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Anderson Football Plays in Championship 7-on-7 Game, Readies for 5A



By LYNETTE HAALAND
Northwest Austin News

The Anderson Trojan football team competed in the championship game in the Texas 7-on-7 championships a month ago in College Station, building momentum for the new 5A season ahead.

"The boys started off with two and one record in pool that did put us in the top 32 in the championship bracket," shared Donald Hatcher, AHS head coach.

Anderson ran through the championship bracket with wins over College Park 19-7, Cy Falls 27-12, The Woodlands 19-12 and Colleyville 28-21 to meet DeSoto.

"We end up losing to DeSoto, two times state champ, in the finals (38-20)," Hatcher said. "Sixty-four tournament and we made it all the way to the final two, which says a lot about our boys and the confidence that they're building going into the season."

Ed Small got tournament offensive MVP and Max Garlet got second team quarterback of the tournament.

According to analysis from Dave Campbell's Texas Football: "Small (TCU commit) was a monster all weekend long and in key moments... Small is an elite route runner with good speed and next level body control. QB Max Gerlich, a UTSA commit, was also sensational for the Trojans and looked incredibly sharp."

FOOTBALL, 19

As the End of Summer Approaches, NWACA Shares Important Reminders

By NORTHWEST AUSTIN
CIVIC ASSOCIATION BOARD

As we make it toward the end of summer, we'd like to hear from you about several things:

- How did you like the 4th of July events? We'd like feedback about the new location this year, as well as other suggestions you have. By August 15, please take the survey.

- Give some thought to a project you'd like to see completed in the NWACA area that can benefit our community. Past examples include recycling bins in the area parks, bike repair stations at our elementary schools, and support for the Murchison Community Gardens. See the article in this issue for more information about the Special Projects Fund and how to apply.

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Welcoming New NWACA Board Members

By JOYCE STATZ
Northwest Austin Civic Association

We are pleased to announce the members of our 2024-2026 NWACA Board of Directors. These past members continue to serve on the Board: Chris Bove, Vicki DeWeese, Carol Dochten, Jessica Forrest, Mick Koffend, Kevin Kott, Mae Levitan, Ben Luckens, Teri Schock, Joyce Statz, Julie Waidelich, and Dana Winer. You've met many of them in the board spotlights that Kevin Kott has written over the past year. Here's some information about the new members of the board.

Bart Arnold is a rarity among us, a native Austinite! A graduate of the University of Texas, he worked in commercial real estate for many years before going into high tech at Dell and AMD for 25 years. He's now in real estate again and very active in community activities, especially sports-related ones, where he helps with and cheers his son's teams.

Mike Harreld holds a Master of Arts in Accounting from the University of Missouri and a Bachelor of Science in Business and Economics from the University of Kentucky. As an expert in the electric utility sector, he served as EVP CFO for Southern Company, a Fortune 200 company, overseeing business controls, mergers and acquisitions, energy solutions, start-ups, shut-downs, IPOs, sales, and board management. His global career includes consulting in the UK, Germany, Holland, The Bahamas, and China. Mike has taught at the LBJ School and currently provides business consulting services while engaging in various volunteer activities. New to the NWACA neighborhood, he takes a keen interest in local

schools, where his two grandchildren are students.

Megan Helmbrecht has lived in Austin since 1999. Her family moved from Bryker Woods to Northwest Hills in 2005, where they raised their three children. Megan has a nonprofit consulting business that helps charities with their fundraising strategies. She has served on many nonprofit boards and chaired numerous charity events including Anderson High's Project Graduation. Megan's hobbies include cooking, reading, doing yoga, and walking her dog, Bailey.

Naresh Kumar and his wife have lived in the NWACA area since 2022. They have two daughters and five grandchildren who live in Austin; the eldest grandchild attends Anderson High. After obtaining his master's degree in Geology in India, Naresh taught high school science and math in Ghana before going to New York for his Ph.D. in Marine Geology at Columbia University. Following five years of teaching and research at Columbia, Naresh moved to Dallas to begin an 18-year career in the oil business. Following that, he ran his own consulting business that took him to Brazil, Chile, Canada, Russia, and Alaska. During this period Naresh also taught at UT Arlington, UT Dallas, and Dallas Community College. During his retirement Naresh earned an MBA in Finance from UT Dallas.

Griffin Meroney is a student member of the Board, a rising Junior at McCallum High School. Griffin is in the Fine Arts Academy with a classical guitar specialty and has participated in master classes and precollege programs in Boston, Nashville, and Denver. A student of Japanese, he was part of a co-

hort of students visiting Sister City Oita, Japan in July. Griffin is very interested in political and civic issues and has been an honorary house page at the State Legislature and testified at the City of Austin and Texas Legislature on issues of interest to him. He recently earned the rank of Eagle Scout, and he volunteers with Young Men's Service League.

Lori Steinberg is a Commercial Sales and Investments Advisor at KW Commercial, bringing experience from over 30 years working in business, administration, management, and investment acquisition. She has 16 years of creative entrepreneurship specializing in team training, leadership, empowering others, and creative leadership through education. Over the last seven years, Lori has partnered with her husband in their shared vision of understanding whole body health through their company, Steinberg Wellness. Lori is passionate about empowering others to a healthier and happier life through continuing education of the mind/body connection.

Emmy Ward is a student member of the board, a rising junior at Anderson High School where she's a member of the varsity tennis program as well as the debate team. She has qualified for and competed at the Texas state debate tournament both years of high school and was a finalist at the University of Texas Longhorn Classic, competing in congressional debate. She participated in the Doss Elementary School Chinese immersion program and continues her Mandarin studies through the Anderson IB program. Emmy enjoys playing pickleball, doing crafts, and playing tennis with her friends. In the future, she'd love to study international relations or pre-law.

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- Start thinking about your Halloween decorations. The contest doesn't happen until October, but... creativity can strike at any time!

For your calendar, some special reminders:

- August 10, 2-4 PM – shredding event for NWACA members
- August 25 – deadline to sign up to host a NWACA-area National Night Out party
- September 1-30 – registration for the October 5 Neighbor-

- hood Garage Sales for NWACA members
- September 15 – National Night Out parties throughout the NWACA neighborhood. Still looking for block party hosts to let us know about their plans, so you can get the NWACA party kit – email carolbdochen@gmail.com See more information in an article in this issue.
- September 30 – applications due for special projects funding

Please notice the article about the new members of the NWACA

Board; we transition to the 2024-2026 Board this month. As we mentioned in a previous issue, this board has student representation for the first time. We're pleased to welcome two student members, Emmy Ward from Anderson High School and Griffin Meroney from McCallum High School.

Enjoy the newsletter!

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 September 30, 2024, and selected applicants will be encouraged to present their proposals at the October

NWACA Board meeting. Submit applications, drawings, pictures, and estimated project costs to info@nwaca.org 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

The Special Projects Fund is just one of many ways that NWACA serves our community. Funding is available because of the careful management of your dues and donations.





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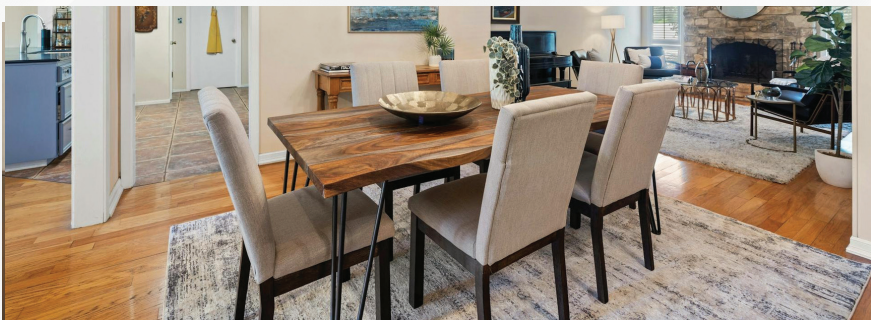


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Austin approves additional property tax breaks for seniors and disabled

By **AUDREY MCGLINCHY**
KUT

City Council voted to raise the property tax exemption for homeowners who are 65 years and older and those with a disability. The move is an attempt to further curtail the amount of money residents pay taxes on.

Homeowners who qualify can keep \$154,000 off the value of their home that gets taxed by the city; that's up from \$124,000, passed last year. It will apply to this year's tax bills, which typically go out to homeowners

at the end of the year.

Texas allows cities and other taxing entities to offer homestead exemptions, or discounts, to people who own property, meaning they can subtract a portion of their property's value from the amount that is taxed. Homeowners can receive an exemption simply by living in the home they own. Veterans, seniors and the disabled can also get exemptions.

Since at least 2017, Austin elected officials have steadily increased the city's homestead exemption for seniors and those with disabili-

ties, nearly doubling the exemption amount in the past seven years. While state law caps other exemptions, there is no limit on the amount senior and disabled homeowners can keep off the dollars they're taxed on.

The May 30 vote comes amid a push from state lawmakers to continue pushing down property tax bills. Homeowners in Travis County likely saw their property tax amount fall this year, thanks in large part to a constitutional amendment supported by lawmakers and approved by voters.

But while tax bills and the amount of taxes paid by individuals to public entities fall, city officials say they're staring down a budget deficit. In 2019, state legislators lowered the amount of new property taxes cities could collect each year. That, coupled with a smaller-than-expected sales tax revenue, means elected officials may have to make tough decisions when finalizing the city's budget this summer.

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Northcross Mall - The Old Town Square

By **RICHARD DENNEY**
Northwest Austin Civic Association

The Village Shopping Center at 2700 West Anderson Lane is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2024. It's also been about 50 years since the opening of another Northwest Austin icon: Northcross Mall, just across Anderson Lane from The Village.

If you are new to the area, you probably don't see why anyone would be nostalgic about today's Northcross Mall. However, before it was largely demolished for the nearby Walmart, it served as more than just a mall; it was almost like a town square. In fact, that was the whole idea.

Plans for "the largest and most luxurious shopping center yet" for Austin began as far back as 1965 (The Austin American, Mar 7, 1965). It was a 52-acre tract, with more than 10 acres under one roof with 500,000+ square feet of retail space, all centered around the huge Chaparral Ice Rink (no, not the one there today). As the 1965 news article said, Northcross was seen as a revival of "the centuries-old idea of the town square, a true center of activity, entertainment, and commerce for the whole community." At Christmas you went there to see Santa; around Memorial Day, you went for the sales; and in the summer you went there to cool off. With a huge ice rink as the center of the town square, it was a cool place to hang out. Pun intended. In today's parlance it was a community "cooling center."

The mall was anchored by large Texas-based shopping chains including Frost Brothers, Scarbrough's, and Bealls. There was a huge J. Rich Sports, where you could get outfitted for ski season in Colorado (which later became Osman's Supersports which included indoor sports like mini-golf). In addition to the ice rink, entertainment included the Northcross Six Theaters (six screens). Popular eating establishments included Furr's Cafeteria (cafeteria-style dining like Luby's), Chelsea Street Pub, and in later years, a Hooters. From about 1998 to 2006 Northcross was

home base to the Austin Ice Bats' (now defunct minor league ice hockey team).

Decline of Northcross began in the early 2000s. Northcross owners announced plans to "redevelop" (demolish) the Northcross Mall site, replacing it with a Walmart Supercenter that would include a three-story parking garage for 800 cars. A 2006 editorial discussed community concerns: "The controversy [over a Walmart Supercenter] has erupted over [the impact to] Northcross Mall" (Austin American-Statesman, Dec 4,

2006). For clarification, the community concerns were about more than impact to Northcross, but, rather, the impact of a Walmart Supercenter in general. Neighbors from Crestview, Allandale, North Shoal Creek, Brentwood, Rosedale, and Wooten were in opposition. A handout at one neighborhood meeting of some 350 residents included the "ten reasons why Walmart was wrong for Northcross" (Austin American-Statesman Dec 4, 2006).

While Northcross owners cited a decline in profitability from reduced use, some actions taken by owners of the time caused speculation that a bit of self-fulfilling prophecy was at play. Despite protests and legal challenges, the redevelopment proceeded albeit with the significantly downsized Walmart that we have today, opening in 2010. The old Northcross Mall was largely demolished, the current mall bearing little resemblance to the old.

Today Northcross serves as a mixed-use space, blending retail including Guitar Center, small restaurants, hair and nail salons, office space, and community amenities. After the closure of the original ice rink, Chaparral Ice relocated and continued to operate within the redeveloped Northcross.

Take it from an old-time Austinite: Northcross today has little in common with the original other than the name.

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/>.



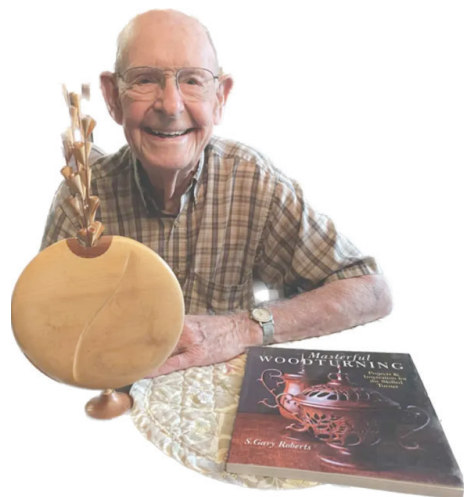
Spotlight: S. Gary Roberts – World Renown Woodcarver and Woodturner

By JANICE GREEN
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Eighty-seven years ago, a grandfather gave his grandson a pocket knife, a slat of white pine from an apple crate, and an assignment to “carve a ball and chain.” This teaching moment, drawn from grandparental love, planted the seeds of a lifetime passion for S. Gary Roberts, world renown woodcarver and woodturner.

Gary and his wife, Gene, settled into their Northwest Hills home 58 years ago. The clue that an artisan might reside there was a sign posted on a side gate to his home – “Central Texas Woodturners Wood Depot” – marking an area where stumps and wood resources are collected, exchanged, and accessed by members of that organization.

After I followed my hunch and knocked on his door, Gary welcomed me into his workshop and provided me a tour through his world of breath-taking master craftsmanship – intricately turned and carved Egyptian mashrabea vessels, urns, bowls, boxes, toys (e.g., an ornate Cinderella’s carriage), figures, candleholders, music boxes – anything utilitarian or decorative you could imagine. Being the daughter of a woodcraftsman, I appreciated and was awestruck by the detail and beauty of the wood grains woven throughout his designs. And,



yes, there was a shadow box displaying several hand-carved chains which defy the imagination of how they were carved from a single piece of wood.

Here are some highlights of Gary’s accomplishments: A founding member of the American Association of Woodturners which awarded him a “Honorary Lifetime Membership Award,” of the Central Texas Woodturners Association, and of a multitude of other regional and local associations of wood crafters. Gary authored two impressive books on advanced turning techniques: Masterful Woodturning (2020) and The Art of Fine Woodturning (Eur. Ed.

2022), and he has written articles for countless wood-related publications including Fine Woodworking, Better Homes and Garden’s Wood Magazine, American Woodworker, American Woodturner, and London’s Guild of Master Craftsmen’s Woodturner Magazine.

When he wasn’t in his workshop designing a project or shaping a delicate art object on his lathe, Gary was a commercial realtor for 30 years and served as President of the Austin Board of Realtors. His business and organizational acumen translated into organizing talents for the many woodcraft organizations mentioned above.

After retirement Gary and his wife traveled the world with a purpose. They were selected by the International Executive Service Corps and the US State Department’s USAID Program to serve as volunteers in developing countries, teaching skills and marketing to craftspeople to provide them a better livelihood. Their assignments included Ecuador, Mexico, Africa, Canada, Russia, and American Samoa.

Gary’s artwork has been exhibited in galleries and juried shows, but these days he derives continuing joy from mentoring in his workshop. To

form such a relationship Gary requires mentees to give serious attention to safety as well as to have membership in local and national woodturner associations.

Imagine, all of this beauty, talent and life-long purpose grew from a moment when a grandparent’s attention ignited the curiosity of a grandchild.

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Austin ISD's budget deficit means staff pay will barely budge without voter help

By BECKY FOGEL
KUT

The Austin ISD Board of Trustees voted to approve a 2024-25 budget that will require the district to dip into its savings account to the tune of tens of millions of dollars.

Austin ISD's annual operating budget will total nearly \$954 million after a vote on June 20. How large the district's budget deficit will be during the next fiscal year largely hinges on whether the school board calls a Voter Approval Tax Rate Election in November and the outcome of that election.

Without a successful VATRE, administrators anticipate a \$78 million deficit. That is even after making \$29 million in spending cuts, which include eliminating 60 positions within the district's central administrative office.

"The \$29 million in cuts did come from non-campus-related expenditures and so that was the ultimate goal for the district to make sure we made cuts in areas that did not (directly) impact the classroom," Chief Financial Officer Ed Ramos said.

If trustees do decide to ask voters to approve a new tax rate – and they do – it's expected to generate enough revenue to help reduce the deficit to \$41 million.

The Austin ISD tax rate would be \$0.9287 per \$100 of taxable value, or an extra \$35 per month for a home valued at \$563,000.

A VATRE won't just help Austin ISD reduce its budget deficit, though. It's also key to ensuring staff gets pay raises. Last year, the school board signed off on a \$52 million deficit to raise the hourly minimum wage from \$16 to \$20 and increase teacher, librarian and counselor salaries by 7 percent. But this year, district officials said money is so tight they can't offer much in the way of higher pay without the approval of a new tax rate.

Ramos said the revenue from a successful VATRE would give the district enough money to pay for a market rate adjustment for some more experienced employees, but not



FY25 Compensation Package

Attachment 3

- **\$17.3M Market Adjustment**
- **\$.5M cost for \$.25 minimum (approximate)**

Pay Group	Total # of Employees	Adjustments	# of Employees Receiving Adjustments	% of Employees Receiving Adjustments	Avg Employee % Increase
Teachers and Librarians	5,194	\$2,074,917	2,263	44%	4.73%
Administrative	669	\$417,778	127	19%	0.71%
Professional	838	\$1,647,401	458	55%	3.04%
Information Technology	88	\$195,953	49	56%	3.78%
Instructional Support	1,398	\$4,808,696	1,374	98%	8.95%
Non-Instructional Support	694	\$2,164,774	605	87%	6.21%
Auxiliary	1,801	\$5,824,620	1,502	83%	6.74%
Police Department	75	\$208,583	57	76%	3.91%
Total % of Current Costs		\$17,342,722			2.9%

an across-the-board raise for all staff.

Austin ISD salaries for teachers with at least seven years of experience currently lag behind those of other Central Texas school districts, Ramos said. Chief of Talent Strategy Brandi Hosack also told trustees the district is struggling to hold on to more experienced teachers because they're below market rate.

"We talk at the board level, and often, about how much we need experienced teachers, effective teachers in front of our kids, and we are unable to do that if we continue to bleed out at the seven-year mark," she said. "We are dropping off rapidly at that seven-year mark, and we have to do some catch-up just to even be competitive."

If trustees call a VATRE and it succeeds, the district will spend \$17.3 million to make market rate adjustments and another \$500,000 to raise the hourly wages of all classified staff by 25 cents.

But without the funds generated from a new tax rate, employees are only set to get one-time payments in December. Full-time

employees would be on deck to get a \$500 incentive payment. Staffers who are not full-time but are eligible for benefits would receive a one-time payment of \$250.

Ken Zarifis is the president of Education Austin, an employee union that negotiated the compensation agreement with Austin ISD and supports calling a VATRE. He blamed Gov. Greg Abbott and other lawmakers for putting school districts in a tenuous spot by refusing to "fund public education adequately." He added that even though this budget doesn't come close to offering the same compensation as last year's, it's a step in the right direction.

"While this budget may not be the most glorious budget as we had last year ... it is the right budget for this moment," he said.

The school board has until Aug. 19 to decide whether to put a VATRE on the November ballot.

Another big expense for Austin ISD during the next fiscal year is its recapture payment. Recapture, or Robin Hood, is a system the

Legislature created in 1993 to take money from property-wealthy districts and redistribute it to ones with lower property values. Austin ISD has the highest recapture payment in the state. District officials estimate next year's payment will be \$821 million.

Although the Austin ISD school board has approved a new budget, district leadership said they need to keep looking for ways to cut costs. Superintendent Matias Segura said eventually getting to a balanced budget in the years ahead will require the district to reduce its operating budget by 8 percent or \$78 million. He said he doesn't want Austin ISD to be left in the lurch if another legislative session goes by without an increase in the base level of per-student funding.

"I want to move into the next legislative session with as little reliance on the need for additional funding as possible," he said. "I do acknowledge \$70+ million is an ambitious goal, but I would like that to be the goal."

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

Recent Sheriff’s Office and Austin Police Department reports in the Northwest Austin area include a variety of cases.	07/02/2024 10:00 AM 87XX MOPAC EXPY AUTO THEFT	07/05/2024 12:15 AM 231XX SPANISH OAK TRL ASSAULT	07/09/2024 6:58 PM 67XX LAKEWOOD DR THEFT	07/14/2024 3:37 PM 57XX MOPAC EXPY THEFT	07/18/2024 8:52 PM 71XX WOOD HOLLOW THEFT OF SERVICE	07/22/2024 4:06 PM 70XX VILLAGE CENTER HARASSMENT
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Madison Pharis compiled this report mostly from Spot-Crime at www.spotcrime.com and also from CrimeReports.

APD’s Robbery Unit Arrests a Juggling Suspect

On July 23, at approximately 12:40 p.m., Austin Police Department officers responded to a call reporting a robbery in the 7300 block of Inspiration Drive (east of Northwest Austin). APD Robbery Unit Detectives responded and processed the scene.

Preliminary investigation revealed that Christopher Phillips, 22 years of age, surveilled bank customers and targeted an 80-year-old, Austin community member. Phillips followed the victim home from the bank and brutally attacked him as he attempted to enter his residence.

Believing the victim withdrew a large amount of cash, Phillips

stole the victim’s wallet and damaged his doorbell camera.

Thanks to the excellent work from officers from the Charlie 200s, APD’s Violent Crimes Task Force, APD’s Air Unit, The University of Texas Police Department and detectives from APD’s Robbery Unit, Phillips was arrested within hours of the robbery taking place.

APD would like to remind everyone to be aware of vehicles that loiter in or near a bank parking lot and any vehicles that appear to be conducting stationary or mobile surveillance. Be mindful of any vehicles that appear to be following you.

Tips to help avoid becoming a victim of juggling:

- Before leaving the counter/ATM after receiving cash, secure it in a different bag (other than the small zipper cash bags or envelopes utilized), such as a briefcase or purse
- Lock your car doors when you get into your vehicle
- If you believe you are being followed from a financial institution for any length, please call 911 or drive to the nearest police station, fire/EMS station.
- Speak with security at your bank to see if they can assist you with large withdrawals or if they have any safety suggestions when withdrawing a large amount of cash

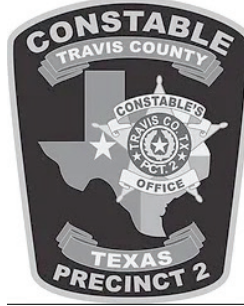
Constable's Office End of Summer, Back to School reminders

By SAM LINDSEY
Travis Co. Constable's Office



Adan Ballesteros, Travis County Precinct Two Constable Office

As we move toward the end of summer and school ramping back up, Adan Ballesteros, Travis County Precinct Two Constable Office and his deputies would like to remind the NWACA neighbors about several things.



- If you aren't already doing so, start a 9 o'clock routine at your household. Set an alarm to remind yourself at 9PM each night to check your vehicles that are outside the garage or on the street. Ensure your vehicle is locked (alarm set if applicable). Be sure that all valuables are removed from your vehicle, including all types of bags, sunglasses, laptops, etc. And NEVER leave a firearm inside your vehicle, even when you're home. Most car burglaries are a result of people leav-

ing their vehicles unlocked and valuables out in plain sight, enticing criminals. This quick check will help minimize you or your family becoming a victim of vehicle theft.

- Area schools will be starting back in no time at all (Austin ISD on August 20, but other area schools even before that). Precinct 2 Deputies, along with other area agencies, will be visible and enforcing traffic laws during these times. So, please obey all traffic laws and exercise caution in and around schools.

- Follow posted speed limits
- Do not text and drive
- Do not block crosswalks
- Obey crossing guards working in crosswalks
- Never pass a stopped school bus with lights flashing
- Watch for children/other pedestrians, whether on foot

or bicycles

- And, as always if you see something, say something. 311 = To report a crime 911 = Real time emergency/life and death emergency

Austin Transportation and Public Works

Austin's Vision Zero program has published an updated analysis of major intersection safety projects completed since 2016, which have been funded primarily through Austin Mobility Bonds. The report shows a 22% reduction in fatal and serious injury crashes at 22 project locations with at least one year of post-construction crash data. This is in contrast to a 1% increase in fatal and serious injury crashes for a comparison group of all other signalized intersections in Austin.

Additionally, all injury and fatal crashes (i.e. including minor injuries) fell by 29.4% after the projects were completed, equating to 40 fewer people injured or killed at these locations every year. The 22 project locations saw the annualized comprehensive costs of crashes fall by approximately 24.0% or \$28.46 million. Construction costs for these intersections totaled about \$18.48 million, meaning that these safety projects have generated an annual return on investment of 1.54 times the total construction cost. As time goes on, those comprehensive crash cost savings will continue to be realized.

Austin Vision Zero Results July 2024

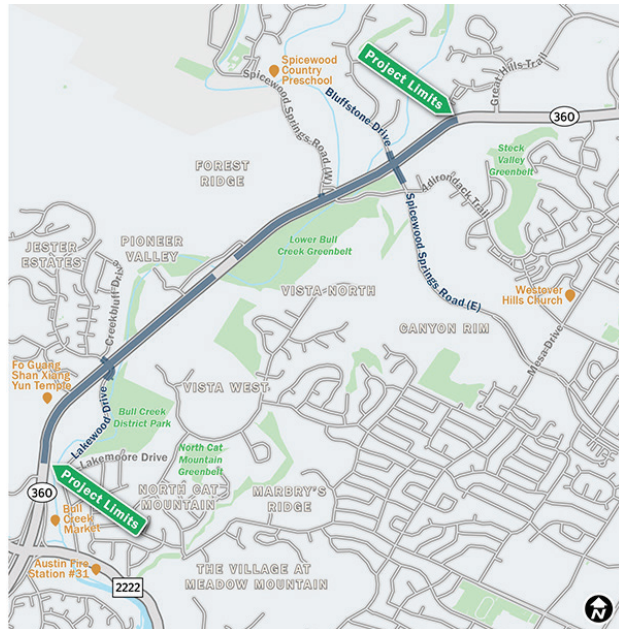
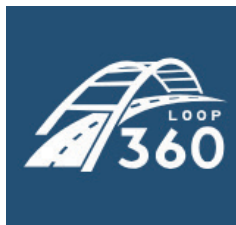
While the aggregate results remain positive, showing a total decline in all crash types and injury severities, some individual locations did see increases in certain crash types, including injury or fatal crashes. Vision Zero staff and TPW engineers are using these results to go back and make additional safety improvements at these locations to address recurring crash patterns and help inform future investments to most effectively reduce injuries and fatalities at intersections. Since 2016, Vision Zero has completed 27 major intersection safety projects funded primarily through voter-approved mobility bonds in 2016, 2018, and 2020.

Loop 360 Project at Lakewood/Spicewood Springs

Through Aug. 2, eastbound Lakewood Drive at Loop 360 will be closed daily for utility work. Lane closures are from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekdays and from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekends. Road signs have been placed to alert drivers.

This portion of the Loop 360 project consists of improvements to the intersections at

Lakewood Drive and Spicewood Springs Road, including removing the traffic signals on the Loop 360 mainlanes at Lakewood Drive and Spicewood Springs Road (E)/Bluffstone



Drive, and adding an overpass (where the Loop 360 mainlanes go over the cross street). The project also consists of removing the signal on the mainlanes at Spicewood Springs Road (W). Environmental work began in summer 2018.

The Courtyard Drive/RM 2222 portion of the Loop 360 project consists of improvements to the intersection at Courtyard Drive by removing a new diverging diamond interchange. This project also includes improvements to the intersection at Courtyard Drive by removing the signal on the mainlanes and replacing it with an underpass, according to the Texas Department of Transportation. The project was environmentally cleared in spring 2021.

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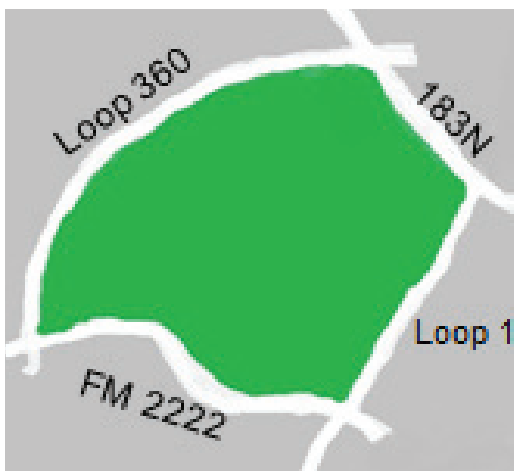
Key Contacts

Austin Citywide Information Center	512-974-2000 or 311
Emergency, Police	911
Non-emergency (coyote sightings, compliance issues)	311
APD District Representative Officer, Phillip Sparkman	phillip.sparkman@austintexas.gov
Austin Police Department Crime Report, internet search	APD Chief's Monthly Reports
District 10 Councilmember, Alison Alter	512-974-2110
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New to the Neighborhood?

If this is your first copy of our newsletter, welcome to the NWACA neighborhood! The map shows our boundaries – Mopac, RM 2222, Loop 360, and US Highway 183 (Research Boulevard). There are about 13,500 households who are your neighbors and are happy you're here!

This newsletter is one way to know what's happening in NWACA, but there's much more. Check out the quick link For New Neighbors on the home page at www.nwaca.org. Use the Membership button on the home page or use the form in this newsletter to become a NWACA member. Members have access to the weekly email NWACA Notes and the ability to join the NWACA closed Facebook group, to keep in touch with each other and with the latest news about NWACA.



ARE YOU A NWACA MEMBER?

Receiving the newsletter does not guarantee membership.
Not sure? Visit nwaca.org to confirm!

Here are 5 great reasons to join today!

GREAT NEIGHBORS = GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD

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

STAY INFORMED ABOUT ISSUES THAT AFFECT YOU

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

GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS

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

PROTECT AND IMPROVE OUR COMMUNITY

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

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY

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

Together we can make a difference!

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Each of the Board Members can be reached at info@nwaca.org or by phone at 737-235-7325

The NWACA Board meets on the third Wednesday of the month except July and December. Please visit our calendar at www.nwaca.org to see the specific time and location. If you wish to speak at a Board meeting, please send email a week before the meeting to info@nwaca.org, so that we can put you on the agenda.

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

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To join:

go to www.nwaca.org and pay online via credit card
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Volunteer!

Please check a committee on which you would like to participate:

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

Members, please request to join our **Facebook Group** and sign up for **NWACA Notes**, our weekly email.
For more info email us at: info@nwaca.org

Tip for Neighbors: No Plastic Bags in the Blue Bin

By NWACA Board

We repeat this guidance office, as does

Austin Resource Recovery. However, the message doesn't get seen or understood by everyone, so we keep trying! Please don't bag



your recyclables in plastic bags – even if they say that they're recyclable bags. The plastic bags get tangled in the sorting machinery, and removing the tangled plastic can cause injury to the workers. So, please... just put the recyclables loose in the blue bin or put them in a paper bag.



The Grove: Culinary Consistency, Curated Wines and Community Roots



By MARC STEIN
Northwest Austin Civic Association

Although the Grove's new location launched in June, the three partners began discussing the Northwest Hills opportunity prior to the Covid pandemic. Matt Berendt, the wine expert, lived off Mesa Drive. Reed Clemons' Edgemont home would be less than 3 miles away. Beth Lasita could see the design potential of the empty Austin Oaks office space, having previously been the General Contractor on over 300 restaurant openings in Austin.

A Strong Start Their persistence has paid off, and the casual wine bar and restaurant is performing above their projections, "which is especially promising during the dog days of summer. Currently, it's the busiest of all the Groves," shared partner Reed Clemons during our conversation.

The new restaurant retains its roots as a wine bar in a grove, a nod to its Westlake heritage. With two patios on opposite sides of the large, but well sound-proofed restaurant, groups can always sit outside surrounded by oak trees. The steady breeze and shade fosters a familiar sense of summer in Austin.

A Culinary Haven for Everyone "We focus on being the go-to place in distinct neighborhoods in Austin, offering various ways to eat here," Reed began. The restaurant emphasizes diversity in its menu, catering to various dietary preferences. "We have many entree salad options, vegetarian and gluten-free dishes, and small plates. You can eat here 100 different ways. You can split some appetizers or go all out with our feature entrees, which I think rival some of the best restaurants in town."

"We've always had a strong focus on wines, many from Europe -- lots of French, Italian, and Spanish options as well as California and Oregon selections." The unique wine flights include wines that offer a diverse tasting experience and "change all the time, providing first-time knowledge of different regions." The new location has a full bar offering an extensive collection of curated cocktails.

That variety is an attempt to capture the spectrum of the residents as well as the changes taking place in Northwest Hills. The new space thoughtfully separates the bar and dining areas, catering to both families and adults. "Upon entering, you turn right for the bar area and left for dining and families," Reed elaborated. This intentional layout ensures a pleasant experience for all, maintaining an atmosphere that accommodates both adults seeking a sophisticated evening out and new families moving into the area, including Reed's daughter, son-in-law, and new grandbaby.

A Bright Future With its blend of culinary excellence, thoughtful design, and strong community focus, the new restaurant is poised for continued success. "We wanted a place where people can gather, enjoy great food and wine, and feel at home. It's exciting to see our vision come to life." The partners' passion for staying current with culinary and design trends will ensure the restaurant remains a vibrant part of the community. "We all travel a lot, bringing back food ideas and other inspiration. It's fun to create a space that feels like a 2024 restaurant, using the latest technology and design elements." The Northwest Hills location includes favorite Grove traditions: a happy hour and weekday specials, as well as brunch.

If Oak Wilt Should Strike, Funds Available

By NWACA
Tree, Environment, and Wildlife Committee

Throughout the years, we've provided guidance on how and when to trim oak trees in our neighborhood. We hope the information has been helpful and that your oak trees are thriving.

If, however, oak wilt does strike your trees or those of your neighbors, containing the disease is urgent and extremely important. If you suspect oak wilt, contact an oak wilt certified arborist to examine your tree and make recommendations for next steps. Go to www.treesaregood.org/findanarborist where you can search for an arborist by using several different options.

The arborist might recommend one or more of the following techniques to contain oak wilt:

- Trenching
-This involves digging a trench to bedrock, a major neighborhood project that can cost as much as \$100,000.
- Infected Tree Injection (like a shot or IV for your tree)
-Contract only with a Texas Oak Wilt Certified Arborist
-Recommend "macro injection" which introduces a high volume of water and chemicals into the tree's vascular system so it can be spread through the entire canopy and into new growth.

- Infected Tree Removal
-Contract with a Certified Arborist or Board-Certified Master Arborist
-Remove red oaks quickly to prevent fungal mat risk (Austin City Ordinance)

NWACA can provide financial assistance to property owners dealing with oak wilt. Over the years, members have made generous donations to fund efforts to suppress the disease in our neighborhoods. With these funds, NWACA can reimburse a homeowner's expenses up to a maximum of \$2,000. NWACA policy requires that a property owner obtain an assessment of oak wilt infection, or risk of infection in healthy oaks, from an arborist certified by the American Society of Arboriculture. (See link provided above.)

Along with the assessment, the arborist must provide an oak wilt suppression plan specifying either therapeutic treatment for infected trees or preventive treatment for at-risk healthy oaks near infected oaks. The NWACA Board of Directors will engage an independent second qualified arborist to examine the tree(s) at NWACA expense. The NWACA Board must consider and act on an oak wilt suppression plan in advance of a property owner's commitment of any expenditure for which reimbursement is requested. For more information send email to info@nwaca.org

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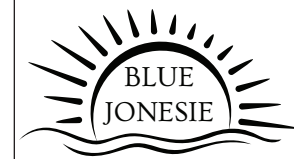
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These events are as planned as of July 25. As you consider participating in one of the events listed, please check first with the organizer.

August 10, 2-4 PM

Paper and Computer Disk Shredding

For NWACA Members only – can join or renew on site

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

8134 Mesa Drive Parking Lot

August 17, 8 AM to 11 AM

Monthly cleanup at Bull Creek District Park

Sign up at <https://www.givepulse.com/event/dates/429602>

August 20, 7 PM

Parks Committee – virtual

August 21, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

NWACA Board Meeting – Dell Jewish Community Center

Fridel Board Room

August 25

Deadline to sign up as a host for a

NWACA Neighborhood National Night Out Party

August 27, 5 PM

NWACA Zoning and Transportation Committees – virtual

September 1

Registration opens for October 5th Neighborhood Garage Sales

(for NWACA Members)

September 15, afternoon or evening

NWACA Neighborhood National Night Out Parties

Throughout the neighborhood

September 17, 7 PM

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September 24, 5 PM

NWACA Zoning and Transportation Committees – virtual

September 30

Registration Closes for October 5th Neighborhood Garage Sales

September 30

Applications due for Special Projects Funding

NWACA Annual Shredding Event

By MAE LEVITAN
NORTHWEST AUSTIN CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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

On Saturday, August 10th, from 2-4 pm in the Mesa Drive parking lot at St Matthew's Episcopal Church, NWACA will host its annual shredding event. Bring paper or computer hard drives you no longer want. Along with paper, during the event the truck can shred paper clips, binder clips, hanging file folders, CDs, floppy disks, and hard plastics like credit cards. Hard drives will be taken to a safe disposal area. No more clutter for you!



The provider of the shredding service tells us that all the shredded paper will be recycled, a bonus for the environment. Like our other special recycling events, this is for NWACA members only. So... if your membership isn't current, you can take care of that before the event or you can join or renew at the event.

Plan for National Night Out - September 15

By NWACA Board

If you haven't yet heard about it, maybe someone on your block needs to volunteer to host the party, and that could be you!

This year, NWACA will have a grand de-centralized multi-block party throughout the NWACA area for National Night Out, and we are seeking volunteers to host individual parties for their blocks. Block parties are the perfect way to foster community spirit, whether you live in a single-family home, townhouse, or apartment.

NWACA will provide an easy-to-follow event guide to each volunteer organizer. It includes instructions on "How to or-

ganize a Block Party," ideas to provide fun for children, other helpful information, and useful forms – all in one place for your reference. In addition, NWACA will provide financial assistance to the first 50 volunteers to register.

Millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories, and military bases worldwide (Note: while this year Texas has an official NNO date of October 1st, NWACA has selected September 15 to avoid many major event conflicts in Austin.) Please join us. Register your block party today by contacting Carol Dochen at CarolBDochen@gmail.com. Let's make our neighborhood safer, friendlier, and more connected.

Essential Apps and Locations for Recycling

By MERRIESSA ANTON
Northwest Austin Civic Association

[Austinrecycles.com/myschedule](https://austinrecycles.com/myschedule)

You can find city of Austin garbage and recycling schedules for your specific address. On this app you can determine if this is your week for recycling or if your pickup day has been moved because of a holiday. It is easy to find your next Large Brush collection date and your Household Items pick up date as well. Also note that at the bottom of the app, you can find the helpful "What do I do with" category.

[Austin311.com](https://austin311.com)

This app gives you web access to Austin city services and a way to report outages, graffiti or noise complaints, street light outages, street and sidewalk obstruction, and other problems you might be having at your house or in your neighborhood.

Locations for Recycling

If it's time to get rid of some of your "treasures," you might check the following locations to donate and upcycle. (Upcycling is a way to recycle something, resulting in a product that

is worth more.)

- **Austin Creative Reuse** austincreativereuse.org 2005 Wheless, 78723
Located in the Windsor Park neighborhood of east Austin, they sell at an affordable price gently used creative materials donated by individuals and businesses.
- **Habitat ReStore** austinhabitat.org/restore 500 W. Ben White Blvd. 78704 and at 13804 N. US 183, 78750 In these discount home improvement stores and donation centers, you can find furniture, flooring, appliances, cabinets, doors, lighting, windows and home decor. Donations of household items are always welcome.
- **ReCycled Reads** austintexas.org/listings/recycled-reads-bookstore 5335 Burnet Road, 78756
A part of the Austin Public Library system, this bookstore sells all of Austin Public Library's weeded material as well as used books, games, records, puzzles, CD's and more, donated by the public. They sell most of their items at \$2 and under.
- **Heartening** www.heartening.org Donation Sorting Room is at 5555 N. Lamar Blvd, Suite C110, 78751 This web site helps you find where to donate specific items in Austin.

August Happenings at Austin Public Libraries

By MARTHA MILLER

The staff members from the Old Quarry Branch are busy working at other libraries across the city. We miss our regular customers! We look forward to seeing you all when we return to the Old Quarry Branch. While we are closed, please enjoy some programming at our other locations!

August 16: All library locations will be closed for staff development day. View events at all Austin Public Library locations at: library.austintexas.gov/events

The Austin Public Library's Summer Reading program: library.austintexas.gov/summer ends August 10, which is the last day to submit reading logs and get your prize!

Events at nearby locations:

Thursday, August 1 - Stitchin' Critters (North Village Branch 2-3:30pm) Sewing Central Texas Animals: Take home your very own Central Texas critter - after you hand-sew it, of course! Ages 9-12
Friday, August 2 - Sound Journey Meditation with Lux Solaris (Spicewood Springs Branch 2-3:30pm) Join Josephine as she plays unique and specialized instruments to promote mental, emotional, and physical restoration. You are welcome to sit (chair or floor) or lie down. Please bring items that will help you to be as comfortable as possible -- yoga mat, pillows for under head and/or knees, blanket, etc. We will have a few extra mats for those who may need them.

Wednesday, August 7 - Talk time (Yarbrough Branch 6:30-7:30pm) Improve your English conversation. ¡Mejore su conversación en inglés! The program is open to any adult who speaks some English and wants an informal and safe place to practice with others.

Wednesdays - Gentle Yoga and Soundbath Meditation (Howson Branch 4-5:30pm) Join the Howson Branch for weekly gentle yoga and sound bath meditation open to all fitness levels. Adults (18+) only.

Thursday, August 8 - Tech Savvy Seniors (North Village Branch 2-4pm) - Stop by the library to get some tips on using our online resources like Libby and Hoopla!

Thursday, August 8 - Yoga with Tracy (Spicewood Springs Branch 9-10am) Join us at the Spicewood Springs Branch for Flow Yoga with Tracy. Please bring a thin yoga mat if you have one and wear comfortable clothes. The library will have a few mats to share. Ages 18 and up

Tuesday, August 20 - Café au Lit Book Club (North Village Branch 6-7:30pm) Join fellow Book Lovers for coffee and conversation about the books you're already reading and learn about others you should add to your TBR list. Ages 18 and up

Thursday, August 22 - Howson Book Club (Howson Branch, 6:30 - 7:45pm) This month's selection is Tom Lake by Ann Patchett. Ages 18 and up
Friday, August 23 - Adult Morning Social (Yarbrough Branch 10am - 12pm) Join neighbors and make new friends at this casual social.

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2024 Varsity



2024 JV

Anderson Trojan Boys Lacrosse 2024 Season Recap

Coach Brian Donovan led the varsity Anderson Trojan boys lacrosse team to a 7-11 season record. The 2024 team became a 2024 Texas High School Lacrosse League (THSL) Super Regional Finalist.

Class of 2024: #13 Varsity Eli Marlowe has played for Trojans Lacrosse for 10 years, is a two year varsity captain and will be attending Indiana University in the fall semester. #26 Luke Heatley began playing as a junior and has been a great addition to the Trojan lacrosse team he will be attending University of Texas in Dallas this fall semester.

Anderson JV Coach Artie Schweitzer led the 2024 team to a 13-4 season record.

Varsity Roster	
Landen Fazio	Calvin MacDougal
Luke Heatley	Cal Meroney
Hudson Case	Levi Cukierman
Mark Heatley	Reese McDavid
Alexander Morgan	River Anderson
Hank Holland	Sebastian Marlowe
Jack Charrier	Hugh Hakes
Wilson Adkins	Wright Clements
Eli Marlowe	Brian Donovan,
David Lopez	Head Coach
Alex Longoria	Kit McConnico,
Rhys Jowers	Carter Casselberry,
Trey Leach	Assistant Coaches
Dylan Garner	

JV Roster	
Artie Schweitzer	Jack Levy
Dylan Garner	Jack Caffrey
Isaac Golden	Elias Oeser
Hugh Hakes	Ryder Cargill
Reese McDavid	Reed Alexander
Everett Mabry	Hud Wilson
Noah Mishoe	Wright Clements
Carlos Villaloslada	Griffin Nebrat
Chumillas	Artie Schweitzer,
Sawyer Longbine	Head Coach
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Sebastian Marlowe	Assistant Coaches



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H HENDRICKSON 10/11	CC CEDAR CREEK 10/18	H HAYS 10/25	L LOCKHART 11/1	W WEISS 11/8

ANDERSON TROJANS FOOTBALL

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Coach Hatcher shared that the tournament built confidence.

“Our boys are starting to see that they can compete with anyone on any level, which is very big going into next season with confidence,” Hatcher said. “They can go out and compete at a high level and make a run for a playoff spot.”

He added that the Trojan defense played great, giving the ball back to the offense who moved the ball and scored points both days of the tournament June 27-29.

The experience the Trojans gained is valuable.

“The boys learned how to communicate really well. They were more about fixing problems on the field than they were complaining about someone giving up a player dropping a ball,” Hatcher said. “Positive energy out of everything was just fun to watch. We had so many people from the community out there to watch our boys. It was just a great experience for our community overall to see Anderson go deep into a big tournament like this.”

Looking ahead with the move down to class 5A Division I, Anderson will play both College Station high schools, Hendrickson and Pflugerville’s Weiss as well as Buda Hays, Lockhart, Kyle Lehman and Bastrop Cedar Creek in District 5A-12.



ANDERSON

TROJANS FOOTBALL

0 DEAN KRENEK	15 ZAYDEN SHARP
1 TRISTAN WAIDELICH	16 JAKE LAIBO
2 GRAYSON LAKE	17 DT CAMPBELL
3 MAX GERLICH	18 ED SMALL
4 COLIN HAINES	20 BEN HATCHER
5 LIAM McMILLAN	21 JAY FULLMER
6 NOAH SALDIVAR	22 WAYLAN HARDEMAN
7 PIERCE MILLER	23 DOMINIC MAYS
10 ALEX LONGORIA	24 ZAC POE
11 MASON RANDOLPH	27 ALAN SU
12 COEN DINHOBLE	34 HODGES SMITH
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