations. Several additional **volunteers are needed** to tend three signs per person. If you can help with this easy but important task, please email info@nwaca.org or call John Warden, 420-9696.

PRUNING SEASON IS NOW

- John Warden

The best time for pruning of live oaks and red oaks, if needed, is November through January. The trees are dormant and the insects which can spread oak wilt are not around. Best of all, the City's large brush pickup begins mid-January for most of NWACA. To be sure your contractor understands proper pruning techniques and what your trees need, select an oak-wilt-certified arborist at www.texasoakwilt.org/find-a-vendor/certified-arborist.

UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED AUSTIN OAKS PUD

- PUD Ad Hoc Committee Chairs

On December 23, 2014, the NWACA Board sent the following update by email to all those on the NWACA mailing list:

"To keep you informed about the latest developments with the Austin Oaks PUD, we are forwarding a letter we received from Drenner Group yesterday. This is the promised summary of their current proposed approach. Most of the information here is what they provided and we relayed to you in November. The information about the trust fund has changed a bit, focusing now on financial assistance to area schools (item 3 in the letter).

The letter focuses on 9 areas, supported by the documents we forwarded to you on November 24:

- Traffic improvements (\$1M to \$1.4M signal and striping changes at intersections)
- Pedestrian safety improvements (enhanced crossings along Far West)
- Direct financial assistance to schools (trust fund)
- Offsite parkland improvements (Doss playground and Doss Park)
- Onsite parkland improvements (trail system and two-acre park at Austin Oaks)
- Guaranteed restaurant square footage (60,000 square feet)
- Decrease in multifamily units (from 610 to 300)
- Reduction in height (225 to 200 feet)
- Decreased density (1.6M square feet to 1.4M)

[The supporting documents] are posted, along with the new Drenner letter, on our web site www.nwaca.org along with other background material about this zoning case.

The NWACA Board and its Ad Hoc Committee on the Austin Oaks PUD are reviewing this material, and we will be back to you after the holidays for more discussion and feedback."

For those who are unable to access the internet, we will be happy to send you a copy of the December 22 letter from the Drenner Group. To request a copy, send a note to NWACA, P.O. Box 26654, Austin, TX 78755.

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 December 2, 2014 and December 31, 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! In 2015, we will be celebrating our 43nd Annual parade on July 4th.

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.

Mike and Margo Buckner	Don Lovering
Charlsie Underwood	Steve Wilson

LIVING WITH URBAN COYOTES – AN OVERVIEW

- Jennifer Hopper, Wildlife Committee

In November 2014, after a year's discussion among neighborhood groups and a working group of the Austin Animal Advisory Commission, the Austin City Council adopted a coyote management policy and a response matrix. A copy of the City Council resolution, policy, and response matrix is at www.nwaca.org in the Coyote Management References of the Wildlife Committee pages.

Throughout this year, the NWACA Wildlife Committee will provide education about how to minimize conflict with and damage from coyotes in our neighborhood. This first article is an overview, derived from the Kane County Animal Control Department website: http://www.co.kane.il.us/animalcontrol/CoexisitingWCoyotes.pdf Future articles will delve into more detail on key areas covered here.

Coyote are a permanent fixture in Northwest Austin and beyond. Seeing a coyote cross a field, backyard, or a road does not necessarily constitute a problem or dangerous situation, either for humans or domestic animals. Coyotes will be more active and more visible in late- winter/early spring during their breeding season. Most coyotes are harmless; their goal is to eat more natural foods such as mice and rabbits. However, coyotes are opportunistic. If coyotes see easy food – such as open garbage – and aren't afraid, they may take advantage. That puts them in direct line for a confrontation with pets. Studies have shown that attempts at eliminating all coyotes are not practical, economical or workable. When coyotes are removed others quickly move in. Hunting and trapping can help with aggressive coyote and works to instill and maintain the natural fear coyotes have for humans. However, removing all coyotes from an area is unrealistic and always temporary.

Some tips on living near coyotes:

- 1. Don't feed any wild animals such as raccoons or deer, which encourages coyotes as well. Garbage should be stored in secure containers. Do not put meat scraps in compost piles.
- 2. Remove bird feeders and outside pet food containers. Coyotes will prey upon small mammals that are attracted to birdseed and pet food.
- 3. Don't allow pets to run free and keep a watchful eye on them. Walk dogs on a leash, especially at night. Keep cats indoors at all times. Do not let pets out at night unless accompanied by a person. Don't leave cat or dog food outside.
- 4. Provide secure shelters for poultry, rabbits, or other outside pets.
- 5. Clear woodpiles, brush piles and other potential cover for coyotes. Secure garbage in areas where coyotes can't access it; keep yards clean of refuse and brush.
- 6. Don't leave small children outside unattended.
- 7. Reinforce the coyotes' natural fear of humans by turning on outside lights, making loud noises, throwing rocks and so forth. Be aggressive in your actions. Although the response may not be immediate, eventually the coyotes will flee.
- 8. Consider fencing your yard. Use a minimum height of 6 feet and bury the bottom at least six inches below ground level. Slant the top of the fence away from the enclosed area to prevent them from getting over the top.
- 9. Encourage your neighbors to follow the same advice.

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.

STILLHOUSE HOLLOW NATURE PRESERVE: REBIRTH AFTER THE FIRE

- Caroline Alexander

In late August 2014, the observation deck at Stillhouse Hollow caught fire and burned to the ground. Through heroic efforts of the Austin Fire Department, the fire was contained to just a small area around the deck. It was a narrow escape from what could have been a terrible disaster.

Since the fire, a number of improvements have been slated for the preserve. Through collaboration of the City of Austin, Austin Fire Department, and Texas A&M's Forest Service, a fuel reduction project is being conducted to protect the residential property around the preserve in the event of a wildfire. The project entails the removal of dead and downed woody fuels and the removal of lower limbs on live trees in the perimeter of the preserve.

In addition, the NWACA Parks Committee and the Friends of Stillhouse Hollow have secured a grant of up to \$13,550 from the Austin Parks Foundation to install benches, an information kiosk, and a butterfly garden at the preserve. The effort has been led by our neighbor and birding enthusiast, Janelle Medrano, and will be completed over the course of 2015.

Finally, the City of Austin has plans to replace the observation deck that burned. The timeline is uncertain, but we hope to see that project completed in 2015 as well.

If you are interested in becoming more involved at Stillhouse Hollow Nature Preserve, please join Friends of Stillhouse Hollow at https://groups.google.com/forum/#!aboutgroup/stillhouse-atx

HAPPENING BEYOND THE NEIGHBORHOOD – AUSTIN GARDENING IN DROUGHT CONDITIONS

Here is an event that a group has asked us to publicize to our neighbors.

Taught by a master gardener and member of the Austin Herb Society, this course covers such topics as using native plants, soil testing and improvement, mulching to prevent water loss, water conservation methods, herb cultivation and uses, and landscaping to protect your property from fires. Please bring \$3 for handouts. Limit 25.

Instructor: Lucinda Rudin

When: 10:00—Noon Mondays, Starts Feb. 16; 7 Class Meetings
Where: Northwest Recreation Center, 2913 Northland Drive (78757)

TUITION AND REGISTRATION

This course is sponsored by the **Lifetime Learning Institute (LLI)** of Austin, which provides non-credit classes to adults 50 years of age and over. Tuition for LLI courses is just **\$20 per course**. To register watch for the Spring, 2015 **LLI** catalog to appear on their website at www.lliaustin.org on January 9, or go to your nearest Austin-area library after January 9 for a copy.

CAN WE SEE YOU? CAN YOU SEE US?

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? Please remind your family and friends, as you are out walking and running in the street that you need to be facing the traffic. It's the law for a reason - it's the safe way!

Walk Left Run Left Be Seen Be Safe

On some of our streets, the best place to be is the sidewalk – even if you're not facing the traffic.

Be Saf
On streets that are marked for bicycles (perhaps also with a parking lane), there's too little space for walkers and bikes and cars; so use the sidewalk if one is available there.

When out at night on the street, please wear something reflective, to help drivers see you in the dark or dusk.

FIREWISE TIP OF THE MONTH – REMOVE THE BRUSH

- Al Simmons and 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 web site.

Throughout NWACA, a <u>biq brush pickup is scheduled to begin on January 12th</u>, so now's the time to pull out all that brush and those stacks of old logs and tree branches that are wildfire fuel around your home. Notice the City's instructions on the length restrictions for branches and tree trunks, as well as the details about where and how to stack things:

- Stack unbound brush in one row that is no more than 4 feet high and 15 feet across.
- Place brush at least 5 feet away from all other objects, with the cut ends facing the street.
- Cut trunks 3-8 inches in diameter to lengths no longer than 6 feet.
- Cut trunks over 8 inches in diameter to lengths no longer than 3 feet.

Do not

- Set out items for bulk collection, such as furniture, tires, or appliances.
- Set out bamboo or any vegetation with thorns
- Block sidewalks, mailboxes, or water meters
- Stack or lean brush against a fence, telephone connection box or under low-hanging limbs or wires
- Place brush in alleys

Organizing the effort can be as simple or as large as you want (depending on availability of people, tools and organization). For example:

- **SIZE 1.** one house/one yard/one homeowner doing the work
- **SIZE 2.** block long strip with five or so houses on each side of the street, i.e. 5 houses per side x 2 sides = 10 total/ 10 yards/10 homeowners and probably one professional landscape group to help
- **SIZE 3.** whole block party with 4 streets surrounding the block, thus 10 houses per side (x 4 streets = 40 houses/40 yards/as many homeowners as you can find/ and two to four professional landscape groups to help.

The key is having the right motivated person in-charge and having the time to organize the work party. In the next several weeks, it may be too difficult to organize the **SIZE** 3 effort, but that may be good for the mid-year big brush pickup. For now, perhaps a **SIZE 2** Block-Long group is workable, if you have a local organizer or HOA to lead the way.

This is a rare opportunity to minimize wildfire risk – don't let it pass by!

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 <u>Firewise Request</u> 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

FRUIT FLIES - Wizzie Brown

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

Fruit flies can become a problem at any time of year because they are attracted to ripe or fermenting fruit. Fruit flies can be brought into the home from ripe fruits or vegetables picked from the garden or items purchased at the grocery store.

Adults are small (about 1/8 of an inch) and usually have red eyes. The front portion of the body is tan while the back portion is dark brown or black. If given the opportunity, females can lay up to 500 eggs. Larvae feed near the surface of fermenting foods or other organic matter.



Prevention is the best way to deal with fruit flies. Do not purchase over ripened fruit or vegetables. Fruit and vegetables should be eaten in a timely manner or stored in the refrigerator. If storage in the refrigerator is not an option because you are ripening the item, place it in a paper bag and use a clothespin or chip clip to close the bag. All recyclables should be rinsed thoroughly before placing them into the recycling bin. The recycling bin and garbage can should be cleaned out on a regular basis to eliminate any spilled material.

To eliminate a fruit fly infestation, all sources must be located and eliminated. Insecticides will not help if sources are not eliminated. While searching and

eliminating breeding sources, a trap can be constructed to capture adult flies. Create a paper funnel by rolling notebook paper and place the funnel into a jar that contains a small amount of apple cider vinegar in the bottom.

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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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 . The bigger the group the more valuable the info!

CITY OF AUSTIN "SCOOP THE POOP" SIGNS AVAILABLE



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, APD, 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

The City also has a smartphone 311 app now. See this link for more information:

http://www.austintexas.gov/department/311/smart-phone-app

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 sc	chools?	_ Yes	No	
(Our monthly newsletter includes a schools	column, w	hich yo	ou might want to review.)	
Annual Dues:	\$25			
(Optional) 4 th 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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