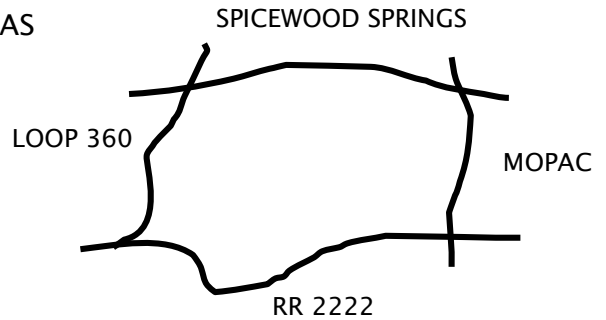




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Welcome to your NWACA member newsletter. This is our first edition in years. We launched a website, www.nwaca.org, earlier this year for all residents.

As an all volunteer group we concentrate on addressing neighborhood wide issues. We bring you important news to you via newsletters, email and our website. Please make sure you are on our contact lists and let us know if you want to volunteer !!

Caption

July 4th Parade captures NWACA spirit

Enjoying great weather, more than a thousand residents lined the streets to see hundreds of their neighbors march down Far West for our 34th annual 4th of July Parade.

The Parade started at the home of the Cavitt's for the 34th year. Ed Adams, VP of NWACA, greeted arrivals. Cub Scout Pack 2, led by Michael Santori, presented the flag and led residents in the Pledge of Allegiance. Cantor Neil Blumofe, of Agudas Achim, and Dan Cavitt, Music Director of St. Teresa's, sung the Star Spangled Banner and America the Beautiful.

Hearts N' Hooves Miniature Horses, kids on trikes, the Book Club Babes, the Ladies Lawn Chair Brigade, antique cars, the NW Teenage All Stars Kickball Team, the Doss Teachers Super Soaker Float, Keshawn Sommerville-Junior Olympian, the Glazener's Willie Nelson Picnic Bus, Den 2 Boy Scouts followed the Fire Department's Ladder Truck, courtesy of Station 19 on Balcones Drive, and the new Northwest

Austin Civic Association banner, carried by Judge Jan Breland and her husband John Lipscombe, to Doss Elementary.

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Lakewood Dr.: Ramp or No Ramp?

In the next couple of weeks, area residents will have several opportunities to learn about the proposed TxDOT ramp onto Lakewood Dr. and voice their opinion on how it would impact their lives.

Situation: TxDOT is replacing the bridge on RM 2222 over Bull Creek to withstand a 100-year flood event. The new elevated bridge will be at least 20 feet above current grade over the existing intersection of Lakewood and RM 2222.. A proposed ramp would connect the bridge to Lakewood with a steep 7° slope. We know Lakewood Dr. to be a peaceful,

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Learn about Lakewood & voice your opinion

6 p.m. Oct. 24—Town Hall meeting with CM Brewster McCracken, Murchison Middle School Cafeteria, 3700 North Hills Dr.

6 p.m. Nov. 2— Public hearing at City Council Chambers— 301 W. 2nd St. - testify live or submit comments in writing in advance to Council members. Visit <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/council/default.htm> for addresses.

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tree-lined neighborhood street adjacent to Bull Creek. At issue is whether to allow the ramp to be built to maintain neighborhood connectivity to 2222 or to stop the proposed incursion into the street/neighborhood. The NWACA board over the last year and a half has pursued several alternatives to the TxDOT ramp to maintain emergency vehicle response times from Fire Station 31 on 2222 to the immediate area. Every roadway alternative was rejected by TxDOT and City Of Austin Public Works.

The NWACA Board believes there are pros and cons to closing the street (not building the ramp) and outlines them here:

PROS:

- The TxDOT ramp is inappropriate in size and scale for the Lakewood neighborhood
- The ramp would destroy the aesthetic value of the tree-lined Bull Creek
- Removal most trees and brush along Bull Creek can have a damaging effect of non-point source pollution
- The ramp may invite additional cut-through traffic as the 360/2222 intersection becomes more developed
- Existing traffic volume not substantial enough to keep intersection open
- Property values along Lakewood Dr. would drop due to ramp and loss of aesthetic appeal

CONS:

- The street closure would diminish the well-below-average emergency response time enjoyed today by the immediate Lakewood area by 2.73 min. from Fire Station 31, based on computer modeling.
- The alternate route for FS 31 takes nearly 45 seconds more than the city average to the immediate Lakewood area. (Actual response times can vary based on where you live, the topography, time of day and traffic.)
- Access through the neighborhood to 2222 would be eliminated at Lakewood Dr.

Many of our residents may have different opinions on the potential street closure and wish for their views to be heard by the Council as to how they may be affected. Please participate in the debate to let your voice be heard. For more detailed information, please visit www.nwaca.org.

NWACA Oak Wilt Update

Oak Wilt is a serious threat to the Live Oak and Red Oak trees in our NWACA neighborhood and central Texas. Oak Wilt is a major tree disease caused by fungus that is primarily spread by the tree root system from one tree to another. Infected Oak trees will eventually begin to die or wilt.

Since the first neighborhood Oak Wilt discoveries in the 1980's, the NWACA Oak Wilt Committee has promoted aggressive prevention and containment techniques.

Detecting Oak Wilt

In Live Oaks, infected trees show a pattern on its leaves – the veins on the leaves will turn yellow or brown, or the tips may turn brown. Once symptoms appear, live oaks usually drop their leaves and die over a period of time.

Prevention Techniques

- Proper pruning— AVOID pruning oaks during February through June (peak carrier beetle activity season)
- Sterilize tools with bleach or alcohol (Lysol is also a solution)
- Employ certified arborists and their firms (avoid scam artists)
- Proper wound treatment -Immediately paint wounds with pruning paint or latex paint
- Plant trees other than Live Oaks or Red Oaks (see "Trees of Central Texas" recommendation listing)

Containment Techniques

- Infected tree injection — Can be "do-it-yourself" project to inject tree with a oak wilt "vaccination", or recommend contracting a Certified Arborist or Board Certified Master Arborist. Infected trees must be removed.

Educational Resources

- <http://www.texasoakwilt.org> (Oak Wilt questions)
- <http://texasforestservice.tamu.edu/forest/oakwilt/default.asp>
- <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/oakwilt/>
- <http://www.treesaregood.com/> (general)
- <http://www.isa-arbor.com/findArborist/findarborist.aspx> (area arborists)

Contacts

Oak Wilt Information Line

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| (Texas Forest Service and LCRA) | 512 473-3517 |
| Texas Forester, Eric Beckers | 512 407-9732 |
| NWACA Oak Wilt Committee | 512 345-6182 |

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Serving up refreshments and kiddie games were members of the Anderson High Honor Society and special volunteers:

Lia Clarkson, Eric Goodman, Maria Johnson, Victoria Leonard, Leslie Massad, Wayne Prescott, Eric Robertson, Jerry Pritchard, Steve Podrebarac, Gail and Chris Sneden, Ruth Ann and Broadus Spivey, Jeanette Wolf, Daniel Yahiel and honorary NW Hills residents Mollie Puckett and Jean Zurow. Everyone enjoyed Anderson High Band's first parade performance.

Please thank Sherri Raven, Principal at Doss, and the Parade Committee: Ed Adams, Parker Blevins, Cecelia Burke, Jason Choyce, Ann Denkler, Ann Giradot, JoAnn McKenzie, Dave and Sue Sheppard, Bruce Smith and Karla Villalon. They were also assisted by fellow NWACA members Bill Bradley, Steve Gallaway, Connie Green and Ben Luckens.

Special thanks to the following business sponsors: Hime Orthodontics, Shamrock-C-mart #6, Wells Fargo, the Jewish Community Association of Austin, Northwest Hardware, and many more. See more sponsors and photos at <http://www.nwaca.org>.

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NWACA Neighborhood Survey... We want to hear from you!

NWACA is entirely a volunteer driven organization. We want to hear your priorities and how you would be willing to help! Complete and mail this survey to P.O. Box 26654, Austin 78755. Please check the following and list your ideas below.

CANDIDATE FORUM - NWACA sponsored a 2006 City Council Candidate Forum. Would you like to us to sponsor more of these? ___ Yes ___ No

4TH OF JULY PARADE - NWACA has sponsored the 4th of July parade for 35 years. (requires lots of volunteers). Would you be willing to pay \$25 per year in dues, versus \$15, so that we can rely less on local businesses for parade sponsorship?
___ Yes ___ No

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE - What park ideas should we pursue in our area?

SCHOOLS COMMITTEE - Should NWACA to be more active with area schools?

OTHER ISSUES our civic association should address? Note: NWACA does not manage issues in individual homeowner associations.

GRAPHIC ARTIST Do you know a graphic artist willing to volunteer to help NWACA?

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT Should NWACA more actively support NNO? ___ Yes ___ No

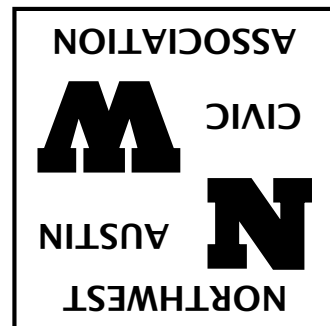
I am interested in volunteering on the following committees:

4th of July Parade Schools Other _____

Parks National Night Out

Ideas: _____

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ 3 _____ Email _____



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Helpful Numbers

Police, Fire and EMS Emergencies	911
City Wide Information and to Register Complaints: 24/7	311
Abandoned Vehicles - APD Non-Emergency Parks Dept., Drainage Dept. Street & Bridge Dept., Transportation Dept. Animal Control Dept, Solid Waste Code Compliance Texas Parks and Wildlife Coyote Management Control	569-2302

NWACA Alerts: Please join our newly created Yahoo group for more rapid and official information about our neighborhood. To Join: Send a blank email to:

NWACA-subscribe@yahogroups.com

And then reply to Yahoo's request for confirmation. That's It !!!

REMEMBER: WWW.NWACA.ORG

NWACA P. O. Box 26654 Austin TX 78755 Annual Dues \$15.00

Homeowner Name(s)_____

Street Address & Zip_____

Phone_____ Email (kept private)_____

I/We would like to serve on the Executive Board or a Committee Yes No

(Postage is the largest expense of NWACA. Email notifications save the Association \$1,000's annually.)