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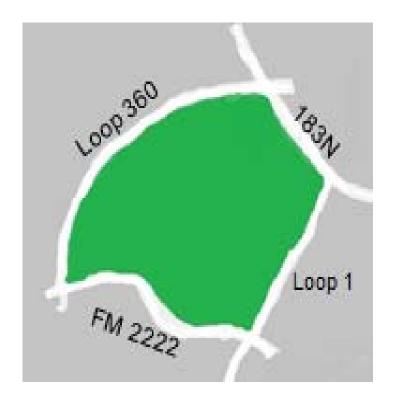
NWACA Annual Meeting

May 8, 2018

6:00PM - 7:30PM

Welcome, NWACA Neighbors!

- Thank you for joining us!
- Meeting format
 - 6:00 to 7:30 Presentations
 - 7:30 to 8:00 Table Visits





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Agenda



6:00 p.m.	Welcome	Vicki DeWeese
6:05 p.m.	District 10 Info	CM Alter
6:15 p.m.	Constable Program	Elizabeth Christian
6:25 p.m.	Neighborhood Watch	Darrell Grayson, APD
6:40 p.m.	Travis Cty. Game Warden	Ben Echelson, TPWD
6:45 p.m.	AISD Info	Julie Cowan
6:55 p.m.	Oak Wilt Presentation	Joanie Arrott
7:05 p.m.	Fourth of July Parade	Joanie Arrott
7:10 p.m.	Wildfire Presentation	Nate Casebeer, AFD
7:30 p.m.	Volunteer Extraordinaire	Vicki DeWeese



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CM Alison Alter
District 10 Updates



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Elizabeth Christian Constable Program

Pilot Program

- Started July, 2017
- Travis County Constable, Precinct 2
- Our officer: Sam Lindsey
- General flow
 - Patrols several times per week
 - 15-25 hours per month at \$40/hour
 - Focuses on speeding, stop sign violations on major streets and around schools
 - Assists APD as needed, when in the area

2017 Year End Summary Data

2017 Year End Constable Report								
					Enforcement Summary			
Month	Days Patrolled	Traffic Stops	Violations	Total Duty Hours	Moving Violations	Non- Moving Violations	Other Zip Codes	78731 - 78759 Zip Codes
July	4	34	52	8	34	18	NA	NA
August	8	37	42	15.5	37	5	16	21
September	6	23	27	12	23	3	8	15
October	10	34	40	19.25	33	7	12	16
November	7	24	27	14	24	3	15	9
December	2	13	19	4	9	10	9	4
Totals	37	165	207	72.75	160	46	60	65
							48.0%	52.0%

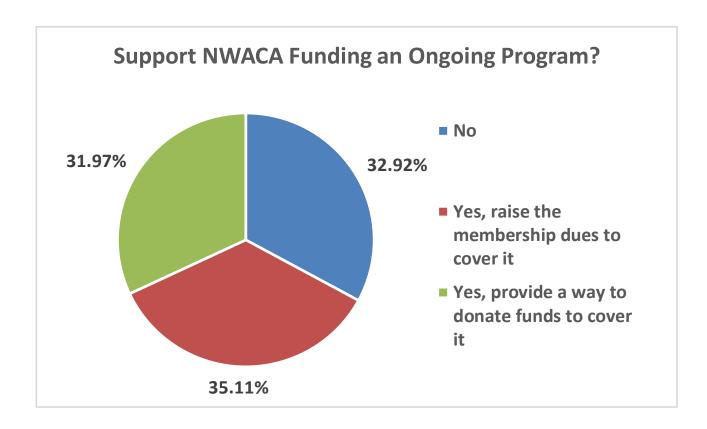
Q1 2018 Summary Data

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January	7	27	31	14	27	4	17	10
February	2	6	6	4	6		2	4
March	8	17	20	15	17		9	7
Totals	17	50	57	33	50	4	28	21
							57.1%	42.9%

Neighborhood Input

- May 2017 Survey, before pilot
 - Helped select areas and locations of focus
 - Indicated general interest in running the pilot
- October 2017 Survey, during pilot
 - Showed some (limited) impact on driver behavior
 - Indicated general interest in continuing the program
 - Opinions divided on how to fund the program
 - Cost: \$1000/month at current duty cycle
 - Current approach seek donations

How to Pay for It



Constable Fund has been set up for donations – on membership forms, on NWACA web site

Next Steps

- Board to review status mid-year
- Assess progress and value of the program
- Determine financial viability of continuing

Comments and questions:

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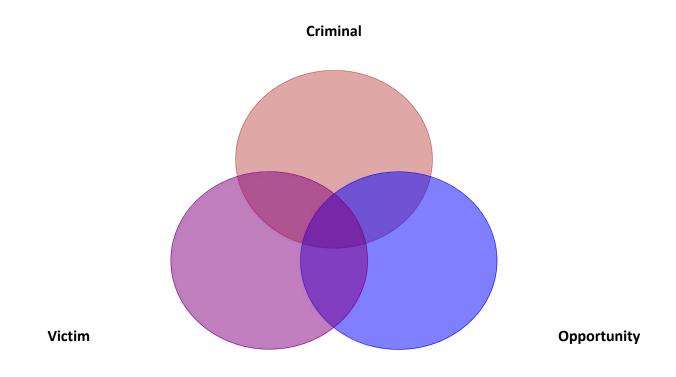


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Officer Darrell Grayson
Austin Police Department
Neighborhood Watch

Austin Police Department Presentation Northwest Hills Neighborhood Watch







If you are a person who believes that a neighborhood crime watch is a waste of time and that you will never be the victim of a crime, remember

EVIL Does Good, When GOOD Does Nothing

DON'T BE A VICTIM!





NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

A crime prevention program which enlists the active participation of citizens in cooperation with the **Austin Police Department** with the goal of reducing criminal activity in your community.





It is the most effective means available for keeping crime out of your community, relying on the best crime fighting tool ever a watchful neighbor.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM INVOLVES

- Getting to know your neighbors and taking the time to care about them while working together in a spirit of mutual assistance.
- Becoming the "eyes and ears" of law enforcement by being trained to recognize and report suspicious activities in your community.
- Learning crime prevention strategies such as home security, Operation Identification.

WHAT A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH IS NOT:

- A vigilante force working outside the normal procedures of law enforcement.
- A program designed for participants to take personal risks to prevent crime.
- A 100% guarantee
 that it will prevent all crime in your neighborhood.



WHY HAVE A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH?

- There can't be a law enforcement officer on every corner, so your involvement as a citizen is essential to combat criminal activity.
- You and your neighbors are the ones who really know what is going on in your community.
- By being an active participant in the Neighborhood Watch program, you can help save tax dollars, which would otherwise have to be used for more extensive law enforcement resources.
- As a Neighborhood Watch member you help make your community a safer place to live by observing circumstances around you. This does not take a lot of time and should soon develop into a daily habit of being more aware of what is going on in your neighborhood.
- By cooperating with your neighbors and local law enforcement officials, you can help fight crime in your community in the most effective way before it begins

HOW TO START A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

- STEP 1 Talk to your neighbors and friends. Ask for their participation in a small core group to take the first steps in starting a Crime Watch Explain the need for and the value of having a neighborhood Crime Watch.

 Discuss the crime problems that concern you in your community.

 Discuss the size and boundaries of your Crime Watch cell with your neighbors.
- STEP 2 Draw a complete map of your Crime Watch cell. Be sure to include all roads, houses, and businesses in your group.
 Make a Block Profile sheet of residences in your Crime Watch cell that corresponds with your map. This sheet should include the names of the household members, telephone number, physical address, vehicle information, and work numbers.
- STEP 3 Contact your NWACA Neighborhood Watch Chair and the Crime Prevention Officer 512 974-5340 to attend your first meeting.

Crime Prevention Officer will provide you with information needed to maintain your Crime Watch.

Select a convenient time for most of your neighbors and your law enforcement representative.

Develop and distribute a flier to all your neighbors announcing the meeting



CRIME WATCH MEMBER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1. Learn your neighbor's names and be able to recognize them and their vehicles without any hesitation.
- 2. Keep personal Block map, family data sheets, and telephone tree in an easily accessible place and continue to update them with any new information.
- 3. Attending all Crime Watch meetings.
- 4. Implement security measures suggested by your law enforcement officials.
- 5. Properly identify all of your property using the guidelines suggested in Operation ID.
- 6. Keep an eye on your neighbor's homes and reporting any suspicious activities to your local Police or the Sheriff's Office as well as your neighbors.
- 7. Teach your children about crime prevention and about respecting law enforcement.
- 8. Do Not take any risks to prevent crime or try to make an arrest. It is more important to be a good witness.
- 9. Testify in court if you are a witness to a crime.
- 10. When planning to leave your home for any length of time, have the mail and newspapers picked up.
- 11. Have your home watched while you are gone, notifying your Block Captain and neighbors that you are going away so your home can be watched.



APD WILL HELP SUPPORT YOUR PROGRAM IN ANY WAY IT CAN.

- 1. Stranger Danger.
- 2. Gang Awareness.
- 3. Domestic Violence.
- 4. Senior Citizens Safety
- 5. 911.
- 6. Gun Safety.
- 7. Home Safety.

- 8. Burglary Prevention.
- 9. Theft Prevention.
- 10. Car Jacking.
- 11. Telephone Fraud.
- 12. Conflict Resolution.
- 13. Operation I.D.









REPORTING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES

A suspicious activity is an event taking place that is out of the ordinary or should not be occurring.

Knowing your neighbors, their habits, and the composition of their households will make it easier to recognize and report any suspicious activities occurring in your community.

HOW TO OBTAIN A SUSPICIOUS PERSON'S DESCRIPTION

- When Describing A Suspicious Person Or Suspect, You Need To Be As Complete And Detailed As Possible.
- Each Time You List A Different Identifier, You Will Greatly Narrow Down The Pool Of Possible Suspects.
- Ideally, A Person Should Be Described As Follows:
 - 1. NAME: Always give the person's name, if known.
 - 2. RACE: White, Black, Hispanic, Asian.
 - 3. SEX: Male or Female.
 - 4. <u>AGE:</u> Use their date of birth or estimate age as close as you can. If you cannot guess a number for age, use terms such as: Teenager, Middle aged, etc.
 - 5. <u>HEIGHT</u>: Estimate suspect's height by comparing him/her to yourself or someone you know. Use terms such as: Tall, short, average, etc.
 - 6. <u>WEIGHT:</u> Estimate suspect's weight by comparing him/her to yourself or someone you know. Use terms such as: Heavy, thin, average, muscular, etc.
 - 7. <u>HAIR</u>: Note the color of the hair, its length, hair style, and any headgear worn. Also note any facial hair, if worn.
 - 8. <u>EYES:</u> Note the color of the eyes and any characteristics such as: Bloodshot, watery, etc. Note if the person is wearing any type of eyeglasses or sunglasses.
 - 9. <u>CLOTHES:</u> Note the color, type, style, condition of the suspect's shirt, pants, coat, shoes, etc. Note if the suspect wearing any jewelry and what type.
 - 10. <u>MARKS:</u> Note if there are any scars, tattoos, amputations, deformities, etc., as well as their location.



HOW TO OBTAIN A VEHICLE'S DESCRIPTION

When you observe a suspicious vehicle in your community, it is very important that you obtain the BEST DESCRIPTION of that vehicle. You must be as accurate as you can in describing the vehicle, so the Police or Sheriff's Office will be able to locate it and the suspicious person's involved.

YOU CAN REMEMBER A VEHICLE DESCRIPTION BY LEARNING THE WORD CYMBAL.
ASSOCIATE EACH LETTER OF THIS WORD WITH THESE VALUES:

C = color

Y = year

M = make

B = body style

A= accessories

L = license plate

COLOR: Try to be as specific as you can regarding the color.

EXAMPLE: If you see a car that is red in color and you know it is the shade of "Fire Engine Red," make a note of it. Also describe any two-toned or multi-colored vehicles as best you can.

- YEAR: If you don't know the exact year model of the vehicle, estimate as best you can.
- MAKE: What is the brand of the vehicle? Ford, Chevy, Dodge, etc.
- BODY STYLE: Note if the vehicle is a pickup, passenger car (sedan, station wagon, etc.) or van. Note the number of doors (2 door, 4 door)
- ACCESSORIES: Note if the vehicle is equipped with any accessories.
- LICENSE PLATE: This is the most important information!
 You should write down the plate number before anything else.
 If you cannot get the whole number, a portion of it is better than none at all. Also be sure to write down what state the plate is issued from.



REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY:

- Upon Observing A Suspicious Person Or Vehicle:
 - A. Write down all the available information.
 - B. Is the person/vehicle posing an immediate threat or involved in a crime?

If YES. . . . Contact the local Police immediately by dialing 911.

If NO. Determine whether or not an officer needs to be sent to the scene. Contact local law enforcement by calling the non-emergency 311 number.

- 1. Give your name and identify yourself as a member of Neighborhood Watch.
- 2. Give all the necessary information to the dispatcher.
- 3. Keep a watch on the suspicious activity if possible and update the dispatcher on any changes of the situation.

This information will be cross-referenced through the computer system to determine if the person or vehicle has been previously reported by another Neighborhood Watch group or law enforcement officer. If the person or vehicle has been previously reported, further investigation will determine if said subject is involved in any potential criminal activity.

Your information may not always turn out o effect an arrest, but do not get discouraged.

You Might Be The Key Factor In Solving A String Of Burglaries Or Some Other Criminal Conduct!

 WHEN DETERMINING WHETHER OR NOT TO CALL THE POLICE OR SHERIFF REMEMBER . . .

WHEN IN DOUBT, CALL IT IN!

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCE SHOULD YOU TAKE ANY PERSONAL RISKS OR ATTEMPT TO
 APPREHEND A PERSON WHO IS COMMITTING A CRIME! YOU WILL BE OF MOST VALUE AS

GOOD WITNESS.

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WHO BENEFITS?

THE COMMUNITY:

All citizens benefit. There is a greater awareness of crime in the community and stronger contributions in solving crime, making Northwest Hills a safer place to live.

THE POLICE:

Communications between law enforcement officials and the PTA working in cooperation with the Neighborhood Watch program.

• THE MEDIA:

Better media relations and cooperation between the police and community.

EVERYONE BENEFITS EXCEPT THE CRIMINALS!!!

CONTACT INFORMATION

- Officer Darrell Grayson 4600
- Office 512 974-5242
- Email: Darrell.Grayson@AustinTexas.Gov





SIGN UP TO BE A BLOCK CAPTAIN!

Connie Lundgren, NWACA Neighborhood Watch Chair

Contact: nwacainfo@gmail.com



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Ben Echelson

Travis County Game Warden Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept.

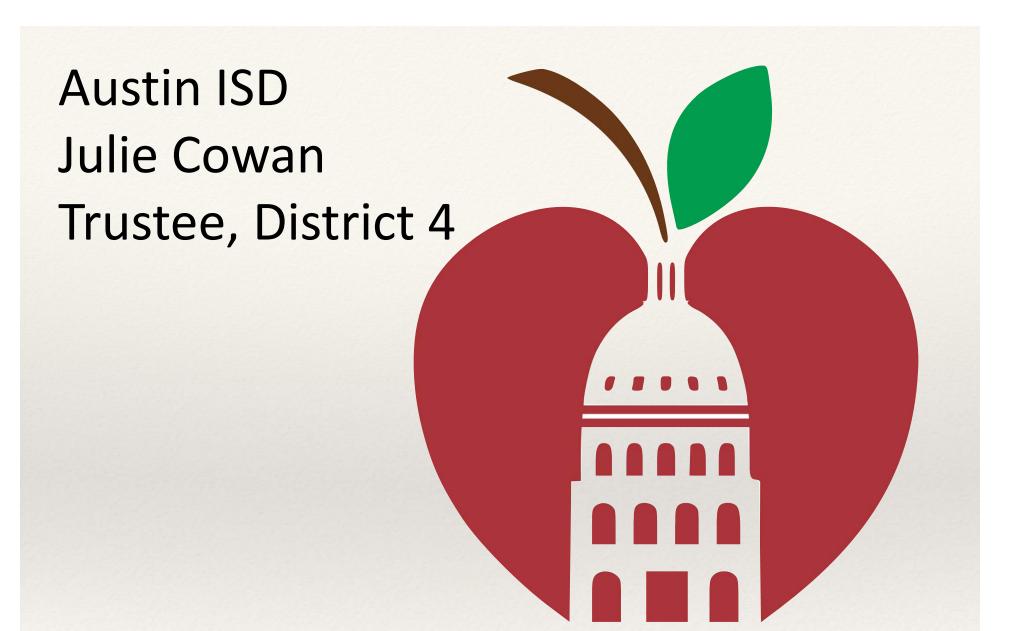
Poaching Presentation



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Julie Cowan
AISD District 4 Board Member
AISD Update



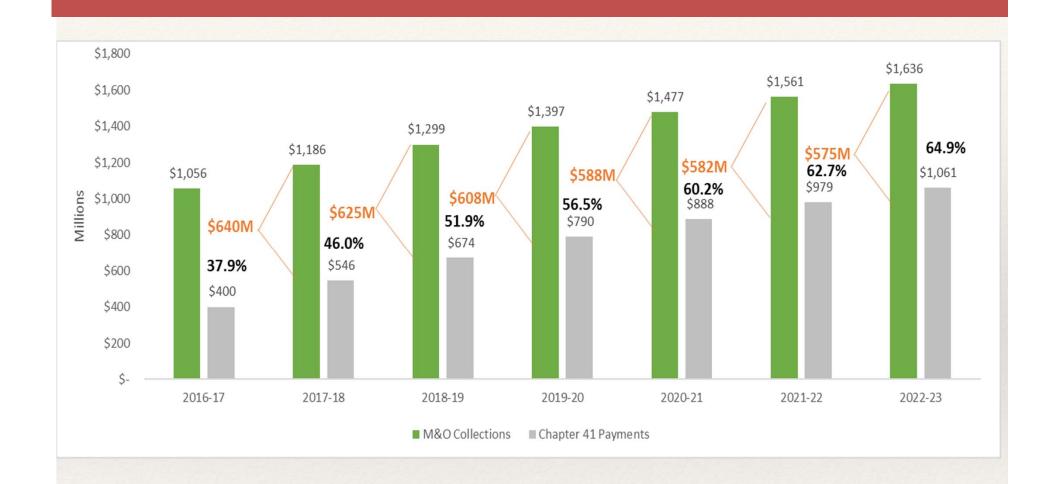


Keep up with the 2017 Bond

- www.austinisd2017bond.org
 - aisdfuture.com



Impact of Recapture on Austin Taxpayers





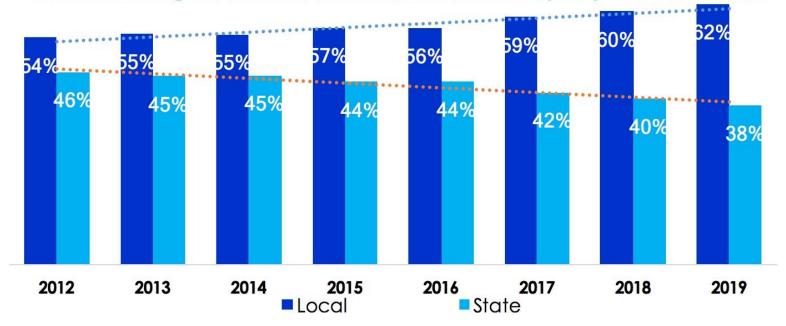
Impact of Recapture on Tax Bills

Average Taxable Homestead



State Funding for Public Ed Declining

Most Funding for Schools Comes from Local Property Tax Collections



Source: Legislative Budget Board, does not include federal funds or state grants outside of the Foundation School Program.



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CALL TO ACTION

- Governor: greg.abbott@gov.texas.gov
- Lt. Governor: ltgov@gov.texas.gov
- Speaker of the House: joe.straus@speaker.texas.gov
- Texas School Finance Commission: schoolfinancecommission@tea.texas.gov

Source: National Center for Education Statistics

https://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d15/tables/dt15 236.65.asp



TEGAC STATEWIDE VOTER SURVEY RESULTS

- -71% Favor increasing state aid
- -86% Favor ensuring property tax dollars collected by ISDs go to education
- -68% Favor state contributing at least 50% to school funding



•THANK YOU!





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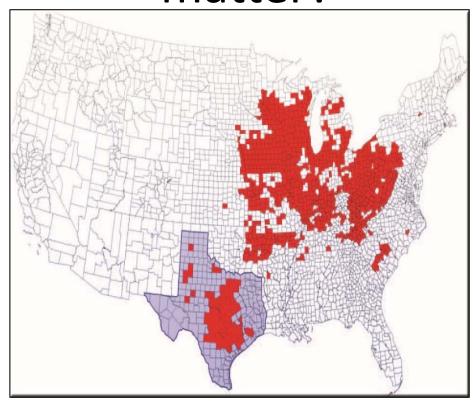
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Joanie Arrott, Chair
NWACA Tree, Environment,
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Oak Wilt Presentation

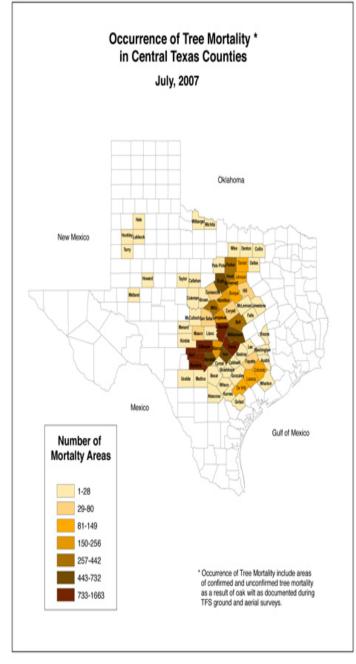
Oak Wilt Prevention

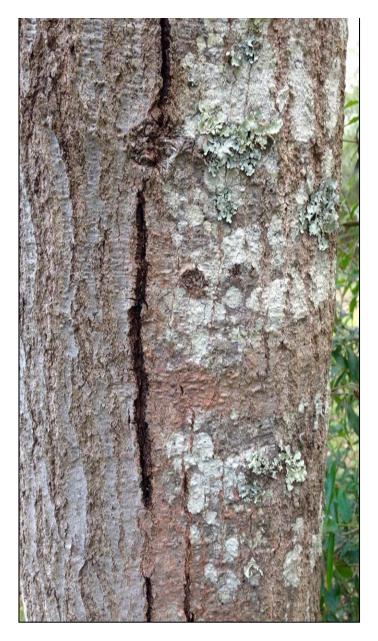
What Can You Do to Help?

What is it, and why does it matter?



 Most destructive disease affecting live oaks and red oaks in Central Texas

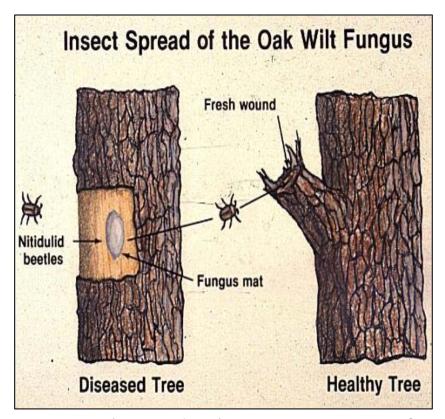






 Fungal mats form beneath bark of diseased trees, producing fruity odor and attracting insects which feed on sap

How does it spread?





- Beetles and other vectors carry fungal spores from infected trees to fresh, open wounds on healthy oaks
- Tree-to-tree spread of pathogen through interconnected or grafted root systems, once an oak wilt center becomes established

Live Oak Symptoms





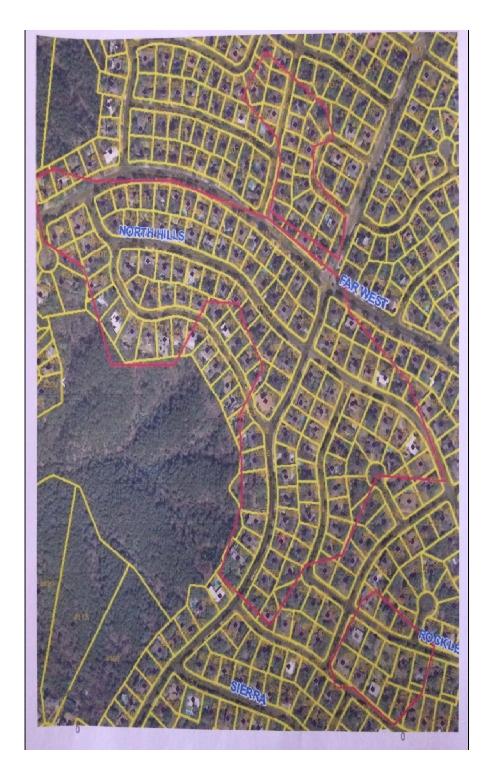
- Veinal Necrosis (brown veins)
- Leaf vein turns brown while rest of leaf remains green
- Leaves may remain on tree or fall to ground

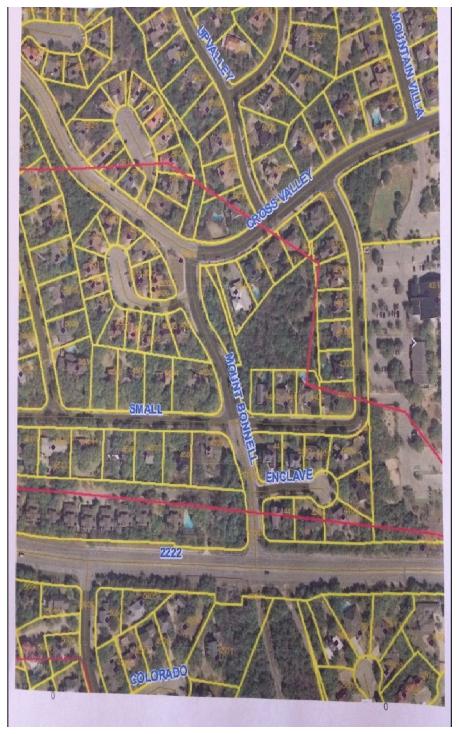
Red Oak Symptoms

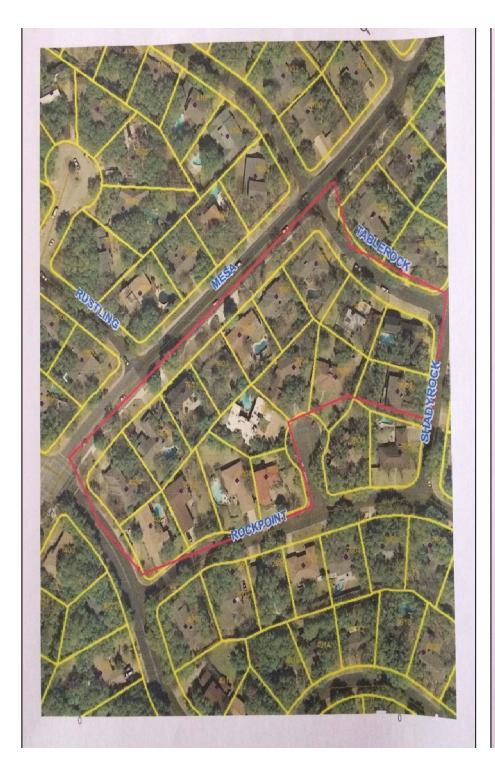




- Leaves turn pale green then brown remain attached for weeks
- Color change can begin on one branch and quickly engulf tree
- Red Oak trees generally die within 4-6 weeks









What can YOU do about it?

PREVENTION

- Resident education (Best Practices)
- Proper pruning (FEB thru JUNE)
- Proper firewood usage
- Optimize COA Impact Activities (AE pruning, SWS brush pickups)
- Plant trees other than Live Oaks or Red Oaks
- Employ Certified Arborists also, check Better Business Bureau

RESPONSE ACTION

- Trenching
- Inject Infected tree
- Remove Infected tree (especially Red Oaks)

Plan Ahead for Pruning

Prevent Oak Wilt

PLAN AHEAD - PRUNE

NOV thru JAN

- Beetles Inactive
- Dormant Season
- Coldest Months

Use certified arborists





• http://texasoakwilt.org/find-a-vendor/certified-arborists

Manage your landscape companies



Learn about oak wilt and tell your neighbors



- holding many condident forums during this process
- is well in a property tax forum
- change days in Afric Park, Muschison Dad, and Stiffense participation
- very own Marchine Poul
- * held numerous family friendly movie nights at Manhison Pool. November will be used to provide as with our core direction; this and two of the biggest July 8th putados on mostel.
- · opgraded to a new financial accounting system and added appear.

- Night Out acritics
- · participated in the transition in a Austria new 10th control owns. · continued our campaigns against not intensing in the wrong season, to percost the spread of Chik Wile
- . Seld several load forcess on issues important to our association. . I held several very outputful hartery, rd, paint and antiferou drop-
- · servalued our parks committee which hel to many oreset and · hold neighborhood garage sales with extremely high levels or
- worked with affected residents to support changes to Type 2 STBs * said money in order to assume a matching great to improve one. As we look to 2016, these are many things the NWACA Board hopes to accomplois. The neighborhood survey performed in ione provide you with an overview of the enable. Stay round to

What is NWACA?

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800. Found in 1509, NWACA Julys to form: wide range of activities and services performed by an elected substrate board communication and discussion regarding broad and a discreasing minimum, for www.neaca.org/or information construs of the whole neighborhood, such as one how you can get anothed falled on the Get Invalved activat.

"NEIGHBORS SERVING NEIGHBORS. THE NIMACA LEGACY"

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Statute Street Survey 2519 1



NWACA Oak Wilt Reimbursement Request		
Date		
Homeowner Requesting Reimbursement		
Property Location		
Contact Information (Phone, Email)		
Oak Wilt Infection Description		
Proposed Work Description		
Vendor and Proposed Fee (if more than		
one, list them and indicate which was chosen)		
Requested Reimbursement (up to 40% of		
vendor fee, with a cap of \$1000)		
Approvals Required:		
Item	Confirmed? Yes/No; Notes	Date
Vendor is TFS Oak Wilt Certified Vendor		
Work plan approved by COA Oak Wilt		
Arborist		
NWACA Tree and Environment Committee		
NWACA Board		

Come See Us and Ask Questions!

Joanie Arrott
Tree & Environmental Stewardship Committee
Northwest Austin Civic Association (NWACA)
http://nwaca.org



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Joanie Arrott, Chair

NWACA Fourth of July Parade

Parade Updates

JULY 4TH PARADE *****

9:00 AM

Visit NWACA.org for Parade Route, Float Contest, Freedom Festival, and more!



Important July 4th Parade Update

- Parade will return to Far West/Waterline route this year.
- Parade will end with Freedom Festival at Epoch Coffee and Coach Mo's Fitness due to construction at Doss Elementary.







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Lt. Chris Dibrell, AFD Nate Casebeer, AFD Wildfire Division Joyce Statz

Wildfire Prevention

Wildfire Awareness

- May is Wildfire Awareness Month in Austin
 - Mayor's proclamation on April 27
 - National Wildfire Preparedness Day was May 5
 - Annual AFD Wildfire Symposium was May 4
- Bringing Awareness to You
 - See handout on your chairs; note the localized information on the second page
 - For urban Central Texas preserve canopy for shade!
 - Committee table has much more information including new material to help plan for pets during evacuation

National Fire Danger Rating System

- Current fire danger rating on signs at our local fire stations
- Coming soon to the TV weather reports
- Be cautious when rating is Very High or Extreme
- Enroll phone for alerts at warncentraltexas.org



Wildfire Simulation

- Two scenarios to be examined now
 - Northern end of NWACA sparks from 360 into Steck Valley Greenbelt
 - Southern end of NWACA fire in the canyon
- Third scenario at the Wildfire Committee table later
 - Mount Bonnell Road, near Bright Leaf Nature Preserve
- Also... sign up for a <u>free</u> home wildfire safety evaluation
- If interested in becoming an evaluator, let us know!



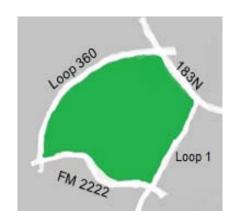
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Volunteer Extraordinaire

Who Am I?

I go to bed late at night. I don't use text messaging. I work at every recycling event. I serve on the Parks Committee and Bull Creek Park cleanup. I serve on the Communications Committee. I'm the hostess with the most-ess. I'm passionate about NWACA membership. I used to be treasurer. I manage the constable program. I'm co-chair of the Zoning/Transportation Committee. I'm the NWACA webmaster. I'm the editor of the NWACA newsletter. I'm chair of the Wildfire Committee. I used to be president. **JOYCE STATZ**



Stay in Touch



- Website: nwaca.org
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