



NORTHWEST AUSTIN
CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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NWACA Annual Meeting

May 8, 2013

Agenda and Welcome – Richard Anton

7:00 Welcome – Richard Anton, NWACA President

NWACA Overview and 2012-2013 Highlights

7:20 Themes for the Evening – Sandy Dochen

7:25 Northwest Hills – A Bit of History

Chuck Stahl, Barrow & Stahl, Architects; The Austin Corporation

7:45 Imagine Austin – Potential Impact on our Future

Steven Aleman, Past President, Austin Neighborhood Council

8:05 10-1 – What’s happening for NWACA?

Robert Thomas, Member of NWACA Board of Directors

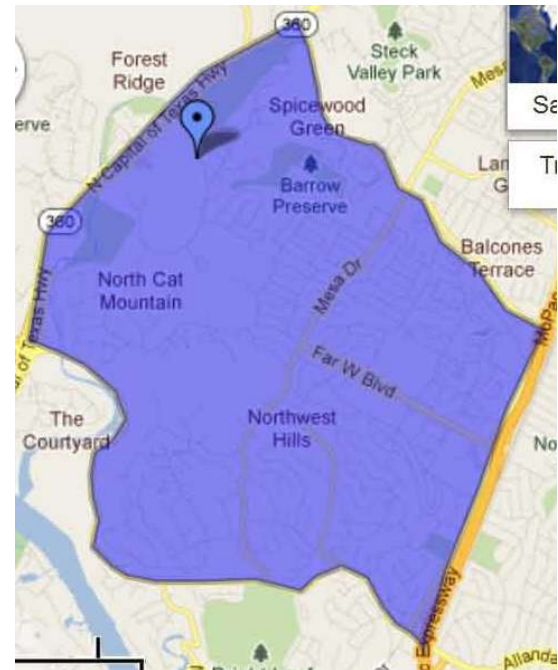
8:10 Preventing Wildfires with the Firewise Program

Captain Josh Portie, Firewise Program Coordinator, AFD

8:30 Visit with Committees and Guests at the Tables

About NWACA

- **Comprises over 5,000 residences**
- **Purpose (from the Bylaws)**
 - To encourage orderly community development and growth, and to maintain and improve the quality of life in the area enclosed by
 - Ranch Road 2222
 - Loop 360
 - Spicewood Springs Road
 - MOPAC
 - We advocate, but don't endorse
 - We take no position on elections



NWACA Board of Directors 2012-2013

- **Richard Anton, President**
- **Tom Coopwood, Vice-President**
- **Louise Geil, Treasurer**
- **Stacey Brewer, Secretary**

- **Ron Coldiron**
- **Jen Despins**
- **Carol Dochen**
- **Roland Gerth**
- **Carol Jones**
- **Don Jones**

- **Shannon Meroney**
- **Ernie Saulmon**
- **Joyce Statz**
- **Robert Thomas**
- **John Warden**

NWACA Events May 2012- April 2013

06/28/12 – Forum on Goodwill Boutique

06/30/12 – Hazardous Waste Collection

07/04/12 – 40th Annual 4th of July Parade!

07/21 and 08/11 – Movie and Pool Parties at Murchison

09/22/12 – Neighborhood Garage Sales

10/02/12 – National Night Out in NWACA

10/25/12 – Panel Discussion on Central Health Prop. 1

03/02/13 – Allen Park Cleanup – ‘It’s My Park’ Day

04/24/13 – Forum on AISD Bond Election

04/27/13 – Landscaping with Drought & Deer / Yard Tour

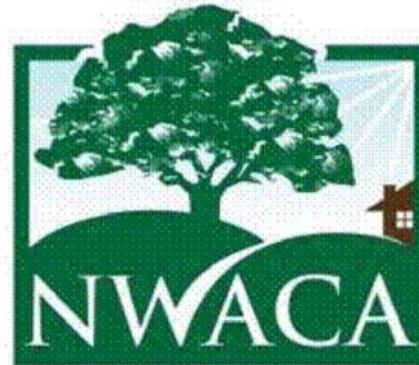
NWACA Events for the Rest of 2013

- **05/11/13 – Ice Cream Social Event at Doss**
- **06/01/13 – Hazardous Waste Collection**
- **06/15/13 – Family-Friendly Event – Movie Party**
- **07/04/13 – 41st Annual 4th of July Parade**
- **07/27/13 – Dinner and Movie at Murchison**
- **09/28/13 – Neighborhood Garage Sales**
- **10/01/13 – National Night Out in NWACA**
- **TBD – Gardening Event on Grass Alternatives**
- **TBD – Fall Family-friendly Event**

This Saturday

***Vote –
and
Celebrate
May,
too!***

You can pick up a poster at the Communications table, and help us promote it!



Voting Has its Rewards.
Bring the family and celebrate with your NWACA neighbors after voting.



Special Thanks to the Ramsey Park Rounders

**NWACA'S
Ice Cream
Social**
Sat., May 11th
2-4 p.m.
Doss Parking Lot



**Live Bluegrass Music from
the Ramsey Park Rounders**

**Complimentary Frozen
Custard**

**Free Popcorn from Omni
Bank**

**Family friendly with face
painting, temporary tattoos,
mini-spa nail polish and
more!**

June 1 Hazardous Waste Collection

- **This is our third annual Hazardous Waste Collection event for NWACA members**
- **Here are the things we can take for you:**
 - Batteries (household or car batteries)
 - Oil
 - Paint
 - Antifreeze
 - Unbroken fluorescent bulbs
- **Other things accepted at the City's Resource Recovery Center. See austintexas.gov/hhw**

Ongoing NWACA Services

- **Communicate about neighborhood concerns: web site, Yahoo Groups, Facebook, newsletter**
 - Announcements – COA, APD, AFD, TXDOT, schools, elections, transportation concerns, etc.
 - Guidance and tips
 - Pruning trees, avoiding oak wilt
 - Preventing burglaries,
 - Living with wildlife
 - Avoiding scams
- **Monitor zoning requests and champion neighborhood interests**
- **Traffic Awareness Program (TAP Your Brakes)**

Our Committees at Work - 1

- **Lots of opportunities! Come and join in!**
- **Communications and Membership**
 - Lively discussions on Facebook and NWACA Notes
 - Ongoing newsletter, NWACA mailing list and web site
 - Popular family-friendly events
 - Starting quarterly “post card” to all of NWACA area
- **Wildlife Management**
 - Part of City of Austin Deer Working Group, actions now in work by Health and Human Services Committee
 - Educating about what we can all do – no feeding, plant what is deer-resistant, slow down on the streets

Our Committees at Work - 2

- **Crime and Safety**

- Monitoring crime reports, commander's forums
- Planning for National Night Out
- Getting more small Firewise communities in NWACA
 - Neighbors along a street (North Rim, Valburn Circle, Valburn Court, Valburn Drive, Firstview, Lakewood area, Meadow Mountain, and others)
 - Building an umbrella network of the “fireplugs” who are contact points for their street
 - Happy to share what we are doing and start more!
- ***Please, no fireworks in NWACA July 4th – it's a real fire hazard for our green spaces and our homes***

Our Committees at Work - 3

- **4th of July Parade**

- Gathering volunteers – come see us at the table!

- **Transportation**

- Unveiled new traffic awareness signs last month
- Can pick up one at the table tonight

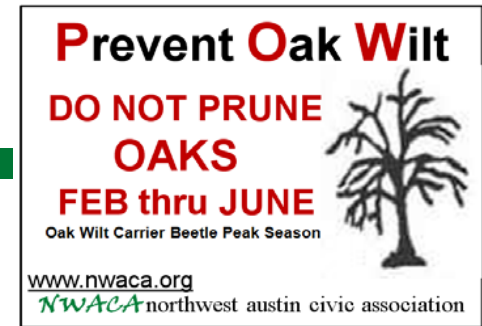
- **Parks**

- Focused on Allen Park, with strong local team in charge

- **Tree and Environmental Stewardship**

- Annual Do Not Prune campaign underway now
- Assisting neighbors with current oak wilt breakout
- 2 hazardous waste collections and 2 gardening events

Oak Wilt Prevention is Key



- **Do not Prune oaks Feb thru June**
- **Plan Ahead – establish a 5-year arbor plan**
 - Nov-Jan dormant growth season is ideal
 - Oaks need pruning only every 3-5 years
- **Reject doorbell ringers – use certified arborists**
- **Minimize stress on trees**
 - Keep root zone mulched or irrigated
 - Remove competing invasive plants and trees
 - If pruning damaged limbs now, paint cuts immediately
- **More info at nwaca.org and TexasOakWilt.org**

What was this Oak Tree Worth?



Before



After

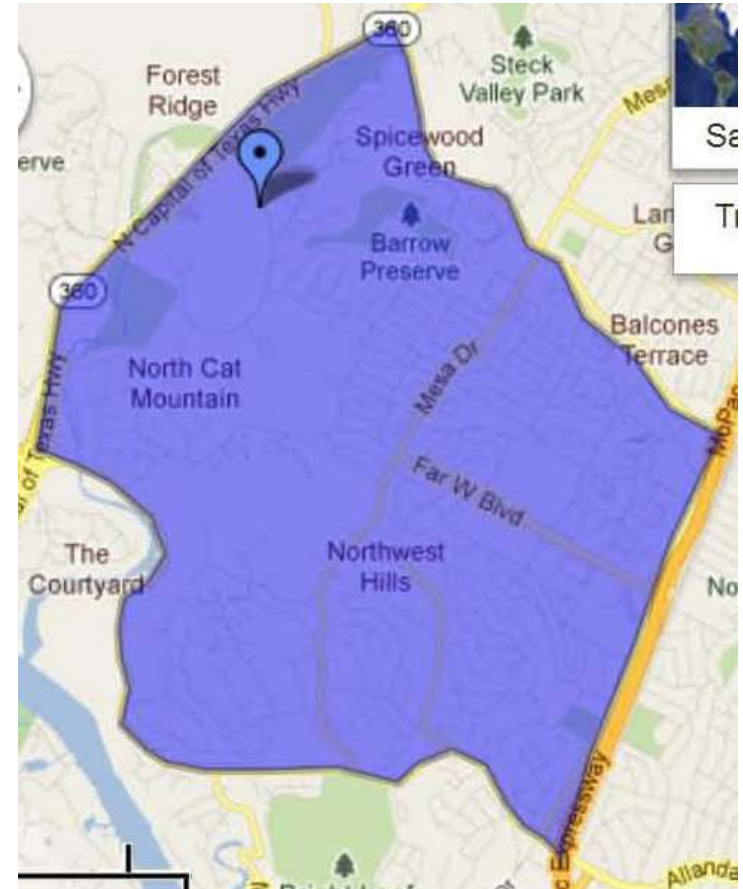
Answer: Much more than the cost of Oak Wilt Prevention and Treatment

Themes for Tonight – Sandy Dochen

- **NWACA History – How did this area develop?**
- **NWACA Future**
 - How will this neighborhood change?
 - What's the impact of Imagine Austin?
 - What's the impact of 10-1?
 - How do we survive the threat of wildfire?

Is it NWACA? Northwest Hills?

- **NWACA = Northwest Hills, Highland Hills, and some others**
- **Northwest Hills includes: Shinoak Valley, Cat Mountain, Cat Mountain Villas, Lakewood Village, Lakewood Park, Meadow Mountain, North Cat Mountain, Parkhill, and Vista West.**



Timeline for Northwest Hills

- **Before 1950 – sparsely inhabited, gravel pit (with landing strip!) in midst of open land**
- **1950-1957 – initial subdivisions created**
 - Highland Hills (Bradfield and Brush)
 - Dry Creek Drive and Mountainclimb Drive area (The Austin Corporation)
- **1980's – Shinoak Valley – last subdivision built**
- **Today – just a few small plots of developable land to define and design**

Agenda

First Speaker – Chuck Stahl

- Partner, Barrow & Stahl, Architects
- He and David were in same architecture class of '55
- Both worked for others, served in the military
- By 1961, both David and Chuck were working with David's father (known as "Mr. Barrow")
- Now semi-retired, but retains strong involvement with Northwest Hills; loves Austin and has advocated for this neighborhood's interests for decades
- Avid reader; has gone from golfer to puzzle-master

And now for a bit of "History" (his stories!)

Help us Gather History

- **See the History Table after the talks**
- **Stacey Brewer is planning a history book**
 - Needs your stories
 - Needs your photos
 - Needs your help
- **Example: Parade of Homes materials**
 - 1961, 1962, and several others
 - Your home might have been one of them
 - See the prints she has at the table

From the 1962 Parade of Homes

All
the
Beauty
the
Southwest
offers..

in one perfect locale!

▶ Trees . . magnificent hills . . rippling water . . and acres of sky . . to match the 1,000 acres of ideal homesites—locations planned with forethought for distinctive residences.

▶ This beautiful new development offers an enchanting vista of haze-touched hills, tranquil Lake Austin and the Capital City's modern skyline . . an ever-changing panorama of natural beauty.

▶ No Better Property in Austin—Maximum Values for Loan Purposes.



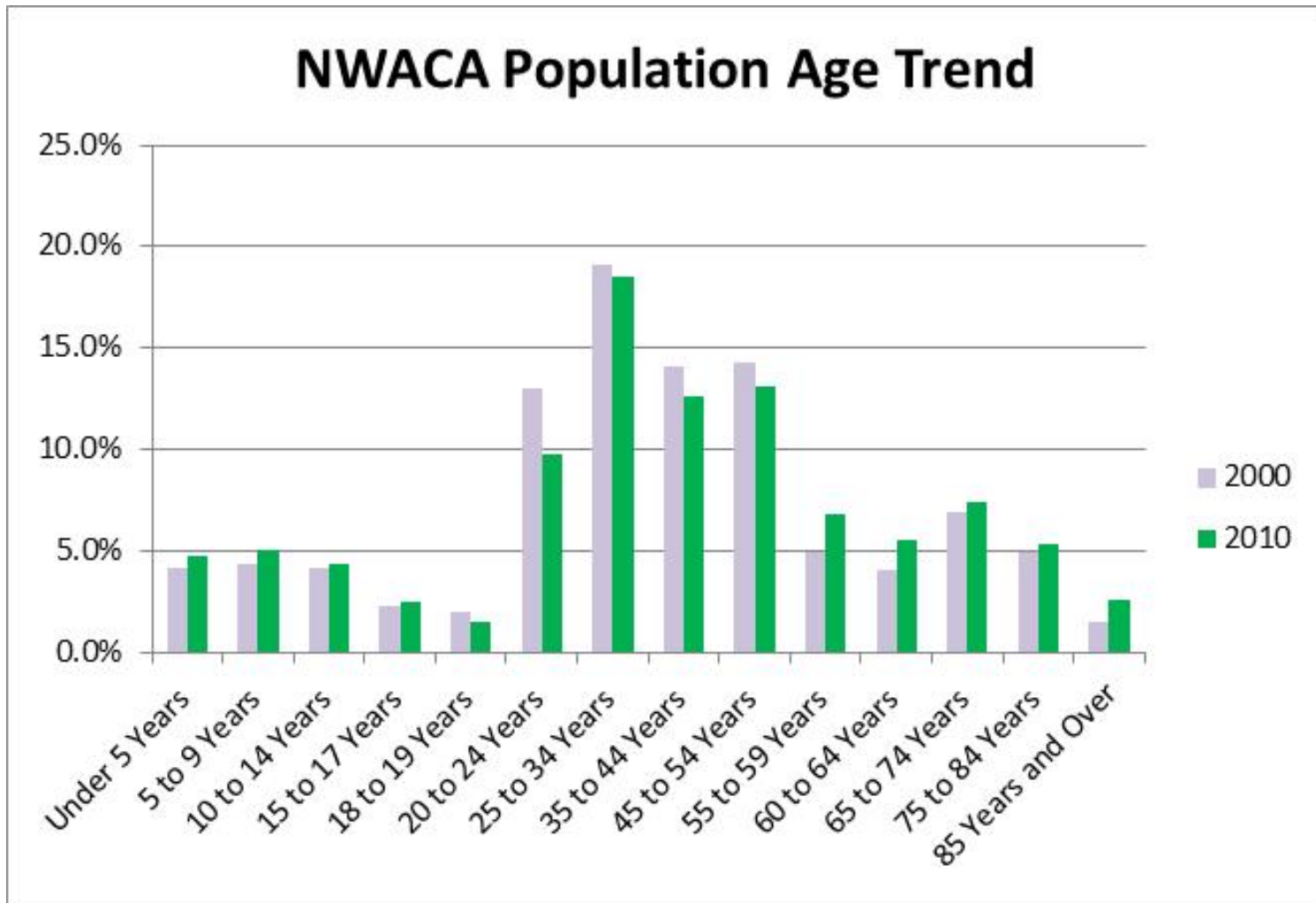
A View from Northwest Hills

beautiful

northwest
hills

▶ Developer: David Barrow, (Developer of Balcones Park)
5700 Westslope Drive — Phone GL 3-7324

Neighborhood Population is Shifting



Source: City of Austin
Demographer

- **How will this affect facilities and services we need?**

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Second Speaker – Steven Aleman

- Austin attorney and mediator
- Active in local civic groups
- Served as President, Austin Neighborhoods Council, a coordinating body for neighborhood groups like NWACA, 2010 -2012
- Frequently invited to neighborhood groups to explain City issues

[Imagine Austin – Impact on our Future](#)

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- **Third speaker – Robert Thomas**

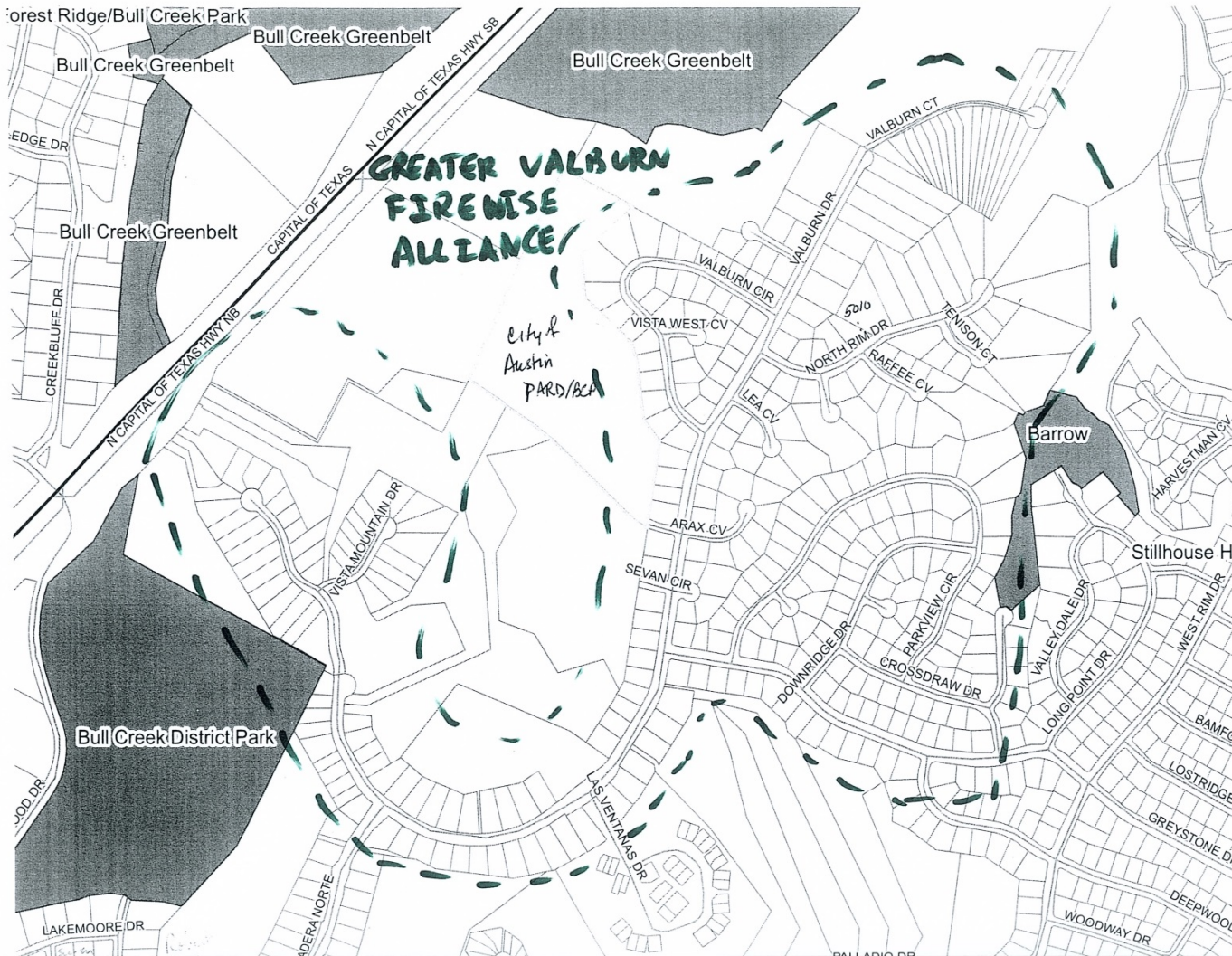
- Member, NWACA Board and participant in North Austin Neighborhood Associations concerned about 10-1
- Parent of 2, very active in Anderson High PTSA
- Serves on AISD Citizens Bond Oversight Committee
- Extensive involvement with local non-profits, local and national civic organizations
- Business entrepreneur, now operating a business consulting company, Thomas Consulting Group

10-1 – What's Happening for NWACA

Preserving NWACA for the Future

- **Wildfires are a clear and present danger, and NWACA is in a very vulnerable greenbelt**
- **Wildfire prevention is being organized**
 - NWACA Committee to coordinate over whole area, with a Yahoo Group, anyone can join to share ideas
 - Large neighborhood areas work together
 - Meadow Mountain area – since 2004
 - Lakewood area in progress for several years
 - Greater Valburn Firewise Alliance – just starting (next slide)
 - Individual streets, cul-de-sacs harden their homes to be Firewise Communities, each group with a “Fireplug” coordinating for the larger neighborhood area

Example: Greater Valburn Area



- 8 “fireplugs” identified thus far
- 2 have held neighbor education meetings and are ready to move to next step
- Alliance to meet next week

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Fourth Speaker – Captain Josh Portie

- Captain with Austin Fire Department
- Currently assigned to Wildfire Mitigation Division as Firewise Program Coordinator
- With the Austin Fire Department for just under 12 years, in the fire service for around 18.
- Certified Wildland Firefighter for around 15 years.

Preventing Wildfires with the Firewise Program

Agenda

Visit with Committees and Speakers At Committee Tables

Find something just right for you!

- St. Edward's University student posters from this semester's Deer Management seminar, conducted at Wild Basin – at Wildlife Management table
- Imagine Austin at Zoning table
- Firewise Program at Crime and Safety table
- Officer Grayson from APD at Crime and Safety table
- Northwest Hills history items and photos at Communications table

Please Provide Feedback

- **Today**

- Be sure you've signed one of the Sign-In Sheets
- Use an evaluation form at your chair
- Please tell us how we're doing
- Please tell us how we can do better



- **A survey will come out in several weeks**

- Give us your reaction to events we have done
- Tell us what else we should be doing
- Tell us about things we need to change

- **Thank you!!!**