



## From the Board - NWACA Wants You!

That's right. We're putting out a call for YOUR volunteer involvement in support of the return of Austin's biggest, boldest, most fun, longest-running neighborhood Fourth of July parade. We need help with everything from lining up the classic cars, to hydrating people and pets, to organizing participation from groups ranging from the youngest scouts to our most revered veterans. Your involvement and support will be sure to put a smile on the faces of hundreds (if not thousands) of your NWACA neighbors as we usher back this beloved tradition. Fourth of July Parade Chair Chris Currens asks that if you have a group that would like to march in the parade or enter the float contest or in any other way get involved, reach out to us at [info@nwaca.org](mailto:info@nwaca.org) and stay tuned to the NWACA Facebook page, keep an eye on your NWACA Notes weekly emails, and watch the [www.nwaca.org](http://www.nwaca.org) web site for more information in the days ahead. We'll soon be able to order t-shirts on the web site, so watch for the new design, and join your neighbors in wearing the latest bling!

With the Doss Elementary construction complete (new since our last parade), the 4th of July Committee is aiming to return the parade to North Hills Drive, starting near Far West and ending with the very popular Freedom Fest at or near the parking lot of Doss Elementary.



# WE WANT YOU!

So, answer the call of Uncle Sam, roll up your sleeves, and get involved as you're able. Then, put the parade on your calendar; adorn those bikes, wagons, and friendly canines to sport red, white, and blue; and meet your neighbors under a shady oak tree to cheer the marchers, floats, and lawn chair twirlers.

Speaking of the 4th of July, we'd like to share with all our readers that the NWACA Board of Directors named our past president, Vicki DeWeese as our NWACA 2021 volunteer of the year for her herculean efforts leading last year's wildly successful and popular Fourth of July party in the Randall's parking lot. So, if you know Vicki, give her your kudos when you see her out and about or on social media. Vicki is returning to serve on the board and joins several other just elected new and returning board members who have agreed to share their time and talent in service of this very special part of Austin.

Information about board members can be found inside this newsletter.

Hope to see you for the fourth. Until then, stay cool and hydrated, and be Firewise. This summer could be an extra toasty one. You can always see the wildfire danger level on our web site or posted at the local fire station. We have lots more important information, including about fire safety tips, and how to join or get involved as a committee volunteer at [www.nwaca.org](http://www.nwaca.org)







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Each of the Board Members can be reached at  
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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 May 15. As you consider participating in one of the events listed, please check first with the organizer.*

**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 – Sign up at

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Bull Creek District Park

**June 28, 5pm,**

NWACA Zoning and Transportation Committees Joint Meeting  
virtual

**July 4, 9AM – 11 AM**

4th of July Parade and After-parade Freedom Fest

North Hills Drive, Doss Elementary

**July 16, 9AM – noon**

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Bull Creek District Park

**July 17, 2 PM**

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## Welcome, New Board Members

NWACA Board

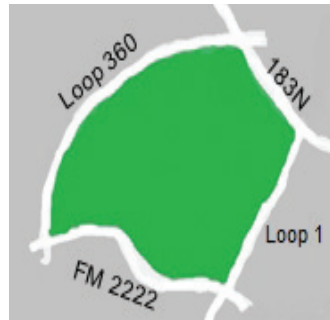
The NWACA Board is pleased to announce the results of our 2022 election of NWACA Board members. These neighbors will serve from August 2022 through July 2024. As you see them around the neighborhood, thank them for their service, and share your ideas for how they can keep NWACA the vibrant, friendly community it's always been.

Returning to the Board are Ruven Brooks, Chris Currens, Vicki DeWeese, Carol Dochen, Charlie Galvin, Richard Grayum, Bridget Keating, Mick Koffend, Ben Luckens, Connie Lundgren, Robert Nash, Julie Rawlings, Teri Schock, Joyce Statz, Julie Waidelich, and Dana Winer.

New to the Board are Olivia Connett, Jessica Forrest, and Kevin Kott.

Brief bios of each of the Board members, as well as their committee responsibilities, can be found at [www.nwaca.org](http://www.nwaca.org)

## 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.

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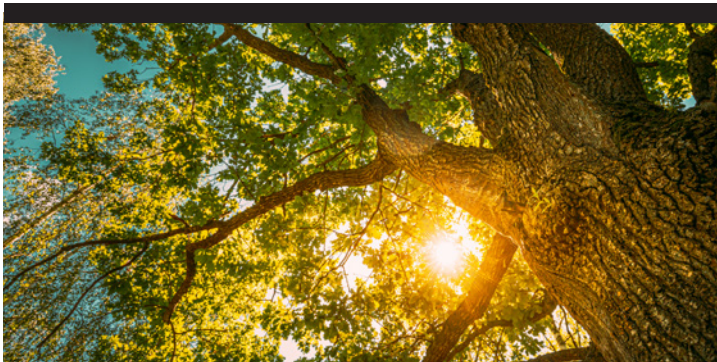
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## NWACA Special Projects Fund Inviting Applications – NWACA Board

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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## Vision Zero: Moving - Mick Koffend



Moving traffic violations, that is. I frequently travel around the NWACA neighborhood and am appalled at the number of moving traffic violations I observe. Some of these violations are observed while in a car, but a majority are observed while on my bicycle. (This is not a piece on bicycle safety although bicyclists are subject to many of the same traffic laws as cars – both are “vehicles.” I’m just captain of Team Slow Poke, so I have more time on the road on a bike than in a car.)

Speeding occurs all over NWACA. The speed limit on most NWACA neighborhood streets is 25 miles per hour; for larger streets, it is 30 or 35 miles per hour. NWACA is working with the City of Austin to have more speed limit signs posted, but if you are traveling more than 40 miles per hour, you probably are speeding.

While speeding is unfortunately common, ignoring traffic laws occurs in many other ways. One of the most frequent involves a STOP sign.

That sign is NOT a suggestion! On multiple occasions I have witnessed someone run a STOP sign, not just a rolling stop, but going through an intersection at the speed limit – or more. One time, if I hadn’t been aware, my car would have been t-boned. What if there had been a baby or children in the car?

Are you ever confused at a 4-way stop about who can proceed when? If so, I suggest you are not alone. Apparently more and more of our neighbors are dealing with the confusion by just moving when they see an opportunity, rather than considering the 4-way stop rules:

- Identify which vehicle reaches the intersection first. That driver should be the first to enter the intersection.
- If two or three cars stop simultaneously, the drivers to the left yield the right of way to the vehicle on their right.

Drivers also get confused making a right-angle (90°) turn either to the left or to the right. While not necessarily a moving violation, doing those turns impulsively can introduce problems. Without paying attention to others approaching the intersection, drivers risk moving into an oncoming lane and colliding with a car at or approaching the intersection.

All these situations led me to ask several people “Do you think you know the Texas traffic laws?” I’ve yet to get a definitive “Yes.” I think that the longer someone has been driving, the more fuzzy they are about traffic laws. If you couldn’t answer the question with a “Yes,” you can get a refresher from the Texas Driver’s Handbook online at <https://www.dps.texas.gov/internetforms/Forms/DL-7.pdf> or go to a Texas Department of Public Safety Driver’s License Office. The handbook is free.

Note that many auto insurance companies offer discounts for people who take a traffic laws course. Ask your company about the availability of the discount and how to proceed. The discount amount and plans vary by insurance company.

Traffic laws are more comprehensive and complex than presented here. Our intention is to pique your interest in being more aware of traffic laws and the seriousness of driving safely.



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# NWACA News

## NWACA Zoning Committee Update – Ben Luckens and Charlie Galvin, Co-Chairs

The NWACA Zoning Committee reviews proposed development applications within our geographic area. Development applications include rezonings, subdivisions, and site plans. In the typical order of development regulation, land is first zoned, then subdivided, and, in the case of commercial and multi-family development, site planned.

NWACA has limited input into subdivision and site plan applications. By state law, subdivision applications that fully meet the City's standards must be approved. Site plans that meet the City's standards and comply with the zoning and the subdivision plat on the site are typically approved administratively. We review these applications because subdivisions and site plans are of interest to our membership and, because of our local knowledge, our input is of value to developers and City staff.

Unlike subdivision and site plan approval, zoning is a discretionary act on the part of the City Council. Because of that, NWACA and adjacent property owners have considerable input into rezonings. In general, NWACA's only opportunity to have substantive input into land use on a site is when a rezoning application is submitted. The committee reviews a rezoning application based on a variety of criteria including:

1. Does the application comply with Imagine Austin (a charter requirement)?
2. Is the site within an Imagine Austin activity center or on a transportation corridor?
3. Does the proposal support other adopted City plans within NWACA boundaries in relation to transportation, housing, parks, etc.?
4. Has anything changed in the vicinity of the proposed rezoning since the existing zoning was granted? (The existing zoning is presumed to be valid.)
5. Does the proposed rezoning meet the purpose statements of the proposed district (uses, standards, location)?
6. How will it impact the area served by NWACA (traffic, environment, general compatibility with the neighborhood, precedent, community benefit, etc.)? We're not the Zoning and Platting Commission (ZAP) or the City Council so our focus is local and fine-grained.

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Typically, committee members meet with applicants before the rezoning case is heard by ZAP to resolve outstanding issues. We also communicate with staff and ZAP commissioners and meet with Council aides throughout the process. We always want to hear from NWACA neighbors during this process!

We are strong advocates for the neighborhood at City Hall. We had direct input into and continue monitoring the Land Development Code (LCD). We worked closely with Ardent Development regarding their apartment project at the current Luby's location (height, building materials, fee in lieu of parkland, and signage). We also obtained significant zoning concessions from the owner of Mesa Plaza during their zoning case concerning Goldfish Swimming Center (Neighborhood Commercial (LR) standards for height and floor to area ratio (FAR)); we were able to intervene when City staff made a significant error in its recommendation. Most recently, we recommended on 4833 Spicewood Springs that the site not be granted the requested change of zoning because of the topography. ZAP agreed.

The NWACA Zoning Committee meets once a month and its members have diverse career backgrounds in real estate, city government, operations, infrastructure, and other land development expertise.

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## Student Scoop: Summer facts - Kayla Winer-Winkler



**Summer is a fun-filled season, with all of the lemonade, popsicles, and no school, but these little facts may just make it a bit more enjoyable.**

Many people have probably heard someone say that it's so hot you could fry an egg on the sidewalk; most people believe that's fiction. Well, on a summer day in 2015, a man living in Perth, Australia proved it wrong. It was 111 degrees Fahrenheit, and he decided to put a frying pan on the sidewalk with an egg in it, which was fried successfully. Eggs cook at 158 degrees Fahrenheit, so if the temperature of the sidewalk is hot enough, it is very possible to fry an egg on the sidewalk.

Another very interesting thing happens in summer at the Eiffel Tower. The Eiffel Tower grows up to 6 inches during the day in summer months due to the high temperatures making the iron in the structure expand. At night though, the skyscraper shrinks back down.

During the summer, you may find yourself wishing the hot temperatures would go away and that winter would arrive soon. These may not be your thoughts when you find out that summer didn't even happen in 1816. Due to the biggest volcanic eruption recorded in history, the eruption on Mount Tambora in Indonesia, temperatures dropped, and summer never arrived in 1816. Since the volcano had such a big eruption, small particles that made their way into the atmosphere were able to change the temperature.

This summer is sure to be exciting, but if you have a bit of time, you may want to write an article. If you do, you can contact me at [nwaca\\_studentscoop@gmail.com](mailto:nwaca_studentscoop@gmail.com)

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## Aguas Frescas in Austin – Chris Currens



The bluster and pollen of April is being replaced by the heat of summer this month. Soon enough we'll see temperatures reach the upper nineties, and then the century mark. There is a dread that comes with accepting that Austin will be sweltering for months. Sure, summer is hot in Austin but there are plenty of refreshing strategies to beat the heat.

Back before the instant gratification of air conditioning, which is a remarkably recent convenience, people here were fortunate that Austin was hilly, shady, and full of flowing springs and creeks. Hills help create air movement as temperatures change across the course of the day, creating a soft breeze even on a still day. Shade trees lower temperatures by twenty degrees compared to direct sunlight. And spring water typically flows out of the ground at 70 chilly degrees. Austinites took full advantage of these natural attributes. Barton Springs, Deep Eddy, Seider Springs, and Bull Creek were tree shaded oases where afternoons were spent. Pressler's Beer Garden and Scholz Garten served cold beer to refresh the heat-wilted, and people slept on sprinkled sheets on second story sleeping porches hoping to catch night breezes.

By the mid-century, swimming pools replaced swimming holes; ice houses replaced bier gardens; and Austin gained international fame, as the Allendale "Air-Conditioned Village" project in the 1950s tested central air conditioning with science experiment precision, presaging the ubiquity of air conditioning today.

Even though air conditioning and refrigeration make Austin summers bearable, there are cooling treats we all love to indulge in - ice cream, snow cones, slushies, iced coffees, iced teas. One hot weather favorite of mine is making aguas frescas. Aguas frescas («fresh waters» in English) are made from fruit pulps or steeped flowers, or soaked grains.

My favorite is watermelon, lime, and ginger aguas frescas. This recipe makes a lot, so have a couple of large bowls and pitchers available.

First, cut a watermelon into chunks (discarding the rind) and process it in batches in a blender. Blend thoroughly to liquify, pour the liquid through a very fine strainer. Repeat until all the melon is liquified and strained. Place the melon juice in a large container and add one cup (8 ounces) fresh lime juice. Next, peel 12 ounces of ginger root and cut into small pieces. In batches thoroughly pulp the ginger in a food processor. Place the ginger pulp in a lint free dish towel or in cheesecloth and squeeze (hard) the juice into the lime-melon juice. Discard the ginger pulp. Stir well. Add a small amount of sugar and salt to the aguas in half-teaspoon increments to adjust the flavor to your liking. You won't need much of either; the aguas frescas is naturally sweet, but a little sugar gives it a fuller mouth feel, and the salt actually makes it taste sweeter. Chill and serve over ice.

Enjoy!

## 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 April 15, 2022, and May 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.

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- Marsha McNeese-Heinsohn
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- (and apologies to anyone whose donation we might have missed!)



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# NWACA News

## Recycle and Reuse- Save Our Planet – Carol Dochen

On my neighborhood walk many times a week, I often pick up trash that people throw out car windows and items that fall out of trash cans. I sometimes see blue recycling bins stuffed with items that the city cannot process for recycling. Here are some tips for you to help keep our recycling program running efficiently.

Items you put in the blue recycling bin should be loose-not put into plastic bags of any type.

### **Items great for Recycling:**

Paper-newspaper, magazines, envelopes without cellophane windows; cardboard boxes, food cans and caps, soda cans, steel and tin cans, glass bottles and caps, liquid containers that are empty and clean. You can include frozen pizza boxes (the delivery boxes have too much grease) and aluminum foil if it is clean and compressed into balls.

### **Items that don't recycle:**

Styrofoam of any kind, plastic foam cups and egg cartons, take-out food containers, wire clothes hangers, trash, food, batteries, paint. I bag those packing "peanuts" and take them to a shipping store to be reused.

Save your Styrofoam®, latex paint, motor oil, used electronics, batteries, and used bathroom supplies for the NWACA recycling collection events that happen twice a year. Watch the NWACA website and this newsletter for upcoming dates, and to see which types of items are taken at each event.

The best thing you can do to help our environment is to reuse/repurpose plastic and paper containers you get; for example, yogurt cups can hold buttons or paint or paper clips. I have used egg cartons to germinate seeds and for art projects with the kids. Please drink from reusable water bottles and serve your guests drinks from real glass drinking cups, or use metal ones out by the pool. Those plastic water bottles are choking our world.

### **Recycle the yard waste:**

Your yard clippings, oak flowers, and leaves can go into large brown bags you can buy at grocery stores and big box home stores, or place in the City-provided green compost bins.

### **Dealing with big brush and household items:**

The City has suspended bulk pickups for large brush and household items due to staffing shortages, so we have to find alternatives for getting rid of tree limbs and the debris from our spring cleaning projects. You can learn more about a reuse/recycling drop off center that will take many items that the curb recycling program does not include at this web page: <https://www.austintexas.gov/dropoff>. You can schedule a drop-off at this page if you're willing to take materials to them.

An alternative to the big brush pickup is to drop off large brush at the Hornsby Bend Biosolids Management Plant.

Donate or gift unwanted bulk items in good condition (you can't beat the convenience of the Goodwill drop-off center on Far West Boulevard) or hold onto them until the large bulk service resumes. Find additional disposal options with the tool on this web page: <https://www.austintexas.gov/whatdo>.

Any building materials, old light fixtures, doors, hardware, and other items used in house construction can be donated to the Habitat Restore operated by Habitat for Humanity. There are two locations in Austin. See <https://austinhabitat.org/restore/>. Our neighborhood is just minutes away from the Hwy 183 North location.

And let's not forget our HEB and Randall's locations for the special bins to recycle your clear, clean plastic bags, including those from your dry cleaners.

Download the Austin Recycles App for Apple or Android devices to receive reminders about regular trash, recycling, compost, and other curbside collection; get alerts about collection delays or service interruptions; and schedule appointments at the Recycle & Reuse Drop-off Center. You can recycle paint, batteries, hazardous waste, electronics and much more.

If everyone picks up a piece of trash on the street and perfects their recycling protocols, we'll help keep our city and our streets clean! See you on my next walk!





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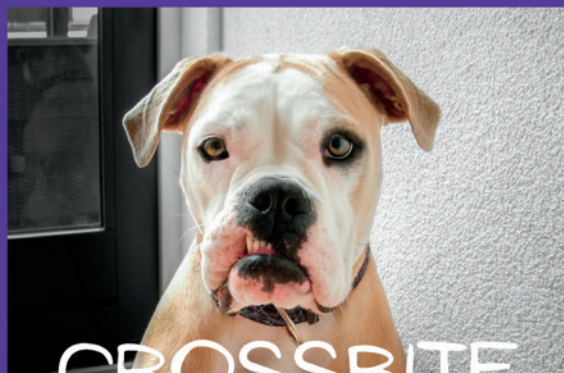
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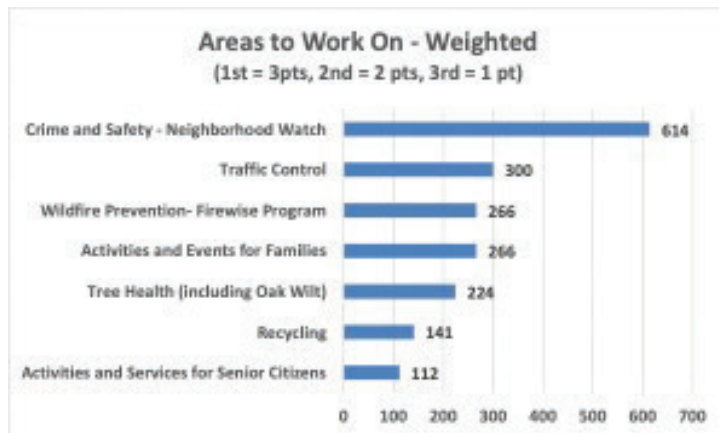
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## 2022 NWACA Neighborhood Interest Survey Results - April 24, 2022

During February and March 2022, NWACA conducted its annual survey to identify issues that are most pressing for the neighborhood. Survey Monkey was used, and anyone in the neighborhood could participate. Paper surveys were sent to NWACA members without internet access. There were 330 responses, two of those from members without internet access. Note that this is about 60 more responses than in the past several years of surveys, a good sign! Responses are summarized below.

**Q1: What areas do you think are most important for NWACA to work on in the coming year? [choose only 3, rating them first choice, second choice, third choice] (326 responses)**

A weighted rating was computed to be able to see the overall responses to each of the items.

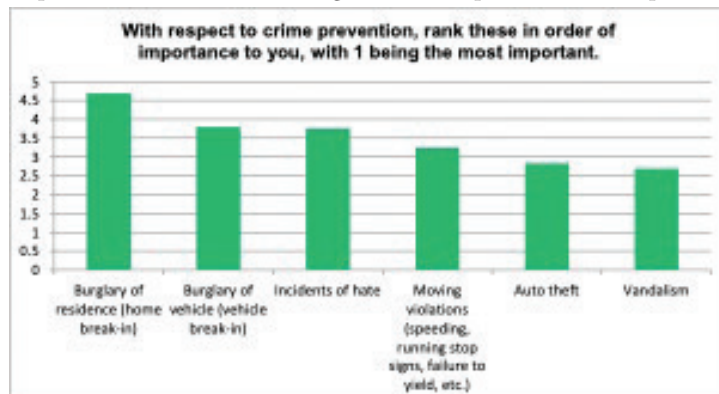


Among the “other” responses, these were most prevalent:

- 4 – utility infrastructure
- 4 – homelessness
- 2 – police presence
- 2 – zoning
- 2 – traffic control

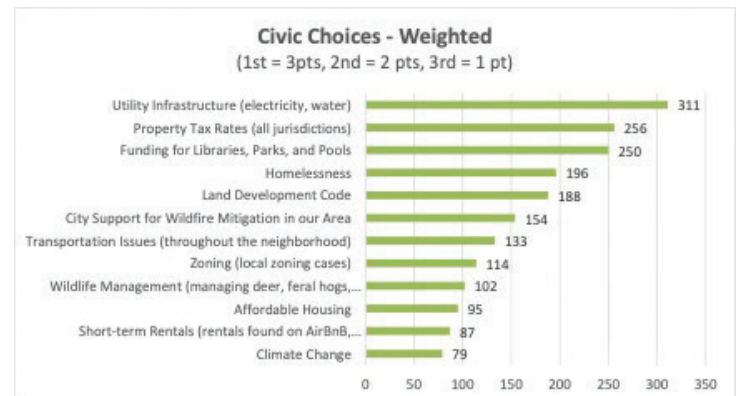
Others mentioned: deer, taxes, no bike lanes, beautifying Spicewood Springs Road, more parks, activities for singles, more information about City Council and about candidates

**Q2: With respect to Crime Prevention, rank these in order of importance to you, with 1 being the most important. (330 responses)**



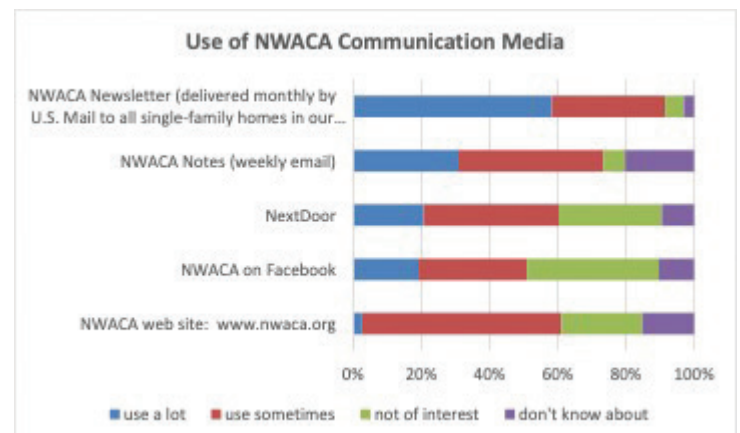
**Q3: Which civic issues would you like NWACA to provide information on and to advocate for your concerns? [Choose no more than 3, rating them first choice, second choice, third choice.] (330 responses)**

A weighted rating was again computed, showing how interest varied among the items. Since this survey was done shortly after a “boil water” notice, that event may have contributed to the strength of the response on utility infrastructure.



Among the 9 “other” responses were two on homelessness, two on bike safety, and one each on affordable housing, climate change, educating the neighborhood, parks/pools, and slowing down traffic.

**Q4: Please rate your awareness and use of these NWACA communications media (330 responses)**



Among the two comments provided under the “other” response was a negative comment about NextDoor, and a reference to the NWA Facebook group.

**Q5: Are you a current member of NWACA? (330 responses)**

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	79.09%	261
No	7.88%	26
Don't know/Don't remember	13.03%	43

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**Q6: What is your zip code? (330 responses)**

Answer Choices	Responses	
78731	81.82%	270
78759	17.88%	59
Other (please specify)	0.30%	1

The other response was 78730.

**Q7: What type of household is yours? (330 responses)**

Answer Choices	Responses	
Own our home	96.36%	318
Rent a single-family home	1.52%	5
Rent an apartment	1.21%	4
Other (please specify)	0.91%	3

Among the “other” responses were two condo owners, one said “bank owns most of it.”

**Q8: What is your age? (optional) (311 responses)**

Answer Choices	Responses	
under 18	0.00%	0
18 to 29	0.32%	1
30 to 49	23.79%	74
50 to 64	33.44%	104
65 or over	42.44%	132
	<b>Answered</b>	<b>311</b>
	<b>Skipped</b>	<b>19</b>

**Q9: What type of household is yours? (optional) (315 responses)**

Answer Choices	Responses	
Multiple adults (no children)	51.75%	163
Multiple adults with children	31.75%	100
One adult	12.70%	40
One adult with children	3.81%	12
	<b>Answered</b>	<b>315</b>
	<b>Skipped</b>	<b>15</b>

**Q10: Please provide other suggestions and comments you have on NWACA activities or services. (73 responses, some with multiple items)**

The most common categories of responses were these, along with 13 individual comments or suggestions. All comments were provided to the Board for their review and response.

17 – thank you for the work being done

5 – negative feedback about focus or services

7 – appreciate the recycling events, some want more often

6 – deer need to be controlled

4 – anxious to see 4<sup>th</sup> of July events again

4 – suggest the NWACA board focus on educating, not advocating

4 – focus on community building

4 – zoning concerns

3 – traffic control

3 – need more places to gather and to walk

2 – dog park wanted

2 – forums are useful; look forward to them



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## Kern's flower beetles

*Wizzie Brown, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension*

Kern's flower beetles are a type of scarab beetle, closely related to May and June beetles. These are medium sized beetles, reaching about 1/3 inch in length. There are multiple color variations ranging from all black, to brownish-orange or creamy white with black markings.

These beetles are pollen feeders and can be found in multiple types of flowers. Often you will find numerous beetles in a single flower. Treatment of these beetles is optional as they feed on pollen and typically do not eat the flower itself. If you feel the need to remove the beetles, you can hand pick them and dump them into a bucket of soapy water.

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# Chief's Monthly Report for March 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 March 2022.

## Chief's Monthly Report for March 2022

### City-Wide

### Baker Sector

#### Crimes Against Persons

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	March 2022	All 2022	March 2021		March 2022	All 2022	March 2021
Murder	3	15	9	Murder	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	322	908	240	Aggravated Assault	25	52	14
Simple Assault	865	2,335	871	Simple Assault	78	238	108

#### Crimes Against Property

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	March 2022	All 2022	March 2021		March 2022	All 2022	March 2021
Robbery	76	239	67	Robbery	4	15	4
Burglary	362	1,180	338	Burglary	38	131	44
Burglary of Vehicle	699	2,419	891	Burglary of Vehicle	105	482	159
Auto Theft	466	1,277	341	Auto Theft	44	141	51
Vandalism	455	1,428	636	Vandalism	40	125	65

#### Crimes Against Society

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	March 2022	All 2022	March 2021		March 2022	All 2022	March 2021
Drug Violations	356	758	249	Drugs	23	35	19
Weapons	142	53	19	Weapons	8	12	4

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### To join:

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### Volunteer!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Watch |  |
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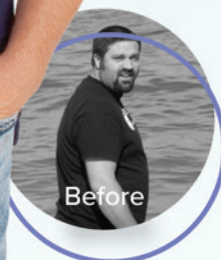
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