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NORTHWEST AUSTIN CIVIC ASSOCIATION

2023 Annual Meeting

May 11, 2023

Agenda



- 6:30 Joyce Statz – NWACA President
 - Meeting format: questions at tables after the presentations
 - Highlights from NWACA
 - Annual Survey results
- 6:40 Alison Alter, D10 Councilmember
 - Answers to Key Questions
- 6:55 Chris Vetromile, AFD Wildfire Division
 - Wildfire Prevention Updates
- 7:05 Christian Mendoza, APD
 - What is the APD Office of Community Liaison
- 7:15 Teri Schock - Oak Wilt Prevention
- 7:25 Joyce Statz
 - Highlights at the tables

NWACA Board 2022-2024



- Christopher Bove
- Ruven Brooks
- Vicki DeWeese
- Carol Dochen
- Jessica Forrest
- Charlie Galvin
- Richard Grayum
- Bridget Keating
- Mick Koffend
- Kevin Kott
- Mae Levitan
- Ben Luckens
- Connie Lundgren
- Julie Rawlings
- Teri Schock
- Joyce Statz
- Julie Waidelich
- Dana Winer

NWACA Events in 2023



- Recycling (for NWACA members)
 - Batteries, Oil, Paint, Antifreeze, Styrofoam® - March 4
 - **New** Paper and Computer Disk Shredding – August 19, 2-4 pm
 - Batteries, Electronics, Styrofoam®, bathroom items – October 21, 9-11 am
- Town Hall events
 - April 13 – Crime and Safety
 - April 19 – Speed Mitigation on Greystone Drive; second meeting to come
- Earth Day Festival – April 22
- 4th of July – Parade and Freedom Fest
- Neighborhood National Night Out – September 22
- Neighborhood-wide Garage Sales – October 7
- **New** Halloween Yard Decorating Contest – October 12
- Holiday Yard Decorating Contest – December 12
- Parks cleanups throughout the year

Special Project Funding



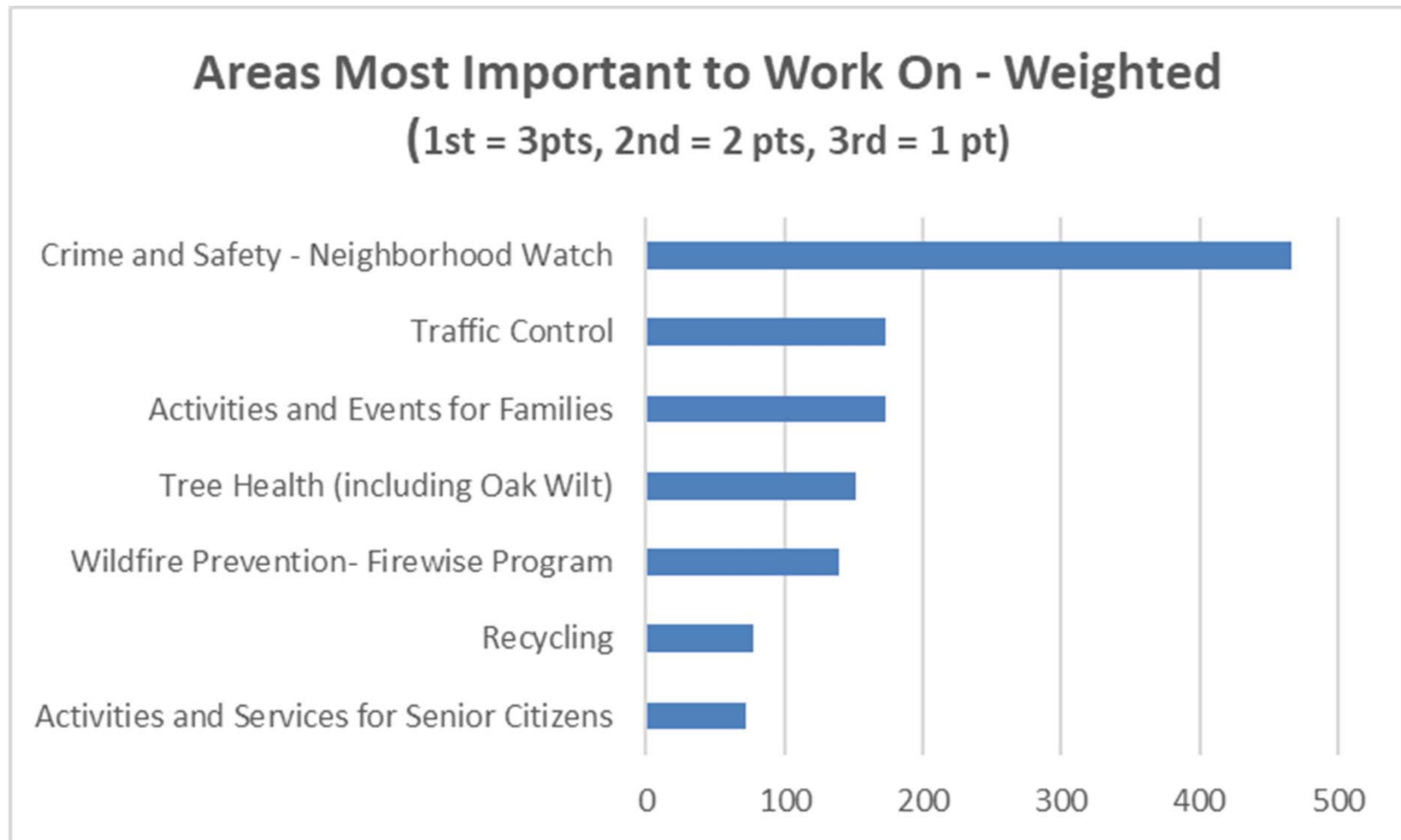
- Funds available for projects benefitting NWACA
 - Applications due March 15, September 15
 - Board reviews/decides in subsequent Board meeting
- 3 Applications from March under review
- Consider applying in September
- Examples from past years
 - Recycling bins at local parks; bike repair stations at local elementary schools; portions of Anderson High band trailer, Murchison Community Gardens, ...

NWACA Communications

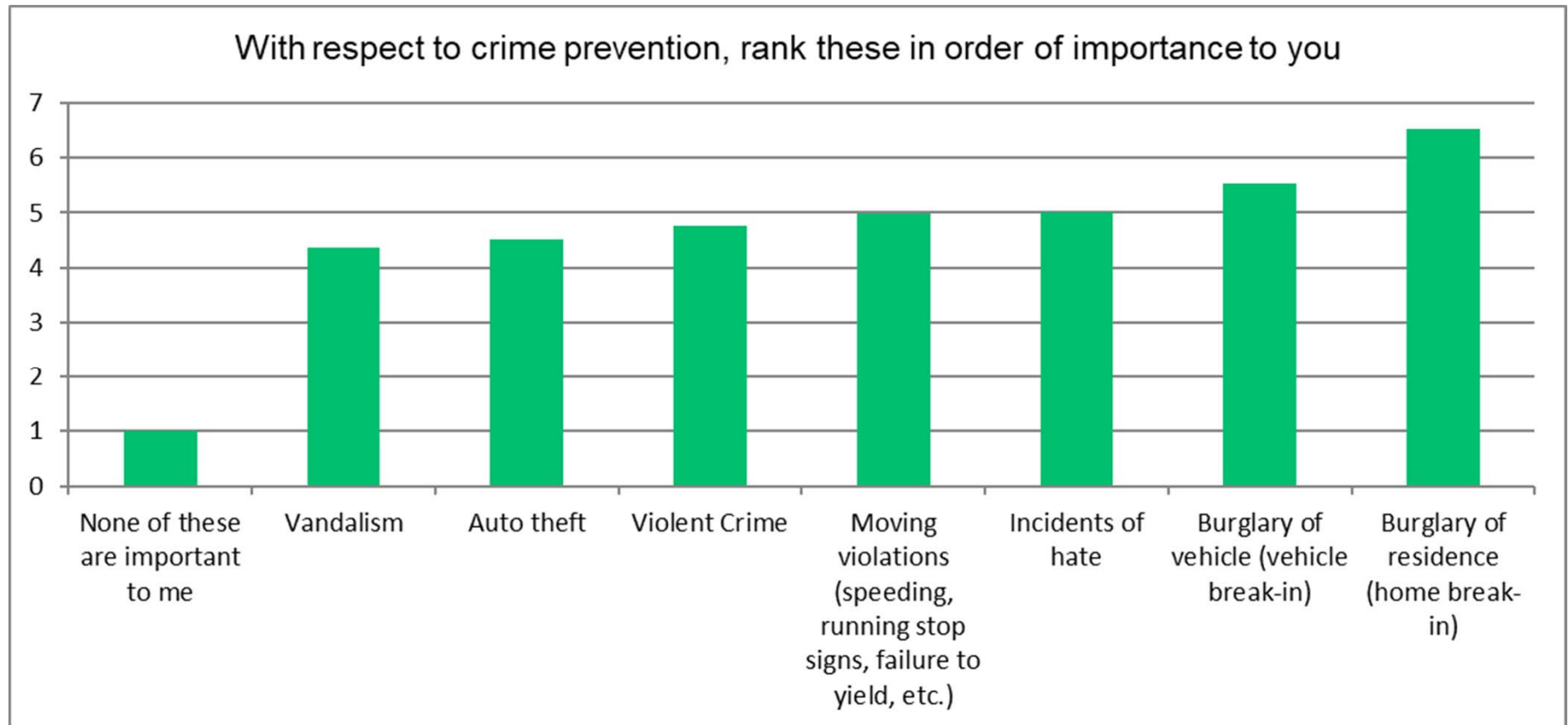


- Continuing to inform you via our media
 - Monthly print newsletter via US mail – new format
 - Weekly NWACA Notes email newsletter for members of NWACA
 - Facebook group for members of NWACA
 - www.nwaca.org web site for current notices and an archive of information
- Annual survey of neighborhood interest
 - Full report on web site and in May monthly newsletter
 - Highlights follow

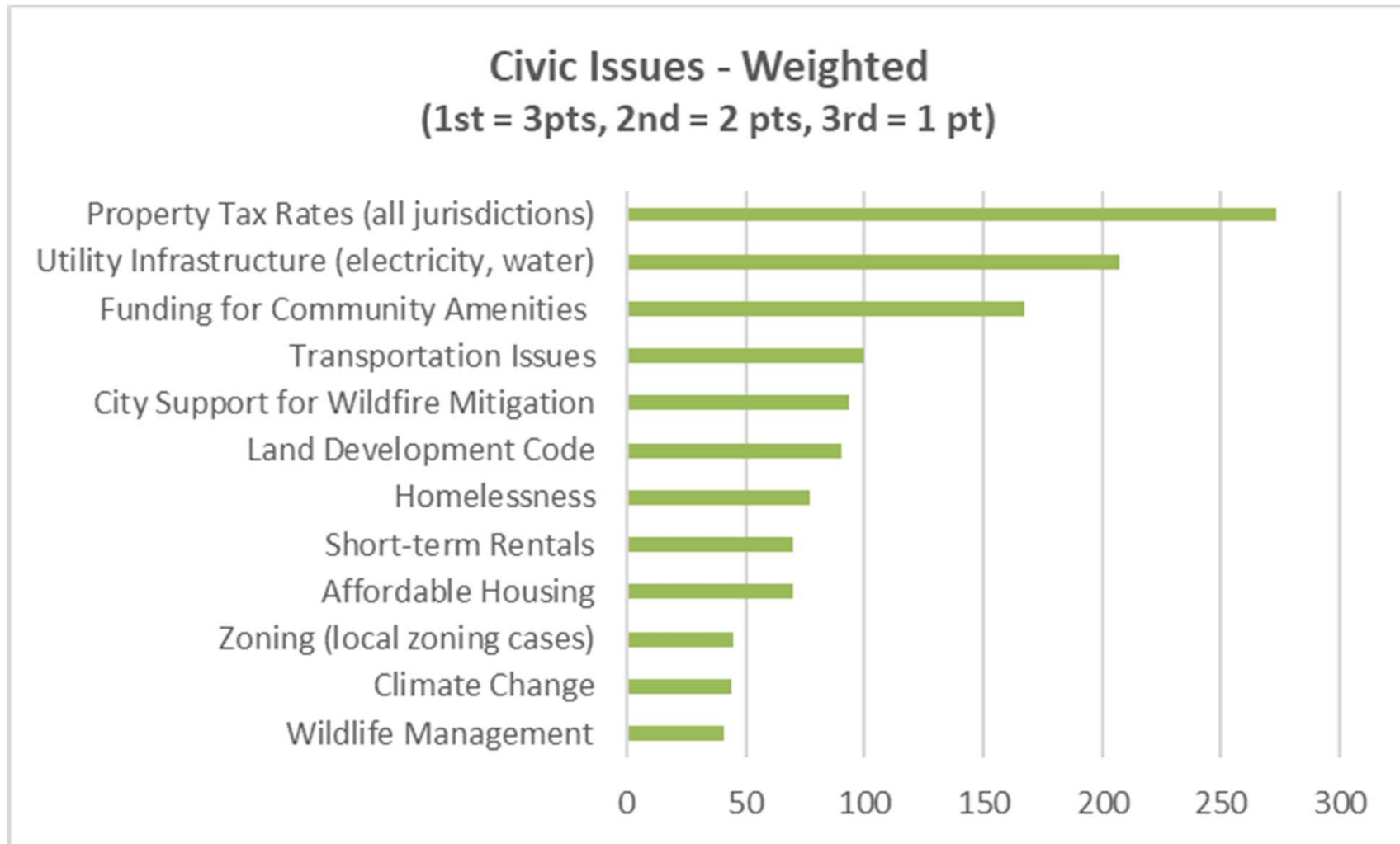
Survey Results – Areas for NWACA Board to Work on



Specific Crime Prevention Concerns (ranking 1-7)



Civic Issues for NWACA Board to Inform and Advocate



More Details on NWACA Coming



- But first, we will hear from
 - Councilmember Alison Alter
 - Chris Vetromile, AFD Wildfire Division Liaison to communities like ours
 - Christian Mendoza, APD Office of Community Liaison
 - Teri Schock - Oak wilt

Alison Alter – D10 Councilmember



- Items we suggested she address:
 - Property tax rates – what's happening?
 - Park development in our area
 - Town Zoning – what is it?
 - Elimination of parking minimums in new development/ significant redevelopment
 - Her topic choices

Chris Vetromile, Wildfire Division



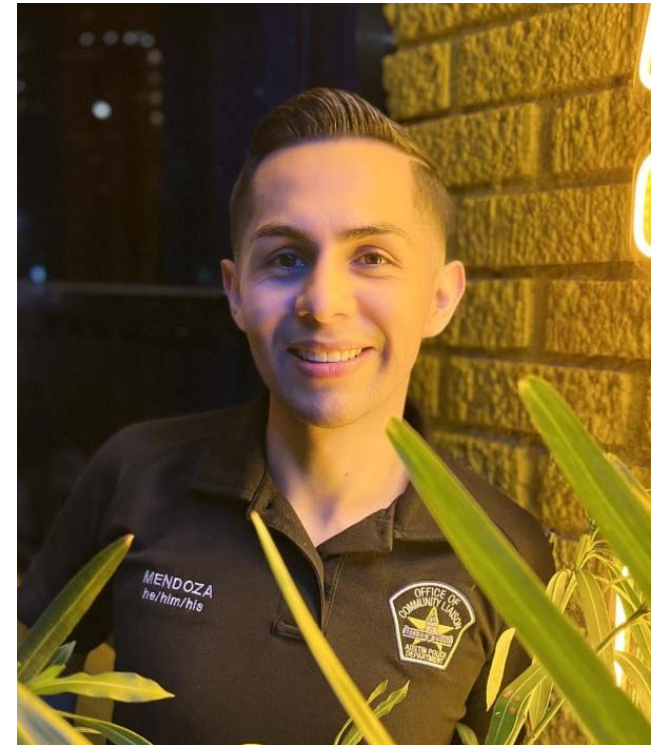
- AFD Wildfire Division
 - Senior Wildfire Mitigation Specialist
 - One of only 99 certified in the U.S.
 - Manager, Fire-Adapted Communities Program
 - Experienced wildfire fighter
 - Cal Fire in California
 - Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District in Nevada



Christian Mendoza, APD OCL



- Austin Police Department
Office of Community Liaison
 - Older Adults Liaison
 - Crime Reductions Practitioner
 - Formerly the LGBTQIA+ Coordinator
- Joined the department as an intern in 2008



Preventing Oak Wilt in our Neighborhood

*Teri Schock, Co-Chair, NWACA
Tree, Wildlife, and Environment Committee*

We remind you – NWACA website and Monthly Newsletter



PREVENT OAK WILT

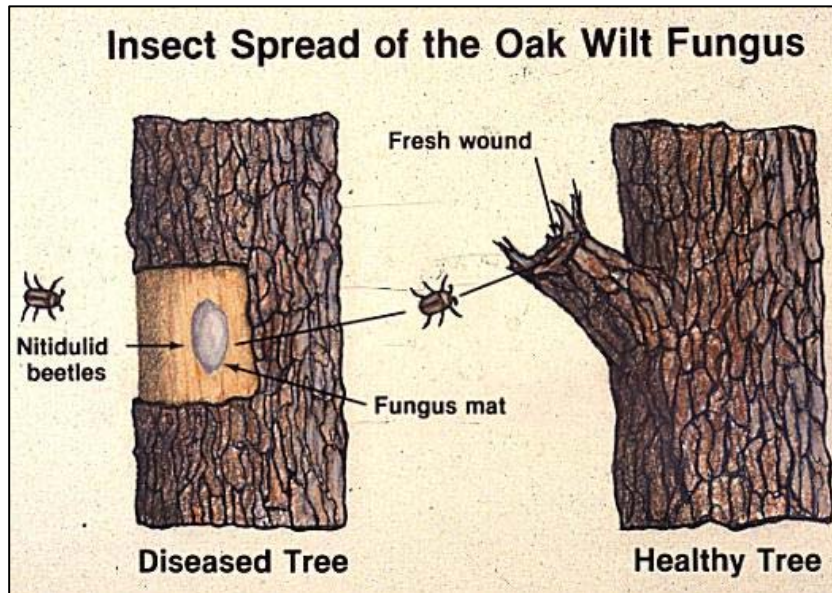


Prevent Oak Wilt
PLAN AHEAD - PRUNE

NOV thru JAN

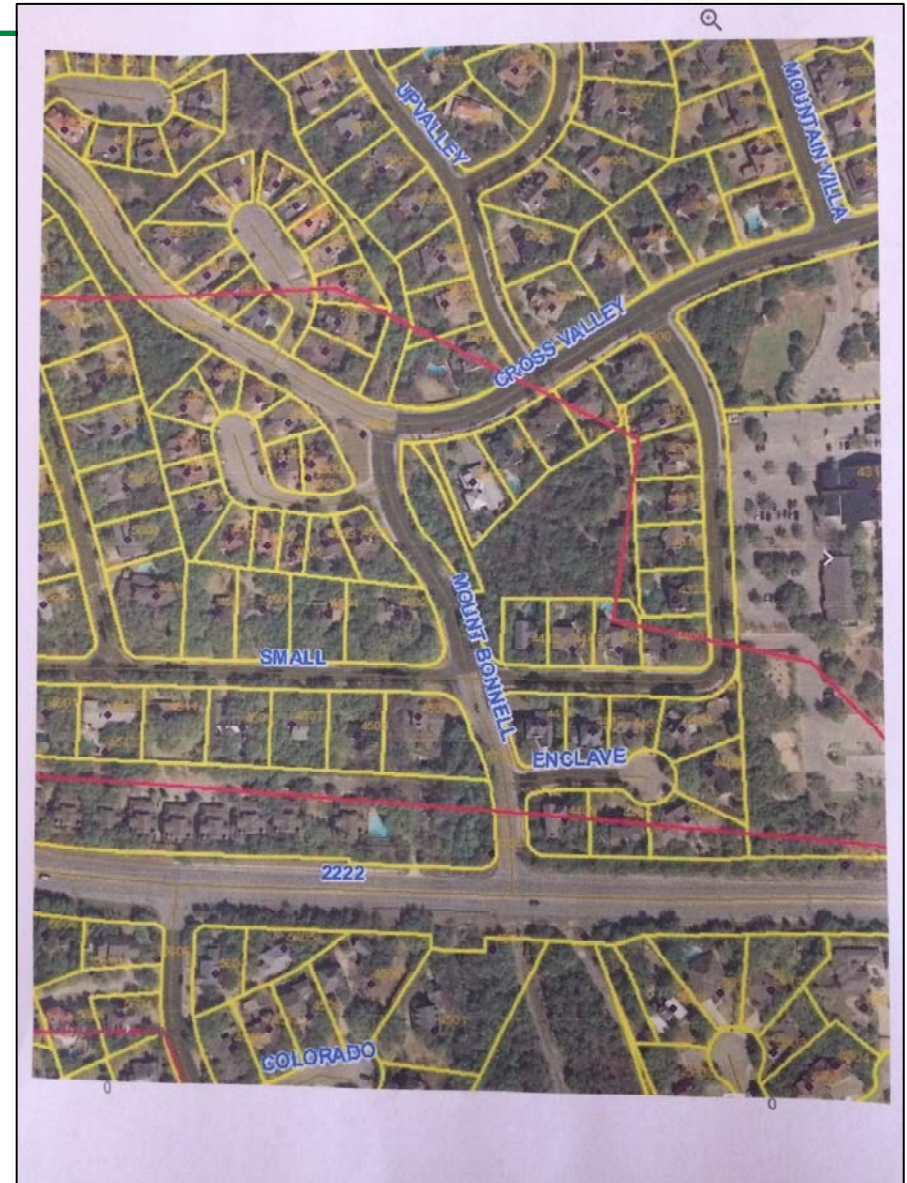
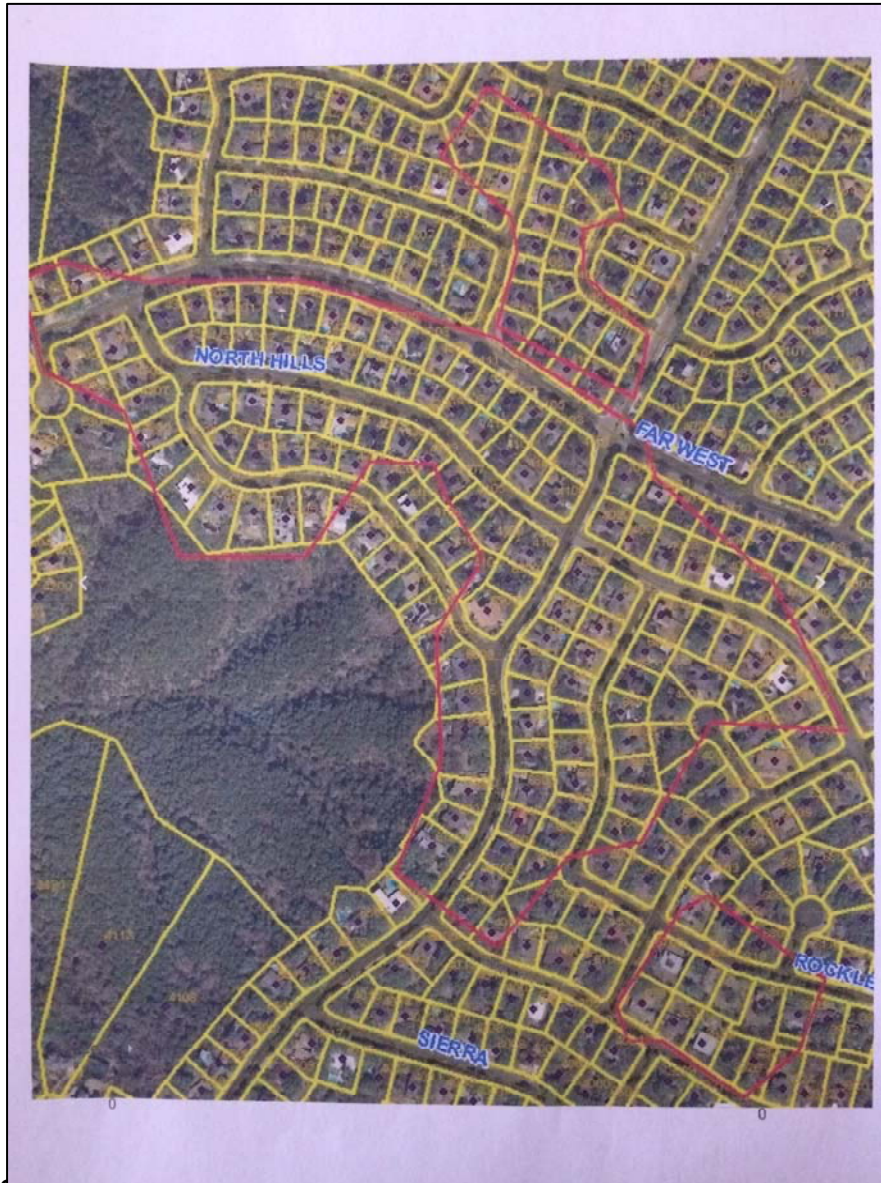
- **Beetles Inactive**
- **Dormant Season**
- **Coldest Months**

How does it spread?

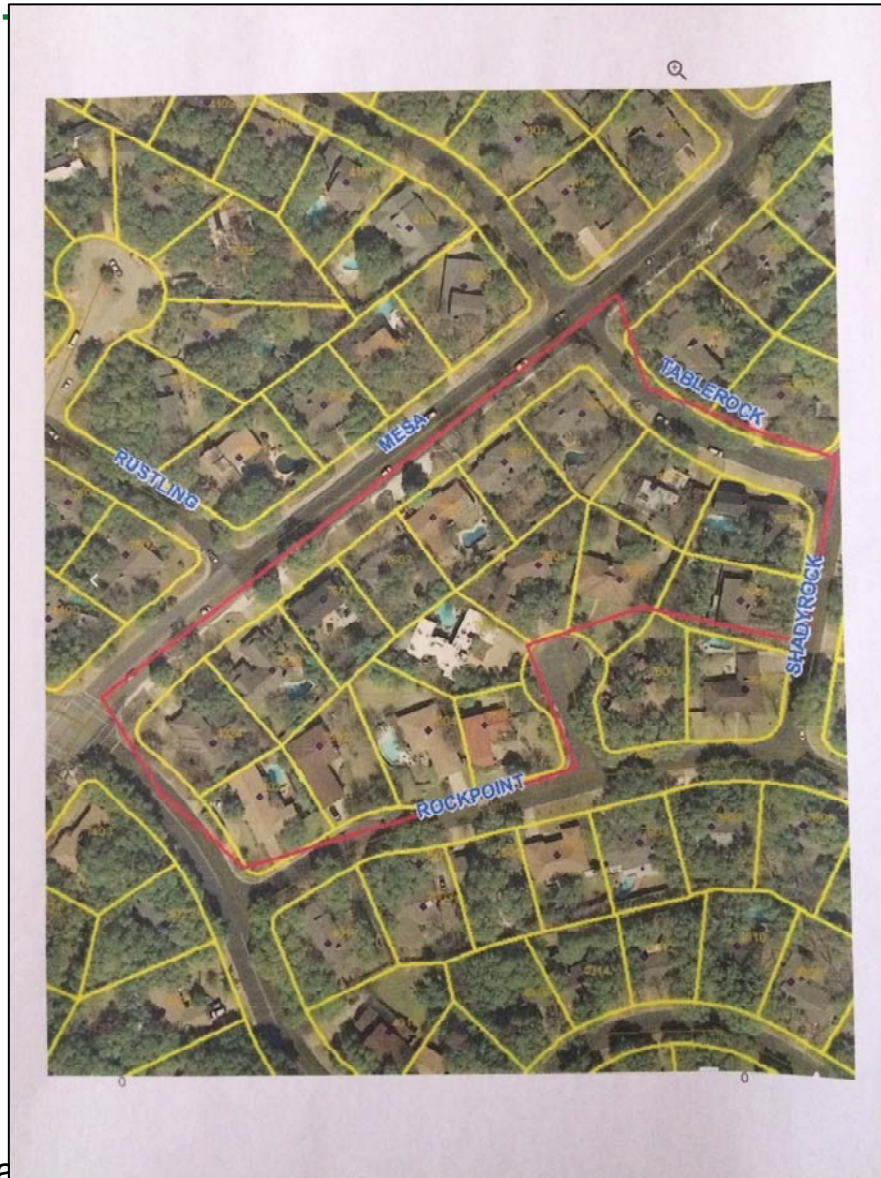


- Beetles and other vectors carry fungal spores from infected trees to fresh, open wounds on healthy oaks
- Tree-to-tree spread of pathogen through interconnected or grafted root systems, once an oak wilt center becomes established

Where do We Have Oak Wilt?



And Where Else?



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!

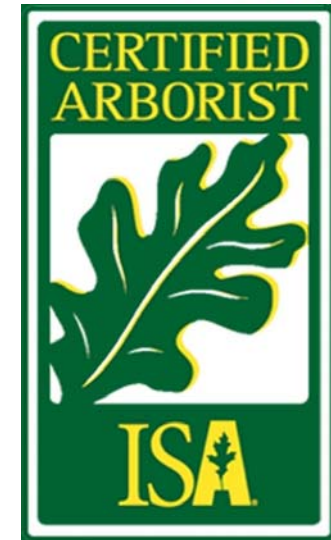
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PLAN AHEAD**

RESPONSE ACTION

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

**EXPENSIVE
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Manage your landscape companies and use certified arborists



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

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

Reimbursement Available



If oak wilt hits your trees, NWACA can help.

Oak Wilt Fund set up decades ago with neighbor funding

Can reimburse up to \$2,000; contact us before treating the tree(s)

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		
Attachments Required: Vendor Proposal(s)		
Submit Request to:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">If by U.S. Mail: NWACA Tree and Environment Committee P.O. Box 26654 Austin, TX, 78755If by email: nwacainfo@gmail.com		

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

**Handouts at the Tree, Environment,
and Wildlife Committee table**

Specific questions? Send email to info@nwaca.org

Next: Visit the Tables



- Some of our NWACA Business Members
 - A+ Federal Credit Union
 - Loan People
 - Nest Properties Austin

- Full list on the NWACA web site

Civic Entities With Tables



- Austin Water Conservation
- AFD Wildfire Division
 - Wildfire Simulation Table
- APD Office of Community Liaison
- Austin Transit Partners (Project Connect)
- North 183 Mobility Project – Great Hills Constructors

Transportation Committee Table



- Yard signs for Vision Zero
- Vision Zero handout
- 4-Way-Stop Video



- Austin Transportation and Public Works Department representatives
 - Cody Stone
 - Dipti Borkar-Desai

Crime and Safety Committee



- Pick up handouts about crime trends and what you can do to prevent crime
- Sign up to be a Neighborhood Watch Captain
- *Reminder: Use 311 for any incidents you observe, 911 for immediate danger*

Wildfire Prevention Committee



- Check out the Sim Table at the back of the room, to see how wildfire can spread under different conditions in our neighborhood
- See Steve Kline to sign up for a free wildfire risk evaluation for your home

Civic Engagement Committee



- Meet Jocelyn Tau, District Director, Office of Congressman Lloyd Doggett
- Learn about our activities to inform neighbors about issues and candidates for elections

Other Committees to Visit



- Check out these, too!
 - 4th of July – register a float or sign up to help
 - Membership – help us recruit; pay dues
 - Communications – help always wanted
 - Parks – handout about NWACA area, talk about invasives and park cleanups
 - Tree, Wildlife, and Environment – several handouts: oak wilt, drug takeback, questions when buying an EV
 - Zoning – answers for your questions

Thank you for coming!



- See you...
 - 4th of July
 - shredding event August 19
 - National Night Out September 22
 - neighborhood garage sales October 7
 - Electronics recycling October 21
- *Snacks and water at a table in the back*

