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NORTHWEST AUSTIN CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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## FIREWISE USA™

### Residents reducing wildfire risks

#### CLIMATOLOGISTS WARN OF POTENTIAL FOR PROLONGED DROUGHT. ARE YOU PREPARED?

At publication time the one rhetorical question neighbors would inevitably ask each other while out walking was “Where’s the rain?” As of mid-April, several forecasts of spring thunderstorms seemed to have evaporated or otherwise dodged this leafy realm. Forty percent of the state is in extreme drought. As this article is written there are 13 major active fires across the state. Hopefully by the time this newsletter is printed and reaches your mailbox this information will seem woefully out of date. Hopefully. But experts seem to agree that this spring and summer is shaping up to be unusually hot and dry – not unlike the season that saw the enormous fire in Bastrop that caused so much damage a in 2011.

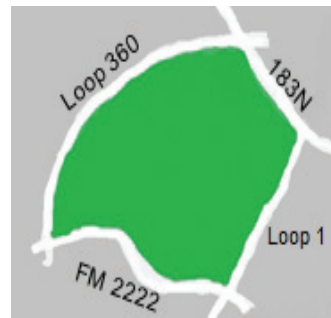
While these pages and our website regularly feature information in our Firewise column by Joyce Statz, the NWACA board thought the current dry spell and concerning forecast warranted elevating the issue to the front page. NWACA is imploring everyone to look around their property and take steps to harden their home’s defenses against potential wildfires in adjacent preserves. Here are a few top tips:

**CLEAR LEAVES AND OTHER DEBRIS FROM AREAS IN AND AROUND YOUR HOME, SUCH AS GUTTERS, EAVES, PORCHES, AND DECKS.**

**LIMIT THE QUANTITY OF FLAMMABLE MATERIAL AROUND YOUR HOME USING FIREWISE LANDSCAPING TIPS.** The primary goal for Firewise landscaping is fuel minimization — limiting the amount of flammable vegetation and materials surrounding the home and increasing the moisture content of remaining vegetation. The home itself and everything around it up to 100 feet from the home is known as the ‘home ignition zone.’ In areas across the

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## New to the Neighborhood? *Welcome to NWACA!*



If this is your first copy of our newsletter, welcome to the NWACA neighborhood! The map shows our boundaries – Mopac, RM 2222, Loop 360, and US Highway 183 (Research Boulevard). There are about 13,500 households who are your neighbors and are happy you’re here!

This newsletter is one way to know what’s happening in NWACA, but there’s much more. Check out the quick link For New Neighbors on the home page at [www.nwaca.org](http://www.nwaca.org) and visit our public Facebook page. Use the Membership button on the home page, or use the form at the end of this newsletter to become a member of NWACA. Members have access to the weekly NWACA Notes and the ability to join the NWACA closed Facebook group, to keep in touch with each other and with the latest news about NWACA.



### ARE YOU A NWACA MEMBER?

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#### *Here are 5 great reasons to join today!*

##### **GREAT NEIGHBORS = GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD**

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##### **STAY INFORMED ABOUT ISSUES THAT AFFECT YOU**

We are actively involved in our community and advocate for our residents.

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The NWACA Board meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, except December. Please visit our calendar at [www.nwaca.org](http://www.nwaca.org) to see the specific time and location. If you wish to speak at a Board meeting, please send email a week before the meeting, so that we can put you on the agenda.

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## Mark Your Calendars

*These events are as planned as of April 15. As you consider participating in one of the events listed, please check first with the organizer.*

### May 12 6:30-8:30 PM

NWACA Annual Meeting  
 St. Matthew's, 8134 Mesa Drive; Huffman Hall

### May 15, 2 pm

Tree, Environment, and Wildlife Committee - virtual

### May 17, 7pm

Parks Committee - virtual

### May 18, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

NWACA Board Meeting  
 St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and virtual

### May 21, 9 a.m. - noon

Monthly cleanup at Bull Creek District Park  
 Sign up at <https://givepul.se/lqpd6p>  
 Bull Creek District Park

### May 24, 5 pm

NWACA Zoning and Transportation Committees  
 Joint Meeting - virtual

### June 14, 7pm

Parks Committee - virtual

### June 15, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

NWACA Board Meeting  
 St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and virtual

### June 18, 9AM to noon

Monthly cleanup at Bull Creek District Park  
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### June 28, 5pm

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country where the risk of wildfire is high, the home ignition zone extends up to 200 feet beyond the actual home structure. Removing trees and other fuel ladders from the ignition zone can help save your home in a wildfire. In the area within five feet of the home, which is known as the Immediate Zone, there should be nothing that's flammable – stone mulch, perhaps in interesting patterns and colors – is the safest landscaping next to the walls.

**HARDEN YOUR HOME.** The use of fire-resistant building materials is recommended for people building or remodeling homes in wildfire-prone areas, such as those located in or next to the wildland urban interface. This resource outlines the best materials and building practices for hardening your home and giving it the best possible chance of surviving a wildfire: <https://www.readyforwildfire.org/prepare-for-wildfire/get-ready/hardening-your-home/> If you build or renovate your home, hire a contractor who is knowledgeable about fire-resistant materials, or consult with experts from the Wildfire Division of the Austin Fire Department.

**BE VERY CAUTIONS WITH FLAMES AND SPARKS.** As documented in this video about the recent Ranger fire, a huge disaster can be triggered by a barbecue pit left untended: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LuWE7x3IZN8&ab\\_channel=FOX7Austin](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LuWE7x3IZN8&ab_channel=FOX7Austin). Other sources may be sparks from a lawnmower blade, fireworks or

cigarettes tossed into dry grass or leaves, or sparks from a chain being dragged by a vehicle. Be especially attentive on days that are called red flag days. See today's wildfire danger rating by going to [www.nwaca.org](http://www.nwaca.org) under Hot Topics.

**GET A HOME WILDFIRE SAFETY EVALUATION.** If you haven't already done so, please sign up to have a Home Wildfire Safety Evaluation. Two trained evaluators will walk around your property with you, free of charge, to help you identify where you have a defensible space around your home and where there are risks to address. Go to [www.nwaca.org](http://www.nwaca.org) and sign up under the Quick Links section.

## NOW FOR THE FUN NEWS:

The NWACA Board is pleased to announce our 2022 special projects fund. We invite neighbors who have proposals for neighborhood improvements to submit proposals by June 30. Past projects have ranged from installing a bike fix-it station at Doss Elementary to helping the Anderson Band replace their zillion-year-old, crumbling instrument trailer. Have an idea? Know some bright young scouts who have a project in mind? Let us hear from you.

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## NWACA Special Projects Fund Inviting Applications – NWACA Board

The Special Projects Fund was established by the NWACA Board to help fund special projects that have a community benefit for neighborhood residents and are publicly accessible.

During recent years, NWACA contributed funds for the purchase of five recycling containers used at our local parks, development of a new soccer field behind Doss Elementary School, refurbishing the Anderson High School Gym, a pilot constable patrol project, the Loewy Playground, and Murchison Middle School Common Space improvements. In 2021, we helped the Anderson High School Trojan Band purchase a new equipment trailer and provided funds for bike repair stations at Doss and Hill Elementary Schools.

Any group or individual can apply for Special Projects funds; just download an application online at [www.nwaca.org](http://www.nwaca.org) using the link in the Hot Topics list.

Applications for the current round of projects will be accepted until June 30, 2022, and selected applicants will be encouraged to present their projects at the August NWACA Board meeting. Submit applications, drawings, pictures, and estimated project costs to [info@nwaca.org](mailto:info@nwaca.org) or by U.S. mail to: NWACA, P.O. Box 26654, Austin, TX 78755. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance and funds can

be distributed as early as the month following project selection. The number of projects funded is at the discretion of the Board. If you have questions about the program, email [info@nwaca.org](mailto:info@nwaca.org)

Some applicants may choose to submit an idea in concert with the City of Austin Neighborhood Partnering Program (see details at <http://www.austintexas.gov/neighborhoodpartnering>). Such applications must be submitted by October 1st or June 1st for their cost-sharing funding cycle. Other applicants may choose to team with the Austin Parks Foundation (see details at <http://austinparks.org/tag/grants/>). Applications for different types of grants have different deadlines.

The Special Projects Fund is just one of many ways that NWACA serves our community. Funding is available because of the careful management of your dues and donations. Please help us to continue our work by maintaining your NWACA membership.



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## Captain Knox and the Running Rope Ranch – Carol Jones



Tucked away on a quiet side street in Northwest Hills is the remaining few acres of the Running Rope Ranch. In the mid-1900s, it was a rollicking boys day camp, with horseback riding, hiking, and other outdoor activities.

In the 1930s, a visionary named Warren P. Knox purchased 250 acres far out in the country. According to his family, he paid somewhere between \$1.25 - \$15 per acre. Everyone told him it was a big waste of money. The land consisted of Hill Country scrub oaks, cedar breaks, cactus, and rocks. Also, it was miles away from Austin. Nobody could imagine wanting to live that far away from town.

But Knox had imagination. He had served in the Cavalry in WW I and was very comfortable around horses and other animals. Having his own ranch was likely his dream come true. A 1949 newspaper ad proclaimed Running Rope Ranch as a "Day Camp for Boys Age 7 to 15 Years," with "ranch and outdoor activities, physical development, equitation, hiking, cooking and handicraft."

On July 23, 1953, the Austin newspaper had a feature article about him. "... Capt. Knox was enjoying his favorite hobby: teaching outdoor life to Austin youngsters in an atmosphere charged with imaginative Old West enthusiasm." He was a big fan of Will Rogers and liked to demonstrate rope twirling tricks and knot-tying techniques. His granddaughter Pat Partridge remembers him coming to elementary schools to make balloon animals, perform magic tricks, and tell Wild West stories. His grandson James Christopher (Chris) sent me a picture of Captain Knox balancing on a tightrope.

The animals at Running Rope Ranch all had names starting with "R" to match the ranch name, such as Rex, Rebecca, and Rosie. Captain

Knox created a one-ring circus on the property with bleachers and a metal roof, featuring his trained animals. "How old are you?" he would ask Rosie, the miniature cow. Rosie would answer by tapping her hoof on the ground the correct number of times. Parents brought their kids there for one-of-a-kind birthday parties.

It's hard to imagine how much of present-day Northwest Hills was part of the Running Rope Ranch. It was an adventure out in the wild country just to get there from Austin, driving on a long winding dirt road from Balcones Drive on the east (now Mopac).

There was a large Quonset hut on the west end of the ranch, near current-day Enclave Mesa. The hut had a swing inside, hung from the ceiling on 20' long ropes. If someone pushed you hard enough, you could touch the horns of a mule deer mounted over the fireplace. The kids all loved that fantastic swing. It made them feel as if they were flying through the Quonset hut. At the back of the spacious building was a large kitchen with a serving window to the outside. There were lots of barbecues and picnics at the ranch.

Several people I spoke to described Captain Knox as "larger than life." Former Austin resident Kate Lyon has many fond memories of him. Her parents would drop her off at Running Rope Ranch for the whole day. She took horseback riding lessons and rode around in the Captain's Jeep over the bumpy caliche roads. He had wooden crates of sodas for the kids to enjoy in the screened-in porch of the house.

Kate remembers that he wore a suit when teaching Sunday school at University United Methodist Church, where she learned more about rattlesnakes than religion. But when Captain Knox was with his animals, he always wore jodhpurs and tall riding boots, like the Cavalry man he was. "I adored him," she says. "He was generous, charming, funny, and he loved kids."

Chris Knox remembers searching for Indian arrowheads on the property with him. After a good rain, those treasures would surface. In later years, Chris realized that the Captain probably had filled his pockets with arrowheads and scattered them secretly so that the kids would have an exciting adventure. Just like a fun-loving grandfather would do.

Captain Knox's daughter-in-law, Margaret Knox, passed away recently in January 2022. She was featured in a 1982 book called *Austin Originals: Chats With Colorful Characters* by Robyn Turner. She was also featured in a 2017 NWACA newsletter interview by Girl Scout Luci Thompson. I was very fortunate to be able to spend time with Margaret's children, Pat and Chris, who have generously given their time to tell me stories about Captain Knox and send me pictures. An entire book could be written about everyone in the fascinating Knox family, who gave so much joy to Austinites.



# MARKET UPDATE

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## Student Scoop: Mother's Day - Kayla Winer-Winkler

Our moms are great people, they deserve to be celebrated; Mother's Day is a day to celebrate these hard-working women. This year on May 8 we will once again celebrate our mothers.

Some of the oldest celebrations of motherhood can be traced back to ancient Greece and Rome. These celebrations were centered around motherly goddesses, such as Rhea and Cybele. However, the oldest holiday featuring mothers themselves was a Christian holiday called Mothering Sunday, which was mostly observed in the United Kingdom and parts of Europe. On Mothering Sunday, celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Lent, the faithful would go to their mother church for a special service. Eventually this tradition changed to children gifting their mothers flowers as a symbol of appreciation, before it began to fade in the 1700s.

Before the American Civil War, Ann Reeves Jarvis organized "Mothers' Day Work Clubs" to help mothers learn to properly care for their children. After the Civil War she created "Friendship Day" for soldiers on opposing sides of the war to get along. In the 1870s Julia Howe campaigned for mothers to unite

and promote world peace on June 2 for "Mother's Peace Day." Around the United States, many others joined the campaign, including Frank Hering, "The father of Mother's Day."

Following the death of Ann Reeves Jarvis, her daughter Anna Jarvis organized the first official Mother's Day celebration with a Philadelphia store owner named John Wanamaker. That May the celebration was held at a Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia, and many celebrated the event at one of Wanamaker's stores in Philadelphia. With the success of the celebration, Anna Jarvis started writing letters to newspapers and politicians to advocate for a holiday honoring mothers. Soon, many states had adopted Mother's Day as a holiday, and by 1914 Jarvis's determination paid off when President Woodrow Wilson made Mother's Day an official holiday on the second Sunday of May.

Anna Jarvis soon realized that the creation of her holiday had not only fulfilled its original purpose of celebration between mothers and families, but it was also being commercialized. Jarvis was not happy with

this, and protested buying Mother's Day flowers, cards, and candies. She filed many lawsuits, draining most of her personal wealth and died childless in 1948, after pushing for Mother's Day to be removed from the American calendar.

The United States has inspired many other countries' Mother's Days, but some have their own unique Mother's Day. France started celebrating fetes des meres in 1950, typically on the fourth Sunday of May. In Mexico, Mother's Day is May 10 and restaurants and flower boutiques are crowded. Early on in the Soviet Union, mothers were only honored on March 8, International Women's Day, but now Mother's Day is celebrated on the last Sunday in November (however most gifts are still given in March). In several Arab countries Mother's Day is March 21 and is mostly an unofficial holiday.

If you would like to help bring life to new ideas for the student scoop you can email me at [nwaca.studentscoop@gmail.com](mailto:nwaca.studentscoop@gmail.com).



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– Transportation Committee



This year, the NWACA Transportation Committee is focusing on what we can do to ensure there are zero car crashes in the neighborhood, whether they be crashes of cars with cars, bikes, or pedestrians. A number of NWACA area residents have gotten their Vision Zero yard signs from the City's Transportation Department; the signs should be good reminders to us all to control our speed and watch out for our neighbors and wildlife when we drive. If you would like a sign, go to <https://www.austintexas.gov/page/vision-zero-yard-sign>.

Drivers need to be alert for deer and pedestrians so that there's plenty of time to react even when they might be in an unexpected part of the road, or during low visibility. Don't overdrive your headlights; drive at a speed with which you're able to stop for any unexpected object, person, or animal. The best way to protect people and animals is to drive slower. People often don't wear high visibility clothing and deer are incredibly resistant to someone putting a high visibility vest on them! A deer or person 'wearing black' are visible at night, even on the wrong side of the road, with headlights if a driver is driving slow enough to react. By the way, most of our side streets now have a speed limit of 25 MPH; only a small number of them are posted as such, but assume that if there is no signage for 30 MPH or above, the default is 25 MPH.

We pedestrians really need to improve how we walk on our streets. Where there are no sidewalks, common sense (and the Texas Transportation Code) mandates that we walk facing vehicle traffic. Walkers should be able to see a car coming and observe exactly where it is traveling. Unless you have eyes in the back of your head, that means you need to be on the left side of the street. Please remind your neighbors and teach your children about this safety rule.

In addition, when there is little natural light – early in the morning, late in the evening – please wear clothing that makes you obvious to those riding bikes or driving vehicles. Light colored clothing is best, wearing a reflective vest or armband is a great addition, and wearing a small light is an excellent safety measure.

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## Business Spotlight: Austin Jews and Partners for Refugees - Janice Green



*Russ Apfel and Nancy Wolf*

What ignites a call to volunteerism? A war correspondent's vivid reporting? The image of refugees at ABIA with no one to greet them? An informational meeting at a home or house of worship that inspires you to donate your time and talent? Wanting to help immigrants because of their valuable contributions to our country?

All the above sparked Russ Apfel and Nancy Wolf (along with others representing Austin Jewish congregations, many in Northwest Austin) into action. They formed Austin Jews and Partners for Refugees (AJPR) which has assisted over 1000 Afghan refugees since August – during our largest refugee crisis ever. The refugees now are primarily from Afghanistan, but that can shift with current events.

AJPR and their many partners (identified on their website) provide volunteers to and coordinate with Refugee Services of Texas, Austin's only refugee resettlement agency. Partners include multi-faith communities, other nonprofits, and individuals. The site explains how you can help refugees immediately and long-term through active time commitments or financial contributions – from store gift cards to donated items such as new or gently used rugs, furniture,

clothing, and culturally appropriate food and kitchen equipment, etc.

When refugees are forced to leave their country by war, genocide, or persecution, what are their initial needs? Volunteer airport welcome teams to transport them to a furnished apartment stocked with groceries and some clothing; transportation to the Social Security Office for employment-required cards, medical visits for vaccinations, school registrations, and job interviews; an introduction to bus routes; assistance with technology; and other resources to help them feel at home in a foreign place and culture.

Once the refugees are housed, AJPR focuses on long-term assistance and integration of the refugees into their new community through a volunteer program called Salaam Neighbors. The program pairs a refugee family with one or more Austin families

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who work for at least three months to acclimate the refugee family. This program, as described by Russ and Nancy, involves neighbors introducing refugees to Austin sites and resources, supporting them through school and medical issues, finding ESL classes ... simply helping them navigate their new world. Another program, Baby Buddies, pairs a pregnant refugee with one to three female volunteers who provide her a baby shower and support during and after the pregnancy.

This column sometimes spotlights nonprofit organizations in our neighborhood, including volunteer opportunities. During the pandemic and February 2021 freeze, informal “mini-hoods” in Northwest Austin blossomed – neighbors who helped each other through difficult times and now seek coordinated volunteer activities. The AJPR services, especially their Salaam Neighbors program, are a great opportunity for Northwest Hills residents to continue assisting others facing unimaginable challenges. (AJPR's website has volunteer forms and a training video.)

Whether it is an hour spent transporting a refugee to an appointment or making a three-month commitment with neighbors to befriend one family, perhaps you will join with AJPR to support those forced to flee their homelands and leave loved ones behind.

Contact Info: <https://austinjewsforrefugees.weebly.com>

## Special Thanks to Members

- Membership Committee

NWACA thanks members who generously contributed to the 4th of July Parade Fund, the Park Fund, and the Constable Fund, between March 15, 2022, and April 15, 2022.

Donations to the 4th of July Parade Fund help NWACA to host the best 4th of July parade in Austin! The Park Fund helps us do events in our parks and revitalize parks in the NWACA area. The Constable Fund helps us provide the patrol activities of the Travis County Constable.

- Gay Chapman
- Katherine Dunlop and Sahotra Sarkor
- Patricia Horridge
- Thomas Kelly
- Jeff and Jill Martin Seibert
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### To join:

go to **www.nwaca.org** and pay online via credit card  
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| <input type="checkbox"/> History            | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning and Transportation       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Watch |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parks              |  |

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# Chief's Monthly Report for February 2022

– Connie Lundgren

Continuing as we have for the last several months, here is the latest report available from the Austin Police Chief, the data for February 2022.

## Chief's Monthly Report for February 2022

### City-Wide

### Baker Sector

#### Crimes Against Persons

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	Feb 2022	All 2022	Feb 2021		Feb 2022	All 2022	Feb 2021
Murder	3	13	8	Murder	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	291	586	239	Aggravated Assault	15	27	12
Simple Assault	693	1,461	780	Simple Assault	54	159	117

#### Crimes Against Property

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	Feb 2022	All 2022	Feb 2021		Feb 2022	All 2022	Feb 2021
Robbery	75	163	66	Robbery	1	11	3
Burglary	392	794	348	Burglary	39	89	38
Burglary of Vehicle	758	1,684	643	Burglary of Vehicle	154	366	128
Auto Theft	395	808	273	Auto Theft	46	97	38
Vandalism	471	948	502	Vandalism	44	83	54

#### Crimes Against Society

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	Feb 2022	All 2022	Feb 2021		Feb 2022	All 2022	Feb 2021
Drug Violations	194	403	181	Drugs	9	12	19
Weapons	69	145	52	Weapons	2	4	4

## Please Report Traffic Incidents

– NWACA Transportation Committee

Several NWACA board members have reported incidents of reckless driving throughout the neighborhood. As they drive or cycle, these residents find people are not always stopping at intersections, or they are traveling at high speeds. Of particular note is the intersection at Mesa Drive and Far West Boulevard, where a crash injured a pedestrian. Other incidents have occurred at Greystone Drive and Mesa Drive, at Greystone Drive and Hart Lane, and several other intersections. Reporting such incidents to 311 substantiates our need for increased APD patrols, which will benefit all of us. Austin 311 has an app to make reporting on your phone quick and easy – just go to your app store and download it. In addition to reporting traffic issues, you can ask questions about city services, get power outage information, ask non-emergency questions, and identify sidewalk repair issues, among other things. To make our neighborhood safer for all, please report reckless driving. We will all benefit. And, for real time traffic reports go to: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/qact/default.cfm>

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