

Westcreek Neighborhood ASSOCIATION

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WNA Quarterly Meeting

Date Monday, March 11

Speaker: Wade Thomason
*Executive Director,
Clean Air Force
Central Texas*

Location: Will Hampton Library
5125 Convict Hill Rd.

Mr. Thomason will discuss Austin air quality issues and what you can do to help. This is your chance to learn what the future holds for air quality in our area.

**EVERY PARENT SHOULD ATTEND,
because air quality is most important
to the health of young children.**

The Austin Neighborhoods Academy will also make a presentation on how neighborhoods can benefit from their services.

BIKING TO HELP WESTCREEK



Riders navigating just one of the barriers put in place for the First Annual WNA Cyclocross Race.

(Brian Walburn, writer for Texas Racing Post, also contributed to this story)

The WNA Cyclocross race (the ninth installment of the Texas Cup Cyclocross Series) was held in Westcreek on Sunday, Jan. 13th. New TXBRA Secretary (and Westcreek resident) Eric Marquez promoted the race. Proceeds went to benefit the Westcreek Neighborhood Association.

The course was one mile, and ran over an undeveloped lot, through woods, over a curb onto a very short street section, around an Armco barrier, back into woods, and finally through the Small Middle School parking lot. The course had no elevation changes or runups, but contained four sets of formidable barriers: a quadruple that

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Sue & Bob Shrader register riders



Dana McBee, Westcreek neighbor and our December YOTM winner is pictured above. It was Dana's first CycloCross race, and she loved it!

snaked over a drainage ditch one way and then back, a triple a short way down the course, a double, and then finally a triple (made of a telephone-pole-sized log, cut into thirds).

The Men's A race was the first of the day, leaving the line at 1 p.m. The top two racers in the Texas Cup standings, Will Black (Lone Star Racing) and Ken Smith (Mathis Brothers), raced. The combined Men's B and C race started with the B group in pretty much the same situation as the A field in the series standings with Eric Pendland (Woodlands Cycling Club Race Team) holding an insurmountable lead over second-placed Chris Grusendorf (Northwest Cycling Club) who also had his series standing clinched.

This was a new event for Westcreek, and we hope to make it an Annual Event. Although the turnout was not what we'd hoped it to be, it's still a landmark event for this neighborhood. Thanks to all of our sponsors: Double Dave's Pizza, Thundercloud Subs, Serrano's and the local Taco Bell/Pizza Hut organization.



Eric Marquez of Westcreek, the new TXBRA Secretary, registers riders for the WNA First Annual Cyclocross

LOOKING

AHEAD: Westcreek is planning a few events that could all be fun. (Maybe a Fun Run — how could that not be fun?) And maybe a No-Barriers Cyclocross Event, for both kids and adults. We'd like to know if you are interested in participating in these events, or have ideas for others. Please email Eric Marquez at ejdiablo@swbell.net.



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South - 521 Ben White - 447-5000
Northwest - 12636 Research - 350-8555
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Northwest - 6406 Ft. Worth - 525-3555
Lake Creek - 12255 Ft. Worth - 310-8181
Reservoir Hill - 3267 Ben Carey - 577-4100
Oak Hill - 6516 W. Hwy 290 - 891-0000
Summit Park - 910 Round Rock Avenue - 310-8880
South Plaza - 3650 Wilby 290 - 381-1647

And the winners were...

MEN A

- 1 Will Black Lone Star Racing
- 2 Jason Sager Team Diabetic
- 3 Ken Smith Mathis Bros.
- 4 Matt Gordon
Polycom Racing
- 5 Neils Boon Merida
MTB Team
- 6 Shannon Graham
Texas Racing Post
- 7 Ben Jones UYS
- 8 Garrick Mitchell GCCA
- 9 Bruce Allen FRCA

MASTERS 35+

- 1 Eric Jordan
Lone Star Racing
- 2 Kevin Vincent
Lone Star Racing
- 3 Will Black Lone Star Racing
- 4 Troy Pope UYS
- 5 Paul Chandler Sun & Ski
- 6 David Wolfe Violet Crown
- 7 Lee Rusk Violet Crown

MASTERS 45+

- 1 Joe Buno Lone Star Racing
- 2 Chris Thibodeau
Violet Crown
- 3 Jerome Baumeister
Bikesport
- 4 Tommy O'Neal GCCA

MEN B

- 1 Eric Pendland
Woodlands Cycling
- 2 Chris Grusendorf
Northwest Cycling
- 3 Jacob Tung UYS
- 4 Robert Ford REI

WOMEN A

- 1 Melanie Black
Lone Star Racing

Men C

- 1 John Boatwright West End
- 2 Thomas Pekowski
- 3 Derrick Franks Texas A&M
- 4 Lonnie Glasscock
- 5 Tom Mahwke Petting Zoo
- 6 William Hogan

WOMEN B

- 1 Emma Roll REI Austin
- 2 Dana McBee



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Yard of the Month

The McBee's tastefully-decorated yard was judged the best in the neighborhood for the Holiday Season, 2001.

It was a delight to drive through any part of our neighborhood this past December, if only to experience the wonderful, imaginative and varied scenes that many of our Westcreek neighbors residents created. Congratulations to all of you for putting forth the extra effort to make our area beautiful and welcoming.

(At left) Robert and Dana McBee, 5410 Badger Bend, were awarded the first "Holiday Yard of the Month" from WNA.

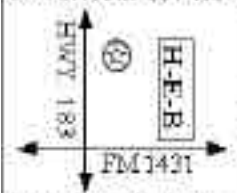
CLUBS, ETCETERA

The SW Austin Preschool Mothers Club is a support group for moms of children under 6 years of age. It meets the 4th Tuesday of each month during the Austin school year at Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church, 5211 McCarty Lane (not church-affiliated) from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. There are field trips, holiday parties, and events that occur throughout the entire year. Call Elizabeth Jackson for more information at 891-9645 or check out their website: <http://www.swapmc.com>

The Heart of Texas Scrapbook Club brings family historians together for the purpose of preserving their memories in archival photo albums. Founded in October of 1999, the club has grown to over 175 members. The club sponsors regional retreats that serve as fund-raisers for local and national charities. Call Lizanne McClenon for more information at 892-4734 or visit their website: <http://sites.netscape.net/hotsclub/home>

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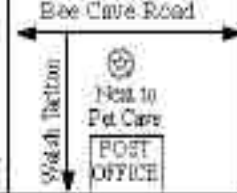
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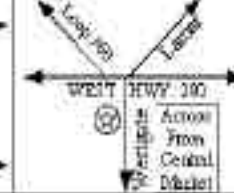
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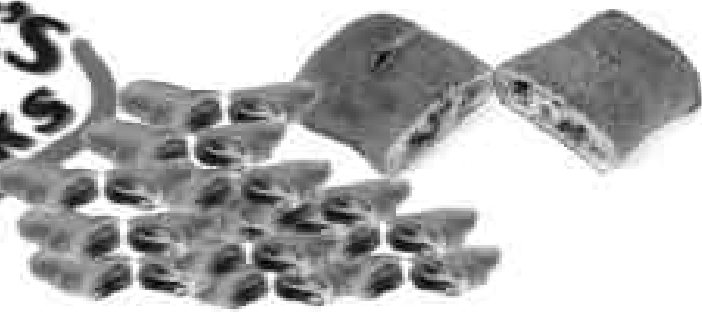
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Kindergarten Roundup!

Kindergarten pre-registration for the 2002-2003 school year will be held on Tuesday, May 7th at 9:00 a.m. in the **PATTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** cafeteria.

To register your child, please bring copies of the following documents:

1. Birth certificate
2. Current immunization record
3. Child's Social Security number
4. Proof of address (utility bill, lease agreement or contract)

Your child must be 5 years old by September 1st, 2002 to be eligible for kindergarten enrollment in the 2002-2003 school year.

If you have any questions, please call Patton Elementary School, phone numbers 414-1454 or 414-1780.





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It's only \$25.00 for a full year to join YOUR association — the Westcreek Neighborhood Association. All of us are Westcreek neighbors who are volunteering to make our neighborhood a better place to live. When you join the WNA, you will help protect the value of your home and property and your neighbors' as well. You will also help support all of Westcreek Neighborhood's interests and efforts if you volunteer in any capacity.

Mail your check for \$25.00 (make check payable to "WNA") to our WNA Treasurer :

Eric Marquez, 5508 Porsche Lane, Austin, TX 78749

Today's Date: _____

Name(s): _____
please print

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home & Office Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

_____ I (we) have access to the Internet

_____ I (we) are willing to serve on a committee
Any preference? _____

_____ I (we) want to be added to the WNA eGroup list
(you will receive updates on the WNA and can participate in neighborhood discussions with other Westcreek residents automatically via email if you check this box)

What I would like to improve in our Westcreek Neighborhood during 2002: _____

Why We're Always Begging

Okay, there's a reason, honestly.

You live here. You look outside to your yard, maybe see your kids playing out there with some of your neighbor's kids, maybe you're just enjoying your view of the Greenbelt or the neighbor who fusses over their yard all the time. You walk through your house and it's a haven for you. A respite from the office. It may not be a million-dollar home, but it's yours. And you're proud of it. For some of you, it may be the contentment of living in a stable and close-in neighborhood with decent schools. There are many reasons to love our area.

So we beg. Because we have only a handful of residents who are willing to give us what we know is the most valuable gift of all — their time. (Almost all of these residents also work a full-time job and have kids, too.) And just to deal with the politics that are so prevalent in today's society, you have to have enough volunteers to speak up for your own neighborhood.

But there is also another side to this story.

If you don't become a member of WNA, we lose our funding (see the charts displayed for our expenditures). If we lose funding, we can't accomplish anything for you. No newsletters, no signage, no one talking to the City on your behalf, no one watching so that areas around us aren't developed incorrectly. If every one of the 750 households in Westcreek joined WNA, we could address some pretty big

situations (traffic control, etc.). So if you can't volunteer, please become a member. If you can't afford the \$25 annual membership, but you can spare a few hours *once in a while*, let us know. You have no idea how much it will be appreciated, and how much power you are wielding for SW Austin. (If you have an extra \$10 that's just begging (get it?) to be spent, spend it on your own neighborhood. And thanks in advance.

2001		2002	
Memberships	\$ 2,574.50	Memberships	\$ 885.00
Ads	665.00	Ads	65.00
Donation — YOTM	300.00	Cyclocross race	102.29
T-shirt sales	45.00	YOTM program	-50.00
Newsletter	-2,261.14	TOTAL:	\$ 1,002.29
Westcreek Sign	-2,000.00	Closing Balance	
WNA signs	-768.30	on 2/19/02:	\$ 1,191.33
YOTM program	-300.00		
Weedeater	-224.08		
Annual awards	-131.03		
Picnic	-59.34		
ANC dues	-35.00		
Garage Sale ad	-20.50		
Bank fee	-2.00		
NET TOTAL			
FOR 2001:	-\$ 2,216.89		
Ending Balance			
on 12/31/01:	\$ 189.04		



New Executive Committee Members Elected in December Quarterly Meeting

Chris Schexnayder, Vice-President.

Chris has been an enthusiastic supporter of the WNA for over three years. He has served as our Enhancement Committee Chairman for the past two years, and has organized several common area clean-ups in Westcreek on a regular basis. Chris is also a real "Survivor": although his back was broken when the plane he was riding in crashed, Chris' spunk (and cell phone) got him through that harrowing experience. Chris is truly an asset to our neighborhood.



Chris Schexnayder,
Vice-President



Eric Marquez,
Treasurer

Eric Marquez, Treasurer.

Eric has served as our volunteer Treasurer for the last year.

Eric stepped forward to fill the unexpired term of Ben Coughran when Ben was elected President. Eric has been very active in the neighborhood, working with the City on pedestrian issues and organizing the First Annual Westcreek Cyclocross Race. We are indeed fortunate to have Eric serve on the Executive Committee.

Bob Shrader, Austin Neighborhoods Council (ANC), Representative. Bob has volunteered to continue aiding the WNA by taking on this vital role. He'll keep making sure the concerns of SW Austin are heard. Bob and his wife, Sue, have been key supporters of Westcreek for many years.

Certificates Awarded to Volunteers at Year-End Quarterly Meeting

Volunteers and neighborhood supporters of the WNA were recognized at the December Quarterly Meeting for the year of 2001. Good Neighbor Award Certificates were awarded to the following committee members:

Neighborhood Enhancement Committee. Made the Yard of the Month program possible, conducted several cleanups of the common areas along Brush Country and under the Williamson Creek bridge, worked to get the Westcreek wall and sign erected, and put up the "Please Drive Carefully" signs in Westcreek. Certificates were awarded to Chris Schexnayder (Chairman), Caroline and Rod Klassy, Brett Pavey and Ben Coughran. (NOTE: The Yard of the Month would not be possible without the generous donations from Gary Rossman Century 21 and Randalls...see "Special Awards" below.)

Communications Committee. Distributed WNA quarterly newsletters in Westcreek. Awards went to: Karla Pavey, Chairperson, who also oversaw the printing of the newsletter and organized the delivery schedule, Brett Pavey, Anne & Doug Huber, Sue & Bob Shrader, April Campbell, Melissa Schneider, Don Nash, Leah & Bryson Read, Elizabeth Jackson, Lizanne & Chuck McClenon, Ibbly & Lloyd Crawford and Jan Boswell.

Newsletter Advertising. Catherine Or sold advertising to several local businesses for our newsletter. These sales helped offset our costs to print the newsletter. Thank you for all of your efforts, Catherine.

Newsletter Editor-in-Chief. Karen Gregory (also an At-Large Member) is responsible for the writing and/or editing, design and production of the newsletter. We hope you agree that it's one of the best neighborhood newsletters in Austin or anywhere else.

Special Categories. Gary Rossman, Century 21 Ripley. Gary sponsored our Yard of the Month Program for the year 2001 and has signed on as a sponsor for 2002. Gary, a former Westcreek neighbor, still has many friends here. He's also an authority on real estate in SW Austin. **Randalls on South MoPac.** Randalls is the ultimate good neighbor. The manager, David Fikac, never refuses a request from Westcreek to assist in our our efforts. During



Volunteers (clockwise, from left): Chris Schexnayder, Bryson Read, Ibbly Crawford, Brett Pavey, Anne Huber, Doug Huber, Sue Shrader, Ben Coughran, and Karen Gregory

2001, Randalls sponsored our Yard of the Month program, and also supplied all the food, drinks and condiments for our annual picnic. Please let David know just how much we Westcreek residents appreciate his efforts — tell him next time you're shopping in Randalls.

Good Neighbor Award Paperweights were awarded to Departing Executive Committee Members —

Brett Pavey, Vice President:

a tireless Westcreek supporter who intends to help whenever called upon.

Jim Stutsman, At-Large member:

has agreed to continue as our CAMPO Representative.

Karen Gregory, Secretary: probably the best secretary Westcreek has ever had. Has agreed to fill one of our At-Large positions, so we'll continue to have her infectious energy on the Executive Committee.

The first ever "Mayor of Westcreek" Award:

presented to **Bob Shrader** (his wife, **Sue Shrader**, accepted the award.) Bob epitomizes the term "good neighbor". The citation that accompanied the award reads (in part): "Bob's vision for the Association was the compass that has guided other residents to do more for the good of all." Westcreek is definitely a better neighborhood because of Bob's efforts.

Get in shape and get the word out!

So, you're saying to yourself, "I ought to get in shape." And you see the Westcreek Newsletter with our pleas for volunteers, and you feel just a little bit guilty. Well, we have the solution to both problems! When you volunteer for the WNA Communications Committee, you get your exercise AND to volunteer. Here's how it works: volunteers distribute the newsletters throughout Westcreek (we split the area into routes). And since the newsletter is only

published quarterly, this is a mere four times a year to have to volunteer! What a great way to get Westcreek neighbors the latest developments, and get exercise at the same time. One more thing (you knew we wouldn't just let this go, did you?), we need someone to VOLUNTEER to Chair this Committee to help coordinate all the other wonderful people who have volunteered. If you're interested (and you are), call Ben Coughran: (home) 892-5364 or (work) 239-1379.

What's up? Log on; find out!

Perhaps one of the most under-used resources of the Westcreek Neighborhood Association is our very own website:

http://www.geocities.com/westcreek_na/

Available to ALL WNA residents (not just paid members), the WNA website contains a significant amount of contact information to address neighborhood problems.

The home page has access to the current weather forecast at the top, followed by the latest news posted to the site. One valuable recent addition is a link to **City of Austin crime statistics** in the Westcreek area. Click on the link and you're taken to a listing of reported crimes by date and location.

Want to know what plants grow well in this area? We have that, too. Look for the "Gardening Information for Westcreek" on the home page. You'll find suggestions for flowers, shrubs and trees that do well in our very warm climate. There are tips on xeriscaping as well.

To use the website, just point your browser to http://www.geocities.com/westcreek_na (note the underscore mark). Keep this reference handy the next time you need neighborhood information.

And don't forget there's another electronic resource available to paid members only. The Westcreek YahooGroup is an email service for quick distribution of immediate importance Westcreek residents. This service has been used for notification of crimes, meetings, actions taken by the city, events, resources (such as painters and fence builders), anything impacting our subdivision. This email service is just one more reward of becoming a paid WNA member.



The Westcreek Neighborhood Association website Home Page

ALSTIN Neighborhood Association Reported Crime Information		
Date	Offense	Block
12/07/2001	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	8301 W. HENRY DR. SF
12/06/2001	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	8301 W. HENRY DR. SF
12/05/2001	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	8301 W. HENRY DR. SF
12/04/2001	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	8301 W. HENRY DR. SF
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11/01/2001	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	8301 W. HENRY DR. SF

Get crime statistics for our neighborhood, plus surrounding areas.

Gardening Information for Westcreek	
Cool Season Annuals	
Sweet Alyssum	Full sun/partial shade
English Daisy	Full sun/partial shade
Cabbage and Kale	Full sun
Calendula	Full sun
Dusty Miller	Full sun/partial shade
Cyclamen	Shade
Dianthus	Full sun
Larkspur	Full sun
Nasturtium	Sun
Nicotiana (Flowering Tobacco)	Winter annual in sun or summer annual in shade
Pansy	Sun
Petunia	Sun

A sample of our Gardening Page — and you won't believe how much, much more!