



## President's Message

Right around the time this newsletter hits your front doorstep, it'll be fall election time. Remember to educate yourself on the bond proposals, especially the AISD bond that will directly impact both the Anderson and McCallum vertical teams, along with several schools outside our area that are attended by our residents (LASA, Kealing, and the Ann Richards School for Girls as examples.) Other items up for vote include a road and parks bond for Travis County and several amendments to the state constitution. Please take the time to educate yourself and vote in this important election.

We have received confirmation from the City that the revised speed cushions should be installed by the time this newsletter comes out. If they are not installed, please have patience, as they are coming, but are just delayed behind other projects in the queue. Once they are installed, the city will be following up to determine if the new speed mitigation devices represent a better solution for our area. Our Zoning and Transportation Committee will also be monitoring the situation and providing updates through the usual NWACA channels.

While on the topic of traffic, we are in the latter half of our six-month pilot constable program. We recently distributed a survey to our membership to gather feedback on this program. This survey will inform us about what people thought about the program and whether we should work to continue the program. By the time this

column is out, we will have the survey results in and will be working to determine our next steps with regard to this program. We would like to know if people would like to see the program continue, whether to adjust the program for more coverage at other times, and whether to increase the overall number of hours the constable is in our neighborhood. Please stay tuned for more information related to the constable program in future newsletters.

We have two events occurring right around the time the newsletter comes out.

- Saturday, November 4th from 8am-10am at Doss. Drop off your BOPA (Batteries, Oil, Paint and Antifreeze) materials at Doss Elementary. Note that this is one of the few events we hold that requires you to be a current NWACA member.

- Sunday, November 5th at 1pm. Cap Metro Transit Event to the Bob Bullock Museum. See more information on the NWACA web site, in our weekly NWACA Notes newsletter, Facebook page, or email [nwacainfo@gmail.com](mailto:nwacainfo@gmail.com)

Not sure if you are a current member? Remember, that you can check online at <http://www.nwaca.org>. Look under Quick Links for **"Check if I'm a NWACA Member"** If you are not, we'd appreciate your support with an annual membership

## Am I a Member?

You receive the newsletter every month, so you think you're a NWACA member, right? Not necessarily! Thanks to our advertisers, every single-family household in NWACA receives the monthly newsletter.

Members pay annual dues of only \$25 ensuring that NWACA special events such as the Fourth of July parade, fall garage sales, recycling events, and summer pool parties continue. NWACA committees such as Wildfire Prevention, Crime and Safety, and Tree and Environment depend on your donations to produce educational materials and programs. And, the Special Projects Fund helps to beautify and improve the quality of life in our neighborhood. Want to get more involved with NWACA? Members are also eligible to run for the NWACA board.

So, while, "Am I a member?" is a question we hear often, we're happy to answer! Email us at: [nwacainfo@gmail.com](mailto:nwacainfo@gmail.com) with your name and home address, and we'll let you know. Thanks from all your neighbors!

## New to the Neighborhood?



If this is the first time you're seeing our newsletter, welcome to the NWACA neighborhood! 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!

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](http://www.nwaca.org) Then, please join us as a dues-paying member; there's a form you can use at the end of the newsletter, or you can join online.

*Welcome to NWACA!*

## NWACA EVENTS CALENDAR

**Nov 4, 8 AM to 10 AM**

Doss Elementary School Parking Lot

NWACA Member event – BOPA Collection – batteries,  
oil, paint, antifreeze *(see article for more information)*

**Nov 4, 9 AM to noon**

Stillhouse Hollow Preserve

It's My Park Day – beautification at the preserve at  
7810 Sterling Drive, just off Burney Drive

**Nov 5, 1 PM**

Northcross Mall to Bullock Museum

Cap Metro Bus Adventure – free entry to Bullock  
Museum, free bus ride, and NWACA provides treats at  
either Central Market or Amy's Ice Cream

**Nov 8, 6:30 – 8:30 PM**

Mangia Pizza

NWACA Board Meeting

**Nov 12, 2 PM**

Kneaded Pleasures

Parks Committee

**Nov 14, 8 AM**

Kneaded Pleasures

Communications Committee

**Nov 28, 5 PM**

Temple Beth Shalom, 7300 Hart Lane

NWACA Zoning and Transportation Committee

**Dec 3, 2 PM**

Kneaded Pleasures

Parks Committee

**Dec 12, 8 AM**

Kneaded Pleasures

Communications Committee

**Dec 17, 2 PM**

Kneaded Pleasures

Tree and Environmental Stewardship Committee

  
**BUILDING**  
**trust**  
ONE HOME AT A TIME

  
**nest**  
PROPERTIES AUSTIN



Julie Stephens Waidelich, Broker  
(512) 784-1990  
juliewaidelich@gmail.com



Kirsten Hanna, Realtor®  
(512) 731-3588  
kirstenhanna1@gmail.com



Scarlet Hebert, Realtor®  
(512) 771-1302  
scarlet@hebertcentral.com



Pamela Allen, Realtor®  
(512) 762-5562  
pamelaleallen@gmail.com



Kim King, Realtor®  
(512) 789-6775  
kimking07@gmail.com



Susan Pyle  
(512) 775-7244  
susanpyle@austin.rr.com



Lauren Ehlers, Realtor®  
(409) 673-5178  
lauren\_ehlers@aol.com

[WWW.NESTPROPERTIESAUSTIN.COM](http://WWW.NESTPROPERTIESAUSTIN.COM)



ADAM LOEWY  
AUSTIN'S GO-TO **PERSONAL INJURY LAWYER**

# LOEWY LAW FIRM

HELPING INJURED TEXANS

LoewyFirm.com  
(512) 280-0800

Car Crashes | Bicycle Crashes | Drunk Driving Crashes | Child Injuries | Boating Accidents  
Motorcycle and ATV Accidents | Slip and Fall Injuries | Other Serious Injuries

# CEDAR IS COMING

Preparation for Cedar Season starts Now to  
prevent allergy suffering later.  
Make an appointment today.



[www.AllergyFreeAustin.com](http://www.AllergyFreeAustin.com)  
512-349-0777

3410 Far West Blvd @ Mopac  
Your Neighborhood Board Certified Allergists





## Background on the AISD Bond Proposition

—Julie Cowan

Thank you, NWACA neighbors, for supporting our neighborhood schools and public education. Whether we currently have children at Doss, Murchison and/or Anderson, whether we no longer do, or whether we never did, Northwest Hills residents recognize the need for strong public schools and have always generously demonstrated their support for them. We recognize that our schools are the hub of our community: the 4th of July Parade ends with a party on Doss grounds; we walk the Murchison track while football, soccer, and lacrosse leagues play on the grassy fields; and city-wide meetings such as CodeNEXT updates are held in Anderson's cafeteria. On Nov. 7 (or Oct. 23 – Nov. 3 if you vote early), we've got a great opportunity to show further support for our schools and Austin ISD when we vote for AISD Prop. 1.

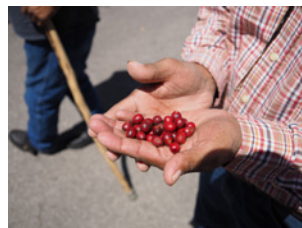
### Some facts to consider:

1. The bond's value is \$1.05 B. Every school in AISD will be touched by the bond, but some schools, such as Doss, Murchison and Hill will receive larger modernization/expansion projects.
2. AISD's CFO and the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce have calculated that this bond, issued in phases, will not require the Board to raise the I&S tax rate. It should be noted that over the last several years, the Board has LOWERED the I&S tax rate five cents, even as 2013 bond projects were being initiated and completed. If additional dollars are not needed to fulfill our obligations, AISD has showed good faith effort to minimize the burden on property owners.
3. Homeowners with an over-65 homestead exemption will NEVER pay more taxes to the school district than the amount paid in the year that they claimed the exemption, even when home values increase.
4. The Travis County Appraisal District, not AISD, sets home values.
5. Anderson was built in 1973; Murchison was built in 1967; Doss was built in 1969.
6. This bond was thoughtfully and purposefully constructed to address overcrowding, severe building failures, and reinvention projects to enhance 21st century learning.
7. 100% of the dollars raised from the bond stay in AISD to benefit AISD students. They are not "recaptured" by the state of Texas.
8. AISD's bond rating is the highest awarded by Moody's and Fitch rating services and the district receives the highest "Superior" rating on the TEA's Financial Integrity Rating System year after year.

When I was elected in November, 2014 with nearly 78% of the vote, it was with a clear mandate that our overcrowded Northwest Austin schools needed relief. Along the journey, I recognized that our district needs to be right-sized; that many schools' physical conditions are suffering; and that the results Texas citizens, the Texas Legislature, and the Austin Chamber of Commerce demand of our graduates would be well served by modernized, 21st century learning spaces. It is with this confidence that I bring to AISD voters and my NWACA neighbors a well-considered bond initiative. I humbly ask that you vote for the AISD Prop. 1 Facilities Bond. Vote early October 23 – November 3 or vote on November 7. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [jscowan@aol.com](mailto:jscowan@aol.com)

## Mescal Beans

— Richard Denney



to identify, consider, and manage properties that still belong to, or are historically significant to, those tribal nations.

In August, 2017, the meeting was held here in the neighborhood at the Double Tree Hilton on Business Park Drive, and I had the good fortune of speaking as the representative of the Travis County Historical Commission. During a break, I got into a conversation with the two representatives from the Comanche Nation. We talked about the visit to Austin by the Comanche Elder Council in April of this year, and I mentioned that they asked about the abundance of mescal beans in Austin (apparently rare in Oklahoma). During their visit, I noticed many busily picking up little red beans off the ground. These little red beans come from a plant that most of us take for granted: mountain laurel. The pods that grow on mountain laurel contain a red bean that Native Americans call "mescal beans."

My first "experience" with mountain laurel came when my daughter, now 30, was in day care at My Friend's House, part of Northwest Hills United Methodist Church. One spring while the mountain laurel was in bloom, she decided if it tastes as good as it smells (very sweet), she was going to give it a try and ate a few flower blooms, got very ill, and threw it all up.

As it turns out, it was lucky my daughter chose to eat the flower blooms rather than the mescal beans. A word of caution to parents and teachers: the red mescal bean can be lethal, especially if eaten by a child. Once you are aware of their existence, you will notice they are everywhere in our neighborhood!

The mescal bean has a long history with Native Americans; they are found in archeological sites in Texas dating back over 6,000 years. While used for adornment (necklaces, bracelets) and as rattles while still in the pod (e.g. for ceremonial dances), it was the bean's physiological effect that likely made it powerful medicine, figuratively and perhaps literally.

Paraphrasing from the website Texas Beyond History, the many physiological effects of mescal bean intoxication include muscle

*(Continued on Page 8)*



**"Market Knowledge You Can Depend On!"**

**Connie Lundgren**  
ABR, CNE, CIPS, GRI

**[connie.lundgren@evusa.com](mailto:connie.lundgren@evusa.com)**  
**512.619.4101**



**ENGEL & VÖLKERS**

## NWACA Awards \$4,000 Toward Refurbishing Anderson High School Gym

— Vicki DeWeese

The large gym at L.C. Anderson High School has been in need of repair and update for several years. Parents and Anderson booster clubs decided to move forward with a plan developed by coaches and staff to revive the interior, completing the first step of painting the gym during the week of July 4th, 2017. (The entire effort is expected to cost about \$55,000.)

The second step of the plan provides for scoreboards, electronics, and updated signs. Much of the equipment located in the gym does not work or has missing components. Estimated costs to replace the scoreboards are \$30,000.

Individual donors in the community have contributed approximately \$9,800.00 since June 2017. Several local and regional businesses have committed to advertising on the scoreboards to help defray costs, including: Watkins Insurance; Arbor Car Wash; Texas Orthopedics; Howry, Breen & Herman, LLP; Taco Shack; Capital TI; and Frost Bank. Fundraising goals include \$25,000 from individual donors and an additional \$30,000 from businesses, grant funding, and sponsorship.

### How does this project benefit our neighborhood?

Many community organizations in our area use the gym on a daily basis for summer camps and activities. From cheer camps, to volleyball, to basketball, the gym is filled with kids of all ages. Coaches at Anderson work during the summer, hosting free open gym times that allow kids to bring lunch and spend several hours per week at Anderson while not in school.

Basketball and volleyball teams use the gym year-around for training as well as games. Cheer teams practice in the gym. The football team uses the gym for weight training, staging, and general fitness. Football pep rallies are held in the gym, the only space large enough at Anderson for such events. Other teams use the gym and

related facilities for indoor workout time and as a gathering space for parents and players.

If you or your business would like to contribute to this project, donations can be made through the following sites:

<https://www.facebook.com/AndersonTrojanGym>

<https://edbacker.com/c/trojan-gym-renewal/>

If you have any questions about the gym project, please contact Sandie Haverlah at: [andersontrojangym@gmail.com](mailto:andersontrojangym@gmail.com) or (512) 423-0913

Thanks to our wonderful members, NWACA is able to use its Project Reserve to donate funds to help with projects that benefit our neighborhood. If your membership isn't current, please join or renew today at: <http://nwaca.org/joinrenew>



THE  
**BOYS'**  
SCHOOL  
OF AUSTIN  
**EXPLORE. MOVE. GROW.**  
[www.theboysschoolofaustin.org](http://www.theboysschoolofaustin.org)

**OPENING  
FALL 2018**

Attend a parent information  
session to learn more.

**512.553.2690**



## NWACA Parks Committee Earns Golden Shovel Award

—Caroline Alexander

The NWACA Parks Committee was honored to be chosen as the Austin Parks Foundation park adopter of the year. A huge thank you to all of the volunteers in the neighborhood who support our work and made this possible.







BUILDING  
**trust**  
ONE HOME  
AT A TIME

**nest**  
PROPERTIES AUSTIN

**JULIE WAIDELICH**  
Broker/Owner, REALTOR®  
**512.784.1990**  
[WWW.NESTPROPERTIESAUSTIN.COM](http://WWW.NESTPROPERTIESAUSTIN.COM)

## SUDOKU

View answers online at [www.peelinc.com](http://www.peelinc.com)

			2				1	
				8	5			4
5	2				4		9	
6							8	4
						7		
	3	1	5			2		
2		7						
		9		5				
	4			3		1	7	

© 2006, Feature Exchange

The goal is to fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. Each digit may appear only once in each row, each column, and each 3x3 box.



**SHERWOOD**  
PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

**HEALTHY SMILES ARE OUR SPECIALTY**

**WHY OUR PATIENTS LOVE US:**

- Empowering you to play an active role in your child's dental health.
- Compassionate, individual patient care for your child's needs.
- Enjoy a dental team focused on creating a positive dental experience for you and your child.
- Our Laser eliminates the need for shots before fillings.
- You are invited to stay with your child through the entire appointment.

Monthly payment options available, including no-interest financing

**\$75 OFF**

Mention this ad and receive \$75 off New Patient Exam, Cleaning, and Fluoride. (New patients only)

 VISIT [WWW.DRSHERWOOD.NET](http://WWW.DRSHERWOOD.NET)

**CALL TODAY**  
**(512) 454-6936**

# NWACA News

(Continued from Page 5)

paralysis, nausea, vomiting, evacuation of the bowels, seeing red, unconsciousness, and even possible death. While not hallucinogenic, its overall effects helped one reach a state in which to receive visions. Because of its extreme physiological effects, the mountain laurel tree, or at least its seed, was likely viewed by Native Americans as a powerful plant worthy of trade and of decorating ritual clothing.

Not confined to prehistoric times, the ceremonial use of mescal beans continued into the 19th century among many tribes, often in conjunction with the peyote ceremony. Indeed, based on the interest expressed by members of the Comanche Nation I have met, it continues to play an important role in their culture.

In my November 2016 issue of the newsletter, "It's All Balcones Fault", I talked about the abundance of natural resources created by the Balcones Fault that first drew Native Americans to these hills. I now understand that mescal beans were yet another of those natural resources. So, the next time you see a mountain laurel in the neighborhood, know that you are looking at a part of our neighborhood's history and what made it a special place to the Native Americans that called this home before us.

P.S. And don't eat the pretty red beans!

For more on this topic and other local history, visit Richard Denney's blog at <http://txcompost.blogspot.com/>

## Deer Rutting Season

—Wildlife Management Committee

November through December is the deer mating season in Texas, also known as the "rutting season." During this time, we all need to use extra caution when traveling around the area. Deer are paying attention to one another and not to humans and cars. You'll probably see more large male deer in the area than usual, and at times females will be scurrying ahead of them. Be careful, as they may dart in front of walkers, runners, cyclists, and moving cars. As you run or walk or go out with your pets, give the deer plenty of space. Keep dogs on a leash at a safe distance from the deer.

Throughout the neighborhood, there are deer crossing signs where deer are especially common. Take special care in those areas. To report an injured or dead deer, call 311, and be prepared to provide a precise address where the animal can be located.

Given the frequency with which cars and deer collide, it would be prudent to check your auto insurance to see if you have the coverage for "Collision – Other" that applies to such incidents. There's more detail at this link: <http://tinyurl.com/DeerAndCar>

If you're a gardener with a medium or large agave plant where a deer can reach it, you might want to put up a barrier around it during this season. Male deer like to rub off the velvet on their antlers using the spines of the agave, and that usually destroys the big wide leaves of the plant.

CAROL  
DOCHEN  
REALTORS®



Carol Dochen, Owner & Broker

512-345-2227 | [www.CarolDochenRealtors.com](http://www.CarolDochenRealtors.com)

## THINKING OF SELLING YOUR HOME?



Let the experts of Northwest Hills handle it for you. We have sold over 300 homes in this area. Let us do the same for you.

We'd love to help you with your Austin real estate needs. Give us a call today to see what we can do for you!

We Make the Difference Between a House and a Home





**Screen Printing, Embroidery,  
Monogramming, and Bling**

**This Year, Don't Give Dad  
Another Tie.**

**Personalize Gifts for Your  
Entire List.**

**1901 Ranch Road 620N, Bldg 2  
Austin, TX 78734  
512-222-1120  
VillaPrints.com**



## California Wine Country Burns in October 2017. How Prepared Are We?

—Al Simmons



Local and national TV stations and the Austin American-Statesman provided extensive visual coverage of “the devouring of the wine country’s homes and businesses as more than a dozen wildfires swept

through the wine country.” As of press time, more than 6,000 homes and businesses were destroyed as thousands of people raced for safety, and more than forty people died. Their Fire Director indicated that the flames were burning “at explosive rates” because of 50 mph winds and the fires were spreading over hundreds of miles from Napa in the south to Redding in the north.

California is known for its frequent extreme wildfires because of their recurring droughts, dense old-wood forests, and high winds that cause the fires to quickly move over immense acreage. To a lesser degree, we face very similar situations. Actually, the Bastrop wildfires, the Steiner Ranch wildfire, the Pinnacle fire near ACC’s southern campus, and assorted smaller wildfires in the Austin area are examples of our similar wildfire events, so far...

We have had some nice rains in the last two to three months, with a normal hot summer between the rains, giving a reasonably stable base for our forthcoming cooler seasons. Early October cold fronts have dropped temperatures from low 90’s to mid-40’s overnight. Current weather conditions from now into winter as predicted by local TV stations suggest a significantly drier period for the winter. That means all of the vegetation that has been growing vigorously from our recent rains could now become dried-out wildfire fuel.

When that occurs, how fire-resistant is your home, your property, and the immediate neighborhood? Has it been more than two years since your home was evaluated for wildfire risk and then fire-hardened? If you haven’t been keeping up your hardening efforts, or worse, if you didn’t accomplish the hardening efforts recommended, plan to address those suggestions now. If you still have the NWACA wildfire risk evaluation form from your home assessment, use it to review your home and property to see what needs refreshing. Alternatively, sign up for a new evaluation, and our NWACA trained volunteers will come and take another look at your home and property. Go to [www.nwaca.org](http://www.nwaca.org) and use the Firewise Request under the Get Involved tab.

## Smiles You Love & Convenience You Need!

Looking for a dentist close to home? Shoal Creek Dental offers dentistry for the whole family, from cleanings and exams to natural looking fillings, crowns, bridges, implants, and more.

### GAG-FREE Impressions

iTero scanners eliminate the mess and unpleasantness associated with traditional impressions.



**LASER DENTISTRY**  
We have it!  
No Drill No Needles  
No Numbing  
**NO FEAR**



# SHOAL CREEK DENTAL CARE

**512.453.8181**  
[www.shoalcreekdental.com](http://www.shoalcreekdental.com)

8015 SHOAL CREEK BLVD., SUITE 120, AUSTIN TX 78757



---

## Prune Oak Trees Now, Prevent Oak Wilt Later

—Joanie Arrott

Many of you may have heard of the disease oak wilt, and some of you may have an intimate knowledge of this destructive fungus. It is currently the most destructive disease affecting live oaks and red oaks in Central Texas. I have met several people in the NWACA area that have either lost beautiful oak trees or were currently treating their oaks because they had contracted oak wilt. We have 7-8 active oak wilt centers in our neighborhood alone, and it will take the effort of all our residents to keep the centers from growing or spreading.

The peak activity times for the spread of oak wilt are early February through late June when temperatures start to increase. The wounding of trees, including pruning cuts, are an important role in the oak wilt

disease process. This is why regular pruning or tree care should be scheduled now and be completed by the end of January.

Regardless of the reasons or time of year, proper pruning techniques should be used. These techniques include making proper pruning cuts and avoiding injurious practices such as topping or excessive crown thinning. If you are uncertain about any of this information, you should consult with a Texas Oak Wilt Certified arborist, ISA Certified Arborist, or an oak wilt specialist from the city of Austin or the Texas Forest Service or Texas AgriLife Extension Service. Questions regarding oak wilt or tree management can also be sent to the Tree & Environmental Stewardship Committee at [nwacainfo@gmail.com](mailto:nwacainfo@gmail.com)

## CodeNEXT Version 2 and Contract (opinion)

—David Whitworth

At their October 12th meeting, the Austin City Council voted for an additional \$2.27M for the CodeNEXT consultant's contract. That contract started out as a \$2M contract on a 3-year timeline back in 2012, and the last Council action brings the contract total to \$8.5M and 5 years. We are yet to see a working product. (District 10 Councilmember Alison Alter voted NO on the additional contract money along with Council members Houston and Pool.)

CodeNEXT is on the ropes, but still swinging. At the October 10th Planning Commission meeting things opened up wide when Commissioner Sheih asked that the mapping and zoning efforts of the code rewrite be separated, which would require pushing out the timeline further. An exasperated commissioner Vela referenced the University Neighborhood Overlay (UNO) ordinance which added 10,000 units to West Campus since 2004. UNO is 17 pages long and supersedes all other codes when there is conflict. CodeNEXT looks nothing like this at 1300 pages, and riddled with previous conflicting codes and ordinances being brought forward. After 5 years, the Planning Commission seemed to still be discussing how to proceed.

Councilmember Pool suggested pushing the final CodeNEXT product as far out as spring 2018, but backed off. She had support from Councilmember Tovo on tapping the brakes.

Your humble author's opinion is that CodeNEXT is a mess. In the one section I have spent most time delving into (R3C zoning) I can come up with about 20 necessary amendments. The problem is that once the consultant presents a draft to staff, staff then runs the new code through the "Austinization" machine and what comes out the other end is unworkable. There are too many conflicting parameters and with so many micro details, it is always the worst or least common denominator that becomes the limiting factor.

It is becoming clear that staff is just trying to survive, and how could you blame them. We have a staff that knows how to stay alive while the bombs are falling all around them, but they don't

have the vision to charge. They have no incentive to do so. Keep in mind the City of Austin lost almost all of its important department Directors in the last several years and we still have an interim City Manager. Kirk Watson or Will Wynn would have been good strong leaders for an initiative like this, but an unenthusiastic Mayor Adler had CodeNEXT dropped on him from a previous Council. In Adler's defense, he has been stating very emphatically as of late, that the status quo land code is not how Austin will succeed on affordability, traffic, and the environment.

The only strategy that still seems to exist in the world of people following this closely is to submit amendments to leaders on the dais to fix the flaws staff is sending up to them for a vote. However, this is really no way to handle things, with little bandwidth among the appointed volunteers to fix the code in this manner. After all the time and money spent, it is a sad state to think the best chances for a good code is to throw it together on the dais. The land development code affects EVERYTHING else, it should not be an afterthought at 2am.

On top of everything, there is an ongoing petition effort to put CodeNEXT up for a public ballot vote next November. If successful, it would push things out to November 2018, become a campaign issue for Council elections, and generally become so muddy I'm not sure any will to vote in favor would exist.





## Know Before You Throw in the Recycling Bin

—Joanie Arrott

Let's talk contamination! Contamination happens when non-recyclable items are mixed in with valuable recyclable items. This is a common obstacle the city faces every day when the trucks unload at the recycling facilities. This is not only a nuisance and a hindrance to the recycling process; it can also be a costly problem.

Folks tend to get a little recycling happy, tossing additional items into the bin. But, sending non-recyclable materials jeopardizes the success of the whole program. Removing contamination also requires time, energy, and people. The city of Austin works with two local recycling processing facilities that use automated systems to sort and bale the recyclables. Prohibited items will jam or damage automated machinery. As a result, creating the finished product becomes expensive. By properly sorting and preventing these contaminants from sneaking into your recycling bin, we avoid this extra step and cost, which benefits everyone!

In the industry, there is the dirty dozen--the worst recycling

contaminants that must NOT go in the recycling bin. They include: plastic bags, materials placed in plastic bags, shredded paper, garden hoses, and scrap metal. It's really important that you know before you throw! A friendly graphic is provided to remind you what does not belong in your recycling bin. Questions regarding the proper disposal of materials can always be sent to the Tree & Environmental Stewardship Committee at [nwacainfo@gmail.com](mailto:nwacainfo@gmail.com)



## Constable Pilot Update

—Joyce Statz

In mid-October as we prepare this newsletter, we are halfway through our six-month pilot with the Travis County Constable patrolling the neighborhood about 6 hours per week. The constable has been making traffic stops, most of them for stop sign violations, and he has been driving through the neighborhood in an attempt to dissuade burglars from threatening our homes. While on patrol, the constable has also helped drivers involved in a minor collision, and he's talked with homeowners about their concerns. Our constable was the Travis County volunteer working the NWACA area on National Night Out, though he said the rain kept most people indoors, so he didn't find any events!

When focused on traffic issues only, the constable gives out about 10 citations during a 2-hour shift. When splitting his time between general patrolling and traffic monitoring, there may be only 2 or 3 citations issued. During the 3-month period so far, he has issued 94 citations (for a total of 121 violations). For those citations on which we have zip codes, 40% have been outside the area and 60% have been from 78731 and 78759. (We have asked that the 78759 zip code be split so that only those from the east side of Loop 360 are counted as "in our area," but that is not yet implemented.)

At the end of October, the NWACA Board sent out a survey to gauge the response of the neighborhood to the pilot program, to decide whether or not it should be continued in 2018. By the time you get this newsletter, the survey results should be available on the NWACA web site and in our social media. The December newsletter will carry an article providing that summary.

## Special Thanks to Members

—Membership Committee

NWACA thanks members who generously contributed to the 4th of July Parade Fund and the Park Fund, between August 17, 2017 and October 14, 2017.

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 do events in our parks and revitalize parks in the NWACA area.

- Thomas Bellavia
- Michael Hickey
- Jonathan Smith and Elizabeth Hickson
- Thomas and Donna Kelly
- Allen Kemp and Jo Carol Snowden
- Jane Kovacs
- Mary Kracklauer
- Roger Krueger
- Bill and Tela Mange
- Frank Newman
- Molly and Carl Nicholls
- Craig and Stephanie Saur
- Roberta Starbird
- Curt Swenson
- Diane and Donnie Williams
- Blythe and Chris Wilson

# We Are Thankful

To this community for  
welcoming us to the  
neighborhood.



FALL INTO A NEW  
SMILE THIS SEASON

\$1000 OFF



Arnold and DeSantis

ORTHODONTICS  
Northwest Hills

512.485.4410

WWW.ADBRACES.COM

Braces and Invisalign for the whole family!

**What's the catch? No catch, this is for  
ALL New Patients that start full Invisalign  
treatment by the end of November!**



Dr. Erin Arnold and Dr. Gerard DeSantis



## Centipedes

—Wizzie Brown, Texas Agrilife Extension Service



Centipedes have a single pair of antennae on their head and a long, worm-like body. They have one pair of legs per body segment with the first pair of legs modified to function as claws used to capture prey. These claws are sometimes

called fangs since they are connected to poison glands that can inject venom to subdue captured prey.

Most centipedes found in Texas are relatively small, but the red headed centipede, *Scolopendra heros*, can reach over nine inches when full grown. The bite of larger species of centipedes may cause extreme discomfort and pain.

Centipedes can live from one to six years. They prefer moist, protected habitats such as under stones, rotted logs, leaves, or bark. Winter is spent as an adult, and eggs are laid in soil during warm months and are covered by a sticky substance.

Centipedes are predaceous with many species feeding on other arthropods, such as insects. Their modified pair of legs, or claws, is directly under the head, allowing prey to be injected with venom.

Most centipedes can only bite with their poison claws located directly under the head, resulting in a bee-like sting; however, *Scolopendra* can also harm a person with the sharp claws of its many walking legs. Each walking leg is tipped with a sharp claw capable of making tiny cuts in human skin. A poison produced from the attachment point of each leg may be dropped into the wounds resulting in an inflamed and irritated condition. The best rule of thumb is to never handle large centipedes.

With cooler weather, centipedes may move inside homes to avoid extreme temperatures. Tips to prevent centipedes from sharing your home:

- move objects providing harborage away from the structure such as compost piles, firewood and stones
- create a band of gravel or similar material between the foundation of the home and any landscape beds that touch the structure
- occasionally turn mulch near structures to allow it to dry out
- seal cracks, crevices, and pipe penetrations with sealant that will expand with our temperature extremes
- repair weather stripping around doors and windows as needed
- properly ventilate crawl spaces or areas under the home to allow for air flow through the area
- use perimeter sprays around a building's foundation

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](http://www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com)

## Providing Habitat for the Monarch Butterfly

—LaJuan Tucker, City of Austin and Johanna Arendt, Travis County



Over the past few years, Texas has boasted some of the highest growth rates in the country. In particular, Central Texas has seen increased development, urbanization, and economic growth.

This growth often affects wildlife communities as

natural landscapes shift from good habitat to important human uses like roadways, housing, and retail. Basic wildlife resources such as water may be compromised by runoff pollution, while the conversion of agricultural lands to cities can decrease overall habitat, nesting and foraging sites. Fractured habitat can mean wildlife must cross roadways and travel longer distances to find food, shelter, and mates.

There are, however, many ways that residents can help wildlife in urban and suburban landscapes. Parks, greenbelts, school yards, backyards and even balconies are just a few of the places that can provide important resources for wildlife.

One species that especially needs our help is the monarch butterfly (*Danaus plexippus*). This iconic butterfly is most famous for its long migrations and its beautiful orange and black markings. Unfortunately, research shows that overall monarch numbers are on the decline. Here in Central Texas, we encounter the monarch butterfly during both its northern and southern migrations, which puts us in a unique position to assist with conservation efforts.

Learn more on November 8, when LaJuan Tucker will be giving a presentation about backyard wildlife at Concordia University. Join us at 6:30pm in Room C270 for a fun, informative program.

### How You Can Help

Provide monarch habitat essentials: food, water, shelter, and a place to raise their young in parks, yards and open spaces.

Provide native milkweed, the “host plant” for the monarch larvae:

- Antelope horn (*Asclepias asperula*)
- Green milkweed (*Asclepias viridis*)
- Texas milkweed (*Asclepias texana*)

Find out more at [https://www.wildflower.org/collections/collection.php?collection=centex\\_milkweed](https://www.wildflower.org/collections/collection.php?collection=centex_milkweed)

Plant native, butterfly-friendly flowers that provide nectar sources for adult butterflies: <http://xerces.org/monarch-nectar-plant-guide-southern-plains/>

Supervise pets and children when outdoors to ensure they do not harm wildlife visitors.

Control imported fire ant populations in your yard. Fire ants are predators of monarch eggs and caterpillars.

Use pesticides sparingly or avoid using them altogether. These harmful chemicals are thought to have a negative effect on both milkweed and the butterflies themselves.





# DOUGLAS RESIDENTIAL

---

HOME SALES  
LEASING



MANAGEMENT  
INVESTMENTS



**CATHY DOUGLAS**  
**OWNER**

We are thankful to  
call Northwest Hills  
our home and are  
honored to work with  
families and friends  
in our neighborhood.

Warmest wishes for a  
wonderful Thanksgiving.

O: 512.264.4160 | M: 512.431.4823  
[WWW.DOUGLASRESIDENTIAL.COM](http://WWW.DOUGLASRESIDENTIAL.COM)

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Austin Citywide Information Center.....512-974-2000 or 311  
Emergency, Police..... 911  
Non-emergency (coyote sightings, compliance issues) ..... 311  
To check status, go to: <http://www.austintexas.gov/departments/myaustincodestatus>  
APD District Representative, Office Darrell Grayson...512-974-5242  
District 10 Councilmember, Alison Alter.....512-978-2110  
Contact to enroll in the District 10 weekly newsletter: .....  
.....[district10@austintexas.gov](mailto:district10@austintexas.gov)  
.....[www.district10austin.com](http://www.district10austin.com)

### 2017 NWACA Board of Directors

Chris Hajdu, President  
Shannon Meroney, Secretary  
Joyce Statz, Treasurer  
Caroline Alexander  
Kirk Ashy  
Debra Danziger  
Julie DePalma  
Jen Despina  
Vicki DeWeese  
Rebecca Leightman  
Ernie Saulmon  
John Sepehri  
David Whitworth  
Sayton Wright

Each of the Board members can be reached at:  
[nwacainfo@gmail.com](mailto:nwacainfo@gmail.com)

The NWACA Board meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, except December. Please visit our calendar at [www.nwaca.org](http://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).

## ADVERTISING INFO

Please support the advertisers that make the NWACA News possible. If you are interested in advertising, please contact our sales office at 512-263-9181 or [advertising@peelinc.com](mailto:advertising@peelinc.com). The advertising deadline is the 8th of the month prior to the issue.



The NWACA News is a publication of the Northwest Austin Civic Association, produced and distributed by Peel, Inc. At no time will anyone be allowed to use the NWACA News content, or loan said content, to others in any way, shape, or form, nor in any media, web site, print, film, email, electronic copy, fax, or other means, for the purpose of solicitation, commercial use, or any other use for profit, political campaigns, or other self-amplification, under penalty of law, without written or expressed permission from the Northwest Austin Civic Association.

**DISCLAIMER:** Articles and ads in this newsletter express the opinions of their authors and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of Peel, Inc. or its employees. Peel, Inc. is not responsible for the accuracy of any facts stated in articles submitted by others. The publisher also assumes no responsibility for the advertising content with this publication. All warranties and representations made in the advertising content are solely that of the advertiser and any such claims regarding its content should be taken up with the advertiser.

\* The publisher assumes no liability with regard to its advertisers for misprints or failure to place advertising in this publication except for the actual cost of such advertising.  
\* Although every effort is taken to avoid mistakes and/or misprints, the publisher assumes no responsibility for any errors of information or typographical mistakes, except as limited to the cost of advertising as stated above or in the case of misinformation, a printed retraction/correction.  
\* Under no circumstances shall the publisher be held liable for incidental or consequential damages, inconvenience, loss of business or services, or any other liabilities from failure to publish, or from failure to publish in a timely manner, except as limited to liabilities stated above.



Check out the **NEW**  
**BodyBusiness Fitness Club**



Come experience  
the difference!

Limited Time  
Offer  
**30 days  
for \$30**

### Exclusive Programs:

**TRIBE TEAM TRAINING™**

**Personal Training**

**Wellness Programs**

**Pilates**

**RowOn Austin**

**More than 55 Group Exercise classes**  
per week including: Barre, Pilates,  
Yoga, Kickboxing & Zumba

### New BodyBusiness renovations:

3000+ sq ft multi-use training space

Cycling studio including a state-of-the-art  
sound system

Mind/Body studio

Doubled our massage/spa area

Brand new cardio equipment

[www.bodybusiness.com](http://www.bodybusiness.com)

512-459-9424

2700 West Anderson Lane, Austin, TX 78757

# NWACA Window Decals

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!

**PET WASTE POOLLUTES**  
[www.ScoopthePoopAustin.org](http://www.ScoopthePoopAustin.org)  
512-974-2550

*If you would like this yard sign, please send email to [nwacainfo@gmail.com](mailto:nwacainfo@gmail.com)*

**STEVE'S PLUMBING REPAIR**  
Master License: M-39722

- Water Pressure Problems
- Sewer & Drain Service
- Fiber Optic Drain Line Inspections
- Free Estimates
- Satisfaction Guaranteed

**Steve Brougher**  
**512.276.7476**

2605 Buell Ave

# NWACA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Send annual dues of \$25 with this form to:

NWACA, P.O. Box 26654, Austin, TX 78755

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email #1 (kept private; print): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

## ANNUAL DUES: \$25

(Optional) 4th of July Parade Contribution:

\$10\_\_\_ \$20\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_

(Optional) Parks Fund Contribution:

\$10\_\_\_ \$20\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_

*You can also pay via PayPal by going to [www.nwaca.org](http://www.nwaca.org), selecting the Get Involved Tab, and choosing Join/Renew*

**Volunteers are always needed on our committees.**

**Please mark those on which you'd like to actively participate.**

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



Free Estimates on New A/C Systems  
Fast 7-Day A/C Repairs  
Energy Audits • Weatherization  
Duct Repair & Replacement

Home & Handyman Repairs  
Remodels & Additions  
Senior Accessibility Upgrades  
Painting / Staining  
Drywall & Popcorn Removal  
Decks & Fences / Install & Repairs

*"We have been keeping Austin comfortable for over 35 years." – The Yamin Family*

TACL #B5235C



**A-PLUS ENERGY MANAGEMENT**  
**AIR CONDITIONING & HOME SOLUTIONS**

**512.450.1980 • [www.AplusAC.com](http://www.AplusAC.com)**

**\$20 off**  
**ANY A/C Repair or**  
**Handyman Service!**

Cannot be combined with other offers.  
Check our website for additional coupons & discounts.





## Prevent Oak Wilt PLAN AHEAD - PRUNE

NOV thru JAN

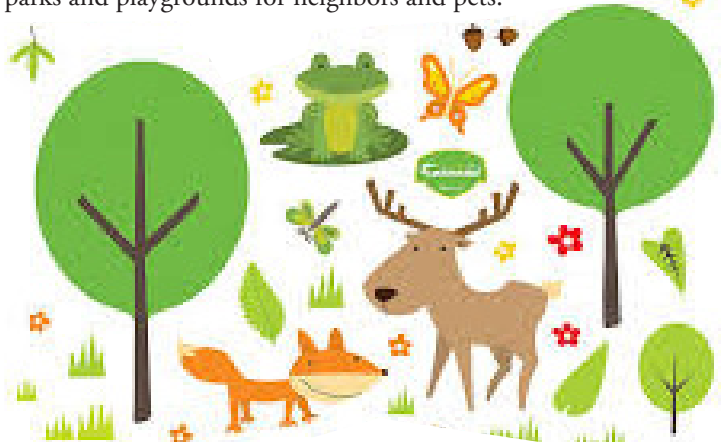
- **Beetles Inactive**
- **Dormant Season**
- **Coldest Months**

## Why Join NWACA

The Northwest Austin Civic Association is your neighborhood association. NWACA represents you on issues like crime prevention, transportation congestion and excessive speeds, zoning concerns, and wildfire prevention. NWACA plans the annual 4th of July Parade, organizes election forums, sponsors an annual neighborhood garage sale, recycles household waste, publishes this newsletter, and much more! Your support makes it all happen! Join us.

## 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.



PEEL, INC.  
community newsletters

ADVERTISE  
YOUR BUSINESS  
TO YOUR  
NEIGHBORS

*support your community newsletter*

**Myra Booker**

mbooker@peelinc.com • 512.772.1727  
Sales Representative

PRINTING IS AN ART  
MAKE SOME WITH US!



From design to  
print to mail,  
**Quality Printing**  
can help you with  
all of your  
printing needs!



**512.263.9181**

FLYERS • BUSINESS CARDS • BANNERS  
& POSTERS • ENVELOPES • DIRECT MAIL  
LETTERHEAD • POST CARDS • FOLDERS  
BROCHURES & COLLATERAL

[QualityPrintingOfAustin.com](http://QualityPrintingOfAustin.com)



## Attention KIDS: Send Us Your Masterpiece!

Color the drawing below and mail the finished artwork to us at:

Peel, Inc. - Kids Club, 308 Meadowlark St, Lakeway, TX 78734-4717

We will select the top few and post their artwork on our Facebook Page - Facebook.com/PeelInc.

DUE: November 30th

Be sure to include the following so we  
can let you know!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(first name, last initial)

Age: \_\_\_\_\_



Have A  
Happy  
Thanksgiving!

NAC





**PEEL, INC.**

308 Meadowlark St. South  
Lakeway, TX 78734

PRSR STD  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
PEEL, INC.

NAC



## What is important to you when selecting your agent?:

- (A) Experience with a proven track record of hard work and excellent results
- (B) An array of concierge services which present your home to the market at its best
- (C) Professionalism representing your best interest from moment of listing to closing day
- (D) ALL OF THE ABOVE

**Choose (D) -- I provide ALL OF THE ABOVE and more!**

Coldwell Banker and the Coldwell Banker Logo are registered service marks of Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC. Coldwell Banker United, REALTORS is owned by a subsidiary of NRT LLC. If you have a brokerage relationship with another agency, this is not intended as a solicitation.



I market your property better and smarter!



Dawn is a Member of the International President's Circle (top 6% of all Coldwell Banker agents worldwide)

**Dawn Bohls Lanier**

[dslanier@austin.rr.com](mailto:dslanier@austin.rr.com)

Text or Call: 512-914-2072

Coldwell Banker NW Hills Office: 9442 N Capital of TX Hwy, Plaza 1-625