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NORTHWEST AUSTIN CIVIC ASSOCIATION

2024 Annual Meeting

May 15, 2024

Agenda



- 6:30 Joyce Statz – NWACA President
 - Introductions, Meeting Format
- 6:45 Mayor Kirk Watson (**unable to attend**)
- 7:00 Alison Alter, D10 Councilmember
- 7:15 Kathryn Whitley Chu, AISD School Board
- 7:20 Justice Jones, AFD Wildfire Division
- 7:25 Paul Guerrero, Allstate Insurance
- 7:40 Cynthia Miller, Austin Wastewater
- 7:45 Joyce Statz
 - Highlights at the tables

NWACA Board 2024-2026



- Bart Arnold
- Christopher Bove
- Vicki DeWeese
- Carol Dochen
- Jessica Forrest
- Mike Harreld
- Megan Helmbrecht
- Mick Koffend
- Kevin Kott
- Naresh Kumar
- Mae Levitan
- Ben Luckens
- Teri Schock
- Joyce Statz
- Lori Steinberg
- Julie Waidelich
- Dana Winer

Term starts in August

NWACA Events in 2024



- Recycling (for NWACA members)
 - Batteries, Oil, Paint, Antifreeze, Styrofoam® - March 23, 1-3 pm
 - Paper and Computer Disk Shredding – August 10, 2-4 pm
 - Batteries, Electronics, Styrofoam®, bathroom items – October date TBD
- Earth Day Festival – April 21
- Murchison Pool Opening – Kona Ice – June 8, 12-2 pm
- 4th of July – Parade and Freedom Fest (New location)
- Election Forum for fall elections – date TBD
- Neighborhood National Night Out – block parties - Sept 15
- Neighborhood-wide Garage Sales – October 5
- Halloween Yard Decorating Contest – October 20
- Holiday Yard Decorating Contest – December 20
- Parks cleanups throughout the year

Special Project Funding



- Funds available for projects benefitting NWACA
 - Applications due March 15, September 15
 - Board reviews/decides in subsequent Board meeting
- **No** applications for the March cycle
- Consider applying in September
- Examples from past years
 - Recycling bins at local parks; bike repair stations at local elementary schools; portions of Anderson High band trailer, Murchison Community Gardens, ...

NWACA Communications



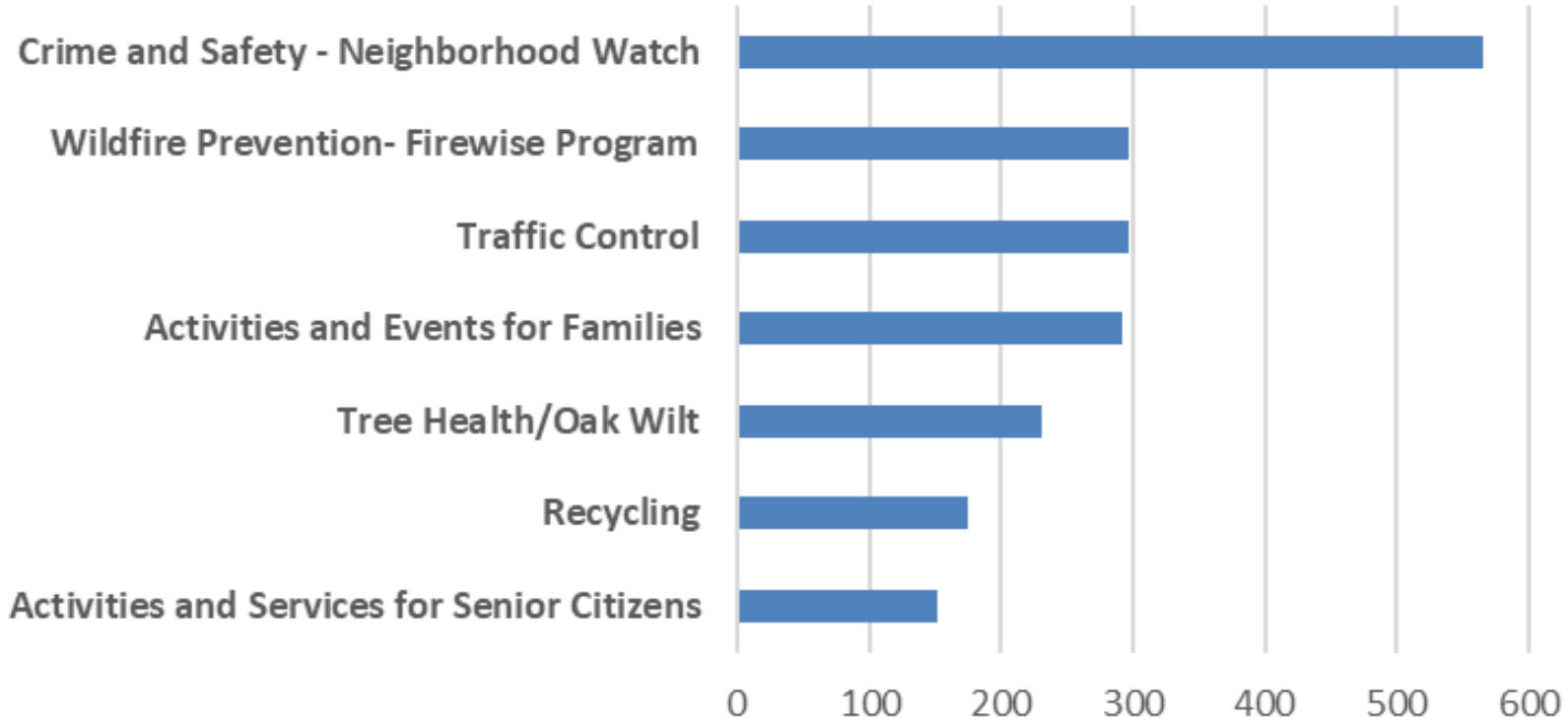
- Continuing to inform you via our media
 - Monthly print newspaper via US mail
 - Weekly NWACA Notes email for members of NWACA
 - Facebook group for members of NWACA
 - www.nwaca.org web site for current notices and an archive of information
- Annual survey of neighborhood interest
 - Full report on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

Survey Results – Areas for NWACA Board to Work on

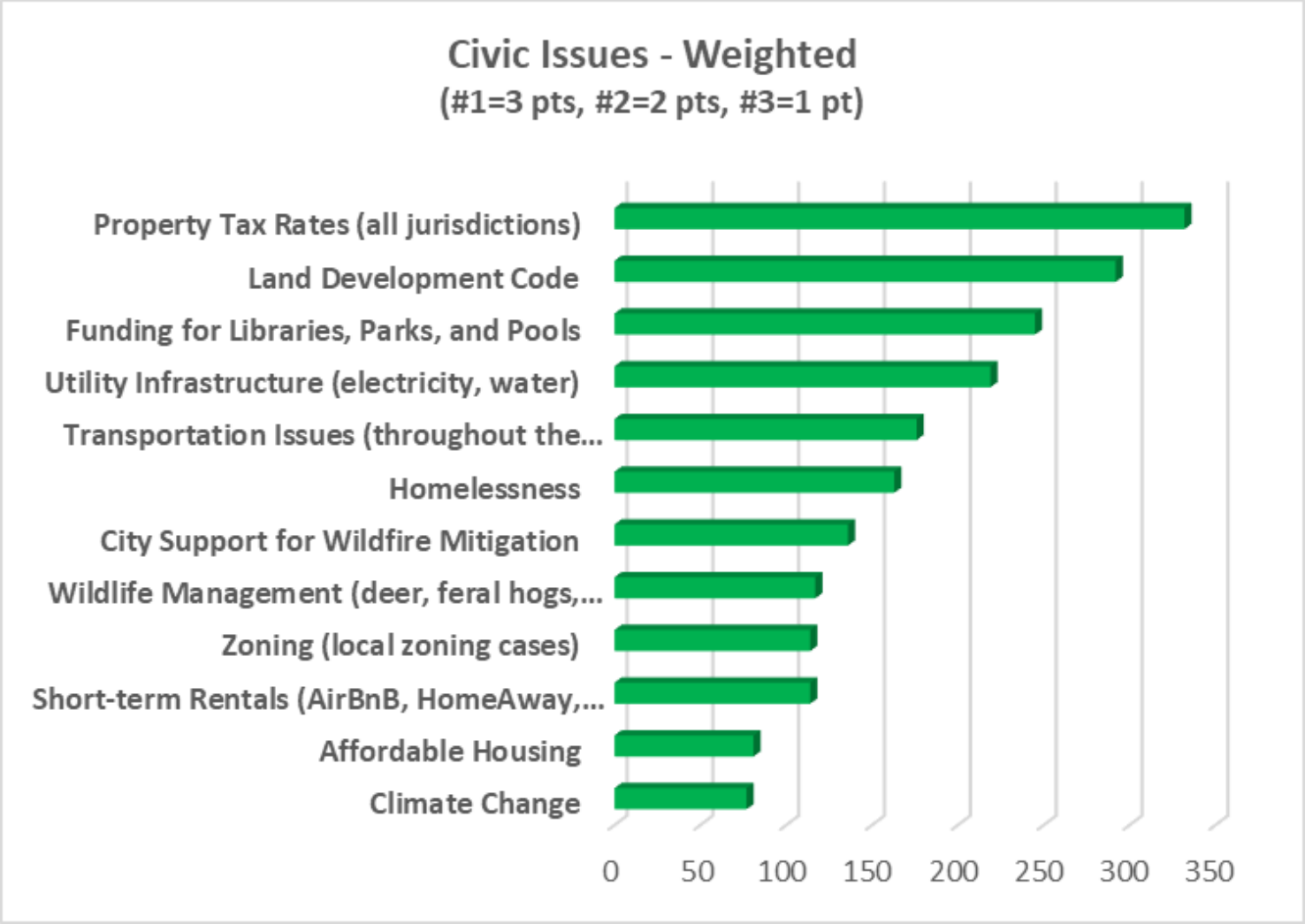


Most Important Areas to Address Weighted

(#1=3 pts, #2= 2 pts, #3=1 pt)



Civic Issues for NWACA Board to Inform and Advocate



More Details on NWACA Coming



- But first, we will hear from
 - Mayor Kirk Watson
 - Councilmember Alison Alter
 - AISD Board Trustee Kathryn Whitley Chu
 - Justice Jones, AFD Wildfire Mitigation Officer
 - Paul Guerrero, Allstate Insurance
 - Cynthia Miller, Public Information Specialist, Austin Water

Alison Alter – D10 Councilmember



- We suggested she address
 - Parking concerns on south side of Far West Blvd, near Murchison ball fields
 - Overall plans/status of proposed changes regarding parking in bike lanes
 - Plans for a controlled intersection at Hart Lane and Spicewood Springs Road.
 - Wish list item for the neighborhood: more playground space, especially during school hours when Hill and Doss Parks are not available
 - Other items top of mind to her

Kathryn Whitley Chu, AISD Trustee



- Kathryn is our area's AISD School Board Trustee
- We asked her to update us on progress with recently approved bonds



Justice Jones, Wildfire Division



- AFD Wildfire Division
 - Wildfire Mitigation Officer
 - Long-term leader for Austin and Travis County wildfire prevention efforts, educator for the community and elected officials
 - Spearheaded adoption of the International WUI Code in Austin
 - Serves on national bodies that study wildfire behavior and establish guidance

Paul Guerrero, Allstate Insurance

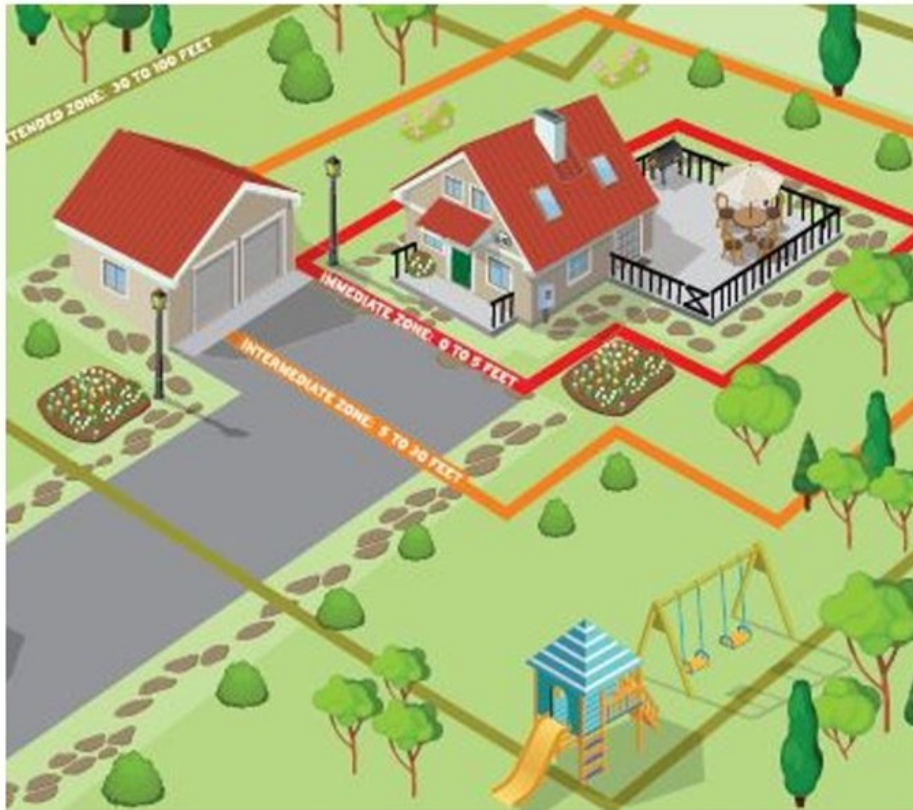


- We asked him to address:
 - What to do about insurance being denied for wildfire risk reasons?
 - What can we do to mitigate high rates?
 - Density of roofs appears to be a criterion for deciding whether or not to insure an area. What can we do if insurers don't want to come into the neighborhood for this reason?
 - The winter storm has caused insurers to flee... what to do about that?
 - For HOAs, what can people do to keep the rates down?



Home Ignition Zone (HIZ)

A home and the surrounding 100-foot area



**Zone 1 - Immediate Zone:
0 to 5 feet from home**

**Zone 2 - Intermediate Zone:
5 to 30 feet from home**

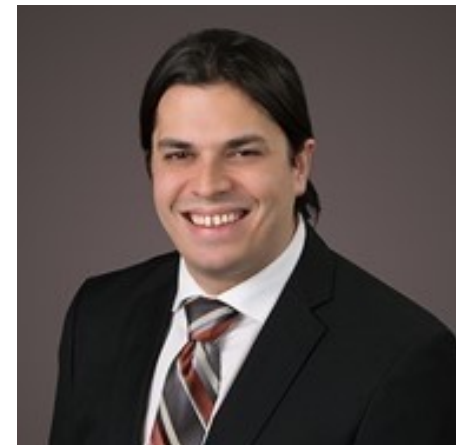
**Zone 3 - Extended Zone:
30 to 100 feet from home**

For Central Texas, though, this graphic needs oak trees in the yard and near the house for shade! And, they're good!

Cynthia Miller, Matt Harold , Evan Dart, Austin Water



- What's happening with replacement of wastewater lines in our area?
- Cynthia Miller – PIO
- Matt Harold - PM
- Evan Dart (Engineering)
- Mei Fung (Community Engagement) will also be at the Austin Water table



Next: Visit the Tables



- Civic Entities
 - Austin Energy
 - Austin Resource Recovery
 - Austin Water, Water Conservation, Wastewater
 - 183 North Mobility Project
 - Spicewood Springs Road Improvement Project
- Snacks and Water Table
- NWACA Committee Tables

Transportation Committee Table



- Yard signs for Vision Zero
- Vision Zero handout



- Visit with Austin Transportation and Public Works Department representatives

Crime and Safety Committee



- Get information about Neighborhood Watch
- Learn about a National Night Out Block Party

- Visit with peace officers from APD and Travis County Pct2 Constable's Office
 - APD District Representative Phillip Sparkman
 - Travis County Pct 2 Lt. DeLeon

Wildfire Prevention Committee



- See Steve Kline to sign up for a free wildfire risk evaluation for your home
 - Make your home insurable – so you can keep it insured, be able to sell it someday
 - Find the simplest things you can do to get started, to make your home wildfire-hardened
- Pick up brochures that educate you on being Firewise
- Visit with AFD Wildfire representatives

Civic Engagement Committee



- Meet Jocelyn Tau, District Director, Office of Congressman Lloyd Doggett
- Learn about our activities to inform you about local issues and candidates for the fall election
 - District 10
 - Mayor of Austin
 - Propositions, bonds, TBD

Zoning Committee



- Ask questions about zoning and land development
- See new deed restrictions page at www.nwaca.org
 - Deed restrictions documents
 - From Travis County Clerk's office
 - Organized by subdivision
 - Covering all of NWACA area
 - Thanks to Chris Leriger for the website work!

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Other Committees to Visit



- Check out these, too!
 - 4th of July – register a float or sign up to help
 - Communications – newsletters, opportunities to help
 - Parks
 - learn about work to be done in Steck Valley Greenbelt
 - Bull Creek District Park cleanups
 - June 1 cleanup at Murchison Pool Park
 - Tree, Wildlife, and Environment – info on oak wilt, drug takeback, rebates for solar and other energy-related improvements

Thank you for coming!



- See you again soon!
 - Murchison Pool – June 8
 - 4th of July
 - Shred event August 10
 - Neighborhood garage sales October 5
 - Electronics recycling in October

