



# Walnut Creek Neighborhood News

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## **A New Format: WCNA Annual General Meeting on 27 January**

### **The purpose was the same, we did it a little differently.**

If you hadn't been to any events in the Lawshae Community Center, St. Mark UMC, in the last few months, you were surely pleasantly surprised if you attended WCNA's General Meeting. Volunteers with *We're All Neighbors* have "made the place over", making it a more inviting venue than in the past. It was set up with tables surrounded by chairs for attendees, who numbered greater than fifty folks, with some late arrivers increasing the total number. The meeting started shortly after 4:00 p.m. on this Saturday afternoon (in the past this meeting was held on a weekday in February or March, starting at 6:30 pm to allow attendance after work).

President Robert Meadows welcomed attendees and established the structure for the meeting. He reminded us that WCNA is not a Home Owner's Association (HOA), and has the general philosophy that confrontation with residents is to be avoided as much as possible, using direct contact with homeowners to settle issues as the norm. The *Annual General Meeting* has two main purposes: (1) It is the venue for election of WCNA board members for the upcoming year, and (2) it presents neighbors with a summary of activities and projects undertaken by the association in the previous year, along with results and/or current status, and plans for the near future. The presentation is intended both to inform and elicit observations and opinions from residents of WCN.

Election of board members was accomplished quickly, as no new candidates were introduced by the board or from the audience. Board members are elected for two years, and those members who were completing their second year all decided to run for two more. These were all re-elected by voice vote and show of hands: Robert Meadows, Theresa Jones, Pat Pitt, Karen Watkins, Dorsey & Bunnie Twidwell, Clay Chip Smith, Tasha Bowser and Melissa Huber.

Tasha – with graphics she produced and with supporting comments from Robert - made the presentation, expanding on the bullet points and emphasizing the intention of the association to represent interests of the neighborhood as well as possible. To this end, several polls had been taken via social media during the year, and thoughts were also solicited from residents attending Board meetings and other events.

From the presentation, here are the activities undertaken by, sponsored by, or supported by WCNA:

### **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

### **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: 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

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Following the presentation and discussion, dinner was served. Each table was given a designation for discussion about one of the particular major topics: Safety/Security, Park/Environment, etc. But, of course, discussions go where nature takes them, so the process was pretty free-form.

As expected, some folks came for this part of the meeting only, and some left as it started. The total number of attendees was similar to previous meetings, which was a little disappointing. It was hoped that this change in timing and format would entice / allow significantly more people to attend, but maybe that happens next time as a result of this one. There are many options for this Bylaw-required meeting, and with this experience the board will be consulting with the neighborhood to establish the setup for 2025.

**Watch for the announcement on social media and here in January 2025!**

### **Train Station Opens at the Austin FC Soccer Stadium (Q2)**

On Saturday, Feb 25<sup>th</sup> the Capital Metro train station at Austin's Q2 stadium officially opened, timed for the opening match of the season. The rush at the end of the process caused some problems with riders from the downtown area (not enough seats for all of the fans waiting to get to the stadium on time), but the train worked as planned and a small crowd celebrated when the first train arrived. This is expected to improve (reduce) traffic congestion near the stadium on game days (and also free up parking places). The track is "double" so trains stopped at the venue won't stop trains passing through. This capability should guarantee a full stadium for every match (which is nearly always the case anyway)!



This station is "supposed" to replace the Kramer Lane Station, and also provide a large car-parking area. At this time neither is true; guess we just have to wait and see (parking at the Kramer Station is almost nonexistent).

**AND: Hooray! Soon we may no longer get blasted by CapMetro Rail train horns in the area!**

Four of the stations in our area qualify as "Quiet Zones": Kramer Lane, Rutland Drive, Braker Lane and Rundberg Lane. This means that by the end of April - when some (expensive) safety features to assure failsafe gates are completed - the trains will stop sounding their 100 dB horns at these crossings except in an emergency (e.g., person or vehicle on the track). We might appreciate it occasionally, but nearby neighborhoods are very happy about this!

### **More Streets Improved, More to Come**

Surely it doesn't have to be a surprise to most of us that we're getting a selection of streets re-paved, does it? If your street is about to be done the city will notify you of the planned time and let you know that you need to keep your vehicles off the street while the work is going on, and they'll make sure it happens even if you forget. But the only notice the rest of us get is the appearance of that strange machinery in the neighborhood.



Then we know it's (probably) going to happen, but we still don't (necessarily) know which streets will be resurfaced. And if some of our streets (think Caddo, for example) are being done it may be almost impossible to use them. And if some streets are cut off it can require a major maneuver to get where you need to.

I suspect nobody in the 'hood will complain about getting our streets repaved, especially some particular ones: think west Caddo again. It's almost a pleasure to use that stretch now! But it's "here a street, there a street" progress...

It may be that the only way most of us residents get some warning is if someone (preferably many) who get the notice for their street **puts the information onto our social media, or informs a board member**, who can make sure the word gets out. And we've got several more streets to do before the cycle for our neighborhood is completed.

But once the word is out or the machines show up, we can find out what they're up to. The city has a site, <http://tinyurl.com/NuStreet>, that gives you an interactive map showing which streets currently are planned for resurfacing or have it in progress, anywhere in Austin during the current fiscal year (October through September). To find a neighborhood of interest you can enter an address (seems unreliable), slide the map around and expanding it (like Google Maps, from which it likely was derived), or click on the circle symbol to the upper left ("my location"). At this time you'll see the streets which have been resurfaced indicated with a bright green stripe. Repaving in the neighborhood started two years ago in June with the southern part of Whitewing and most of Covington, then Hornsby in June of last year, and now the various ones just completed. This still leaves many streets in need of the process, which obviously is planned at least a full year in advance. So come late August, we should be able to go to the site to see if any work is planned for 2025. Once you find out your street is in the plan, instructions say to call 311 if you want to know when the street at your address will be done (which seems like an unnecessary load on our 311 personnel). This results in a "service request" and *Street & Bridge* – or someone – will call or email.

**Recap of the March 2, 2024 It's My Park Day Project at the Walnut Bluffs Trailhead***by Robert Meadows*

***It's My Park Day (IMPD)*** is a biannual event sponsored by the Austin Parks Foundation (APF) and is held on the first Saturday of March and the first Saturday of November (the 2<sup>nd</sup> this year). The purpose of IMPD is to gather volunteers into individual projects at individual parks for the purpose of park maintenance, park improvement, and park enjoyment. Each project requires a project leader or local sponsor, and for some years a Board member (e.g., Sara Breuer, Tasha Bowser, Bunnie and Dorsey Twidwell) of the Walnut Creek Neighborhood Association has been the project leader for a project at the Walnut Bluffs Trailhead. Tasha Bowser was the Project Leader for the Walnut Bluffs Trailhead project on March 2, 2024. As in the past, Bunnie and Dorsey Twidwell provided breakfast tacos, fruit and coffee for the volunteers. Also as in the past, Gary Brewer provided tools, a tractor or tractors, and leadership and insight, as well as labor.

This was a well-attended project. About 30 volunteers were on hand at 9 a.m. and more volunteers showed up throughout the event. It was estimated post-event that about 50 volunteers participated. These volunteers come from the neighborhood, but also from throughout Austin (volunteers can sign up at the APF website to participate at any project in the city). Aside from, e.g., Tasha B., Cynthia G., the three Tims, Gary and Margaret B., the Twidwells, Emily S., John H., Danesha A., and others from the neighborhood, families from Avery Ranch and Cedar Park came to participate.

The project was divided up into three teams. One team engaged in mulching the trees around the Trailhead entrance (APF/PARD (Austin Parks and Recreation Department) delivered seven (cubic) yards of mulch for this).

Another team ran a face-painting kiosk with games (Starlight Entertainment (Alex Graf) with Emily Shaughnessy doing the face-painting) such as jenga, giant tic-tac-toe, remote control cars, and a bubble machine to entertain the kids. Tasha ordered a box of "small items" for kids to play with, and these proved to be popular. The kiosk was set up near the circle in the concrete trail.

The third team cleaned up the trash left after the City of Austin cleared out a large homeless camp earlier in the year as part of the *Housing-focused Encampment Assistance Link (HEAL)* Initiative.

This camp was in the more-or-less rectangular tree line running along the southern fence line of the *On the Green Apartments*, from North Lamar to the westernmost social trail. It was about 3.5 acres in size and consisted of about seven more-or-less circular encampments connected by trails. While the City picked up the larger material, much trash remained. It was this residual trash that was the target of the effort on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. This residual trash consisted of broken up furniture, appliances and batteries, much fabric in the form of clothing and bedding, car parts, fencing, lumber, broken glass, plates and ceramic ware, pallets, plastic items such as utensils and drinkware, remediation fencing, tarps, ropes and string, tires, and parts of office equipment. This is not an exhaustive list. APF/PARD delivered a medium-sized commercial roll-off dumpster to the site, and this was completely filled by the volunteers. Enough metal was collected from the detritus to fetch \$20 at a recycle center. Three or four of the (about) seven encampments were picked up and a much smaller camp north of the large camp was also picked up.



**Part of the cleaned area, once a homeless encampment**



**The Dumpster Filled by IMPD Volunteers**

***The volunteers did a great job picking up the trash. The attention to even small items was quite thorough, and the site after cleaning looked very nice.*** Unfortunately, volunteers were unable to address invasive species elimination: maybe next time!

***Please consider attending that event on November 2, 2024.***

### **The Solar Eclipse!**

The Total Eclipse of the Sun: You're unlikely to miss it if you're in Austin, eh? You would have to be asleep or inside with no windows, I guess. But it's so much better if you're outside during the ~1.5 minutes when there's no sun at all, so in some sense you've missed it if you don't do that. Austin is on the edge of the "path of totality", but the short time will still provide a breathtaking experience, especially if the sun is "out" (it would take very heavy clouds to diminish the effect enough to completely miss the experience). Perhaps the short totality will also reduce the likelihood of being overrun with "tourists" coming for the event. This Statesman map shows Texas cities within the "total" path: <http://tinyurl.com/txeclips>.



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Kerrville is right on the centerline of the path, providing almost 4.5 minutes of total darkness, and they're capitalizing on it. They and some other hill country towns and cities are having "Eclipse Parties" in hopes of deriving income from visitors coming to enjoy both the eclipse and the hill country. Kerrville has websites just for that purpose <https://www.kerrvilletx.gov/2042/Kerrville-Eclipse-Festival>, and a couple of locations there are charging \$60 for reserving a parking space before the day and \$100 on the day (!paying to park in the Hill Country! Clearly anticipating a *very large* number of people!). One of them includes a shuttle to the location of the party, which is in the delightful *Louise Hays Park* off Highway 16 just south of the river.

The city of Llano is also anticipating a crowd. Mayor Marion Bishop: "We will have eclipse watchers flocking to our area, we don't know for sure how many will be here, but we have prepared as best we can as a city to meet the challenge. In a nutshell, have two weeks worth of groceries purchased in advance. Same thing is true for vehicular fuel, prescriptions refilled, errands run and any other supplies you may need purchased a week before the coming eclipse". The city asked for residents to make all their purchases by April 1 as a way to give retailers time to restock ahead of the tourism surge.

### **Total darkness will start at about 1:36 p.m. on April 8<sup>th</sup> in Austin.**

Eclipse glasses are a couple of bucks at the *Austin Visitor Center*, 602 E. Fourth St., or [Free eclipse glasses](#) will be available beginning March 11 at the following Austin Parks and Recreation locations: [Austin Nature and Science Center](#), [Community Recreation Centers](#), [Senior Centers](#), and [Cultural Centers](#). You may be able to get free ones at Austin libraries shortly before the date. And *Warby Parker* will be giving away certified glasses starting April 1<sup>st</sup> at their stores, the closest one being at 11700 Domain Blvd.

### **Coming: The Spring WCNA Neighborhood-Wide Garage Sale.** *by Robert Meadows*

The spring Walnut Creek Neighborhood Association (WCNA) neighborhood-wide ***garage and craft sale*** will be held on Saturday, 13 April 2024 from 8 am to 2 pm. In fact, however, the vendor (neighbor) is not obliged to open at 8 am or close at 2 pm, and may open and close whenever. The WCNA will generally advertise the 8 am to 2 pm hours, but the sandwich signs posted at the neighborhood entrances will read 8 am to ?, in order to continue to encourage lookers to turn in. 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/artist vendors); The Association puts ads in the local newspapers (Chronicle, Statesman) and in other venues such as [austin.culturemap.com](http://austin.culturemap.com); The Association publishes a map of participants and distributes copies of this map to participants to give to buyers/lookers; The Association puts up sandwich signs at the subdivision entrances and other signage within the subdivision; and The participant may of course hold their sale on the corresponding Friday and Sunday, just without Association support. Get in touch with me at 512 633 1459 or [ROBERTL@meadows.com](mailto:ROBERTL@meadows.com), or by the other channels available these days, to be put on the map. Given the many channels available, please look for a confirmation from me to be sure I have received your message. The "curb appeal" of a garage sale is important (unless some outstanding items are being offered), and combining a sale with a neighbor or two is a good way to pump up the inventory without having to lug one's inventory to a central site.

### **Pocket Park Possibilities on Oakbrook**

The neighborhood around our park entrance on Oakbrook has experienced significant changes over the past four or five years, the most noticeable at 306 Cedarbrook Court. Activities at this house included some that apparently were illicit. The owner moved out of Austin leaving the house with relatives, and the house eventually was destroyed by fire in 2021. Eventually the City took over disposition of this privately-owned property and contracted with a company to clear it of debris. The City also expressed interest in acquiring the property, which would produce a large, contiguous area adjacent to Walnut Bluffs park from its entrance to the boundary with private property on the southeast side of the cul-de-sac. The Association was informed that the City had intentions to create a "pocket park" on some or all of these properties.

To discuss the status and possibilities, a site visit was set up with Parks and Recreation for Jan 29<sup>th</sup>. Prior to that time, feedback from neighbors on the cul-de-sac indicated that they wanted the area to remain as natural as possible, with undeveloped buffering between Cedarbrook Court and the park, perhaps in contrast to the concept of a pocket park. To insure the City's intention would align with the neighborhood vision for the area, the Association quickly submitted a *Community Activated Park Plan* (CAPP), with the intent to assure we have input into planning.

The meeting was held as planned at 10 am at the Walnut Bluffs Trailhead entrance. It was attended by Tasha Bowser and Robert Meadows for WCNA and Program Manager Melody Alcazar PARD, Liz Cardinal (a PARD communication person), Rachel Morris PARD, and Deanna (PARD mowing honcho). Tasha laid out the concept for a natural playscape buffered from Cedarbrook Court, and Melody replied that PARD had buffer requirements anyway, so building along Cedarbrook Court was ruled out from the beginning. The group walked to the loop at the end of the concrete trail, where Tasha expressed the desire for a "minimal" playscape just south of the "roundabout", i.e., a playscape formed by "natural" elements (logs, fort material, a mulch pile, etc.). (continued on next page)

Melody replied that such an (installation, with no elements requiring concrete footings, could be completed quickly, in weeks or months. Tasha also inquired about a butterfly garden, which Melody said would require another proposal.

Robert called attention to and took pictures of the “donuts” (ruts caused by motorized vehicles accelerating in soft ground) under the high-tension power lines, which damaged turf, creating an issue for Drainage and Watershed Protection. Deanna reminded the group that any wildflower installation – e.g., bluebonnets or a butterfly garden – would be at risk of destruction by mowing unless clearly delineated and reported to her.

The next step is for PARD to develop and share a proposed design for the pocket park. Asked why such a design was needed for a park with natural elements, it was explained that without clear instructions such elements could be mistaken for materials that generally are removed from a city park.

### **Contemptible! Tire-Dumping Events in Walnut Creek Neighborhood** by Robert Meadow

Tire dumping is a long-running problem in the Walnut Creek neighborhood. 5 to 10 tires are dumped at 710 West Caddo (empty lot at the northeast corner of North Lamar and West Caddo) every two months or so. However, two much larger dumps have recently occurred in the neighborhood, one in two separate places.

Overnight on Wednesday 13 - Thursday 14 December 2023 (the first dump date) there were two tire dumps in the neighborhood. One dump, of 60 tires (actual manual count), was into *Skunk Creek* at the East Covington bridge over the creek, on both the north and south sides of the bridge. [Skunk Creek is the intermittent waterway that runs from Braker to Walnut Creek, between Oakwood and Whitewing. Skunk Creek has been coined by local residents as the name for this feature. Fairly robust wet-weather springs exist along its course.]

Neighborhood residents (Travis H. and Robert M.) pulled the tires from Skunk creek on Saturday, 16 December 2023. Then, on Tuesday, 19 December, residents (Tim E., Christian N., Eric S., Wynn W., Robert M.) picked up the tires and took them to an auto dealer who agreed to recycle them (courtesy of resident Gus – **many thanks**).



Christian about to haul tires away from Skunk Creek.

A second dump of over 100 tires (estimated by Gary Brewer) on the same night



Dumped tires at Cedarbrook Court

(13/14 Dec) was made onto the vacant lot at East Covington and N. IH35, address 11520 N. IH35 (the owner is either LX Enterprises LLC or Pooja Business Inc.). This dump remained unaddressed for some time, but eventually the City Code Department cited the owner, the tires were removed and a chain fence was erected around the property.

For future reference, the reader is asked to note that Skunk Creek is not a public waterway; rather, it is owned by the individual property owners along its course. Thus, at E. Covington and Skunk Creek, the creek bed is owned by property owners on Oakwood and Whitewing. When a dump in the creek here is reported to Code, Code will cite these property owners – our neighbors. So it is best for the neighborhood itself to handle dumps into Skunk Creek. The City of Austin does own the right-of-way for the E. Covington roadway, but this is a narrow strip that hardly involves the creek.

Overnight on Monday 29 January 2024-Tuesday 30 January 2024 (the second dump date), there were another two tire dumps in the neighborhood. One dump, of 27 tires (actual manual count), was again into Skunk Creek at the East Covington bridge

over the creek (mainly on the south side), and the second dump, of an estimated 30 tires, was at 300 Cedarbrook Court (this lot is owned by the City of Austin). Travis H. again pulled out the tires from Skunk Creek on Saturday 3 February 2024. Due to calls in particular by Dorsey T., on 8 February 2024 a crew from Austin Parks and Recreation picked up the tires from the Cedarbrook Court address and a crew from Streets and Bridges picked up the tires that Travis had brought up out of Skunk Creek. This cleared out all the tires from the second dump date.

APD, TCEQ, Watershed Protection, and others were called in order to prompt an investigation, rather than just being reactive to the dumping. However, these authorities lacked the experience and/or will to carry out what admittedly would be a difficult and time-consuming investigation.

**If / when you see a tire dump, please post it to Facebook or call me at 512 633 1459 and we will continue to deal with each dump on an ad hoc basis.**



**Good News on the Snake Front!**

What, you didn't know there was a snake front? It's out there with the feral hog- and coyote-fronts, but I don't know any good news about those. But poisonous snakes...!? See <https://tinyurl.com/UniAntiVen>

Scientists at *Scripps Research* in California have developed a synthetic anti-venom which has proven to protect mice injected with a variety of snake venoms. But the work is even more significant: from venom and antibody studies of most of the poisonous snakes in the world they were able to synthesize an antidote that protected against all whose toxicity depended on a particular chemical structure. The research resembles that used for HIV research, and it's clear that anti-venoms against a broad range of each of the two dominant types of venomous snakes (Elapids and Vipers) can be made to work in the real world. It's likely that a single one that works against all



A Black Mamba: The antivenom works on it's poison.

"medically significant" venoms could be produced, but it probably isn't worth developing. It would be much more expensive than ones for each group, and it doesn't make logistical sense. Snakes who have similar types of venom mostly live in the same regions, so anti-venoms for each region would be easier and cheaper to make and would have the same effectiveness as a general one in the region for which they are developed. And because they're synthetic the current processes – where poisonous snakes are "milked" for their venom – wouldn't be required and large quantities would be relatively easy to produce. So: in the not-too-distant future we may find a relatively inexpensive anti-venom that works against all the vipers we have in the Southwest reliably stocked by medical establishments. (For example, a single treatment (one vial of anti-venom) for a snakebite suffered by one of my cats cost about \$600.)



Oh no! Forbes reports an odd deflation in exchange rate by the tooth fairy: average over the U.S. is down to \$3.19 per tooth! That's 24 cents less than last year.

**The location of your mailbox shows you how far away from your house you can be in a robe before you start looking like a mental patient.**

**The Handiest Man** in town lives close to you!

John Palmieri and his family moved into the Walnut Creek Neighborhood in 2016 and, outside his regular job, he has helped neighbors with chainsaw work, remodeling services, general labor, and expert consultation on home products and services.

With a lifetime's worth of project experience, John moved into an Owner-operator position at *The Handiest Man* in 2023 to better serve the needs of his growing family. As he has learned first-hand from customers, there are seasons of self-sufficiency and seasons when we all need help. At *The Handiest Man*, our team is "Here to Help!"

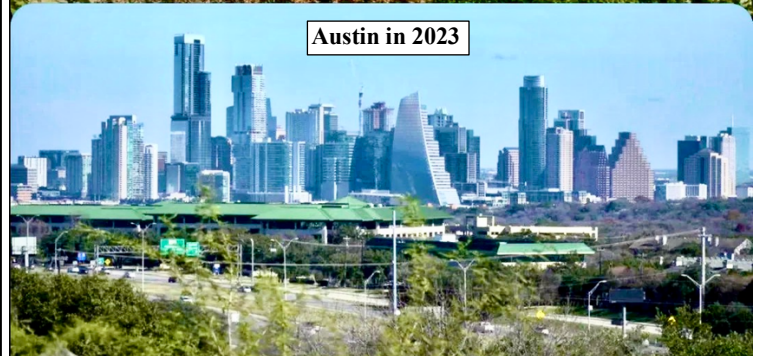
John and his team provide a wide range of services including handyman, housing management, and renovation options. From the changing of a lightbulb to a full bathroom remodel, *The Handiest Man* promises professionalism, clear communication, quality, and timeliness. We are insured for the protection of our patrons and the encouragement of our employees.



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Austin in 2014



Austin in 2023

**Holy S\*\*\*! In just 9 years?!**

We've experienced the unpleasant effects of the exponential growth of Austin, especially the unearthly increase in the cost of housing, the increase in traffic density, the increase in crowd density at popular venues for entertainment and food, the loss of "old Austin", etc. But nothing demonstrates the effect better than these pictures.

Austin in 2014: 901,463    Austin in 2023: 979,600

Picture from Facebook: *Austin Memories*

### Gotta Make It Crooked, Just Like Before!

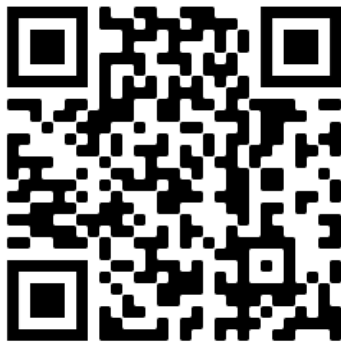
The building pictured at right just before it was demolished was constructed in 1765 as a farmhouse, but local mining caused one side to sink, whence it became the **Crooked House Pub**, eventually becoming a very popular tourist attraction. Apparent arson last August totally destroyed the wooden parts and it was demolished within two days. The outraged reaction of the community led to the South Staffordshire (UK) Council requiring the owners to rebuild it exactly as it was before the fire, port-list and all! The owners have three years to rebuild or thirty days to appeal.



### Not Quite "The Jetsons" Yet...



An Iron Man Event in Dubai featured a 9-man race using Jet Suits.



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### 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/>

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

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<https://wcnanews.com/membership/>

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### Calendar of Events

<b>Mar</b>	8-16	SXSW: <a href="https://www.sxsw.com">https://www.sxsw.com</a>
	8-23	Austin Rodeo: <a href="https://rodeoaustin.com">https://rodeoaustin.com</a>
	11-16	AISD Spring Break
	13	Blue Recycle Container Picked Up: Curbside by 7:00 a.m.
	19	First Day of Spring
	21-23	Austin Spring Home & Garden Show: <a href="https://www.austinspringhomeshow.com">https://www.austinspringhomeshow.com</a>
	27	Blue Recycle Container Picked Up: Curbside by 7:00 a.m.
	31	Easter
<b>Apr</b>	1	April Fool's Day: Beware!
	7	Cap10k: <a href="https://www.cap10k.com">https://www.cap10k.com</a>
	8	Great American Eclipse between 1:35-1:40 p.m.
	10	Blue Recycle Container Picked Up: Curbside by 7:00 a.m.
	13	Spring Neighborhood-Wide Garage & Craft Sale: Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.+
	13	Spring Shred Day, Johnny Morris Rd: <a href="https://www.austinarma.com/event-5601644">https://www.austinarma.com/event-5601644</a>
	14	Austin Kite Festival, Zilker Park, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.: <a href="https://www.abckitefest.org">https://www.abckitefest.org</a>
	15	Tax Day
	27	Take Back Drug Day
	24	Blue Recycle Container Picked Up: Curbside by 7:00 a.m.
<b>May</b>	4-5	Pecan Street Festival - <a href="https://pecanstreetfestival.org">https://pecanstreetfestival.org</a>
	5	Cinco de Mayo
	8	Blue Recycle Container Picked Up: Curbside by 7:00 a.m.
	11	UT Commencement
	12	Mother's Day
	13-17	Bulk Item Collection