

# YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

by NACA

## January 19th Meeting

The January 19 NACA program will include NACA's District Rep, Officer Frank Wilson and a member of the City Code Compliance department who will answer questions about crime, crime prevention, and code violation issues in the area.

Dues paid members will be able to vote on officers. The slate includes current officers who are running again: Eleanor Langsdorf, president; Ann Teich, vice president; Matt Myers, secretary; Brian LaCour, treasurer. Other candidates can be nominated from the floor if their dues is paid for 2012 (must be received 30 days prior to the meeting).

Mary Rudig, president of the North Austin Coalition of Neighborhoods, will give an update on Travis County District Attorney's office and its efforts to fight crime in North Austin.

Meeting is Jan. 19th at 7 p.m. at Little Walnut Creek Library, 835 W. Rundberg.

## Join NACA to Keep our Neighborhood Safe and Clean

by Ann Teich

We invite you to become involved in the North Austin Civic Association community ([www.naca-austin.org](http://www.naca-austin.org)).

Help us keep the NACA neighborhood safe and clean by doing the following: Do the "Five" and Be A.L.E.R.T.

"Five" - Get to know your neighbors on either side of you and the three across the street .

Alert - Know who your neighbors are and who their kids are and what cars belong on your street.

Lights - Keep your house well lit at night. Install motion (*Continues on Page 3*)

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### NEXT MEETING

Date..... 01/19

Time..... 7:00 pm

Place..... Little Walnut Creek Library

.....835 W. Rundberg

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## President's Letter

By Eleanor Langsdorf

The holidays, no matter which ones you celebrate, are over and the cycle of the calendar has begun again.

Some rain has fallen but not nearly enough to break the drought. There

have been some cold days as I write this in early December. Perhaps by the time you read this we'll have had more rain and chilly weather, even snow. Now is the time to plant new trees and perennial plants that will grow for years to come and provide shade and beauty around our homes and in our parks.

Some areas of NACA have gotten new sidewalks or are getting them soon, depending on the weather. Hopefully, when the work is done most of the gaps in walks will be closed and pedestrians will have safe places to walk. If you, the reader, know of spots where there are gaps in the walks please let me know the specific location and I'll contact the correct city staff member.

A new crossing light has been installed near the library

on Rundberg to replace the malfunctioning one that was installed a few years ago. When the lights are solid red, you must stop. When the red lights begin to flash, you may proceed after a complete stop to see if the crosswalk is clear. And if you are a walker, please use the crosswalk. Trying to cross Rundberg, Rutland and Lamar is scary at the best of times, but crossing in the middle of blocks and not at crosswalks is dangerous. City and state highway engineers are trying to find ways to add crosswalks along some of the long stretches on Lamar but solutions are a long way off.

Now that it is dark later in the morning and earlier in the evening it is important for walkers and bikers to dress in colors that reflect car lights. Bikers should have lights on both the front and rear of their bikes and wear reflective clothing. Even more important bikers need to ride in a safe manner, stopping, staying in their lane, going with the flow of traffic. It is scary to be driving late at night and realize a biker is coming at you, wearing dark clothing and with no lights or reflectors anywhere on the bike. Often it seems the biker is completely unaware of the potential danger he or she is in. Parents need to make sure their children know and follow the rules of the road and wear helmets when riding bikes or other wheeled toys.

I want to ask all residents to continue efforts to make the NACA area a desirable place to live and work. We all need to strive to maintain our properties, whether we rent or own, so that potential purchasers or tenants want to move here and become a part of this vibrant diverse area.

Finally, remember that I'll pick up crushed aluminum cans and plastic bottles that NACA takes to recyclers to get money for small projects and to keep them out of landfills. Just separate them into different bags, call me and leave your address. Thanks.



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*If you have News or Event Information  
please contact Linda Moore*

# Wooldridge Elementary Workday

By Susie Milam



On October 29, 2011, Wooldridge Elementary hosted a garden workday to build raised plant beds in fulfillment of one of the goals included in the \$10,000 grant that Wooldridge received from the State Department of Health Services. The grant is part of the Texas Putting Prevention to Work project to promote healthier lifestyles through exercise and better nutrition. Rebecca Lambdin-Abraham, Wooldridge P.E. teacher, is coordinating the various aspects of the grant.

Five Wooldridge staff members, 10 students, 9 parents, and 11 members of the community came together to build the structures, fill them with soil and mulch, and plant the vegetables that will eventually be shared with the kids and their parents.

There will be other opportunities to participate in this program. Watch your NACA newsletter for more dates for workdays.

## Safety Tips

*(Cont'd from page 1)* detectors or dusk to dawn lights in areas where people may walk.

**Emergency** – Be ready for a crisis and keep neighbors' phone numbers handy. Be a place where neighbors' kids could come for help. Be ready to tell firefighters how many pets and kids to save if there is a fire on your street.

**Responsible** – Call 311 and 911 when you see potential issues. Ask for incident numbers and report them to NACA so they can be recorded.

**Tidy** – Keep your street, home, and lawn neat (including the sidewalk area, if there is one on your property). Trim your bushes and trees so windows and doors can be seen. Keep your drive and porch free of clutter. Report Graffiti and pick up trash on your street. Pitch in to help neighbors who may need help in keeping their homes, lawns and street area neat.

**311** – Call Code Enforcement to report issues and be prepared with an address or street names:

Graffiti (request "graffiti abatement"), Dangerous Structures, Substandard Living Conditions, Tall Weeds and Grass (over 12 in. high), Illegal Dumping, Loud Music or Loud Continuous Noise, Accumulations of Trash and Debris, Improper Storage of RV's and Boats, Illegal Home Businesses, Signs in the Right of Way, Tree Limbs in the Right of Way, Stagnant Water, Garbage Carts at the Curb, Improper Location of Adult-Oriented Businesses, Work without Permit

**911** – Call in emergency and be prepared to give an address or street names and descriptions of people and vehicles:

Unknown or Suspicious Vehicles Circling or Loitering in the Neighborhood, Unknown or Suspicious People Loitering in the Neighborhood, Life-threatening Accidents and Illnesses, Burglaries in Progress, Graffiti in Progress, Physical or Verbal Threats from Individuals, Individuals with Weapons, Downed Power Lines, Domestic Violence, Natural Gas Fumes

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# NUEVA SECCION EN ESPAÑOL

## Reunión de NACA el 19 de Enero

El 19 de Enero la reunión de NACA incluirá a el Reresentante de el Distrito de el Norte de Austin, el Agente Frank Wilson y a uno de los miembros de Cumplimiento de Código de la ciudad de Austin, quién responderá preguntas sobre crimen en la comunidad, prevención de crimen y problemas de violación de código en el area.

Los miembros que hán pagado para formar parte de la asociación NACA tendrán la oportunidad de votar por agentes que representaran la comunidad. La lista de agentes por los que puede votar nuevamente incluye a: Eleanor Langsdorf, Presidente; Ann Teich, Vice Presidente; Matt Myers, Secretario; Brian LaCour, Tesorero. Otros candidatos pueden ser nominados si han pagado sus deudas de el año 2012 ( El pago debe ser recibido 30 días antes de la reunión).

Mary Rudig, presidente de la Coalición de Vecindarios de el Norte de Austin, nos pondrá a el día con el ezfuerzo que las oficinas de la Fiscalía de el Distrito de el Condado de Travis hán puesto, por luchar contra el crimen que ocurre en el Norte de Austin

La Reunión será el 19 de Enero a las 7:00 pm en la biblioteca Little Walnut Creek, localizada en 835 W. Rundberg.

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## Unase a NACA Para Mantener Nuestro Vecindario Seguro y Limpio

*De Ann Teich*

Los invitamos a formar parte de la asociación Cívica de el Norte de Austin (NACA) ([www.naca-austin.org](http://www.naca-austin.org)).

Ayúdenos a mantener la comunidad de NACA segura y limpia, al hacer los siguientes: Haz los "Cinco" pasos y manténgase A.L.E.R.T.

"Cinco" Conozca a sus vecinos de ambos lados de su casa y las 3 primeras casas de el frente de su casa.

Alerta – Sepa quienes son sus vecinos, los hijos de sus vecinos y los carros que poseen.

Luces – Mantenga su casa iluminada. Instale luces que

detecten movimiento o luces de noche en areas donde la gente camine.

Emergencia – Esté listo para una crisis y tenga siempre los teléfonos de sus vecinos a la mano. Haga de su casa el lugar donde los hijos de sus vecinos puedan ir por ayuda. Esté listo para decirle a los bomberos cuantos animales e hijos deben salvar en caso de un incendio.

Responsable – Llame al 311 y 911 cuando véa algún problema. Pregunte por un número de incidente y repórtelo a NACA para archivar cualquier incidente.

Limpio – Mantenga las calles, casa y jardín limpios (incluyendo el area de las aceras, si hay alguna en su propiedad). Corte sus arbustos y árboles para que sus puertas y ventanas puedan ser vistas. Mantenga su estacionamiento y balcón libre de objetos. Reporte Graffittis y recoja la basura de su calle. Ayude a los vecinos que puedan necesitar ayuda en su casas, jardines o calles.

311 – Llame al número de ejecución de código para reportar problemas, y esté preparado para reportar la dirección o nombre de la calle:

Reporte Graffiti (pregunte por la opción de Disminución de Graffittis), Estructuras peligrosas, Viviendas en condiciones deficientes, Césped alto en los jardines (de más de 12 pulgadas de alto), Bote de basura ilegal, Musica alta, Acumulación de basura o debris. Parqueo inapropiado de botes y RV's, Negocios ilegales en la casa, Señales en la vía que obstruyan la vista, Ramas de arbustos en la calle, Agua estancada, Botes de basura en las aceras que no hán sido recojidas, Negocios de orientación adulta en lugares inapropiados.

911 – Llame en caso de emergencia y esté preparado para dar la dirección o nombre de la calle y descripción de la persona o vehículo

Emergencias: Vehículos desconocidos o sospechosos circulando por el vecindario, Personas desconocidas o sospechosas circulando por el vecindario, Accidentes o enfermedades que pongan la vida en juego, Robos en progreso, Graffiti en progreso, Amenazas físicas o verbales de cualquier individuo, Individuos con armas, Lineas Eléctricas que estén a baja altura, Violencia doméstica, Fuga de gases naturales.

# Clear Your Clutter Day

By Linda Moore


The National Association of Professional Organizers is sponsoring Clear Your Clutter Day on Jan. 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot at Bethany United Methodist Church, 10010 Anderson Mill Rd.

The public can bring one car-load of items to be shredded, free of charge, on Clear Your Clutter Day, so it is an opportunity to get rid of your old medical records, bank statements, and income tax forms in a way that prevents identity theft.

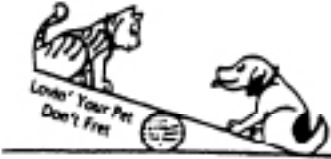
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## The Palms on Lamar

By Eleanor Langsdorf

What was once a run-down, undesirable place to live known as the Malibu Apartments has been transformed over the past 18 months into a sparkling clean, up-dated place now known as The Palms on Lamar. The Mulholland Group (TMG) purchased the complex and used various tax credits, state and city funds and private loans to replace plumbing, appliances, windows and doors and to update all the 400 or so units. Now the efficiency, one and two bedroom units, ranging in size from 350 to 750 square feet, are desirable places to live. Because of the tax credits, many of the units are available to singles and families earning much less than median family income.

During the renovation 40 of the units were made ADA compliant. All of the buildings were painted, inside and out, parking lots were repaved, the pool was updated, the club house enlarged. Courtyards were renovated, grounds cleaned up, new trees planted, a playscape and soccer field added. Residents have access to a fitness center, a residents' lounge, computers, clothes care centers (aka laundromats) and there is Wi-Fi service everywhere in the complex. The entrance on Lamar has been improved with palm trees planted and a sign over the road installed.

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## Kudos to NACA Landlord Steven Tong

By Ann Teich

Steven Tong, one of NACA's landlords (37 properties in our area) has gone the extra mile to make sure that his properties are safe and clean. In a recent tour of his houses, duplexes, four-plexes and eight-plexes, NACA board members Susie Milam and Ann Teich were impressed with his efforts to keep his buildings, and the areas around them, clean and in good repair. Mr. Tong has also pledged to educate his tenants about their responsibility to handle their trash and recycling in an appropriate manner and to maintain the properties. He has promised to be in communication with NACA about any issues that might arise. Mr. Tong owns properties on Bird Creek, Fieldwood, Newmont Rd., Windy Trail, Windy Trail Circle, Daryl Cove, Grouse Meadow, Colony Creek, Galewood, Rutland, N. Meadows, and Lanshire. NACA says thank you to Mr. Tong for being a responsible landlord!

## Holiday Sale Results

By Linda Moore

NACA members had a good fund-raising sale, in spite of the rain, and made \$457 on the sale and quilt raffle.

Those who worked at the sale include Bob Baker, Evelyn Monnich, Ann Teich, Eleanor Langsdorf, Liz Posey, Joyce Hart, Fran Milligan and Linda Moore. Brian and Gina Almon loaned their canopy for the event to keep the rain off of merchandise. Winner of the king-size quilt was Melissa Towb. Speedy Gonzalez bought the most quilt tickets, so thanks to all for supporting NACA.



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# Nancy Lehmann-Carsow: 40 Years at Lanier

By Linda Moore

Nancy Lehmann-Carsow did her student teaching at Lanier in 1970 and was hired full time in the fall of 1971 to teach geography. "When I started," she said, "they were paving Peyton Gin Rd. It was a yuppy neighborhood and there were only about a dozen minorities."



She stayed on and has seen many changes at Lanier, including what happened after the Yogurt Shop Murders 20 years ago. Because three of the girls attended Lanier, she says, "We lost our soul," when they were killed and gangs moved in.

In 1992, Dr. Ruth Kane came to Lanier as principal and she "whipped us into shape" according to Nancy, and Lanier became a Blue Ribbon school. Later, the yuppies left and their properties became rentals and the neighborhood began to decline.

Nancy likes the new Lanier (which has students from 30 countries) because she says the immigrants are looking for opportunities to excel and are very appreciative of anything that is done for them. In recent years, Nancy's main job has been raising scholarship money and finding resources for students. She calls it begging, but she is good at the fund-raising aspect of her job. In 2000, she began training teachers and tried to retire in 2001 and 2008, but due to attractive options, she has stayed on. She likes to travel and has been to Africa and many countries and says it helps to teach if you've been to the places you are reading about.

Lanier Principal Katherine Ryan says, "Nancy has been here a long time and has seen many changes at Lanier. She is my go-to person, whenever I have a question and has been a true Viking."

After she retires in January, Nancy plans to volunteer with the Red Cross and help the Northwest Austin Caregivers. She and her husband, Ben, are active in Austin Rotary Club. And what do you bet she'll be a volunteer at Lanier High School?



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**AREA 2:** Hunters Trace (40/Payton Gin/Rndbrg), Rundberg Ln. (12/W of Parkfld), Rutland Dr. (60/W of Parkfld), Tronewood (5)

**AREA 3:** Grouse Meadow + 1201-1205 Rutland (48), 1103-1127 Rundberg + 9302 Collinfield (28)

**AREA 4A:** no walker needed

**AREA 4B:** Lambert Cir. (31), Golden Meadow + Little Pebble (48/N of Mearns Meadow), Kramer Ln. (4/W of Prkfld)

**AREA 5:** Barnhill + 1442-1469 S. Meadows (40), Bird Creek (66), Fieldwood (78), N. Meadows Dr. (153), Quail Blvd. (6)



*Newsletter Walkers distribution areas.*

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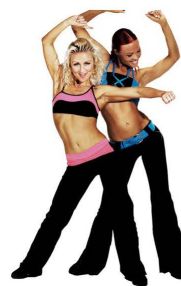
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