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The Safety Summit, 2023

By Emily Shaugnessy & Pat Pitt

Criminal activity is the source of much of the anxiety in neighborhoods. Petty thievery doesn't feel so petty if you, your neighbor, or your homes are targets. Break-ins, theft, and homelessness are some the most discussed topics on our neighborhood social media and main drivers for the formation of our neighborhood **Walnut Creek Safety Team**, which promotes real-time situation communication. We are very fortunate to have residents who work tirelessly to promote community cohesiveness and help alleviate these and other social anxieties. Among them are Emily and Eric Shaugnessy, and Stacy Claye, who have formed a

nonprofit organization, **We're All Neighbors** (WAN), that has served as a vehicle to organize many neighborhood events and activities (Good Neighbor Fest, the Spring Festival, etc.) and support many others. This summer, We're All Neighbors worked with the Walnut Creek Safety Team, the Walnut Creek Neighborhood Association, and four other local neighborhood associations to plan a "Safety Summit." The purpose was to give residents a chance to discuss and learn more about safety issues, build relationships in the community, and brainstorm solutions.

To develop a plan, the group partnered with the Austin Public Health Office of Violence Prevention and St. Mark UMC on Braker Lane. In the process, WAN volunteers renovated the Lawshae Community Center at St. Mark, including painting, cleaning, and making curtains; many neighbors participated in this effort!

The Summit was organized as follows: Meet, greet, introduce guests and layout procedures, then break into subgroups. Each subgroup included a moderator and one or more representatives either of a city office or APD, and the members of each of these groups would describe what their greatest safety concerns are. These were discussed and compiled into lists, which were presented to the whole body when it reconvened. City officials (Leslie Pool and Chito Vela) and APD officers responded to the issues and questions which resulted from the lists.

These sessions allowed residents from the various neighborhoods to meet and share experiences and ideas.

Two simultaneous sessions followed which addressed dealing with the anxieties produced by the concerns identified and discussed as above. One centered on the old standby **Neighborhood Watch** strategy of getting to know your immediate neighbors well so as to be able to recognize when "things don't look right" and what to do with the observation. Strategies for getting to know your neighbors better were presented and discussed, and the process is intended to produce an action plan that will help mitigate feelings of fear and anxiety.

The parallel session dealt directly with the mental stress produced by disturbing activities or anticipation and / or fear of these. This stress can be debilitating, and if it becomes chronic can lead to serious health issues. Concrete examples of why you may be feeling the stress were shown by representatives of the Austin Health Department Office of Violence Prevention, which is a relatively new department in the city.

Strategies to mitigate the mental stress – stress interrupters - include such actions as taking deep, slow breaths, walking, relaxing music, etc. in the short term and exercise, healthy eating, good sleep, and mindfulness techniques in the longer term. (Phone apps to aid in mindfulness are readily available, many free to download.)

After lunch a combined session led by special guest Gregory Seville, founder of SafeGrowth and the author of the book about it ("SafeGrowth: Building Neighborhoods of Safety & Livability") was held in the Lawshae Center. His informative and entertaining interactive presentation illuminated how problems with criminal and other desirable activity in a neighborhood can be treated "ecologically", i.e. infrastructure modification and approaching the problem actors from a perspective of genuine interest, and even respect and love.

The closing session was a perfect end for the Summit. Previously homeless people described experiences and things about their lives while homeless, making it clear that most homeless people "are individuals", a fact that many of us fail to recognize. They made it clear that some are not nice to be around, again just a mirror of the rest of us and restating what earlier speakers emphasized: dealing with a homeless person requires recognizing his or her humanity (more than one of the speakers noted that how you look and speak to a homeless person is very important to avoid a negative reaction).

These observations were amplified even louder by Val Romness, editor of the **Challenger Street Newspaper**, which is totally dedicated to supporting the homeless population in Austin. Val runs the operation out of her vehicle,



Emily, Stacy and Eric

prints it on her home printer and pays homeless workers to fold and distribute it. All proceeds are used to support the homeless in a “hand-up not handout” way, so a subscription is a very effective way to help that population: See <https://www.challengernewspaper.org/> .

An estimated 120 attended the Summit from more than 7 neighborhoods, which speaks volumes about the tireless efforts of all who volunteered their time to make this event so successful.

Be(a)ware! Walnut EEK! is Returning on Halloween!

Season's creepings, y'all! Before we know it, everyone's favorite ghouls and goblins will be parading through the streets on an endless quest for treats. We can't wait for the spookiest night of the year and all the excitement it invokes.

For the fourth year in a row our very own Walnut Creek Neighborhood will host Walnut EEK! 2023 on Halloween (Tuesday, October 31). Activities this year include house decorating and prizes, interactive events, and, most importantly, trick-or-treating from 6:00–9:00 p.m. There will be Spooky Stops throughout the neighborhood with maps, fun activities, and healthy refreshments as well as space available for those who would like to set-up games or a candy booth in areas with heavier foot traffic.



Come unleash your creative spirits and have a spooktacular time!

Visit <https://walnuteek.com/> to add your house to the trick-or-treat map, sign up for volunteer opportunities, and/or donate to neighborhood prizes and treats.

Also watch the media for announcements of additional activities!

Reminder: We Have an Election on November 7th!

Little has been discussed on any media outlets about the upcoming election, and it's not very surprising. It's an odd-numbered year, which means there are no “regular” elections involving government officeholders (that chaos awaits us next year - in spades!) But many bills passed by the Texas legislature require approval by voting residents of Texas to become law, and fourteen of the amendments passed in the regular and special legislative sessions this year are now “on the ballot”; i.e., the “Ballot Order” for these has been posted by the Secretary of State: See https://www.sos.state.tx.us/about/newsreleases/2023/080423.shtml?trk=public_post_comment-text.

Of course, (mostly) because these proposed amendments must be identified on our ballot, the descriptions there have to be made very brief, which means they are almost impossible to decipher when you see them for the first time (in fact they can be downright misleading). For most of us, this means we need either to read the bill itself (not really recommended for non-legal-experts) or find a non-partisan description of each, preferably including examples of the effects passing of the amendment could/might produce. Austin Statesman has a brief description of the amendments in their 11 Sept 2023 issue, but we'll need, and should expect, much more to appear as we get closer to voting time. The most discussed amendments have been Prop 7 which would create spending authority to expand electric-generating capacity – including more fossil-fuel-based sources – to help prevent blackouts like the one caused by winter storm Uri in 2021, Prop 3 which would prohibit establishment of a “wealth tax”, i.e. taxes on the net worth of rich people (my words), and Prop 4, which would increase our homestead exemption from the current \$40,000 to \$100,000. Note that this last one needs to be settled before our property taxes can be calculated for next year.

At this point the most important thing is to make sure you're eligible to vote. You can check this out - specifically for you - at <https://teamrv-mvp.sos.texas.gov/MVP/mvp.do> .

The critical dates (from <https://countyclerk.traviscountytexas.gov/departments/elections/election-calendar/>) are:

• Last Day to Register to Vote	• Tuesday, October 10, 2023
• First Day of Early Voting in Person	• Monday, October 23, 2023
• Last day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (received, not postmarked)	• Friday, October 27, 2023
• Last Day of Early Voting in Person	• Friday, November 3, 2023

We Got 666+ New Laws on September 1st and a Total of 774!

Does this cry for the legislature meeting even less frequently – and for shorter times – than it does now?

Couple of reasons for this flurry of laws. The first is the amount of money available to the lawmakers to distribute: about 32.7 billion dollars in “surplus” income (i.e., beyond the regular budget money) since the last session. The very conservative lege actually spent only \$20 billion of that surplus in crafting the two-year budget of about \$320 billion.

Some of these laws are being challenged in courts, including one restricting support of transgender children and one which imposes state control of city laws, described as the Death Star bill. As usual, Austin was a prime target of the legislators who produced this bill (HB 2127). Both of these have been deemed unconstitutional by federal judges, but are being appealed by the state. Of course – and thankfully – very many of these bills will have no effect on us.

If you have the time and patience to explore <https://tinyurl.com/LookOut-Laws> lists some of the more controversial laws now in effect, and it's easy to find sources for a lot more. Feeling overwhelmed yet?

A consolation prize: HPHB1322 requires that a state agency filing a notice of a proposed rule with the Secretary of State must publish a summary written “in plain language”, both in English and Spanish, on its website!

Let's Clean Up The Creek! Volunteer Opportunities in Our Park

Event Title: Walnut Creek Clean Up

Date: Saturday, September 30th

Time: 9:00 AM - 12 Noon

Location: Walnut Creek in Walnut Bluffs Trailhead, 11938 Oakbrook Drive

Description: This Walnut Creek cleanup project will be an extensive effort to remove trash and debris from the creek, focusing on areas behind the Cedarbrook Court cul-de-sac. Under the guidance of biologist Wendy Hodges, volunteers will be walking an extended distance down the creek to focus on removing trash and debris from key areas, which may include heavy items. Volunteers must be able to safely navigate rocky, difficult terrain. You may get wet also! ***Keep Austin Beautiful*** will be picking up the trash in Cedarbrook Court afterwards. We will provide bags, trash pickers, drinks and snacks for volunteers. Your participation is greatly appreciated to help keep our Walnut Bluffs park and the creek clean and ecologically sound.

Requirements for volunteers:

- be 18 years of age or older,
- sign a liability waiver
- bring a water bottle
- wear closed-toed shoes, pants, long- sleeves, gloves and hat.

Day-of-Agenda:

- **9:00 AM:** Volunteer sign in & safety briefing at entrance.
- **9:30 AM - 11:30 AM** - Creek clean up
- **11:30 AM - Noon** - Wrap up and break down

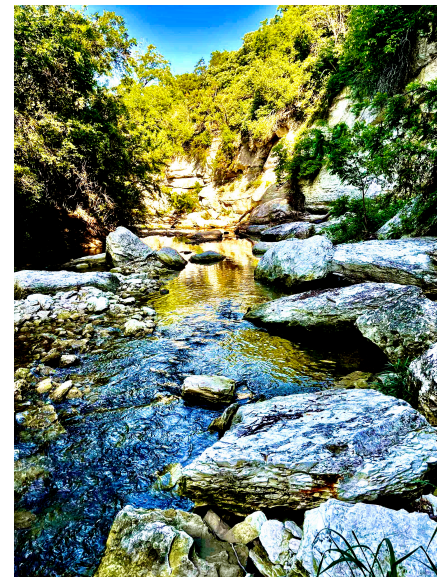
Sponsors:

- Walnut Creek Neighborhood Association
- Walnut Creek Safety Team
- Keep Austin Beautiful

Project Team Members:

- Sara Breuer, WCNA Board Member
- Wendy Hodges, biologist and expert on Walnut Creek
- Christian Ninaud, WC Safety Team Lead

Contact Information: If you would like to volunteer or have questions feel free to contact Christian Ninaud by text at 512 971-7628 or message me on FaceBook. Thank you!



Walnut Creek (by Bunnie Twidwell)

The Travis County Fire Marshal has declared a Burn Ban

Effective until **20 September**: <https://www.traviscountytx.gov/fire-marshal>.

All permits for outdoor burning must be permitted through this new website: <https://www.tcfmopermits.com/>

Navigating Housing Trends in Austin's Walnut Creek & Beyond

or: The Case of "Where Have All the Home Buyers Gone?" *By Walnut Creek Real Estate, Jill Leberknight*

"How many licks does it take to get to the center of a Tootsie Pop?" Remember that old TV commercial?

I feel a bit like that little kid these days! I've spent over 14 months attending housing and economic summits from Austin to NYC, Las Vegas to Washington DC, all analyzing the *slow-down in the Austin market*.

Of course, I don't accept the Tootsie Roll answer of "The World May Never Know."

So, I'm going to provide you with an overview of my quest and the insight I've gained into the ever-changing landscape of the housing market, both on a national level and right here in Austin's Walnut Creek Neighborhood.

I'll also stir in a little Austin Agent Jill WCN boots-on-the-ground commentary. Cause you know, economic discussions always need a little spice, right?

National Affordability Challenges and Market Dynamics

High mortgage rates and escalating home prices are making affordability a challenge for buyers. Dr. Selma Hepp, chief economist for Corelogic, the nation's largest provider of advanced property and ownership information and analytics, points out that these factors are eroding buyer affordability across the country. Home sales on a national scale are lagging, trending 26% below 2022 levels and 22% below 2019 levels. This decline is primarily driven by a affordability and supply constraints.

National Trends: Finding Balance Amidst Demand

Dr. Hepp, goes on to say there is a delicate balancing act happening in the housing market across the nation. Unprecedented demand and historically low inventories are driving prices upwards once more. The forecast predicts a 4% average annual price increase in 2023, though certain states may experience declines.

Regionally, remember the intense multiple-offer craze that we experienced during the pandemic years? The ripple effects of that scene have spread to communities outside of Austin, and now those trying to escape and relocate outside of our city are crashing into our old market while ours currently is moving in the opposite direction.

Local Slowdown: A Look at Walnut Creek & Austin Metro *by Agent Jill*

Despite national trends, our very own Walnut Creek neighborhood as well as the Austin metro is showing signs of a slow-down. While inventory levels have plummeted by 50% nationwide compared to 2019, Walnut Creek is witnessing a much less pronounced decrease in home sales but a more astonishing **104%** increase in days-on-market year over year. This in turn is lowering sold values by 12.4% in WCN and 14% in the Austin Metro. I'm sure this is no surprise to neighbors as we see *For Sale* signs remain in front yards for months. In the 18 years I have been tracking WCN data our days-on-market haven't been this long since post-2011 mortgage meltdown recovery days.

Austin Agent Jill says: In other words, homeowners haven't lived in a landscape like this in over 12 years AND many homeowners have either never sold a home in Texas, have only bought and sold in a "hot" market OR they started making their future home plans when the possibility of a financial windfall was more likely. That last point is a biggie. Many 2023 home sellers started their home relocation planning during the peak real estate market which means budgets, savings, and decisions were made in a completely different climate. Hard to back-pedal on such a multi-layered move.

Central Texas Insights: July's Housing Report

Dr. Clare Losey, a Housing Economist at the Austin Board of Realtors, continues to shed light on the state of our local market. Our most recent July report shows impressive resilience of prices considering how high our market climbed in 2022, and with pending sales surging by 14.5%. Despite shifts, she believes the market is stabilizing and maintaining its momentum, thus "is poised for future growth".

Key Metrics from July 2023

Let's take a closer look at the numbers that define July's housing performance:

- Median Sales Price for Single-Family Homes: \$462,000, reflecting a 10% drop compared to previous periods and a more significant 14.5% year-over-year decline.
- Total Sales Dollar Volume: A 7% decrease compared to previous periods.
- New Listings: A substantial 23% decrease compared to previous periods.

But....uh....these numbers don't seem to match the scene that is being painted. Decreases and drops are bad, right? If you are a home seller in Austin right now it sure does feel bad. It's only when you zoom back the lens and look at the scene from a wider view do you recognize why economists are using phrases like stabilization, momentum, resilient and poised for growth. We're losing some steam that we picked up while we were the modern day cabbage patch doll of American cities. But Austin has historically been an outlier in terms of economic storytelling and even though these economic narratives are complex and often hard to unpack one narrative has been consistent through all. Austin will bounce back. It may not bounce back immediately to where it was a year ago but the employment landscape is not going anywhere. We simply need to grapple with the affordability crisis we are in.

Impact of Mortgage Rates and Affordability

Mortgage rates have emerged as a major topic, influencing market dynamics. Changes in the 10-year Treasury yield contribute to fluctuations in mortgage rates. Factors like economic data, consumer spending, and investor sentiments play a role. These changes impact both buyers and sellers, with affordability concerns arising due to higher rates and escalating home prices. (continued below)

I don't think Austinites have fully digested the affordability gap as it relates to our housing crisis, not to mention the housing shortage crisis that is growing from the baby-boom generation holding onto their homes longer, along with anyone who is holding a mortgage with 2-4% interest rates. In the Austin-Georgetown-Round Rock Metropolitan Statistical Area in July, less than 10% of homes sold were affordable to households earning \$100,000, for whom the affordable home price was ~\$310,000. Buyers would essentially need to earn \$150,000 annually to be able to afford the median-priced home here, currently about \$462,000.

The road ahead holds challenges and opportunities. While 2023 might present hurdles for the housing market, lower mortgage rates could incentivize activity for buyers and sellers. Dr. Hepp predicts a return to normalcy in 2024, driven by demographic shifts. Overall market trends are expected to revert to historical averages.

*So: Sellers: If you don't have to sell in 2023 hold off until 2024. Buyers: this market has negotiation power that we haven't seen in 12 years. As we say in the industry, date the rate, marry the house and most important **BE INFORMED!***

Balancing Act: A Local and National View

Looking at national and local trends, it's evident that our Walnut Creek Neighborhood continues to stand out. There's one picture nationally - that you might hear about on the news - and there's the reality of Austin and even our own neighborhood where trends may be very different. My goal is to ensure neighbors have the information, facts, and knowledge to make healthy financial home decisions. As always feel free to reach out. ~ Jill

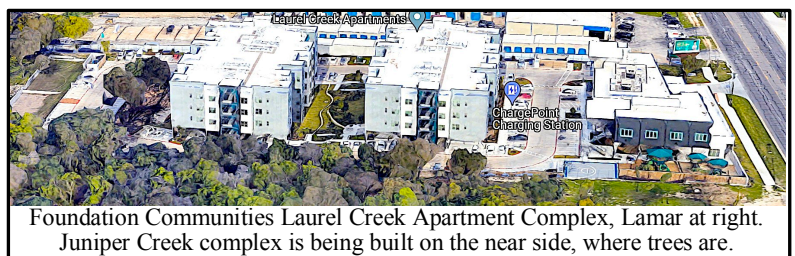
The City of Austin is currently in Stage 2 Drought Water Use Restrictions.

- **Rules for Residential Watering** <https://www.austintexas.gov/content/austin-water>
 - Hose-end Sprinklers - one day per week - midnight to 10 a.m. and/or 7 p.m. to midnight
 - Even address - Sunday
 - Odd address - Saturday
 - Automatic Irrigation - one day per week - midnight to 5 a.m. and/or 7 p.m. to midnight
 - Even address - Thursday
 - Odd address - Wednesday

Foundation Communities “Opens Their House”

By now you're familiar with the apartment complex called “**Laurel Creek**” - built (partly) on the property that was occupied by the used appliance business for decades - across Lamar and slightly north from our Caddo entrance. This complex is part of the **Foundation Communities**

(FC) family of “affordable housing” developments in and around Austin. Laurel Creek opened in April of 2022, and a sister complex called ‘**Juniper Creek**’ is now under construction immediately to its south (kinda painful to lose all those trees!) Laurel Creek comprises 88 units and Juniper will have 110. Laurel Creek was funded largely under Austin’s immense affordable housing bond passed in November of 2022, with additional subsidies from Wells Fargo and the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas.



FC has a long record of building apartments renting for well under market rates: Laurel Creek units rent for as little as little as little as \$780 for a single bedroom, which compares to Austin’s median price of about \$1540.

At noon on Tuesday, August 22nd, FC / Laurel Creek held their first open house for neighbors – or anyone interested – to visit and learn about the operation (note FC holds open houses regularly at its facilities around Austin: See <https://foundcom.org/get-involved/come-to-an-open-house/>). At least 50 folks from WCN and nearby neighborhoods attended the event, which started with presentations in the Learning Center, most often used for programs for kids. These programs and all other services provided at Laurel Creek are free to residents, and family services are also open free to the public, limited by space. This includes “Healthy Food Pantries” on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month from 4:30 to 6:30, fitness classes, a yoga class, and vaccination and occasional health fairs (see <https://fchealth.info>). Neighborhood children also can attend the Afterschool and Summer Learning programs, again depending on space and sufficient staffing at the time.

FC also offers free-to-the-public financial assistance, including tax preparation (for individuals and households whose incomes qualify), help with health insurance enrollment, financial coaching, and assistance with benefits. These are performed at Prosper Centers, the north one at 5900 Airport Blvd., <https://foundcom.org/prosper-centers/>.

FC also offers “Education Pathways” programs, including ESL classes and assistance with finding financial aid for college, and also job training assistance.

After the presentation smaller groups formed from the attendees were taken on tours of the complex. The Laurel Creek structures don't evince a sense of “affordable housing”: They're of high quality design and construction, and being new reinforces that feel. We were able to go into a two-bedroom apartment just before it was occupied, and it felt spacious and well laid out, with great lighting inside and from the sun. All surfaces are hard for long-term maintenance consideration, giving a bit of industrial feel without furnishings, but residents will fix that!

There are outside recreation facilities protected by screening to prevent “public” use for safety reasons, and rules call for all children to be supervised on the playgrounds. It's easy to see why FC conducts these open house events, as there is nothing about the facility that would invoke NIMBY hostility beyond just the size - and maybe traffic.

Professional Wrestling Birthday Party in the Hood?!

Some Walnut Creek Neighbors are Just more...neighborly! One of those stalwarts here in WCN is **Max Meehan**, whose Walnut EEK! / Halloween constructions are famous to us “kids of all ages”. He's a *Front-Yard Guy*, showing movies and hosting his *Sock Hop* on Saturday nights or just sitting out there evenings ruminating with *Night Owl* neighbors and friends (look him up on the WCN Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/wcnanews>). And even in the midst of a 70+day stretch of temperatures reaching beyond 100 degrees, who else would have thought of setting up a wrestling ring in their front yard and filling it with acrobatic humans to celebrate his son Scout's birthday? Nobody but Max, who rented the ring and brought some of his company's professional wrestlers to entertain all comers. About 50 folks gathered in his shady front yard on Hilltop to witness the amazing physical prowess and showmanship of the troupe: https://youtu.be/P9LxKTL_m6U?si=nw04Pyg7vgzoxzXy and <https://youtu.be/x4WlJnIBtKQ?si=I77Wcokpo3-pbg4K> : Amazing!

If you're interested in pro wrestling, Austin has vibrant scene; Max can clue you in!

Kids Corner: Pumpkin Volcano Activity. by Ashley Arnerich

One of our favorite activities every Fall is making a pumpkin volcano! This easy project has a lot of wow factor to it. You can do it over and over again with different colors.

Watching the reaction never gets old.

Items Needed

A small to medium pumpkin, top cut off and hollowed out; White vinegar; Water; Baking soda; Food coloring; Spoon or chopstick (magic wand); Tray with a lip to contain the explosion, like a baking pan

To start: hollow out a pumpkin. Older kids can carve a face at this point, but it's not necessary.

For each reaction, add water to less than halfway up the pumpkin and ½ cup of baking soda.

Add several drops of food coloring and stir with magic wand.

Now take a cup of vinegar and add, as slowly, or as quickly as the child would like.

Watch as the reaction forms an explosion. Repeat and enjoy.



Fall Walnut Creek Neighborhood Association Neighborhood-Wide Garage and Craft Sale!

To be held on **Saturday, 21 October 2023 from 8 am to times determined by the sellers**. Here are a few features of this sale: **no commission or fees of any kind** are owed to the Association; **the garage sale held by the individual participant is held at the participant's own property** (no central site, although there may be an exception to this for the craft and artist vendors); **the Association** puts ads in the local newspapers (Chronicle, Statesman) and in other venues such as austin.culturemap.com; **the Association** publishes a map of participants and distributes copies of this map to participants to give to buyers/lookers; and **the Association** puts up sandwich signs at subdivision entrances and other signage within the subdivision. Of course, participants may hold their sale on the corresponding Friday and Sunday, without the benefit of Association advertising.

To be put on the map get in touch with Robert Meadows at 512 633 1459 or ROBERTL@meadows.com, or by the other channels available these days. Given the many channels available, please look for a confirmation from me to be sure I have received your message. Note the “curb appeal” of a garage sale is important (unless some outstanding items are being offered), and combining a sale with a nearby neighbor or two is a good way to pump up the inventory without having to lug it to a central site.

******* It's My Park Day at Our Park: Volunteers Needed! *******

Our beloved Walnut Bluffs Trailhead will once again be part of Austin Parks Foundation biannual ***It's My Park Day*** on **Saturday, Nov. 4th**, sponsored by your Walnut Creek Neighborhood Association. Join us for a fun morning of taking care of our beautiful trailhead between Oakbrook Drive and Lamar Blvd.

It's My Park Day at Walnut Bluffs Trailhead

11938 Oakbrook Drive

9 am - noon

- Invasive species removal (pull up Johnson grass!)
- Native wildflower planting and seeding
- Trash and recycling pickup
- Have fun with neighbors
- Tree and bird identification

Coffee and tacos provided! Poison ivy lotion provided.

Note! Volunteer spots open up Oct. 9 at <https://austinparks.org/>. All volunteers need to register and sign a waiver. Get a cool t-shirt too! Children are welcome to volunteer and attend!



QR Code to pay dues or donate

Join and/or support WCNA: You can use PayPal for both dues & contributions.

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/>

Alternatively, with your smart phone using a QR code reader you can go to the same page using the QR code at left.

Note: You don't have to join PayPal to use it for payments.

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Trans Hotline: 877-565-8860

City: All services, codes & code violations, animal reports: **Call 311**

[Get the phone app: **Austin311** on Google Play and iTunes]

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APD Animal Cruelty Unit Tip Hot Line: 512 978-0523

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Walnut Creek Neighborhood

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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://wcnanews.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

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Calendar of Events

Sep	13	Blue Recycle Container Picked Up: Curbside by 7:00 a.m.
	16-17	Pecan Street Festival - https://pecanstreetfestival.org
	17	Austin Museum Day - http://www.austinmuseums.org
	19	Talk Like a Pirate Day - AARRRRR!
	21-23	Texas Tribune Festival - https://festival.texastribune.org
	23	Autumn begins
	27	Blue Recycle Container Picked Up: Curbside by 7:00 a.m.
	29	State Fair of Texas opens in Dallas: https://bigtex.com/ Thru 22 Sept
	30	Walnut Creek Cleanup: 9:00 – Noon; Meet at Oakbrook Trailhead Entrance
Oct	6-8	Austin City Limits Musical Festival 1st weekend
	9	Indigenous Peoples Day/Columbus Day - Banks and Post Office closed
	10	*****Voter registration deadline for Nov 7, 2023 election*****
	11	Blue Recycle Container Picked Up: Curbside by 7:00 a.m.
	13-15	Austin City Limits Musical Festival 2nd weekend
	16	*** Bulk Item Collection begins until all is picked up ***
	23	Early Voting Begins
	25	Blue Recycle Container Picked Up: Curbside by 7:00 a.m.
	28	Take Back Drug Day - https://tinyurl.com/TakeDrugs
	31	Halloween and Walnut EEK!
Nov	3	Early Voting Ends
	4	It's My Park Day at Walnut Creek Trailhead at 9:00 a.m. https://austinparks.org/
	5	Daylight Savings time ends (set clock one hour back; sleep one hour longer)
	7	*****Election Day*****
	8	Blue Recycle Container Picked Up: Curbside by 7:00 a.m.
	11	Veterans Day - Banks and Post Office closed