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President's Message

—Vicki DeWeese

This summer has blown past! I hope you were able to attend the NWACA Pool Party at Murchison Pool on July 21st. We are so close to raising the funds needed to bring the Murchison Pool Playground to fruition; as of this writing, we need only \$13,000. Hopefully, by the time you read this we will have reached our goal! If you haven't already seen the beautiful play wall on the backside of the pool, go take a selfie! And, if you haven't already donated to the playground project, buy a brick, so your family can live on in perpetuity! See the Hot Topics section of the NWACA home page at www.nwaca.org

I can't believe it, but it's Back to School time. AISD starts on August 20th. Doss Elementary, now a.k.a. (affectionately known as) Doss at RichCreek, will be meeting at Lucy Read School located at 2608 RichCreek, 78757. For more information, go to www.austinsisd.org/schools/doss or www.dosspta.org. Look on the Doss Move and Remodel tab for FAQ.

Please be careful driving near our neighborhood schools. Constable Sam will be patrolling three main territories of the NWACA area to help keep our streets safe; the southern part of his patrol will be from Far West Blvd. to RR 2222, the central part of his patrol will be from Spicewood Springs Road to Far West Blvd. and the northern part of his patrol will be from Spicewood Springs Road to Jollyville Rd.

Am I a Member?

Since you get the newsletter, you're a NWACA member, right? Not necessarily! Thanks to our advertisers, every single-family household in the NWACA area 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, Wildlife, and Environment depend on your dues to produce educational materials and programs. The Special Projects Fund helps improve the quality of life in our neighborhood. Want to get more involved? Go to www.nwaca.org and join a committee from the Get Involved tab.

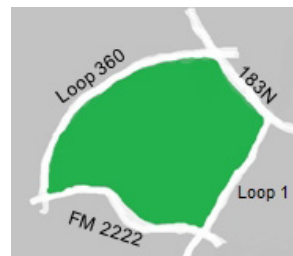
If you're not sure you're a member, either go to www.nwaca.org and use the quick link on the home page or email us at nwacamembership@gmail.com. Thanks from all your neighbors!

Based on our past member survey, NWACA budgeted for Constable patrols through July and thanks to your generous donations to the NWACA Constable Fund, the project is funded through August for the Back to School season. The past survey showed that 33% of respondents thought NWACA should start a fund to raise money for Constable patrols and an additional 35% thought NWACA should raise dues to continue the Constable patrols. If you would like to donate to the Constable Fund, you can send your check to NWACA, P.O. Box 26654, Austin TX 78755, or you can go to www.nwaca.org to pay by credit card or through PayPal, or you can donate via Zelle pay through your bank, emailing to: nwacamembership@gmail.com, noting Constable Fund in the memo.

The NWACA Garage Sales are coming! Starting August 15th, you can sign up to participate at www.nwaca.org. Sales take place in each participant's yard on Saturday, September 29th from 8 a.m. – 12 Noon. NWACA will provide you with signs to advertise your sale and post notices to the Austin American Statesman, Craig's List,

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New to the Neighborhood?



If this is your first copy of our newsletter, welcome to the NWACA neighborhood! The map shows our boundaries – Mopac, RM 2222, Loop 360, and US Highway 183 (Research Boulevard). There are about 13,500 households who are your neighbors and are happy you're here!

This newsletter is one way to know what's happening in NWACA, but there's much more. Check out the quick link For New Neighbors on the home page at www.nwaca.org. Use the Contact tab to see how to get the weekly NWACA Notes, sign up on Facebook, and join NextDoor. Become a dues-paying member by using the form at the end of this newsletter, or you can join online.

Welcome to NWACA!

NWACA EVENTS CALENDAR

August 5, 2 PM

Biderman's - Parks Committee

Aug 14, 8:00 AM

Kneaded Pleasures - Communications Committee

Aug 14, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Galaxy Cafe - NWACA Board Meeting

Aug 15

NWACA web site - Signup begins for Annual
Garage Sales on Sept. 29

Aug 18, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Bull Creek District Park - Monthly park beautification in the
park and on trails; sign up at: [https://www.givepulse.com/
event/72428-NWACA-Third-Saturday-Park-Clean-Up](https://www.givepulse.com/event/72428-NWACA-Third-Saturday-Park-Clean-Up)

Aug 19, 2 PM

Kneaded Pleasures - Tree, Environment,
and Wildlife Committee

Aug 28, 5 PM

Temple Beth Shalom, 7300 Hart Lane, r.201
NWACA Zoning and Transportation Committee

September 2, 2 PM

Biderman's - Parks Committee

September 11, 8:00 AM

Kneaded Pleasures - Communications Committee

September 12, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Galaxy Cafe - NWACA Board Meeting

September 15, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

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September 25, 5 PM

Temple Beth Shalom, 7300 Hart Lane, r.201
NWACA Zoning and Transportation Committee

September 29, Throughout NWACA

Annual NWACA Garage Sales

September 29, 6-8PM

Mesa Plaza - Mesa at Spicewood Springs Rd.
NWACA National Night Out event - visit with first
responders and enjoy Sweet Caroline's snow cones

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Facebook, and Nextdoor. You keep all your proceeds! For more information, contact Mike Polston at nwacainfo@gmail.com

Also, on Saturday, September 29th, NWACA will host a National Night Out event, a few days before the national event, which is on a school night Tuesday, October 2nd. See more details in the article in this issue, and watch for updates! For more information, contact: Connie Lundgren at: nwacainfo@gmail.com

And, in early October, NWACA will host a candidate forum highlighting local political races in our area.

Lastly, I wanted to share the results of my personal Firewise evaluation. I learned things I certainly hadn't expected to, such as: 1) the wicker furniture on my covered balcony is a real hazard if an ember hits it, POOF, my roof might be next, same with the wicker basket on my covered front porch; 2) the patio cushions on my back patio cause the same hazard from a flying ember; 3) Rosemary is an extremely flammable herb, so it shouldn't be planted near trees nor near the house; 4) and the good news was that IPE decking is relatively fire resistant. I strongly encourage you to have a FREE Firewise evaluation. The NWACA Firewise team will give you great suggestions to protect your home in the event of a fire. They also offer gift suggestions!

Happy End of Summer and here's to cooler days ahead!



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

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The room vibrated with hope, every person there, sure that with enough effort, they would succeed. Though there were no windows, the light was dazzling, coming from inside the thought bubbles above each head. When the speaker said, 'Consider your main character...' it was like an array of colors above each head, and when the speaker said 'Consider the plot...' stunning fireworks took off, streams and flashes of light filling the individual thoughts of each imaginative writers, no two trajectories the same. The energy and creativity were palpable.

This was at the Writers League of Texas, Agents and Editors Conference, which just took place, June 30-August 1 at the Hyatt Regency. I thought I'd see more of you there, attending sessions, meeting authors, and seeing how the publishing business works. The inspiration at the annual conference is contagious, even if you haven't finished, even if you haven't started your manuscript. You find yourself catching enthusiasm, absorbing knowledge, and experiencing a fascinating process.

Next year? It's always in Austin so you won't have far to travel.

Interviews for this space are planned for Fall, but looking out toward the Writers Corner in 2019, maybe your name should appear at the top sometime as the person interviewed. No need to be published or recorded, just working with intention.

If you need direction or a recharge, The Writers League of Texas has meetings at Book People the third Thursday of each month and is a wonderful place to begin. Perhaps I'll see you at a meeting.

Meanwhile, good luck and hope to interview you in the coming year.



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— Joanie Arrott

Miss out on the fun of July 4th? In case you did, there are still opportunities to see the fun and support our neighborhood businesses. There are Parade and Freedom Festival pictures posted on the NWACA website at www.nwaca.org. There is also a list of our 2018-2019 Business Sponsors. Be sure to patronize our generous business sponsors that provide funds, services, food, and supplies to all our annual events.

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Business Spotlight: Calvin's Fine Jewelry

— Janice Green

Calvin Smith's family affair with fine jewelry extends over 150 years, spanning three generations. Calvin's Fine Jewelry, an independent retailer, has presided over our Far West hill since 1997 – a proud marker of longevity in our community. How have they managed to do this?

By being creative. Jewelry design and fabrication are indicia of the Smith's creative genes. But there is also ingenuity in their business development. When Calvin decided to move to Austin and follow his father's steps, he repaired and fabricated jewelry from his home on a wholesale basis for established Austin jewelry stores. Jackie, his wife, was a stylist at the time. When Calvin and Jackie opened the Far West location, they placed both her salon and Calvin's jewelry store under the same roof. The jewelry business began with only 2 showcases and 12 rings! Jackie's salon clients generated activity and word-of-mouth advertising for the fledgling store. These folks foreshadowed the synergy of the now common business model of enterprise space-sharing.

Business success has dictated multiple rounds of expansion, now sans salon. And I lost count of the current number of showcases.

By embracing the future. Recently Forbes magazine opined the future of independent jewelry stores and noted Calvin's Fine Jewelry as “getting it” – “it” being the future of lab-grown diamonds which are exactly like mined diamonds. They begin with the same “seed” crystal, and develop under similar pressure, just in a laboratory. They share the same clarity, cuts, colors, and shapes of mined diamonds. Lab-grown diamonds are affordable and popular with millennials who prefer diamonds ethically sourced and friendly to the environment.

Calvin, Jr., representing the third Smith generation, contributes a techno perspective to the enterprise. By offering internet access to nationwide vendors for price and quality comparison, astute shoppers make wise decisions.

By maintaining high standards. The Smiths are proud of their consistently top customer online reviews. They first focus on educating customers about diamonds and design options. They have sold thousands of engagement and wedding rings and appreciate

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the personal significance of that purchase. Discerning whether a customer is a candidate for a custom design or one of the many beautiful specimens on display in their store requires expertise only years in the business can provide. The same goes for advising on repairs, repurposing family stones, and appraising. Often during my interview with Calvin Sr., Jackie, and Calvin Jr., they expressed genuine gratitude for their customers' support over their 21 years in our neighborhood.

By having Apollo grace their store. Apollo, the Smith's black standard poodle, who proudly dons a "diamond-esque" collar, not only greets customers but also sits next to them offering his consultation, too. Apollo mirrors his owners ... warm, friendly people who derive genuine joy from meeting each customer's needs. Theirs is a local, established gem that welcomes the new and polishes the old.

Contact info: 3818 Far West, Suite 102; 512-794-1911. Check out their informative website: www.calvinsjewelry.com



First Half 2018 Constable Report

— Joyce Statz

During the second quarter of 2018, we averaged 5 days of patrolling per month from our Travis County Constable, which is fewer than the 8 days expected, due to time off for training and for family matters. Here is a summary of the hours spent and the citations issued for the first half of 2018. As in Q1, during the second quarter, more than half the citations are for people outside our 78731 and 78759 zip codes, the likely result of cut-through traffic.

2018 Q1 and Q2 Constable Report								
Enforcement Summary								
Month	Days Patrolled	Traffic Stops	Violations	Total Duty Hours	Moving Violations	Non-Moving Violations	Other Zip Codes	78731 - 78759 Zip Codes
January	7	27	31	14	27	4	17	10
February	2	6	6	4	6	0	2	4
March	8	17	20	15	17	4	9	7
April	6	13	19	12	6	8	7	6
May	5	15	17	10	3	2	9	6
June	4	9	10	8	0	1	5	4
Totals	32	87	103	63	59	19	49	37
							57.0%	43.0%

The constable reports that 90%-95% of the Moving Violations are for Speeding, with speeds generally 40MPH or more. The Moving Violations are things like Speeding, Following Too Closely, Ran Stop Sign/ Red Light, Failure to Signal. Common violations under the Non-Moving Violations are Expired Registration, No Insurance, No Drivers' License, etc.

A more complete report is online at www.nwaca.org, under the News and Announcements section on the home page. It includes comments from each day's patrol activities, as well as the table above. In addition to the traffic work and driving through the neighborhood as requested, you see special situations the Constable encountered. Note that he's also expanded his coverage area now into the NWACA neighborhood north of Spicewood Springs Road, and that he's been meeting and talking with neighbors on some of his patrol days.



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What's Up with Jollyville Road?

— Richard Denney

If you are new to Northwest Hills, you may have noticed an odd little section of road, less than a mile long, on the northeast edge of the neighborhood that doesn't really seem to go anywhere. I'm talking about Jollyville Road. Drive north on Mesa and it dead ends at Jollyville Road. Even if you've been around Austin a while and are familiar with the "other" Jollyville Road north of the Arboretum, you might wonder what that road has to do with the segment in our neighborhood. In fact, new or old to Austin, you may be thinking, "Now that you've brought it up, what is the deal with Jollyville Road in general?!"

Jollyville Road is an old road from when roads were named for their destination, in this case the road from Austin to Jollyville, Texas. The small segment on the edge of our neighborhood is a remnant of what was a much longer road. But let's start at the beginning. Literally.

County records from 1898-1902 give us the starting location for the old Jollyville Road. In terms of today's landscape, it began at roughly the intersection of today's Balcones Drive and FM 2222. From there it ran north following today's Balcones Drive, Mopac Service Road (one way today, going the wrong direction!) crossing Spicewood Springs Road, connecting with the small segment of Jollyville Road in our neighborhood, crossing Loop 360 connecting with Jollyville Road north of the Arboretum, and on to the community of Jollyville, Texas.

On Google Maps you can search for "Jollyville, Texas," but you'll get a location too far east of where the old road was headed. To get a true sense of the original location you need to go to the old road maps, or better yet, simply search for the "Jollyville Cemetery." It's easy enough to move the names of towns on a map; it's much harder to move a cemetery! The Jollyville Cemetery is located close to where Jollyville Road terminates at US 183. This is the location of old Jollyville.

Settlement in the area started in the 1840s; this was on the route to Fort Croghan and Hamilton Valley, renamed Burnet, TX in 1858. Jollyville was later established by John Grey Jolly in 1866. He owned

a store and blacksmith shop. In 1878 residents built a school on land donated by Jolly that had thirty-five pupils in 1903, at which time it was merged with nearby Pond Springs School. Jolly also donated the land for Jolly Cemetery. The first burial was 1872, the last 1929. Both Jolly and his wife are buried there, as well as five citizens of the Republic of Texas. Jollyville served as a stop on the Austin to Burnet stage line until it closed in 1883 with the arrival of the railroad. The Handbook of Texas gives information on the population over the years: "In 1940 the community had forty inhabitants and two businesses ... [by] 1990 its population was 15,206, and the town had expanded into Travis County."



Photos of the old one room Jolly log cabin, home of the namesake of Jollyville, are on file at the Austin History Center. The cabin is said to have been located near the intersection of US 183 and Spicewood Springs Road / McNeil Road, a scant 2,000 plus feet from the cemetery. Luckily the cabin is still in existence, moved to Pioneer Farms in 2013 to prevent its demolition. Road trip!

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



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NWACA 2018 Garage Sales September 29th

— Mike Polston

Well, it is still hot, but we are getting close to September and we need to get ready for the annual NWACA Neighborhood Garage Sales. Do yourself a favor: walk around your home and see if there is anything of value that YOU DON'T REALLY NEED or WANT. Someone else might be very interested, so why not participate in the annual NWACA Wide Garage Sales?

We will open registration for this year's garage sales on the NWACA website on August 15, 2018. This will allow us to connect with people interested in setting up a Garage Sale at their home. This year's NWACA Garage Sale day is September 29, 2018, 8 am to 12 noon. NWACA will post the neighborhood sales locations on the NWACA web site starting September 20, and on the weekend of the sale, ads will be placed in the Austin American Statesman and on Craigslist. We'll also put notices onto Facebook, providing everyone with information about the location of sales. NWACA will also deploy regional signs and local signs around the neighborhood by September 28. We anticipate supporting 40 to 60 Garage Sale locations. As you get ready for your sales, be sure you have enough change for purchases (dollars, fives, twenty's, quarters). Good luck!

NWACA National Night Out September 29th

— Connie Lundgren

Save the date! NWACA will host a NWACA-wide National Night Out on Friday, September 29, 2018 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the parking lot of Mesa Plaza, the parking lot at Mesa Dr. and Spicewood Springs which has the Sweet Caroline's food truck.

This block party will be held in conjunction with the National Night Out events held by cities and towns across the country. These events heighten crime awareness and prevention, generate support and participation in local anti-crime programs, and build camaraderie between citizens and the law enforcement community under positive circumstances. With the recent addition of our neighbors in the 78759 zipcode, this is a great opportunity to build a strong annual event that will help us maintain a true sense of community and enhance our quality of life. Young kids and adult kids will have an opportunity to explore fire trucks, police cars, and EMS emergency vehicles. Sweet Caroline's will serve snow balls alongside other food vendors. Neighborhood elementary schools will participate in a poster contest, and middle and high school students

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will have an opportunity to earn volunteer hours.

Our event is prior to the actual national date of Tuesday, October 2nd which is a school night. Our event date also happens to be the date of the NWACA-sponsored garage sales earlier in the day, but there are no local football games at Anderson, McCallum or UT scheduled. Plan to bring your lawn chairs or blankets and listen to music and visit with old and new neighbors. We are in the early stages of planning and welcome your suggestions and participation. Contact Connie Lundgren, Event Chair or Vicki DeWeese, NWACA President at nwacainfo@gmail.com with ideas.

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Summer Tree Health

— Joanie Arrott

The dog days of summer are in full swing and that requires adjusting our proper tree care practices. Thought should be given on watering and protection from damage to match the rainfall levels and potential for disease and damage.

Trees are susceptible to damage from strong winds, pests, and urban wildlife. Respond to broken limbs by safely pruning and covering all wounds. Routinely inspect trees for signs of insect activity. Generally speaking, more insects are problematic in the spring than they are in the summer. However, insects like Japanese beetles and bagworms are more prevalent in summer. Consult a licensed arborist for proper pest identification and appropriate control options.

Tree protection from deer is necessary for many varieties of tree, as well as the newly planted babies up to a few years old, to continue their growth and overall health. Deer have their preferences for nibbling, but young bark is especially appealing due to its flavor and tenderness. The worst damage is done from males who rub their antlers against the bark to remove the velvet. Deer also paw at the soil and unearth roots, damage the base of the small tree and can even unearth newly planted trees. Repellents and barriers are both useful in many instances

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but the combination of the two is best, as deer are wily and can get over all but the tallest fences.

During drought conditions, water trees at least once a week, preferably in the early morning before the sun can cause the water to evaporate. Evening watering can waterlog soil and cause issues. Water about one inch every week to cover the trees' root system. When in doubt, water deeply to soak the soil rather than watering less frequently with less water. If the rain is going to be plentiful, extra water may not be needed so pay attention to the weather. Be careful not to overwater trees as excess water can do more harm than good.

– Joyce Statz

Consider, though, the sources of fire. Research tells us that 80% of wildfires originate with people doing something on the periphery of a green space; sometimes a house fire starts a wildfire that spreads to trees and other buildings; sometimes a careless individual in the green space starts a fire; on very rare occasions lightning or downed electrical wires start wildfires. Never have we heard that trees spontaneously combust; there's always some source at or near the ground which works its way up into the trees that causes trees to ignite.

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- Eliminate opportunities for fires to start in a home or in any landscape that is close to another home or a greenspace.
- Regularly remove leaf litter from gutters, behind air conditioners, in crevices of the roof, and in any other place where it gathers. Embers floating from a fire of any kind can use such debris as kindling.
- Eliminate “dead and down” trees, limbs, dead bushes, and brush in the area around a home. These can be easily ignited by embers if a fire does start nearby; and depending on where they are located, they can convey that fire to other parts of the property.
- Identify areas of the landscape that have tall grasses, bushes, or shrubs growing under the eaves of a building or under trees. Keep these short, so that if these caught fire, they don’t provide “ladder fuel” for a fire to climb onto the eaves or into a tree.
- Connected canopies provide useful shade, so that ladder fuels don’t easily grow below them. Like in shaded fuel breaks that are constructed on public lands (and some private lands), the shade from a tree canopy in our landscapes helps prevent excessive growth of tall grasses and forbs so that any fire that might be started will stay low to the ground. Note that in other parts of the country, Firewise guidance is to have widely separated tree canopies; in Central Texas, the opposite is true... we need the shade provided by connected canopies.

• Trees with high moisture content rarely burn, so keeping your landscape watered helps minimize the risk that they will ignite in a fire. In fact, when fighting fires, a crew might seek refuge in a patch of trees, as the grass and brush and other dead and down material burns.

During a Home Firewise Risk Evaluation, we never suggest that homeowners remove healthy trees. The only trees that need to be removed are those that are dead or diseased. We encourage homeowners to limb up trees if they have branches that are close to the ground; that eliminates ladder fuel. We also recommend that tree limbs be at least 6 feet from a roof; that protects the roof against damage when windstorms move the branches. We rejoice when we see lots of shade from healthy trees!



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Like Your Reusable Bags?

—Joanie Arrott

Austin is ending its ban on free single-use plastic bags at stores and restaurants after a recent Texas Supreme Court ruling against a similar ban in Laredo. But repealing the ordinance, commonly known as the “bag ban,” doesn’t mean every retail store will start handing out plastic bags again. Many local retailers are still selling reusable bags while they evaluate the situation. H-E-B, which sells reusable bags, posted a statement saying it will “thoughtfully evaluate the issue to ensure we’re making the best decisions for our customers and the communities we serve.” Randall’s issued a similar statement, and Fiesta Mart continues to sell reusable bags, though it has not posted a public comment when requested by local news stations. Other grocers like Trader Joe’s and Whole Foods have long had policies that complied with the “bag ban” and are expected to continue with them.

Reducing the impact of litter is often cited as one of the significant driving factors when a municipality decides to implement a single-use bag ordinance. These bags force recycling and waste collection facilities to shut down their operations to disentangle the bags from their equipment. Single-use bags are also notorious for clogging drainage systems which can cause floods and lead to stagnant water, a breeding habitat for mosquitos.

While retailers are evaluating the situation, consumers are encouraged to provide comments urging local retailers to continue the practice of using and offering reusable bags. These businesses can all be contacted on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, phone, or by leaving in-store comments with staff and management.

Dog Walkers: Please Leave No Pile Behind

—Julie Sanford

The neighborhoods of NWACA are full of people who have pets. Our dog companions encourage us to get out, get exercise and breathe some fresh air, say Hi! to the neighbors—all good things adding to the quality of life here. But pet waste left on the ground or in gutters or roads is a problem. Since no one can safely walk, bike, or play in areas littered with poop, dog owners must clean up after their pets.

It’s About Health and Water Quality. Cleaning up after your dog is not just good manners. It’s vital for protection of our groundwater and our health. Poop left on sidewalks, in gutters or streets, yards (including your own backyard), hiking trails, or parks can be washed away by over-irrigation or rain water and carried into storm drains or directly into creek beds. Like human waste, animal waste may contain harmful bacteria, viruses, and organisms that can cause human illness and harm our environment. These could include Giardia, roundworms, and Salmonella. It takes only one teaspoon of dog feces in a water body the size of an Olympic pool to make the water unsafe for swimming. Pet waste also contains nutrients that will accelerate the growth of nuisance algae in creeks and lakes. In addition, as animal poop decays in water, it can use up the dissolved oxygen that fish and other aquatic life need to breathe to survive.

How can you help? Keep pollutants out of storm drains. Pick up after pets to prevent their waste from entering the storm drain system. Many people think that when water flows into a storm drain it is treated, but the storm drain system and sewer system are not connected. Everything that enters storm drains flows **UNTREATED** directly into our creeks, rivers, and lakes.

Wherever you are, pick up animal waste promptly using plastic bags, scoops, or shovels. Even in leash free areas (ESPECIALLY in leash free areas), you are responsible for picking up after your pet. Carry plastic bags with you on every walk or trip to the park. **Seal dog poop in a plastic bag and carry it with you until you can throw it in the trash.**

SCOOP THE POOP, AUSTIN! Remember the steps:

1. Bring It! Carry scooper bags when you walk your dog.
2. Scoop It! Use the baggie like a glove, scoop the poop, invert and seal the bag.
3. Toss It! It belongs in the trash. **It is NEVER ok to leave bagged waste in or near gutters.** It does not belong in yard waste containers, either.

4. Place It! Put a “Scoop the Poop” sign in your yard to encourage your neighbors to scoop it up too! To request a free sign in the NWACA area, just send an email to nwacainfo@gmail.com.

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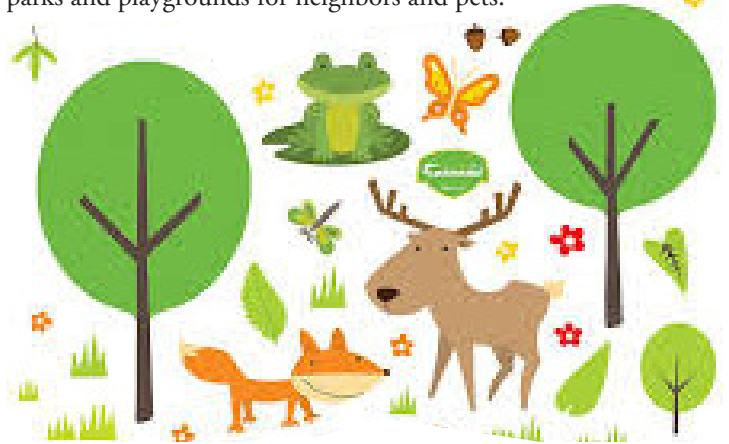
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