



Wedgwood East  
Neighborhood Association

## Wedgwood East Neighborhood Association General Meeting

Thursday, July 14th, 2022

6:30 PM

Present: Amanda Pittman (President), Darren Kiefer (Treasurer), Danielle Vieck (Recording Secretary), Betty Spitzberg (Corresponding Secretary)

Absent: Mark Greene (Vice President)

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**Yard of the Month:** July Yard of the Month was awarded to John and Brenda David of 3713 SW Loop 820.

**Security Cameras:** At the last meeting Fort Worth police discussed the option of installing security cameras in busy areas. These cameras are funded by neighborhood residents and cost approximately \$2500-3000. Upon further discussion with the FWPD, we have been informed that the cameras are most effective in neighborhoods where there are only one or two main roadways into the neighborhood. There are also limitations in terms of the crimes that these cameras can capture. It has been suggested that personal surveillance cameras would be most effective at catching and preventing crime in Wedgwood, particularly if we can get at least 60% of residents to install them. Amazon and Walmart have many affordable options for cameras with some being as low as \$30.

**Get to know your neighbor:** In an effort to make Wedgwood safer, we encourage residents to get the contact information of surrounding neighbors. If you see suspicious behavior happening around a house, it is helpful to be able to inform your neighbor immediately. If everyone gathers five new contacts, we will have a much better network of neighbors who can lookout for each other.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Wedgwood Historical Association Jello mold Contest-** WHA is holding an online Jello mold contest through July 18th. Voting will run through July 17th. You can find the Facebook Event here: <https://fb.me/e/5BnPLu3pb>



**Community Cookout-** The Southwest Community Center is hosting a community cookout on Saturday, July 16th from 12:00-2:00PM. The cost will be \$2 per person or a donation of 2 canned goods per person.

**Tiki Night-** The Wedgwood Historical Association will be hosting a Tiki Night at Yupp's Karaoke bar (4111 Wedgway Dr.) on Friday, July 22nd from 7:00-9:00 PM.

**Bingo Night-** The next Bingo night will be Thursday, July 28th from 6:30-7:30 PM. This month will be family friendly bingo. Bingo night is an ongoing event happening the last Thursday of every month with each month alternating between adults only and family friendly bingo. The cost for participation is \$5/person for Non-WENA members, and \$3/person for WENA members. Feel free to bring your friends with you because this event is open to the public.

**Ukulele players-** Jim Hannon is hosting free jam sessions for ukulele players the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month at 11 AM at the Southwest Community Center. Contact Jim with any questions at (817) 832-6270.

**Back to school night-** The Southwest Community Center is hosting a back to school bash on August 5th from 3:00-6:00 PM. They will be giving away free backpacks, hamburgers, hotdogs, drinks and more while supplies last.

**Krauss-Baker clean up-** Wedgwood Garden Club is holding their next trash clean up at Krauss-Baker park on August 6th from 8:00-10:00 AM. Participants will meet near the playground.

**Friends of Vega Place Food Bank-** Food donations from the Tarrant Area Food Bank will be distributed to residents of Vega Place Senior Apartments on Wednesday, August 10th from 10:30AM-12:30PM. This event is ongoing with food distributions happening the second Wednesday of every month.

**Progressive Dinner-** The planning stages have begun for the return of the Progressive Dinner. Volunteers are needed to host and plan this event, and attendees will be needed as well. If you are interested in helping please email [communications@wedgwoodeast.org](mailto:communications@wedgwoodeast.org)



**State Representative Nicole Collier:** Rep. Nicole Collier came to introduce herself to residents. Rep. Collier of District 95 is the chair of the Criminal Jurisprudence committee and sits on the Public Health committee. She discussed her work passing legislation and setting budgets. Rep. Collier talked about a few bills that have recently been passed including SB2 and SB3 on ERCOT Reform, SB 827 which is a bill that

caps the cost of insulin, SB 6 which limits the liability of first responders during a declared disaster such as a pandemic, HB 1382 which addresses certain issues with voting by mail, and SB 5 which prohibits unlawful restraint of a dog.

**Officer Lopez:**

**Crime-** Officer Lopez reports that catalytic converter theft is still a problem, and it is happening at all times of day. There have also been issues with burglary of vehicles in the area and she suggests always removing guns and valuables from your car and locking your doors to deter criminals.

**Skywatch-** Two new skywatch stations are planned to be set up soon. One skywatch will be stationed at McCart and Westcreek and the other will be set up at a later date at Woodway and Altamesa.

**Shooting-** All suspected have been arrested after the recent shooting at the apartments on Horton. None of the suspects lived within the neighborhood.

**Fort Worth Safe Initiative-** Officer Lopez reports that the Fort Worth safe violent crime initiative has resulted in 480 felony arrests, 279 misdemeanor arrests, 234 guns seized, and 752 warrants cleared throughout the city of Fort Worth.

**Questions:**

**Will there be a new WENA website?**

Yes, a new website is in the works and is almost ready to go live. We are waiting on the membership plugin so that residents can sign up and renew membership on the website. We hope to have the new website up and running in about a month.



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### **What is the digging going on in the neighborhood?**

Atmos will be installing new gas lines along Woodway and in a few other areas in the neighborhood. More information and a map of these areas can be found on the Atmos website.

**Meeting Ended 7:22 PM**

**Submitted by:**

**Danielle Vieck**

**Recording Secretary**

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