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By NORTHWEST AUSTIN
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At least, we hope so! Our spring flowers have been amazing, and the April rains were a true blessing. May it bring us more flowers!

Thank you to everyone who completed our annual Neighborhood Interest Survey last month. We have a summary of the results in this newsletter, as well as an article outlining common questions and comments made by respondents with our responses (pages 10-11). We hope you find those useful. The NWACA Board appreciates your input as we plan the year's activities and our annual meeting.



NWACA Board elections are underway. Anyone who is an active member is receiving a ballot either by email invitation or by U.S. Mail, if we don't have an email ad-

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2024 NWACA Neighborhood Interest Survey Results

During the month of March NWACA conducted its annual survey to identify issues that are most pressing for the neighborhood. Survey Monkey was used and anyone in the neighborhood could participate. Paper surveys were sent to NWACA members without internet access. There were 348

responses, five of those from members without internet access. Note that this is about 20 more responses than last year. Results were compiled and are summarized on page 11.

Q1: What areas do you think are most important for

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NWACA Hosts Second Annual Earth Day Festival



Photos by Lynette Haaland,
Northwest Austin News



The Northwest Austin Civic Association hosted the second annual Earth Day Festival on April 21 at Doss Elementary School and Park. Planting a garden in an egg crate was a popular activity as was making a bird feeder from recycled goods and making repurposed earrings from aluminum cans. Kids

also enjoyed the petting zoo, face painting and games. Experts on hand shared about recycling and reuse, and about Austin Energy rebates. The 2024 Earth Day theme was "Planet vs. Plastics". More photos on pages 6, 8 and 14.

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HOME returns to Council and Planning Commission for public hearing

By AMY SMITH
Austin Monitor

The second phase of the HOME initiative reemerges in the public spotlight this week, accompanied by a series of other proposed revisions to the Land Development Code.

On April 11, City Council and the Planning Commission held a joint hearing to receive public testimony on proposed changes relating to:

1. Properties zoned single-family, including flag lots (HOME)
2. Height and compatibility standards for properties within a half-mile radius of a planned Project Connect station, also known as the Equitable Transit-Oriented Development overlay (ETOD)
3. Citywide compatibility standards
4. Electric vehicle charging use

While the ETOD component of the revisions has captured a large share of proponents and

detractors, the HOME initiative – also known as the Home Options for Middle-Income Empowerment ordinance – is considered the mother of the raft of code revisions that Council will vote on at its May 16 meeting. The Planning Commission was scheduled to deliver its final vote April 23.

Central to the second phase of the HOME initiative is a reduction in the minimum lot size for single-family zoned properties, which, if approved, would drop to the staff-proposed size of 2,000 square feet from the current 5,750 square feet; increase impervious cover limits from 40 percent to 45 percent for properties zoned SF-1; and allow for a variety of attached and detached housing types such as row houses and townhomes. The stated goal of these changes is to increase and diversify Austin's housing stock.

To recap HOME's journey, the initiative's focus on single-family zoning and lot size ignited fervent debate when it was rolled out last summer. The proposal drew praise from den-

sity enthusiasts and backing from AURA and real estate and labor groups – and encountered staunch opposition from homeowners and groups such as Community Not Commodity. By most accounts, there has been little change in the positions of the two sides.

Council approved the code amendments in December to begin implementation of phase one of HOME, permitting up to three housing units per lot.

The program officially launched in early February when the Development Services Department began accepting applications for residential building permits. To date, DSD has received 39 applications that are either in review or have been approved, according to a department spokesperson.

That's evidence that department staff are making progress on the first phase of HOME, said Council Member Leslie Pool, the lead sponsor of the resolution.

"These statistics affirm that the City is moving in the right direction with HOME and that it's working as intended," she said in a statement to the Austin Monitor. "I deeply appreciate the hard work so many are investing in making needed, important changes to our zoning rules."

In the meantime, the two sides – mainly AURA and Community Not Commodity – have been urging their members and supporters to send emails to Council stating their respective position.

Prior to Council's May 16 vote on the revisions, the city hosted an in-person open house on April 17 at Austin Central Library and a virtual session on April 20. For more information on the proposed changes, visit [SpeakUpAustin.org/LDCupdates](https://www.austintexas.gov/Link?linkid=SpeakUpAustin).

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Land Development Code Amendment Hearings

By BEN LUCKENS
Northwest Austin Civic Association

A number of land development code amendments are being discussed this spring. The first hearing was a joint Planning Commission City Council hearing on April 11, 2024. Another Planning Commission hearing occurred on April 24. A vote by City Council is currently proposed for May 16.

- Several land-use amendments are proposed:
- HOME Phase 2
 - City-wide reduction of compatibility standards
 - Equitable Transit-Oriented Development (ETOD) Overlay district and an ETOD Density Bonus district (DBETOD)
 - New land use for Electric Vehicle Charging (EV Charging)

ETODs and DBETODs are proposed for light rail corridors and will not directly impact NWACA.

The EV Charging land use is for large facilities and will be limited to sites with Commercial Service (CS) and more intensive zoning districts. NWACA has virtually no sites zoned CS or more intensive within its boundaries.

The HOME Phase 2 and Compatibility amendments, however, will impact NWACA. They are quite extensive and far reaching. Here are some of the more critical proposals:

HOME Phase 2

- These proposed code amendments will:
- Lower the minimum lot size for one unit from 5,750 sq ft to 2,000 sq ft
 - Adjust some development standards for lots under 5,750 sq ft

- Allow narrow driveway "flag lots"
- Limit house size on a 2,000 sq ft lot to a maximum of 2,300 sq ft
- **Not** change height or impervious cover in SF-2 or SF-3 zoning districts

Note that HOME Phase 1 allows up to three units in SF-2 and SF-3 zoning districts. HOME Phase 2 allows for fee-simple ownership of units not possible under the HOME Phase 1 model.

Neither HOME Phase 1 nor HOME Phase 2 will change deed restrictions regarding the number of units on a lot or the re-subdivision of lots. READ YOUR DEED RESTRICTIONS.

City-wide Reduction of Compatibility Standards

- This proposed amendment will:
- End compatibility requirements at 75 feet
 - Only require MF-4 and more intensive

- zoning districts to meet compatibility standards
- Limit uses that trigger compatibility to properties zoned SF-5 or more restrictive with between one and three housing units
- Limit the height of buildings within 75 and 50 feet of a triggering property to 60 feet
- Limit the height of buildings within 50 and 25 feet of a triggering property to 40 feet
- Require a 25-foot compatibility buffer along a property line shared with a triggering property
- Require 10 feet of screening within the compatibility buffer between higher intensity uses and triggering properties

Texts of proposed amendments, draft ordinances and staff back-up material may be found at: https://www.austintexas.gov/cityclerk/boards_commissions/meetings/40_1.htm

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dress for you. Thank you for reviewing the ballot and providing your vote by May 10. We'll announce the new Board at the annual meeting; the new Board takes office in August.

Details about the annual meeting on May 15 are in an article on page 9. We look forward to seeing you there!

We're including a friendly reminder graphic from Austin Resource Recovery, since we still see a lot of recycling bins in the neighborhood that have plastic bags holding the items being recycled. Please don't; the plastic gets tangled in the sorting machinery and can endanger the workers.



Multiple DWI, Theft , Harassment in Police and Sheriff’s Report

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Loop 360 at Courtyard Drive/RM 2222

- **Now through Monday, May 31**, eastbound West Courtyard Drive between Bridgepoint Parkway and southbound Loop 360 will be reduced to one lane daily for utility work beginning at 9 a.m.
- **Now through Friday, May 13**, northbound Courtyard Drive between northbound Loop 360 and North Scout Island Circle will be reduced to one lane daily for utility work beginning at 7 a.m.

All lanes are expected to reopen by 4 p.m. each afternoon, weather permitting. Road signs have been placed to alert drivers of the upcoming changes. While utility service interruptions are not anticipated, you may contact Texas Gas at 800-959-5325 and AT&T Customer Service at 800-288-2020 if you have any questions.

APD graduates 39 new officers

The Austin Police Department welcomed 39 new officers during a graduation ceremony on April 19. The commencement ceremony for the 151st cadet class took place at The Bannockburn Church.

driving, crisis intervention training, community policing, leadership, defensive tactics, and physical fitness.

During the ceremony, Interim Chief Henderson administered the Oath of Office to the cadets. Various awards highlighting dedication and achievement by individual cadets were presented during the ceremony.

The 151st graduating cadets were commissioned during the ceremony after completing a demanding 32-week training program. The cadet classes’ training included legal issues,

Avoid Distracted Driving

Austin Transportation and Public Works Department

Putting down electronic devices while you drive is a good idea anywhere, but in Austin, it’s also the law. Since 2015, Austin has been a “hands-free” city. That means electronic devices may not be used while operating a vehicle unless hands-free technology is being utilized. “Driving” doesn’t just mean motorized vehicles — this law applies to bicyclists and e-scooter riders too.

April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month, and Austin’s Hands-Free Ordinance is a crucial component of the City’s Vision Zero objective to completely eliminate deaths and seri-

ous injuries from vehicle crashes. Distracted driving is deadly: according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 3,522 people were killed in the United States in 2021 by distracted drivers, and an estimated 362,415 more were injured. While there are many choices drivers can make that are considered distracted driving, the use of electronic devices — especially hand-held ones — has become one of the most prevalent.

Below are recommendations from NHTSA to avoid violating this law:

- Need to send a text? Pull over and park your car in a safe

- location.
- Designate your passenger as your “designated texter” to respond to calls or messages.
 - Do not scroll through apps while driving. Struggling not to text and drive? Put the cell phone in the trunk, glove box or back seat of the vehicle until you arrive at your destination.

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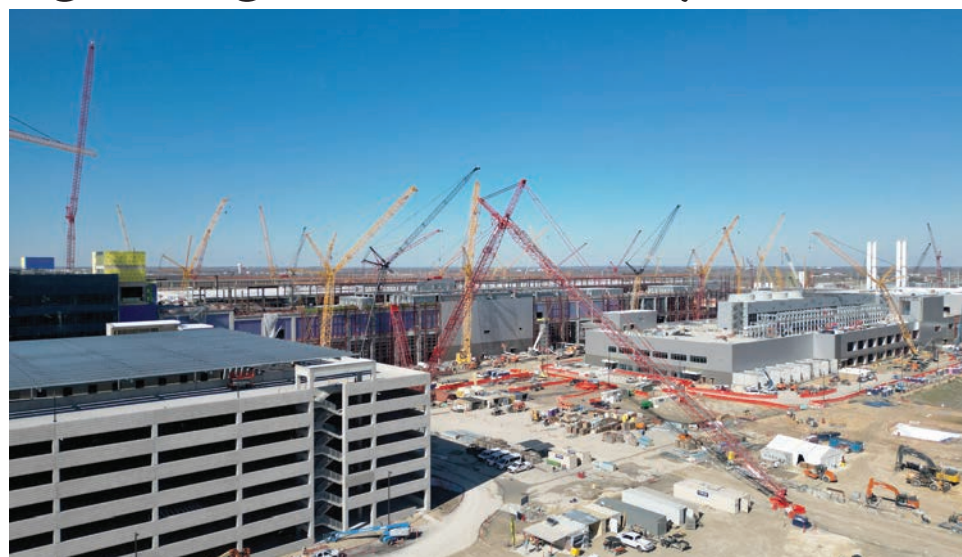
Taylor Samsung plant will more than double its investment to \$44B after getting a \$6B subsidy under CHIPS Act

By JOSH MONIZ
Hill Country News

Samsung Electronics will more than double its planned investment in Taylor to \$44 billion because the Biden Administration plans to award the company between \$6 billion and \$7 billion in the near future under the CHIPS and Science Act passed by U.S. Congress in 2022, according to an April 8 report by Reuters.

Citing two sources familiar with the matter, the Taylor Samsung plant will be the third biggest recipient of funds under the bill's new program, behind Intel and Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing (TSM). The three firms are the only companies with the capability to produce advanced logic semiconductors, which are critical for creating artificial intelligence programs and for national defense needs.

The Semiconductor Industry Association reports that the U.S. share of semiconductor manufacturing has fallen from 37% in 1990 to 12% in 2020. The Biden Administration is seeking to boost semiconductor chipmaking in the U.S., reducing U.S. reliance on China and Taiwan for chipmaking while undercutting China's advances in this area. The CHIPS Act was



Construction continues on Samsung Electronics' 6 million-square-foot manufacturing facility located in Taylor, about 30 miles northeast of downtown Austin, on January 6, 2024. The size of the plant will reportedly more than double its investment after getting \$6 billion under the Federal CHIPS Act. Photo by SCOTT W. COLEMAN

passed with more than \$52 billion in funding and tax credits aimed at boosting U.S. production and research in this area, and the Central Texas region is expected to be an area of focus.

According to the Reuters article, Samsung's newly expanded \$44 billion plans will include its originally announced \$17 billion Samsung Austin Semiconductor fabrication plant, a 6 million square foot manufacturing facility ex-

pected to employ approximately 2,000 people, plus three additional buildings at the same Taylor site: an additional \$20 billion factory, an \$4 billion advanced packaging facility for producing AI chips and a research and development center, which will be housed inside the two factories. The funding will also go towards another location that hasn't been disclosed yet.

The first \$17 billion Taylor plant will begin receiving employees and begin manufacturing operations by July 1, according to statements on February 6 by Williamson County Judge Bill Gravell. Samsung has not confirmed to media outlets when mass production will begin, and reports from South Korean new organizations have indicated the plant's mass production might be delayed until 2025.

Based on other economic incentive filings Samsung is already pursuing, the firm could potentially add 11 more chipmaking facilities in the Central Texas area over the next decade.

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SOURCE: ABOR MLS INCLUDING DATA FROM MARCH 1-APRIL 19, 2024 FOR SINGLE FAMILY HOMES. BASED ON NWACA BOUNDARIES: MOPAC/HWY360/2222/HWY 183

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7507 STONECLIFF DR
Listed at \$1,549,000

4332 PALLADIO DR
Listed at \$2,690,000

6002 MOUNTAINCLIMB DR
Listed at \$845,000

6306 GATO PATH
Listed at \$1,095,000

7134 VALBURN DR
Listed at \$2,285,000

6103 LONESOME VALLEY
Listed at \$1,475,000

8609 ALVERSTONE WAY
Listed at \$900,000

3916 GREYSTONE DR
Listed at \$1,495,000

7808 W RIM DR
Listed at \$1,925,000

7612 PARKVIEW CIR
Listed at \$840,000

6222 LEDGE MOUNTAIN
Listed at \$1,495,000

4104 NORTH HILLS
Listed at \$2,315,000

8807 WILDRIDGE DR
Listed at \$996,500

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George W. Allen Memorial Park

By RICHARD DENNEY

The NWACA neighborhood has just one Travis County Park: Allen Park at 6413 Westside Drive. Interestingly, it was the first Travis County Park inside the Austin City Limits. I almost hate to write this article for fear of attracting attention to it; it is really a little-known jewel of a park. Nevertheless, here is the story of Allen Park.



From the Travis County Parks website:

“Allen Park is a 10-acre park consisting of a limestone plateau covered by a Juniper and Oak woodland interspersed with small, semi-open grassland areas. It is mainly used for low density recreational activities such as picnicking and hiking. The park offers a natural setting with panoramic views of the city to the east. The neighborhood church uses the park annually for Easter sunrise services.”

The park is technically known as the George W. Allen Memorial Park. George W. Allen was born in Jasper, Georgia in 1869. He came to Texas at age 15. As a lawyer, he moved to Austin in 1891 where he lived

until his death in 1911. His many accolades as a lawyer in Austin included Assistant City Attorney. At his death the news reported the Bar Association, at a special meeting, adopted a resolution of “Respect and Memory” for George W. Allen.

The story now moves ahead a few years. Wilbur Price Allen (1879-1956) was George’s cousin. Wilbur graduated from U.T. Law School and was on the U.T. Boards of Regents in 1917. At various times in his career, he served as director of the American National Bank in Austin, national president of Sigma Chi Fraternity, president of the Austin Baseball Club, and president of the Texas League.

Without doing a dive into county deeds, apparently after George W. Allen’s death, Wilbur Price Allen inherited or acquired property, part of which Wilbur Price in 1945 sold to Travis County for use as a quarry for caliche, gravel, and rock. Today the east side of the park at 6110 Balcones Dr. has a gate that opens on to what looks like remnants of part of the quarry. The deed stipulated that after the county was done mining the property, it would be dedicated as a park for public use.

The story again moves forward a few years to 1977, and Wilbur Price’s son, Wilbur George Allen, entered a dialogue with Travis County about the property becoming a park. And so it was that Sunday, May 1st, 1978, Allen Park had its grand opening ceremony, co-sponsored in part by the Northwest Austin Civic Association. In attendance were Congressman J.J. (Jake) Pickle, Precinct 2 Commissioner Bob Honts, and U.T. football greats Earl Campbell and Brad Shearer.

The Parks history was not without a few hiccups. In 1996 the park had apparently become rundown to the point where the county considered abandonment. George W. Allen’s heirs, likely led by Wilbur George Allen, concurred that if the park could not be maintained it should be closed or moved. Luckily that did not happen. Issues were addressed, and today Allen Park remains a largely unknown jewel in our neighborhood.

Richard Denney is Vice-Chair of the Travis County Historical Commission. For more on this topic and other local history, visit <https://traviscountyhistorical.blogspot.com/>

NWACA Annual Neighborhood Meeting – May 15, 6:30 PM

This year’s meeting will be held in **Huffman Hall, St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church, 4121 Steck Avenue.**

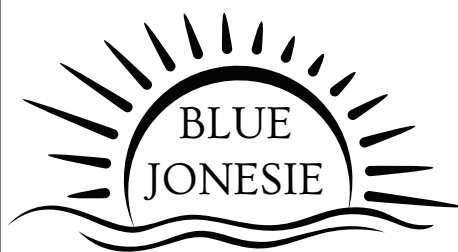
Our annual meeting this year features these speakers:

- Mayor Kirk Watson
- Councilmember Alison Alter
- AISD School Board Trustee Kathryn Whitley Chu
- AFD Wildfire Division Manager Justice Jones
- Paul Guerrero from Allstate Insurance to address insurance concerns
- Cynthia Miller from Austin Wastewater, to speak to renovations in our area

In addition, we’ll have representatives from these agencies/offices at tables to answer your questions:

- Austin Energy
- Austin Police Department
- Austin Transportation and Public Works
- Austin Water Conservation
 - Congressman Lloyd Doggett’s Office
 - Spicewood Springs Road Improvement Project
 - Travis County Precinct 2 Constable
 - 183 North Mobility Project
 - All NWACA Committees

Please join us to meet your neighbors, get interesting information, and have a snack!



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2024 NWACA Neighborhood Interest Survey Responses

By JOYCE STATZ
Northwest Austin Civic Association

Participants in the 2024 NWACA Neighborhood Interest Survey raised concerns that are probably on the minds of others, so I'd like to address those here.

Need for more playgrounds and parks:

Several neighbors suggested that the parking lot at Stillhouse Hollow Nature Preserve would make a good spot for a playground. Unfortunately, that's not possible, for several reasons. That parking lot is inside the preserve's boundary, part of the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve system, so it isn't available for any development. Also, that area is used by volunteers to store brush and debris for pickup by Austin parks staff. Parks staff use the area to stage equipment when they need to do heavy maintenance on the preserve as well. NWACA provides an opportunity for neighbors to help with cleanup and to have guided hikes in the preserve on an It's My Park Day – those occur in March and November each year. We will have an article about the history and purpose of this preserve in an upcoming newsletter, so everyone can understand the fragility of this preserve.

Someone asked about the planned park or playground at Austin Oaks. Although the development plan for that area was approved in 2017, as part of the Planned Unit Development (PUD), there has been no work done yet using the PUD plan. Thus, we see no park or playground there yet.

The NWACA Board and the NWACA Parks Committee understand the need for playgrounds. We were delighted when the Loewy Playground was completed several years ago, next to Murchison Pool. That's provided a very attractive space when Doss Elementary Park and Hill Elementary Park are unavailable during the school day. We continue to look for more potential locations in the neighborhood.

A question was raised about the area at the western base of Steck Avenue, where there has recently been a lot of tree debris. This is one end of the Steck Valley Greenbelt, through which there are now several "social trails." The NWACA Parks Committee is currently working on a plan with the Austin Parks Foundation (APF) and Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) to create an official trail through the greenbelt starting at Steck Avenue, ending at Hyridge Drive. An application to fund the work that can't be done by volunteers is currently being reviewed by APF; APF and PARD personnel are walking the area with our committee members. Once the plan is funded and finalized, we'll publish an article with the details. This effort was

started by our committee before Covid times; it's finally getting back on track!

Recycling Events:

People commented favorably on the NWACA's recycling events. Their popularity was evident during this spring's BOPA (batteries, oil, paint, and antifreeze) event; 130 families participated! Several survey takers suggested we continue hosting these events. In addition to the BOPA collection, we expect to offer paper shredding this summer and electronics collection in the fall. At both the spring and fall events, we also accept Styrofoam®, used bathroom supplies, and batteries. Watch the NWACA calendar in the newsletter or online for specific dates.

Code Changes, Zoning Concerns:

See the article in this newsletter about the changes considered by City Council in April and May. We did a survey last year to gather neighborhood sentiment on the proposed changes, and we have provided that information to City Council. Individuals are also welcome to make their concerns known, either by email, phone calls, or testimony at the public hearings.

As mentioned last month, NWACA has gathered the deed restrictions for all subdivisions within NWACA's boundaries. We are in the process of getting those accessible online, but it's taking a bit more time than we expected. We should be able to publish information next month on how to access them.

More Social Gatherings Requested:

On April 21, we had our second annual Earth Day Festival, an opportunity for children and adults to gather and enjoy games and food, while also learning about ways to be kind to the earth.

We look forward to the opening of Murchison Pool the week of June 4th, and the NWACA Board is considering doing an opening event, as well as a park cleanup in the days before the opening.

Our 4th of July events are in planning stages; if you'd like to be part of the planning team, please let us know at info@nwaca.org. We expect to again have one of the best parades in the City as well as a fun time at the Freedom Festival that follows.

You may have noticed the many activities and events being hosted at the Old Quarry Branch Library. Each month, we list the events in this newsletter, and we hope that you're taking advantage of the arts and crafts activities, games, and informative talks. If you have ideas for additional activities – like an afternoon game of cards – please talk with Martha Miller at the library; I'm sure she'd be happy to help you arrange that.



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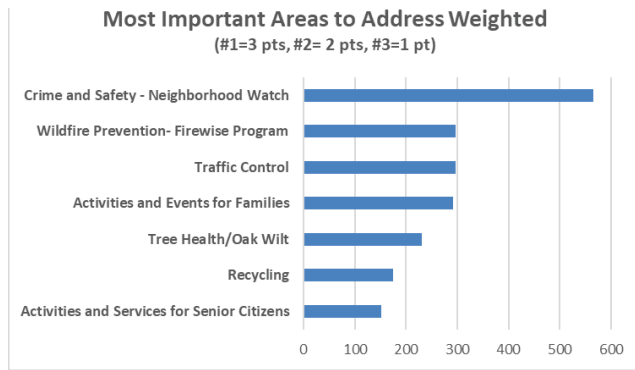
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NWACA to work on in the coming year? [choose only 3, rating them first choice, second choice, third choice] (344 responses)

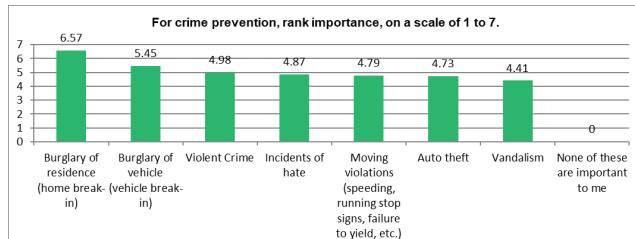
A weighted rating was computed to be able to see the overall responses to each of the items. The response regarding Neighborhood Watch is even stronger than last year's response.

The "other" responses included:

- 6 – zoning, development, advocacy on code changes
- 4 – too many deer, wildlife management education
- 2 - Parks-related items – need more playgrounds/parks
- 2 – traffic-related items
- 2 – activities for the whole community
- Others mentioned: dark skies lighting education, complete the street by Grace Church, facilitate enforcement of deed restrictions, littering, noise from motorcycles on 2222, noise abatement, recycling, speed bumps, over-building of bicycle lanes, widen sidewalks with new construction.

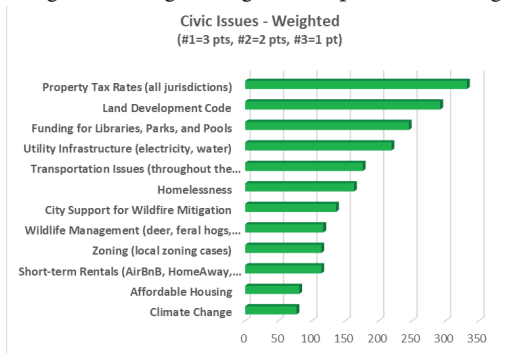
Q2: With respect to Crime Prevention, rank these in order of importance to you. (338 responses)

Q3: Which civic issues would you like NWACA to provide information on and to advocate for your concerns? [Choose no more than 3, rating them first choice, second choice, third choice.] (348 responses)



Q4: Which civic issues would you like NWACA to provide information on and to advocate for your concerns? [Choose no more than 3, rating them first choice, second choice, third choice.] (348 responses)

A weighted rating was again computed, showing how in-

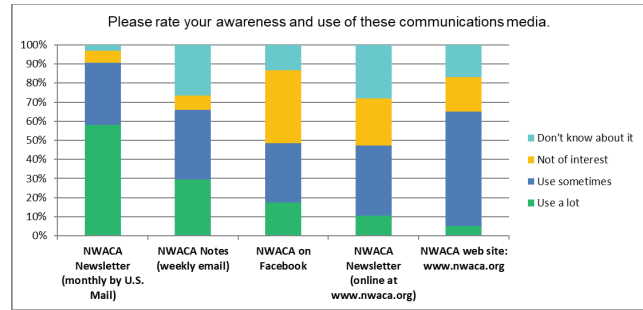


terest varied among the items.

Among the "other" responses were one each on speeders, deer, partnering with public schools.

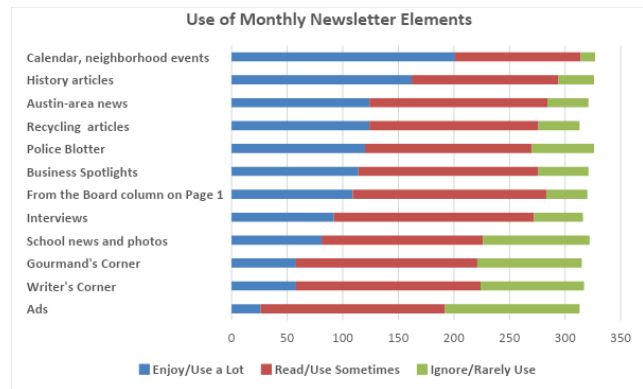
Q4: Please rate your awareness and use of these NWACA communications media (348 responses)

Q5: Please rate the following elements of the monthly newsletter. (332 responses)



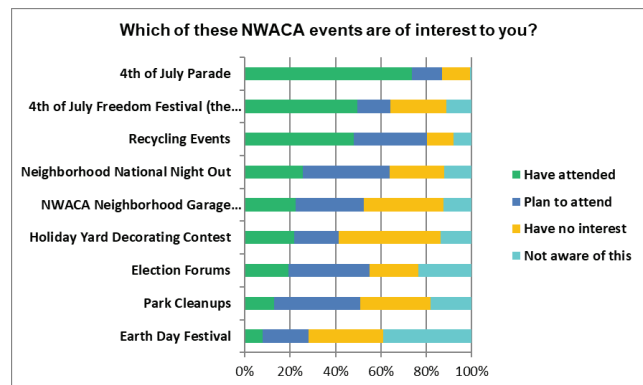
Q6: Which of these NWACA events are of interest to you? (348 responses)

This is a new question for the survey. We were curious about the relative usefulness of content from NWACA and content from elsewhere. It appears both types of content are appreciated!



Q6: Which of these NWACA events are of interest to you? (348 responses)

Given that NWACA has hosted a 4th of July Parade for more than 50 years, it's no surprise that it's in first place. Our newest event, the Earth Day Festival, needs some publicity.



Q7: Are you a current member of NWACA? (348 responses)

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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	75.29%	262
No	6.90%	24
Don't know/Don't remember	17.82%	62

Q8: What is your zip code? (348 responses)

The "other" responses were 78750 and 78730.

Answer Choices	Responses	
78731	77.59%	270
78759	21.84%	76
Other (please specify)	0.57%	2

Q9: What type of household is yours? (348 responses)

The "other" responses were condo, rent, and rent one-story

Answer Choices	Responses	
Own my/our home	97.41%	339
Rent a single-family home	1.15%	4
Other (please specify)	0.86%	3
Rent an apartment	0.57%	2

townhome.

Q10: What is your age? (optional) (335 responses)

Q11: Please provide other suggestions and comments you

Answer Choices	Responses	
under 30	0.30%	1
30-49	17.91%	60
50-69	42.09%	141
70+	39.70%	133

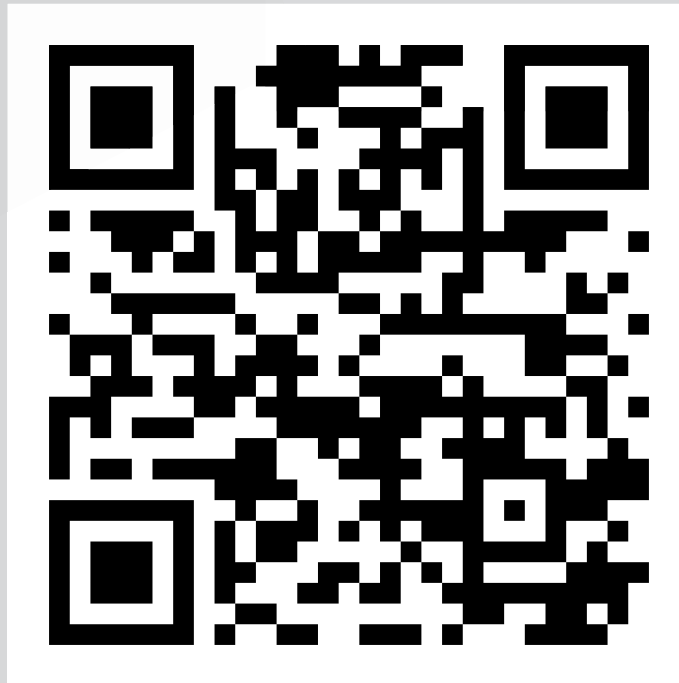
have on NWACA activities or services. (61 responses, some with multiple items)

The most common categories of responses were these. All comments were provided to the NWACA Board for their review and response.

- 19 – thank you for the work being done
- 7 – playgrounds suggested at base of Steck Avenue (Steck Valley Greenbelt) and entrance to Stillhouse Hollow Preserve (off Burney Drive); to be addressed in newsletter
- 5- appreciate the recycling events, some want more often
- 4, 1 – code changes – 4 want to resist them, 1 supports them
- 3 – objections to speed bumps
- 3 – interest in more social gatherings and activities for senior citizens; will address in newsletter
- 2 – enforce deed restrictions; information coming at Annual Meeting May 15 and in newsletter
- 2 – object to North Hills traffic pattern changes
- 2 – positive comments on newsletter
- 17 miscellaneous comments, covering things like speeding on 2222, dark skies lighting, deer, constable fund, homelessness, importance of wildfire mitigation, wish for wider sidewalks.

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Earth Day, Every Day

By **MERRIESSA ANTON**
Northwest Austin Civic Association

Let's celebrate Earth Day every day. Two ways we can all make a positive impact on our environment are to deal with food waste and plastics correctly.

Food waste in landfills releases methane gas; eight to nine percent of all greenhouse gas emissions come from food waste. Remember, anything that grows, goes into the compost bin, not the trash bin. Pizza boxes and food-soiled paper (without a waxy covering) also go into your compost bin. It's best to collect your food waste in a paper or compostable plastic bag before you throw it in your green bin. I buy my compostable bags at the grocery store. Leaves and old plants do not need to be bagged. (Remember weeds are not placed in the compost bin.)

I sometimes find it interesting to see how many compost bins are being used

in my neighborhood. If you don't have a green compost bin from the City of Austin, you can request one by calling 311. They will drop one at your house. A good reason for using a compost container is that you might then be able to use a smaller trash container, which could save you money every month.

The global theme at Earthday.org for 2024 is "Planet vs Plastic." They have called for the end of plastics for the sake of human and planetary health. World-wide, up to 12 million metric tons of plastic are dumped into the oceans each year. By 2050, ocean plastic will outweigh all the ocean's fish. Moreover, the very thing that makes plastic so useful and ubiquitous – its toughness – means it never really goes away. It just gets smaller and smaller: eventually small enough to find its way into the



food chain.

Plastic has an enormous negative impact on wildlife. For example, fish, seabirds, sea turtles, and marine mammals can become entangled in or ingest it, causing suffocation, starvation, and drowning. Seabirds have been found to have scarred digestive

tracts from ingesting plastic; researchers call this plasticosis.

There were 100 billion plastic beverage containers sold last year in the United States and 300 bottles per person in the world. Making a plastic bottle uses six times as much water as the bottle contains. As you go grocery shopping, be mindful that reusable bottles are better for the environment, and single use plastic bottles should be phased out completely.

Mark Your Calendars

These events are as planned as of April 18. As you consider participating in one of the events listed, please

check first with the organizer.

Items in italics are outside NWACA.

May 4, 10 AM to 3 PM

2024 Wildfire Preparedness Symposium

Rosewood-Zaragosa Neighborhood Center,
2800 Webberville Road, Austin, Texas, 78702

Register at <https://forms.office.com/g/tMqU4kCNKj>

May 8 – 6:30 - 8:30 PM

NWACA Board Meeting – Dell Jewish Community Center
Fridel Board Room

May 15, 6:30 to 8:30 PM

NWACA Annual Neighborhood Meeting
Huffman Hall, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
4121 Steck Avenue

May 18, 9 AM to Noon

Monthly cleanup at Bull Creek District Park
Sign up at <https://www.givepulse.com/event/dates/429602>

May 21, 7pm

Parks Committee – virtual

May 28, 5 PM

NWACA Zoning and Transportation Committees – virtual

June 1, 8-11 AM

Murchison Pool Park Cleanup
June 4th is opening day

June 15, 8 AM to 11 AM

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June 25, 5 PM

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May Happenings at the Old Quarry Library

By **MARTHA MILLER**
Northwest Austin Civic Association

Old Quarry Library 7051 Village Center Dr. (512) 974-8860
All Library locations will be closed in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 27.

Wednesday, May 1 - **For the Love of Books Club** (2 – 3 PM)

Wednesday, May 1 - **Talk Time** – (6:30 – 7:30 PM) – Talk Time is a program for English conversation practice with other English language learners and English-speaking volunteers.

Saturday, May 4 - **Free Comic Book Day/Star Wars Day** (1 – 3 PM) - Join us for free comics and crafts that celebrate comics of all kinds and Star Wars.

Monday, May 13 - **Barking Book Buddies: Read to Hanna!** (4 – 5 PM) – Divine Canine's volunteers bring therapy dogs for children to read to them!

Monday, May 13 - **Teens Create: Cactus Rock Art** (4 – 5:30 PM)

Tuesday, May 14 – **After School Lego Lab** (3:30- 5 PM)

Wednesday, May 8 - **Old Quarry Gardening Group** (11 AM - 12:30 PM) – Join fellow gardening enthusiasts and hear about our successes and challenges. Ages 18 and up

Wednesday, May 8 - **Crafty Adult: Teacup Gardens** (2 - 4 PM) Make a pretty succulent teacup garden suitable as a gift! Recommended for ages 18 and up. Please register.

Fridays, May 10 & 24 - **Adult Morning Social** (10 AM – noon)

Saturday, May 11 - **Hawaiian Dance & Cultural Presentation** (1-2:30 PM) Join us for a demonstration of Hawaiian Dance and Culture presented by Hula Halau Kae'epa under the direction of Keito.

Saturday, May 11 - **Boba Tea Party!** (2:30 – 4 PM) Enjoy a free custom boba drink while you learn the basics of hand sewing and make a felt plush. We will offer a variety of milk tea with boba. Non-caffeinated and non-dairy options will be available.

Friday, May 17 - **Chair Yoga with Karlie** (11 AM – noon) - Enjoy yoga no matter your level of mobility with Instructor Karlie. Recommended for ages 18 and up. Please register.

Monday, May 20 - **For the Love of Books Club** (6:30 - 7:30 PM) – Join fellow Book Lovers to discuss the books you're already reading and learn about others you should add to your TBR list. Ages 18 and up.

Tuesday, May 21 – **Fiber Arts Friends Group** (6 - 7:30 PM) – Join fellow crafters to work on your projects and learn new skills. Ages 18 and up

Saturday, May 25 - **Perler Bead Party!** (11:30 AM – 2 PM)

Tuesday, May 28 - **Cybersecurity 101** (1 – 3 PM) - Want to learn how to prevent threats online? May 28th No prerequisites.

Thursday, May 30 - **Dungeons & Dragons for Teens One-Shot** (3-5 PM) This adventure will be built as a one-shot for players of all experiences and backgrounds. Pre-made characters will be available, but feel free to bring your own Level 3 character if you have one. Requires registration through Eventbrite which opens on May 1.

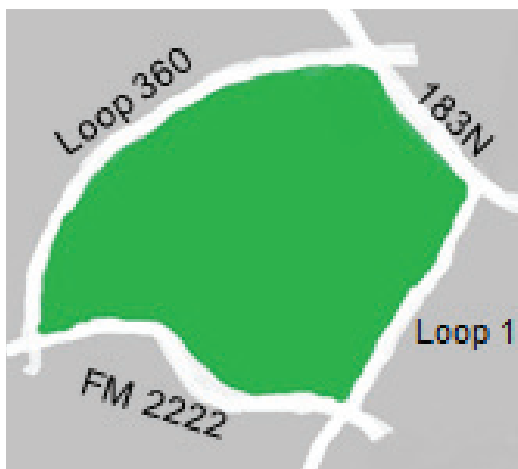
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This newsletter is one way to know what's happening in NWACA, but there's much more. Check out the quick link For New Neighbors on the home page at www.nwaca.org. Use the Membership button on the home page or use the form in this newsletter to become a 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.



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- Laura Fatter
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Q&A Erin Martin Anderson Tennis Coach

1.) What district team is your biggest rival this year and why?

We are a very competitive team and play our hardest against all opponents but typically our biggest rival is Bowie. This year we had the biggest growth playing against Austin High. They are a very tough team with a lot of depth but we were in super tight matches during playoffs and I was very proud of the heart my team showed that day.

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

My team are very good doubles players. Growing up, I was always enjoyed playing doubles more than singles and I love teaching them to understand the strategy and how to play as a team. My teams are a group of fighters who never give up until the last ball is struck and have been a part of many comebacks this season because of this mentality. We have areas where we need to improve that we work on during every practice but I can't give away all of our secrets!

3.) Are there any seniors to mention who are stepping into leader-

ship roles and/or who are some key impact players?

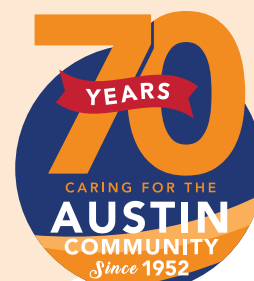
All of my seniors have stepped into leadership roles this year and have basically been Assistant Coaches due to the lack of one in the fall season. I depend on them for many things and I know younger players look up to them as role models. All seven of my seniors have been a part of our program for all 4 years of their high school career. Davis Nabers, Adrienne Glover and Shayna Levy have been varsity players all four years. Also, all seven seniors are Academic All State. With our season being as long as it is, I think it's very impressive to be able to achieve these high standards in the classroom.

4.) Do you have an interesting story to share about the team that most would not know about?

Our JV team was undefeated in this fall season and we have had so many great accomplishments during the spring. Every tournament we have attended we have come home with at least 2 trophies.

Our varsity team was so close in playoffs to reaching the 4 top advancing. From the regular season to playoffs we gained 3 more match wins and took many matches to third set tiebreakers. We had made a few changes to doubles partnerships but I really believe that this was mostly heart and the will to win for their team. We have also had a great spring season where we have received at least 2 trophies at every tournament and we also won the overall team trophy at the Lehman tournament for most team wins!

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

I have been the Head Coach at Anderson for 12 years. I grew up as a player in the area and got this job due to my former Coach recommending me for it. My players will tell you, I'm always talking about how we are a family and the bonds that they make with their teammates will extend far from the tennis court and last a lot longer than high school and I think this year has been a great example of that.

As I said earlier, we were without an Assistant for most of our fall season and players on both teams had to step in to help. Sending pictures and helping me with what to post on social media, assisting me as a site director at tournaments, creating banquet slideshows just to name a few things.

One player in particular had an unfortunate season ending injury. Instead of asking to have extra time to herself, she became like an Assistant Coach, helping to communicate with the team, encouraging players at tournaments and running courts at practice. We then were lucky enough to have a former player come back and volunteer his time during the spring season to help with practices and tournaments. Coach McCampbell from Murchison finally agreed (after years of me asking) to come on and share her expertise as well so we are now ending our season with a ton of support!



Anderson varsity team at the beginning of the season.

Varsity Roster: Avery Allen, Aaron Azbel, Ian Balachandran, Ben Cho, Vivian Fernandez, Adrienne Glover, Kesh Gupta, Adisan Hammel, Josh Hiller, Amelie Kentor, Anya Khan, Shayna Levy, Davis Nabers, Rachael Pantaleoni, Ian Pham, Sydney Nguyen, Thomas Nguyen, Tyler Samman, Sam Skaggs, Lily Stone, Thomas Tieu, Mia Vaisman, Emmy Ward

JV Roster: Dylan Arnold, Beau Blazek, Emi Brenner, Mia Buckman, Ben Burke, Alex Bushore, Aviv Cohen, Jojo David, Jack Douglas, Liam Kelly, Gillian Kinsey, Penelope Kivenko, Lucy Laves, Finn McCreery, An Nhan, Cole Nielsen, Luca Piacenza, Alayna Ragsdale, Faith Ramirez, Arianna Sidel, Nick Sharma, Hudson Thacker, Morgan Weegar, Liam Wenzel



Anderson JV tennis team went undefeated in the fall season.



Anderson High School tennis senior Class of 2024.



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Q&A Heidi Navarro

Head Girls Track Coach

1.) What district team is your biggest rival this year and why?

Lake Travis because they just have so many athletes, it's hard to compete with them.

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

We usually do really well in long distance and field events. We need to improve on our sprinters and get more athletes to come out.

3.) Are there any seniors to mention who are stepping into leadership roles and/or who are some key impact players?

This year Jada Navarro and Kate Weegar have been amazing captains. (Both went to Regionals on April 18 in San Antonio.) They have been very dedicated to the program and have been great role models for the underclassmen. Faith Murphy is a junior who transferred from Marble Falls and

won District and Area in the 400 m and 800 m. Jada Navarro went to the Area meet as well and finished 2nd in Discus.

4.) Do you have an interesting story to share about the team that most would not know about?

This is my 20th year here at Anderson High School and this year is special to me because it will be the last year with my daughter on the team, as well as having a Weegar on my team. I have had either Jessica or Kate Weegar on my team for the past 5 years and they are some competitors. This is my first year with Faith Murphy and she is having an incredible year, with one more year left to compete.

Anderson Varsity Boys & Girls Track	Lucy Gibson	Ford Hardeman	Max Gerlich
<i>Seated L-R</i>	<i>Chairs L-R</i>	Liam Jobe	Jesus Soto
Elizabeth Tucker	Coach Navarro	Faith Murphy	Sebastian Cruz
Bojana Rutkovszky	Jada Navarro *Captain	Kate Weegar *Captain	Julian Patina
Robert Gonzales	Gracy Hamilton	<i>Standing L-R</i>	Coach Gray
Leah Heckmann	Samantha Fricke	Coach Counter	Coach Sanford
Breylinn Snyder	Tito Reyes	Coach Weegar	Coach Callis
Zac Poe	David Hansen	Coach Tanner	Coach Napoli
Sophia Greenaway-Dixon	Jesse Lang *Captain	Jackson Hall	
Nathan Hadavi	Devin Gottschalk *Captain	Colby Huntress	
	Shelby Criswell	Leo Spitzer *Captain	

JV Boys Track	Coach Tanner	<i>Chairs L-R</i>
<i>Seated L-R</i>	Coach Napoli	Coach Navarro
La'Jay Caad-Johnson	Suraj Naik	Lake McCoy
Charlie Gilliam	Henry Honey	Alabi Eniola candice
Will Aycock	Lukas Goris	Kaeden Fritz
Brandon Gonzales	Samuel Selberg	Kimberly Hay
Sam Meeker	John Michael Hubik	Griffin Green
Joakuin Espinosa	Andrew Saeger	Alexandra Lee
Quentin Stogner	Milan Ivatury	Taylor Watts
Davion Phelps	Coach Gray	Adriana Ullrich
Jonathan Luk	Coach Weegar	Aabryana Smith-White
	Coach Sanford	Clementine Colin
<i>Chairs L-R</i>		Elerie Leyva
Coach Navarro		Coach Callis
Byrne Santos	JV Girls Track	<i>Standing L-R</i>
Teige Charrow	<i>Seated L-R</i>	Coach Counter
Winston Raveney	Hannelie Popkin	Coach Tanner
O.T Hawkins	Jennifer Pham	Julyana Harris
Matthew Freeth	Noemi Greiner-Guzman	Chellise Nance
Spencer Patterson	Katharine Hay	Evelyn Moore
Luke Kirkovits	Kiersten Myers	Jean Jolliffe
Jacob Pattterson	Emma Williams	Ariana Cruz
Liam doran	Natalia Juarez	Maia Kinzy
Teddy Legrand	Ivory Brock	Taylor Linden
Brady Foster	Lucie Flynn	Ada Briggs Beard
Coach Callis	Sophia Truong	Coach Weegar
<i>Backrow L-R</i>	Ashley Marron Rodriguez	Coach Sanford
Coach Counter		Coach Gray



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Anderson Orchestra at UIL

Anderson High School orchestra received a Superior rating on their stage performance and their sight-reading performance at the UIL Full Orchestra Concert & Sight-Reading contest.

“The students and I dedicated a lot of time to early morning rehearsals outside of school hours,” shared Dana Wygmans, AHS Director of Orchestras. “They committed themselves to crafting an experience beyond written notes and rhythms and really created an expressive musical soundscape in their performance.”



Anderson High School Orchestra Roster

Accapadi, Saaya Emanuela
Agha, Aeden Isu
Bailey, Ellie
Bailey, Julia
Balachandran, Ian Mohan
Biggs, Caroline
Bright, Elena
Cameron, Brynna Emiko
Cimics, Benjamin Robert
Diazgarcia, Milena
Do, Andrew
England, Dylan Hodges
Erickson, Aubree

Ford, Maya
Freer, Cerys
Gerlach, Alex
Gilliam, Joe
Goris, Lukas Eliah
Gutierrez, Samuel Antonio
Gutierrez, Zachary
Hausmannishimura, Saffron Keiko
Hirschman, Mallory Marie
Huynh, Nancy
Johnston, Roisin Margaret
Keller, Kye Michael
Kleinman, Lev

Konradi, Veronika
Lambert, Grayson
Lang, Brady
Law, Eli
Lind, Sydney
Lopez, Hector R
Luu, Thien
Margo, Laura
Margo, Vincent Frank
Maxwell, Benjamin Daniel
McCay, Carson
Morrish, Jessica
Nagro, Zoe Elle

Nguyen, Kevin
Nguyen, Thomas
Nguyenvu, Jerry
Olsen, Maiya Elize
Otto, Edward Masayasu
Peterson, Bliss
Pham, Ben Sy
Prather, Samuel Scott
Propst, Pierce Wilson
Sanchez, Luke
Santana, Danielle Hope
Sidel, Arianna Dorit
Soza, Mason

Spindler, Rosemary Suzan
Tieu, Thomasphat
Tran, Jacob
Tyler, Milo Lee
Ulker, Liam Yaman
Vaisman, Mia
Wagner, Amadea Lelabernice
Walther, Ben
Westbrook, Joshua Aaron

Anderson Concert and Symphonic Bands and Wind Ensemble at UIL

In March, three Anderson High School ensembles competed at the UIL Concert and Sight-Reading contest. Concert Band, under the direction of Jeff Cleveland, earned an excellent rating on stage. Symphonic Band, under the direction of Frank Nedley, earned an excellent rating on stage and a superior rating in sight-reading. Finally, Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Cheryl Lee, earned first-division, superior ratings from all six adjudicators.

“We are so proud of our students’ hard work and fantastic performances,” shared Cleveland.

Wind Ensemble

Jakob Aleman
Arad Arastegan
Kalvin Arteaga
Thomas Ashy
Ellie Bailey
Caroline Biggs
Elena Bright
Diego Bustelo
Greta Chen
Lucy Collier
Kaveh Dunkin
Aubree Erickson
Abbey Ford
Maya Ford
Megan Ford
Cerys Freer
Alexander Gerlach
Joseph Gilliam
Elizabeth Gjertsen
Hudson Green
Zachary Gutierrez
Frances Huffaker
Adam Keener
Lev Kleinman
Grayson Lambert
Brady Lang

Eli Law
Ian Liddell
Chonghua Lin
Ron Lurie
Laura Margo
Carson McCay
Aubrey Mitchell
Eli Nguyen
Bliss Peterson
Hannelie Popkin
Luke Sanchez
Ziv Sidel
Sofia Sierra
Caleb Thomas
Jacob Tran
Benjamin Wallis
Evan Walsh
Benjamin Walther

Symphonic Band

Makaila Bacon-Batts
Julia Bailey
Jefferson Blacha
Jules Brotherton
David Cita
Luca David
Jack Davis Cohen
Delgado Wesley
Fine Stellan Fowler
Lucien Frost
Luis Fuentes
Kiera Garcia
Ethan Gilkey
Alexander Green
Daniel Hampton
Zoe Huels
Quinn Kelly
Aiden Lara
Sydney Lind
Rafael Lucas
Jonathan Luk
Keren Monjardin
Valdez Jacob
Myers Maile Noble
August O’Neill
Matthew Olive

Marisol Paniagua
Jadie Paz
Bliss Peterson
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Ian Ramos
Mossi Rickards
Dylan Rudolph
Anwen Salisbury
Nathan Salisbury
Nathan Sanchez
Noah Sangre
Kirin Smith
Mason Soza
Desmond Sullivan
Lex Tamblin
Lyla Thompson
Anderson Tran
Jacob Truitt
William Veaser
Rory Vela
Cody Vela
Mary Vrana
Madeleine Walther
Audrey Wilson
Anna Wright

Concert Band

Ibrahim Al Daffaie
Temilola (Tehila) Alabi
Luis Alvarez Molina
Sean Applegate
Sloan Blazek
Alexa Bronson
Jonathan
Chavez-Escobedo
Izzy Cockrum
Ethan Coffman
Edwin Crownover
Sara Djurdjevic
Logan Dvorak
Austin Dvorak
Delilah Fink
Chris Fuentes
Robert George
Kathryn Gillespie
Avigail Glazer
Audra Hall
Caroline Harris
Henry Hoffacker
Zinta Holmberg
Jace Jenkins
Tirat Ketkorn
Kylan Lee

Benjamin Lewis
Joshua Lopez
Tegue McNair
Angel Merino
Brooke Nielsen
James Olive
Marley Origer
Ethan Orozco Varela
Noble Padden
Audrey Pedersen
Christopher Polkowski
Logan Prather
Andre Renteria
Roman Saldana
Abriel Sanders
Emilio Sarabia
Zaya Schwartz
AJ Sedillo
Elijah Signore
Bella Sotelo
Major Williams
Megan Wright
Maria Zavala



Symphonic Band



Wind Ensemble



Concert Band

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