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## Staying Cool!



By NWACA BOARD

Echoing messages from health agencies, weather forecasters, friends, and neighbors, we hope everyone finds ways to stay cool on these extremely warm days. Exercising outdoors very early or very late in the day is our best option, staying indoors is the best advice for much of the day. Libraries throughout Austin, including our Old Quarry Library, are a welcome respite when the AC gives out at home or you're just tired of being in the same environment day after day!



As you plan your library visit, check out the article in this issue about the August activities at the Old Quarry Library. Something is likely to appeal to you.

Remember, too, that our local Murchison Pool is open

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## Austin City Council votes for density, reducing the lot size to build a home

By LUZ MORENO-LOZANO  
KUT

The size of land Austinites need to build a home on is about to get smaller — as part of an effort to encourage developers to build smaller and cheaper houses.

Austin City Council on July 20 approved a resolution that will start the process. The initiative would reduce the size of land required to build a home, or what is referred to in the land code as “minimum lot size,” by more than half. Land codes dictate what and where you can build and how high and wide a structure can be.

Austin’s land code has for a long time required one home be built on land that is at least 5,750 square feet. The vote on July 20 reduces that minimum to 2,500 square feet and allows up to three units per lot.

Council Member Leslie Pool, who represents parts of North Austin, spearheaded the move and said the change is an opportunity to diversify home-buying options for middle-income families. “I’m optimistic we can achieve the goals of this initiative with a strong commitment to public discussion and engagement,” Pool said. “Together we will tackle the challenges middle-income families face and deliver true benefits to those looking to buy a home and stay in

### R2: SINGLE FAMILY



To increase density, the Austin City Council voted on July 20 to reduce the amount of land needed to build a home. The vote reduces the minimum lot size to 2,500 square feet – down from 5,750 square feet – and allows up to three units per lot.

Austin, as well as those who continue to work to stay.”

was nearly \$600,000.

Real estate experts have said reducing the size of land and the size of a home helps reduce the cost, making it more attainable for people who would not otherwise be able to buy a home. The Mueller area is often pointed to as a success story for diverse housing options. Several of the city’s affordable housing programs are geared toward families earning lower-income salaries, but many residents in Austin who don’t qualify for these programs also can’t afford a home. The median home sale price for June

Community members and housing organizations, such as HousingWorks, the Austin Board of Realtors and the Austin EMS Association, expressed support for reducing the minimum lot size.

Awais Azhar, an advocacy board member for HousingWorks, said the group endorsed the resolution and highlighted its ability to increase access to housing for more people.

ZONING, 2

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# Zoning Proposal to Watch

By NWACA ZONING COMMITTEE

This issue of the Northwest Austin News went to the publisher just as the Austin City Council approved a zoning change.

On July 20th, 2023, the Austin City Council voted to adopt a resolution directing staff to draft code amendments to single family housing. This was being done with about one week's notice of the proposal. The NWACA Zoning Committee strongly recommended postponement of the item before City Council to allow for significant neighborhood input. The Zoning Committee has not taken sides on the resolution itself; instead, it wants to ensure more time for neighborhood involvement. The NWACA membership was informed of that recommendation through NWACA Notes and Facebook. The proposed resolution asks to:

- redefine single family zoning districts (SF1 through SF4) to allow at least three units per lot, and
- reduce the minimum lot size in SF1 through SF4 zoning districts to 2,500 square feet or less.

The resolution further incentivizes redevelopment by instructing staff to amend regulations on:

- setbacks,
- height,
- impervious cover,
- floor-to-area ratio (FAR),
- minimum site area and building coverage requirements,
- and “any additional site development regulations necessary to facilitate the creation and development of smaller lots and more housing units in single-family zoning districts consistent with this

Resolution.”

A goal of the resolution is to increase available housing by replacing single family detached housing, similar to what we have in most of NWACA, with “a variety of housing types such as row houses, townhomes, tri- and four-plexes, garden homes, and cottage courts.”

The resolution instructs staff to bring the code amendments to Council for approval beginning December 14, 2023.

The text of the resolution can be found at: <https://services.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=411485>

The resolution, and the amendments that are proposed to follow in December, will not change deed restrictions, which may place limits on the number of units that can be

built on a lot. Moreover, the resolution will not change or override state regulations on vacating plats or the re-subdivision of lots.

The NWACA Zoning Committee recommends that anyone with concerns or comments about the resolution or the compressed timeframe for the resolution contact Council Members and the Mayor. You can send email to all Council Members and the Mayor at: <https://www.austintexas.gov/email/all-council-members>

All NWACA members are entitled to the weekly NWACA Notes email newsletter, and they are invited to be part of NWACA's Facebook group. If you're a member and are not receiving NWACA Notes or wish to join the NWACA Facebook Group, please let us know at [info@nwaca.org](mailto:info@nwaca.org).

## ZONING, FROM 1

“Moderate income groups don't have those opportunities right now,” Azhar said. “It has become increasingly important that we open up more options in our housing market because it is much harder for people to own homes here, when they could purchase homes in the past or in a different market. This helps fill that gap.”

Several local organizations also said the measure would help with recruitment and retention because people are able to live close to where they work.

While most of the council members, including Mayor Kirk Watson, supported the change, Council Members Alison Alter and Mackenzie Kelly opposed it.

Several residents joined in opposition, saying it would not address affordability and would change the character of their neighborhoods, push people of color and elderly residents out of their neighborhoods, and put a strain on drainage and other public infrastructure.

“This is a gentrification provision,” Julia

Woods said during public comments on July 20. “It's a boondoggle that developers keep pushing as a proposal to increase affordable housing when that is exactly what it is not going to do. Developers should be able to make money without these kinds of provisions ... because there is a lot of money being made in Austin and they can do it just fine with laws the way they are.”

The flight of people of color to the suburbs, where it's more affordable to live, has been going on for the last decade. And studies show adding new homes moderates price increases, making housing more affordable for low- and moderate-income families.

Pool said city staff will take the next several months to look at how best to implement to the change, including adjusting development requirements like setbacks — or how far a home must be from the road or another structure — water infrastructure and impervious cover, or anything on land that stops water from being absorbed into the earth, such as concrete, asphalt and foundations. Public input will also be part of the process, she said.



The move is the latest in a round of land code changes as the city works to address affordability issues.

City leaders have been trying for years to amend the land code to allow for more home building in Austin, but that effort failed last year when the city lost a legal battle to rewrite the code completely. Since then, the city has been looking for other ways to change the

rules.

In May, the City Council nixed the rules on minimum parking mandates citywide, incentivizing builders to use that space for housing instead. In June the council approved a plan that would allow taller buildings within at least 100 feet of a single-family home.

*This story was produced as part of the Austin Monitor's reporting partnership with KUT.*

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# Lake Travis is 43% Full, LCRA Urges Wise Water Use

As a drought continues across much of Central Texas with the help of triple-digit temperatures, the Lower Colorado River Authority is urging everyone to be mindful about using water wisely.

“Conserving water is a necessity in a semi-arid region like Central Texas,” said John Hofmann, LCRA executive vice president of Water. “We all should play a role in conserving water and making sure it’s used wisely, especially during these hot, dry conditions.”

Water use, along with evaporation, goes up significantly during hotter weather. The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that up to 70% of water used at homes in the summer goes to landscapes.

LCRA customers rely on water from lakes Buchanan and Travis, the two water supply

reservoirs in the Highland Lakes. Together, the lakes supply water for more than 1.4 million people, industries and businesses, agriculture, and the environment. Lakes Buchanan and Travis are designed to fluctuate, going up during rainy times and holding that water for later use.

“The Highland Lakes are a shared resource that continue to provide a reliable water supply, as they have for more than 80 years,” Hofmann said. “The lakes are doing exactly what they were designed to do, providing water for us to use during drier times. Now it’s up to all water users to make sure water is used wisely, especially during dry times like these.”

If the combined storage of lakes Buchanan and Travis falls below 900,000 acre-feet, or about 45% of capacity, LCRA will move to Stage 2 of its drought contingency plan and

will ask firm customers to reduce water use by 10 to 20%. Each firm customer has its own drought response plan to determine when and how much to cut back water use.

As of July 17, combined storage stands at 50%, or about 969,516 acre-feet. LCRA projections show that without additional inflows, combined storage could reach 900,000 acre-feet in the next few months.

LCRA entered Stage 1 of its drought contingency plan in July 2022. Under Stage 1, LCRA is requesting its firm water customers reduce water use by 5%. Firm water customers are primarily municipalities, water districts and industries that purchase water that will be available even during a repeat of the worst drought this region has seen, the drought from 2008-2015.

Other customers purchase “interruptible” water and LCRA has taken action under its Water Management Plan to curtail water to these interruptible customers in the lower basin. In July 2022, LCRA determined that because of the duration and intensity of the drought, no Highland Lakes water would be available to the Gulf Coast, Lakeside and Pierce Ranch agricultural operations in Colorado, Wharton and Matagorda counties for the second growing season in 2022.

The next time Highland Lakes water could be available to customers in the Gulf Coast, Lakeside and Pierce Ranch operations will be after the March 1, 2024, evaluation date.

*This report was compiled by Lower Colorado River Authority.*

# Austin Energy Shares Tips to Deal with Summer Heat

Austin Energy encourages customers to prepare for emergencies or extreme weather at home. When temperatures rise, using air conditioning typically increases. This can mean higher electricity bills during the warmer months. Here are some tips to help monitor electricity use:

- Set your thermostat at 78 degrees or higher in the warm months of the year.
- Install LED light bulbs. They use less electricity, generate less heat and last longer.

- Point fans in your direction. Fans blowing directly on you can make temperatures around you feel about 4 degrees cooler. Only keep fans on when you are in the room.
- Close shades/curtains on windows hit by direct sunlight. This helps to prevent heat from getting indoors.
- Avoid turning on the oven during the hottest time of the day. Using a microwave or a slow cooker produces less heat.

- Unplug appliances, chargers, and electronic devices when you are not using them. They use energy even when they are turned off. Turn off your lights when you leave a room.

Visit [austinenenergy.com/go/summer](http://austinenenergy.com/go/summer) for more information and sign up for Austin Energy’s Outage Alerts to send and receive text notifications about power outages.

## STAYING COOL, FROM 1

this year, so there’s a place to cool off in the water. Since July 16th the swim teams are no longer using the pool early in the morning, so it’s open to all from 8 a.m. to noon for lap swimming and from noon to 8 p.m. for recreational swimming. The pool is open Tuesdays through Sundays until August 13th.

While chilling out, consider projects that could make our neighborhoods more pleasant places to be. The NWACA Board is seeking to fund special projects, with applications

due by the end of September. In the past, we’ve funded the installation of bike repair stations at several elementary schools and recycling bins in local parks. We were pleased to see that the Austin Parks and Recreation Department put recycling bins in all parks, just a few years after we put them in NWACA-area parks. Maybe your idea could be the seed for something that works locally and can be extended more broadly. See the articles in this issue about our recently funded projects (page 12) for a little more inspiration, and then read about how to submit your application.

Something else you might do while captive in your air-conditioned house is to look through all that paper you’ve accumulated and identify what needs to be shredded. Then bring the boxes of unwanted paper (and unwanted computer disks), to the August 19th paper shredding event for NWA-CA members. See details about that event in the shredding article (page 7).

If you missed having ice cream on July 16, national Ice Cream Day, declare your own holiday and have some ice cream to cool off! Even in the air conditioning, it’ll feel good!

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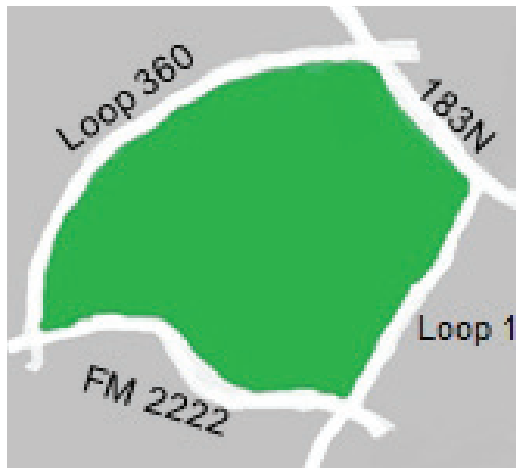
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## New to the Neighborhood?

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). Use the Membership button on the home page or use the form in this newsletter to become a NWACA member. Members have access to the weekly email 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?

Receiving the newsletter does not guarantee membership.

Not sure? Visit [nwaca.org](http://nwaca.org) to confirm!

*Here are 5 great reasons to join today!*

### GREAT NEIGHBORS = GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD

Together, we can continue to do great things for our neighborhood!

### STAY INFORMED ABOUT ISSUES THAT AFFECT YOU

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

### GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS

We encourage friendships among residents through our events - July 4th parade, National Night Out, Recycling Collection, Garage Sales, and more!

### PROTECT AND IMPROVE OUR COMMUNITY

Learn about fire safety, crime prevention, oak wilt, environmental concerns, park development, wildlife management, zoning/planning, and more!

### SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY

We are deeply invested in building strong relationships within our business network to positively impact our neighborhood.

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The NWACA Board meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month except July and 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 to [info@nwaca.org](mailto:info@nwaca.org), so that we can put you on the agenda.

NWACA is bordered on the north by U.S. Highway 183 (Research Boulevard), on the west by Loop 360, on the south by RM 2222, and on the east by Mopac (Loop 1).

## Special Thanks to Members

### By MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

NWACA thanks members who generously contributed to the 4th of July Parade Fund, the Park Fund, and the Constable Fund, between May 21 and July 18, 2023.

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.

- Don Grefe
- Gabriella Marcarelli
- (and, apologies to anyone whose donation we might have missed!)

### MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Parks Fund	\$10 ____ \$20 ____ Other ____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Parks              |  |



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## Mark Your Calendars

*These events are as planned as of July 20.  
As you consider participating in one of the events listed, please check first with the organizer.*

**August 15, 7pm**

Parks Committee – virtual

**August 19, 8 AM to 11 AM**

Monthly cleanup at Bull Creek District Park – sign up at <https://www.givepulse.com/event/336685>

**August 19, 2-4 PM**

Paper and Computer Disk Shredding Event  
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Parking Lot, 8134 Mesa Drive

**August 22, 5 PM**

NWACA Zoning and Transportation Committees – virtual

**August 23, 6:30 – 8:30 PM**

NWACA Board Meeting – 5280 Burger

**September 1**

Signup begins for NWACA Neighborhood Garage Sales  
(Sales happen on October 7.)

**September 16, 8 AM to 11 AM**

Monthly cleanup at Bull Creek District Park – sign up at <https://www.givepulse.com/event/336685>

**September 19, 7pm**

Parks Committee – virtual

**September 26, 5 PM**

NWACA Zoning and Transportation Committees – virtual

**September 27, 6:30 – 8:30 PM**

NWACA Board Meeting – 5280 Burger

**September 30, 6:00 – 8:00 PM**

NWACA Neighborhood National Night Out  
Mesa Plaza - Randall's Parking Lot

**September 30**

Registration closes for  
NWACA Neighborhood Garage Sales  
(for those wanting publicity through external media)

## August Happenings at the Old Quarry Library

By MARTHA MILLER

- Wednesday, August 2 – **For the Love of Books Club** (2:30pm-3:30pm) – Join fellow Book Lovers to discuss the books you're already reading and learn about others you should add to your TBR list. Eat snacks, talk books - It's the easiest book club you will ever join! Ages 18 and up
- Saturday, August 5 – **All Ages Board Game Play** (1pm-4pm) Join us for playing a variety of board games. Try one of our board games or bring your own! Spend a low-key afternoon at the library! All ages welcome
- Wednesday, August 9 – **Old Quarry Gardening Group** (11am-12:30pm) – Join fellow gardening enthusiasts to share tips and learn more about Austin's Community gardens. Ages 18 and up
- Saturday, August 12 – **Pokémon Party** (2pm-3pm) - Catch 'em all at a Pokémon themed party! Stations will be set up with Pokémon crafts, games, and activities. Ages 6-10
- Tuesday, August 15 – **Fiber Arts Friends Group** (6pm-7pm) – Whether you are an expert or brand new, join fellow crafters to work on your projects and learn new skills. Ages 18 and up.

- Saturday August 19 - **Summer Camp for Adults** (6pm – 9pm) – Enjoy summer camp activities with crafts, tests of skill, and even a talent show! Ages 18 and up.
- Monday, August 21 - **For the Love of Books Club** (6:30pm-7:30pm) – Join fellow Book Lovers to discuss the books you're already reading and learn about others you should add to your TBR list. Eat snacks, talk books - It's the easiest book club you will ever join! Ages 18 and up.
- Wednesday, August 23 – **Crafty Adult DIY Pendant Lamp** (2pm-3:30pm) – Join us to use a brown grocery bag to make a cool pendant light! Ages 18 and up. Please register at <https://tinyurl.com/QuarryLamp>
- Saturday, August 26 - **Craft Together: Perler Beads** (1pm-3pm) – Join us and make a Perler bead masterpiece! Use a template or create something from your imagination. All ages welcome!
- Every Tuesday, Tech Time (1pm-3pm) Learn to download books and use digital Library resources. Bring in your tablet, smartphone or eReader for help navigating the Virtual Library Ages 18 and up.

## NWACA Shredding Event Coming

By MAE LEVITAN

NWACA has your back! Do you have personal paper files, bank statements, medical files, or other confidential records that you need to get rid of safely? Do you have computer hard disks that you need to dispose of securely?

On August 19th from 2-4 pm in the Mesa Drive parking lots at St Matthew's Episcopal Church, NWACA will host the shredding event of the year! Bring paper or computer hard drives you no longer want. Along with paper, during the event the truck is able to shred paper clips, binder clips, hanging file folders, CDs, floppy disks, and hard plastics like credit cards. Hard drives will be taken to a safe disposal area. No more clutter for you!

The provider of the shredding service tells us that all the shredded paper will be recycled, a bonus for the environment.

Like our other special recycling events, this one is for NWACA members, so... if your membership isn't current, you'll want to take care of that before August 19th.



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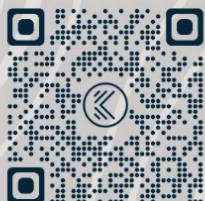
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# REAL ESTATE MARKET SNAPSHOT

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Avg Sale Price



**26**

Number of Closings



**20**

Avg Days on Market



**65**

total single family  
homes available



**96**

total single family  
homes sold YTD



## MONTHS OF INVENTORY



### What does this mean?

Months of inventory is a real estate metric indicating the time it takes to sell all current listings based on the current Buyer demand. It reflects the balance between supply and demand.

A low figure signals a Seller's market with limited available properties and potential price increases. Conversely, a high number indicates a Buyer's market with an excess of available properties and potential price decreases. 6 months is considered 'balanced'. Real estate professionals and analysts use this metric to assess market conditions and make informed decisions about pricing, marketing, and investments. For more information about the health of the market, contact Joe and Cara. *\*These stats are for MLS Area 1A only\*.*



## Condos and Townhomes

	NUMBER OF SALES	AVG SALE PRICE
MAR 2023	16	\$424,700
APR 2023	10	\$369,961
MAY 2023	11	\$443,636
JUN 2023	14	\$450,691



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# Asphalt Art VS Speed Humps – An idea to consider?

By J. FORREST

Public art projects coupled with improvements to transportation infrastructure, often known as “asphalt art,” offer many benefits. They can create safer, more desirable streets and public spaces. They are typically inexpensive and quickly implementable, while helping cities test long-term roadway redesigns. In addition, they help local governments engage with residents to reshape their communities. However, art within the public roadway network has faced regulatory hurdles because of concerns about compliance with current design standards and guidance that governs roadway markings. These concerns have persisted in the absence of much rigorous evaluation or published literature on safety performance of asphalt art projects.

“Bloomberg Philanthropies addressed the need for impact analysis by comparing crash rates and real-time behavior of pedestrians and motorists at an array of asphalt art sites before and after the projects were installed. The two main components to the study: the first is a Historical Crash Analysis that compares crash data prior to and after the introduction of asphalt art at 17 diverse study sites with at least two years of data. The second is

an Observational Behavior Assessment that compares before and after video footage of motorist and pedestrian behavior at five U.S. locations with asphalt art projects installed in 2021 as part of the Bloomberg Philanthropies’ Asphalt Art Initiative. The analysis found significantly improved safety performance across a variety of measures during periods when asphalt art was installed.” (See link below.)

While primarily aimed at aesthetic enhancement and community engagement, asphalt art also holds promise for impacting traffic patterns and improving road safety in several ways:

**Visual Cues and Awareness:** Street murals can serve as visual cues for drivers, alerting them to specific traffic conditions or hazards. For example, large-scale images of children at play or pedestrians crossing can remind drivers to be cautious and reduce their speed. These visual cues can heighten driver awareness and encourage them to be more attentive to their surroundings, potentially reducing the likelihood of crashes.

**Traffic Calming:** Street murals, especially when incorporated into traffic calming initiatives, can have a calming effect on drivers. The presence

of visually appealing and engaging artwork can create a more inviting and less monotonous road environment, prompting drivers to slow down and be more mindful of their speed. This traffic calming effect can contribute to safer traffic patterns, particularly in areas with high vehicle speeds.

**Psychological Impact:** Art has the potential to affect people’s emotions and behavior. By incorporating art into crosswalks, it can create a more positive and engaging environment for pedestrians. This positive association with the crossing can influence drivers to be more considerate and patient, leading to reduced speeds and a safer environment for pedestrians.

**Pedestrian Safety and Crosswalk Visibility:** Asphalt art can be utilized to enhance the visibility of crosswalks and pedestrian pathways. By incorporating colorful designs or patterns into crosswalks, it becomes easier for drivers to identify these pedestrian crossings, especially in locations where visibility may be compromised. Improved visibility can lead to increased yielding behavior from drivers and a safer experience for pedestrians.

**Community Engagement and Ownership:** Involving local communities in the creation and



maintenance of asphalt art fosters a sense of ownership and pride. When people feel connected to their surroundings, they tend to exhibit more responsible behavior. In the context of traffic patterns, this can translate into drivers being more considerate and adhering to traffic regulations, ultimately promoting safer road conditions.

It’s important to note that the impact of artistic crosswalks on traffic speeds may vary depending on various factors such as the specific design, location, and driver behavior in a particular area. Additionally, the effectiveness of artistic crosswalks in improving road safety should be complemented by other traffic control measures, such as proper signage, traffic signals, and enforcement of traffic laws.



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# Recently Funded Special Projects by NWACA

By JOYCE STATZ

During the last six months, several projects with a range of community benefits have come to life, courtesy of NWACA's Special Projects Fund.

The Anderson High School sign that greets you at the driveway entrance on Mesa Drive has been refurbished – it's now legible and pretty! Soon, there will be more picnic tables for students to use for lunch-

time gatherings.

Highland Park Elementary School students wanted more accessible playground equipment for all abilities, so they raised money to purchase three Rhapsody® outdoor musical instruments. We were pleased to fund the installation of the instruments; since the playground is open to everyone, children of all ages and abilities can enjoy them.

NWACA also funded a project to help beautify a Balcones Woods neighborhood entrance. A pair of planters with brick walls was in a state of serious disrepair. Our grant provided for brick repair and landscape material to make this a much more welcoming entrance.

We look forward to a wide range of applications for our next round of funding. Find details on this page about the funding application process.



## NWACA Special Projects Fund Inviting Applications

### NWACA Board

The Special Projects Fund was established by the NWACA Board to help fund projects that benefit the community/neighborhood residents and are open to the public.

During recent years, NWACA contributed funds for 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, bike repair stations at Doss and Hill Elementary Schools, outdoor tables that Anderson High Schools students use during their lunch period as well as contributions to the Loewy Playground, the

Community Garden and Murchison Middle School Common Space improvements, and the Anderson High School Trojan Band equipment trailer.

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 on the home page.



Applications for a new round of project proposals will be accepted until September 30, 2023, and selected applicants will be encouraged to present their proposals at the October 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. 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 June 1st or October 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.

## Anderson Athletics Kicks off Blue Light Community

The Anderson Athletics program is kicking off a blue light community building event this year -- where we will ask folks to light a blue light on game nights to support our athletes.

This will begin with Football in August - so we can show support throughout the neighborhood of our football players, coaches, trainers, our amazing Belles, flag groups, cheer, band -- all those involved!

Anderson Athletics will be selling these lights at the infamous Midnight Madness Event - to be held August 4th - then sales will move online.

Of course, anyone can purchase their own flame torch, lantern, or blue light bulb online on their own if not from Anderson Athletics.

"Ours will have branding and any proceeds will benefit the program but it's all about building community at the end of the day," shared Heather Gephart, Community Outreach - Anderson Football Booster. "We hope to see these lit up on all game nights - for all sports events."



# MARKET UPDATE

## NORTHWEST HILLS AND WESTOVER HILLS

SINGLE FAMILY HOMES		2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
SALES ACTIVITY	New Listings	172	167	151	182	218
	Sold Homes	96	102	141	137	160
LIST PRICE	Average List Price	\$1,373,205	\$1,432,869	\$1,107,857	\$930,448	\$848,932
	Median List Price	\$1,262,500	\$1,295,000	\$1,050,000	\$859,950	\$749,000
SOLD PRICE	Average Sold Price	\$1,324,293	\$1,472,052	\$1,162,263	\$882,652	\$782,907
	Median Sold Price	\$1,235,000	\$1,341,250	\$1,075,000	\$837,358	\$710,000
LIST PRICE \$/SQFT	Average List Price/sqft	\$475	\$499	\$400	\$322	\$299
	Median List Price/sqft	\$447	\$490	\$389	\$312	\$292
SOLD PRICE \$/SQFT	Average Sold Price/sqft	\$467	\$528	\$416	\$312	\$289
	Median Sold Price/sqft	\$445	\$524	\$402	\$305	\$281
DAYS ON MARKET	Average Days on Market	37	11	19	25	46
	Median Days on Market	12	5	5	5	11
CLOSED PRICE TO LIST PRICE RATIO		98.0%	103.5%	105.0%	100.0%	99.0%

*\*Based on data from January through July of each year.*

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The **Northwest Hills real estate market** is showing **steady growth** and **healthy demand** for the first half of 2023. Home prices have steadily risen over the past 5 years. Despite a modest 8% drop in the last year, Northwest Hills homes have appreciated more than 74% compared to the same period in 2019. **This growth is driven by** factors such as our **neighborhood's location, rolling hills and scenic views, top-rated schools, community diversity, urban lifestyle, recreational opportunities and proximity to downtown, shopping, restaurants and entertainment.**

Historically, the low inventory of available homes has been a prevailing challenge for buyers in the area. More recently, higher interest rates have reduced buyer purchasing power and housing demand resulting in a moderate increase in home inventories along with a slight decline in Northwest Hills home prices. Overall, the Northwest Hills real estate market is **strong and resilient** and **poised for continued growth.**

As we move into the second half of the year, it's essential to keep a close eye on economic indicators and regional factors that may influence the housing market. **Please reach out to me if you have specific questions about the market or if you would like to receive our monthly updates!**

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# Austin Police Department Chief's Monthly Report for June 2023

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### City-Wide

### Baker Sector

#### Crimes Against Persons

	June 2023	June 2022	% Change
Murder	3	5	-40%
Aggravated Assault	283	386	-27%
Simple Assault	797	869	-8%

#### Crimes Against Persons

	June 2023	June 2022	% Change
Murder	0	0	-
Aggravated Assault	16	15	7%
Simple Assault	66	72	-8%

#### Crimes Against Property

	June 2023	June 2022	% Change
Robbery	70	97	-28%
Burglary	338	359	-6%
Burglary of Vehicle	642	1002	-36%
Auto Theft	646	396	63%
Vandalism	587	582	-3%

#### Crimes Against Property

	June 2023	June 2022	% Change
Robbery	4	5	-20%
Burglary	31	29	7%
Burglary of Vehicle	104	262	-60%
Auto Theft	35	34	3%
Vandalism	54	61	-11%

#### Crimes Against Society

	June 2023	June 2022	% Change
Drug Violations	292	233	25%
Weapons	77	87	-11%

#### Crimes Against Society

	June 2023	June 2022	% Change
Drugs	11	11	0%
Weapons	4	4	0%



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# Police and sheriff’s report

Recent Sheriff’s Office and Austin Police Department reports in the Northwest Austin area include a variety of cases.

06/30/2023 5:39 PM  
85XX TEXAS HWY  
BURGLARY OF  
VEHICLE

06/30/2023 6:31 PM  
54XX CAPITAL OF  
TEXAS HWY  
BURGLARY OF  
VEHICLE

06/30/2023 7:19 PM  
53XX CAPITAL OF  
TEXAS HWY  
BURGLARY OF  
VEHICLE

07/01/2023 10:46 AM  
54XX CAPITAL OF  
TEXAS HWY  
BURGLARY OF  
VEHICLE

07/01/2023 6:35 PM  
59XX COURTYARD  
BURGLARY OF  
VEHICLE

07/02/2023 5:28 AM  
55XX BALCONES  
HARASSMENT

07/02/2023 9:19 AM  
66XX VALLEYSIDE  
HARASSMENT

07/02/2023 12:09 PM  
58XX MOPAC EXPY  
BURGLARY

07/02/2023 1:51 PM  
55XX BALCONES  
ASSAULT W/INJURY

07/02/2023 2:29 PM  
55XX HIGHLAND  
CREST  
DISTURBANCE

07/02/2023 5:10 PM  
27XX FOSTER LN  
DISTURBANCE

07/02/2023 9:49 PM  
76XX WOOD HOLLOW  
DISTURBANCE

07/03/2023 12:33 PM  
84XX ANTERO DR  
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

07/03/2023 2:53 PM  
77XX CAPITAL OF  
TEXAS HWY  
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

07/04/2023 10:32 AM  
57XX BALCONES  
BURGLARY

07/04/2023 4:28 PM  
52XX OLD SPICEWOOD  
SPRINGS  
FAMILY DISTURBANCE

07/04/2023 7:29 PM  
00XX MOPAC EXPY  
SVRD  
BURGLARY OF  
VEHICLE

07/05/2023 7:13 AM  
35XX GREYSTONE  
FAMILY DISTURBANCE

07/05/2023 11:40 AM  
36XX GREYSTONE  
DISTURBANCE

07/05/2023 7:11 PM  
88XX TALLWOOD  
THEFT

07/05/2023 11:34 AM  
76XX WOOD HOLLOW  
AUTO THEFT

07/05/2023 10:52 PM  
71XX WOOD HOLLOW  
DISTURBANCE

07/06/2023 2:59 AM  
42XX CREEK LEDGE  
ASSAULT W/INJURY

07/06/2023 9:25 AM  
36XX STECK AVE  
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

07/06/2023 10:34 AM  
68XX AUSTIN CENTER  
FAMILY DISTURBANCE

07/06/2023 2:51 PM  
79XX MESA TRAILS  
BURGLARY OF  
VEHICLE

07/06/2023 4:56 PM  
88XX MOUNTAIN PATH  
TERRORISTIC THREAT

07/06/2023 5:00 PM  
33XX BIG BEND  
THEFT

07/06/2023 6:08 PM  
68XX OLD QUARRY  
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

07/07/2023 12:34 AM  
53XX CAPITAL OF  
TEXAS  
BURGLARY OF  
VEHICLE

07/07/2023 2:51 PM  
53XX OLD SPICEWOOD  
SPRINGS  
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

07/07/2023 11:45 PM  
71XX WOOD HOLLOW  
AUTO THEFT

07/08/2023 12:23 PM  
72XX WOOD HOLLOW  
ASSAULT W/INJURY

07/08/2023 1:16 PM  
43XX WOODWAY  
BURGLARY OF  
VEHICLE

07/08/2023 5:06 PM  
45XX SPANISH OAK TER  
THEFT

07/09/2023 11:18 AM  
67XX LAKEWOOD  
BURGLARY OF VEHI-  
CLE

07/09/2023 1:17 PM  
35XX FAR WEST BLVD  
FORGERY AND PASS-  
ING

07/09/2023 4:54 PM  
76XX WOOD HOLLOW  
FAMILY DISTURBANCE

07/09/2023 6:12 PM  
85XX CAPITAL OF  
TEXAS HWY  
FORGERY AND  
PASSING

07/09/2023 7:51 PM  
36XX KENTFIELD RD  
THEFT

07/09/2023 7:51 PM  
95XX JOLLYVILLE  
FAMILY DISTURBANCE

07/10/2023 10:18 AM  
88XX TALLWOOD  
BURGLARY OF VEHI-  
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37XX FAR WEST BLVD  
THEFT

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VEHICLE

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THEFT CATALYTIC  
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84XX MESA DR  
DEBIT CARD ABUSE

07/12/2023 3:42 PM  
78XX CAPITAL OF  
TEXAS HWY  
BURGLARY OF  
VEHICLE

07/12/2023 4:26 PM  
35XX NORTH HILLS  
THEFT

07/13/2023 5:03 PM  
67XX LAKEWOOD  
BURGLARY OF  
VEHICLE

07/15/2023 12:09 PM  
53XX CAPITAL OF  
TEXAS  
BURGLARY OF  
VEHICLE

07/15/2023 2:12 PM  
95XX JOLLYVILLE  
DWI

07/16/2023 10:28 AM  
70XX VILLAGE CENTER  
FAMILY DISTURBANCE

07/17/2023 1:17 PM  
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"My wife and I recently worked with Dawn Lanier who provided excellent service and helped us in purchasing our next house. Dawn worked with us for several months to finally find a house that met our criteria. We had found a neighborhood that we liked which didn't have a lot of open inventory. When a house came on the market in that neighborhood, she let us know. After taking a couple of looks we fell in love with it and made an offer.

*Then came the "fun" part where Dawn's talents really came to the fore.*

She diligently worked with us and the sellers to come to an agreement on price and terms. After getting inspections of all the major components, we felt we had a good understanding of the current state of the home. She counseled us on some options and made sure we responded to the sellers before the end of the Option Period. She really worked for us by sending updates to the contract, talking with the seller's agent, and keeping us apprised of what was happening. During those final days, she stayed busy working and staying almost in constant touch with updates to us. I honestly felt she was spending more time with us than she did with her husband. At the end of the week, we had agreed to a lower price with the sellers based on the findings of the inspections and had a closing date.

All in all, Dawn fought for us during the negotiations, standing up for our interests, and did an amazing job throughout the process. I highly recommend Dawn to any folks who are looking for a Realtor who will stand with them and for them." ~Mark



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# Spotlight: Dell Jewish Community Center

By JANICE GREEN



The renovations and program expansion at the Dell Jewish Community Center (JCC) are so vast that you should add two to-dos to your list: explore their in-depth website ([shalomaustin.org](http://shalomaustin.org)) and tour their facilities. You will discover what this beautiful place offers for the health and well-being of Northwest Austin residents and how it creates and supports the meaning of “inclusive community.”

The Dell JCC is one of four parts of the nonprofit umbrella organization, Shalom Austin, housed on the 40-acre Dell Jewish Community Campus. It is not a members-only club. Many of the classes, programs and events are available for non-members. Plus, individual and family membership dues are affordable.

While I roamed the architecturally stunning buildings and grounds, at times I felt like I had sneaked into a resort or spa or stumbled upon an oasis. Light is captured through windows everywhere, presenting views of Austin’s skyline, the

native landscape, the playscapes which non-members can enjoy, the aquatic features (e.g., heated lap pool and children’s activity pool) and poolside snack bar; athletic facilities for field games, tennis, and pickleball; track, meditation garden, and walking trails.

Check out the floor of TechnoGym cardio equipment. There is another floor devoted to exercise and strength equipment. Other amenities include a full-size double gymnasium with adult basketball leagues, sauna and steam rooms, a serene Mind/Body Studio, new group exercise rooms, and even a self-serve cafe and coffee bar. Sprinkled throughout are airy meeting rooms of various sizes available for rental, by the hour or day, for families, corporate and community organizations, and even those hosting larger fundraisers/galas.

There are more than 50 weekly classes, including gymnastics with Kim’s Gym; sports and organized summer camps (both available for non-members), preschool from infants to pre-K; and after-school pick-up from neighborhood schools. The JCC, through its partnership with Ballet Austin, provides classes for those 18-months to seven years –

soon to be extended to include a Pilates Reformer Studio and adult dance workshops. Then there are the book/literary series, the Austin Jewish Film Festival, special speaker events, art exhibits, and social/educational events for young adults, many of which are open to the entire community.

For the over-60 crowd, here are a few of the many options to work into your schedule: a reader’s theater, weekly “Community & Coffee” and “News & Schmooze” gatherings, and a “Flex Your Brain” class. All these programs are open to the community.

Janet S. Elam, Chief Operating Officer, graciously guided my tour and answered a multitude of questions. We talked about the meanings of “community” and how it is created, how it is supportive and supported, and how the Dell JCC can serve as an antidote during times our society feels so divided, fractured, and isolating. Barriers tend to dissolve when people of all ages take the opportunity to find common threads that lead them to share space and discover common-

alities. I couldn’t help but notice all the spaces that invited conversations even among strangers and non-members – from outdoor seating areas to the indoor expansive and comfy Living Room near the main entrance.

We in Northwest Austin are fortunate to have such a wellspring for building a viable community. ‘Tis time to take advantage of it.

CONTACT: To sign up for a tour or for more information, contact [membership@shalomaustin.org](mailto:membership@shalomaustin.org); (512) 735-8000; 7300 Hart Lane; [www.shalomaustin.org](http://www.shalomaustin.org).





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“My husband and I worked with Dawn Lanier in the purchase of our new home. Dawn is very easy to talk to and extremely trustworthy.

Dawn was there from the very beginning of our search. We knew we wanted to be outside of Austin, but had no idea of which area we would prefer, so she helped us narrow our focus. Throughout our search, Dawn was always available by phone or text and took us to see several homes. She had an upbeat attitude when showing us homes and didn't have a negative word to say about the houses unless we said something first or asked for her opinion.

She has contractors she called when we had a question about what something might realistically cost. For instance, we were looking at a house in our desired neighborhood that needed a complete remodel. Dawn called a general contractor she knew, he gave her a ballpark figure, and we were able to see that the cost to remodel the home priced it way out of the market.

Dawn kept an eye on the particular neighborhood we decided on and she sent us a listing for the house we wound up buying. We went to see the house and decided to make an offer. She worked with us and the seller's agent enabling us to get our offer accepted before a planned open house for the property was held. Dawn kept us apprised of what needed to be done and by when during both the Option Period and the closing of the house. She protected our interests by having us sign a termination document in case it was needed. While we were in the Option Period of our contract, Dawn recommended an inspector, a plumber and a HVAC company that we utilized to help us make a sound decision about the house. Our home was built in 1980 and is in need of some remodeling. Dawn gave us the names of two general contractors to compare costs.

I enjoyed working with Dawn and would definitely be willing to work with her again and recommend her to friends.” ~Linda J.



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