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MESSAGE FROM THE NWACA BOARD PRESIDENT

- Joyce Statz

As we began the new year, your NWACA Board focused its January meeting on strategic planning for 2015. We reviewed the work we did in 2014 and set these as our key goals in serving you for 2015:

- Establish at least 25 Neighborhood Watches within NWACA, to help ensure that our homes are safe
- Advocate with local government entities on issues of importance and significance to the NWACA community
- Evolve the NWACA website to better support the growing needs of our vibrant community
- Care for, improve, and celebrate our parks and open spaces with work days and community events
- Raise awareness and provide at least 100 home wildfire risk assessments to minimize risk from fire
- Increase the number of neighbors in our community who are involved members of NWACA committees by 50%

We'll be reviewing progress on these quarterly, and we'll report on progress and any significant changes.

Your participation is critical to meeting these goals, of course!

- Volunteer to learn about getting your block into the Neighborhood Watch program – Cuatro and his team have all the materials, and they're ready to make it really easy for you!

- See the notice about *It's My Park Day* below and sign up; our parks need ongoing love and care.
- If you haven't yet had your home *Wildfire Risk Assessment*, sign up now. You want your home and yard to be safe from embers that float through from other fires, no matter what their origin.
- Join our committees, as they work on other issues and concerns for you. At this point, we especially need volunteers for the *Transportation* and the *Tree and Environment* Committees.

Go to our web site or send us email at nwacainfo@gmail.com and we'll get you connected to the right resources.

NWACA and NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Date	Location	Event
Feb. 1, 2-3 PM	Bull Creek Park	Little Helping Hands Work Day – <i>Parks Committee</i>
Feb. 2	Travis County	<i>Filing deadline for 2014 property taxes (normally Jan. 31st)</i>
Feb. 4, 8 AM	Kneaded Pleasures	NWACA Communications Committee
Feb. 4, 7 PM	5305 Valburn Circle	NWACA Wildlife Management Committee
Feb. 5, 8 AM	Kneaded Pleasures	Membership and Sponsorship Committee
Feb. 8, 2 PM	Kneaded Pleasures	NWACA Parks Committee
Feb. 9, Noon	Mangia Pizza	NWACA Zoning Committee
Feb.11, 6:30 – 8:30PM	Mangia Pizza	NWACA Monthly Board Meeting
Feb.16	<i>National Holiday</i>	<i>President's Day</i>
Mar. 7, 9 AM-noon	Stillhouse Hollow Nature Preserve	It's My Park Day; <u><i>see article below</i></u>
Mar. 7, 1-4 PM	Murchison Pool Park	It's My Park Day ; <u><i>see article below</i></u>

GIRLS KICKBALL LEAGUE REGISTRATION UNDERWAY

- Jennifer Owens

Northwest Austin (NWA) Kickball is now accepting registrations for our Spring Kickball season. NWA is a girls-only kickball league and has been providing girls with competitive/non-competitive kickball play for over 30 years. There are several divisions with players ranging from 4-18 years of age. Sign up individually or with a group of friends! Registration for older divisions ends Friday, February 6th and lower divisions ends Friday, February 13th.



REGISTER ONLINE at www.nwakickball.com or contact us at Info@nwakickball.com for more information.

League play begins in March and runs through the end of May. Most games are held on weekday evenings at our fields on Far West (Murchison Middle School). NWA Kickball is focused on providing a positive, safe environment for girls and young ladies to build SELF-CONFIDENCE, learn GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP, make NEW FRIENDS and most importantly, HAVE FUN!

Northwest Austin Kickball...where CHAMPIONS play!

TRASH CANS OUT OF SIGHT AND AWAY FROM THE CRITTERS?

- Public Service Notice

A neighbor reminds us that we need to put away our trash cans after the City has picked up the trash; sometimes these stay on the street for several days. Also we need to keep our trash cans secure from raccoons and other critters. That works best when they are securely fastened and are stored in the garage or behind a fence. That's also a good way to keep them out of sight, so we all can enjoy the beautiful landscapes and surroundings in our neighborhood.

CodeNEXT UPDATE: EVOLVING LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE - David Whitworth, Zoning Committee

The CAG (Code Advisory Group) will break down into three work groups focusing on 1)Code Issues for Affordability, 2)Infill, Compatibility, and Missing Middle Housing and 3)Obstacles for Small Business. Work Group meetings will take place for the next two months, with schedules available at <http://www.austintexas.gov/news/working-groups-focus-affordability-compatibility-small-business>

Work Group members will include a small number of CAG members each, with additional members invited from various boards and commissions. Public input will be limited after the meeting, although the CAG discussed at the last general meeting a need to better interact in real time with the stakeholders and experts that may be present for work group sessions.

Two additional stakeholder processes will be taking place during the coming months, not scheduled within the link above. They will cover Subdivision Ordinance and Green Infrastructure. The complete schedule is not out, but the Green Infrastructure work group will meet Jan 30th 12:30-2:00 at One Texas Center Rm 325.

Katherine Nicely sat for one CAG meeting as the new member before accepting a staff position with district 2 council member Delia Garza and stepping down to avoid conflicts of interest. The CAG approved a motion by Jim Duncan to recommend Planning Commissioner Nuria Zaragosa for the position should she still be available.

The CAG is set to terminate by the end of Sept. 2015. It may be abandoned, reconfigured, or extended by the new council. To be determined.

There is a draft resolution being discussed by the CAG that would require Opticos to "replicate" existing zoning as an option for future mapping. It would ultimately go up through Planning Commission for approval and recommendation to council. While this seems innocuous, it also raises a question about city charter. City charter requires zoning and code to facilitate the goals of the comprehensive plan. Freezing large swaths of existing zoning in place that does not facilitate the comprehensive plan could be counter to city charter. There currently exists a requirement in the comprehensive plan that any future zoning must "respect" the existing neighborhood plans. While this directive allows for zoning improvements that facilitate the goals of Imagine Austin, like less traffic and more affordability in Austin, it is also understood that zoning changes should be compatible, appropriate, and respect the existing character within the neighborhood plan boundaries. This all arises from the inherent difficulty of trying to create better zoning and mapping within a city that has already been built. The CAG decided to take up the issue again at a future meeting.

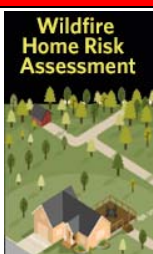
To monitor the ongoing activity with the Land Development Code, see this City web site:

<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>

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

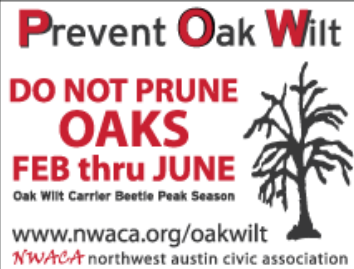


The NWACA Wildfire Prevention Committee can help you minimize the risk to your home from wildfire. Certified assessors are ready to do a free assessment of your home with you, so you know how to harden your home.

To arrange an assessment or to get more information about preventing wildfire, go to www.nwaca.org and click on the Firewise Request link on 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.

OAK WILT – WHAT’S THE BIG DEAL?

- John Warden, Tree and Environment Committee



If you prune your oak trees in February through June, you risk attracting insects that can spread oak wilt to your trees and threaten your neighbors' oaks as well. For more details, see "Oak Wilt 101" at www.nwaca.org. This link gets you to a collection of files about Oak Wilt:

www.nwaca.org/committee-overview/oak-wilt-committee-1/oak-wilt-files

NWACA MEMBERSHIP APPEAL

- Chris Hajdu, Membership Committee

We had a banner year with 800 households paying their NWACA dues during the 2014 calendar year. While we are very thankful for the tremendous showing of support, these 800 households represent less than 20% of the households in the NWACA boundary.

This month, challenge yourself to find a fellow neighbor who is not a current member and get them to join. If we all do this, we will have 1600 paying members in 2015.

Having discussions with your neighbors about NWACA can be a great way to ensure that everyone is involved in the future of the neighborhood. If you are asked what people get for their \$25 annual dues, here is a just a small subset of what NWACA does:

- Holds the best July 4th Parade in Austin, and probably the universe!
- Holds several family-friendly events throughout the year
- Supports vigorous education about Oak Wilt prevention and helps with Oak Wilt Remediation if necessary
- Provided several new picnic tables at Murchison Pool and holds numerous Park Cleanup activities
- Develops neighborhood watch groups and holds crime and safety forums
- Holds bond election and candidate forums during election periods
- Provides Household Waste (Battery, Oil, Paint and Antifreeze) drop-offs each year
- Produces and delivers a monthly, informative newsletter (yes, this one in your hand or on your computer!)
- Monitors zoning and development issues that affect the neighborhood (the PUD and others)
- Educates and supports us all on Wildlife, Wildfire and other issues that directly impact our area
- Provides about 3000 volunteer hours per year by the 22 NWACA board members that represent your neighborhood

It's easy to join NWACA. Have them go to <http://www.nwaca.org> and click on the "Join NWACA" link under the NWACA QuickLinks or pass along the membership form at the end of this newsletter.

CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDERS

- Membership Committee

For the past several years, membership renewal reminders have been coming to you in the same way your newsletter arrives – via U.S. mail if you have no email address on file with NWACA, and via email if you provide us with an email address. We are changing that process in February as we transition to handling our memberships with a new software system. You will now be receiving a renewal reminder in the form of an invoice from the software system. You'll be seeing essentially the same information requesting renewal of your membership, but in a new format.

Please contact us at nwacainfo@gmail.com if you have any questions. Thank you!

COYOTES: AVOIDING FOOD ATTRACTANTS - Carolyn Abernathy, Wildlife Management Committee

Throughout this year, the NWACA Wildlife Committee will provide education about how to minimize conflict with and damage from coyotes in our neighborhood. Each article will be archived on the NWACA web site for quick and easy access, in the Coyote References files of the Wildlife Management Committee.

Coyotes are opportunistic feeders (scavengers) and food sources are a major attractant in residential areas. Habituation of coyotes to human activity is directly linked to the availability of food resources, including the intentional and accidental feeding of wildlife.

For the safe enjoyment of our yards, parks, and playgrounds, NWACA encourages awareness of food attractants that may be available in your own yard.

If you feed birds:

- Position and monitor feeders so that coyotes and their prey (squirrels and rodents) cannot get to the seed.
- Keep seed from accumulating on the ground.
- Clean up after offering any bread and/or table scraps, as this attracts prey.

If you have fruit trees,

- Collect the dropped fruit and don't allow it to accumulate on the ground.

If you compost:

- Make sure compost is secure and that coyotes and their prey (squirrels and rodents) cannot access it.
- Avoid putting meat scraps in your compost.

If you have a pet:

- Feed your pet indoors.
- Store pet food indoors where wildlife cannot reach it.

If you feed wildlife:

- Professional literature encourages us NOT to feed wildlife (such as deer, raccoons, squirrels and rabbits). Many well-intentioned individuals do so out of kindness and concern for wildlife, without realizing that providing food is also attracting predators. Coyotes are highly attracted to your yard because of the presence of wildlife (their prey) - and they are passing through your neighbors' yards to get to yours. Quite simply put, the feeding of wildlife contributes to the habituation of coyotes in our residential area. This compromises the safe enjoyment of our yards, parks, and playgrounds for our pets and young children.

Garbage Storage: Please ensure your cans are enclosed if possible, and that lids are secure.

More information about food attractants and urban coyotes can be found at the following resources:

<http://www.austintexas.gov/department/coyotes-central-texas>

<http://go.usa.gov/Dzyj>; and <http://agrifecdn.tamu.edu/txwildlifeservices/files/2011/07/SuburbanCoyotes.pdf>

SAVE THE DATE – IT’S MY PARK DAY, MARCH 7

- Caroline Alexander, Parks Committee



In partnership with Austin Parks Foundation, the NWACA Parks Committee will be hosting two *It’s My Park Day* events on Saturday, March 7th. They are fun events – opportunities to meet your neighbors, get a free t-shirt, and beautify a park all in a 3-hour span. Who can beat that?

In the morning from 9 to 12, volunteers at **Stillhouse Hollow Nature Preserve** will be installing a butterfly garden, picking up trash, replacing rocks along the path, and generally improving the gateway to the preserve.

In the afternoon from 1 to 4, volunteers at **Murchison Pool** will be mulching trees, removing vines, picking up trash, and tidying up the park.

Please register to volunteer at <http://www.austinparks.org/> after February 2.

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 January 1, 2015 and January 25, 2015.

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 43rd 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.

• Cristina Adams and Christopher Wlezien	• Jean and Ewald Bunge
• Margaret Friese	• Craig Fulthorpe and Marjorie Mulanax
• Bill Hudspeth and Sheri Gallo	• Renate and David Hughart
• Joann Jentz	• Harvey Jones
• Sharon and Jeff Kerr	• Bobbi and Ernie Saulmon
• Evelyn and Gene Syrinek	• Charlsie Underwood
• Stephen Wilson	

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 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.

NWACA has been diligent over the past few years in getting the Austin Fire Department, the Texas Forest Service, the City of Austin, Travis County and others to educate all of us in the dangers of urban wildfire. We're learning how to protect our homes, our neighborhoods and our beautiful natural environment from ember storms, wind-blown fire and other natural dangers. Now it is time to discuss the closest danger.....our own homes and poor habits! Embers from a home fire are just as hazardous as those from a wildfire!

As you are probably aware, there have been several serious home fires (individual residences, apartments, condos, etc.) in Austin over the past few years, even some in NWACA boundaries, as recently as last week. Some of the causes of these fires are the fault of the occupants, some due to flaws within the systems of the house, some due to age of the home without proper maintenance and some from natural causes (such as lightning, extremely high winds, etc.). Many of these effects can be eliminated if addressed in a timely manner. We offer the following for your consideration.

First, consider energy systems: electricity (including solar), and natural gas. All of these systems can cause home fires if not installed properly, maintained properly and used properly. It is strongly recommended that you have a reliable electrician inspect your system once a year, particularly the electrical panel boards. Many homes have either copper wiring or aluminum wiring and some have a combination of the two; and they usually are found in the panel boards. The electrician should check all of the lug bolts for service lines coming into these boards and be sure they are tightened securely.

Do not overload individual electrical receptacles with multiple plugs, thus putting too many electrical appliances, etc. on a single receptacle. Bare electrical wires can cause fires and can usually be found in attic spaces, storage rooms and other cavities where rodents can find the wires and chew on them. If you find this happening, do two things: first, call your electrician to inspect and repair, and second, have a pest-control company inspect and treat your home.

Natural gas used by the City of Austin has a very distinct odor. If you use natural gas in your home and if you smell a very distinct odor in your home or around your home, call 311 and/or the gas company immediately and report this occurrence to them. They will come to your house and inspect for a leak. If you have an electric or gas hot water heater in your home, have it serviced once a year by a respectable service company.

The other major system in your home that should be installed properly, maintained properly and used properly is your heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system. The primary on-going maintenance for the HVAC system by a homeowner is to change the filters monthly or quarterly (Home Depot and Lowe's both have a wide assortment of HVAC filters). And it is recommended that you have the system inspected by a qualified company twice a year: once in the Spring and once in the Fall (getting ready for cooling in the Summer and heating in the Winter).

Almost every homeowner has a washer and dryer for doing their laundry. It is strongly suggested that you read and follow the manufacturer's maintenance instructions, particularly about cleaning lint from the dryer and the dryer exhaust outlet. There are other appliances in the home that also need to be cleaned regularly, such as refrigerator/freezers and ice makers, which draw air at the floor level and collect significant quantities of lint and "dust bunnies," both of which can be flammable.

Finally, any open flames such as candles and fireplaces are sources for having a fire and should be watched carefully. And everyone already knows about the dangers of smoking in bed.

SILVERFISH

- Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife

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

I recently noticed silverfish lurking in my house while handling holiday decorations, so I'm sure others may have the same problem. Silverfish can eat and stain books, fabrics, food and wallpaper but are often considered being more of a nuisance than a pest. These insects have flattened carrot-shaped bodies with three long "tails" that



come off the tip of the abdomen. The body is covered with fine scales that give them a silver sheen. Immature silverfish look just like the adults, but are smaller in size.

Usually silverfish are not seen by homeowners because they are most active at night. They can commonly be found in attics, closets or near bookcases. They may also be found behind baseboards or around door and window casings. Silverfish feed on starchy foods like paper, flour, oats or glue.

Tips for managing silverfish:

- Remove old books, papers, and magazines
- Store items in sealed, plastic bags or plastic containers with tight-fitting lids
- Clean closets on a regular basis - vacuum/sweep floors and wipe down any shelves
- Reduce humidity with fans, air conditioning or dehumidifiers
- Repair any water leaks
- Inspect all items before bringing them into the house
- Target treatments to where silverfish live - wall voids, closets, attics, behind baseboards, etc.

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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CONTACT INFORMATION FOR SHERI GALLO

- Public Service Notice

For your reference, if you would like to contact our District 10 City Council Member, Sheri Gallo, here are the contact details:

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APD COMMANDER'S FORUM DATES FOR 2015

- Public Service Notice

Dates have been set for the quarterly Commanders Forum for our area of Austin, Region 1, Central West and North Central. Here are the upcoming dates and meeting places for the meeting which cover all of NWACA, plus more neighborhoods:

- Tuesday, April 7, 2015 - 6:30 - 8 p.m. - McCallum High School, 5600 Sunshine Dr.
- Tuesday, July 7, 2015 - 6:30 - 8 p.m. - Cornerstone Church, 1101 Reinli St.
- Tuesday, October 13, 2015 - 6:30 - 8 p.m. - McCallum High School, 5600 Sunshine Dr

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!

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!

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



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 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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