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## WCNA Annual General Meeting

The WCNA board voted last year to move the date for the general meeting to as near as possible to the first of the year to align it with the membership year, hoping to reduce competition with other activities popular with members later in the year. Thus the General Meeting for 2019 was held on 29 January at St. Mark UMC.

The primary purpose for the meeting is the business of the association; namely election of board members and review to the membership of activities from the previous year. We also generally invite speakers from city, county, school or state agencies to make presentations on subjects of interest to residents, and this year was no exception. In order to spare invited speakers from sitting in on association business, they usually are scheduled first on the agenda.

Attendance was well over 40 people, making it a little greater than typical in recent years.

**The speaker for this meeting was April Rose**, who is the Environmental Program Coordinator for the City of Austin's Urban Forestry Program. April was intimately involved with establishing a new project under the Forestry Program whereby local areas – generally neighborhood-oriented - will be surveyed in detail to determine the composition and health of the forests contained therein. Because of our long and ongoing experience with Oak Wilt and persistent dialogue with and requests for inspection by Forestry - and also our relatively mature forest - Walnut Creek Neighborhood was chosen for the initial Project survey. Also, our 46% tree canopy ranks near the top in the Austin area.

April presented the results of the survey in a little over an hour, with percentages of each type of tree found in the neighborhood and the importance of each species and all species together. She patiently answered many questions and also invoked questions from us about specific problems and observations.

Interspersed with April's talk was a brief exposition on fire risk in urban forests by Louise Liller, who is the Fire Adapted Communities Program Manager in the Wildfire Division of the Austin Fire Department. Factors which increase and decrease the risk of urban wildfire were presented, with emphasis on what we can do.

April has been very responsive to communication via email and phone with us, and is willing to help with issues that may involve other personnel at the department; i.e., she is an outstanding resource. This was a well-done and well-received address. More detail from the presentation and the two documents about our neighborhood are discussed elsewhere in this newsletter, including links to these documents.

**After the Urban Forest presentation** and with the president at a meeting of the Platting and Zoning (P&Z) Commission, Vice President Theresa Jones commenced the business meeting with a call to order, and began the process of nomination and election of board members for the next two years. All serving members had been re-elected in 2018 and so were not up for re-election. Eubank Acres resident Colin Haymes, who also was at the P&Z meeting, had expressed his willingness to serve on the board via email. Oak Ridge resident Sara Breuer expressed her interest in re-joining the board - she had served in previous years - and Eubank Acres resident Meg Seidel, who has been in the neighborhood since 2017, also volunteered to serve. All three subsequently were nominated, with each elected by voice vote. The board for 2019, with contact information for each is shown on page six below. This is the first time all slots on the board of WCNA will be filled since formation in 1975!

Activities of the Association over the previous year were discussed, including some of the zoning case which arose. Two unusual cases involve requests for subdivision of existing lots, one of which was withdrawn after a short period. The other involved a lot at 11603 Tedford, owned by Kazi Fayez Shareef and Kaamileh Hamid of 11601 Tedford. To qualify for subdivision the lots produced thereby must each meet the size required by the city of 10,000 square feet, and 11603 does. The second lot in this case would be directly behind the lot fronting on Tedford, which would require



One of a few Durand Oaks in Walnut Creek Neighborhood. This species is resistant to Oak Wilt, so is a good candidate for propagating using "volunteer seedlings"

an easement for ingress/egress to the back lot, sufficient for emergency vehicles. This easement – called a “flagpole” – would be the first such in the neighborhood. The precedent this would represent produced opposition from the immediate neighbors and lead to opposition by the board of WCNA. This issue was the purpose for the president attending the meeting at P&Z. The issue is still pending, with the vote at the meeting having gone against allowing the subdivision.

A list of the activities of WCNA was shown, with a financial summary for CY2018. A more complete list is shown to the right without the financial summary (which is just as well since the one shown contained serious errors). The corrected financial summary for 2018 shows expenses exceeding income by \$475, with 121 dues-paying members.

This financial picture indicates the need to increase membership, and actions to do this are underway. Other possibilities are to increase dues and/or decrease costs. Publishing and distributing this newsletter is the most expensive activity, limiting funds for other things WCNA does or would like to do. You can expect surveys on social media on your thoughts about this.

### **What Your WCNA is Doing For You**

- Monitor any activity involving zoning changes or variances, business or residential
- Decide on neighborhood response via Board vote
  - Respond to requested changes at city commissions and City Council
- Maintain neighborhood communication, including:
  - Maintain the neighborhood website, WCNAnews.com
  - Maintain social media sites:
    - Nextdoor ( <http://goo.gl/UbLiAu> ),
    - Facebook ( <http://goo.gl/4G41rS> ), and
    - Yahoo ( <http://goo.gl/vU5wiL> ).
- Publish the neighborhood newsletter
  - Distributed to every home in Walnut Creek Neighborhood and online.
  - The most expensive activity of the association
- Sponsor/co-sponsor events:
  - Annual Meeting
  - 4th of July parade and potluck picnic (Kay and Joel Klumpp)
  - Neighborhood Garage Sale
  - National Night Out (consider moving to weekend)
  - Christmas Caroling Hayride
- Plan and conduct Walnut Bluffs Park and neighborhood perimeter cleanup events, in coordination with the city as needed (Parks and Recreation).
- Monitor Oak Wilt in the neighborhood in conjunction with the city Forestry
- Search for new neighborhood beautification and facility development opportunities
- Walnut Creek Cat Coalition

**Wonder how long you're likely to live?** If you'd like to know the statistics for your area you can check using the interactive map at <https://www.texashealthmaps.com/lflex>, generated by the University of Texas through the Texas Health Journal. Life expectancy is shown by location, race and gender.

Click on the “continue to explore” button and you'll see three maps of Texas counties color-coded by “expected lifetimes” in years. The top one is a composite of all demographics, the bottom two divide the populations by gender. The top right controls let you choose by ethnicity. The big “button” on the left side lets you choose either a county or zip code: just type over the words in the box and click on the magnifying glass or “return”.

The overall expected life span in years: Texas=78.5; Travis=82 years; 78753=80.3 compared to 78.5 for 78758(!). Statistics are further broken down by gender (tabs over the results) and ethnicity (menu at top right).

## **Timing Your Real Estate Deal: 2019 1st Quarter News**

By Jill Leberknight, Walnut Creek Real Estate Expert



From [www.Twinkl.com](http://www.Twinkl.com) (UK)

2019 is underway and the latest news from the Austin Board of Realtors highlights “slower growth in Austin’s median home price and sales.” I think this underscores the “normalizing of the market” that I pointed out in my last article. The end of January market review remained relatively flat according to our local Austin Board of Realtors for single family home sales decreasing by 1.8% year over year to 1,598 sales.

I had personal experience with these trends out in the field through January. However, much like in 2013, it seemed that the buyer market collectively decided to ramp up in week 2 of February. With lower than average inventory and fear of raising interest rates buyer traffic came out in full force. I saw multiple offers and packed open houses with the fresh new sales inventory sweeping off the market within hours including plenty of back-

up offers. This scene has left me wondering if a new annual normal is emerging where we see an early Spring “hot season” with a stabilizing market the remainder of the year. What this means to home sellers is that Valentines Day through Easter is your best window to see your highest return on investment. For buyers, this means Valentines Day through Easter might not be your best window to find a deal.

So if you or your family find yourselves in planning for a sale or purchase I would strongly encourage you to keep this timing in mind.

**Austin Community Landfill and Us**

The issue about where to place landfills is currently churning in Travis County and Austin. The primary driver right now has to do with the Austin Community Landfill run by Waste Management (WC), which is looking to increase capacity, with – as you would expect – its neighbors looking to prevent this from happening. While we (WCN) aren't directly involved in this dispute, ultimately it will lead to laws about how landfills will be located and managed, and possibly whether remediation must be taken where toxic waste has been entombed. Besides with the neighborhoods who are currently involved being very close to us, we need to consider whether we support their goal. And ultimately we will be involved with how the laws and ordinances develop.

If you've ever taken a load to "the dump" you probably are familiar with Austin Community Landfill (ACL), the closest dump to us. It's east of us, with entrance off of Giles Road, just north of 290 and in Austin's extraterritorial jurisdiction. The various landfills that have existed in this area have periodically produced controversy, with never-ending complaints about odors and height, but more intensely when they reached – or started approaching – their size/capacity limits, determined by the city and/or county through ordinance or contract. The mountain of trash at one of the landfills next to ACL was permitted to reach an altitude near 800 ft (above sea level) in 2011, which made it about the same altitude as Mt. Bonnell (this one is now closed). ACL is the surviving operation here, and is getting close enough to its size limit that WC is planning to propose an increase into the old county landfill site and has approached the county's director of Natural Resources and Environmental Quality about it. But when the word got out nearby residents quickly started to organize to try to stop any size increase. Research by the organization Texas Campaign for the Environment has documented materials which have gone into all the landfills here and the organization has been working with the groups protesting the site. Most of the city's trash collection goes to a facility in Creedmoor, with only material from city facilities taken here, so the groups are worried that Austin won't be as supportive as they might be. But with the growth rate of Austin in that direction it's only a matter of time before the city will be forced to deal with this unpleasant neighbor.



Austin Community Landfill active area.  
John Anderson, Austin Chronicle

Differing assessments of the way this issue is progressing can be seen at these links:

- <https://www.austinchronicle.com/news/2019-01-18/austins-least-loved-landfill-may-be-poised-to-grow-again/>
- <https://www.kxan.com/news/local/austin/neighbors-gear-up-to-oppose-austin-community-landfill-expansion/1720757384>
- <https://www.statesman.com/NEWS/20140530/Austin-Community-Landfill-wins-latest-court-battle-over-expansion>

**Here's What Our Neighborhood Urban Forest Looks Like**

The presentation from Austin's Urban Forest personnel at the WCNA General Meeting showered us with a great deal of information in a short time. But the gist of April Rose's talk was a survey of what our forest looks like, what the threats to its health are and what we can do to mitigate against those threats. The survey is summarized in the table here, which comes from the support document for her (Both documents can be downloaded from the Nextdoor group site at [https://nextdoor.com/news\\_feed/?post=102238992](https://nextdoor.com/news_feed/?post=102238992) . One of her conclusions is the need to increase and replenish our forest because of loss of older trees and the need for more "good" trees – the H and M cases under "Fit". Great resource for all things Forest: [April.Rose@austintexas.gov](mailto:April.Rose@austintexas.gov)

Large Trees	%	Fit	Medium Trees	%	Fit	Small Trees	%	Fit
Live oak	22	M	Crape myrtle	10	L	Mt laurel	3	H
Pecan	13	L	Bradford pear	2	L	Tx redbud	1	H
Elm cedar	11	L	Ashe juniper	1	M	Loquat	1	M
Hackberry	7	L	Ligustrum***	1	N/A	Vitex***	1	L
Shumard oak	6	M	Mulberry	<1	M	Palo verde	<1	H
Bur oak	6	H	Ch tallow***	<1	N/A	Mx plum	<1	H
Ash spp.**	2	L	Eastern redcedar	<1	M	Eve's necklace	<1	H
Sycamore	2	M	Honey mesquite	<1	H	Fig spp.	<1	H
Chinquapin oak	2	H	Red mapleΔ	<1	N/A	Peach spp.	<1	M
Southern magn	1	L	Lacey oak	<1	H	Desert willow	<1	H
Durand oak	1	H	Chinese pist***	<1	N/A	Yaupon holly	<1	M
Cottonwood	1	M						
American elm	<1	M	<b>% refers to percent of the total tree canopy in WCN</b>					
Black walnut	<1	H	<b>Fit refers to suitability for WCN: Low, Medium or Highs</b>					
Boxelder	<1	L	<b>**Not Recommended due to Emerald Ash Borer</b>					
Southern catalpa	<1	L	<b>*** Not recommended: Exotic, invasive or potential</b>					
Chinaberry***	<1	L	<b>Δ Not recommended for our soil type</b>					
Lacebark elm	<1	M						
Monterrey oak	<1	H						
Sweetgum	<1	M						

**And remember: March is a great tree-planting month!**

**It's My Park Work Day Overcomes Unfriendly Weather!**

On Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, the intrepid park volunteers who maintain our wonderful Walnut Bluffs Park assembled under the organization of Dorsey and Bunnie Twidwell and Gary and Margaret Brewer. The group comprised about 25 energetic folks ranging from 2 ½ years to whatever Gary is (perhaps 2 ½ at heart!), including members of the UT Taekwon-Do Club, who helped at the last cleanup as well. With Austin Parks Foundation providing mulch, the team cleaned, groomed and mulched both trees and the trail. Gary pronounced great results, making the park look as good as it has ever looked (and he was the person who “created” it in the beginning). The list of volunteers is too long to include in this issue; the WCN residents were Steve Cox, Joan Hatcher, Tim Entress, Karen Watkins, Colin Haymes, Meg Seidel plus the four mentioned above. Pictures of most of the rest are shown.



The UT Taekwon-Do bunch



Miranda Rogers and River, 2 ½, from Quail Hollow



**Look! We just got our own auto parts store!**

O'Reilly has moved into the north end of the building at Scurry and Lamar and is open for business. This is a terrific turn of events, as they have replaced the gambling operation that operated there for some time. And cleaned the whole complex up to boot. Now that we can walk to a parts store for the first time since A-Line moved from Lamar and Kramer many years ago. Let's support them so they don't go away, especially since there's another one just south on Lamar.

**Reagan High Renamed**

By a vote of 8 to 1 on February 25<sup>th</sup>, the Austin school board voted to change John H. Reagan High School to Northeast Early College High School, despite simply dropping the “John H.” was the most popular choice among students and faculty in school meetings on the issue. Thus Reagan became the first Austin high school to have its name changed, with four more to come if current pledges are implemented. The cost to make the change has been estimated to be at least \$70,000, some of that from changes in athletic uniforms and other school-specific items. The school was given the name in 1963 when desegregation was becoming a hot issue. Supporters of the change say the intent was to show where power lay in the hierarchy of the time, since Reagan was the a figure from the Confederate States: the postmaster general. Changing school names remains a controversial issue, with cost and “history” being the most common factors named. With this, school funding in the lege, and the topic below roiling the waters, stand by for an “active” school year...



**Sex Education Changes in AISD**

AISD board has decided to adopt the National Sexuality Education Standards developed by a large group of researchers with the purpose of addressing the inconsistency in sexuality education nationwide and the limited time allocated to teaching the topic. The aim is to provide the minimum level of education consistent with current knowledge of child development for grades K – 12. The approach is described at <https://www.austinisd.org/pe-health/health-education#>, with details and the questions asked at each level shown in the interactive presentation at <https://tinyurl.com/SurveyAISDSXED>. If you want to learn what's happening before experiencing any of the controversy this subject always invokes, these are the places to start (of course it's likely too late already).

Examples from a book called **Disorder in the American Courts** and are things people actually said in court, word for word, taken down and published by court reporters that had the torment of staying calm while the exchanges were taking place.

ATTORNEY: What was the first thing your husband said to you that morning?

WITNESS: He said, 'Where am I, Cathy?'

ATTORNEY: And why did that upset you?

WITNESS: My name is Susan!

ATTORNEY: What gear were you in at the moment of the impact?

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ATTORNEY: Are you sexually active?

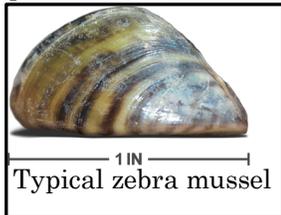
WITNESS: No, I just lie there.

ATTORNEY: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

WITNESS: Did you actually pass the bar exam?

## Austin Water's Really Bad Year

First the terrible August/September/October floods result in overwhelming particulate matter in the rivers making our drinking water safety questionable, and now we find it may have killed the mussels...? Wait: I'm just speculating about that. What we know is that zebra mussels have invaded our water supply – both Lakes Travis and Austin – and a bunch have died attached to the intake pipes to some of our treatment plants. So Austin Water has had a “double whammy” in the last six months. Which



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Typical zebra mussel

means we've had a double whammy as well. Apparently the decaying mussels caused our water to take on a smell nasty enough to keep many from drinking it despite assurances that there was no health risk. A map in the Statesman, Sunday 3 March, showed complaints from 78753 in the 51 – 100 range, compared to 200 to more than 500 in some southwestern zip codes. At the end of the “cleaning” process, which meant letting the foul water flow through the system until so dilute it wasn't detectable by smell anymore, fire hydrants were opened to move a bigger volume through. This was done in WCN for a few hours in late February, producing a heartbreaking scene when thinking about the last drought with water flowing down some streets for an extended period.

AAS reports that the mussel problem was identified and recommendations for long-term mitigation were made more than a year ago, but nothing was done. Efforts to do so have just now begun. Time required for the two recommended techniques to be put in place is about 18 months, so band-aids have been implemented for the interim. In large part because they multiply so fast, no method for eradication has been developed. So now that they're here we have to figure out how to survive with them. Since they are filter feeders they clarify the water they're in, which could be good or bad depending on your point of view, but it's true that everything's good for something.



Barton Creek meets the dirty waters of the rain-swollen Lady Bird Lake on Tuesday. (JAY JANNER/AMERICAN-STATESMAN)

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## Affordable Housing Apartment Permit Submitted for 11704 – 11706 Lamar

The city has solicited comments from GracyWoods Neighborhood Association (GWNA) about a proposed apartment complex, called Foundation Village, comprising “affordable” units to be built on these properties (the long-time Austin Appliance location). The building - likely three stories (more would require an elevator) - will comprise 110 rental units, 22 of which would be affordable to families making less than 30% of the median family income in Austin, the remaining 88 for incomes between 31 and 60% of MFI (the range for units has been given as ~\$450 to \$1250/month). The project would be subsidized under the affordable housing component (~\$250M) of the \$925 million bond issue passed in 2018. An example of one of the apartment complexes developed by the parent organization, Foundation Communities (<https://foundcom.org/>) is seen here.



Apartments by Foundation Communities in NW Austin

GWNA had to make their submission by 1 March to be considered by the city. GWNA president Francoise Luca says they have no issues with the complex except assurance that the frontage on Lamar has sufficient setback. Their greatest concern is rapid erosion on the banks of the creek running behind – and on - the property. Other developments proposed for this same land have fallen through when the potential owners balked at the high cost of mediating this erosion with no help from the city.

WCNA Pres. Robert Meadows has submitted a comment about incorporating into the design some form(s) of small business on the public-facing Lamar part of the structure at ground level. Something like a coffee house and/or similar shops could enhance both the appearance and acceptability of the operation to both neighborhoods.

**GWNA held their Annual General Meeting on 5 Feb.** President Francoise Luca was re-elected to her office for the next year (2019). Along with several key issues (including the apartment complex above) she imparted some tragic news: Carole Goltze, who co-managed the **NXNorthAustin Art and Garden Tour** in 2017 and was working toward the next one this year, passed away suddenly in December. Our hearts go out to her family and wish them peace. Of course **the tour will not take place this year.**

The soccer stadium at McKalla Place was – and still is – a major issue for GWNA. They were active in the coalition of groups and individuals forming Friends of McKalla Place, which generated and submitted a petition calling for a public vote on contracting with Precourt Sports Ventures, the company which has an agreement with the city to build the stadium and bring a newly franchised soccer team here. At the time of the meeting the petition was still being reviewed for certification by the city clerk. It has since been certified, but the city is maintaining that doesn't

apply because the city already has a contract in hand. However, the petition drive started before the agreement was settled, and there is still some confusion about the legalities.

Since it was already too late for the city vote in May, so if it is found that a public vote is required by law it would happen in November. Odds appear in the city's favor, but...standby



From Austin Chronicle, 22 Feb 2019; Austin

**The "Newfie Medical Dictionary"**

- ANALLY - OCCURRING YEARLY.
- ARTERY - STUDY OF PAINTINGS
- BACTERIA - BACKDOOR TO CAFETERIA
- BARIUM - WHAT DOCTORS DO WHEN TREATMENT FAILS.
- BOWEL - LETTERS LIKE A, E, I, O, U.
- CAESARIAN SECTION - A DISTRICT IN ROME
- CATARRH - STRINGED INSTRUMENT.
- CAT SCAN - SEARCHING FOR KITTY.
- CAUTERIZE - MAKE EYE CONTACT WITH HER.
- COLIC - A SHEEP DOG.
- CONGENITAL - FRIENDLY.
- D & C - WHERE WASHINGTON IS.
- DIARRHEA - JOURNAL OF DAILY EVENTS.
- DILATE - TO LIVE LONG.
- ENEMA - NOT A FRIEND.
- FIBULA - SMALL LIE.
- GENITAL - NON-JEWISH.
- PELVIS - COUSIN OF ELVIS.
- PAP. SMEAR - FATHERHOOD TEST.
- SEIZURE - ROMAN EMPEROR.

**Feral Hogs – They’re Everywhere!**

We worry a lot about coyotes here with all our outdoor pets. But on the edges of town many people are encountering wild pigs where they haven't been before (one has been reported in Tarrytown!). KUT FM had a story - <https://tinyurl.com/ATXhogs> - on Feb 28th about where these animals are showing up. The biggest problem seems to be rooting up yards and pastures, so they're a real nuisance on farms. And they can tear up manmade stuff as well. The city has terminated the use of contract trappers who used to respond to calls about "dangerous" coyotes and hogs, but they do have wildlife officers who can teach you about scaring them off. Worse incident recently: a "pack" of pigs caused an 18-wheeler to roll on Texas 130 a few weeks ago, shutting the northbound lanes for more than 5 hours. The increase locally has been blamed on the recent flooding and loss of habitat to development.

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<https://tinyurl.com/OakwoodWeather>

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Fall Chinese Pistache Trees in WCN  
Beautiful but not recommended – see table on page 3

# Don't Miss the 90<sup>th</sup> Zilker Park Kite Festival! Saturday 31 March. (Free)

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## Walnut Creek Neighborhood

**Association membership** is open to any resident (owner or renter) or property owner within the boundaries, including perimeters, of the association described below.

**Membership dues** are \$15 per household for a calendar year. Send a check to: WCNA ; PO Box 82746; Austin, TX 78708-2746

Dues notices and payment envelopes are included in the Nov-Dec and Jan-Feb newsletters each year. Payment also may be made using PayPal: <http://goo.gl/5iQIk>

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**To contribute content** to the newsletter, send contributions via email to [wcn.contact@gmail.com](mailto:wcn.contact@gmail.com) or contact Pat Pitt, 512 837-6620.

## Calendar of Events

Mar	4	Large Brush Collection starts until all is picked up.
	6	Blue Recycle Container Picked Up: Curbside by 7:00 a.m.
	8-18	SXSW
	10	Daylight Saving Time Starts (set clocks one hour forward)
	16-20	Rodeo Austin - <a href="https://rodeoaustin.com">https://rodeoaustin.com</a>
	17	St. Patrick's Day - <a href="http://www.stpatricksdayaustin.com">http://www.stpatricksdayaustin.com</a>
	18-22	AISD Spring Break
	20	First Day of Spring
	20	Blue Recycle Container Picked Up: Curbside by 7:00 a.m.
	22-24	Austin Home & Garden Show: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/ATXhomegarden">https://tinyurl.com/ATXhomegarden</a>
	31	Austin Kite Festival: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/ZP-KiteFest">https://tinyurl.com/ZP-KiteFest</a>
Apr	3	Blue Recycle Container Picked Up: Curbside by 7:00 a.m.
	7	Cap 10K: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/CapTenK">https://tinyurl.com/CapTenK</a>
	11-14	Old Settler's Musical Festival - <a href="https://oldsettlersmusicfest.org">https://oldsettlersmusicfest.org</a>
	17	Blue Recycle Container Picked Up: Curbside by 7:00 a.m.
	20	Funky Chicken Coop Tour - <a href="https://austincoptour.org">https://austincoptour.org</a>
	21	Easter
	22	Earth Day - <a href="http://earthdayaustin.com">http://earthdayaustin.com</a>
	27	National Prescription Drug Take Back Day: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/ReturnDrugs">https://tinyurl.com/ReturnDrugs</a>
27-28	Wiener Dog Races - <a href="https://budalions.com">https://budalions.com</a>	
May	1	Blue Recycle Container Picked Up: Curbside by 7:00 a.m.
	4-5	Pecan Street Festival: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/PecanStreet">https://tinyurl.com/PecanStreet</a> POP Cats Convention: <a href="https://popcats.org/">https://popcats.org/</a>
	5	Cinco de Mayo - <a href="http://www.cincomayoatx.com">http://www.cincomayoatx.com</a>
	11	O. Henry Pun-Off - <a href="http://punpunpun.com">http://punpunpun.com</a>
	12	Mother's Day