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STANDBY: The Walnut Creek Neighborhood Fourth of July Parade & Potluck is Less Than Two Months Away!

The 11th 4th Event, hosted by Kay and Joel Klumpp, will happen on (wait for it) the Fourth of July! At (you guessed it) Kay and Joel's residence at 11813 Indianhead. We'll gather starting at about 10:00 a.m., setting up tables (and potluck dishes), chairs, blankets, coolers, etc., and setting up the food.

The parade will start a little earlier than in the past, at about 10:30. So we regulars may have to move a little faster than usual. But then it should be a little cooler than usual as well.

Kay and Joel will provide grilled hotdogs and fixin's, and potluck

dishes are always varied and wonderful. You're welcome to bring something or not: we've never been short of food! And the shaded yard is a terrific place for friends – old, new, old (you know), young, and very young – to take a load off, chat and chew. There will be chairs and tables, but you can bring chairs to guarantee a seat off the ground, though the rain we've been getting should assure "happy grass". Also: kids' (and some adults') activities!

If we're lucky, as we have been since 2017, neighbor and bagpiper Philip Bates will start and lead the parade from Indianhead in front of the Klumpp home (he is a member of the *Capitol City Highlanders*, and brought 5 other members with him last year). The route, called "The Peninsula", goes south up Indianhead, east (left) on Caddo down to Oakwood, left/north to the intersection with Indianhead, and uphill on Indianhead back to the Picnic – a bit over half a mile with maybe 20 foot change in elevation. It's been traversed by toddlers and folks in wheelchairs, and folks carrying toddlers. There are always bikes, trikes, scooters, wagons, etc. as well.



Philip Bates

Mark your calendar and join one of the major neighborhood celebrations!

2023 Property Value Protest Reminders

by Jill Leberknight, Walnut Creek Neighborhood Real Estate Expert

2023 property appraisal season is upon us and for those of you who are new to the Walnut Creek Neighborhood this means the beginning of our annual property tax protest FESTIVAL OF SHARING. Okay, so we don't actually have a festival but much like my passion for holiday caroling the property appraisal process is one of the things I "geek out" on. So let me kick off this season of sharing with an overview of news, information, and tips.

First, check your appraisal notice for your deadline. Some of you received your notices last month and your deadline to file a protest is May 15th. There was a large portion of our neighborhood that did not receive our notice until May 1st, and the deadline to protest is always ~30 days past delivery of notice. So: May 30th. But the TCAD site has only posted May 15th on their website. Ignore the website date and **follow the instructions on your notice**. If you file a protest and choose the "informal" hearing, it will be scheduled sometime between when you file and June 30th (ostensibly; a deluge of protests can push hearings beyond the scheduled dates. See <https://traviscad.org/informals> for details). If you decide to go beyond the informal hearing to a formal hearing the instructions are at the same site.

Also, I am already hearing about homestead exemptions accidentally being removed or absent from notices (here are the rules for declaring a homestead: <https://tinyurl.com/TravisHomestead>). So **Don't Miss Your Homestead Exemption Saving** - check and make sure all of your exemptions are still registered properly with TCAD. If you are new to the neighborhood please note the new homestead law (see below).

The current Homestead Law, enacted last year, allows home buyers to file for Homestead Exemption in the year their property was purchased, provided it is their primary residence.

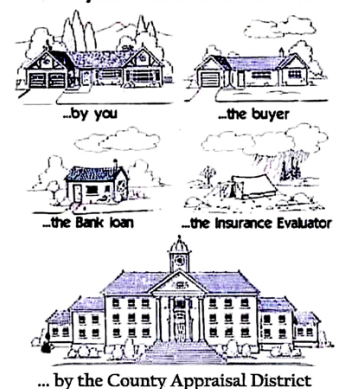
Too apply for your homestead exemption see
<https://traviscad.org/homesteadexemptions>

I will hold this year's annual protest seminar on Zoom virtual conferencing.

Thursday, May 25th, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Zoom link and details will be posted on WCNA social media sites.

How your House is looked at:



Safety Summit Coming

by Emily Shaughnessy

The **Walnut Creek Safety Team** is partnering with **We're All Neighbors** and local neighborhood leaders to host an event designated the **North Austin Safety Summit**.

The Safety Summit will be a free community event featuring speakers, workshops, and opportunities to connect with neighbors. The purpose is to build trusting relationships among community members so that we can find better solutions and advocate for our needs.

Participating neighborhoods include Gracywoods, NACA, River Oaks and Georgian Acres. Council members Leslie Pool and Chito Vela will be in attendance, as well as APD, the Office of Violence Prevention, and other organizations that address the issue of community safety and wellbeing.

Unless situations change, the venue will be St. Mark United Methodist Church: St. Mark UMC; 601 W. Braker Lane, with an open house format so community members can attend the sessions that most interest them.

If you would like to volunteer for the Safety Summit, or have ideas about how we can tailor it to meet our community needs, please reach out to Emily Shaughnessy at emily@wereallneighbors.org.

Watch for more details at WCNAnews.com, at <http://www.facebook.com/wereallneighbors>, and on social media.

Neighbors of All Types and Sizes Enjoy "Field Days" on the Wildflower Meadow

Pastor Ashley and members of St. Mark UMC, looking to engender community spirit among local neighbors, connected with Eric Shaughnessy to organize some Spring events utilizing St. Mark's huge meadow in front of the church: the *St. Mark Wildflower Meadow*. Thus was born two events, on March 19th and April 16th, each designated "Community Cookout and Field Day".

These were publicized by Eric on social media (also a funding request to help support the food and other provisions), and each attracted sizable numbers of attendees, comprising a wide range of ages and experiences. The events attracted a true representation from WCN and nearby neighborhoods.

Hotdogs and drinks – plus anything attendees wanted to bring for sharing – were provided. Paraphernalia for the various "Field Day" activities were also provided, including crafts, volleyball, ping pong, cornhole, kickball and soccer. The meadow provided bluebonnets and other wildflowers, plus shade trees. The grounds were perfect for all activities. And the weather was also very accommodating for both (approximately) two-hour events: Cool enough for energetic sporting activities and warm enough for more cerebral pursuits, all of which were great community-builders.

**Mental Health First Aid Training Class Held**

by Emily Shaughnessy



Safety Team Leader Christian Ninaud addresses the first mental health class

The first Mental Health First Aid Training was taught by the wonderful **Integral Care** and organized by the **Walnut Creek Safety Team**. Huge thank you to **Christian Ninaud** and Luzdary M. Ninaud for their thoughtfulness and efforts organizing!

While there are many levels of addressing the systemic issues in our communities, it was so inspiring to see people taking time out of their week to empower themselves with learning and start the conversation on how we can be more engaged with understanding struggles with mental health in our own selves and in our communities.

Interested in joining a future Mental Health First Aid Training? Drop a comment or send us a DM at this site:

<https://www.facebook.com/wereallneighbors>

Coronavirus Emergency Declared “Over”

The world has decided that the *health emergency* declared because of COVID-19 is over. But nobody anywhere has stated that COVID is over. So far this year it's killing thousands of people every week, including about 1000 in the U.S and about 70 in Texas. But the low – and dropping – infection and death rates now compare with those from the Seasonal Flu. Further, Covid has dropped from the third to the fourth leading cause of death in the U.S. Thus the pressure on health agencies to end the official emergency status has been immense.

President Biden has declared May 11th as the expiration date for the Covid Public Health Emergency in the U.S., established on March 13th, 2020 by President Trump. Given the enormous infrastructure established to meet the emergency, the end has the potential to create massive changes and disruptions to tracking systems. Because much of the infrastructure was funded by the Federal Government, most of the changes will not be instantaneous. In fact, any supplies bought by the government will remain free, regardless of who provides them to the public. This means that some of these will be free longer than others. Providers who aren't dispensing government stock can charge based on their costs and fee/profit.

The first impact will be on coronavirus tests. Antigen (at-home) tests will no longer be free, including under Medicare, though Medicaid patients may still be able to get them (two tests at most pharmacies cost about \$25). Your cost will depend on your insurance plan, so check ahead of acquiring.

The PCR tests (involving a doctor) themselves will remain free for Medicare patients, though there may be costs for associated doctor's visits. In general costs will vary depending on your insurance plan, and there is great variation among these. It is expected that most insurers will provide at least a limited number of tests at no cost.

Vaccines: Because vaccines have been bought by the government it is expected that they will remain free at least through the end of the year, and likely through 2024. Note that CDC still recommends a Bivalent Booster shot for older people and people with compromised immune systems, and a second (slightly improved) one if it's been 4 months since your last booster. Note that a vaccine upgraded with the current most active Covid variants will be available in the Fall, again to those for whom it has been more than 4 months since their last booster.

One of the greatest effects of the end of the emergency status is that CDC will no longer be able to require test results from many of the sources they've been using. This will mean many measures we've become used to seeing will not be possible, and all reports will be further behind real time. To try to accommodate for this, CDC is establishing a readable database for the categories that will be available to them. We can use these databases ourselves, but you'll need some database and visualization experience to make use of them. The database site is <https://data.cdc.gov/>, and it contains databases for many – if not all – types of information collected by CDC.

For more details see:

<https://tinyurl.com/WPendofcovid>

There's a high probability that the URL below will have something - probably several things – that you will enjoy and may brighten your day. The one shown here is one of many. Note: some may evoke a tear or two...

<https://myhealthgazette.com/wholesome-posts-is/59/>

Tennis Balls For All

Coming to terms with losing a pet is never easy for anyone to do... Even though some people might not be able to fully understand what it means to have a pet and the territory that comes with that, everyone knows that it is hard losing something or someone you loved. We have no idea how this dog owner managed to do this, but it is the most beautiful thing ever.



courtney.
@courttkardashh



This was left at the dog park and I'm crying!!



IN LOVING MEMORY OF BUFORD
(aka Bubby, my little cheese monster)

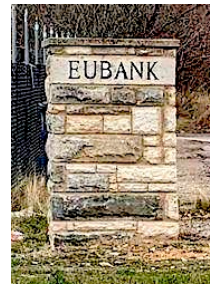
Please help yourself to a tennis ball for your good boy or girl to enjoy. You're welcome to throw it back in the box for the next pooch that comes along or you can take it home. Remember to live life just like your pup, with unconditional love, loyalty and happiness.

3:56 AM · Jun 26, 2020



War of the Pillars!

You may remember when, on the evening of July 31st, 2020, someone drove their vehicle into the “Eubank” stone pillar on the north side of our Caddo entrance/exit at Lamar (Because it would take really bad driving to hit the marker, much speculation followed about whether it was intentional, the result of imbibing, or something else, but no offender has been identified). A neighborhood fundraiser generated enough money to pay for rebuilding the structure, using the unaffected original stone engraved with “EUBANK” (see WCNA Newsletter of Mar – Apr 2021 if you want to refresh your memory). “ACRES” is engraved on the pillar on the south side of Caddo. This entrance is one of the few neighborhood entrances which is “decorated”. A WCNA plan to add similar identification or beautification to some of the other entrances produced several possible designs, but was discontinued when costs for the several proposals were deemed to be too high. So Caddo remains one of only three Walnut Creek Neighborhood entrances which have decorative identification for the subdivision being entered.



Rebuilt Pillar

Overnight on March 10th, 2023 both of these pillars were vandalized using spray-paint typical of graffiti artists - but without any artistry. In fact, words and symbols which should not be used in public places were painted on all sides of both pillars. Immediately the Safety Team and a chorus of offended neighbors began commenting and exchanging ideas about the situation by phone and social media, leading to several methods being explored to remove or cover the paint (tarps quickly were placed to hide the Lamar sides but were stolen overnight).



Defaced Pillar

Chemical and abrasive methods were tried in several attempts to erase the ugly defacement, but each required extensive effort and produced unimpressive results, and it was noted that multiple abrasive cleanings in the likely event that the pillars were defiled again could result in serious erosion of the soft limestone. Most folks commenting on the option of covering the paint with paint were opposed to changing the character of the stone columns by painting with equally damaging material, which would require the same abrasion to remove when the time comes to clean them. Then a resident – with initials perhaps appropriately JC – came up with a time-honored solution for hiding and protecting (usually) wooden surfaces: whitewash. It’s easy to make and should be relatively easy to remove, and it works beautifully to cover the offending paint. And each new paint mark on top of a layer of whitewash should come off easier than previous ones.

The offender is continuing his awful deeds up to the publication date, and also has added the French School close by to his targets. Their wood fence and city refuse bins have been defaced. The fence is being treated like the pillars.

While this vandalism is a new twist to the petty crimes which seem to have been increasing in the neighborhood over the last few years, particularly since the pandemic. Let’s supplement the Safety Team by staying aware!

Austin Patrols Supplemented by DPS Troopers

If you drive in Austin, no doubt you’ve noticed more Department of Public Safety (DPS) vehicles than usual in recent weeks. Depending on timing and particular need, a significant number of DPS patrol vehicles have been deployed since March 30th, and we’ve seen a resulting notable increase in patrols in the neighborhood.

This situation is the result of several things, including the severe understaffing in APD (as many as 300 officers), the election of new (again) mayor Kirk Watson (not long after stints as our State Senator), and interactions with state officials, especially DPS Director McCraw, Lt. Gov. Patrick and Gov. Abbot. Mayor Watson worked to establish the arrangement based on his recent Senate experience, and without the City Council’s participation. APD Chief Chacon also was intimately involved in negotiations. It should be noted that DPS has been working in other Texas cities for some time (including San Antonio and Dallas).

Besides – and perhaps partly because of - the short staffing, Austin (like most larger cities in the country) has been experiencing an increase in violent crimes and traffic fatalities in recent years. These can be directly affected by increasing patrol presence, which has been the primary form of support from DPS. It was reported by APD that both of these categories had decreased (from the same period a year ago) by double digits after only two weeks, and the improvement appeared to be holding. Perhaps the best indication of improvement is response time, which was reduced by 1.5 – 2 minutes during this period.

Of course, this is Austin, where controversy is a feature of life. Several organizations are watching the operations with jaundiced eyes, and we can expect reports from “both sides” of this complex situation. Note the deployment of DPS troopers in Dallas resulted in the city terminating the relationship, partly motivated by the shooting death of a Dallas man multiple times during a traffic encounter. Austin’s violent and property crime rates have actually been declining since the first of the year, and our homicide rate decreased last year, making Austin one of the safest cities in the U.S.

The presence of DPS vehicles in the neighborhood also seems to have helped the feeling of safety here, making the fact of officer presence - from both agencies - much more tangible.

A questionable statistics from DPS Austin deployment is the overwhelming percentage of misdemeanor and traffic stops of minorities by troopers: <https://www.texastribune.org/2023/05/02/texas-dps-austin-police/>

The most thorough and complex article I found covering the APD/DPS partnership was in the Chronicle: <https://www.austinchronicle.com/news/2023-03-31/what-state-police-patrolling-austin-means/>

Another easy read: <https://www.fox7austin.com/news/apd-texas-dps-partnership-data>

Monitoring Services Provided by WCNA. by Robert Meadows, President

The **Walnut Creek Neighborhood Association** (WCNA) monitors a number of information channels in order to provide the neighborhood with advance information on neighborhood-relevant events, so as to take action as the circumstances warrant. Some of these channels are described in the following.

1. City of Austin notifications of applications for zoning changes

When a property owner requests a zoning change, the City of Austin notifies property owners within 500 feet of the requesting property as well as civic associations with boundaries within 500 feet. This notification includes the date of the public hearing at the pertinent Land Use Commission where the notified parties can register approval or disapproval. For example, when Tony's Jamaican Food requested an upzoning for their property at Meadowlark and IH35, the WCNA was notified of this and appeared at the corresponding public hearing at the Zoning and Platting Commission (ZAP). The WCNA supported the upzoning in order to gain the positive benefit of food service within the footprint of the neighborhood, but asked that certain uses be excluded from the property in the future, e.g., bail bonds and anything to do with automobiles.

2. Zoning and Platting Commission (ZAP) agendas

Zoning changes in our area are handled by the Zoning and Platting Commission. This is because the Walnut Creek neighborhood is not part of a neighborhood plan. Zoning changes in areas covered by a neighborhood plan are handled by the Planning Commission. Thus, zoning changes north of Braker Lane where no neighborhood plans exist, i.e., Walnut Creek and Gracywoods, are handled by ZAP, while south of Braker Lane zoning changes are handled by the Planning Commission. For example, when the owners of the property at the southwest corner of Georgian and Braker sought a zoning change, they had to go through the Planning Commission after going through the neighborhood amendment process; when Tony's Jamaican Food sought a rezoning at the northwest corner of Meadowlark and IH35, they had to go through ZAP.

NOTE: It is important to know what is happening at ZAP in order for the neighborhood to exercise its ability to have input into the rezoning process.

ZAP meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month, and the final agendas for the meetings are posted after 3 pm on the preceding Friday. The WCNA monitors these agendas for the following reasons: 1) the 500-foot notification procedure occasionally fails, and monitoring the agendas is a back-up for such failures; 2) the agendas provide information on what the City is willing to accept in terms of upzonings; 3) the agendas provide information on who is currently working as an agent; and 4) rezonings outside the 500-foot notification limit may also be of interest to the neighborhood.

3. Lane closure alerts

The Association is informed of lane closures and other construction on IH35 via a subscription to the Mobility35 email listserve. A list of lane closures for the upcoming week is sent to the Association on Friday, and these are posted, when relevant, to the neighborhood Nextdoor and Facebook pages. These postings were particularly relevant during construction of the US183 flyovers and construction of the diamond interchange at Parmer/IH35, and are currently relevant for the maintenance being done at IH35 and US183.

They will also be very relevant when construction starts for the Capital Express North project, which is a rebuild of IH35 from US290 to highway 45. This is likely to be very germane for our neighborhood, and will include a rebuild of the Braker/IH35 overpass. Much delay can be anticipated.

The reader may subscribe to these alerts using: <https://my35construction.org/contact/sign-up-alerts>.

4. City Council agenda

The Association subscribes to a listserve that provides the agendas for the City Council meetings well in advance. These agendas are reviewed for neighborhood-relevant events. For example, it was a review of a City Council agenda that informed the Association that 304 Cedarbrook Court was being bought by the City. Some agenda items provide valuable background information.

5. Austin American Statesman

The Association maintains a subscription to the Austin American Statesman and monitors this newspaper daily. The newspaper is monitored for applications for liquor licenses, neighborhood-relevant obituaries, decisions by the Buildings and Standards Commission, and news on neighborhood-relevant stories with regard to Project Connect, TxDot CapEx North, land use policy, homeless policy, and so forth. For example, the liquor license monitoring is how the neighborhood learned that a nightclub may be coming to the strip center behind the Jack-in-the-Box on Braker (the emphasis is on "may").

6. Project Connect

The Association subscribes to an email listserve that provides notice of upcoming meetings related to Project Connect. While the light rail element of Project Connect is not funded north of US183, the meetings are still useful for keeping up with this project. For example, at one such meeting, the Association learned that a "Complete Street" treatment of North Lamar in our area would require the taking of an additional 10 feet of property on each of the east and west sides of North Lamar. Project Connect was then informed that the neighborhood could not support this since such a taking would involve a number of back yards in our neighborhood.

7. Q2 stadium

The Association subscribes to an email listserve operated by stadium operations for the Q2 stadium. This provides the Association with the dates of all full-capacity events, including Willie's 4th of July Picnic. Notices of these events are posted to the neighborhood social media. Knowledge of these events is important because this neighborhood uses Braker to travel west to Burnet, Mopac, US183, etc.

8. Texas Department of Health and Community Affairs (TDHCA)

The Association subscribes to alerts from the TDHCA. 9% and 4% tax credits are crucial to many affordable housing projects, and these tax credits are approved by the Governing Board of the TDHCA. The Association reviews the agendas of each Governing Board meeting to see what new projects are being considered for our area. This is how the Association knew in advance of the Laurel Creek project on N. Lamar, as well as the proposed Cedar Creek project next to the Laurel Creek project. The supporting documentation allows for an understanding of the nature of the project, although there is little to no opportunity for public input.

9. Quarterly updates from the Homelessness Strategy Office

The Association attends the quarterly updates by the Homelessness Strategy Office of the City of Austin in order to learn about resources for dealing with the homeless. For example, it was made clear at a recent meeting why the HEAL (Housing-Focused Encampment Assistance Link) initiative largely does not apply to our neighborhood yet. The City has a scoring system for HEAL-eligible encampments, and our encampments simply do not score high enough to be eligible.

10. The Association also monitors the following: the weekly newsletter of the Austin Transportation Department, the Austin Mobility Bonds bimonthly newsletter, and the weekly newsletter of Austin Public Health.

11. The Association also monitors the Austin Build & Connect database for permits pulled in our neighborhood and for code citations.

On Easter, Kiddos Find Colorful Eggs!

Several friends and neighbors gathered the Sunday before Easter with some hard-boiled eggs and dye kits, and got creative with egg designs with spectacular results. But this was just the precursor to the main event the following Sunday.

On Easter Sunday, Erin Smith and Neal Cox enjoyed hosting the group of "dyeing" neighbors and friends - and kids, of course - for a "last minute" egg hunt. Over 100 eggs were hidden and (we think) the kids found each and every one. Thanks to Shea Bella for getting the ball rolling on this. Next year we're hoping to start planning earlier and have more kiddos in attendance.



**Milo & Roman
compare finds!**

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violations, animal reports:
Call 311

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“Our” Austin Public Library (APL), Little Walnut Creek Branch at 835 W. Rundberg, just west off Lamar, will be one of the first in a pilot program to issue new enhanced library cards which can serve as an official ID for many purposes. The APL [Enhanced Library Cards](#) is a full-access library card for Austin residents 18 or older that includes the holder’s library card number, photograph, address, date of birth, the expiration date, and a scannable barcode.

The card can be used the same as a standard library card to check out materials at all APL locations, as well as online to access eBooks and other digital resources, and is also recognized by many other City of Austin departments and local organizations as a valid form of identification, or supplement with other documents to prove identity. For many Austin residents, the lack of a government-issued identification can have a negative impact on their quality of life, especially for vulnerable populations such as people experiencing homelessness, formerly incarcerated, immigrant communities who often do not have access to the paperwork required to obtain a state-issued photo ID, and even people with physical disabilities. Enhanced card are being used already in San Antonio and several other Texas cities. For a list of the agencies and organizations accepting the enhanced cards, see library.austintexas.gov/enhanced.



Looky Here: Eric and Allen Have Given Us a Bulletin Board!

Eric Shaughnessy got tired of the bureaucracy it’s been taking to get a community bulletin board in Walnut Bluffs Park and taken the project into his own hands. He provided the materials to Allen Lamme, who designed and built one, as you see here. Then he got Tina Vick, who (with Brian) owns the property to the left of the park entrance, and Sally Richardson, who lives on the property, to agree to allowing him and Allen to install it on that property.

All this was accomplished in a few days! And now WCN has a neighborhood kiosk/bulleting board in one of the most appropriate spots we have. It happened so fast that initial guidelines for use haven’t been established yet. They will be posted on the bulletin board for anyone wanting to put things on it.



Allen Lamme and Eric Shaughnessy justifiably admire their work!

Kids’ Corner

by Ashley Arnerich

Summer is fast approaching, and hopefully that means a more relaxed family schedule. I want to share a great resource for family volunteer opportunities.

Generation SERVE is a local nonprofit that engages youth of all ages in service. Their goal is to engage children in volunteerism and empower them to make a difference in their communities. They have service opportunities available to children as young as 3 years old! There are a variety of causes to support, such as animal welfare, homelessness, senior services, the environment, and children/families in need. You can check out their calendar of opportunities here

<https://calendar.generationserve.org/calendar/family-volunteering/202305/44/28663>



These “Mini Bulletin Boards” (credit to Eric again) you see near existing stop signs and other posts around the neighborhood let you know what’s going on without having to fight *Big Tech*! Everything you need to get you to the right place at the right time and find details about news and events is here to read and/or capture on your phone.



Public Toilet in the Serengeti National Park, Tanzania
Can you hold it a little longer?

I find it ironic that the colors red, white, and blue stand for freedom until they are flashing behind you. (The Cynical Philosopher)

Make a note: May 20th; WCN Neighborhood Garage Sale & Craft Fair!

Walnut Creek Neighborhood

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

Braker to Yeager and
Lamar to IH35

Membership dues are \$25 per household for a calendar year. Send a check to: WCNA ; PO Box 82746; Austin, TX 78708-2746

Dues notices are included in the Nov-Dec and Jan-Feb issues.

Payment also may be via PayPal:

<https://wcna.news.com/membership/>

To check whether you've paid your dues for this or next calendar year, call or text Pat at 512 659-8132 or email s.pitt@earthlink.net

To contribute content to the newsletter, send contributions via email to wcna.contact@gmail.com and/or contact Pat Pitt, 512 837-6620

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Calendar of Events

May	14	Mother's Day
	15	Bulk Item Collection- Collection starts Monday until all picked up.
	20	Walnut Creek Neighborhood Garage Sale & Craft Fair
	24	Blue Recycle Container Picked Up: Curbside by 7:00 a.m.
	25	Jill's Annual Protest Property Tax Seminar: 25 May, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Zoom conference; meeting info will be posted on WCNA media sites
	25	Kerrville Folk Festival begins - https://www.kerrvillefolkfestival.org
	27-29	Texas Tax-free Appliance Weekend: https://tinurl.com/FreeWknd
	29	Last Day of Classes, AISD
	29	Memorial Day Observed- Banks & Post Office closed
June	3 - 4	Austin Pond Tour - https://www.austinpondsociety.org/POND-TOUR-23
	7	Blue Recycle Container Picked Up: Curbside by 7:00 a.m.
	11	Kerrville Folk Festival ends
	18	Father's Day
	19	Juneteenth
	21	First Day of Summer: Blue Recycle Container Picked Up: Curbside by 7:00 a.m.
	22 - 25	Watermelon Thump - http://newsite.watermelonthump.com
July	4	Independence Day
	4	WCN 4 th of July Parade & Picnic - details on first page
	5	Blue Recycle Container Picked Up: Curbside by 7:00 a.m.
	7	Zilker Summer Musical begins - https://zilker.org