

# nwacanews

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## A Message from the NWACA President

#### – Chris Hajdu

As we finish up summer in Austin and move into the Fall, we can all start to get excited about the approaching cool weather, and the return of school. Well, at least the parents can get excited about that last one.

As the neighborhood children head back to school, let's all remember to be vigilant and observant of our little ones (and big ones) as they bike, walk and drive to school. Please note that AISD has modified the start times for schools this year. See the article this month for details about the new start and end times, which will affect traffic patterns in our neighborhood. Related to school traffic, we are also seriously hoping that the utility work on Far West will be wrapped up by the time you read this, otherwise school drop off at Doss could be quite interesting.

One of our most anticipated events, the NWACA Neighborhood Garage Sales event is coming up on Saturday, Sept 17th from 8am-12 noon. If you are interested in participating this year, please see our article in this newsletter for information, including how to sign up to participate (deadline is Sept 10th.) And if you are not interesting in hosting a garage sale, please consider visiting all the garage sales throughout our area on that day.

It's not an understatement that Bull Creek Park is one of the jewels of our great city. Most of this expansive park resides within the NWACA boundaries and this park is seeing increased pressure from the many visitors it receives. The city will be making some changes to park rules and increasing signage to help with some of the more harmful impacts from this increased usage. Additionally, the NWACA parks committee is starting a monthly park work day in order to clean up the park. The next work day will be on Saturday, Sept 10th at 8am. If you'd like to get involved, please read the article this month about the rule changes at Bull Creek Park and how to get involved as a volunteer.



### New to the Neighborhood?

If this is the first time you're seeing our newsletter, welcome to the NWACA neighborhood! This newsletter is one way to keep up with what's happening here, but there's a lot more available, too. Check out the Quick Link For New Neighbors on our web site at **www.nwaca.org** 

This map shows our boundaries – Mopac, RM 2222, Loop 360, and Spicewood Springs Road. There are about 4100 other households who are your neighbors and are happy you're here!

#### School's Back in Session: Take Care

#### – Lauren Ward

Much to the chagrin of our neighborhood's younger members, Back To School time is here! There will be a lot of activity around all our local elementary, middle, and high schools in the coming weeks as everyone adjusts to new schedules and routines. Please note that all schools will be on a master schedule by level:

Elementary - 7:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.\*

Middle & Junior High - 8:20 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.\*

High School - 9 a.m. - 4:10 p.m.\*

\*Variations may exist with kindergarten or high school schedules or magnet schools.

For those of you driving the neighborhood, remember to safely share the roads with school buses, pedestrians and those many bicyclers. And, that all AISD school buses are now equipped with traffic cameras that snap pictures of anyone who passes when they are stopped.

According to the National Safety Council, teen crashes spike as students head back to school and happen more often during hours when school begins and lets out. Let's all drive a little more kindly on the roads this fall.

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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.

NWACA is bordered on the north by Spicewood Springs Road, on the west by Loop 360, on the south by RM 2222, and on the east by Mopac (Loop 1).

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## **NWACA AND NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS**

**SEPT 7, 8:30 AM** *Kneaded Pleasures* Crime and Safety Committee

SEPT 10,9 AM TO NOON

Bull Creek District Park Monthly NWACA Work day at the park; sign up at www.nwaca.org

> SEPT II, 2 PM Kneaded Pleasures NWACA Parks Committee

> > SEPT 13,8 AM

Kneaded Pleasures NWACA Communications 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 17, 4-7 PM** Anderson High School Trojan Spirit Fest

SEPT 24, 8 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

**OCT. I, 10 AM-I PM** Mueller Airport Lake National Night Out Kickoff for the City of Austin

> **OCT 2, 2 PM** Kneaded Pleasures NWACA Parks Committee

**OCT 4,8 AM** Kneaded Pleasures NWACA Communications Committee

**OCT 4,7 PM – 9 PM** On your block National Night Out in Texas – celebrated with neighbors

> **OCT 5, 8:30 AM** Kneaded Pleasures NWACA Crime and Safety Committee

> > OCT 8,9 AM TO NOON

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OCT 11, 6:30 - 8 PM McCallum H.S., 5600 Sunshine Dr.

Region 1 APD Commander's Forum for fourth quarter

**OCT 12, 6:30 – 8:30 PM** *Mangia Pizza* NWACA Monthly Board Meeting

**OCT 25, 5PM** *Temple Beth Shalom, 7300 Hart Lane* NWACA Zoning and Transportation Committe

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



## Time Now to Sign up for Neighborhood Garage Sales

#### --Joyce Statz

If you haven't already done so, it's time to sign up for this year's NWACA Neighborhood Garage Sales. We welcome everyone in the neighborhood to hold a sale!

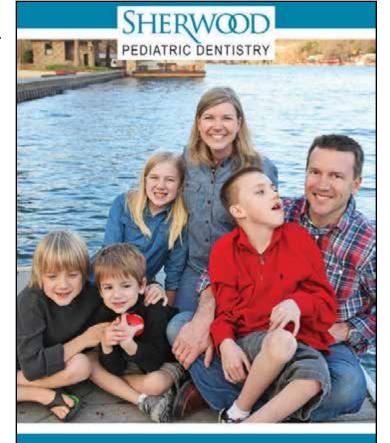
This year's sales will be on Saturday, September 17, from 8 AM until noon. Each participating family holds the sale in their own garage or front yard, or perhaps joins a neighbor to hold the sale. All proceeds stay with you doing the sales – none goes to NWACA.

NWACA will promote the event in many ways:

- Provide you with directional signs indicating where you are having the sale (first 50 homes in the NWACA area 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.
- Post notices about the sales in our weekly NWACA Notes email, on Facebook, and on NextDoor

If you wish to participate, sign up no later than September 10th on our web site www.nwaca.org using 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.



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## **Using the Bus in NWACA Neighborhoods**

#### – Jonathan Kaplan

With traffic continuing to increase in Austin and the MoPac improvement project lingering, residents of the NWACA area may want to learn about alternate modes of transportation. To that end the monthly newsletter is featuring a series of articles on how to access the Capital Metro transportation system. In this issue I will give a brief overview on how the Capital Metro bus system intersects our neighborhood, and how residents can take advantage of this resource. Future issues will have other articles highlighting specific bus routes and other features of the Capital Metro system.

Three bus routes – 19, 320, and 661 (or the Far West shuttle) – intersect the NWACA area. People interested in taking these routes as well as connecting to other bus routes can access additional information on the Capital Metro website www.capmetro.org. There you can utilize the convenient Trip Planner as well as download the newly updated and redesigned Capital Metro App for use on your smart phone. Those living or working a little farther from a particular bus route can also bring their bike along, using the bike racks on the front of every Capital Metro bus.

One-way bus fare is \$1.25. A daily pass is available for \$2.50. Additional pass options are also available. Tickets can be purchased at a variety of locations including (1) on the bus; (2) the Capitol Metro website; (3) at retail outlets located throughout the city, including H-E-B and Randall's; (4) the Transit Store at 209 W. 9th Street; or (5) on the Capital Metro App.

Seniors 65 and over, Medicare card holders, and riders with disabilities are eligible for a Reduced Fare ID Card, which can lead to a 50% discount on bus fares. To receive a card, you must apply in-person at the Transit Store at 209 W. 9th Street.

UT students, faculty, and staff may ride Capital Metro mainline buses, MetroRail, and MetroRapid route 801 free, upon presenting a valid university identification card. Students, faculty, and staff at Austin Community College can get a Green Card from ACC to ride the buses and rail for \$25 per semester.

Capital Metro is currently reevaluating service options throughout

Austin, including our neighborhood, through its strategic planning process, Connections 2025. Consider using the bus as an alternate transportation option. If everyone in our neighborhood took the bus just once a month, it would increase ridership significantly and go a long way toward saying that our neighborhood values public transportation. A significant increase in ridership could also lead to improved service options for our neighborhood.

In the next issue of the newsletter, look for an article on how to make use of the 19 bus route. If you have specific questions about Capitol Metro service that you want addressed in future issues, please send a note to nwacainfo@gmail.com.





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#### **Changes coming to Bull Creek**

#### – Rachel McGill

In an effort to reduce the risk of alcohol related accidents and injury, Austin Parks and Recreation has decided to make all of Bull Creek alcohol-free as of August 15, 2016. Signs are now posted in the upper, middle and lower Bull Creek Greenbelt, as well as the district park that reflect this change in policy. The new bilingual signs will also remind park users that they will be fined up to \$500 for each violation of the park rules which include: no alcohol, no littering, no glass containers, no ground fires, no pets off leash. Austin Police Department has committed to increasing enforcement of these policies, to the extent their resources allow, after the new signs have been posted. In the meantime, continue to report all violations to Austin 311. The City of Austin is also addressing the illegal parking issues at the park by installing additional no parking signs on Lakewood Drive from Driftwood to Loop 360. No parking designations will also be posted along the low water crossing between Spicewood Springs and Old Spicewood Springs roads.

Although the threat of wildfire is very high this time of year, park users continue to dump hot coals from charcoal grills in the park and greenbelt. Travis County is currently under a burn ban which means there are absolutely no open fires allowed in any Travis County Park. Park users are encouraged to call 311 to report any fire or hot coals dumped from BBQ grills.

Though the high bacteria levels in the creek have caused park usage to drop, there is still a great deal of litter along the Greenbelt. If you want to pitch in, a number of local organizations will have park clean ups scheduled throughout the fall. The NWACA Parks Committee is starting a monthly work day at the park, asking for volunteers on the second Saturday of the month for the next few months. The September work day will be Saturday, September 10th.We'll start at 8AM and work until noon. If you're interested, please sign up using the volunteer form on the NWACA web site, which has a bit more detail. Here's the direct link: http://nwaca.org/volunteer-bull-creekdistrict-park/. Watch the calendar in the newsletter each month for these regular work days, as well as other special ones.

If you have little ones and want to get them involved, contact Little Helping Hands to sign up for one of their Saturday volunteer spots. You can also sign up for clean ups through Keep Austin Beautiful at http://keepaustinbeautiful.org/volunteer-opportunities

### Commendation to Neighbors

- Al Simmons

# Thanks for Doing Something About the Problem!

Last month's wildfire season article talked about the coming drought conditions, the lack of sustained rains, the early drying out of the wild grasses and underbrush in the treed valleys, the abundance of dried limbs and twigs in the trees, and the dangers that these fuels pose for our neighborhoods and our homes...particularly in the event of a wildfire in one of our valleys! And here we are a month later, with little to no rain and a lot of dried out fuels for wildfires. But we are far better off than we were a month ago...and why?

Last month's article pointed out that the City's Large Brush Collection for NWACA began on July 11th, July was the start of tree-trimming time for Live Oaks, and the weather was starting to be 100+ degrees per day...hot and dry! And for whatever good reason, many neighbors started trimming trees, bushes, and gardens, picking up the cut wood and carrying it off! I saw City trucks picking up cut limbs from the neighborhood streets. Neighbors had arborists and landscapers trimming their trees and bushes and carrying the fuels off. The trees became much taller; and a lot more sunlight came through onto our streets, yards, and gardens. For my own neighborhood of Canyonside Trail and Stony Meadow, we had huge mounds of tree and brush limbs stacked all along the curbs and everybody was calling the City to get their trucks out here and clean up this mess.... it was beautiful! And our neighborhood is now a lot safer because of your efforts!

We are still in 100 to 102 degree weather (it is August after all, as I write this), and all of the news stations are predicting the same temperatures for the next two to three weeks. So stay vigilant, enjoy your beautiful neighborhood, and keep up the good work!



#### **Getting Started with Tree Pruning**

#### -- Joanie Arrott

The first step in effective pruning is proper tree identification. Once the tree's genus is determined, knowledge about hardiness, growth response, best time of year to prune, and more can be considered. Summer months are generally a safe time to prune oak varieties that are at risk for contracting oak wilt disease. The carrier beetles have been found much less active in the hottest months, but trees are still growing and may develop unwanted sucker growth. The beetles are mostly inactive in the cooler fall months, and oak tree growth is mostly dormant. Summer is the best time to plan; then you can complete your pruning of trees and shrubs, especially oaks, during the late fall and early winter months.

There are three commonly recommended reasons for pruning. Most important is for safety purposes. Maybe a storm or large truck damaged tree limbs, and they need to be addressed as a result, to prevent further damage to the tree or a nearby structure. Secondly, the overall health and condition of the tree might require pruning back limbs. Lastly, aesthetics or beauty of the tree may be the reason for pruning. Consider that pruning is really wounding the tree or shrub, and it's important to have a valid reason for every pruning cut.

Prune properly and safely to promote quick and healthy wound closure. Cuts on branches should always occur outside the branch bark ridge and the swollen branch collar (Figure 1). The collar separates a tree trunk from a branch and seals the pruning cut. Sometimes it is difficult to find the branch collar, so get advice before making harmful cuts (Figure 2). Cutting outside the branch bark ridge and collar (when present) allows for quickest closure and healing of the wound (Figure 3). Pruning cuts should also be made as close to the collar as possible without cutting into it. The collar tissue is rich in energy reserves and chemicals that hinder the spread of decay.

Pruning cuts create potential entry points for insects and disease, so knowing your tree varieties is very important to determine whether wounds should be sealed or not. Woody plants are already well equipped to stave off most insects and diseases using their own natural defenses, and some research has shown that painting or tarring pruning wounds is not effective and may actually increase the likelihood of trapping decay organisms inside the wound. There are many pruning sealant products on the market; some are petroleumbased and others formulated with more "natural" ingredients, but the horticultural benefit of applying any of these products to pruning wounds is not supported by scientific research.

Some varieties of trees, including oak trees in Texas, are highly susceptible to insects and pathogens, and they should have their wounds covered no matter the time of year. In these situations, treat all wounds properly by immediately painting them with a commercial tree wound dressing or latex paint. The best defense against disease or pest infestation is to prevent pruning during the time of year that has the highest risk of infection, February 1st to July 1st.

Make a habit of sterilizing pruning tools each time they are used to greatly reduce the spread of disease among your landscape plants and trees. In some cases tools should be disinfected between each pruning cut, like when pruning oaks. Denatured methyl alcohol (shellac thinner), isopropyl alcohol, or a general purpose household disinfectant such as Lysol, Listerine, or Pine-Sol, can be used.

It is recommended that you employ only certified arborists to prune your valuable trees, especially oaks. There are several reputable companies that provide quality services to our neighborhood, but each year, there seems to be just as many uncertified tree service vendors that perform unsafe and poor quality services. Take an active role in how in your home landscape is managed, especially involving any pruning.

In general, it's best to call a certified arborist if you're pruning trees taller than 10 to 15 feet,



Fig. 1. Clearly visible branch bark ridge and branch collar.



Fig. 2: Branch bark ridge and collar possibly hidden by bark.



if you need to use a chain saw or if you plan to use a ladder. If you have some experience with pruning trees, you may be able to use a rope saw on limbs higher than 15 feet, but it's always best to err on the side of caution, especially if falling limbs could damage property. Always utilize the appropriate protective equipment including: eye protection, gloves, and hard hats. Understand that limbs and branches represent significant weight. Even a 1-inch-diameter limb, if it's long enough and high enough, can crash to the ground with enough force to knock a person down.

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.

#### **Crickets**

– Wizzie Brown, Texas Agrilife Extension Service

Field crickets are a common sight around homes in late summer into autumn. These insects are about 1" long when fully grown. Crickets are dark brown to black with large hind legs used for jumping. They also have two cerci, or appendages that come off the tip of the abdomen. Female crickets have a large sword-like structure, the ovipositor, protruding from the tip of the abdomen. The ovipositor is used to deposit eggs into soil.

Crickets feed on plant material as well as other insects. They are able to cause damage to seedlings and sometimes large populations can be destructive. Large masses of dead crickets around doorways or other areas can be distasteful to view and cause a foul odor.

Field crickets are primarily outdoor insects, but may occasionally venture indoors. When crickets do come indoors, they may bother residents with their chirping. Males chirp to attract a mate creating the sound by rubbing their forewings together.

Cricket management is more easily accomplished in the summer when nymphs, who cannot fly, are present. Unfortunately, this usually isn't when large populations of crickets are discovered.

Before turning to pesticides to manage your cricket problems, try these ideas:

- Turn off outside lights at night or use bulbs that are less attractive to insects
- · Seal cracks and crevices with sealant where insects can enter
- Remove debris stacked near the structure
- · Keep lawn and surrounding areas mowed
- Stuff weep holes with copper mesh

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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#### Trojan Spirit Fest – September 17

- Public Service Announcement

Save The Date! Trojan Spirit Fest will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2016 from 4 - 7 pm. This is a community-wide event and all are invited, especially those involved with the schools in our "Anderson Vertical Team" – Davis, Doss, Hill, Pillow and Summit Elementary Schools and Murchison Middle School. Anderson's clubs and organizations will be there with food, games, activities, spirit wear and a pep rally! Join your friends and neighbors, meet new people and enjoy an afternoon of school spirit at Anderson High School!

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NWACA thanks members who generously contributed to the Oak Wilt Fund, the 4th of July Parade Fund, and the Park Fund, between July 15 and August 12, 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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# 30 Day Sales Summary

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| 6600 Valleyside #C-12            | 1   | 1    | 1/0   | 0/1   | Yes    | 1984 | .072  | 717    | \$165,000   |
| 6501 E Hill #110                 | 2   | 2    | 1/1   | 0/1   | Yes    | 1968 | .032  | 1,080  | \$199,000   |
| 3839 Dry Creek #132              | 1   | 2    | 2/0   | 0/1   | Yes    | 1981 | .099  | 966    | \$197,000   |
| 4711 Spicewood<br>Springs #G-139 | 1   | 2    | 1/0   | 0/1   | Yes    | 1985 | .134  | 979    | \$210,000   |
| 4711 Spicewood<br>Springs #187   | 1   | 2    | 1/0   | 0/1   | Yes    | 1985 | .134  | 979    | \$217,500   |
| 3840 Far West #111               | 1   | 2    | 2/0   | 0/2   | Yes    | 1982 | .040  | 985    | \$224,900   |
| 3840 Far West #206               | 1   | 2    | 2/0   | 1/1   | Yes    | 1982 | .040  | 985    | \$235,000   |
| 5701 Westslope #D-2              | 1   | 2    | 2/1   | 2/0   | No     | 1985 | .016  | 1,350  | \$279,900   |
| 3601 Las Colinas #A              | 1   | 2    | 2/1   | 0/2   | No     | 1973 | .137  | 1,347  | \$299,000   |
| 5908 Mountainclimb               | 2   | 4    | 2/0   | 2/0   | No     | 1965 | .313  | 2,342  | \$495,000   |
| 4102 Ridgeline                   | 2   | 3    | 3/0   | 2/0   | Yes    | 1979 | .090  | 1,789  | \$449,000   |
| 7140 Las Ventanas                | 3   | 3    | 2/1   | 2/0   | No     | 1991 | .100  | 2,749  | \$450,000   |
| 5704 Driftwood                   | 1   | 3    | 2/0   | 2/0   | No     | 1962 | .777  | 1,996  | \$525,000   |
| 6819 Cougar                      | 2   | 3    | 2/1   | 2/0   | No     | 1996 | .086  | 2,459  | \$530,000   |
| 5941 Highland Hills              | 2   | 5    | 4/0   | 2/0   | Yes    | 1968 | .299  | 2,935  | \$599,500   |
| 5808 Trailridge                  | 1   | 3    | 2/0   | 2/0   | No     | 1957 | .412  | 1,833  | \$577,000   |
| 3908 Sierra                      | 1   | 4    | 2/0   | 2/0   | No     | 1962 | .306  | 2,283  | \$599,000   |
| 4112 Paint Rock                  | 1   | 4    | 3/0   | 2/0   | No     | 1969 | .240  | 2,195  | \$635,000   |
| 5103 Lea                         | М   | 4    | 2/1   | 2/0   | Yes    | 1976 | .341  | 2.456  | \$649,000   |
| 4019 Far West                    | 1   | 4    | 2/1   | 2/0   | No     | 1966 | .275  | 2.776  | \$699,900   |
| 4501 Autumnleaf                  | 2   | 3    | 2/1   | 2/0   | No     | 1985 | .320  | 2,403  | \$565,000   |
| 6206 Mountain Villa              | М   | 4    | 3/1   | 2/2   | No     | 1985 | .302  | 2,378  | \$568,950   |
| 6008 Twin Valley                 | М   | 3    | 2/1   | 2/0   | No     | 1984 | .432  | 2,398  | \$570,000   |
| 4503 Twin Valley                 | 2   | 4    | 2/1   | 2/0   | No     | 1981 | .083  | 2,090  | \$699,000   |
| 7600 W Rim                       | 2   | 5    | 3/0   | 2/4   | Yes    | 1969 | .250  | 2,954  | \$775,000   |
| 5802 Lakeview                    | М   | 4    | 3/0   | 1/0   | Yes    | 1960 | .303  | 2,771  | \$785,000   |
| 6803 Ladera Norte                | 2   | 4    | 3/1   | 2/1   | Yes    | 1984 | .387  | 4,442  | \$995,000   |
| 4502 Cat Mountain                | 2   | 5    | 4/0   | 2/0   | No     | 1977 | .309  | 3,465  | \$1,110,000 |





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Street Address:

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Email #2 (kept private; print): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (with area code):\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **ANNUAL DUES: \$25**

(Optional) 4th of July Parade Contribution:
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(Optional) Oak Wilt Fund Contribution:
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Volunteers are always needed on our committees. Please mark those on which you'd like to actively participate.

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### Three Ways to 311

- Public Service Announcement

Contacting Austin 3-1-1 can be done three ways: by phone (dial 311), using the web interface (at https://austin-csrprodcwi. motorolasolutions.com/Home.mvc/Index), or by using the Austin 3-1-1 smart phone app. The app can be used to enter items in more than 20 categories, providing information and photos that allow City departments to efficiently assess, prioritize and respond. The free app is available for use on Android and iOS smartphones. Users can download the app from the Google Play Store or the iTunes Store.

## **NWACA Window Decals**



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#### – Debra Danziger

NWACA window decals are now available for \$3. Show your neighborhood pride and spirit with an official NWACA membership window decal, perfect for your vehicle.

The decal measures 3"x3" and sells for \$3 online at: http://nwaca.org/donations/ Order yours today!



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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.

## WHY JOIN NWACA?

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 (43nd Annual in 2015!), organizes election and issues forums, sponsors an annual neighborhood garage sale, publishes this newsletter and much, much more!



If you would like this yard sign, please send email to nwacainfo@gmail.com



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