

Westcreek Neighborhood ASSOCIATION

June, 2000

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Wm. Cannon center being completed

Construction is underway on the last phase of the neighborhood shopping center at 4404 William Cannon Drive. The site is owned by developer Lou Williams and currently houses the World Gym. The new section will accommodate a handful of facilities currently zoned for community retail and small businesses designed to serve the immediate area.

The WNA Executive Committee recently decided not to oppose the developer's application for rezoning the site of one of the stores to allow location of a liquor store there. The decision was made after the committee and representatives of nearby residents met with the agent for the developer to get answers to questions raised by the application.

The drawing for the application distributed by the city to residents within 300 feet of the impacted area

showed street changes providing access to Sanderson

Avenue from Wm. Cannon Drive. However, that proved to be an uncorrected error copied from an old drawing on file with the city. After examination of the other facts in the case, the Executive

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Our First Yards of the Month



Presenting our May Yard of the Month Award is Jeffery Vaughn to Chris and Esther Schexnayder, WNA May Winners.

The Westcreek Neighborhood Association has initiated a Yard of the Month program to recognize homeowners contributing to beautification of Westcreek. **The May Yard of the Month Award went to Chris and Esther Schexnayder, 4705 White Elm Drive.**

The June yard of the Month Award is being presented to Rodney and Carolyn Klassy, 4807 Summerset Trail. Congratulations to our first winners, and thanks for helping make Westcreek a great place to live.

The Yard of the Month program is sponsored by The Home Depot. Winners receive a \$200 gift certificate

from The Home Depot. If you want to nominate a yard in your block, contact a member of the WNA executive committee.

To be eligible for the award, homeowners/residents must be paid members of WNA. It's not too late to join to be considered for the remaining awards to be given this year. Our plans are to give Yard of the Month awards each April through September.

**REMINDER:
WNA Quarterly Meeting at
the Will Hampton Library,
7 p.m., Monday, June 12, 2000**

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Committee determined there was no evidence the zoning change would adversely affect traffic patterns, property values or crime rates.

The rezoning application was approved earlier by residents of Westcreek Landing, the townhome complex bordering the retail center. The Planning

Commission unanimously approved the zoning change in May. The proposal now goes to the city council, where it is expected to be approved on all three readings the last week of this month.

The developer's occupancy target date is August 1st.

City establishes new neighborhood services office

The City of Austin has established a new Office of Neighborhood Services to assist neighborhoods dealing with the city. As its first major task, the Office of Neighborhood Services is conducting a neighborhood academy with free courses offered on Saturdays at the ACC Eastview Campus, 3401 Webberville Road.

Topics include how to get complaints resolved, what to do about dangerous or substandard housing, conflict management, traffic and transportation, beautification and neighborhood planning.

The office also plans to take some of these presentations to neighborhood association meetings throughout the city.

The Office of Neighborhood Services reports directly to the city manager's office and its goals include resolution of most problems resulting from dealing with the bureaucracy of other city departments. More information may be obtained from Donna Jackson, Coordinator, at 707-3294 or donna.jackson@ci.austin.tx.us.

Celebrate with your neighbors: participate in National Night Out

The 17th Annual National Night Out (NNO), a national neighborhood crime-prevention awareness program, has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 1st, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Carla and Sonny Allen are serving as chairs of our social committee, and will be coordinating our subdivision's participation in NNO.

National Night Out is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
- Generate support and participation in crime prevention efforts
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community relations
- Send a message to criminals, letting them know that

neighborhoods are organized and will fight back.

Last year we had at least six block parties (cookies and soft drinks, ice cream, etc.) with people turning on their porch lights, walking the neighborhood and meeting their neighbors. Everyone had a great time. The Austin Police Department said that Westcreek had the best participation in this area of the city. This year, with your help, we'd like to double that number.

Please talk with your neighbors and organize a block party in your area. Sonny and Carla will be receiving information from the police department for distribution at the block parties, so make sure you contact them to let them know you want to help and also to receive your materials. Their email address is carlaallen@sprintmail.com

Thanks for mowin'

Special thanks to the Westcreek residents who mowed and trimmed the city easement along Brush Country between White Elm Drive and Summerset Trail last month. The grass along the sidewalk was tall, unsightly and a hazard for kids walking to school.


Plans are being made for neighbors to pitch in to keep that area mowed throughout the summer months.

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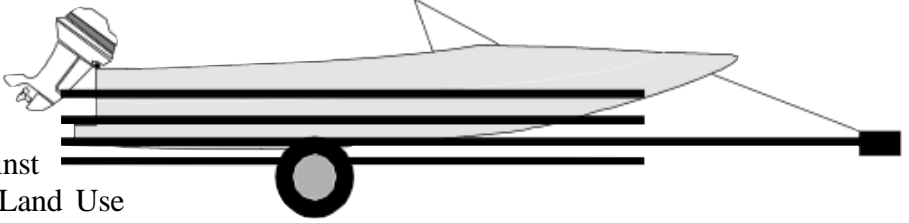
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Look out at your driveway. Do you have a fine-looking boat or camper parked there? It may be a fine boat (or camper), but you could be **fin**ed if you leave it there. It is against the law in Austin (Sect. 25-2-893 of the Land Use Code) to have a boat, camper, travel trailer, pick-up



camper, motor coach home, converted truck, converted bus, or boat trailer parked in your driveway or on the street for more than 72 hours. The law requires that you keep the vehicle screened from public view behind a solid wood or masonry fence at least six feet high.

Please be advised that the City of Austin **WILL BE NOTIFIED** if you are violating this City Ordinance, and you could be fined. And remember, if we all abide by the rules, our entire neighborhood home values will stay higher and our neighborhood as a whole will be more attractive to potential homebuyers.



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Are You Being A Good Neighbor?

Are you? Here's a simple test to take to see if you really are a good neighbor. If you answer yes to more than three of the following, you're not. See if you can pass the test, and if you can't, clip this out and try to improve each month. Test yourself again at the end of the year.

- 1.) Is your lawn weedy (front yard)? Yes No
- 2.) Are you parking a vehicle on your grass in the front yard? Yes No
- 3.) Do you have old furniture, garbage cans, planters, tires, etc. stored on the side of your home? Yes No
- 4.) Are you playing loud music before 7 a.m. and after 10 p.m.? Yes No
- 5.) Do you have a dog that barks all the time? Yes No
- 6.) Do you have a car in your driveway that hasn't run in months? Yes No

- 7.) Do you have a car in your driveway that's constantly under repair? Yes No
- 8.) Do you have floodlights reflecting into your neighbor's yard? Yes No
- 9.) Do you have a boat or RV that is parked and is in the neighbor's view? Yes No

Winds cause damage

High winds over the Memorial Day weekend damaged trees in at least two locations in the Westcreek area. A tree in the front yard of a residence on Sanderson Avenue and a tree at a location on Langtry Lane were split with major sections falling to the ground. There appeared to be no damage to adjacent structures. Trees were Arizona ashes, which have a short lifespan.

Less serious tree damage occurred in other areas of Westcreek. Our resident meteorologist, Ben Coughran, says the damage was caused by wind shear downdrafts.

If you had wind damage and plan to use a tree trimming service to remove trees, be sure you check the background of the contractor. One resident of Westcreek reports a recent bad experience with a tree trimming contractor. The contractor worked three hours trimming trees and collected his payment without cleaning up as promised. It took the homeowners two days to remove the mess.

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WNA APPRECIATES ALL YOUR HELP

Capital Metro to hold preliminary impact statement meetings

As Capital Metro plans for the region's future transportation options, it will be holding three public meetings. These meetings are part of a federally mandated process called the Preliminary Engineering/Environmental Impact Statement (PE/EIS) phase for future transportation planning.

The meeting dates, times and locations are:

- Tuesday, June 6, 7:00-9:00 PM, Texas Department of Human Services, Winters Building, 701 W. 51st
- Wednesday, June 7, 7:00-9:00 PM, South Austin Multi-Purpose Center, 2508 Durwood
- Thursday, June 8, 7:00-9:00 PM, Austin History Center Reception Room 9th & Guadalupe

These meetings are being held to involve the public in definition of the transportation alternatives and the elements that will be evaluated. For example the following issues are reviewed:

1. Rapid Transit system Elements
 - Where lines can go (alignment)
 - Station locations
 - Fatal flaw analysis
 - Prototypical station design
 - Ridership estimates
 - Capital cost estimates
 - Operating cost estimates
 - Right-of-way estimates
 - Mitigation measures that will be considered
2. Fixed Guideway Technology
 - Technology (Light rail, bus rapid transit)
3. Environmental issues
 - Environmental issues (land use, air quality, hazardous materials, neighborhood environmental justice, traffic and parking, visual, noise and vibration, safety, freight traffic, historic, cultural, and ecological resources)

For more information call Capital Metro at 389-7435.

Large item pickup update

The city's solid waste services department, the unit responsible for trash pickup throughout Austin, apparently failed to distribute fliers to notify Westcreek residents about semiannual pickup of large, bulk items scheduled in May. When some residents called to inquire about the bulk curbside pickup date, they were told the date for pickup was past and fliers had been distributed earlier to inform our residents of the day. The city employees claimed the fliers must have blown away.

The WNA Executive Committee got involved with this problem a couple of weeks ago. City officials no longer blame the wind for no fliers, but they have not committed to a special pickup for Westcreek. Solid Waste Services official Ray King promised to have an answer to a request for a special pickup by the end of the day June 1st. However, no answer had been received by the evening of June 1st, the time this story was being written.

When we hear more, we'll post the information on our website. Paid members of WNA with email will also receive notification via the Westcreek eGroup, a special email benefit of membership in WNA. The website address and membership information are located elsewhere in this newsletter.

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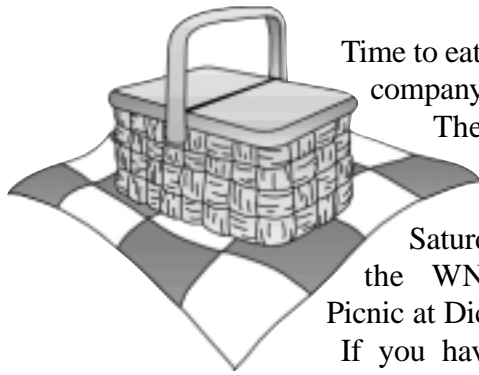
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Try Some Fun In The Sun —
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Time to eat, play and enjoy the company of your neighbors! The WNA Executive Committee has set the date of Saturday, October 7th for the WNA Neighborhood Picnic at Dick Nichols Park.

If you have suggestions and are willing to help out with this event, please contact Carla and Sonny Allen. Their email address is carlaallen@sprintmail.com

Got a Problem?
Don't forget about our
WNA "HotLine" (891-6399)

The WNA HotLine is an easy way for any resident to get information on WNA activities and find out more about the neighborhood. They can also report a problem, let us know about code violations and get referrals for assistance with their problem. The WNA will periodically update the recording to keep WNA residents aware of any new information. **The phone number is 891-6399.**



Helpful City Numbers

Animal Control (loose dogs)	472-7387
Dumping violations	469-2015
Forester	440-5154
Garbage collection	499-2111
Junked and abandoned cars	280-5121
Mosquito control	469-2015
Police Dept. District Rep.	445-5263
Recycling information	499-2111
Street sign maintenance	457-4850
Swimming pool information	480-3030
Weed & litter control	469-2015

The procedure for reporting **zoning violations** is to call **499-2875**, **select option 5**, then **select option 1** and you'll actually get to speak to a live human being!

Andy Anderson's new office number is 445-5263.

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2000 WNA Membership Enrollment Form

Help protect the value of your property and your neighborhood. Join the Westcreek Neighborhood Association today. Just mail your check made out to WNA in the amount of \$15.00 for calendar year 2000 to:

Ben Coughran, Treasurer, WNA, 6206 Myra Court, Austin, TX 78749. Date _____

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