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The New Year is Underway, happily for you, we hope!

One of the important things this portends is the annual Walnut Creek Neighborhood Association General Meeting

21 February 2023 at 6:30 pm at St. Mark UMC Lawshae Building

The meeting will be “in person” for anyone who wishes – the first since 2019 - and will also be on Zoom for those who can’t, or desire not to, be in the audience.

All are welcome to attend, participate and voice opinions; but only dues-paying members may vote on Association issues, such as election of Board members. Dues can be paid at the meeting.

The credentials for the ZOOM meeting are: <https://tinyurl.com/ZumWCNgeneral>, or Meeting ID 868 9747 2517, Passcode 629485 (Email me at ROBERTL@meadows.com if you need the full invitation, e.g. for “one tap mobile”).

Here is the agenda, subject to change:

Convene at 6:30 pm;
Election of Board members (5 minutes);
Treasurer’s Report (5 minutes)
Trail Update (5 minutes);
Proposal for Safety Summit by Emily Shaughnessy (5 minutes)
2023 Goals & Initiatives (5 minutes)

President Robert Meadows will open the meeting at 6:30, and the business immediately at hand is nominations and election / re-election of Board Members to WCNA. Board members are elected for “randomly”-starting two-year terms, so in a typical year only some of the current members are up for reelection.

These incumbent Board members are standing for re-election to a two-year term: **Siobhan Blackburn, James Miller, and Sara Breuer.**

On-site daycare will be available.

Refreshments will be provided in the form of sandwiches and vegetable trays and beverages (coffee, tea, and water). The funds for these come from donors and are not taken from the dues revenue

The following Board members were appointed to open slots on the Board since the last General Meeting, and, per the by-laws, must stand for election to a two-year term at the ensuing (this) General Meeting: **John Hersey and Anthony Chapple.**

The following Board members were elected at the 2022 General Meeting, thus do not stand for re-election in 2023: **Bunnie & Dorsey Twidwell, Tasha Bowser, Theresa Jones, Clay Smith, Pat Pitt, Karen Watkins, Melissa Huber and Robert Meadows.**

Nominations will be accepted from the neighborhood and from the floor of the meeting. If you would like to nominate a person to the Board, please contact Robert Meadows at 512 633-1459 or ROBERTL@meadows.com. [The nominated person must be aware of and consent to the nomination and must be present at the General Meeting]. Also, a Board member must attend the monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of each month. Board members typically have particular interests, such as the Trailhead or tree canopy, and are expected to participate in at least some of the activities of the Association, e.g., clean ups, Trailhead maintenance, garage sales, etc.

The remainder of the meeting will be a Q & A with representatives from various City Departments. Representatives of the Austin Police Department and the office of the District Attorney will be at the meeting. Code Compliance, the Austin Fire Department, and our District 7 Representative Leslie Pool’s office have also been very recently invited and responses are awaited. The members of the panel will make short presentations about their jurisdictions and responsibilities, after which pre-filed questions derived from the neighborhood will be fielded. The purpose for this diverse panel is to inform as many relevant agencies as possible of our particular problems, especially in regards to safety and homelessness, and to understand what these offices can do at a granular level.

Questions to provide to the panel members can be submitted in the following ways:

- Via Google at <https://tinyurl.com/YrQstns>
- to Robert Meadows at 512 633 1459 or ROBERTL@meadows.com
- in the Remarks section of the posting of this article to Facebook and Nextdoor
- during the meeting via the chat function on ZOOM
- during the meeting from the floor or at the meeting by communication to a Board member

Please come and please join WCNA. And please consider bringing a non-perishable item for the very important **Food Pantry** run by St.Mark! This operation is vital to a large number of people in the area. A tip jar also will be available to support this program.

Walnut Creek Neighborhood lost one of its earliest settlers in December: Archie W. Scott. He and Edith lived in Eubank Acres essentially from its establishment in the early ‘50s. Archie passed on 9 December, 81 years and 2 days after the U.S. entered WWII in 1941: <https://tinyurl.com/AWscott>. He joined the marines in 1942 and compiled an extraordinary war record in the South Pacific, being one of only 20 survivors from his company of 297 men after multiple beach-landing campaigns. He is remembered by friends at St. Mark on a plaque at the Nimitz National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg. He was a very kind man, willing to help anybody who needed it. Born in 1924, he was 98 when he died.

Hi, Neighbor! It's "Dues (\$25) Time" for WCNA Membership for the Year of 2023!**"Why should I support this organization", you may ask...****First: Please note that the Walnut Creek Neighborhood Association is NOT a Homeowner's Association; i.e., there's no mandatory/ongoing fee for Walnut Creek Neighborhood residents.**

WCNA is one of the oldest and most effective neighborhood associations in Austin. We have been fighting to keep commercial development, including "adult services", out or at safe distances from our school and to prevent zoning that would negatively affect our suburban development since the early '70s.

All WCNA Board Members (elected by Association members) and **officers** (elected by Board Members) are **VOLUNTEERS**, i.e. folks from the neighborhood who are willing to spend personal time protecting and enhancing the community and improving neighborhood communication and cohesion. They attend monthly meetings where they plan and execute projects to improve our community, and to respond to actions from both inside and outside the neighborhood which could present a threat to our tranquility and/or security.

WCNA activities toward these goals include: Representing WCN at City Council and other City agencies to prevent changes in zoning or other actions which would impact us negatively; Interfacing with the management for installation of Google Fiber; Establishing and maintaining neighborhood communication channels: Our website www.wcnanews.com, Nextdoor group site <https://nextdoor.com/news/feed/>; Our Facebook group site <https://www.facebook.com/groups/wcnanews>; Publication and distribution of our neighborhood newsletter *Walnut Creek Neighborhood News* (distributed as a b/w hard copy and as a color pdf on the website and Facebook site; Providing support for the neighborhood Safety Team – **Walnut Creek Safety Team** – and WCST monthly socials promoting community; Supporting neighborhood cleanup operations and park workdays to maintain visual appeal of our environment; Supporting neighborhood events like **Walnut EEK** (at Halloween) and the WCN Fourth of July Parade and Potluck Picnic; Planning and implementing infrastructure projects like a children's playscape; Leading and supporting beautification projects like sowing wildflower seeds and removing invasive plants in the park and residential areas; Hosting the Annual General Meeting (Feb 21st); Developing and maintaining the trails in our neighborhood park; etc.

You can join using check or cash with a "coupon" or using PayPal through the WCNA website, both described later.

It's Finished (Mostly)! Walnut Bluffs Trailhead =>Decades in the Making!
Grand Opening Celebration: Sat., Mar. 4 – with It's My Park Day!

by Sara Breuer

It's happening! The official, paved, Walnut Bluffs Trailhead is now open from the trailhead input at 11938 Oakbrook to the Lamar spur... and unofficially open all the way to connect with the trail at Walnut Creek Metropolitan Park via an underpass bridge at Lamar (unofficially because people tear down the construction fences, and then the other people and their dogs flow through!).

The new trail passes under Lamar, the boundary with WCMP →



When "officially" connected, people, dogs and other creatures will be able "legally" to go many miles up to Balcones District Park on the paved trail. And there are many, many miles of unpaved social trails all along the way.

Officially, we're throwing Grand Opening party **Saturday, March 4** – in conjunction with the Spring **It's My Park Day**, sponsored by the Austin Parks Foundation. *It's My Park Day* happens the first Saturday of November and March, and our beautiful Walnut Bluffs Trailhead has been part of it for years!

We'll have a light workday starting at 9:00 a.m., then **crafts and a parade** to join up with the **Grand Opening** sponsored by the City of Austin, at Walnut Creek Metropolitan Park.

The celebration will include crafts, food and drink, bike tune-ups, bike giveaways, tours of the creek, tree and plant and bird IDs, and more. AND IT'S ALL FREE!

Pets and Leashes: Be aware that the section of trail within Walnut Creek Metropolitan Park is off-leash, while **pets must be leashed on the section from the Lamar entrance and bridge to Oakbrook Drive**. At this time signage is not very good about the need to leash pets, so many unleashed pets are currently using the trail. Be a good neighbor and let people know, kindly, this area of the trail **requires** pets to be **leashed**.

Gary and Margaret Brewer: Park Leaders & Champions: Join us as we celebrate this milestone in the history of the development of all the trails in our greenspace. Get to know the rest of the trails going through our Walnut Bluffs Trailhead. The existence of the Walnut Bluffs section of the paved trail as well as our "natural" trails is a testament to the efforts of Gary & Margaret Brewer, who have led development and maintenance for decades.

Come see how you can enjoy the trailhead and get involved. We're planning improvements like an informational kiosk, a nature playscape, a butterfly garden, and a mural. Come visit with your neighbors, make connections, and enjoy our beautiful natural sanctuary just steps away!

Recent It's My Park Day Achievements

At last Nov 5th It's My Park Day (IMPD) work day, a robust group of volunteers - some shown at right - did a very large native plant seeding under the power line easement so we can enjoy a field of bluebonnets and native wildflowers and grasses. The group also did some removal of invasive species like ligustrum and nandina— very important along a waterway. We had some tacos, had some fun, and enjoyed a spectacular day outdoors getting exercise and helping keep the Walnut Bluffs Trailhead the gem it is. WCNA's sponsoring IMPD at the trailhead has consistently produced a strong response – from “outside” folks as well as residents – for years.



2022 Walnut Creek Real Estate Year in Review

By Walnut Creek Real Estate expert, Jill Leberknight

It was a year of real estate extremes with shifts that left sellers with whiplash and buyers an unexpected chance to actually negotiate again. The year started off with the same intensity as 2021 where sellers ruled the roost and buyers had little power. But by year's end the tune changed, leaving Austin positioned as one of the top buyer markets in the U.S., a steep drop from its high perch as one of the highest-valued metro markets in the nation.

Highlights of the Year

SHIFTING MARKET & INTEREST RATES: As one of the fastest growing markets in the country in terms of value, Austin had a head-on collision with rising interest rates in the Spring. The combo of max home prices along with nearly doubled interest rates was the one-two punch that knocked most consumers out of the home buying scene. Once news spread of continued high mortgage rates, along with whispers of recession, fear set in and the scenario wiped out many buyers' desires to make any home purchase decisions in 2022. I hope I never have to use the word unprecedented again, but the buyer behavior change was one of the fastest I've seen in nearly 20 years, even faster than the shift during the mortgage crisis of 2008.

DECREASED GAINS & INCREASED INVENTORY: By May and June we were seeing significant increases in available homes for sale, and sellers had to do something that they haven't done in nearly a decade....*reduce the sales price!* We saw homes sit for 30-60-90- even 120 days that just 3 months prior would have been sitting on 6 multiple offers in 7 days and selling 10-20k over ask price with NO buyer concessions. At one point the Austin Multiple Listing Service, our online repository of homes for sale, had close to 11,000 active listings, which we haven't seen in years. At its lowest point during the pandemic we had less than 2,000 active resale homes on the market.

PANDEMIC RECOVERY & STABILIZING MARKET: All of this is to say that we are slowly working our way back to normal. Our home prices climbed like a steep Six Fags roller coaster and now we are experiencing the very normal drop after the wild climb. Economists and experts are confidently showing that it was NOT A BUBBLE but merely a supply and demand story. As your local real estate expert, I concur. The vibe out in the field now is more calm, balanced, and fair. While it is hard for sellers to face the reality that they missed the ultra-strong sellers market of the pandemic, it is wonderful to be back helping buyers find homes in Austin and know that our appraisal values may finally see some relief.

2023 Real Estate Trends

BUYER CONCESSIONS: Requests for buyer closing costs will be on the negotiation table until interest rates stabilize and/or buyers acclimate to the new rates. If you don't know, the historic average for home mortgage interest rates is 7%. We've been spoiled with our historic rates under 4% for so long that 6-7% seems unbearable. But for many first-time home buyers salaries haven't kept up with home values and the interest rate jump pushed most out of the game entirely. Most buyers are requesting 2% interest rate buy-down contributions right now, which is averaging between \$10,000 - \$15,000.

JILL'S PRO TIP: Marry the House, Date the rate. We expect rates to soften and there is always opportunity to refinance.

CONDITION OF HOME: You know the old phrase “payback is B...” Well buyers have had no amnesia when it comes to what they've been through in this market and they are hitting sellers hard with everything they've got. Terminations of contracts are high. Maintenance and home repair requests are long and all of the old sales requests - like professional cleaning before close - are back. The negotiation scene between contract-to-close is intense.

JILL'S INSIDE TIP: Stay on top of home maintenance and don't put off conversations about long-term repairs like under slab plumbing. I see too many clients avoid the plumbing topic and regret it later. I was in this same spot years ago so I completely empathize. I'll be bringing back my home repair workshop on this in 2023.

LONGER TIME & BEST SEASONS TO SELL: I am telling sellers to wait until Spring to sell and to be prepared for 2-3 months to obtain an offer. Typically the hottest time of the year to sell in Austin and specifically in WCN is Valentine's Day through Easter. This year's ideal hot season is still TBD and adjusting day by day. But we are preparing for a busy March and April.

JILL'S INSIDE TIP: January and February may be the best window for home buyers to grab deals this year.

Agent Jill's 2022 Real Estate Predictions

I predict a slower than normal start to our year as we wait for interest rates to soften. I believe replacement of under slab plumbing is going to become a more serious concern, and demand by buyers - along with desire for updates and improvements to be completed - as remodeling estimates have skyrocketed. I am seeing a rise in IH35 noise complaints and feedback about this from potential buyers in our neighborhood, so collaborative plans to remedy this might avoid future resale challenges. I think the urban trail and increased access to nature and recreation is going to create a positive impact once we get past the construction and adjustment phase. If any of these highlights, trends, or predictions are making anyone feel nervous I organized some handy-dandy visual aides to remind us all that we have, and only continue to see, gains with our home investments in Walnut Creek. I have been deep dive analyzing and tracking data for our WC neighborhood for almost 2 decades. I'm a theater gal so I see stories in everything and I love the story these charts show.

Right now I am unleashing creativity through discussion and planning sessions about best future updates, expansions, backyard entertainment, and more. I love our community and love seeing how we are shaping her future and connecting more than ever.

2022 SOLD STATS

<u>SUBDIVISION</u>	<u># SOLD</u>	<u>AVE PRICE PER SQ Ft</u>	<u>AVE SALES PRICE</u>	<u>AVE DAYS ON MARKET</u>	<u>% PRICE CHANGE</u>
Eubank Acres	15	\$322.03	\$557,899 (850,000 Highest)	17	16.8% ↑
Walnut Forest	4	\$342.77	\$534,675 (\$620,000 highest)	19	24%↑
Oak Ridge	10	\$31.14	\$618,582 (\$720,000 highest)	17	12.6%↑
Spanish Oak Ridge	1	\$4-6.25	\$520,000	6	No sales previous yr
Entire Walnut Creek Totals	30	\$323.97	\$573,767 (\$850,000 highest)	17 -(79 longest)	11.6%↑
Mid-Year Market Shift decrease	16 w/ 5 withdrawn, 1 exp lstng	\$321.09	558,895	61	5.4% ↓

The Neighbor's Table by Stacy Claye

The Neighbor's Table: A Community Dinner was created to bring our northern Austin neighbors together through shared food, telling stories, and a sense of contribution to help build a thriving, stronger community for us all to enjoy. Everyone was invited to bring a dish from their culture or childhood to share (but was not required to do so). We had more food than we could eat! We saw neighbors come together from Walnut Creek, Georgian Acres, neighbors experiencing homelessness, and more.

This event began last year in my kitchen, born from the recent grief of losing my mother and the subsequent urge to cook as a way to move some of my feelings and contribute to the life still around me. With the help of some very generous neighbors, we ended up cooking 30+ meals for any neighbor who wanted a hot meal for the holidays.

This year, we hoped to invoke more of a sense of community by connecting with each other in person. We teamed up with Pastor Ashley, Anne Smith and the generous folks at St. Mark UMC to help bring this to life, including marketing, cooking, and offering the field and supplies such as tables and chairs. Pastor Ashley created connective storytelling prompts for the table and helped guide people into talking about their stories. Special thank you to neighbors Emily, Adrian, David and Alex Graf for setting up the "Outdoor Living Room", with games to connect.



Neighbor's Table participants begin...!

KIDS' CORNER

By Ashley Arnerich

Welcome to the Kids Corner! Here we'll share random activities and resources for our littlest Austinites. In this issue I am sharing a favorite recipe for Pomegranate Oatmeal Chocolate Chip Cookies. The prep to this recipe is a visual treat and a neat sensory project for little fingers (apron, or an old dark colored shirt recommended!). Not only are pomegranates a cool looking nutritional powerhouse, but I think it is super fun to pop the seeds out of the fruit. If you've never opened a whole pomegranate I suggest googling a short video first (I like: [Easiest Way to Cut Open Pomegranate in 2 MIN](#)). These cookies can serve as a tempting vehicle for a new food exposure. I hope you enjoy them with your children.

Pomegranate Oatmeal Chocolate Chip Cookies

Author: Anna at

Ingredients (Makes 24, Serves: 30)

- ½ cup butter, room temperature
- ½ cup brown sugar, lightly packed
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1¼ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup quick cooking oats
- ½ tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp baking soda
- ¼ tsp salt
- 1 cup semi sweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup pomegranate seeds (about 1 pomegranate)

**Instructions**

1. Preheat oven to 375. Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper or grease lightly.
2. With electric mixer cream butter and sugars until smooth. Add egg and vanilla extract and mix well.
3. In a separate bowl, whisk together flour, oats, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. Slowly add dry ingredients to butter mixture, mixing just until incorporated.
4. Stir in chocolate chips. Then remove bowl from mixer and gently with a spatula stir in pomegranate seeds.
5. Drop dough by tablespoonfuls onto a baking sheet about 2 inches apart. Let chill for 1 hour.
6. Bake for 12-13 minutes, until golden brown. Let cool on baking sheet for a couple minutes before removing to racks to cool completely.

Neighborhood Christmas Toy Drive**Meets Its Goal!** by Ashley Arnerich

This holiday season WCN hosted a toy drive to benefit **B.I.G. Love Cancer Care**, a nonprofit provider of many services meeting financial, emotional, and physical needs of central Texas families dealing with childhood cancer.

Walnut Creek neighbors donated 50 toys for a **B.I.G. Love** holiday shopping event. Parents were thus able to shop for their children from a large collection of toys. I truly appreciate the support of all of the neighbors who participated!

Some of the gifts for **B.I.G. Love** clients**Parents of Walnut Creek hosted a Happy Noon Year Party at St. Mark Methodist Church in 2022** by Tasha Bowser

All Walnut Creek kids and students of Growing Curiosity Community School were invited to wear their most festive attire and ring in the new year, just a few hours early so as not to miss the ever important bedtime.

About 25 kids and their families enjoyed snacks and participated in activities like making party hats & noise makers, running through bubbles, dancing, and a bounce house. As we approached midday, we gathered in the sanctuary for a bubble wrap stomp and countdown to 12pm, when balloons dropped from the ceiling. This was followed by a sparkling cider toast on the lawn.

Huge shout out to Pastor Ashley and St. Mark Methodist, the Prien Family, and everyone else that came and contributed! Kids and parents alike had a wonderful time!

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PayPal is a popular way to become – or remain - a member, or to make a donation toward WCNA projects (shown on drop-down menus on the Donate site). You can use any credit card to make a payment via PayPal through the “join/donate” page on the WCNA website, <https://wcnanews.com/membership/>

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Did You See the “New Year’s Ball Drop” in Gracywoods?

Eleven years ago, the guy I was dating invited me to his neighborhood for a New Year’s Eve ball drop. His next door neighbor was a prominent Austin sculptor named Chris Levack. Chris constructed a lighted tower in his front yard. Families throughout the neighborhood gathered in front of Chris’s house for the midnight countdown and then a group of musicians led a parade in a loop through the neighborhood. Other neighbors who didn’t attend the ball drop, came out of their homes to wave and yell “Happy New Year!” and exchange hugs with members of the passing promenade. It filled my heart with joy to think of all these random people who bought homes in the same neighborhood... over the years kept an eye out for each other’s kids and pets... helped each other with projects... loaned each other yard equipment and in all of this, they formed a bond that was akin to family. And on that special night, they got caught up and exchanged well wishes of happiness and health in the coming year. I yearned so much to be a part of a community like that! That guy I was dating is named Mike Spillers and we’ve been together 11 years now. We purchased our current home on the corner of *Rebbeca* and *Eubank* in North Park Estates a year ago. (North Park Estates only has 8 blocks, so it is usually lumped in with Gracy Woods.) When we moved in, I looked at the big empty space on the corner of our lot and asked Mike to build a tower for a New Year’s Eve ball drop for our new community. Aggie ingenuity prevailed and I got my wish!

The tower is a 15-foot mid century modern inspired design topped with a 20” rotating disco ball. When lit, the entire intersection looks like a roller rink. The event was announced with signs at the intersection as well as a post on Gracy Woods and Walnut Creek Neighborhood Facebook pages. People were encouraged to gather at 11:30PM. There were roughly 50 adults, children and even a couple of very good dogs in attendance. Original and new homeowners gathered alike. Sparklers and lyrics to Auld Lang Syne were distributed. The song “The Final Countdown” queued the lighting of sparkers and alerted everyone that the countdown was about to begin. At the final exclamation of “Happy New Year!” Ashley Bray Gibbs played “Auld Lang Syne” on bagpipes.

The feedback was great and provided inspiration to grow the event. Our intent is to provide a safe, fun and respectful event that people can look forward to each year. Next year, we will encourage more musicians and perhaps even a parade around the block!

Thanks Eric Shaughnessy for sharing the event and for the great photo and video: see

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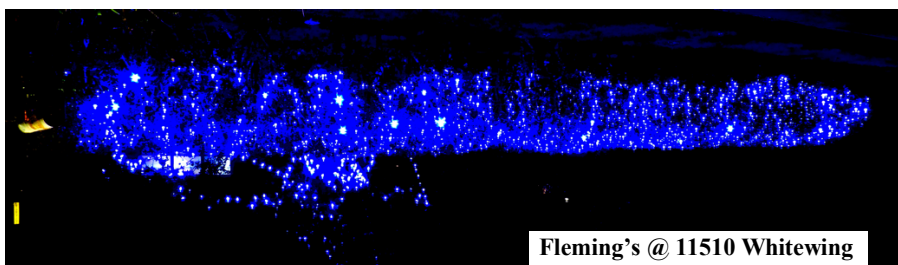
by Denise Hosek, Gracywoods



New Year’s Ball Waiting to be “Dropped”



Clark’s @ 11508 Whitewing



Fleming’s @ 11510 Whitewing

WCNA General Meeting: Feb 21, 6:30-8:00 pm, St Mark UMC

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Walnut Creek Neighborhood

Association membership is open to any resident (owner or renter) or property owner within its boundaries:

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Calendar of Events

Jan	16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Banks & post office closed
	18	Blue Recycle Container Picked Up: Curbside by 7:00 a.m.
	22	Chinese New Year - Year of the Rabbit
	22	3M Half Marathon - https://downhilltodowntown.com
Feb	1	Blue Recycle Container Picked Up: Curbside by 7:00 a.m.
	14	Valentine's Day
	15	Blue Recycle Container Picked Up: Curbside by 7:00 a.m.
	19	Ascension Austin Marathon, Half, 5K - https://youraustinmarathon.com
	20	Presidents' Day - Banks & post office closed
	21	WCNA Annual Meeting: St. Mark UMC Lawshae Bldg, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
	21	Mardi Gras Begins in New Orleans
Mar	1	Blue Recycle Container Picked Up: Curbside by 7:00 a.m.
	2	Texas Independence Day
	4	It's My Park Day; Grand Opening of Urban Trail from WCMP to Walnut Bluffs Trailhead
	4	Sherwood Forest Faire begins - https://www.sherwoodforestfaire.com
	10-19	SXSW Music Festival
	10-25	Rodeo Austin - https://rodeoaustin.com
	12	Daylight Savings time begins - Spring forward
	13-17	AISD Spring Break
	15	Blue Recycle Container Picked Up: Curbside by 7:00 a.m.
	17	St. Patrick's Day
	20	First Day of Spring