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## President's Message

### *Happy New Year*

—Vicki DeWeese

With the new year, comes a new board for NWACA, with new ideas and groups! Please take a minute to thank your neighbors who will be volunteering their time to serve our community: Caroline Alexander, Joanie Arrott, Brad Banister, Mehlahm Bhiwandiwalla, Roger Bolick, Ruven Brooks, Aaron Daniels, Julie DePalma, Vicki DeWeese, Tracey Fine, Charlie Galvin, Chris Hajdu, Louri O'Leary, Mike Polston, Christopher Roddy, Micah Sagebiel, and Lauren Ward.

We need you to please share your time and talents with NWACA! There are many committees to serve on: Civic Engagement, Communications, Crime and Safety, Events, History, Parks, Sponsorship, Tree and Environment, Wildfire Prevention, and Zoning and Transportation. Meeting times and locations for those which meet regularly can be found in this newsletter. For a more complete description of what each committee is responsible for, please go to the NWACA website: [www.nwaca.org](http://www.nwaca.org) and look under the About tab. Just let us know how you want to be involved! You can choose to:

- Attend regular meetings and help with committee work

- Perform individual tasks for the committee, as needed
- Be on a mailing list to stay informed of the committee activities

We welcome your ideas and want to remind everyone that our NWACA Board meetings are open to all members. We meet every 2nd Wednesday of the month at Mangia's Pizza on Mesa. Please RSVP to [nwacainfo@gmail.com](mailto:nwacainfo@gmail.com) if you plan to attend, so we can save a chair for you. Also, please refer to the NWACA calendar, as meeting dates must occasionally change to accommodate holidays and school closings.

If you have thoughts for beautification projects or needs in our neighborhood, please go to the NWACA website under the Get Involved tab, Project Reserve Fund, for more information. During the past two years, NWACA has supported the improvement of soccer fields at Doss Elementary School, recycling containers for Murchison Pool Park and for Bull Creek District Park, the Constable Patrol pilot project, and refurbishment of the main gym at Anderson High School.

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## 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

**Jan 7, 2 PM**  
Biderman's  
Parks Committee

**Jan 9, 8 AM**  
Kneaded Pleasures  
Communications Committee

**Jan 10, 6:30 - 8:30 PM**  
Mangia Pizza  
NWACA Board Meeting

**Jan 23, 5 PM**  
Temple Beth Shalom, 7300 Hart Lane  
NWACA Zoning and Transportation Committee

**Feb 1**  
Throughout NWACA  
Oak Wilt Season starts - Do Not Prune Oaks  
until after June 30

**Feb 4, 2 PM**  
Biderman's  
Parks Committee

**Feb 6, 6:30 - 8:30 PM**  
Mangia Pizza  
NWACA Board Meeting

**Feb 13, 7:30 AM**  
Kneaded Pleasures  
Communications Committee

**Feb 18, 2 PM**  
Kneaded Pleasures  
Tree and Environmental Stewardship Committee

**Feb 27, 5 PM**  
Temple Beth Shalom, 7300 Hart Lane  
NWACA Zoning and Transportation Committee

### *President's Message (Continued from Cover)*

On January 20th, NWACA and Northwest Austin Kickball will be hosting the first annual neighborhood kickball tournament for "kids" of all ages with all proceeds going to support the Murchison Playground, the first playground in our neighborhood to be open to the public during school hours! Sign up to play!

Please take note of the article: Wildfire-What If It Happens Here? We have all seen pictures of the devastating fires in California, Montana, and Colorado, and many of us remember the fires in Central Texas in Steiner Ranch and Bastrop. Our neighborhood trees, canyons, and homes are at risk. NWACA offers a free wildfire risk evaluation of your home landscape, so please take advantage of this service. And, you can read here about goats used to manage fire risk. Yes, goats! Additionally, as you plan to manage your fire risk, you may be concerned about trees; see the PSA about the legalities of removing trees from your property and that nearby.

And, did you know we have a custom shoemaker in our neighborhood? In NWACA's Business Spotlight, meet Zoe Rios, whose studio is shared with Velvet Tailors and Alterations on Far West. Zoe is a fashion designer and certified pedorthist, from Windsor, England who can help you have happy feet.

If you are already a NWACA member, thank you for helping our neighborhood! If you're not a current member, please consider joining for only \$25 per year. Your dues help support the website, provide educational material for committee needs, and help support neighborhood projects. Through our volunteers, NWACA also sends weekly emails (NWACA Notes), posts notices to NextDoor, and maintains Facebook pages.

On behalf of the 2018 NWACA Board, thank you in advance for your support! We are so fortunate to live in this special place. We look forward to serving you and continuing to build upon the community spirit of our neighborhood, working with both residents and businesses. Our annual survey will be published soon. Please participate! We want your feedback! Remember, we are always a click away at info at [www.nwaca.org](http://www.nwaca.org) or through email: [nwacainfo@gmail.com](mailto:nwacainfo@gmail.com)

  
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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](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).

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## Bull Creek's Pleasant Valley School, Part II

—Richard Denney



In the December 2017 newsletter I wrote about Bull Creek's Pleasant Valley School, Part I.

The Defender 1936, a book about Travis County rural schools published in 1936 for Texas' centennial, provides a history. Over the years the school occupied four buildings, first called Bull Creek School and later renamed Pleasant Valley School. The first established in 1867 was a one room log cabin, a time it says when Indians were still prevalent to the area. Two subsequent buildings burned, and the final Pleasant Valley School was built in 1932.

The location was today's intersection of FM 2222 (then called Bull Creek Road) and Loop 360, on land donated for the school by the Champion family whose descendants still own land along FM 2222. As you well know, that intersection is today one big mix-master of a road system. So, what ever happened to that old log cabin, and to the final building built in 1932?

We know the old log cabin was around long enough for a photo of W.D. Walden (1859 - 1939), who attended school in the cabin, to be taken before his death. But I've found no evidence of the cabin today, even after discussions with descendants of the Champion family. But we may have a great old photo of that first school.

Again, while discussions with the Champion family can't confirm (most that might have known are deceased), there's reason to believe the "C.C. Champion log cabin," photos of which are at the Austin History Center (one shown with this article), was that first one-room log cabin school, built in 1867. That cabin was located on Bull Creek Road (today's FM 2222), as was the school. It is tied to C.C. Champion who donated land for the school, and it resembles the log cabin school in front of which W.D. Walden's photo was taken (what little of it is visible in the photo).

The first log cabin school is probably gone, but what about

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the last school, built in 1932? Aerials photos show the old school building on FM 2222 until the construction of Loop 360, at which the location was bulldozed. I assumed the old school was bulldozed during construction; discussions with TxDOT didn't give hope otherwise. Then one day I had e-mail from a fellow history buff of Bull Creek, David Whitworth, saying he may have located the old school. Indeed, he had! When Loop 360 was built, the Champion family, who owned the building, moved it about .2 miles east to sit on the bank of Bull Creek, near Fire Station 31 and County Line BBQ. The old school was now a residence.

In October 2017 Bob Ward of the Travis County Historical Commission and I got a tour of the old school, courtesy of its resident of 29 years, a descendant of the Champion family, who still own the building. The old school looks much as it did in photos of the 1930s (one shown with this article). A few updates were needed (e.g. indoor toilets!) to make it livable, but the old 1932 school building still exists. For now.

Plans are underway to develop the land where the school has resided since it was moved. The fate of the old school building, the last of four that were the Bull Creek School / Pleasant Valley School stretching back to 1867, is in question. Unless the school can find a new home and be moved, it is to be demolished, and photos of it

may be all we'll have left to preserve its history.

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



## Writer's Corner Coming Soon

—Idee Kwak

After talking with several neighbors about how interesting it is to hear about the books, poetry, and music that's being created by Austin authors, the natural question that comes up is "What's happening right here in our neighborhood?" Our guess is that there are many authors in our midst who'd be pleased to tell us about the books, short stories, or poetry they've written (and perhaps published). We also probably have composers who have written music for fun, for stage and screen, for a band, or for an orchestra. The neighborhood would be delighted to learn about those.

If you have work that you'd like to share, or you know someone else in our neighborhood who does, please let us know. Send an email to [ikk@austin.rr.com](mailto:ikk@austin.rr.com) or send a note to NWACA at P.O. Box 26654, and we'll be in contact to get your story for The Writer's Corner, a new column we'll start in our next newsletter. Thank you very much!



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—Caroline Alexander

On January 20, NWACA and Northwest Austin Kickball are partnering to host the first annual neighborhood kickball tournament. This event is family-friendly and for all skill levels and ages. All proceeds from the tournament will go to support Murchison Playground.

The tournament, which will be played on the NWA Kickball fields on Far West, has two divisions. The exhibition division will be open to all ages, and the games will be just for fun. The competitive division will be for players 18 and older and will be a competitive, double-elimination tournament. Both divisions are co-ed.

The games will take place between 10:00 am and 6:00 pm. Each team of 8 to 12 players will play at least two games. The game times will be announced and distributed the Thursday before the tournament takes place.

If you are interested in participating, find a group of players, decide what division you want to play in, nominate a team leader, and register your team by emailing [kickball.nwa@gmail.com](mailto:kickball.nwa@gmail.com). If

you are unable to find a team but want to participate, please email [caroline.m.alexander@gmail.com](mailto:caroline.m.alexander@gmail.com).

About Murchison Playground:

Murchison Playground is designed to be an all-ages playground outside the fence at Murchison Pool adjacent to the kickball fields. It will be open all day, every day for everyone in our community to use. Climbing structures, swings, spinners (both large and small), and balance logs will create a dynamic playground. There will be shade structures to help block some of that strong Texas sun, and a drinking fountain to keep everyone hydrated. There will be tables with seats to accommodate anyone who might want to play a game or have a cup of coffee, and a beautiful stone seating wall for parents and children to enjoy. The budget for this project is \$330,000. While the NWACA Parks Committee is busy writing and submitting grant proposals, we have a goal of raising \$165,000 from the neighborhood. So far, we have just over \$50,000. For more information, visit [www.MurchisonPlayground.com](http://www.MurchisonPlayground.com)

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# Wildfire – what if it happens here?

–Joyce Statz



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Residents reducing wildfire risks

Seeing the wildfires in California during December should make us all aware of the incredible damage that can occur from a wildfire. But... the question many ask is – what would it be like if it happened here?

The Austin Fire Department has a simulation tool (SimTable) they use to help neighborhoods envision the pace and impact of a wildfire in their area, simulating specific conditions of wind, dryness of the green space, and landscape slope. We plan to have the simulation tool at our 2018 NWACA Annual Meeting in May, so we can see how fire would flow in our neighborhood.

Meanwhile, I invite you to view a 1-hour presentation that uses the SimTable with four different scenarios showing how the Jester neighborhood could be affected. The video at this YouTube link is

from a meeting held on December 7, 2017: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WzIEPi8rots>

An interesting point made during the presentation is that the last time we had a rash of Central Texas wildfires on the same day was September 4, 2011. That was a year of serious drought, right after a year of extensive rain and flooding. Since 2017 was a year of significant rain, we again have a lot of growth in our landscapes and our green spaces. If we have a drought this year, we are very likely to face the “red flag” conditions of significant wildfire risk again, and we need to be prepared.

As you'll see in the video, there are four key steps each homeowner should take to minimize the threat to their home and family during a wildfire event:

1. Understand the problem: have a wildfire risk evaluation of your home, so you know what aspects are in good condition and where there are risks that need to be addressed to minimize your risk. Use this link to sign up for a free evaluation done by AFD-certified assessors: <http://nwaca.org/firewise-request/>

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2. Learn what to do: use the guidance of the Ready, Set, Go program, available in a booklet distributed when the wildfire risk evaluation is done. It is also available at this link: <http://nwaca.org/awd/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/ReadySetGoTexasBooklet.pdf>

3. Execute your plan: use the guidance from the wildfire risk evaluation and from Ready, Set, Go to make your home and your family well-prepared in case a fire happens

4. Follow up: regularly do the home and landscape maintenance required to keep your home fire-hardened and your family prepared to deal with the possibility of wildfire.

Having to deal with wildfire is a very real possibility for all of NWACA. Embers from a wildfire are the most common source of home structure ignition, and embers travel as much as two miles from the source of the fire. For any of us to be well-prepared, we must all be well-prepared.



## Removing a Tree? Be Aware of Property Lines and Regulations

—Public Service Announcement

Ours is a green, wooded neighborhood, loved by all residents. Sometimes, though, the wooded area can be a source of risk from wildfire, or perhaps it interferes with a lovely view. Before taking down a tree in question, be sure that it is on your property, and that the City tree regulations allow you to take it down.

The plat for your property shows your property boundaries. However, if you don't know your boundaries or you don't know who owns the property that is next to yours, you can perform a property search at the Travis County Appraisal District web site: <https://www.traviscad.org/> Enter your address to get detailed data about your home in the Property Search mode. Use the Map Search mode (see upper right of the screen when in Property Search mode) to zoom in to the area around your home and learn about adjoining properties. Clicking on the parcel numbers of those around your home will give you details about who owns those properties. Notice that all of the spaces that we think of as "green space" or "greenbelt" have owners who care about

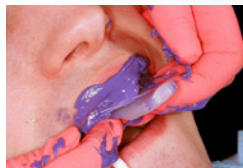
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the trees on that land – individuals, the City of Austin, and in some cases Balcones Canyonlands Preserve. Before you disturb any green space, contact the owner of that property. Failure to do so can result in serious fines.

For the City regulations on trees, see this web page: <https://www.austintexas.gov/faq/tree-regulations> Once it reaches 19 inches in diameter, a tree in Austin is protected, and removal requires a permit.

## 'Tis the Season for Recycling

—Joanie Arrott

After all the gift-giving, caroling, and eggnog consumption, residents may find leftover decorations and supplies that are in need of disposal. More recycling opportunities are available for such items, so let's cover a few common examples.

Our local Home Depot and Lowe's hardware stores accept old string lights for recycling but only during the holiday season, November 1st - December 24th. If you need year-round options for recycling string lights, we've found some. Based out of North Texas since 2008, Christmas Light Source donates their recycling proceeds to the local Toys for Tots Program. More details can be found at: [https://www.christmas-light-source.com/Christmas-Lights-Recycling-Program\\_c\\_210.html](https://www.christmas-light-source.com/Christmas-Lights-Recycling-Program_c_210.html). HolidayLEDs.com, which has been operating since 2007 and also sells LED lights, accepts carefully packaged lights at their Wisconsin headquarters. Find shipping information and more at: <https://www.holidayleds.com/christmas-light-recycling-program.aspx>. Environmental LED, operating in Michigan, accepts lights for recycling and will send you a 10% off coupon to purchase LED lights from them. Details can be found at: <https://www.environmentalled.com/Christmas-Light-Recycling-24.html>.

City of Austin curbside customers can recycle their holiday trees by removing all decorations and stands, and leaving them at the curb on their regular collection day. All local residents can drop trees off for recycling at Zilker Park from 10am-2pm, December 30-31 and January 6-7. Again, remove all decorations and stands; trees with flocking will not be accepted.

Rigid plastics, such as toys, lawn chairs, pet carriers, lawn reindeer, or plastic tubs can be placed in your City of Austin blue recycling bin. Before tossing, empty all items and remove all metal components or batteries. Make sure everything fits in the bin with the lid closed. If items cannot fit, you can place them in a cardboard box or reusable container next to your blue bin.

City of Austin residents can take Styrofoam to the Austin Resource Recovery Recycle and Reuse Drop-Off Center located at 2514 Business Center Drive, Monday through Saturday. NWACA's Tree and Environmental Stewardship Committee will also be hosting our next collection event in spring 2018 at Doss Elementary, and we will be accepting used electronics, batteries, and the same types of plastic foam accepted by the Recycle and Reuse Center. This event will save NWACA members a trip the city facility. Questions about any of this information can be sent to [nwacainfo@gmail.com](mailto:nwacainfo@gmail.com)

## Business Spotlight: Zoe Rios, Shoemaker

—Janice Green



Two perks of writing this column are the charming entrepreneurs I meet and their willingness to educate me about their craft or trade. My hour with Zoe Rios was a delight on both fronts. She is the sole female shoemaker in Texas, whose studio is shared with Velvet Tailors & Alterations on Far West.

Zoe hails from Windsor, England, and studied fashion design in London before moving to the U.S. She landed in Waco (due to her husband's work at Baylor) where she learned traditional leatherwork and boot-making from master

bootmaker Greg Carmack. Zoe is also a board-certified pedorthist. For over ten years she has channeled her designing talents into the art of shoemaking. She, her husband, and children now live in NW Hills.

Zoe explained that bespoke, one-of-a-kind, shoes are “not just an indulgence.” They are a necessity when store-bought shoes do not fit due to a lump, bump or abnormality. Custom-made shoes move dynamically and are specifically shaped to the client's feet. They are better than orthotics because they are designed to camouflage some of the ailments and do not increase the torque on knee and hip joints as can happen with orthotics. Bespoke shoes are “like old friends” – gaining comfort as you wear them and lasting a long time.

Shoes are constructed from the sole up. Zoe uses fine leather or natural rubber for soles because those materials remain flexible over time where others, such as cork, pack down and become “dippy,” creating an uneven surface. The high quality Italian leather she employs in the body of her shoes keeps its shape without “bagging out.” Heels are carved from wood.

Yes, her work is time-consuming and she does have a waiting list. It takes at least a month from the initial appointment to move through the intricate construction process. To land on a design, her website offers suggestions for potential clients to prepare for the first visit; and in her shop, there are photos of the stunning shoes she's made for both men and women. Zoe's sketchpad serves as a canvas on which she captures her aesthetic designs and creative solutions.

Zoe likened her relationship with clients to “a secret society” because she wants to make something that does not look like she made it. She reminded me how comfortable, bespoke shoes can change someone's world. When your feet hurt, you can't think about much else. That's why Zoe sees her work as “freeing up the client's mind” so he or she can focus on important matters.

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## A Domestic Solution to Removing Wildfire Fuels - Could it work here?

—Al Simmons

As many of you are aware from reading the Firewise articles in the NWACA Newsletters over the past few years, we are striving to develop a method to remove wildfire fuels that endanger our homes and property, while staying within the bounds of everyone's rules. Especially with our steep valleys, this is a vexing problem.

We are looking for great/inexpensive ideas for removing the "groundcover/wildfire fuels" on the floors of our valleys which would meet the requirements of various authorities controlling the valleys. We are concentrating on grasses, weeds, brush, etc., i.e. low to the ground flammable vegetation. If you have such a great idea, just let us know about it!

Here is an idea we've been considering, as a way to remove much of the volatile valley fuels without endangering the environmental components that make the valleys as beautiful as they are. We are considering using a time-tested method for removing the lush, heavy weeds and low-growing bushes that are the results of the heavy rains that drench our valleys – sometimes on an annual basis. When these rainy periods are followed by our major drought periods, the valleys are left with a floor that is thickly covered with dry, dead weeds and bushes, just ready for fire season.

For at least 150 years, ranchers and farmers in west Texas and the Panhandle have found that goats eat all weeds and bushes to the ground, leaving only the trees that the goats can't reach (which are basically mesquite trees native to the arid regions of southwest Texas and Mexico). This has proven a highly effective method for raising a herd of saleable farm/ranch animals (goats) for a profit, on lands that very little else can survive well enough to be a meat product at market.

We are considering the use of goats as grazing herds for our valleys



to remove all of the ground cover that's waiting to be wildfire fuel in the valleys, thus reducing our fire hazards. Goat herders could provide the goats for the valleys, moving them from valley to valley to fatten them, then remove them for market, leaving us with valleys that have no burnable floor. This could become an annual event, benefitting both our neighborhood and the goat-owners.

Obviously, there are a number of issues that have to be resolved to make this solution work for everyone who has a role in the valleys, but it could really help resolve some of our potential wildfire issues. Anyone have contacts with people who raise goats, who might be interested? Any expertise with temporary fencing schemes? How about defending goats against our local coyotes – big deal? Small one?

Let us know what you think! Send us email at [nwacainfo@gmail.com](mailto:nwacainfo@gmail.com) or go to this form on the web site: <http://nwaca.org/firewise-request/>

## Trimming Season Ends and Brush Pickup Begins January 8

—David Hogan

The season to safely trim your Oaks to minimize Oak Wilt risk ends January 31. For do-it-yourselfers a nearer term date is Large Brush Pickup from the city beginning Monday January 8th. Get your trimming done by January 8, and you can use this convenient hauling service from the city that is a standard part of your Austin Resource Recovery services.

You can always put out tied small brush bundles on your regular collection day, but during two special weeks of the year the city will also pick up bigger limbs in bigger untied piles.

Small limbs up to 15 feet long, and logs from 3 to 8 inches in diameter and up to 6 feet long can simply put out at the curb. Logs over 8 inches in diameter should be cut into lengths of 3 feet or less.

**Full pickup details from the City's web site here:**  
**[www.austintexas.gov/brush](http://www.austintexas.gov/brush)**

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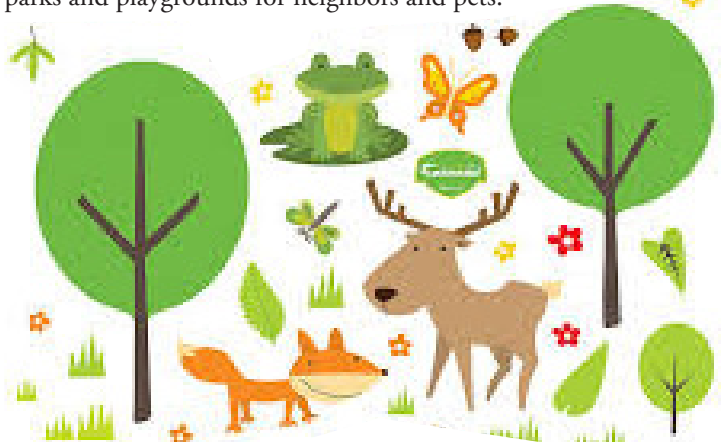
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## **Help Keep our Wildlife Wild!**

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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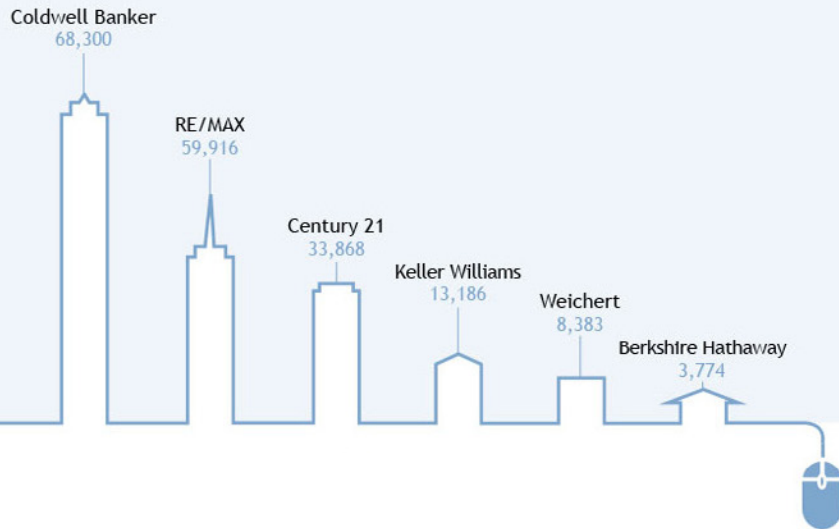
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