



## A Message from the NWACA President

*Joyce Statz*

This month we have announcements about several special events – the neighborhood garage sales, school carnivals, our annual household waste collection (BOPA), and an upcoming bond election forum. There are also several articles about zoning and development topics, and guidance about large critters (coyotes) and small ones (clothes moths). We're introducing two new features – a Letters to the Editor column and a History column.

Our debut history article describes a cedar wildfire in the canyons almost 70 years ago that devastated land, but not property – partly because the area was less densely populated. We're still trying to find information about a wildfire 50 years ago that's remembered by residents and AFD, reportedly more problematic. To avoid the kind of destruction seen in the Bastrop fire and eight others in Central Texas Labor Day weekend 2011, we need make our homes and landscapes wildfire-hardened. As the article on Financial Benefits of Firewise Communities points

out, USAA is leading the insurance industry by offering incentives for living in a neighborhood that actively addresses wildfire risks. Please read the article; and if you haven't already signed up for your free home wildfire risk evaluation, go to [www.nwaca.org](http://www.nwaca.org), select the Get Involved tab, and fill in the Firewise Request form. To date, 140 homeowners have done that; all have learned good practices and welcomed the advice. Join them!

Brief Austin Oaks PUD update: In June the NWACA Board asked the developer and the City to fund a charrette process, to enable the community to have a meaningful discussion with the developer and City staff regarding the Austin Oaks property. The developer agreed to a charrette just before we went to press; no details yet available. Watch the NWACA web site and weekly email updates for further information.

Enjoy the issue!

## What is NWACA?



The Northwest Austin Civic Association (NWACA) serves about 4150 homes in the area bounded by Spicewood Springs Road on the north, RM 2222 on the south, Mopac on the east, and Loop 360 on the west. NWACA was formed in 1970, responding to a request from the City Planning Department for a group to act as a voice for the neighborhood. Unlike homeowner's associations, a civic association does not enforce deed

restrictions or monitor landscaping at individual homes, but it helps to foster communication and discussion regarding broad concerns of whole neighborhood, such as crime prevention, traffic safety, wildfire prevention, elections, and zoning matters.

NWACA has a focused mission: to preserve, promote, and enhance the exceptional and unique character of the neighborhood. That mission is carried out through a wide range of activities and services performed by an elected volunteer board and a dozen committees of volunteers. NWACA is always looking for additional volunteers to give generously of their time and talents to help their neighborhood. Our website has a wealth of information on how you can get involved (click on the Get Involved section).

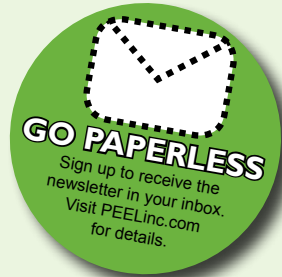
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NWACA is bordered on the north by Spicewood Springs Road, on the west by Loop 360, on the south by RM 2222, and on the east by Mopac (Loop 1).

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# NWACA AND NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

**OCTOBER 1, 8 AM**

*Kneaded Pleasures*

Membership and Sponsorship Committee

**OCTOBER 3, 8 AM - NOON**

*NWACA*

NWACA Neighborhood Garage Sales

**OCTOBER 3, 10 AM - 3:30 PM**

*Mueller Airport Lake*

National Night Out Kickoff for the City of Austin

**OCTOBER 4, 2 PM**

*Mueller Airport Lake*

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**OCTOBER 5, 5 PM**

*Mangia Pizza*

NWACA Zoning Committee

**OCTOBER 6, 7 - 9 PM**

*On your block*

National Night Out in Texas – celebrated with neighbors

**OCTOBER 6, 7 - 9 PM**

*B18, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church*

Community Forum on Courthouse Bond Election

**OCTOBER 7, 7 - 9 PM**

*Kneaded Pleasures*

NWACA Communications Committee

**OCTOBER 13, 6:30 - 8 PM**

*McCallum H.S., 5600 Sunshine Dr.*

Region 1 APD Commander's Forum for fourth quarter

**OCTOBER 13, 7 PM**

*5305 Valburn Circle*

Wildlife Committee Bi-monthly Meeting

**OCTOBER 14, 6:30 - 8:30 PM**

*Mangia Pizza*

NWACA Monthly Board Meeting

**OCTOBER 18, 2-4 PM**

*Dell Jewish Community Campus*

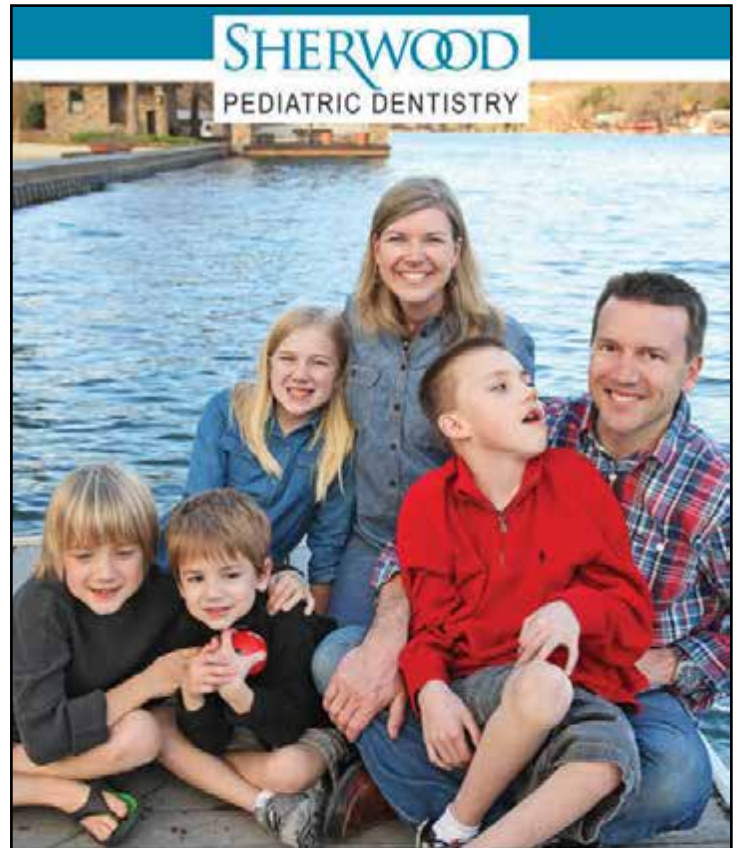
District 10 Town Hall on Police Presence, hosted by Councilmember Gallo; Topics include lake safety, community policing and the crimes most prevalent in the area

**NOV 7, 8 AM - 10 AM**

*Doss Elementary School Parking Lot*

BOPA (Batteries, Oil, Paint, Antifreeze) household waste collection event (for NWACA members only)

*Note: For each of these events, please check our web site for the latest information, since meetings may be rescheduled because of other conflicts.*



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## Neighborhood Garage Sales Soon! October 3

*Carol Dochen*

If you're planning to have a garage sale during the NWACA neighborhood garage sale day, we hope you're on the list already! September 30th was the last day to sign up to have the free publicity from NWACA. This year's sales will be Saturday, October 3, from 8 AM until noon. A list and a map of locations of individual sales will be posted on our web site [www.nwaca.org](http://www.nwaca.org), and there will be ads in the Austin American Statesman (print and online) and on Craigslist.

This event and the others throughout the year are possible because neighbors join NWACA as members. If you haven't yet paid your \$25 annual dues, you can do that on the web or by U.S. mail.

## NWACA Forum on Bond Package for New Courts Complex

*John Sepehri*

This November, Travis County voters will be asked to approve the issuance of \$287,275,000 in bonds to pay for a new Civil and Family Courts Complex. Proponents claim this is desperately needed because of the unsafe and overwhelmed conditions of the 84 year-old venue, while opponents point to the bond and tax weariness of many Travis County voters and question whether the proposed plans are the most cost effective. On October 6, NWACA will bring an advocate and a critic together to debate the merits of the proposal and take questions from the audience. Genevieve Van Cleve, Campaign Manager of New Courts For Families, will argue in favor of the proposal, and former Executive Director of the Texas Republican Party, Eric Opiela will argue against. The forum will take place from 7 - 9 PM at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church at the corner of Steck Avenue and Mesa Drive.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The NWACA Newsletter encourages letters from readers. Please include a name, email address and daytime and evening phone numbers with your submission so that authorship can be confirmed if your letter is chosen for publication. We edit letters for brevity, grammar and clarity. Edited letters typically address a single idea and do not exceed 150 words. Because of space constraints, not all letters can be published. Anonymous letters, personal attacks, and profanity will not be considered. Your letter will be attributed to you, and at your discretion, your email address may be included, so that readers may contact you directly.

### SIGNS ARE WELCOME

I totally disagree with Bennett and Brenda Brooke's comments re "Neighbor Editorial: Sign Relief Needed." They are obviously referring to the 'Stop the PUD' signs, as they mention. Where did all the signs go lately? Did they just disappear? Very suspicious.

I do not trust the City of Austin or the Austin Board of Realtors to give the neighborhood's near total rejection (ever see any "GO FOR THE PUD" signs) a fair hearing on that disastrous project. If the signs are withdrawn (or suddenly "disappear" again) it gives the City and the Realtors an excuse to say that the neighborhood agrees and wants the project approved.

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The sudden resurrection of the “STOP THE PUD” signs is a very welcome sight and here’s a “high five” to the wonderful people putting the signs back up!

A bit of history: In 1980 our neighborhood banded together to stop the proposed development of 14-story and 16-story high-rise office buildings at Far West and Mopac; it can be done!

MELVIN DRISKILL

### MORE ONYARD SIGNS

To Brenda and Bennett Brooke: In putting out a large number of signs, the odds are that it creates impact and demonstrates unity. A large number of signs have been posted saying STOP THE PUD at Austin Oaks, with a huge effort and considerable expense, for a very legitimate reason – to keep at bay a Dallas real estate developer who could wreak ruin on the very cozy Northwest Hills in Austin you hold so dear. We are working to preserve the quiet floral serenity you’ve enjoyed. This developer is looking to construct a Barton Creek Mall-sized district that, as a PUD, can ignore zoning regulations, snarl traffic beyond your wildest dreams, saw down a good number of our heritage trees, take away bike lanes, and stress our local drainage and schools. When something really huge is going on, you’ll have to get over seeing the signs.

KATHY VERMILLION

*Editor’s note: We received email with similar sentiments from several other neighbors.*

## Schools News Carnivals in and near NWACA!

### Doss Elementary H’Owl: Saturday, October 24th, 2-5 PM

Doss has grown – and so has the H’Owl. Celebrate the 45th birthday of Doss in grand style this October. Northledge Drive will be closed off for the event – featuring food trucks, music, the famous haunted house, carnival games, bounce houses, and more. Let’s wish Doss a truly “How’ly Birthday!”

For more information, visit: <http://www.dosspta.org/pta/pta-committee-pages/howl/>

### Highland Park Elementary Hoot: Friday, October 23rd, 5-8 PM

At this annual Highland Park Elementary fall carnival, come enjoy the games, booths, the famous cakewalk, moonwalks, haunted house, food, and much more! For more information, visit: <http://www.hppta.org/our-school/events/hoot>

### Hill Elementary Hill Country Carnival: Saturday, October 31st, 11 AM-3 PM

It’s every Dillo’s favorite time of year... Carnival Time! Hill Country Carnival is by far the largest event (and fundraiser) Hill puts on every year! Come volunteer, or stop by and support the Carnival – including games, bake sales, food, prizes, moonwalks and more. For more information visit: <http://www.hillelementary.com/events/hill-carnival/>



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## BOPA Event Coming on November 7

*Joyce Statz*

Saturday, November 7, 8 AM to 10 AM, NWACA will collect certain household waste items that cannot be put into the trash, at the Doss Elementary School Parking lot at Far West and Northledge Drive. Because state regulations limit our transporting certain items, we can accept only Batteries, Oil and Oil Filters, Paint, and Antifreeze (BOPA). We will be collecting these items from NWACA members only at Doss Elementary School; we must close at 10 AM, to be able to get the materials to the City site and unloaded before they close at noon. If you're not a NWACA member, you can join at the event.

Austin's Resource Recovery Center will accept other hazardous wastes like lawn chemicals, fluorescent bulbs and tubes, cleaners, solvents, and insecticides. The Center is open 8 AM to 4 PM Monday-Friday, and the staff will unload your items. For location and details, see <http://www.austintexas.gov/hhw>

## NWACA HISTORY WILDFIRE

*Stacey Brewer and Joyce Statz*

With this issue, we're starting a regular column on history of the NWACA area with an article that's quite old, but very timely! Sounds odd? It's timely because environmental conditions repeat themselves. However, we're working to prevent this repetition – wildfire in the NWACA greenbelts!

An article in the March 31, 1948 Austin American Statesman describes a cedar fire that threatened about 10,000 acres of land, including ranches and homes in the canyons of the area, mostly at risk from flying embers. The fire was contained thanks to the efforts of about 100 volunteers who fought the blaze, as well as bulldozers that created barriers. The fire had been whipped about by 26-mph winds and fed by lots of dry brush and leaves – not unlike our current drought-based conditions. To read the article go to [www.nwaca.org](http://www.nwaca.org) and search for "1948 03 11."



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# Financial Benefits of Firewise Communities

*Wildfire Prevention Committee*

NWACA's Wildfire Prevention Committee continues to encourage the neighborhood to be aware of the risks of wildfires to the whole neighborhood. With the ongoing drought, our landscapes and green spaces become excellent fuel for fires that might be triggered from a house fire, a lightning strike, or some careless motorist. While those who live close to a greenbelt might feel most threatened, all of the NWACA area is vulnerable to fires started by embers blown around during a large fire. As we see in the news from the west coast again this year, the threat is real.

All homeowners need to be aware of the risk and take steps to make their homes resilient to embers and to the possibility of a moving wildfire. Trained and certified volunteers from Committee are available to do free home wildfire risk evaluations. An evaluation takes about 45 minutes, walking around the perimeter of your home with you, using a checklist of commonly found risk areas. You can sign up at [www.nwaca.org](http://www.nwaca.org) using the Firewise Request form under the Get Involved tab.

Using the results of the evaluation, homeowners focus on making the house and the area immediately around it (30 feet or so away) as fire-resistant as possible; then they focus on the next area up to 100 feet from the home, being sure that it is clear of dead limbs and brush. (More details can be found in the wildfire prevention tips at [www.nwaca.org](http://www.nwaca.org) under the Blog tab. See tips 1 and 2 in particular.)

When a whole subdivision, HOA, or other identifiable group of homes

joins together to make their homes and common areas fire-resistant, they can form what is known as a Firewise Community. The National Fire Protection Association has established criteria for a collection of homes to be deemed a Firewise Community. See this website for details: [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org) The NWACA Wildfire Prevention Committee will help you through the process, using the work we've done over the last several years on a community-wide plan and from the community-wide wildfire assessment that's already been done. Contact us at [nwacainfo@gmail.com](mailto:nwacainfo@gmail.com)

There are obvious financial benefits to being Firewise at the time of an urban wildfire, since your life and home will be safer than those that are unprepared. In addition, homeowner insurance companies are paying attention to how being Firewise helps manage the risks. Several companies do their own wildfire risk assessments as part of issuing or renewing a policy, and now State Farm is offering discounts on premiums for homeowners who are part of a Firewise Community. More information can be found at this link: [http://firewise.org/usa-recognition-program/usaa?order\\_src=C365&xso=0](http://firewise.org/usa-recognition-program/usaa?order_src=C365&xso=0)

We hope that other insurance companies follow suit soon. If you're not insured with State Farm, you may want to ask your insurance provider about its plans to do something similar. Having a Firewise property is clearly in the best interests of the homeowner, the NWACA community, and the insurance company.



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## CodeNEXT Update

*David Whitworth*

The CodeNEXT Citizens Advisory Group (CAG) will be re-appointed by October 1st. The CAG assists with outreach in an advisory role during the re-write of Austin's Land Development Code (called CodeNext). Each council member appoints a person, the mayor appoints two, and six people are appointed by mayor-designated council committees for a total of 18. The committees will appoint members with areas of experience that include household affordability, environment, planning and architecture, construction, historic preservation, health and human services, small local business, and a recently added AISD representative. Beginning November 16th, the city staff will be applying conceptual zoning to existing neighborhood focus areas as a planning exercise. The intersection of Spicewood Springs and Mesa appears to have been selected. Visit <https://austintexas.gov/codenext> for meeting updates.



## Neighbor Viewpoint: Why Are STR Type 2s So Prevalent?

*Mike Polston*

A STR Type 2 property is a residential home used as a commercial hotel to serve 400 to 800 renters per year. The business strategy of STR 2 owners centers on deriving maximum revenue from short term rentals to groups of people throughout the year. The business strategies of the other STR types (1 and 3) appear to focus on deriving modest revenue to help the owner pay their bills.

Reviewing the State of Texas Hotel Occupancy Receipt database, an interesting picture of typical STR 2 revenue emerges. The data indicates that revenue generated by these Austin STR 2 Hotels is generally in the range of \$10,000 to \$60,000 per quarter. This may vary across the year, quarter to quarter, dependent on weather, group demand, and competition.

Pricing strategies of STR 2 Hotels on STR marketing sites indicate nightly pricing ranging from \$500 to \$1300. The general language of the advertisements implies flexibility in the number of occupants allowed per night. We can assume an average occupancy rate of 8 to

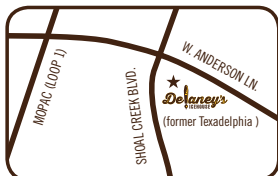
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16 occupants per night at an average price of \$1,000 per night, for the entire group. The owner will raise or lower the price as certain entertainment events in Austin occur, or customer demand decreases, or STR 2 competition increases. Altogether, the observed model for STR 2 Hotels in the Austin area indicates this is a very lucrative investment for the owners, many of whom do not live in Austin. Generating revenue in the range of \$40,000 to \$240,000 per year on an asset for which they paid \$500,000 to \$900,000 motivates them.

There are two downsides to this business strategy. First, there is the situation where the supply of STR 2 Hotels outnumbers the demand for out of town guest groups for parties, family reunions, or vacations. STR 2 owners will compete by lowering prices. Since their operating costs are typically fixed, they will be motivated to charge the customers whatever it takes to acquire any amount of revenue.

The second Austin-wide downside is the intense negative reactions from adjacent neighbors who see this commercial hotel as an invasion of their neighborhood, in addition to a significant decline in the market value of their properties. One must ask the questions: Would anyone ever knowingly purchase a property within 500 feet of an STR 2 Hotel? Would a neighbor with children ever feel comfortable living this close to 400 to 800 un-named strangers each year?

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## Fall Food Attractants for the Coyote

*NWACA Wildlife Committee*

Food and water resources for wildlife are depleted toward the end of a dry, hot summer. We remind residents that coyotes are opportunistic feeders (scavengers). Birdseed, scraps, dropped fruit, compost, garbage, rodents, and unsupervised small pets are some common food attractants in a residential area. Habituation of coyotes to human activity is directly linked to the availability of food sources, including the intentional and accidental feeding of wildlife.

### **If you feed birds:**

- Position feeders so 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; don't allow it to accumulate on the ground.

### **If you compost:**

- Make sure compost is secure and that coyotes and their prey cannot access it.
- Avoid adding meat scraps to your compost.

### **If you have a pet:**

- Feed your pet indoors and store pet food indoors where wildlife cannot reach it.
- Try to supervise small pets when in your yard, as they are regarded as prey.

Wildlife professionals encourage us to NOT feed wildlife. Coyotes are highly attracted to any yard providing sources of food and prey; they will pass through your neighbor's yard to access it.

For more information about food attractants and urban coyotes: <http://www.austintexas.gov/department/coyotes-central-texas>; <http://go.usa.gov/Dzyj>; and <http://goo.gl/SaAVeQ>



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# CLOTHES MOTHS

Wizzie Brown

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Adults are small, tan moths about 3/8 an inch long. They are weak fliers and avoid light. Larvae like to feed in protected areas, such as folded clothing, and they rarely leave their food source.

To reduce or avoid clothes moth problems, the following tips may be helpful:

- o Locate and remove any infested items; look in drawers and closets; on the floor; on or under furniture; on or in walls, ceilings and attics
- Launder or dry clean clothing
- Periodically shake and air out items such as rugs and clothing
- Use heat and/ or cold to kill insects in infested items
- Thoroughly clean storage areas
- Store clothing in tightly sealed containers
- o Cedar is not very effective in repelling clothes moths.

o Cedar must be freshly cut or chipped for vapors to be effective, vapors lose potency quickly.

- Mothballs (naphthalene or paradichlorobenzene) can be used to repel insects
  - o Read and follow all label instructions
  - o Use only in sealed areas or closed containers
  - o Note that the fumes from these products may soften or melt some plastics
- Insecticide sprays can be used to supplement sanitation techniques
  - o Remove all items from the area before treating with an insecticide
  - o Allow area to completely dry before returning items

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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# Zoning and Planning Tools for Home Remodeling and Additions

David Whitworth

If you are planning significant remodeling of your home, or if you are planning an addition to your home in NWACA, here are some City tools that can provide help.

## RESIDENTIAL BUILDING REVIEW

City website with a demolition permit application, residential building permit application, tree ordinance, inspections information etc.

<https://www.austintexas.gov/department/residential-building-review>

## CITY OF AUSTIN GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)

City website where you enter your address and turn layers on and off to determine your zoning, see if you are in a flood plain, and explore various layers of information.

<http://www.austintexas.gov/GIS/developmentwebmap/>

## ZONING

A link to the current zoning guide for Austin, with information about required setbacks, impervious cover limits, and height limits for your zoning:

[http://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Planning/zoning\\_guide.pdf](http://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Planning/zoning_guide.pdf)

## “MCMANSION ORDINANCE”

The NWACA area falls within the McMansion Ordinance Boundary. You will have to comply with certain massing and scaling design criteria, although remodels should get certain exemptions. Details:

[https://www.municode.com/library/tx/austin/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=TIT25LADE\\_CH25-2ZO\\_SUBCHAPTER\\_FREDECOST\\_ART1GEPR](https://www.municode.com/library/tx/austin/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT25LADE_CH25-2ZO_SUBCHAPTER_FREDECOST_ART1GEPR)

## DEED RESTRICTIONS

Consult the title work from when you purchased your home to see your deed restrictions. Consult your files, call your title company for help, or go to the Travis County Clerk on Airport Boulevard and pull up your plat and deed restrictions with the help of county staff. The city will not enforce deed restrictions, but neighbors within your subdivision plat can enforce the deed restrictions through the courts (NWACA is made up of many separate subdivision plats so don't rely on what worked for a friend 3 blocks over). Deed restrictions may limit the number of stories, whether you can create a duplex, or whether you can create a backyard accessory dwelling unit. There may be building setbacks that are different from the City criteria. They can even dictate that a rear structure be connected to the main house by a covered walkway.

## ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

There may be an architectural review committee cited in your

deed restrictions. You may need to check with the original developer (if still in operation) to see if the committee is still operating and how to work with it. Since NWACA was developed and built over a number of years by different builders, the conditions in the deed restrictions vary considerably:

- Subdivisions may have restrictions that plans need to be signed off by a representative of the developer, but that's no longer being policed. Some sub-divisions have a restriction to be signed off by an architectural committee (for those developed by The Austin Corporation, it would be The Austin Corporation). A neighbor with a question or issue could seek out The Austin Corporation for help.
- One interesting restriction in many subdivisions is that the developer may approve or disapprove the plans for any reason he deems appropriate. It may not survive a court challenge, but was intended to deal with things unknown at the point the deed restrictions were written for possibilities in the future, like blocking a neighbor's view or building with reflective surfaces.
- Subdivision restrictions automatically renew.

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*Lauren Ward*

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



## 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, congestion, etc.)
- Zoning concerns
- Wildfire Prevention (helping homeowners harden their homes against wildfire)

NWACA plans the annual 4th of July Parade (43rd Annual in 2015!), organizes election and issues forums, sponsors an annual neighborhood garage sale, publishes this 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: \_\_\_\_\_

### 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 on which you'd like to actively participate.**

- Civic Engagement
- Communications
- Crime and Safety/Neighborhood Watch
- Events/ 4th of July
- History
- Membership
- Parks
- Sponsorship
- Transportation
- Tree and Environment
- Wildfire Prevention

# Kids' Club

## Attention KIDS: Send Us Your Masterpiece!

Color the drawing below and mail the finished artwork to us at:

Peel, Inc. - Kids Club  
308 Meadowlark St  
Lakeway, TX 78734-4717

We will select the top few and post their artwork on our Facebook Page - Facebook.com/PeelInc.  
DUE: October 31<sup>st</sup>

Be sure to include the following so we can let you know!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(first name, last initial)

Age: \_\_\_\_\_



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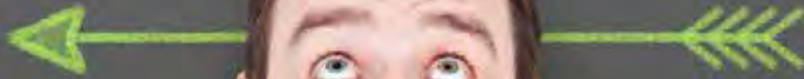
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