# Northwest Austin Civic Association Community

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# WELCOME Spring Time Spring Mix

By NORTHWEST AUSTIN CIVIC ASSOCIATION BOARD

Try as we might, we can't find a theme to knit these paragraphs together, so it's a spring mix!

### Interested in Being on the NWACA Board?

A few people have expressed interest in serving on our board – thank you! If you're interested, but haven't yet contacted us, you have until March

ed us, you have until March 20th to let us know at info@ nwaca.org.

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a year, for our NWACA recycling events, we rent a U-Haul truck to take the materials to Austin Resource Recovery's Recycle and Reuse Center. Our driver has moved out of the neighborhood, so we need an understudy for our March 23 event; we're hoping that person will continue to be our driver. If you're interested, please contact us at info@nwaca.org – no CDL required, just good driving habits and courage!

### How Architect David Barrow Jr. Made His Mark on Northwest Hills

By LYNETTE HAALAND Northwest Austin News

David Barrow Jr. – a University of Texas graduate, former U.S. Air Force fighter pilot, architect and family man – helped shape Northwest Hills. His dad and uncle had the vision to develop the land and his mom coined its name. Barrow – who still goes into the office regularly at age 92 – has also played a significant role in this scenic community.

There were multiple developers of Northwest

Hills over some 40 years and many employed Barrow and Stahl Architects as professional planners as well as engineering consultants.

An early land-use plan drawn by Barrow and Stahl has areas labeled "Flat Land," "Rough Land" and "Really Rough Land," along with a layout of nodes and road routes.

With those rough plans, Barrow has made his mark, incorporating the natural beauty of

David Barrow Ir in front of a painting

March 2024

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### David Barrow Jr. in front of a painting done by his late son Thomas Barrow.

## "SpongeBob SquarePants: The Broadway Musical"



Anderson High School theater students and Assistant Principal Shackelford performed "SpongeBob SquarePants: The Broadway Musical" January 18-20 at the AHS Performing Arts Center. More photos by Phil Swann Photography on page 18 and rosters of cast and crew on page 22.

AHS Theater will perform "Honk Jr.", the musical version of "The Ugly Duckling" May 11 at 2 PM and 5 PM.

**SPONGEBOB, 18 & 22** 

**SPRING MIX, 3** 

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# Q&A Austin ISD's new superintendent, Matias Segura

By BECKY FOGEL KUT

About one year after Matias Segura became the Austin Independent School District's interim superintendent, he now has the permanent job. The school board unanimously voted to appoint him to the role.

According to the contract Segura signed, his annual base salary will be \$362,250 and his contract runs through Aug. 31, 2028, which school board members have said offers an opportunity for stability in the years ahead.

"We have great faith in Mr. Segura's commitment to Austin ISD and in his ability to work with our board and community to celebrate and strengthen the district we love," Austin ISD trustees said in a statement.

Segura is not only committed to the district, but he is a product of it. His mother was an Austin ISD teacher for decades. He went to Kocurek Elementary School, Covington Middle School and graduated from Bowie High School.

Segura spoke with KUT about what's ahead for AISD.

Austin ISD was facing a \$52 million deficit after the school board approved a budget last summer that included a more aggressive compensation package. Where does the deficit stand now and how could it impact the next budget cycle?

Last year, when we pursued the budget for this year, we felt like we needed to invest in our staff – we needed to take a meaningful step in ensuring that, over a period of time, the folks that support AISD have the opportunity to live in the community they serve. So we made that commitment. We saw a significant impact of that decision. We saw attrition in Title 1 schools go down by 11 percent, our vacancy rate is way down and it really helped us make some really key changes over the last several months. So as we move into this coming budget cycle, we recognize that we started out with a \$50 million deficit, and \$50 million is a significant amount. But it's not one that we felt we couldn't manage and, to date, we've been able to reduce that number to about \$30 million.

As we move forward, compensation is going to continue to be something that we look at. ... The other thing that I tell folks is that we have to make sure that our budget aligns with our values. So you're going to see alignment with special education. You're going to see alignment with mental health. You're going to see alignment in those areas of focus for the district.

Austin ISD must make state-ordered changes to improve special education services, which includes reducing the backlog of evaluations within specified time frames. As AISD exceeds its targets for completing overdue evaluations, what types of resources will the district need to provide services to students who are legally entitled to them?

The first thing that we did was we actually added 50 additional special education teacher positions, recognizing that we were going to have additional students identified as needing different supports as we get through the evaluation backlog. We also offered a \$7,000 stipend to help attract folks to work in the Special Education Department. And we've had success but, generally speaking, these are difficult roles to fill.

So we know that moving forward we're going to have to take additional steps. We don't know if it will be an adjustment to the stipend or if it will be an adjustment to the overall compensation. We do know that the things we've done have made an impact, but we haven't been able to fill all positions. We also know the evaluation backlog is continuing to go down, so we're going to continue to have to predict where in the organization we're going to have to allocate resources and staff in order to support our students.



Matias Segura is the first graduate of Austin ISD to serve as the district's superintendent. Photo by Patricia Lim/KUT News.

What steps has Austin ISD taken besides increasing compensation this year to recruit and retain staff? Is there an effort to make workloads more manageable so people want to continue working here?

Last spring, we took on an initiative we called "strategic abandonment," and the whole idea was, "Let's figure out what we added to teachers' plates over the last five or 10 years." What we found was there were all these asks teachers were facing from different departments. So we went through and systematically began to remove things. In our opinion, that begins to move some of that work and create more of a balanced workload, but it's nowhere near where it needs to be.

We have to continue to address the things that are taking time from the educational experience in the classroom. I do not want teachers worrying about whether the HVAC system is going to run. I don't want teachers worrying about whether they have the resources to support the students that they're serving. I don't want our teachers to worry about whether they're safe. So one of the key

Policing Data Release website, to include explanations and definitions relevant to the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS).

The new dashboard allows users to see crime data for the City of Austin, as well as by City Council District, for a selected time period. Reporting is no longer broken down by the policing sector, which is the level of detail Connie used for her reports. If you wish to continue monitoring the crime statistics for the City of Austin as a whole, or by specific council district, do a web search for "APD Chief's Monthly Report," and follow the links provided on the initial web page.

### Library Highlights

As usual, the Old Quarry Library has wonderful offerings for this month. See the details on page

objectives of this organization is to remove all of that so the relationship between the educator and our students is strong.

The way most Austin ISD families interact with the district is through their local campus. How do you try to set the tone as superintendent for the organization's overall culture?

I love spending time on campuses, and I learn so much. I never want to create an environment where our community can't engage with me, so you've seen us taking the approach of being super transparent. And there's a reason for that. It's not only to be transparent for transparency's sake but also to communicate that the focus of the superintendent needs to be aligned with our values. You should see that reflected in everything I do, including my calendar. I let everybody know where I'm going to be every single week. ... It's modeling, it's being available, it's engaging with community wherever community is.

As an Austin ISD graduate, what was your experience like as a student, and do you have a message for current students?

I went through elementary school, middle school and high school here at Austin ISD – I mean every single grade. And I struggled along the way. My mom, who taught here for 42 years, took care of me but so did a lot of other folks. It was my coaches, it was teachers, it was custodians who took care of me after school when I would come and hang out in my mom's classrooms. Each of these individuals had a meaningful impact on my educational experience.

And I wasn't the best student. I mean I really struggled along the way. So I want our students to know it's OK, and we want you to be you. I want you to feel comfortable in your own skin. I want you to be supported and know that we as an organization do everything possible to ensure that you have what you need to be successful. At the end of the day, when you leave AISD, you're doing incredible things, you're a great human and we love you. That is the goal, and I think if we do that well, outcomes will be there.

15, but you might especially note:

- The library will be a polling site for both early and election day voting, so some of the programs on those days will be in the public areas of the library.
- Puzzles and Pie on March 13 will provide an opportunity to enjoy pie while completing some puzzles.
- A Travis Audubon Society member will be speaking on March 16 about Backyard Bird-ing.
- On March 23, the movie Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret will be shown.
- You can get ready for the Solar Eclipse with constellation embroidery projects on March 25th or learn from a professional organizer on March 30th.

Enjoy the lovely weather of spring!

### **SPRING MIX, FROM 1**

### **Special Project Funds Await Proposals**

See details on page 6 for more details – submissions are due March 15.

### Annual Survey Underway

The Annual NWACA Neighborhood Interest Survey is now underway, with responses due by March 20. Please use this link to take the survey online: tinyurl.com/NWACA2024 Results will be published next month.

### Safety Concerns in the Spring

At this time of the year, we generally see an increase in petty crime, as people travel during spring break. If you're leaving for several days, let your near neighbors know, so that they can help watch out for you. Practice the "Know your Five" method of Neighborhood Watch. That is, keep in touch with those who live to your right, your left, and across the street(s) from you. It might also be helpful to review some of the security checklists provided on the NWACA website. See the "Neighbor Guidebook" in the Neighborhood Watch collection at https://nwaca.org/category/ library/neighborhood-watch/

### **Retiring our Column on APD Statistics**

Several years ago, Connie Lundgren started a monthly column on neighborhood crime statistics using data from the APD Chief's Monthly Report online, but that information is going away. See page 4 for her last report. As APD explains, "In accordance with Resolution 20230914-132, the Chief's Monthly Report will be migrated to a dashboard format, with supporting datasets hosted on the Austin Police Department Open

# **NORTHWEST AUSTIN NEWS**

## Terroristic Threats, Theft, Harassment in Police and Sheriff's Report

02/06/2024 2:32 PM

02/07/2024 7:19 AM

67XX OLD OUARRY

02/09/2024 10:32 AM

02/07/2024 11:47 AM

02/07/2024 3:16 PM

55XX BALCONES

02/07/2024 5:17 PM

67XX LAKEWOOD

02/07/2024 5:22 PM

78XX STERLING DR

ASSAULT W/INJURY

02/08/2024 8:59 AM

02/08/2024 9:50 AM

02/09/2024 10:32 AM

38XX DRY CREEK

AUTO THEFT

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

DATING DISTURBANCE

52XX OLD SPICEWOOD SPRINGS

00XX FM 2222

ASSAULT W/INJURY

SHOPLIFTING

36XX FAR WEST BLVD

POSS CONTROLLED SUB

38XX DRY CREEK

38XX FM 2222

HARASSMENT

AUTO THEFT

THEFT

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

01/27/2024 9:21 AM 71XX HART LN AUTO THEFT

01/29/2024 8:20 AM 88XX MOUNTAIN RIDGE THEFT

01/29/2024 8:24 AM 71XX WOOD HOLLOW ASSAULT W/INJURY

01/29/2024 8:40 AM 86XX APPALACHIAN DR THEFT

01/29/2024 1:57 PM 70XX VILLAGE CENTER FRAUD

01/29/2024 7:44 PM 79XX CAPITAL OF TEXAS HWY SHOPLIFTING

01/30/2024 12:13 AM 33XX NORTHLAND ASSAULT BY THREAT

01/30/2024 5:29 AM 65XX MOPAC EXPY THEFT

01/30/2024 11:07 AM 35XX NORTH HILLS DATING DISTURBANCE 01/30/2024 7:00 PM 35XX GREYSTONE AUTO THEFT

01/30/2024 8:45 PM 38XX FM 2222 FAMILY DISTURBANCE

01/30/2024 8:39 PM 35XX NORTH HILLS HARASSMENT

01/31/2024 12:35 AM 38XX FM 2222 FAMILY DISTURBANCE

01/31/2024 4:53 PM 71XX HART LN HARASSMENT

01/31/2024 5:37 PM 55XX BALCONES SHOPLIFTING

02/01/2024 1:46 AM 72XX HART LN FAMILY DISTURBANCE

02/01/2024 12:26 PM 48XX SPICEWOOD SPRINGS DISTURBANCE

02/03/2024 7:07 PM 34XX NORTH HILLS THEFT OF AUTO PARTS

02/03/2024 9:17 PM 89XX BUSINESS PARK CRIMINAL MISCHIEF 02/03/2024 10:10 PM 75XX MOPAC EXPY DWI

02/03/2024 10:17 PM 87XX CAMELIA HARASSMENT OF PUBLIC SERVANT

02/04/2024 12:20 AM 67XX LAKEWOOD FAMILY DISTURBANCE

02/04/2024 3:06 PM 35XX FM 2222 FAMILY DISTURBANCE

02/04/2024 7:09 PM 35XX FM 2222 DOC DISPLAY GUN

02/04/2024 7:57 PM 36XX NORTH HILLS

02/05/2024 1:18 PM 43XX SPICEWOOD SPRINGS FRAUD

FAMILY DISTURBANCE

02/06/2024 10:31 AM 66XX EASY HILL FORGERY & PASSING

02/06/2024 12:50 PM 94XX RESEARCH BLVD THEFT OF TRAILER

02/06/2024 2:10 PM 68XX CAPITAL OF TEXAS HWY CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

#### Austin Police Department Chief's Monthly Report for December, 2023

<u>City-Wide</u>					Baker Sector				
Crimes Against Persons					 Crimes Against Persons				
	Dec	Dec	%	All		Dec	Dec	%	All
	2023	2022	Change	2023		2023	2022	Change	2023
Murder	8	5	60%	67	Murder	0	0	-	2
Aggravated Assault	254	281	-10%	3,440	Aggravated Assault	11	12	- 8%	166
Simple Assault	691	794	-13%	9,357	Simple Assault	44	126	-65%	683

Crimes Against Property				Crimes Against Property					
	Dec Dec % All				Dec	Dec	%	All	
	2023	2022	Change	2023		2023	2022	Change	2023
Robbery	79	70	13%	924	Robbery	3	6	-50%	61
Burglary	360	378	-5%	4,375	Burglary	37	33	12%	455
Burglary of Vehicle	654	904	-28%	8,835	Burglary of Vehicle	80	170	-53%	1,557
Auto Theft	589	488	21%	6,832	Auto Theft	49	42	17%	581
Vandalism	574	448	28%	6,460	Vandalism	47	49	-4%	681

#### **Crimes Against Society Crimes Against Society** Dec Dec % All Dec Dec % All 2022 2023 2023 2023 Change 2023 2022 Change 17 **Drug Violations** 267 255 5% 3,405 Drugs 18 -6% 159 Weapons 73 87 -16% 916 Weapons 4 5 -2% 31

02/09/2024 7:58 PM 72XX HART LN BURGLARY

02/09/2024 8:55 PM 36XX JORGE DR ASSAULT W/INJURY

02/09/2024 10:00 PM 42XX PRICKLY PEAR FAMILY DISTURBANCE

02/10/2024 9:58 PM 36XX NORTH HILLS FAMILY DISTURBANCE

02/11/2024 8:57 AM 41XX CIRCLETREE THEFT

02/11/2024 3:48 PM 42XX DEEPWOODS AUTO THEFT

02/11/2024 7:27 PM 72XX HART LN BURGLARY

02/12/2024 8:15 AM 38XX SPICEWOOD SPRINGS THEFT OF LICENSE PLATE

02/12/2024 10:53 AM 37XX FAR WEST THEFT

02/12/2024 2:12 PM 37XX FAR WEST THEFT OF SERVICE

02/12/2024 4:44 PM 40XX STECK BREACH OF COMPUTER SECU-RITY

02/12/2024 5:03 PM 36XX NORTH HILLS FORGERY

02/12/2024 7:06 PM 40XX STECK AVE FORGERY

02/14/2024 1:40 PM 34XX NORTH HILLS THEFT

02/14/2024 3:54 PM 34XX GREYSTONE HARASSMENT

02/14/2024 4:25 PM 53XX BALCONES PUBLIC INTOXICATION

02/15/2024 9:18 AM 44XX SPICEWOOD SPRINGS THEFT

02/15/2024 11:50 PM 41XX VILLA CLIFF ASSAULT W/INJURY 02/15/2024 12:59 PM 44XX SPICEWOOD SPRINGS THEFT

02/16/2024 1:08 AM 72XX HART LN ASSAULT W/INJURY

02/16/2024 4:06 PM 51XX FAIRVIEW TERRORISTIC THREAT

02/17/2024 10:33 AM 41XX STECK AVE THEFT

02/17/2024 12:48 PM 38XX MOUNT BONNELL THEFT

02/18/2024 7:30 AM 77XX WOOD HOLLOW THEFT

02/18/2024 2:32 PM 00XX STECK AVE THEFT OF LICENSE PLATE

02/18/2024 3:59 PM 82XX NEELY DR THEFT OF SERVICE

02/19/2024 10:18 AM 65XX EAST HILL DR THEFT OF BICYCLE

02/19/2024 11:49 AM 82XX NEELY DR THEFT

02/19/2024 3:17 PM 95XX JOLLYVILLE BREACH OF COMPUTER SECU-RITY

02/20/2024 2:53 PM 52XX BALCONES TERRORISTIC THREAT

02/20/2024 5:03 PM 58XX GENTLE BREEZE TER FRAUD

02/22/2024 10:14 AM 38XX SPICEWOOD SPRINGS HARASSMENT

02/22/2024 3:53 PM 55XX BALCONES SHOPLIFTING

02/22/2024 6:01 PM 88XX TALLWOOD THEFT

Madison Pharis compiled this report mostly from SpotCrime at www.spotcrime.com and also from CrimeReports.

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## Holocaust Memorial Museum at the Dell Jewish Community Campus

The Holocaust Memorial Museum of San Antonio, Anti-Defamation League -Austin and Shalom Austin were honored to bring Hate Ends Now: The Cattle Car Exhibit to the Dell Jewish Community Campus in Northwest Austin for two fully booked days on February 8 and 9.

This unique 360-degree video exhibit brings history to life, teaching visitors about the devastating consequences of intolerance, bigotry, and hate. The exhibit is an immersive, multimedia presentation that takes place inside an exact replica of a cattle car used to transport Jews and other targeted groups to concentration camps during World War II. Visitors engage with history through video and audio remembering the Holocaust and featuring survivors' testimonials.

The traveling exhibit, which has also visited San Antonio, Corpus Christi, McAllen, Laredo and other cities across the country, is operated by Hate Ends Now, a nonprofit 501c3 organization dedicated to Holocaust education.

### **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. Any group or individual can apply for Special Projects funds; just download an application online at 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

March 15, 2024, and selected applicants will be encouraged to present their proposals at the March NWACA Board meeting. Submit applications, drawings, pictures, and estimated project costs to 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

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EASTER SUNDAY EGG HUNT: 10 AM

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# Meet NWACA Board Member Ben Luckens

### By KEVIN KOTT Northwest Austin Civic Association

**Kevin**: Hello Ben, I've read your bio on the NWACA website, and I see that you have been in Austin for 50 years. What were you doing before Austin?

**Ben:** I'm originally from Kentucky. I attended the University of Kentucky in Lexington, obtaining a dual degree in political science and geography. I enlisted in the Army Reserve and later joined VISTA, spending a year in Corpus Christi. I earned a master's degree in City Planning at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville before moving to Austin.

**Kevin**: Prior to working as a city planner for Austin, you worked as a research associate studying water quality and water/land use relationships at the Edwards Aquifer research and Data Center in San Marcos.

**Ben**: That was a fun job in the mid 1980's. In addition to my research into aquifer-relat-

ed land use issues, I had the opportunity to work with biologists and geologists with their work. Many of these scientists were cavers so you can imagine it was a lot of fun.

**Kevin**: You have an incredible level of experience in city planning, having worked for the City of Austin for 21 years and then running your own planning consulting company for 15 years. How did you get interested in city planning?

**Ben**: As a child of the suburbs, I was fascinated wondering why things were where they are. Who decides that? Who makes decisions regarding infrastructure? How do cities grow and change? What are the relationships between resources and people? The environmental movement in the 1970's caused me to wonder if there weren't better ways to build cities to improve the quality of life for residents and reduce/mitigate the environmental impacts of urbanization. People live in the short term, but city planning requires a view for the long term. The challenge is foreseeing the future while living in the present. **Ben:** Austin is a great place to live. NWACA's goal is to keep it great and make it even better. In his book, Cedar Choppers, Ken Roberts describes Austin in the early 1950s.

"Austin in the early 1950's was off the map to people in the rest of the country; it bore no resemblance to the hip city it was to become. It had less than 150,000 people ... It was mostly a middle-class town where middle class meant you had a job and could raise a family but, had no luxuries or travel."

Austin is dramatically different after the massive changes witnessed in the lifetimes of many residents. My wife Claire is an awesome native Austinite. We can't go anywhere in Austin without her telling me what a given building used to be – back in the mists of time. When she attended UT, she lived in an apartment off San Antonio Street. At midnight, she could ride her bike down Congress from campus, up the ramp to, and through the Capitol building. It was such a sweet, fun-loving town, and I



caught the very end of that era. As Austin continues to change, NWACA will play a key role in communicating residents' ideas with the City of Austin and its planners.

Kevin: What do you do for fun?

**Ben**: I enjoy listening to music, photographing nature, collecting historical postcards, and following University of Kentucky sports.



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### Austin receives \$1M from EPA for plans to combat pollution

#### **By CHAD SWIATECKI Austin Monitor**

The city has received a \$1 million grant from the Environmental Protection Agency that will fund climate action plans for Central Texas. The grant was announced February 12 at City Hall, where members of City Council and federal lawmakers gathered to celebrate the award that is part of the EPA's \$5 billion Climate Pollution Reduction Grants program.

The city used the funds to complete the Priority Climate Action Plan by March 1. It will also use the funds for the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan by fall 2025 and a final status report by fall 2027, with the Office of Sustainability acting as the fund manager. Temporary staffers are already being hired to form a project management team that will create quarterly reports, conduct technical analysis and work with relevant consultants.

The new plans are intended to complement the Austin Climate Equity Plan and the Travis County Climate Action Plan.

Mayor Kirk Watson said the city will work with communities across the five-county region to address climate issues such as extreme heat, water availability and severe winter storms that caused widespread damage to local infrastructure.

"We know that the challenge of reducing greenhouse gas emissions extends beyond Austin's city limits. Our partnership with neighboring communities is vital in addressing this shared challenge in an effective manner, and Austin is proud to be leading on this initiative in this region," he said, noting that 34 percent of local greenhouse gas emissions come from transportation. "Our collective efforts aim to set a model for others to follow, inspiring positive change beyond our region. And we look forward to the positive impact that this grant is going to have and the great work that it's helping us fund."

Communities that take part in the planning phase of the program will be able to compete for larger implementation grants of between \$2 million and \$500 million.

Earthea Nance, regional administrator for the EPA, said the impacts of climate change felt recently in the Austin area demonstrate the need for aggressive action between neighboring communities.

"Climate shocks multiply and amplify existing risks such as deteriorating infrastructure, stressed ecosystems and long-standing inequalities. However, with this challenge comes an opportunity to invest in a cleaner economy that can spur innovation and economic growth while building more equitable, climate-resilient communities," she said. "At EPA, we are focused on ensuring that communities, especially those who have historically been excluded or overlooked, have a voice in the decision-making table. This grant will build on the strong foundation of work that the city of Austin has already achieved in their climate equity plan."

The grant money is the latest allocation to the area from the EPA, following more than \$6.25 million awarded in January to fund the purchase of 25 electric school buses for Austin ISD and another 20 buses for Del Valle schools.

U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett referenced those grants when praising work by Austin Energy to meet its carbon-free goals. Doggett also promotes a variety of climate change-related infrastructure needs.

"Anyone who's been around here through last summer knows it's too hot. It will get hotter if we don't do something and do it quickly. It will get so hot in this area and around the world, it will become unsustainable for our children and our grandchildren," he said. "We need less fossil fuels and less fossilized thinking to do something about it. It's time to end the dithering and the delay. ... We know we'll have more of that from the state of Texas, so that's why our local government and this kind of initiative is so very important."

Austin Monitor, an online, nonpartisan, 501(c)3 nonprofit publication that covers local government and politics in and around Austin.

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#### **By MERRIESSA ANTON** Northwest Austin Civic Association

"If it grows, it goes" is what I tell myself when deciding what goes into my green compost container. But it's not quite true. Weeds should not be composted because of their impact to the compost being created. Walnut shells should not be composted, since the shells contain a substance called juglone, which inhibits, and is even toxic to, the growth of vegetables, fruits, and ornamental plants.

Your compost bin is collected every week on your trash day. Below are lists of items that can be composted.

#### Food Scraps:

- Cooked or raw meat, poultry, and seafood, including bones.
- Cheese and other dairy products
- Fruits and vegetables

- Grains Pasta
- Eggshells
- Bread
- Coffee grounds, tea bags, tea leaves
- Baked goods
- Nuts (except walnut shells)
- Candy (not their wrappers)
- ٠ Snack foods (not their wrappers)
  - Leftovers
- Popsicle sticks and toothpicks (wooden)

#### Yard Trimmings:

- Grass clippings
- Flowers
- Leaves
- Small branches and limbs

### Food Soiled Paper:

- Paper bags
- Napkins
- Paper towels
- Paper plates and cups (no waxy coverings)
- Paper containers and take-out boxes (without wax or plastic lining; metal and plastic removed)
- Pizza boxes
- Coffee filters
- Microwavable popcorn bags
- Tissue

All the above items can easily go into your kitchen collector. A Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI)-certified compostable bag could line your home collector, or you can use a paper bag. As your kitchen collector gets full, transfer the bag into your green compost bin.

Items that do not belong in your compost container are:

Animal carcasses

## **Out-of-Season Pruning of Oaks Guide**

Lacey oaks are more resistant than red or live oaks and usually survive infection with moderate to severe canopy loss, but they can still die in large numbers from the disease. Live oaks, the most common and abundant white oak in central Texas, are intermediate in susceptibility to oak wilt with a small percentage (< 20%) surviving infection. Live oaks share a common root system, so once one tree in the stand is infected, the disease spreads to adjacent trees and an oak wilt infection center begins.

- Oak wilt spreads to other oak trees in two ways - through common or grafted roots or by tiny sap-feeding (nitidulid) beetles carrying the spores of the oak wilt fungus.
- Homeowners can take an active role in oak wilt prevention if they avoid pruning or wounding oaks between February 1 and the end of June. This is the time of year when oak wilt fungal

mats are most likely to form and nitidulid beetles are active. The least hazardous periods for pruning are during the coldest days of midwinter or extended periods of hot weather in mid to late summer. Homeowners should insist that cutting equipment is sanitized with a bleach solution or Lysol® spray before pruning begins and before moving on to the next tree to avoid the possibility of cross contamination. Untrained workers and/or unscrupulous contractors likely won't do this. If they don't, they can spread the fungus more dependably than the beetle. Make sure that all fresh wounds, regardless of size or if the removed branch was alive or dead, are painted. (Wounds are naturally sealed off by the tree after about a week, so painting old wounds is of no value.) Paint pruning cuts (any time of year) immediately; cut-paint-cut-paint. It's virtually impossible to go through a tree canopy making pruning cuts

and then go back and find all those cuts to be painted.

To help you decide what goes into the bin, use

the Austin Recycles app, available at your app store.

The calendar icon at the bottom of the app page will

help find your trash, compost, and recycling days.

The "What Do I Do With" icon will answer which

container to use to recycle, compost, or trash an item.

The financial considerations of oat wilt are se rious. Trenching to contain oak wilt outbreak is expensive as is the removal of/replacing larg trees. Lost shade can substantially increase cool ing costs, change landscape water demand, and require different landscaping choices. More over, the loss of trees will normally reduce the market value of a home.



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Spoiled Foods

- Tree roots Straw

#### By NWACA TREE, WILDLIFE, ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

If you notice a neighbor pruning live oak or red oak trees before July, they could be exposing their trees and yours to oak wilt. You can help them understand the risk and consequences of this infectious disease using the following talking points:

- Oak wilt is caused by a fungus, Bretziella fagacearum, that invades and disables the water-conducting system in susceptible trees.
- Central Texas oak trees, either red or white oaks, are susceptible to the fungus. Red oaks are the most susceptible; they will typically die within a few weeks of symptom appearance. Common red oaks in central Texas include Spanish, Shumard, and blackjack oaks. White oaks have varying resistance to the fungus. Post, bur, and Mexican white oaks are very resistant; they may exhibit some canopy loss, but rarely

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#### ARCHITECT, FROM 1

the land into every project. Looking back

Barrow was born June 28, 1931 in a house at Avenue H north of E 45th Street. A decade later, his family moved to Windsor Road.

He shared he was grateful to be raised in a Christian home and that has always been important to his family.

Barrow attended Baker, Robert E. Lee and Wooldridge elementary schools, University Junior High and Austin High School.

When he was young, Barton Springs was a good swimming pool off the trolley.

In the 1940s, Barrow remembers coming out to this wooded land Northwest of Austin.

It was his father, David Brown Barrow Sr., who came out to the area for exercise when he was young and first got "eyeballs" on this beautiful land.

In 1944, Barrow Sr. and his brother Edward Rowland Barrow began accumulating land in Northwest Austin. They saw the value of the land around the quarry.

Barrow Sr. shared in his oral history about acquiring land from the Milton Hart family — namesake of Hart Lane — the Wendlandt Estate and Wilbur Allan's family. By the end of the 1950s, his team owned or had options on more than 2,500 acres which was more than half the total in the district.

The Austin American-Statesman summed up the start of Northwest Hills in 2018: "The late David Brown Barrow Sr. – who moved to Austin in 1909, served in the Army during World War I and became an almost accidental co-founder of Northwest Hills after World War II – had roamed the wild verges

of Austin as a youth. That liberating experience helped inspire his designs for a green neighborhood named with romantic whimsy — Northwest Hills — by his wife (Nelle)."

Barrow Jr. was inspired to go into architecture at the University of Texas after reading the autobiography of famed architect Frank Lloyd Wright, who incorporated nature in all that he built.

"I entered UT in

1948 and graduated in 1955," he shared. "I got a BS in business and a BS in architecture and a commission through ROTC as a USAF 2nd Lieutenant at UT."

Barrow became a jet fighter pilot with the U.S. Air Force where he was active duty and in the reserves from September 2, 1955 to April 1, 1968.

One story that stuck out in his mind as a pilot was "checking out in the F100A that would takeoff, make two turns and level off at 40,000 feet."

Barrow met his wife Lu Ann at a party on Lake Austin in 1955 and he recalls, "She was the girl in the white dress." The two got married on December 7, 1956.

Lu Ann Barrow – who entered the University of Texas studio art program in 1952 and received a bachelor of fine arts degree with a minor in anthropology in 1956 – became a well-known folk artist.

Lu Ann left her legacy in art. She passed away on

July 25, 2020. (See sidebar on page 11.)

The couple had two sons. David Brown Barrow III was born in 1959 and Thomas Edward Barrow was born in 1962 and passed away August 11, 1995.

In 1961, Barrow and Charles Stahl started their firm Barrow and Stahl Architects.

He would ultimately design 11 homes in the Northwest Hills area as well as St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

"When St. Matthew's was on Ridge Oak, I made a master plan which included expansion, but there was not room to expand the parking," Barrow shared. "So St. Matthew's moved to Mesa and Steck Avenue in 1979 where I was the architect for the new parish hall, bell tower and education building. In 1986, St. Matthew's added a sanctuary building for which I also was the architect."

Through the decades, Barrow also designed office buildings, other churches, commercial and shopping

centers in Austin. He designed federal buildings in South Austin as well.

#### **Family tradition**

Like father, like son, Barrow Sr. also enjoyed working with the natural beauty of Northwest Austin.

"I have used extreme care in laying out the area ... in order to make it very attractive," shared Barrow Sr. in 1964. "Of course, nature's responsible for a whole lot of that. That area's beautiful, and you have beautiful views from most places, in some places views of the lake and the western mountains."

Barrow Jr. would later incorporate these views of Lake Austin, Cat Mountain and many live oaks into his own home: "I designed and built my home in 1973 to follow the contours of the land and take advantage of the views from the site."

The Barrows could be considered the original "first family of Northwest Hills". They used their vision to recognize this captivating place and they used their talents to develop and design around its beauty – preserving it for so many families over the last eight decades.



A photo of David Barrow Jr. and his wife Lu Ann likely in the 1980s.

# **Northwest Austin Development**

#### By David Brown Barrow, Jr. and David Brown Barrow III

David Brown Barrow Sr. and his brother Edward Rowland Barrow began accumulating land in Northwest Austin in 1944.

In 1950 Barrow began to subdivide the land east of Mount Bonnell and called the development Balcones Park. They completed the development of Balcones Park in ten sections, comprising 280 lots in 1959.

In 1962 they formed Austin Corporation and began acquiring land west of Balcones Drive and north of FM 2222. They named the proposed development Northwest Hills.

Based on the experience with Balcones Park, they realized the importance of having a large acreage in one block to control the nature of the development. In the accumulation of land for Northwest Hills they finally either owned or controlled by option nearly 2,500 acres in one of the most desirable areas close to Austin. In the work done in Balcones Park, Barrow felt that he had a natural talent for designing residential subdivisions. He had what might be called a "feel" for the land where the streets in land of irregular topography should be, laying out lots and streets to save the most trees and otherwise developing the land in an attractive manner.

The development of Northwest Hills continued rapidly and is now recognized as one of the largest and one of the best such developments in or around Austin.

(The Barrow family refused to sell too many adjacent lots to the same builder in order to avoid a "cookie-cutter" feel," according to the Austin American-Statesman.)

The last section was named "Cat Mountain" and was completed in 1972. Civil Engineer Jeryl Hart and the architectural firm of Barrow and Stahl Architects (started in 1962 by David Barrow, Jr. and Charles Stahl) participated in the design and layout of the

#### streets and lots.

The area did finally extend from MoPac Boulevard on the east, 2222 on the south and Spicewood Springs Road on the north.

The Master Plan had east-west Far West Boulevard and north-south Mesa Drive as

major streets of the area. Far West Boulevard was intended to run from a west

intersection with 2222 and an east continuation to Mueller Airport.

(According to the Statesman, Barrow Sr., who served on the Austin Planning Commission, is credited with lobbying for the construction of MoPac, which allowed Northwest Hills residents to commute downtown more directly than by taking North Lamar Boulevard. He died in 1972.)

The west extension was canceled by Austin's City Manager and the east extension was canceled by the Austin City Council in response to protests by the Shoal Creek neighborhood. Texas Crushed Stone company had a large gravel pit along what it now Far West

Boulevard and when they moved to Georgetown, Austin Corporation acquired the

property to become the "downtown" of Northwest Hills. It eventually included Murchison Middle School, Far West Retail Shopping Center and the US Post Office there now.

Other commercial areas were located at the intersection of Mesa Drive and Spicewood Springs Road and at the intersection of Dry Creek Drive and FM 2222.

The main development spanned over 40 years until the 1980s and today the area has more than a dozen subdivisions.

Northwest Hills has been enjoyed for many years now by its residents and commercial buildings owners and tenants.



the model of the 2003 master plan of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

that he originally designed in the late 1970s.

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David Barrow Jr. – inspired by architect Frank Lloyd Wright – incorporated nature in the design of his own home in 1973 with views of Lake Austin and Cat Mountain. He stands in front of a painting by his late wife. "It is a Lu Ann painting inspired by one of our trips to the Middle East." Lu Ann Barrow's Artistic Legacy

Lu Ann Barrow's work was featured at the Wagner or Wunderlich galleries, Austin Museum of Art, and at the annual Fiesta events for Laguna Gloria Art Museum. Barrow was represented by Valley House Gallery & Sculpture Garden in Dallas starting in 1993.

In 1999, former first lady Laura Bush asked her to do a poster for the Texas Book Festival and in 2001 another one for the first National Book Festival.

In 2003, Lu Ann wrote a personal artistic statement.

"I usually begin a painting with a title, something I've read or heard, that evoked an immediate image," Barrow wrote. "For instance, 'too wet to plow,' and I could visualize a farmer sitting on his tractor, playing a guitar while the rain comes down outside the barn door. Or, 'we has us a hallelujah time," overheard in a checkout line as two ladies talked about an event at their church. I could immediately see the church, the surrounding grounds, the trees beyond and the people celebrating as they boogied out of the church. For me, painting is a language I've been blessed with and can use to gather what I've seen, read, heard or experienced and share it with the viewer, a way to say visually 'let me tell you."

Art historian Karen Pope said this about Lu Ann Barrow in an

Austin American Statesman tribute after her death in 2020: "This gracious, quiet, gentle little lady communicated tremendous joy through a fusion of folk-style genre scenes with biblical subjects. All her works are characterized by brilliant color, strong, simply-drawn figures and humorous settings and details."



The late Lu Ann Barrow, Austin painter, in her studio. Photo contributed by David Barrow III.

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# **NORTHWEST AUSTIN CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWS**

### Batteries, Oil, Paint, Antifreeze-Plus Collection March 23

### By NWACA TREE, WILDLIFE, **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

Start gathering those leftover cans of paint, used oil and oil filters, and dead batteries. On Saturday, March 23rd from 1-3 PM, NWACA will be hosting a BOPA collection event for NWACA members at the Mesa Drive parking lot of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 8134 Mesa Drive. If you're not a NWACA member, you can join at the event. Just roll up in your car or truck, and volunteers will unload for you.

For BOPA, we will accept only: batteries, oil, latex paint, and antifreeze. We cannot accept other household hazardous wastes including these: oil-based paint, paint thinner or stripper, cleaning chemicals, pool chemicals, pesticides, or light bulbs.

For the Plus portion of our collection, we will accept only:

- Clean Styrofoam<sup>®</sup> blocks, egg cartons, cups, and clean food containers. This is the type of foam made of tiny beads that can easily crumble.
- Used toothpaste tubes, toothbrushes, and floss containers,
- Used disposable razors, replaceable-blade cartridge units, and razor plastic packaging.

We cannot accept dirty Styrofoam food or drink containers, packing peanuts, or plastic foam. Foam like the soft foam in pillows is not acceptable. It must be easily tearable, a crumbly type of foam.

We will close at 3 PM to be able to get the materials to the City's Resource Recycling and Reuse Center for our afternoon appointment.

Want to help out? We always need volunteers for our collection events. We need folks to corral the cars, unload vehicles, load the collection truck, and assist with separating the collected materials. If you're looking for a great opportunity to help serve your neighborhood, meet your neighbors, and protect the environment, come join us! Any questions or volunteer sign-up can be sent to info@nwaca.org.

Got more than just BOPA? Austin's Recycle and Reuse Drop-off Center will accept other hazardous wastes like lawn chemicals, fluorescent bulbs and tubes, cleaners, solvents, insecticides, and electronics. Electronics are now accepted with the twice-yearly bulk pickup.



The Drop-off Center mixes latex paint that has been recycled into three colors (light beige, dark beige, and dark green), which are free to anyone who wishes to pick it up.

The Drop-off Center is in South Austin is open by appointment. More details and location info can be found at: tinyurl.com/Recycle-Reuse-Cen-

### Mark Your Calendars

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

March 15 Applications due for Special Project Fund - see www.nwaca.org

March 16, 9 AM to Noon Monthly cleanup at Bull Creek District Park Sign up at https://www.givepulse.com/event/dates/429602

> March 19, 7 PM Parks Committee - virtual

March 21 - 8:30 PM NWACA Board Meeting - Dell Jewish Community Center Fridel Board Room

> March 23, 1-3 PM Spring Recycling Event - see article for details St. Matthew's Episcopal Church 8134 Mesa Drive

March 26, 5 PM NWACA Zoning and Transportation Committees - virtual

April 20, 9 AM to Noon Monthly cleanup at Bull Creek District Park Sign up at https://www.givepulse.com/event/dates/429602

> April 23, 7 PM Parks Committee - virtual

April 17 - 8:30 PM NWACA Board Meeting - Dell Jewish Community Center Tocker Engagement and Education Center

> April 21, 2-4 PM Earth Day Festival Doss Elementary School Park

April 23, 5 PM NWACA Zoning and Transportation Committees - virtual

## NWACA Earth Day Festival Coming April 21

#### **By DANA WINER** Northwest Austin Civic Association

Join us for NWACA's second annual Earth Day Festival to be held on Sunday, April 21 from 2 to 4 PM at Doss Elementary School. There will be fun for the whole family, including:

- Start your own garden from an egg crate
- Make a bird feeder from recycled goods

- Face painting!
- Make your own repurposed earrings from aluminum cans - bring two matching colorful aluminum cans
- Test drive an electric vehicle .
  - Learn about rebates for energy-efficient home improvements
- Try your skill with earth-themed word search and scavenger hunt
- Snacks!

# Earth Day started

in 1970 and is now the largest civic event on earth, mobilizing over 1 billion people across 192 countries each year. Visit www. earthday.org to learn more about the 2024



Earth Day theme "Planet vs. Plastics."

## March Happenings at the Old Quarry Library

#### **By MARTHA MILLER** Northwest Austin Civic Association

For more information about the following events or to register for those that require it, go to the library.austintexas.gov website. Then in the "Events" tab, search for the Old Quarry Library at 7051 Village Center Dr. or call (512) 974-8860 if you need help.

Monday, March 4 Barking Book Buddies: Read to Hanna! She loves to listen! 4 - 5 PM Wednesday, March 6 For the Love of Books Club 2-3 PM (please register) Wednesday, March 6 & 20 Talk Time to improve English language skills 6:30 - 7:30 PM Fridays, March 8 Adult Morning Social 10 AM - noon (please register) Monday, March 11 Teens Create: Zine Making 4 - 5:30 PM (ages 13-18) Tuesday, March 12, 19 & 26 English as a Second Language Class 10:30 AM - noon Tuesday, March 12 After School Lego Lab 3:30 - 5 PM (please register) Wednesday, March 13 Old Quarry Gardening Group 11 - 12:30 PM Wednesday, March 13 Crafty Adult: Pendant Lamps 2 -4 PM (This event is FULL)

Thursday, March 14 Puzzles & Pie 2 - 4 PM Celebrate Pi Day with some tasty pie while putting together puzzles. Puzzles will be available for all ages and abilities. All ages welcome. (please register)

Saturday, March 16 Travis Audubon Society 2 - 3:30 PM Join us to hear from the Travis Audubon Society about backyard birding! What is a bird looking for when it decides your yard is a good place for a drop-in visit or long-term stay? Just like humans, birds need food, water, shelter, and places to raise young safely, to thrive. Learn how to attract a diversity of expected backyard species, using native plants, water features, supplemental feeders, and nest boxes. Your yard will come alive with bird song and activity!

Monday, March 18 For the Love of Books Club 6:30-7:30 PM (please register)

Tuesday, March 19 Fiber Arts Friends Group 6 -7:30 PM

Thursday, March 21 Art Smart: Cherry Blossoms 10 AM - noon - March is the month celebrated in Japan for the traditional Cherry Blossom Festival. How did this celebration travel to the US to be honored in Washington D.C.? Learn, through stories, about this lovely tradition. Then make your own lovely Cherry Blossom art. This program is wonderful for

children and also for adults! Recommended for ages 3 and up.

Saturday, March 23 Screening: "Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret" 1 - 3 PM - Enjoy an afternoon in the library, watching this movie adaptation of the Judy Blume classic. Join us for a movie screening. Watch and discover new films at the Austin Public Library. All ages welcome.

Friday, March 22 Closed for Staff Development

Saturday, March 23 The Crafty Adult: DIY Self-Care Pouches 1 - 3 PM (please register) Monday, March 25 Crafty Adult: Constellation LED Embroidery 6 - 7:45 PM (please register) This month we'll learn how to stitch a tiny, embroidered constellation with LED lights and all!

Tuesday, March 26 After School Lego Lab 3:30 - 5 PM (please register)

Tuesday, March 26 Computers 101 1- 3PM Saturday, March 30 Organizer Talk 11 AM - noon - Join us and hear from professional organizer Dara Zycherman about organizing your belongings. Reflect on what's most important in your life, how to save time and money, and find peace in downsizing Every Tuesday Tech Time 1 - 3 PM

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### Joyce Statz and Julie Rawlings 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. Use the Membership button on the home page or use the form in this newsletter to become a NWA-CA 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.



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# Anderson Boys Soccer Varsity Schedule

12/09/23	Tri-Team Scrimmage	Round Rock	02/09/24	Austin vs Anderson	Anderson
12/12/23	Anderson vs McCallum	House Park	02/14/24	Anderson vs Bowie	Burger Stadium
01/04/24	Governor's Cup	Georgetown	02/16/24	Johnson vs Anderson	Anderson
01/09/24	Anderson vs LASA	House Park	02/21/24	Anderson vs Akins	Burger Annex
01/16/24	Anderson vs Johnson	Johnson	02/23/24	Westlake vs Anderson	Anderson
01/19/24	Akins vs Anderson	Anderson	02/27/24	Anderson vs Lake Travis	Lake Travis
01/23/24	Anderson vs Westlake	Westlake	03/01/24	Del Valle vs Anderson	Anderson
01/26/24	Lake Travis vs Anderson	Anderson	03/05/24	Anderson - OPEN	z-OPEN
01/30/24	Anderson vs Del Valle	Del Valle	03/08/24	Anderson vs Dripping Springs	Dripping Springs
02/02/24	Anderson - OPEN	z-OPEN	03/19/24	Anderson vs Austin	House Park
02/06/24	Dripping Springs vs Anderson	Anderson	03/22/24	Bowie vs Anderson	Anderson

### Q&A David Olles Anderson HS Boys Head Soccer Coach

### 1.) What do you expect to see in the district this season?

Our district is very competitive. We have the number one ranked team in Texas. All games are going to be challenging. There are no easy rivals.

### 2.) What district team is your biggest rival this year?

The strongest team is Bowie #1 in Texas and #27 in the Nation.

3.) What does your team do extremely well, and what areas of your program need improvement?

We have come as one this year. The overall climate of the team is great. Everyone is very supportive of each other. All players work very hard on and off the field. I'm very proud of my players. We need to be more consistent, work on finishing our chances and ensure we work defensibly the entire game.

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# **4.) Do you have an interesting story to share about the team that most would not know about?** We are a pretty young team. We have a lot of freshmen and sophomores.

5.) How many years have you been coaching at AHS and what is making this season special to you?

This is my second year at Anderson. I coached the JVA team last year. This year is my first year as head coach at Anderson. I have been coaching most of the players since they were in middle school. I'm very proud of how they have improved as soccer players but mainly how they are becoming great people.

Varsity Roster	Varsi	itv R	Roster
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Player Name	Jersey #
Cooper Mills	1
Jay Fullmer	2
Rehan D'Souza	3
Nick Gitcho	4
Noah Clawson	5
Angel Martinez	6
Luke Reuter	7
Kyle Bresler	8
Trevor Rener	9
Jud Anderson	10
Jesse Lang	11
Levi Abrahams	12
Luke Marcum	13
Eli Cullins	14
Andrew Saeger	15
Zahi Loyde	16
Jose Lopez	17
Kean Olles	18
Austin Eckermann	19
Dylan Pascoe	20
Rowan Martin	21
Trajan Schuneman	23
Yanis Ouamara	24
Sebastian Garavito	25
Josh Williamson-Wood	GK-0
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# Anderson Speech & Debate Heads to State Tournament

The L.C. Anderson High School's speech and debate team is heading to the Texas Forensic Association State Debate tournament on March 6. Students qualified for this tournament by earning points for advancing to finals at local Austin-area tournaments throughout the school year.

"We are taking 17 students to this competition, wish us luck," shared El Contreras AHS head debate coach.

The team has 60 members that compete on the local, state, and national level. This year, these Trojans have attended over 20 tournaments in the Austin area, California, New York, Georgia, Florida, and Oklahoma.

"We have three students advance to two different

UIL State tournaments this semester, 18 students qualify for Texas Forensic Association State, and nine earn a bid to participate in the Tournament of Champions in Kentucky," Contreras shared. "We've had students advance to finals in every competition we've attended this school year."

The team is also fundraising including a trivia night at Que Divino that was held February 29 and

it has a crowdfunding website for its upcoming national tournaments. Donate here: givebutter.com/ AHSSpeechandDebate and Coach Contreras has a goal of raising \$1000:

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Back row: Colin McGowan, Emmy Ward, Kendall Meachum, Logan Marcum, Luke Schooler, Nate Watkins, Henry Dieringer Front row: Gabi Avramova, Ananya Arora, Kaavya Yalamanchili, Lucky Cantu, Sam Martin, Nick Sharma, Lily Steinhauser, Sanayah Panicker

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