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NORTHWEST AUSTIN CIVIC ASSOCIATION

2022 Annual Meeting

May 12, 2022

Agenda



- 6:30 Robert Nash – NWACA Co-President
 - Highlights from NWACA
 - Introduce NWACA Board for 2022-2024
- 6:40 Alison Alter, Mayor Pro Tem, D10 Councilmember – Answers to Key Questions
- 6:55 James Duff, AFD Wildfire Division – Wildfire Prevention Updates
- 7:05 Jon Plum – Oak Wilt Prevention
- 7:15 Robert Nash
 - Volunteer of the year award
 - Introduce highlights at the tables

Great to be Back in Person!



- This meeting
- 4th of July
- Neighborhood National Night Out

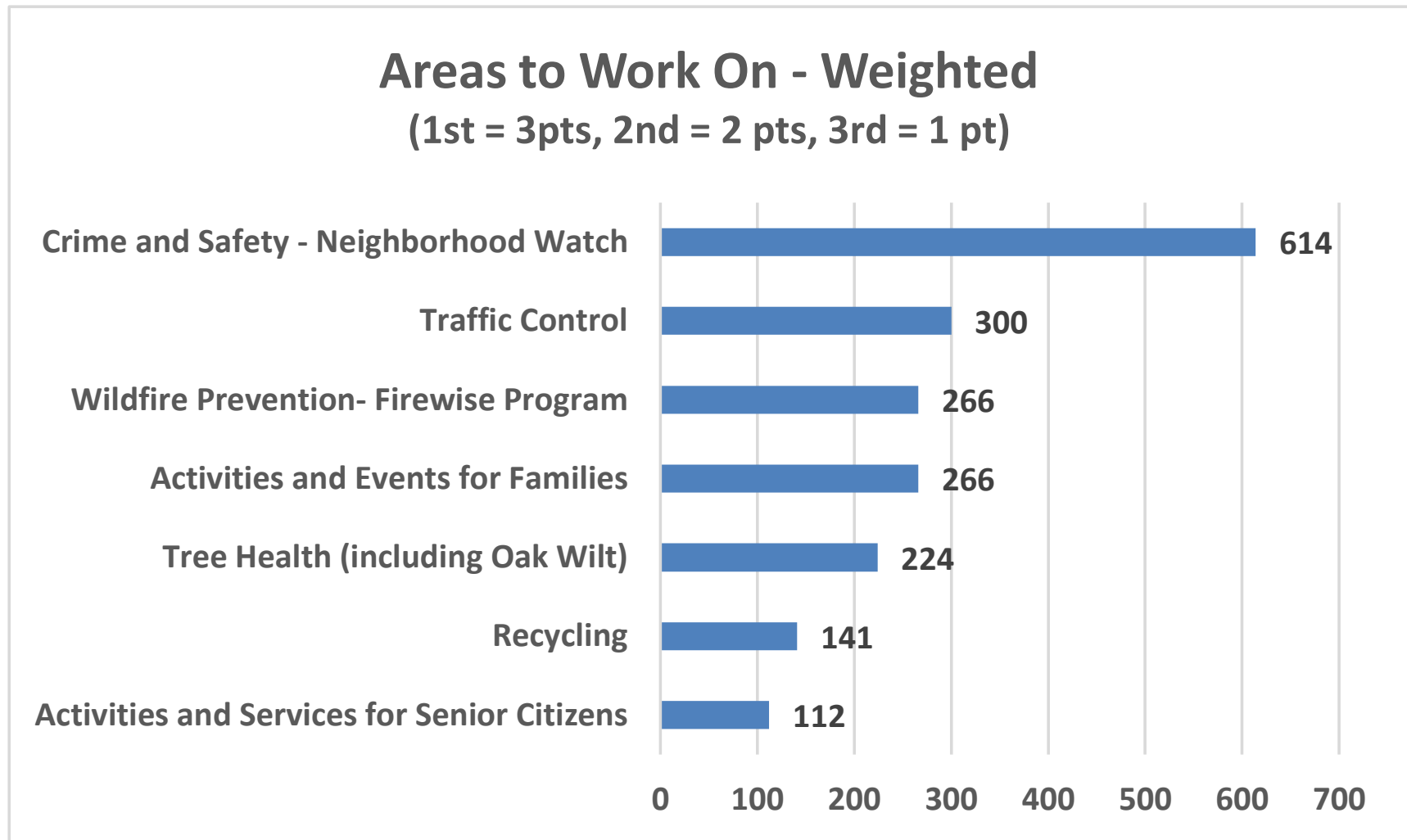
- And continuing, even through the pandemic
 - Twice/year recycling events – BOPA in spring, electronics in fall
 - Wide array of communications

NWACA Communications

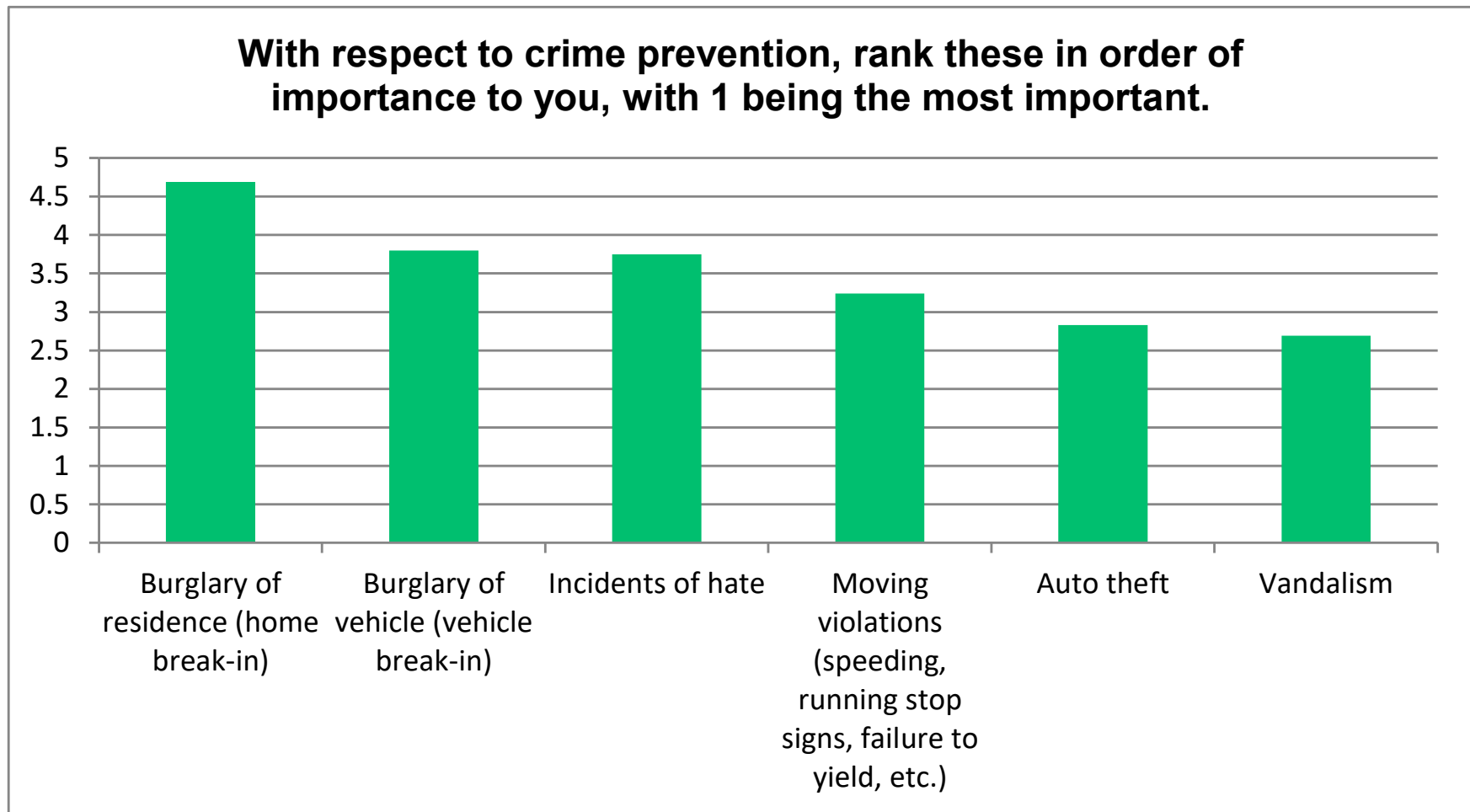


- Continuing to inform you via our media
 - Monthly print newsletter – delivered to your mailbox
 - Weekly NWACA Notes email newsletter for members of NWACA
 - Facebook group for members of NWACA
 - www.nwaca.org web site for current notices and an archive of information
- Annual survey of neighborhood interest gathers your priority ratings and feedback

Survey Results – Areas for NWACA Board to Work on



Specific Crime Prevention Concerns

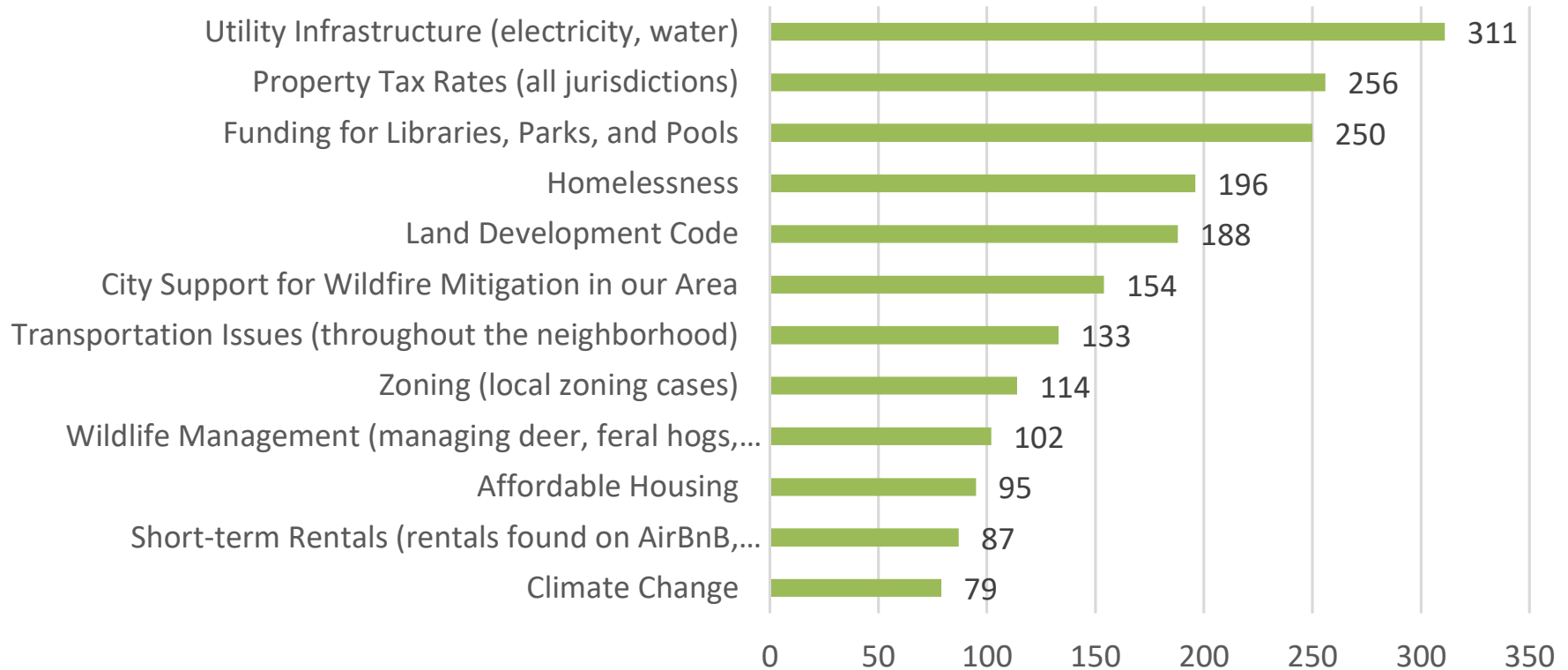


Civic Issues for NWACA Board to Inform and Advocate



Civic Choices - Weighted

(1st = 3pts, 2nd = 2 pts, 3rd = 1 pt)



NWACA Board for 2022-2024



- Returning to the Board

- Ruven Brooks
- Chris Currens
- Carol Dochen
- Charlie Galvin
- Richard Grayum
- Bridget Keating
- Mick Koffend
- Ben Luckens
- Connie Lundgren
- Robert Nash
- Julie Rawlings

- Returning, cont'd

- Teri Schock
- Joyce Statz
- Julie Waidelich
- Dana Winer

- New to the Board

- Olivia Connett
- Vicki DeWeese
- Jessica Forrest
- Kevin Kott

***Thanks, Louri O'Leary, for chairing
the Nominations Committee!***

More Details on NWACA Coming



- But first, we will hear from
 - Mayor Pro Tem Alison Alter
 - James Duff, AFD Wildfire Division Liaison to communities like ours
 - Jon Plum, neighbor to speak on oak wilt

Alison Alter – Mayor Pro Tem



- Items we asked her to address:
 - Austin Water – latest findings of the audit, plans for improvements re: boil water situations
 - School District Recapture – status of the effort
 - Tax rates – can the City adjust them, to reflect the extremely large increases in taxable value in our 2022 assessments
 - Her favorite topic

James Duff, Wildfire Division



- AFD Wildfire Division Fire-Adapted Communities Coordinator
 - With the Division for more than 2 years
 - Focuses on community education and wildfire risk evaluations
 - Writes the monthly newsletter for the division – excellent reading!
 - Prior experience
 - Texas Conservation Corps for 3 years
 - Trail building with Student Conservation Corps before that
 - much like creating fire lines
 - led him to wildfire mitigation work

Jon Plum – Oak Wilt



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- You may recognize Jon's name from the NWACA Newsletter
 - He was our horticulture columnist for many months
 - In his work life, he's a Broker Associate with Kuper Sotheby's



Preventing Oak Wilt in our Neighborhood

We all need to take care of our oak trees

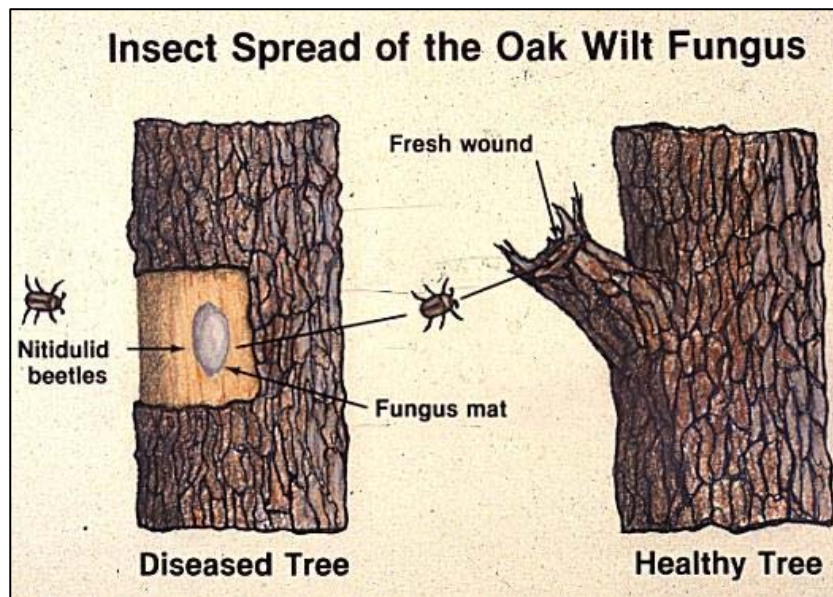
PREVENT OAK WILT

**DON'T PRUNE
FEB-JUNE**

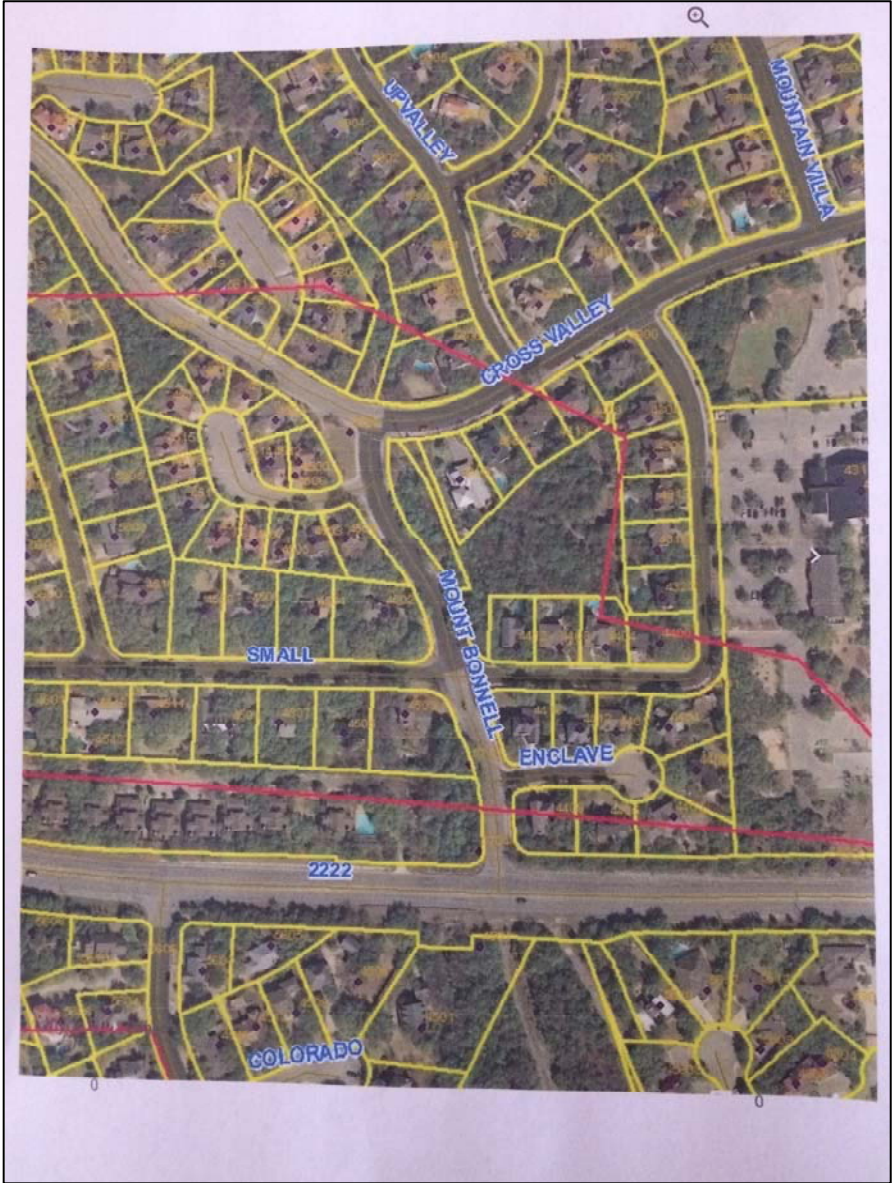
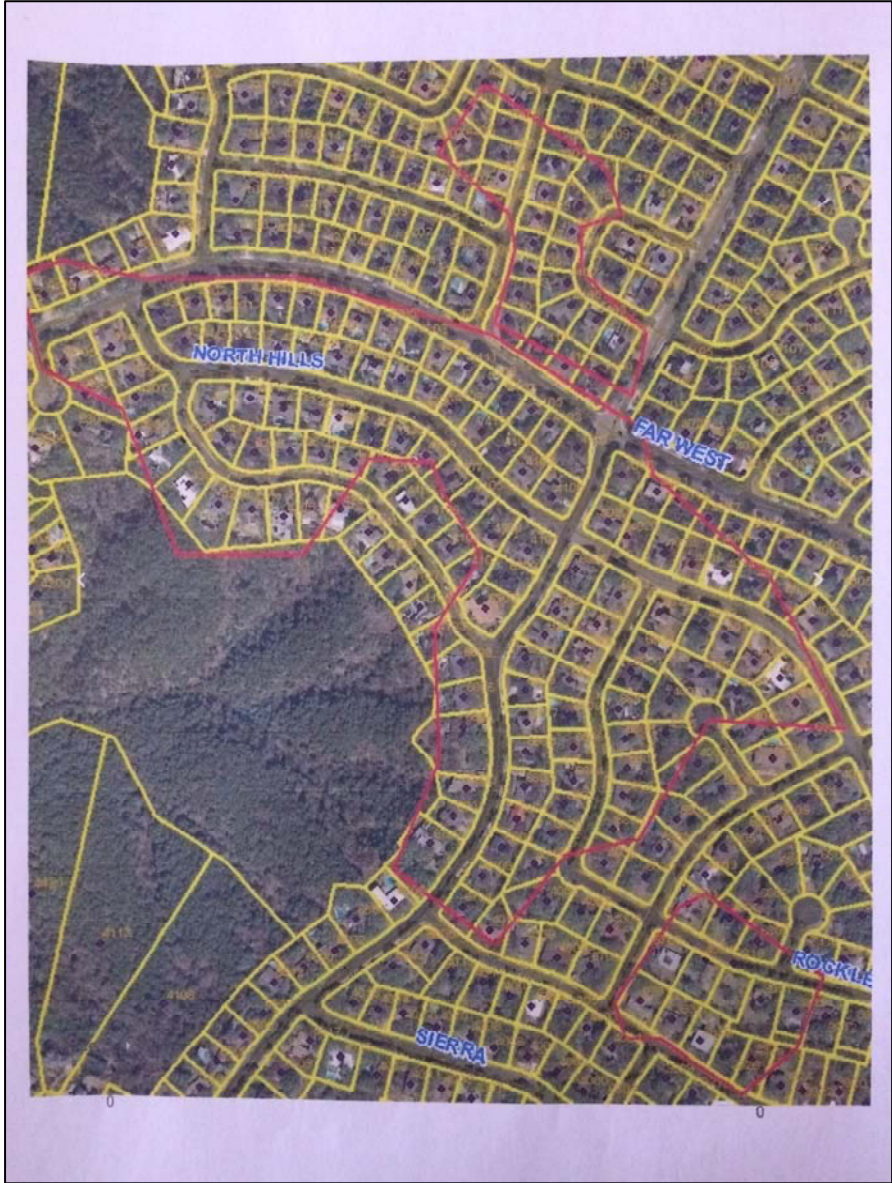


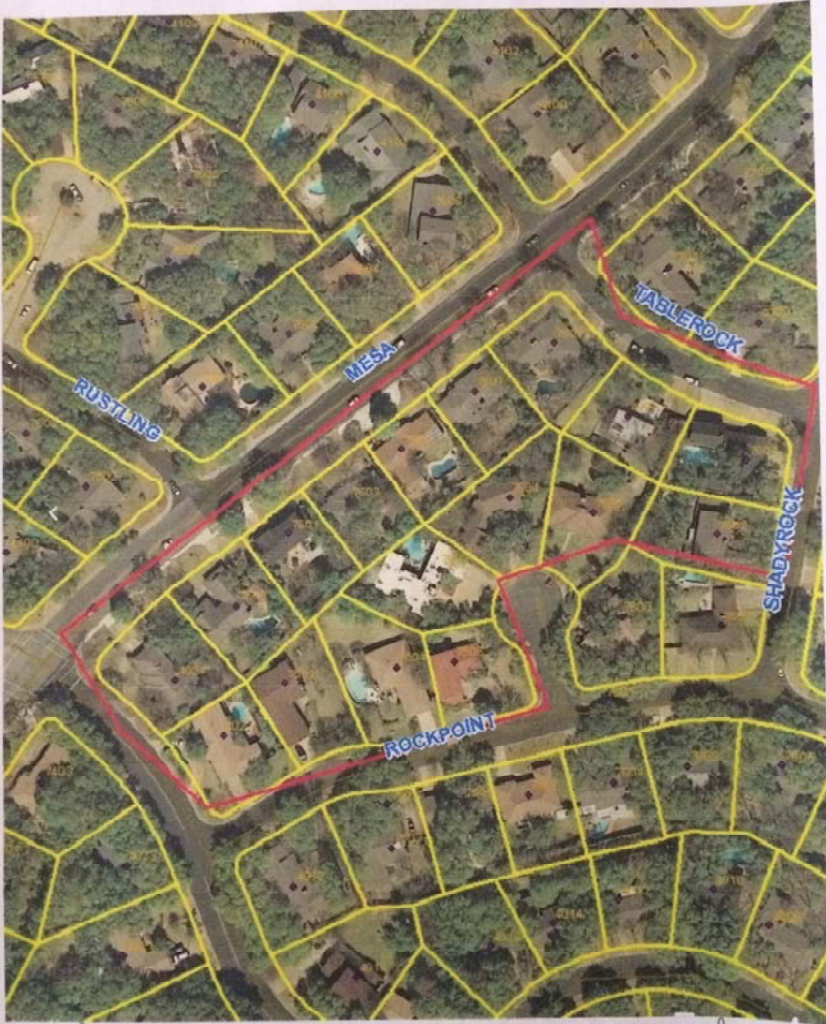
OAK WILT CARRIER BEETLE PEAK SEASON
NWACA.ORG

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





What can YOU do about it?



PREVENTION

- Resident education (Best Practices)
- Proper pruning (FEB thru JUNE)
- Proper firewood usage
- Optimize City of Austin Impact Activities (Austin Energy pruning, big brush pickups)
- Plant trees other than Live Oaks or Red Oaks
- Employ Certified Arborists – also, do your own research!

FREE \$0
PLAN AHEAD

RESPONSE ACTION

- Trenching
- Inject Infected tree (can also be used as a preventative)
- Remove Infected tree (especially Red Oaks)

EXPENSIVE
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Plan Ahead for Pruning



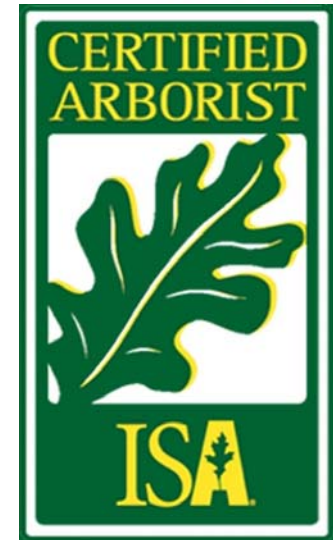
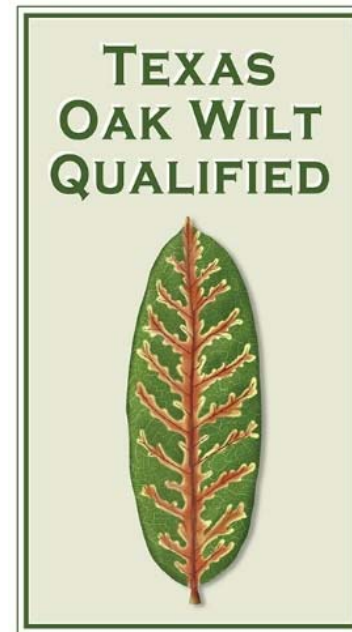
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PLAN AHEAD - PRUNE

NOV thru JAN

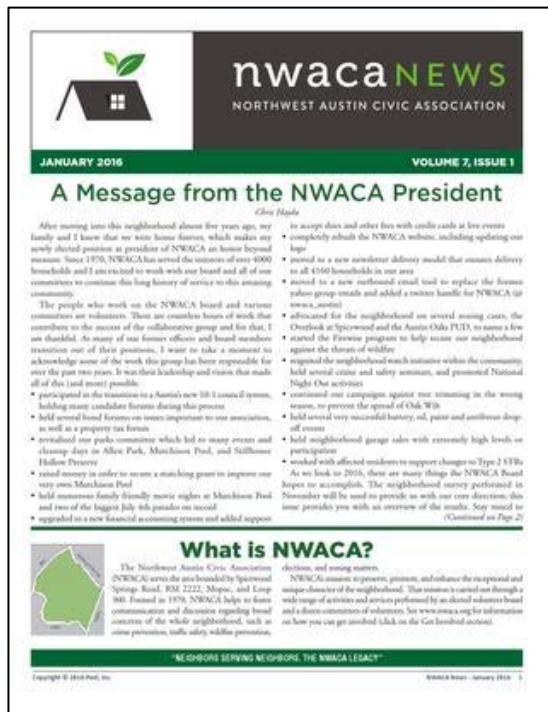
- ***Beetles Inactive***
- ***Dormant Season***
- ***Coldest Months***

Manage your landscape companies and use certified arborists



- <https://www.treesaregood.org/findanarborist>

Learn about oak wilt and tell your neighbors



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)																	
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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

More information available



<https://nwaca.org/>

See the articles on **tree health and environment**

Use the **resources** tab,
then go to **library**, and select this category

Specific questions? Send email to info@nwaca.org

Volunteer of the Year



- Vicki DeWeese
 - Recognizing her incredible support to NWACA over the years
 - Especially thanking her for making something really great happen for 2021 4th of July

Next: Visit the Tables



- Business Members are present
 - A+ Federal Credit Union
 - Brookdale Northwest Hills
 - Nest Properties Austin
 - See our full list on the NWACA web site
- City of Austin Departments
 - Details in next slide
- NWACA Committees
 - Details in following slides

Invited Entities



- Austin Water
 - Water conservation
 - Resilience plans – AW engineer
 - After-action reports re: boil water notices
- Austin Energy
 - Wildfire management; tree trimming progress
 - Resilience plans
 - Rate change plans, input opportunities
- Road project representatives
 - North 183 Mobility Project – 5 members of the team
 - Spicewood Springs Road Improvement Project team

Crime and Safety Table



- Notice Travis County and APD representatives in the room
 - Sgt. Sam Lindsey, Travis County Constable Pct. 2
 - Officer DeLeon, Travis County Constable Pct.2
 - APD – James Hyatt, our new District Representative (DR)
- Visit with them at the Crime and Safety Table
- Efforts underway
 - Neighborhood Watch programs throughout NWACA
 - Regular patrolling by Travis County Deputy
 - APD DR able to respond to questions and concerns
 - Reminder: Use 311 for any incidents you observe

Transportation Committee Items



- Committee focus this year: Vision Zero
 - Newsletter article each month on traffic safety
 - Quarterly newsletter article on status of road changes
 - Promoting safe walking, safe driving in all media
 - Pick up a **yard sign** for the Vision Zero program at the committee table
 - Pick up a **safety vest** and **tips for walking safely** in our neighborhood
 - Check out the walk audits done so far and volunteer to do one on streets where you often walk

Zoning Committee Items



- Visit the Zoning Committee table to see diagrams of the changes planned for the Luby's site by Ardent Residential
- Q/A with our Committee Co-chairs

4th of July Table



- Come and learn about the plans for the 4th
- Sign up to volunteer to help
 - With the parade
 - With the float contest
 - With the Freedom Fest after the parade

Other Committees to Visit



- See what else we're up to at these tables, and let us know if you're interested in taking part
 - Business Membership
 - Civic Engagement
 - Communications
 - Parks
 - Tree, Wildlife, and Environment – pick up a handout about oak wilt prevention
 - Wildfire Prevention – see a big map of where the WUI Code applies, as well as maps of wildfire risk

Thank you for coming!



- See you on the 4th of July
- See you on National Night Out