



Neighborhood
Association

Annual General Meeting
Saturday, January 27th, 2024
4 pm to 7 pm

Lawshae Community Building
601 West Braker Lane, Austin, Texas 78753

Agenda

- State of the Neighborhood
 - Who We Are & What We Do
 - 2023 Goals & Initiatives (based on survey results)
 - What We Accomplished
 - 2024 Goals & Initiatives (based on survey results)
 - How we plan to accomplish
- Elections

Who We Are, What We Do, How We Do It

- WCNA is an officially recognized entity registered with both City of Austin and State of Texas. Our official, incorporated designation allows us to have recognized and unified voice in community matters
- We build and maintain relationships with many entities that affect our quality of life
- WCNA strives to support residents and their visions for the community. *“If you dream it, we will support it”*
- We can't do it without **YOU**. This is a completely grassroots, volunteer organization.

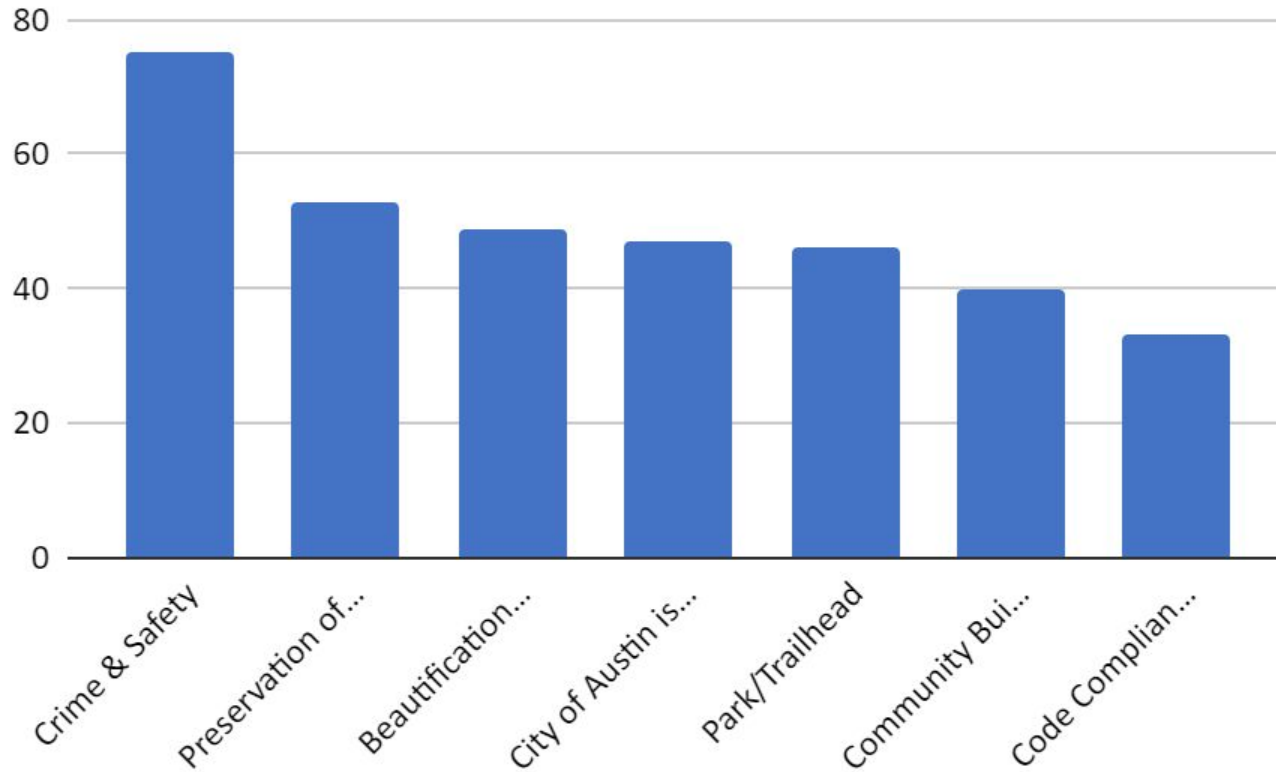




2022 Survey: % of Respondents that felt these issues are Very Important:

1. Crime & Safety 75%
2. Preservation of housing and trees 53%
3. Beautification & ecological preservation 49%
4. City of Austin issues 47%
5. Park/Trailhead 46%
6. Community Building 40%
7. Code Compliance 33%

2022-Survey Says:



2023 Initiatives & Accomplishments

- **Focus on Safety**

- 2023 Annual Meeting-APD, DA, etc..
- Created a non-voting Board position for Safety Team Lead
- Created a Safety page on website
- Wildfire Risk Reduction Presentation
- Strengthened relationship with APD via small group meetings
- Partnered with We're All Neighbors for Safety Summit
- Partnered with Safety Team on Neighborhood Night Out & Community Dinner
- We're All Neighbors & Safety Team Mental Health First Aid



2023 Initiatives & Accomplishments

- **Focus on protecting “feel” of neighborhood-housing and trees**
 - We advocate on behalf of the neighborhood
 - Ex: Google Fiber changed their process based on OUR feedback
- **Beautification & ecological preservation**
 - Clean-Ups
 - Pillar preservation and restoration
 - Tire clean up at Skunk Creek
 - Pruning back overgrowth at Caddo/Hornsby
 - September “deep clean” of our portion of Walnut Creek
- **City of Austin Issues**
 - WCNA acts as a clearinghouse for official communications & notifications from entities such as TXDoT, City of Austin, Travis County, CapMetro, etc...



2023 Initiatives & Accomplishments

- **Park/Trailhead**

- Safety Team sponsored Walnut Bluffs Trailhead Grand Opening & Celebration
- It's My Park Day
- Walnut Bluffs Conservation Workday
- Kiosk Installation
- Mapping public/private land ownership around trail
- Remained active about tracking camps



2023 Initiatives & Accomplishments

- **Community Building ~60 Community Activated events in 2023**

- July 4th Parade
- Safety Team *Let's Ride!* Community Bike Rides
- Walnut EEK!
- Walnut Creek Elementary Spaghetti Dinner
- Neighborhood Night Out - Led by Safety Team
- Partnered with We're All Neighbors for holiday party
- Garage Sales & Craft Fairs

- **Code Compliance**

- Regular communication about out of compliance issues in and around the neighborhood

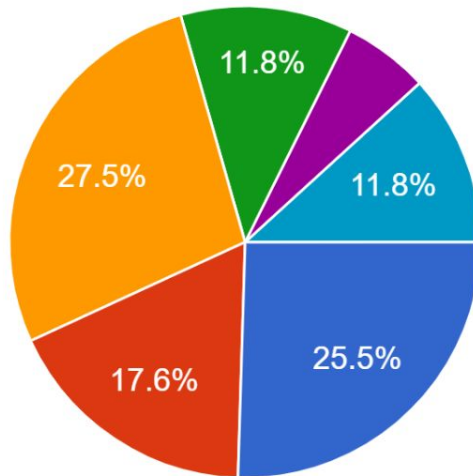


2024 Goals & Initiatives

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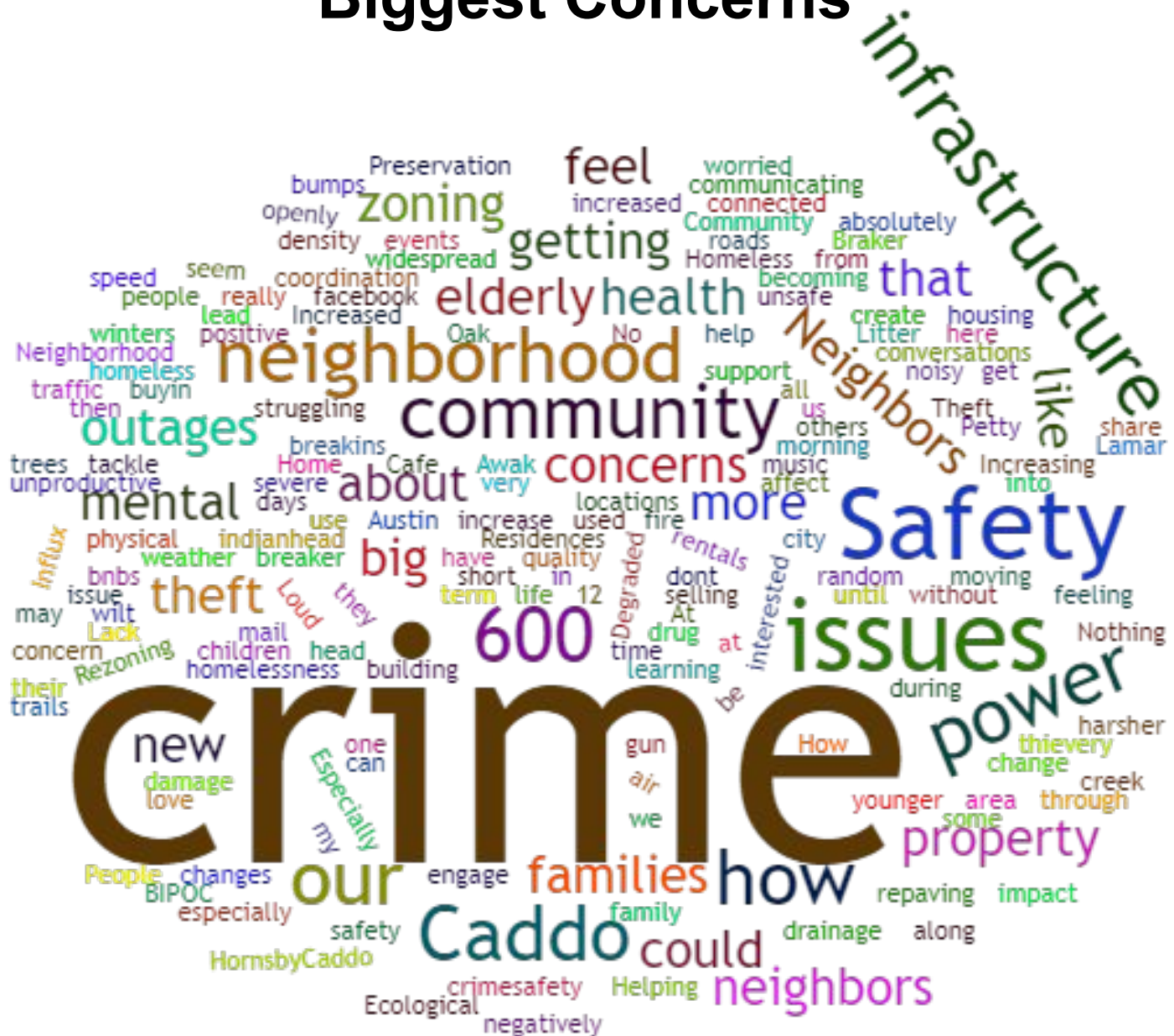
What should the WCNA Board prioritize for 2024?

51 responses



- Crime and Safety
- Neighborhood Infrastructure (power lines, roads, storm drains, etc...)
- Community Building (social events, collaborative meetings, partnerships w...)
- Code Issues (illegal or nonconforming property use, code violations, etc.)
- Ecological Preservation (trees, trails, creek)
- City of Austin Issues (planning, develo...)

Biggest Concerns



What would improve your quality of life?



How WCNA Plans to Supports YOU in 2024

Community Building

- Partner with Community Stakeholders:
 - Safety Team, We're All Neighbors, Walnut Creek Elementary, North Lamar International District, etc...
- Support neighbor-led community-building initiatives:
 - 4th of July Parade
 - Walnut EEK
 - Lawshae Holiday Party
 - Garage & Craft Sales
 - Create climate-resilient infrastructure
 - Network of responders for inclement weather emergencies



How WCNA Plans to Supports YOU in 2024

We build and maintain relationships with many entities that affect you day-to-day

Crime & Safety

- Liaison with APD
- Safety Team
- Neighborhood Night Out

Neighborhood Infrastructure

- Advocate with City of Austin on behalf of neighbors
 - CapEx North aka North I35 Construction Project
 - North Lamar Corridor Project
- Goal of Community Garden

Ecological Preservation, Code & City of Austin Issues

- Advocate as an official entity on issues and initiatives as they arise
- Continued stewardship of parkland & greenspaces



How WCNA Plans to Supports YOU in 2024

Keeping You Informed:

- **Newsletter**-one of the longest running neighborhood newsletters, this is delivered to the home of each resident every other month.
- **Website WCNAnews.com**-did you know that the WCNA has had an online presence since the dawn of the world-wide-web in the mid 1990s?! And while we are no longer hosted on Geocities, WCNAnews.com continues to be a wealth of information for neighbors and the general public
- **Walnut Week**-you may have seen these in various spots around the neighborhood as you are out and about on your walk or run. These flyers provide quick updates on the weekly happenings in the Walnut Creek Neighborhood
- **WCNA Facebook page & group** is home to lively & interactive chatter amongst neighbors
- **WCNA Parents Facebook group** is private group where parents can commiserate, find out about fun kid activities or organize play dates, and more
- **Chats**-Facebook, WhatsApp, and text chats to communicate with smaller groups
- **WCNA Nextdoor** is the social media platform specifically for neighborhoods
- **Trailhead Kiosk**-this is one of the latest communications channels and is conveniently located near the entrance of our trailhead

St. Mark Food Pantry

Serves residents of the 78753 and 78758 zip codes & offers food and clothes at the following times:

Mondays: 5pm-7pm

- Wednesdays: 10am-Noon
- Fridays: 10am-Noon

Interested in helping out? We always need:

- Drivers to get the food and deliver to the pantry
- Helpers the days the pantry is open
- Workers and prayer staff

DONATIONS ALWAYS NEEDED



WCNA Board Members

Officers

- Robert Meadows, President
- Theresa Jones, Vice President
- Pat Pitt, Treasurer
- Karen Watkins, Secretary

Directors

- Dorsey & Bunnie Twidwell (co-directors)
- Clay Chip Smith
- Sara Breuer
- Tasha Bowser
- Siobhan Blackburn
- Melissa Huber
- John Hersey

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