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NORTHWEST AUSTIN CIVIC ASSOCIATION

2026 Annual Neighborhood Meeting
March 25, 2026

Agenda



- 6:30 Joyce Statz – NWACA President
 - Meeting Format and Focus, NWACA overview
- 6:40 Marc Duchon, D10 Councilmember
- 6:55 Julie Brown, Old Quarry Library
- 7:05 Patrick Chaiken, APR Land Management
- 7:15 Greg Bondy, NWACA Wildfire Prevention
- 7:20 Kevin Kott, NWACA Crime and Safety
- 7:25 Joyce Statz
 - Highlights at the tables

NWACA Board 2024-2026



- Bart Arnold
- Christopher Bove
- Vicki DeWeese
- Carol Dochen
- Jonathan Friedman
- Mike Harreld
- Megan Helmbrecht
- Kevin Kott
- Naresh Kumar
- Mae Levitan
- Ben Luckens
- Jerry Mankovsky
- Teri Schock
- Joyce Statz
- Lori Steinberg
- Julie Waidelich
- Emmy Ward (student)
- Dana Winer

NWACA Events in 2026



- Recycling (for NWACA members)
 - Batteries, Oil, Paint, Antifreeze, Styrofoam® - May 2, 10 am-noon (new time)
 - Paper and Computer Disk Shredding – (plan) August 15, 2-4 p.m.
 - Batteries, Electronics, Styrofoam® – (plan) October 17, noon to 2 p.m.
- Mick Koffend Earth Day Festival – April 19, 2-4 p.m. (Hill Elementary)
- Neighborhood Spring and Fall Block Parties
- Murchison Pool Opening – Ice Cream Treats – June 6 (plan)
- 4th of July – Parade and Freedom Fest – 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Neighborhood-wide Garage Sales – September 26, 8 a.m. to noon
- Halloween Yard Decorating Contest – judging mid-October
- Holiday Yard Decorating Contest – judging mid-December
- Park and Trail cleanups throughout the year on 2nd, 3rd Saturdays
- *And more to come!*

Special Project Funding



- Funds available for projects benefitting NWACA
 - Applications due March 15, September 15
 - Board reviews/decides in subsequent Board meeting
- Recently funded
 - Styrofoam® recycling container in Anderson High parking lot – want to help transport contents to ARR?
 - Picnic table at base of Allen Park, installed 3/7/26
- Two new proposals coming to the Board in April
- Consider applying for the September cycle

NWACA Communications



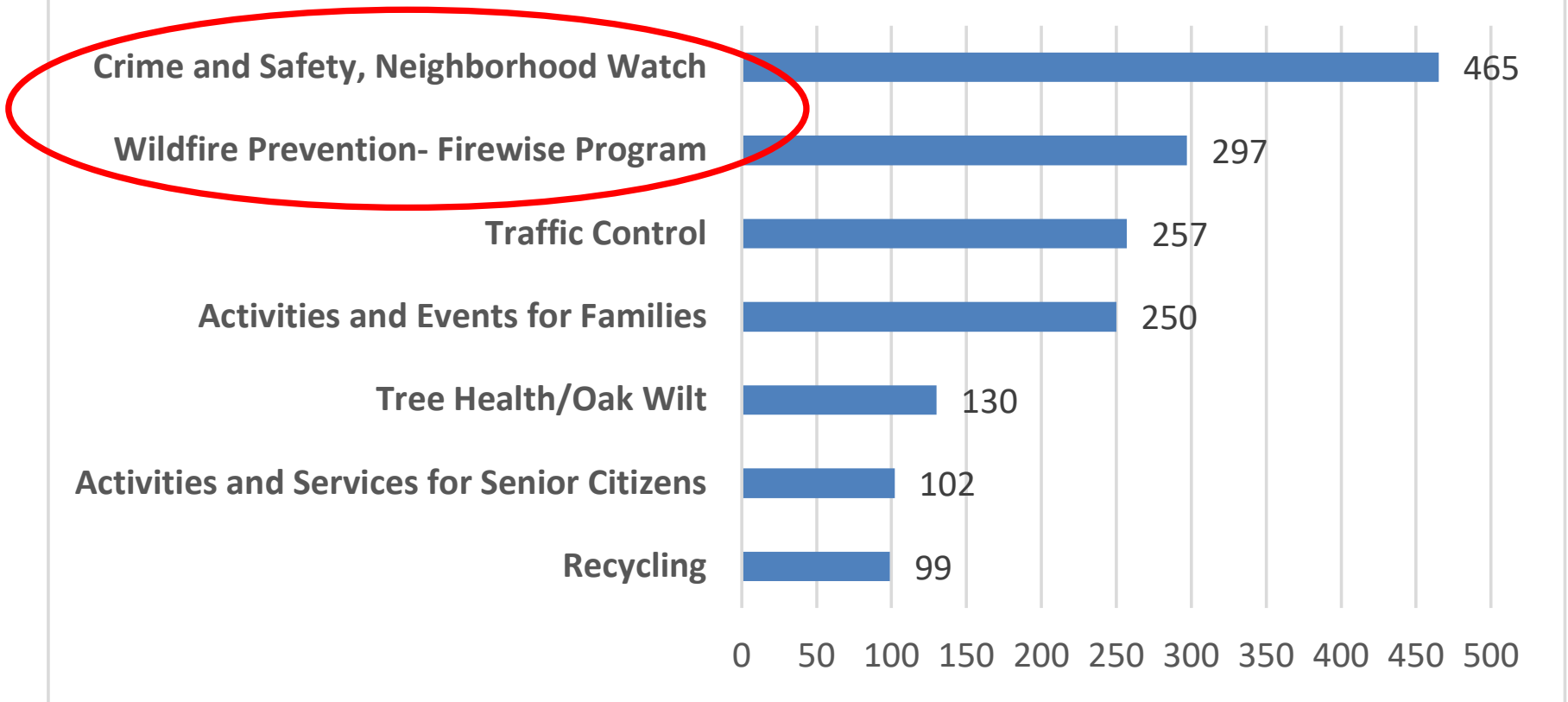
- Continuing to inform you via our media
 - Monthly print newspaper via US mail
 - Weekly NWACA Notes email for members of NWACA
 - Facebook group for members of NWACA
 - www.nwaca.org web site for current notices and an archive of information
- Annual survey of neighborhood interest
 - Full report on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

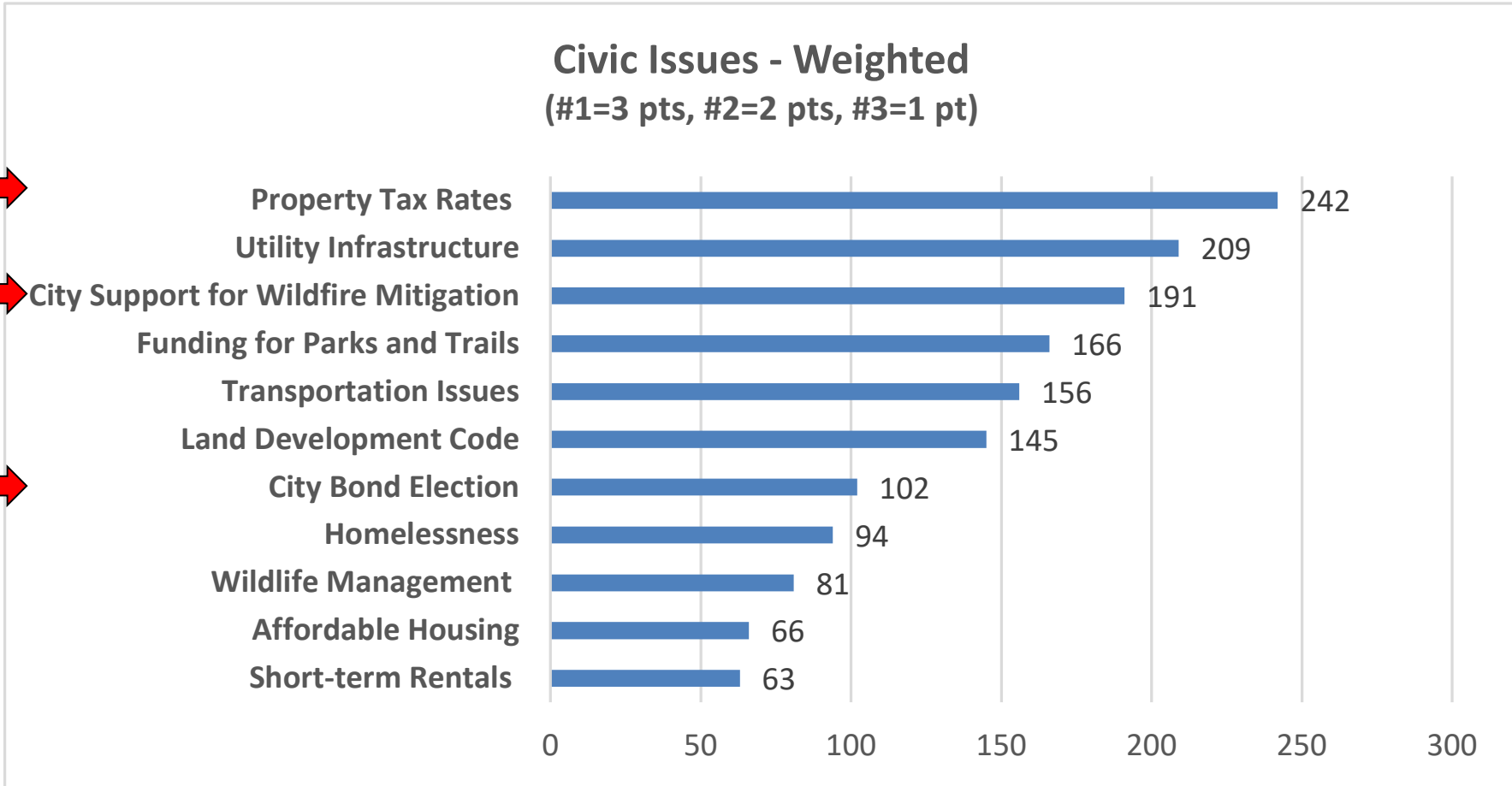


To be addressed by NWACA speakers

Civic Issues for NWACA Board to Inform and Advocate



Civic Issues - Weighted
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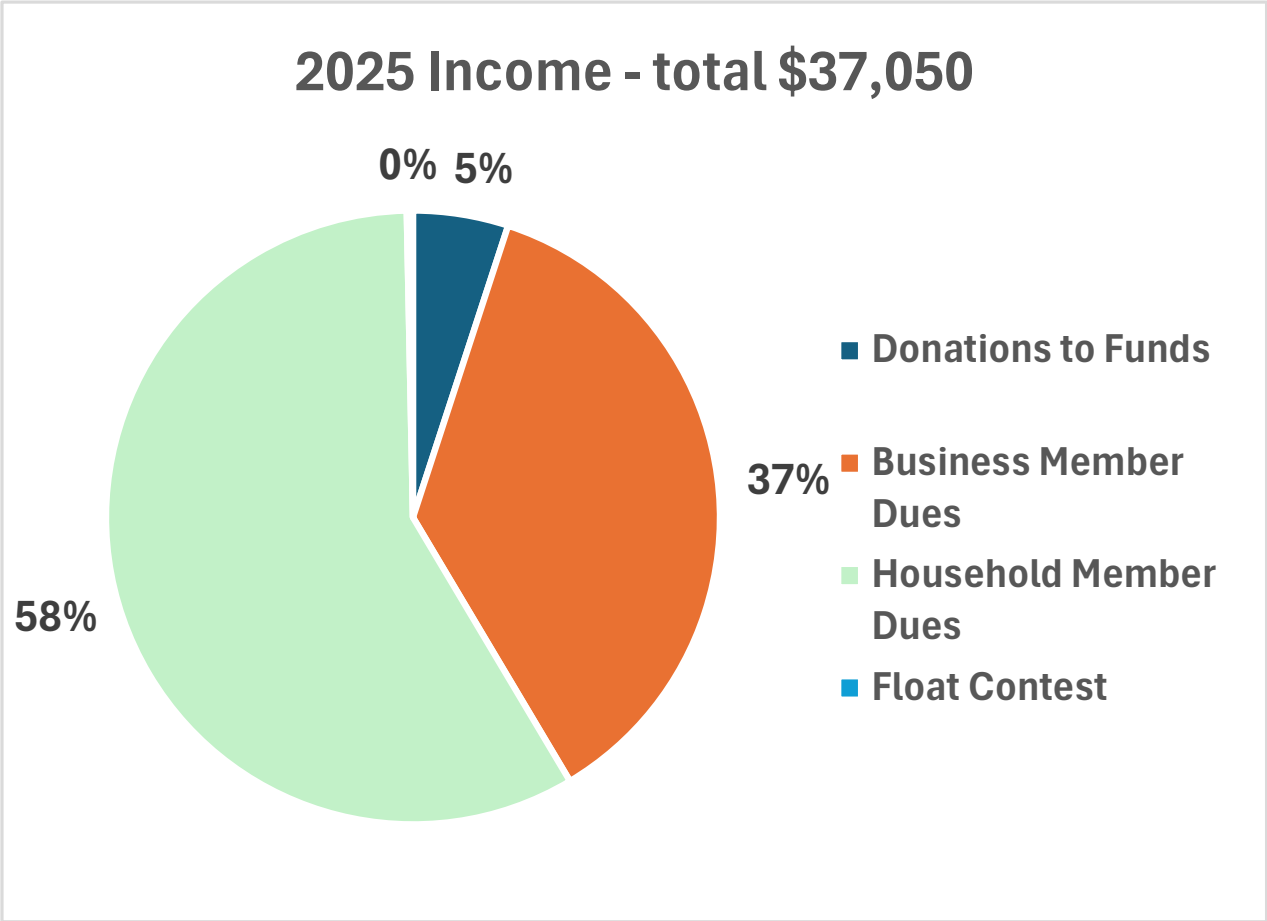


 To be addressed by CM Mark Duchon

NWACA Income - 2025



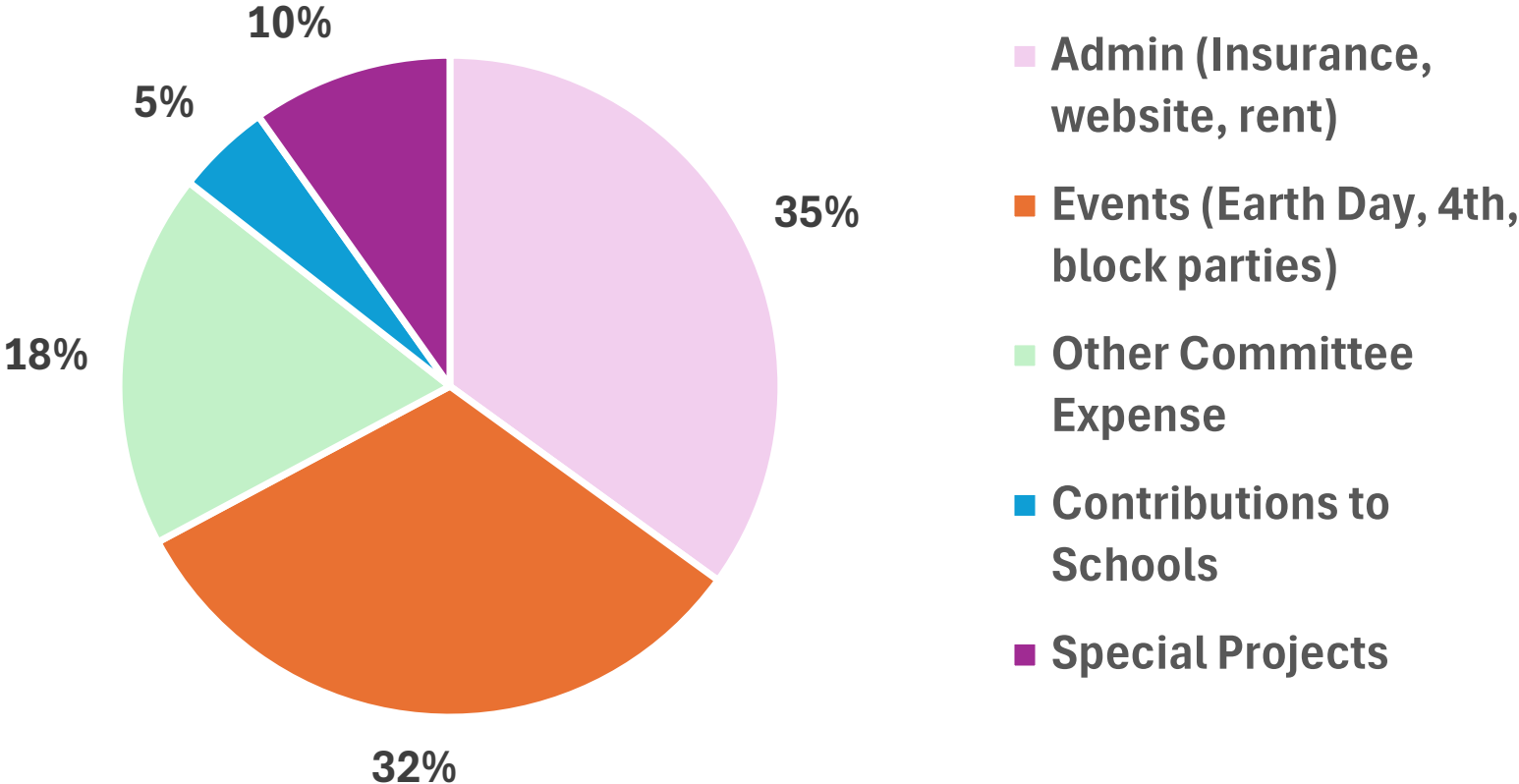
- Survey respondents asked how funds are spent



NWACA Expenses - 2025



2025 Expenses - total \$37,790



More Details on NWACA Coming



- But first, we will hear from
 - Councilmember Marc Duchon
 - Old Quarry Library Manager Julie Brown
 - Austin Parks and Recreation Conservation Program Coordinator Patrick Chaiken
 - Greg Bondy, NWACA Wildfire Committee
 - Kevin Kott, NWACA Crime and Safety Committee
- They will also be at the relevant tables after the presentations – I'll give you specifics later.

Marc Duchen— D10 Councilmember



- Elected November 2024
- We appreciate the regular listening sessions in D10
- We suggested he address
 - Wildfire concerns
 - Upcoming bond election
 - Proposed zoning changes for missing middle
 - Other items he considers key

Julie Brown, Old Quarry Library



- Austin Public Library
 - Reference librarian for adult services more than a decade
 - Manager, Old Quarry and Yarborough branches since 2023
- Enjoys connecting people to resources, meditative acts of sorting and shelving



Patrick Chaiken, Austin Parks and Recreation – Land Mgt



- Conservation Program Coordinator
- Vegetation management operations
- Prescribed burn team
- Community involvement in ecological restoration and vegetation monitoring
- Sec'y – Texas Society for Ecological Restoration



Greg Bondy, NWACA Wildfire

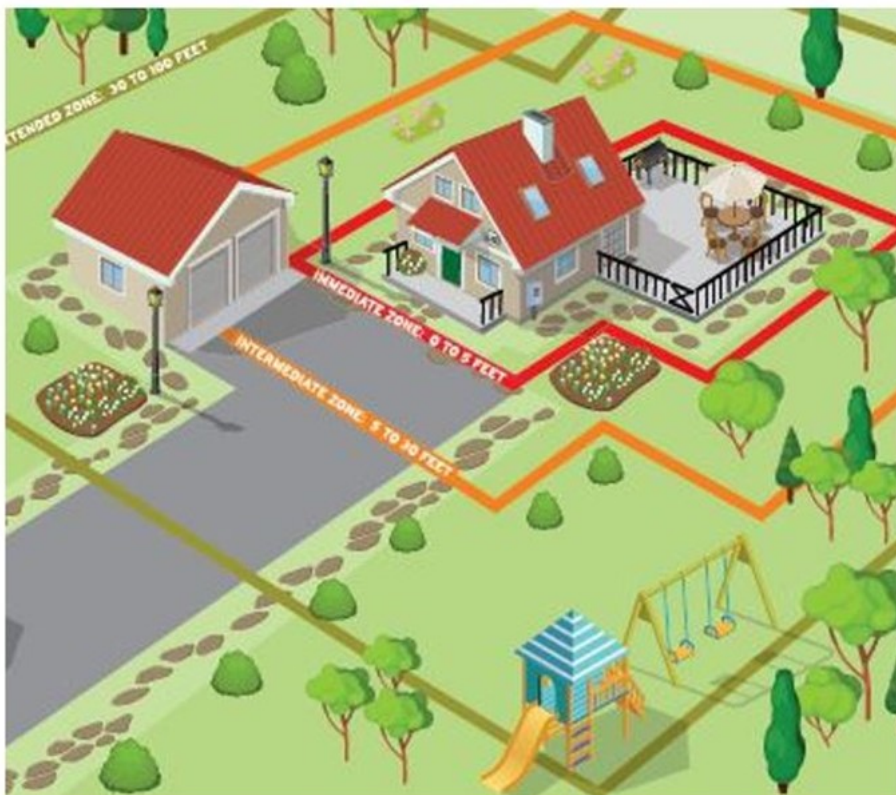


- Founding member of NWACA Firewise committee in 2013
- Certified Wildfire Risk Evaluator
- Author and evangelist for Wildfire Risk Mitigation

Our Mission: Wildfire Risk Mitigation



Identify Ember intrusion and eliminate combustible material



**Ember Ignition Zone:
0 to 5 feet from home**

**Intermediate Area:
5 to 30 feet from home**

**Defensible Space:
30 to 100 feet from home**

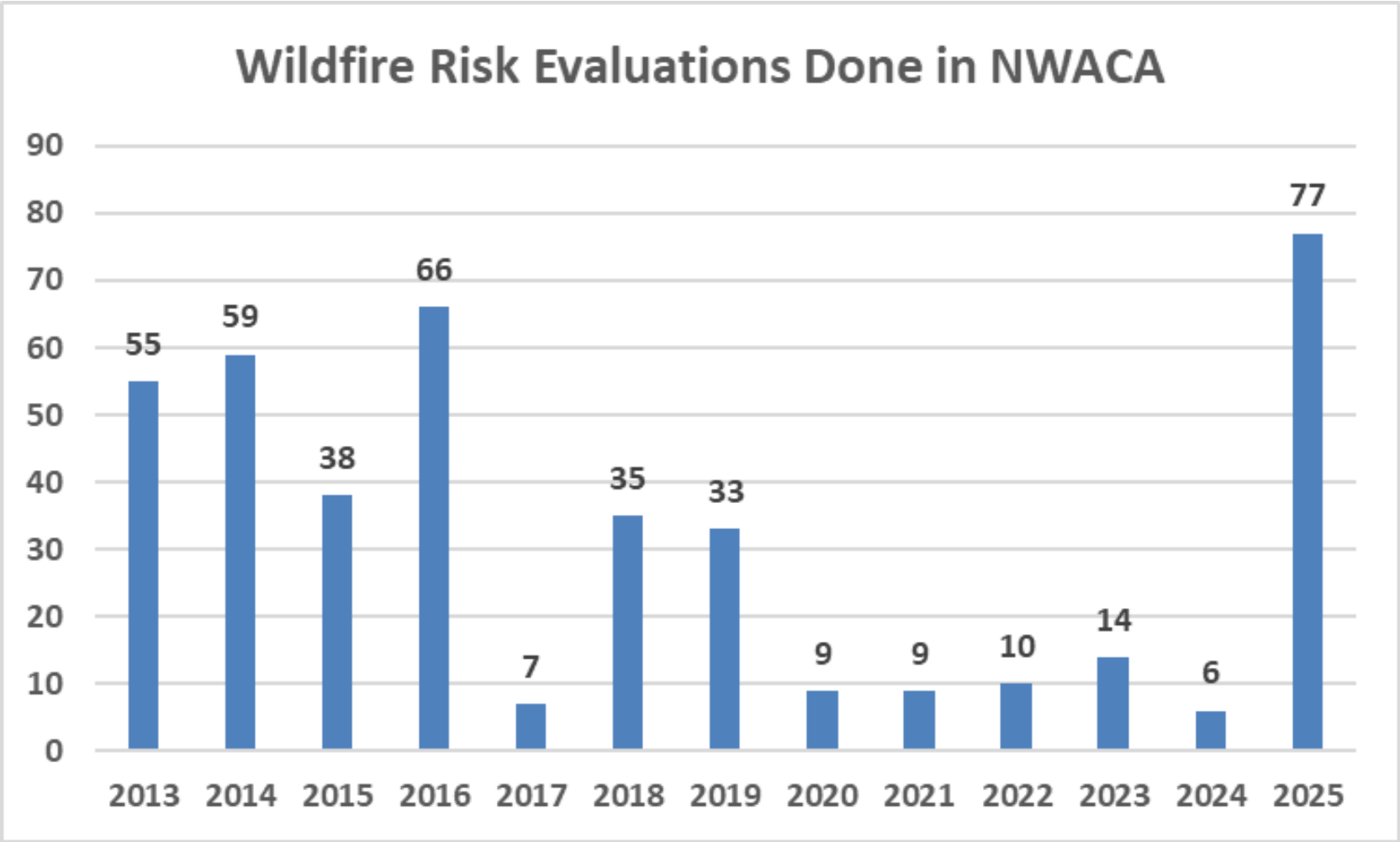
Regular maintenance needed in all areas.

Busy 2025 For Wildfire Committee



- Performed 77 home Wildfire Risk Evaluations!
- Participated in wildfire fuels removal in Great Hills Park
- Provided presentations to HOAs
 - Marbry's Ridge
 - North Cat Villas
- Published 4 articles for the NWACA Newsletter
 - Shaded Fuel Breaks
 - Weather Whiplash
 - Wooden Fences Wildfires Accomplice
 - Wildfire Risk Affects Building Code
- Stakeholders in the Austin Area Firewise Alliance
- Provide input to the Austin/Travis County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)

Record Wildfire Risk Evaluations

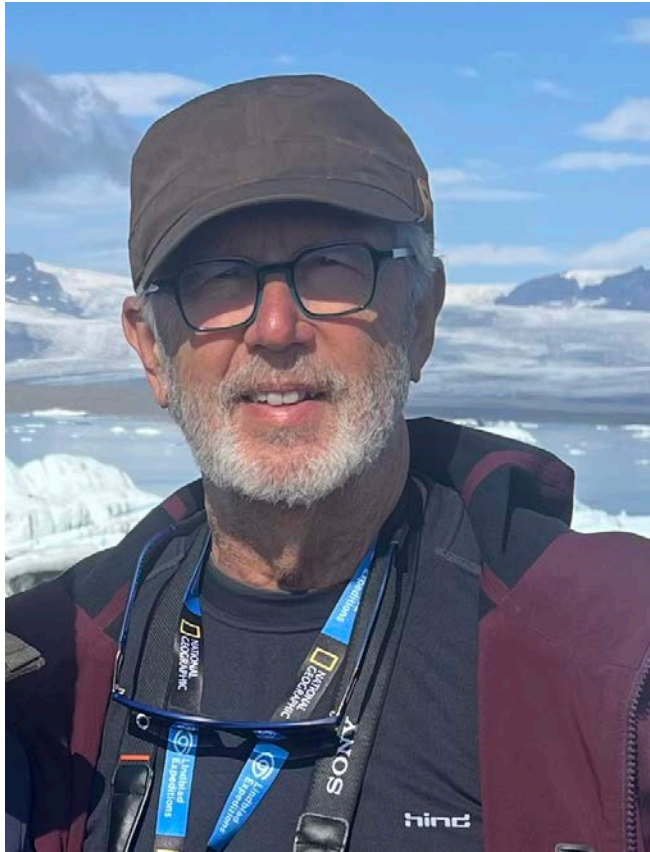


Wildfire Mitigation Taskforce



- New emphasis starting in 2026
- Identifying projects within NWACA to reduce wildfire risk through fuel mitigation
- \$19,000 repurposed from Oak Wilt fund to finance these efforts
- Partnering with Austin Parks Department to address removing fuel from public lands
- Working with homeowner groups to organize volunteer events on large tracts of private lands

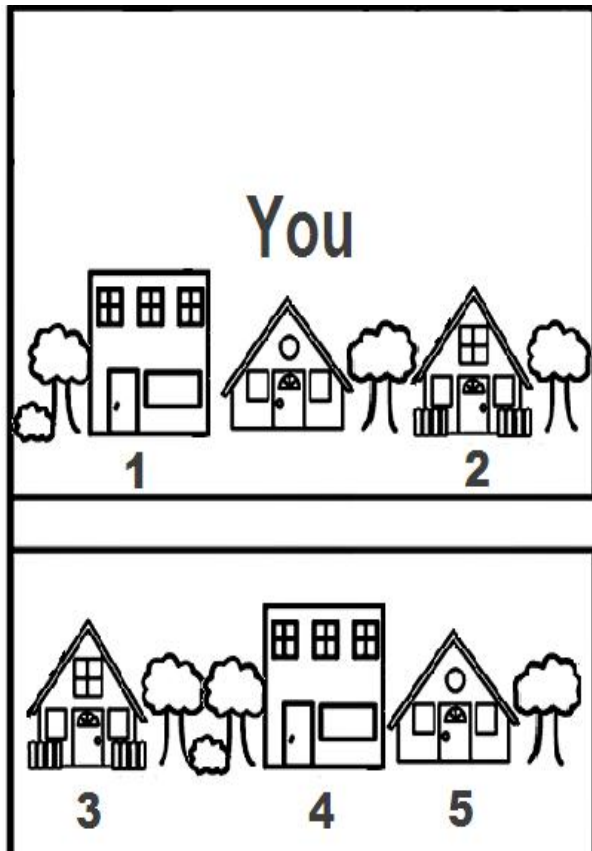
Kevin Kott, NWACA Crime and Safety Committee Co-Chair



Kevin Co-chairs with Teri Schock

- Main Activities
 - Set up and coordinate neighborhood watch groups
 - Coordinate block parties
 - Provide safety and crime prevention tips to residents
 - Seek ways to improve safety

Neighborhood Watch



- Be watchful and aware
- Encourage knowing your neighbors (cars, kids, pets, etc.)
- Develop positive esprit de corps
- Block Captain maintains contact list for the entire block
- Residents establish call list for closest neighbors (eg “Your FIVE”)
- Call 911 or 311 as appropriate

Block Parties

- Origin - National Night Out
- Variations (started in 2023)
 - Flexible independent scheduling in Spring and Fall
 - NWACA provides financial support



New Projects in Development



- Incentives to residents to provide motion-activated driveway lighting to discourage car break-ins

- Provide 3rd party patrolling
 - Need to develop a funding plan
 - Higher levels of membership ?
 - Surcharges ?

Next: Visit the Tables



- Business Members
- Civic Entities Tables
 - Age Friendly Austin
 - Austin Resource Recovery
 - Austin Water, Wildland Conservation
 - Code Compliance
 - 183 North Mobility Project
 - Spicewood Springs Road Improvement Project
- Old Quarry Library

Civic Engagement Committee



- Talk with Councilmember Marc Duchen and his staff
- Meet Jocelyn Tau, District Director, Office of Congressman Lloyd Doggett
- Talk with Committee members about what they do

Transportation Committee Table



- Yard signs for Vision Zero
- Vision Zero handout



- Visit with Austin Transportation and Public Works Department representatives
 - Your concerns about sidewalks and street?
 - What's planned for Mesa Drive?
 - Hart Lane/Spicewood Springs Road intersection?

Wildfire Prevention Committee



- Pick up brochures on being Firewise
- Visit with AFD Wildfire Division representatives
- See Greg Bondy, if you'd like to have a presentation for your HOA or street
- See Steve Kline or Jerry Levenson 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 harden your home

Crime and Safety Committee



- Get information about Neighborhood Watch
- Learn about National Night Out Block Parties
- Talk with Kevin about patrolling and other possibilities

- Visit with Travis County Pct 2 Officer DeLeon

Parks Committee



- Learn about all the parks and trails in this area
 - See a map of where they are
 - Pick up a description
- Learn about regular trail and parks work
 - Allen Park, Bull Creek District Park
 - Shinoak Valley Greenbelt, Steck Valley Greenbelt
- Talk with Matt McCaw and Patrick Chaiken from Austin Parks and Recreation about land management and wildfire mitigation

And More Committees



- Events Committee
 - Earth Day is coming soon
 - 4th of July – this year is special!
- Tree, Wildlife, and Environment Committee – info on oak wilt, recycling events
- Zoning Committee
 - Ask about projects under discussion and planning
 - 3525 Far West (old Frost Bank property) – mixed use development
 - Old Luby's project on Steck Avenue

Thank you for coming!

- See you again soon!
 - Mick Koffend Earth Day Festival – April 19
 - Spring BOPA Recycling – May 2
 - Murchison Pool – summer opening
 - 4th of July
 - Shred event August
 - Neighborhood garage sales September
 - Electronics recycling October

