



A Message from the NWACA President

– Chris Hajdu

First off, let me thank everyone who came out to celebrate the 4th of July at the Parade and After-Party. I also want to give a great big thank you to all the volunteers who worked many hours to make this parade a great success. We had to move the parade this year to a different route (North Hills) due to the pending water work on Far West and we appreciate all the flexibility of our neighbors on Far West, Far Hills, North Hills and the surrounding area. We also want to thank those of you who bought t-shirts this year. The watermelon design was a big hit!

The School of Rock provided a great musical backdrop for the games, petting zoo, train rides, and all of the wonderful booths set up by our neighbors and sponsors. We hope you were able to grab some fruit and donuts from HEB, cookies from Galaxy Cafe, tacos from Tacodeli, and watermelon from Judge Lipscombe. Please refer to the full sponsor list on the NWACA website (<https://www.nwaca.org>) and support these local businesses that make our parade a possibility.

This was also the first year we moved away from plastic water bottles at the parade after party. We used a hydration system similar to those used at running events and we hope this was a good change that worked for all of you and also for the environment. I know the cleanup crew enjoyed the fact that there were very few plastic bottles to pick up this year!

After the parade, the city finally started work on the water line on Far West. Hopefully the work will be wrapping up by the time school starts up, or drop-off at Doss and Murchison will be even crazier than normal this fall. Speaking of Far West, the city also recently restriped the intersection at Far West and Mesa. This is a trial restriping that is a temporary measure to test its effectiveness. Please call 311 with any feedback, positive or negative so the city can evaluate appropriately.

In July, Update 4 for the Austin Oaks PUD application was filed at the city by the developer. Please see our charrette web page (<http://nwaca.org/austin-oaks-charrette/>) for more details on this submission.

And last, but not least, we are very pleased to launch our NWACA Project Reserve Fund program this month. Do you have an idea for a neighborhood project that could benefit from matching funds, or a small project that could use some direct funding? Be thinking about project ideas, and read more about this program in the article provided in this newsletter.

Thank You Stacey Brewer!

– Joyce Statz



This summer, we say goodbye to a neighbor who's been an integral part of the NWACA team for years. Stacey Brewer and her family are moving to Lakeway, and they will be sorely missed in our neighborhood. We want to say thanks to Stacey for all the things she's done for us. Starting as a member of the Transportation Committee, she helped with the campaign to reduce speeding in our neighborhood. She chaired the 4th of July Committee for several years, and everyone appreciates the great job she did there – lining up all the funding, the participants, and the fun! She served the Board as Secretary, ably managing all the internal and external communications. And for the past several years, she's been a key member of the Communications Committee; she's the one responsible for our transition to the style of newsletter you see today, where we can reach all of our neighbors. She started the History Committee and accumulated a lot of information about the history of the NWACA organization and the neighborhood, which she showed off at a recent Annual Meeting. Thanks very much, Stacey, and we hope your new neighborhood enjoys having you as a member as much as we have!

What a Great Fourth!

– Julie DePalma

We hope you were able to join us for the 44th Annual NWACA 4th of July Parade & Freedom Fest! Thanks to the dedication and hard work of the incredible Parade Committee, this year's July 4th celebration was the best yet!

- Julie DePalma, Chair
- Kirk Ashy and Carol Jones, Sponsorships
- Emma Garrett and Kelly Popelka, Volunteers
- Shannon Meroney, Communication
- Mandy Niles, T-shirts
- Amy Hajdu and Katie Spurck, Logistics
- Erin Brooks, Float Contest
- Ashley Sarver, Post-Party

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The NWACA Board meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, except December. Please visit our calendar at www.nwaca.org to see the specific time and location. If you wish to speak at a Board meeting, please send email a week before the meeting, so that we can get you on the agenda.

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- Tom Arbuckle, Parade Marshal

In addition to the committee chairs, a special thank you goes out to the NWACA board members and neighborhood volunteers for helping with signs, communication, t-shirt sales, bunting/flag placement, setup, games, booths, cleanup, and countless other tiny details.

Thank you to the Huels family for hosting our Opening Ceremonies this year, to Judge Amy Meachum for once again agreeing to be our Master of Ceremonies, Cub Scout Pack 2 for leading the Flag Ceremony and Pledge of Allegiance, and Sylvia and Willie Casper for leading us in Patriotic song!

Thank you to AFD Engine 21 and Constable Adan Ballesteros for clearing the path and joining our parade every year! Thank you, Judge John Lipscombe and Judge Jan Breland for donating the watermelon – sweet and cool as always!

And let's not forget our fantastic sponsors that make the parade possible every year! Please support these local businesses as a thank you for their support of our neighborhood!

- Platinum Sponsors: A+ Federal Credit Union, Carol Dochen Realtors, Coach Mo's Elite Fitness, Daily Juice, Freytag's Florist, HEB, Journey Martial Arts, Mangia Pizza, PostNet, School of Rock, Shalom Austin, Tacodeli, Trevor Ray Thompson Photography, Walter Payne Properties

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- Float Contest Sponsor: St. Matthew's Episcopal Day School

- Float Contest Judges: Rev. Merrill Wade (St. Matthew's), Janna Griffin, Katie Pena

This year was the third year for the Float Contest, complete with celebrity judges, fancy banners and that big 'ol trophy to display until next year's parade! Congratulations to this year's winners:

- Grand Champion: Gnarly Gneighbors
- Most Patriotic: St. Theresa's Girl Scouts
- Best Team Spirit: Front Yard People

It seems a fun time was had by all and we can't wait to see everyone again for next year's July 4th festivities!



NWACA AND NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

AUG 2, 8 AM

Kneaded Pleasures
Communications Committee

AUG 3, 8:30 AM

Kneaded Pleasures
Crime and Safety Committee

AUG 4, 8 AM

Kneaded Pleasures
Sponsorship Committee

AUG 7, 2 PM

Kneaded Pleasures
NWACA Parks Committee

AUG 10, 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Mangia Pizza
NWACA Monthly Board Meeting

AUG 15

NWACA web site

Registration opens for NWACA Annual Neighborhood Garage Sales that happen on September 17

AUG 20, 5:00 – 8:00

Murchison Pool
End of Summer Pool Party with Mangia Pizza from 6-7

AUG 23, 5PM

Temple Beth Shalom, 7300 Hart Lane
NWACA Zoning and Transportation Committee

SEPT 1, 8 AM

Kneaded Pleasures
Sponsorship Committee

SEPT 4, 2 PM

Kneaded Pleasures
NWACA Parks Committee

SEPT 6, 8 AM

Kneaded Pleasures
Communications Committee

SEPT 7, 8:30 AM

Kneaded Pleasures
Crime and Safety Committee

SEPT 14, 6:30-8:30 PM

Mangia Pizza
NWACA Monthly Board Meeting

SEPT 17, 8 AM TO NOON

Throughout NWACA
Annual Neighborhood Garage Sales

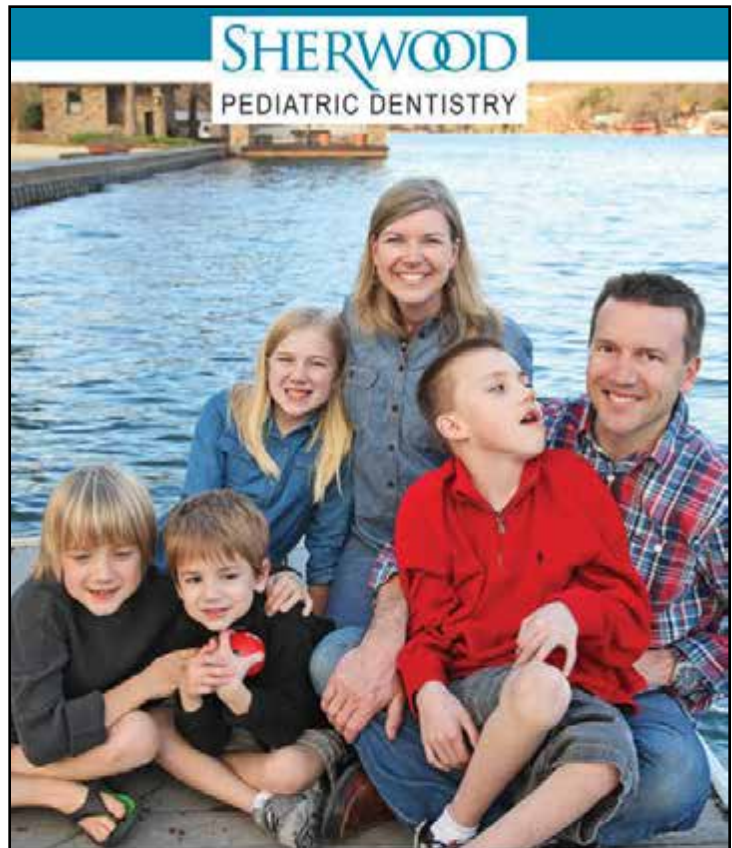
SEPT 24, 9 AM TO NOON

Bull Creek District Park
National Public Lands Day – details about signup coming in weekly NWACA Notes and on Facebook

SEPT 27, 5 PM

Temple Beth Shalom, 7300 Hart Lane
NWACA Zoning and Transportation Committee

Note: For each of these events, please check our web site for the latest information, since meetings may be rescheduled because of other conflicts.



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Neighborhood Garage Sales

Coming September 17 – Joyce Statz

Start gathering the things you'd like to send to a new home! NWACA will provide free publicity for its Seventh Annual NWACA Neighborhood Garage Sales for any neighbor within the NWACA boundaries. We welcome everyone to hold a sale!

This year's sales will be on Saturday, September 17, from 8 AM until noon. Each participating family holds the sale in their own garage or front yard, or perhaps joins a neighbor to hold the sale. All proceeds stay with you doing the sales – none goes to NWACA.

NWACA WILL PROMOTE THE EVENT IN MANY WAYS:

- Provide you with directional signs indicating where you are having the sale (first 50 homes signing up)
- Post signs throughout the neighborhood during the 3 days prior to the sale
- Provide a list and a map of locations of individual sales on our web site
- Advertise in the Austin American Statesman (print and online) and on Craigslist.

If you wish to participate, please sign up starting August 15th and no later than September 10th on our web site www.nwaca.org using the Get Involved Tab to get to the Garage Sale Signup form.

This event and the others throughout the year are possible because neighbors join NWACA as members. If you haven't yet paid your \$25 annual dues, you can do that through the web site or by U.S. mail.

Wildfire Season Cautions

– Al Simmons



It is always difficult to determine when “Wildfire Season” is actually in force and effect, particularly at this time of the year. We are not officially in drought conditions, even though we have been around one-hundred degrees each day for over a month with almost no rain! And our lakes are still full because of the heavy rains several months ago. All of that said,

the soil in our yards are hard-packed dry and the plants show evidence of significant dryness with only one watering per week. The most telling evidence of drought is the condition of our wild grasses in the forested portions of our neighborhoods -- they are dry, dry, dry; and the trees are showing evidence of dead twigs and dead small limbs; and there are leaves everywhere...all burnable fuels.

So even though we don't have an official drought notice, the county has declared a burn ban, and the Austin Fire Department has been declaring these days as “no burn days.” Keep an eye on the National Fire Danger Warning System sign at the local fire stations; it gives us a good indication of the level of wildfire danger we face. We are at the edge of high risk, so we need to control the amount of burnable fuels that we are allowing to gather in our neighborhoods.

You may have noticed that the City's notice for Large Brush Collection began on Monday, July 11th, i.e. stacks of dead limbs and brush stacked along the curbs of our neighborhood streets for trash collection. You may have noticed that some of our neighbors have been trimming the trees in their backyards and stacking the dead wood in their back yards, usually against their dried-out wooden fence...all a wildfire waiting to happen for the want of a match or a lightning strike! This is a potential danger to the homeowner, and also to his next-door neighbor on the other side of the fence.

And, there were wildfire occurrences on the news this past week, i.e. a ten-acre brush fire near Del Valle and something on the order of 30 reported incidents of fires around the City this past weekend. So it is time to be vigilant and cautious about where brush and other fuels are tossed and be observant about how we continue to protect our homes and helping our neighbors to protect their homes.

NWACA Project Reserve Fund Inviting Applications

– Vicki DeWeese and Joyce Statz

The Project Reserve Fund was established by the NWACA Board to help fund special projects in our neighborhood. They must be projects that have a community benefit to NWACA residents and are publicly accessible. Funds in this account are available because of the careful management of NWACA funds over the past several years.

It is easy to apply for Project Reserve funds and any group or individual can apply; just download an application online at www.nwaca.org. Go to the Get Involved tab and look for Project Reserve Fund. If you have questions about the program, email nwacainfo@gmail.com

Project applications for this year's grants will be accepted until August 31, 2016, and selected applicants will be encouraged to present their projects at the September NWACA Board meeting on September 14, 2016. Submit your ideas, drawings, pictures, and estimated project costs. Projects will be voted on by the NWACA Board at the October Board meeting and applicants will be notified of their acceptance. Funds can be distributed as early as October following project selection. The number of projects funded is at the discretion of the Board.

Some applicants may choose to submit an idea in concert with the City of Austin Neighborhood Partnering Program (see details at <http://www.austintexas.gov/neighborhoodpartnering>), where applications must be submitted by October 1st or June 1st for their cost-sharing funding cycle. Other applicants may choose to team with the Austin Parks Foundation (see details at <http://austinparks.org/tag/grants/>), where applications for different types of grants have different deadlines.

The Project Reserve Fund is just one of many ways that NWACA serves our community. Please help us to continue our work by joining NWACA or renewing your membership today.

How Do I Get Rid of Household Batteries?

– Joanie Arrott



Did you know that Austin Resource Recovery works with libraries around town to act as drop-off locations for household batteries intended for recycling? Residents of Austin and Travis County can properly dispose of used batteries by taking them to any of Austin's 21 library locations. Items they take include: alkaline batteries,

rechargeable batteries, hearing aid or button batteries, and smoke alarm and carbon monoxide batteries.

Other businesses that also collect and recycle used batteries include: Whole Foods, Radio Shack, Batteries Plus, Lowe's, and The Home Depot. A list of battery drop-off locations can be found here: <http://www.austintexas.gov/page/battery-drop-locations> City of Austin and Travis County residents can always drop off used batteries, as well as other hazardous items, free of charge, at the City of Austin Recycle and Reuse Drop-Off Center (formerly the Household Hazardous Waste Facility) located at 2514 Business Center Drive, Austin, TX 78744.

Austin implemented the battery-recycling program in 1999, and in 2015, we averaged 2,000 pounds of batteries collected each month. There are no laws in Texas mandating battery recycling or retailer take-back programs, so the success of Austin's voluntary program can be partially attributed to the strong environmental advocacy of its residents and progressive waste reduction policy. Putting hazardous items like many types of batteries into the trash can have negative effects on our environment, since toxic materials could leach into the soil and groundwater. Batteries are also made of metals and earth elements that can be recycled and reused.

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Removing Trees in the City of Austin – Joanie Arrott



Homeowners and property owners can directly manage the landscaping on their property in most cases. However, there are times when they should consult with appropriate city staff to verify appropriate steps to take. For

example, when trees or plants need to be trimmed around power lines or if a tree has fallen on a power line, Austin Energy should be contacted to address the situation.

The City of Austin also requires a permit to remove plants or trees in several situations including: when they are located within the public Right of Way or when the tree is considered a protected size, or if you are working within the Critical Root Zone of a tree. A protected size tree is determined by measuring the tree trunk at 4.5 feet above ground. Within the Austin city limits, a tree is protected once it reaches 8 inches in diameter (19 inches at a single family

home) and removal requires a mitigation plan.

Trees are protected as heritage trees if they have a diameter of 24 inches or more and are one of ten species listed in city code. However, the city maintains a stronger level of protection for heritage trees by removing the opportunity to submit a mitigation plan, only approving removal when the tree is in very poor health or poses a safety hazard.

Anyone wanting to remove a protected tree within the City of Austin must complete and submit the Tree Ordinance Review Application and pay the applicable fee. Once these items are complete, City staff will perform a site inspection and contact you about your request. Tree removal questions can be sent to cityarborist@austintexas.gov or call 311.

Trees supply character to a landscape, create a sense-of-place, provide a habitat for plants and animals, promote interacting within the community, temper local climate, reduce storm water runoff/erosion, diminish building lines, conceal unsightly views, provide solitude, assist in conserving energy, and increase property values. A mature tree can often have an appraised value of between \$1,000 and \$10,000, per the Council of Tree and Landscape Appraisers.

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If someone is cutting down a large tree in your neighborhood and you are unsure if they have a permit, you can search the City of Austin permit database to see if the property in question has a permit: https://www.austintexas.gov/devreview/a_queryfolder_permits.jsp

If a tree-removal permit cannot be verified, call 311 or email the City Arborist at <http://www.austintexas.gov/email/cityarborist> The message will be received, even on the weekends.

The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) recommends hiring a tree service company that has ISA-certified professionals on staff. They have developed two easy-to-use tools to assist homeowners in locating an arborist in the area (Find an Arborist) and in confirming whether an arborist has an ISA credential (Verify a Credential). Access them here: <http://www.isa-arbor.com/findanarborist/arboristsearch.aspx>.

First however, it is important to know the difference between a consulting arborist and an arborist that trims and/or removes trees. Many arborists may do both. Typically, if you need a diagnosis for what is wrong with your trees, you should hire a consulting arborist. If you have a tree that has been storm damaged or is dead, you should hire an arborist that specializes in tree trimming or removal.

Bull Creek District Park Needs You!

– Rachel McGill

As summer gets into full swing, families all over the city look for ways to cool off on the long hot afternoons. Austin has so many great parks to escape the heat and we love to see kids outside enjoying natural spaces. It is so important that we keep our parks clean and safe for kids, dogs and families to enjoy.



Bull Creek District Park, a favorite among Northwest Austin parks, is in need of some help from the community. The explosive growth in popularity of the park since the water reappeared last year has led to some very real public safety concerns. The park has become a popular drinking spot on the weekends, which has led to rampant littering and a high risk of alcohol-related injuries. As

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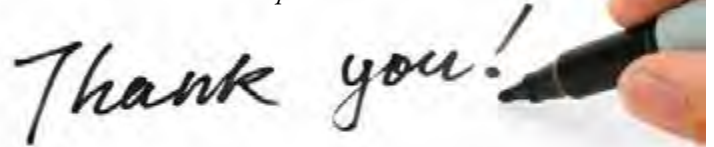
Northwest Austin residents, you have no doubt seen the rows and rows of illegally parked cars along the creek, but maybe you have also noticed open ground fires, dumped hot coals, littering in the creek, or cars parked in the creek and wondered whether that activity is allowed in the park. It is not! It is not legal to have ground fires in the park, nor is it legal to drive in the creek. Hot coals and ground fires increase the risk of wildfire. Littering and driving in the creek have a hugely negative impact on wildlife and vegetation.

So, what can you do? Call 311! Austin 311 provides uncomplicated access to city services and the city relies on 311 data to dedicate resources. Calling 311 is the single biggest thing residents can do to let the City and the Parks Department know that there is an ongoing problem at Bull Creek. There are three easy ways to contact 311. You can use their app, online in your app store as "Austin 311." You can submit an online request through <https://austin-csrprodwi.motorolasolutions.com/Home.mvc/Index> or you can simply call them by dialing 311 from any phone. The Parks Department is rated on their response time to 311 calls, so the more calls they get, the more attention gets paid to the problems at Bull Creek. Call 311 every time you see illegal activity in the park, so we can all continue to enjoy this beautiful resource right in our backyard.



SPECIAL THANKS TO MEMBERS

Membership Committee



NWACA thanks members who generously contributed to the Oak Wilt Fund, the 4th of July Parade Fund, and the Park Fund, between June 14 and July 14, 2016.

Donations to the Oak Wilt Fund provide financial assistance to property owners dealing with oak wilt. Donations to the 4th of July Parade Fund help NWACA to host the best 4th of July parade in Austin! The Park Fund helps us revitalize parks in NWACA with projects such as cleanup days.

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3840 Far West #223	1	1	1/0	1/0	Yes	1982	.024	596	\$135,000
6910 Hart #406	1	1	1/0	0/1	Yes	1973	.036	655	\$139,900
3840 Far West #201	1	1	1/0	0/1	Yes	1982	.031	756	\$192,900
4711 Spicewood Springs #G-139	1	2	1/0	0/1	Yes	1985	.134	979	\$210,000
7902 Tealwood	1	2	2/0	2/0	No	1980	.090	1,292	\$250,000
3838 Williamsburg	1	2	2/0	2/0	No	1985	.075	1,448	\$335,000
5908 Mountainclimb	2	4	2/0	2/0	No	1965	.313	2,342	\$495,000
4908 Bobcat	1	3	2/0	2/0	No	1983	.144	1,968	\$499,990
6208 Highland Hills	1	3	2/0	2/0	No	1966	.268	2,321	\$589,500
6302 Gato	2	3	2/1	2/0	No	1984		2,851	\$599,000
5941 Highland Hills	2	5	4/0	2/0	Yes	1968	.299	2,935	\$599,500
4506 Small	1	3	2/1	2/0	No	1977	.408	2,488	\$619,000
5802 Highland Hills	1	3	2/0	2/2	Yes	1960	.321	2,041	\$625,000
6201 Ledge Mountain	2	4	2/1	2/0	No	1989	.390	2,966	\$635,000
3700 Greystone	1	4	2/1	2/0	No	1973	.353	2,549	\$659,900
4108 Circletree	1	5	3/0	2/0	No	1967	.298	3,329	\$699,000
5125 Valburn	2	4	3/0	2/0	No	1998	.354	3,000	\$699,000
7101 Sungate	1	4	2/1	2/0	No	1967	.280	2,334	\$699,950
7106 Waterline	1	4	2/0	2/0	Yes	1965	.259	2,260	\$734,950
5103 Backtrail	2	4	3/1	2/0	Yes	1983	.257	3,938	\$749,500
5137 Valburn	1	4	3/0	2/0	Yes	1998	.330	3,152	\$774,900
6904 Ladera Norte	2	3	2/1	2/0	No	1985	.370	3,198	\$785,000
6012 Marquesa	2	6	4/1	2/0	No	1984	.290	3,875	\$849,900
6210 Bon Terra	2	4	4/0	2/0	No	1985	.297	3,691	\$850,000
6005 Upvalley	M	5	3/1	2/0	Yes	1989	.351	4,203	\$949,000



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(Optional) Parks Fund Contribution:

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- Crime and Safety/Neighborhood Watch
- Events/ 4th of July
- History
- Parks
- Sponsorship
- Transportation
- Tree and Environment
- Wildfire Prevention

Dead spots in the lawn? Look for chinch bugs...

– Wizzie Brown

Chinch bugs often appear in Texas lawns during hot, dry conditions. Usually damage starts in sunny locations or near driveway and sidewalk areas. Damage appears as irregular dead patches in the lawn surrounded by yellowing or dying grass. Chinch bug damage can be mistaken for other lawn problems like white grubs or fungal diseases, so confirmation of chinch bug activity is needed before choosing proper treatment.

So how do you tell if you have chinch bugs? The easiest way is to look for the insects. One way to look is to cut both ends out of a can, push it into the ground using a twisting motion and then fill the can with water for about 10 minutes and wait for any bugs to float to the top. Another way would be to get down on your hands and knees and part the grass to look for the insects. For both methods, samples should be taken in the damaged (yellowed grass), not dead, grass areas.

Chinch bugs are small (about 1/5 of an inch as adults; immatures are smaller). Adults are black with white wings containing triangular markings. Nymphs, or immatures, are yellowish or pinkish with a light colored band across their body. Nymphs do not have fully developed wings.

Treatment is usually a liquid or granular formulation. Liquid formulations are often bottles that attach to the end of the garden hose or concentrates that you mix with water in a tank sprayer. Granular formulations are applied with push spreaders and need to be watered in after treatment.

Treatment should be applied to the area where damage is occurring and several feet out from the damaged area; the entire yard does not have to be treated. All label instructions should be read and followed before and during the treatment.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com

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Prevent Oak Wilt

PLAN AHEAD - PRUNE

NOV thru JAN

- **Beetles Inactive**
- **Dormant Season**
- **Coldest Months**

Help Keep our Wildlife Wild!

NWACA advises residents to NOT feed wildlife. Many well-intentioned individuals do so out of concern for the wildlife they are feeding. However, intentional and unintentional feeding of wildlife attracts predators to the wildlife being fed. Additionally, an association with humans and food contributes directly to habituated behaviors of animals like coyotes and feral hogs, which then become aggressive in pursuit of a food or prey attractant. Please eliminate food attractants from your yards for the safe enjoyment of our streets, parks and playgrounds for neighbors and pets.

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The Northwest Austin Civic Association is your neighborhood association! NWACA represents YOU on issues like:

- Crime (how to prevent car and home break-ins, interacting with APD on issues)
- Transportation (raising awareness about excessive vehicle speeds, congestion, etc.).
- Zoning concerns
- Wildfire Prevention (helping homeowners harden their homes against wildfire)

NWACA plans the annual 4th of July Parade (43rd Annual in 2015!), organizes election and issues forums, sponsors an annual neighborhood garage sale, publishes this newsletter and much, much more!



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