
MEETING NOTICE

The City Council of the City of Woodcreek, Texas will conduct a Special Meeting at City Hall, located at 41 Champions Circle, Woodcreek, TX. The meeting will be held on July 14, 2022 at 4:30 PM. All attendees are encouraged to wear face coverings when a minimum of six-foot social distancing cannot be maintained.

Note: Smoking is not allowed anywhere on the property of City Hall.

*The public may watch this meeting live at the following link:
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A recording of the meeting will be made and will be available to the public in accordance with the Texas Public Information Act upon written request. This notice, as amended, is posted pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act Vernon's Texas Codes Ann. Gov. Code Chapter 551).

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT of SILENCE

PLEDGES

EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP

ROLL CALL and ESTABLISH QUORUM

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any citizen shall have a reasonable opportunity to be heard at any and all meetings of the City Council in regard to: (1) any and all matters to be considered at any such meeting, or (2) any matter a citizen may wish to bring to the Council's attention. No member of the Governing Body may discuss or comment on any citizen public comment, except to make: (1) a statement of specific factual information given in response to the inquiry, or (2) a recitation of existing policy in response to the inquiry. Any deliberation of or decision about the subject of the inquiry shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a subsequent meeting per Texas Local Government code Sec. 551.042.

Citizen comments will be allowed at the beginning of every meeting, or alternatively, before an item on the agenda on which the citizen wishes to speak is to be considered. All citizens will be allowed to comment for three (3) minutes per person and shall be allowed more time at the Mayor's discretion. In addition, citizens may pool their allotted speaking time. To pool time, a speaker must present the names of three (3) individuals present in the audience who wish to yield their three minutes. Citizens may present materials regarding any agenda item to the City Secretary at or before a meeting, citizens attending any meeting are requested to complete a form providing their name, address, and agenda item/concern, but are not required to do so before speaking and presenting it to the City Secretary prior to the beginning of such meeting. Comments may only be disallowed and/or limited as per Government Code § 551.007(e).

Submit written comments by email to woodcreek@woodcreektx.gov by noon on the day prior to the meeting. Please include your full name, home or work address, and agenda item number. Written comments will be part of the official written record only. A recording of the meeting will be made and will be available to the public in accordance with the Texas Public Information Act upon written request

AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

All of the following items are considered to be self-explanatory by the City Council and may be acted upon with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member or Citizen so requests. For a Citizen to request the removal of an item from the Consent Agenda, a written request must be completed and submitted to the City Manager.

- [1.](#) Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes from May 25, 2022
- [2.](#) Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes from June 8, 2022
- [3.](#) Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes from June 16, 2022

REGULAR AGENDA

- [4.](#) Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on Finding Solutions for the Oak Wilt in Woodcreek (Grummert)
- [5.](#) Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on the Resignation of City Councilmember Judy Brizendine and Nomination of a Replacement for the Term Ending Nov. 2022 (Rasco)
- [6.](#) Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on Adding Two (2) Alternate Positions to the Parks & Recreation Board of the Woodcreek City Council, Amending § 157.002 - PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD CREATED; DUTIES; PLAN (Rasco)
- [7.](#) Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on Naming Woodcreek Citizens to the Ordinance Review Committee (Rasco)
- [8.](#) Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on Naming Woodcreek Citizens to the Platinum Roads Panel. (Rasco)
- [9.](#) Report to Council on Recommendations from the Platinum Roads Panel (LeBrun)
- [10.](#) Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on Recommendations from the Parks and Recreation Board Meeting of June 1, 2022 including: i) the recommendation of the name "Creekside Park" for the Property on Brookhollow Dr. (R49178), ii) City-Wide Spooktacular Event to be held on Sun. Oct. 30 from 4:30PM - 7PM at Quicksand Golf Course, iii) request for spending \$1,000 of the budget for the Spooktacular Event (Grummert)
- [11.](#) Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on the Parks and Recreation Board LCRA Grant Proposal Recommendation for the Repair and Maintenance of Memorial Park and/or Making Augusta Park Bocci Ball Court ADA Accessible (Grummert)
- [12.](#) Discuss and Take Appropriate Action to Request the Parks and Recreation Board Consider Creating Certified Wildlife Habitats with the National Wildlife Federation in City Owned Parks (Grummert)
- [13.](#) Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding the Current City Resolution 2021-12-22-1 Setting the TIME and PLACE for Regular Council Meetings (Pulley)
- [14.](#) Report and Discussion Regarding Traffic Enforcement Activities (Pulley)
- [15.](#) Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on the Woodcreek City Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23 and Setting the Date for the First Budget Workshop (Rasco)

16. Executive Session Pursuant to § 551.072 Deliberation Regarding Real Property (Rasco)

ADJOURN

Executive Sessions held during this meeting will generally take place in the City Manager's office, at the discretion of the City Council.

The City Council may retire to Executive Session at any time between the meeting's opening and its adjournment for the purpose of consultation with legal counsel pursuant to Chapter 551.071 of the Texas Government Code; discussion of personnel matters pursuant to Chapter 551.074 of the Texas Government Code; deliberation regarding real property pursuant to Chapter 551.072 of the Texas Government Code; deliberation regarding economic development negotiations pursuant to Chapter 551.087 of the Texas Government Code; and/or deliberation regarding the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel or devices pursuant to Chapter 551.076 of the Texas Government Code. Action, if any, will be taken in Open Session.

This agenda has been reviewed and approved by the City's legal counsel and the presence of any subject in any Executive Session portion of the agenda constitutes a written interpretation of Texas Government Code Chapter 551 by legal counsel for the governmental body and constitutes an opinion by the attorney that the items discussed therein may be legally discussed in the closed portion of the meeting considering available opinions of a court of record and opinions of the Texas Attorney General known to the attorney. This provision has been added to this agenda with the intent to meet all elements necessary to satisfy Texas Government Code Chapter 551.144(c) and the meeting is conducted by all participants in reliance on this opinion.

Attendance by Other Elected or Appointed Officials:

It is anticipated that members of other city board, commissions and/or committees may attend the meeting in numbers that may constitute a quorum of the other city boards, commissions and/or committees. Notice is hereby given that the meeting, to the extent required by law, is also noticed as a meeting of the other boards, commissions and/or committees of the City, whose members may be in attendance. The members of the boards, commissions and/or committees may participate in discussions on the same items listed on the agenda, which occur at the meeting, but no action will be taken by such in attendance unless such item and action is specifically provided for on an agenda for that board, commission or committee subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act.

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Pursuant to Section 30.07, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with an openly carried handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a handgun that is carried openly.

I certify that the above notice was posted on the **11th day of July 2022 at 4:00 PM.**

By: 

Suzanne J. MacKenzie, City Secretary

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 25, 2022; 5:00 PM
Woodcreek, Texas

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rasco called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGES

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISH QUORUM

PRESENT

Mayor Jeff Rasco
 Mayor Pro Tem Aurora F. LeBrun
 Councilmember Judy Brizendine
 Councilmember Chrys Grummert
 Councilmember Debra Hines
 Councilmember Brent H. Pulley

STAFF PRESENT

City Manager Brenton B. Lewis
 City Secretary Suzanne Mac Kenzie
 Administrative Assistant Maureen Mele
 City Attorney Bud Wymore

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Rasco read a written public comment submitted by Lou Joseph.

CONSENT AGENDA

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1. Approval of Financial Reports for April 2022

A motion was made by Councilmember Grummert for the Financial Reports for April 2022 to be removed from the consent agenda and placed on the regular agenda. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem LeBrun.

A roll call vote was held.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Pulley, Councilmember Hines, Councilmember Grummert, Councilmember Brizendine, Mayor Pro Tem LeBrun

The motion carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

REGULAR AGENDA

Agenda item 1 was discussed.

It was agreed that City Attorney Wymore would itemize his invoices to the city by the member of the elected body.

After discussion, Councilmember Grummert made a motion to accept the Financial Reports for April 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hines.

A roll call vote was held.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Grummert, Councilmember Brizendine, Mayor Pro Tem LeBrun, Councilmember Pulley, Councilmember Hines

The motion carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

2. Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on Approving the "Road Updates and Funding Survey" Results and Consider Next Steps to be Taken by the City of Woodcreek City Council Regarding Road Updates and Funding with Possible Action on Any Motions that Result from Discussion (Hines)

Councilmember Hines made a motion to move as stated and written. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Grummert.

Councilmember Hines reviewed the results of the survey and the survey respondents IP addresses along with the survey's margin of error.

After discussion, Councilmember Hines clarified the motion to approve and accept the survey results and the City Council will send the results to the Platinum Roads Panel. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Grummert.

A roll call vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Brizendine, Mayor Pro Tem LeBrun, Councilmember Pulley, Councilmember Hines, Councilmember Grummert

The motion carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

An amendment to the motion was made by Councilmember Hines to request that the Platinum Roads Panel provide the City Council with their timeline and next steps. The amendment was seconded by Councilmember Grummert.

A roll call vote was held.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem LeBrun, Councilmember Pulley, Councilmember Hines, Councilmember Grummert, Councilmember Brizendine

The motion carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

3. Discuss and Take Appropriate Action to Direct City Staff to Review Projects to be Covered by the American Rescue Act of 2021 Funds Received by the City of Woodcreek for the Purpose of Managing and Treating Stormwater or Subsurface Drainage Water, Facilitating Water Reuse, and Securing Publicly Owned Treatment Works (LeBrun)

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem LeBrun for the Council to recommend to the Platinum Roads Panel to work with City Staff to provide an assessment and recommendations for the two most important areas: 1) Drainage Area between 3 & 7 Westwood, 4 Westwood & 7 Brookhollow to Brookhollow, and 2) Jack Miller.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Grummert.

An executive session began at 5:58 PM with City Attorney Bud Wymore. The executive session ended and the meeting reconvened at 6:12 PM.

A roll call vote was held.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Hines, Councilmember Grummert, Councilmember Brizendine, Mayor Pro Tem LeBrun, Councilmember Pulley

The motion carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

4. Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on Requesting the Appropriate Board or City Staff to Apply to the United States Department of Transportation for Possible Additional Funding for Connectivity Within Woodcreek (Grummert)

Councilmember Grummert made a motion to move as written. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Pulley.

After discussion, the motion was clarified for the Platinum Roads Panel to work with City Staff to apply for appropriate grants.

A roll call vote was taken.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem LeBrun, Councilmember Brizendine, Councilmember Grummert, Councilmember Pulley, Councilmember Hines

The motion carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

5. Discuss and take appropriate action for the Parks and Recreation Board to consider application for a grant to the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) Community Development Partnership Program to enhance and possibly expand green space and park opportunities (LeBrun)

Mayor Pro Tem LeBrun made a motion that the Parks and Recreation Board work with their Council Liaison to submit a grant application to the Council for a LCRA grant by July 13th so the Council can vote on the application. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Pulley.

After discussion, a roll call vote was held.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Brizendine, Councilmember Grummert, Councilmember Hines, Councilmember Pulley, Mayor Pro Tem LeBrun

The motion carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

6. Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on Adding, Removing or Changing Traffic Signs of the City of Woodcreek, Texas (Grummert)

Councilmember Grummert made a motion to move as written for discussion purposes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Pulley.

After discussion, Councilmember Hines made a motion to send a condensed packet prepared by Councilmember Grummert to the Platinum Roads Panel to consider additional signage for pedestrian safety and improving entrances with an effort to decrease speed.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Pulley.

An amendment was made by Councilmember Hines for the Platinum Roads Panel to report back to the City Council. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Grummert.

A roll call vote was held on the amendment.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Brizendine, Councilmember Grummert, Councilmember Hines, Councilmember Pulley, Mayor Pro Tem LeBrun

The amendment carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

A roll call vote was held on the main motion.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Hines, Councilmember Pulley, Mayor Pro Tem LeBrun, Councilmember Brizendine, Councilmember Grummert

The motion carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

7. Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on an Ordinance to Update and Change Title IX General Regulations, Chapter 91 Trees (Hines)

A public comment was offered by citizen Suzanne Mac Kenzie.

Councilmember Hines made a motion to move as written for discussion purposes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Grummert.

At discussion, several edits on the proposed ordinance were recommended.

A motion was made by Councilmember Hines to send the ordinance to the Tree Board with the suggested edits. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Grummert.

A roll call vote was held.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Pulley, Councilmember Hines, Councilmember Grummert, Councilmember Brizendine, Mayor Pro Tem LeBrun

The motion carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

8. Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on an Ordinance Amending Title IX "General Regulations," Adding Chapter 98 "Street Trees, Right-of-Way Public Greenspaces, and City Parks" to the City of Woodcreek Code of Ordinances (Hines)

Councilmember Hines made a motion to move as written and stated. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Grummert.

After discussion, a roll call vote was held.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Grummert, Councilmember Brizendine, Mayor Pro Tem LeBrun, Councilmember Hines, Councilmember Pulley

The motion carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

A meeting recess commenced at 7:43 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 7:50 PM.

9. Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on Requesting the Tree Board to Create a Tree Inventory of Trees Located on City Owned Properties, such as City Parks, and Present Findings to the City Council (Grummert)

Councilmember Grummert made a motion to move as written. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem LeBrun.

After discussion, a roll call vote was held.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem LeBrun, Councilmember Brizendine, Councilmember Grummert, Councilmember Hines, Councilmember Pulley

The motion carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

10. Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on a Resolution of the City of Woodcreek, Texas Updating the City's Procurement Policy (Hines)

Councilmember Hines made a motion to move as written and stated. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Grummert.

After discussion, an amendment was made to edit the document to remove the second sentence in "II. D. Purchase of Goods" that begins with "Authorized employees ..." and to add to "II. C. a. Daily Operations and Regular Maintenance" the words "emergency services." Minor edits such as renumbering were included.

A roll call vote on the amendment was held.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Pulley, Councilmember Hines, Councilmember Grummert, Councilmember Brizendine, Mayor Pro Tem LeBrun

The amendment carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

A roll call vote on the main motion with amendments was held.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Hines, Councilmember Grummert, Councilmember Brizendine, Mayor Pro Tem LeBrun, Councilmember Pulley

The motion carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

11. Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on a Resolution of the City of Woodcreek, Texas Update the City's Fund Balance Policy (Hines)

Councilmember Hines made a motion to move as written and stated. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Pulley.

After discussion, an amendment to the motion was made by Councilmember Hines to replace the word "reserves" under "General Financial Goals: 1. General Fund:" with the word "funds" and to revise the last sentence under "COMPREHENSIVE FUND BALANCE POLICIES 4) Policy on Acceptable Minimal Level of Fund Balance" to reflect that the reserves not fall below \$500,000.

A roll call vote was held on the amendment.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem LeBrun, Councilmember Grummert, Councilmember Hines, Councilmember Brizendine, Councilmember Pulley

The amendment carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

A roll call vote on the main motion was held.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Pulley, Councilmember Hines, Councilmember Grummert, Councilmember Brizendine, Mayor Pro Tem LeBrun

The main motion carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

12. Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on Establishing a 65 Years or Older or Disabled Tax Exemption for the City of Woodcreek, Texas (Grummert)

Councilmember Grummert made a motion to move as written. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hines.

At discussion, an amendment was made by Councilmember Hines to have City Staff request from Jenifer O'Kane, the Hays County Tax Assessor-Collector to prepare an impact statement of the overall revenue effect of a \$20,000 tax exemption for homeowners over 65 and disabled persons. The amendment was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem LeBrun.

A roll call vote on the amendment was held.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Hines, Councilmember Grummert, Mayor Pro Tem LeBrun, Councilmember Pulley

Voting Nay: Councilmember Brizendine

The amendment carried with a 4-1-0 vote.

A roll call vote on the main motion was held.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Brizendine, Councilmember Grummert, Councilmember Hines, Councilmember Pulley, Mayor Pro Tem LeBrun

The motion carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

13. Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on Directing Staff to Prepare and Send a Roads and Financing Packet to the Platinum Panel (Hines)

Councilmember Hines requested that this agenda item be removed.

14. Discussion and Take Possible Action on Nominations to City Boards, Commissions, and/or Committees (Rasco)

Mayor Rasco nominated Woodcreek resident Dorothy Tasian to the Tree Board.

Councilmember Hines made a motion that Dorothy Tasian be appointed to the Tree Board. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Grummert.

A roll call vote was held.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Pulley, Councilmember Hines, Councilmember Grummert, Councilmember Brizendine, Mayor Pro Tem LeBrun

The motion carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Mayor Rasco nominated Woodcreek resident Nan Simpson as an Alternate Member of the Tree Board.

Councilmember Pulley made a motion that Nan Simpson be appointed to the Tree Board as an Alternate Member. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Grummert.

A roll call vote was held.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Grummert, Mayor Pro Tem LeBrun, Councilmember Pulley, Councilmember Hines

Voting Nay: Councilmember Brizendine

The motion carried with a 4-1-0 vote.

ADJOURN

Mayor Rasco adjourned the meeting at 9:09 PM.

Jeff Rasco, Mayor

Suzanne Mac Kenzie, City Secretary

CITY COUNCIL MEETING (CYJ)
June 08, 2022; 6:30 PM
Woodcreek, Texas

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rasco called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGES

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISH QUORUM

PRESENT

Mayor Jeff Rasco
 Mayor Pro Tem Aurora F. LeBrun
 Councilmember Judy Brizendine
 Councilmember Brent H. Pulley

ABSENT

Councilmember Chrys Grummert
 Councilmember Debra Hines

STAFF PRESENT

City Manager Brenton Lewis
 City Secretary Suzanne Mac Kenzie
 Administrative Assistant Maureen Mele
 City Attorney Bud Wymore

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comments were made.

Proclamation Declaring June 14, 2022 as Mary Alice Bauer Day in the City of Woodcreek

1. **Proclamation To Honor Mary Alice Bauer on her 100th Birthday and to Declare June 14th, 2022 as Mary Alice Bauer Day in the City of Woodcreek**

Proclamation was read aloud to the audience by Mayor Jeff Rasco.

2. **Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes from May 11, 2022**

A motion was made by Councilmember Pulley to accept the City Council Meeting Minutes from May 11, 2022. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem LeBrun.

A roll call vote was held.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem LeBrun, Councilmember Brizendine, Councilmember Pulley

The motion carried with a 3-0-0 vote.

REGULAR AGENDA

3. **Discussion, Consideration, and Take Appropriate Action on the Receipt and Acceptance of the Audited Basic Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedules and Independent Auditors Report by ABIP, PC for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2021 (Rasco)**

The Auditors Report by ABIP, PC for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2021 were read by Andre Ayala from ABIP. A motion was made by Councilmember Pulley to accept the Auditors Report from ABIP, PC. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem LeBrun with the note that the auditors will correct the header in the document to read Woodcreek instead of Fair Oaks Ranch on pages 32-39.

After discussion, a roll call vote was held.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Brizendine, Councilmember Pulley, Mayor Pro Tem LeBrun,

Motion Passed 3-0-0.

Agenda Item Number 15 was moved to this point in the meeting.

The Executive Session commenced at 6:52PM. The City Council Meeting reconvened at 7:22PM.

4. **Discuss and Take Appropriate Action to Request the Woodcreek Tree Board to Research, Create a Application Package and Apply for the Texas Parks and Wildlife CO-OP Grant (Grummert)**

A motion was made by Councilmember Pulley to accept the motion as written. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem LeBrun.

A roll call vote was held.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Pulley, Mayor Pro Tem LeBrun, Councilmember Brizendine

Motion Passed 3-0-0.

5. **Discuss and Take Appropriate Action to Request the Woodcreek Parks Board to Research, Create an Application Packet and Make Recommendation to Council for Applying for Texas Parks and Wildlife Grants (Grummert)**

A motion was made by Councilmember Pulley to accept the motion. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem LeBrun.

After discussion, a roll call vote was held.

Voting Nay: Mayor Pro Tem LeBrun, Councilmember Brizendine

Voting Abstaining: Councilmember Pulley

Motion Failed: 0-2-1

6. **Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on Referring to the Woodcreek Platinum Roads Panel the Texas Parks and Wildlife Recreational Grant to Research, Create an Application Packet and Make Recommendation back to Council on Applying for the Grant (Grummert)**

A motion was made by Councilmember Pulley to move as written. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem LeBrun.

After discussion, a roll call vote was held.

Voting Nay: Mayor Pro Tem LeBrun, Councilmember Brizendine

Voting Abstaining: Councilmember Pulley

Motion Failed: 0-2-1.

7. Discuss and Take Appropriate Action of the City of Woodcreek Establishing an Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for Those 65 or Older or Disabled (Grummert)

Councilmember Brizendine made a motion to table this agenda item until the next City Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem LeBrun.

After discussion, a roll call vote was held.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem LeBrun, Councilmember Brizendine

Voting Nay: Councilmember Pulley

Motion Passed: 2-1-0.

8. Discuss and Take Appropriate Action to Request the Woodcreek Parks and Recreation Board Consider Creating Certified Wildlife Habitats with the National Wildlife Federation in City Owned Parks (Grummert)

Councilmember Pulley made a motion to table this agenda item until the next City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brizendine.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem LeBrun, Councilmember Brizendine, Councilmember Pulley

Motion Passed: 3-0-0.

9. Report and Discussion regarding status and activities of the Tree Board (Pulley)

Councilmember Pulley reported that the regular meeting for the Tree Board is scheduled for June 14, 2022 at 2:30PM. They will review the Ordinance and make specific plans for the Annual Event.

10. Report and Discussion regarding status and activities of the Traffic committee (Pulley)

Councilmember Pulley reported that the Hays County Sheriff's Office is out, active and working, with guidance from Committee Members regarding patrol activities and areas of coverage needed.

11. Discussion and possible action regarding the current City Resolution setting the TIME and the PLACE for regular council meetings (Pulley)

A motion to table this agenda item was made by Councilmember Pulley. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem LeBrun.

After discussion, a roll call vote was held.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Brizendine, Councilmember Pulley, Mayor Pro Tem LeBrun

Motion Passed: 3-0-0.

12. Discuss and Take Appropriate Action to Accept the Woodcreek Park's Board Recommendation to Name the Park on Brookhollow next to Hog Creek, Creekside Park (Grummert)

A motion was made by Councilmember Brizendine to accept this recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Pulley.

After discussion, a roll call vote was held.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Pulley, Mayor Pro Tem LeBrun, Councilmember Brizendine

Motion Passed: 3-0-0.

13. Discussion on Budget Process for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (Rasco)

Mayor Jeff Rasco requested that City Councilmembers submit all budget item requests for 2022-2023 Fiscal Year as soon as possible, as July through September on the Budget Calendar are fluid on the steps for filing by the deadline of August 15th, 2022.

14. Discussion and possible action regarding the initiation of a review process and possible issuance of Requests for Qualifications for 1) City Manager Position; 2) City Attorney Position - in accordance with §30.14 of the Woodcreek City Ordnances and other applicable law (Pulley)

Councilmember Brent Pulley withdrew this item from the agenda.

15. Executive Session Pursuant to § 551.087 (*Economic Development*) of the Open Meetings Act the City Council will meet in Executive Session to Discuss Economic Development Prospects (Rasco)

This agenda item was discussed during agenda item number 3.

ADJOURN

Mayor Rasco adjourned the meeting at 8:01PM.

Jeff Rasco, Mayor

Suzanne Mac Kenzie, City Secretary

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 16, 2022; 2:00 PM
Woodcreek, Texas

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rasco called the meeting to order at 2:01 PM.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGES

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISH QUORUM

PRESENT

Mayor Jeff Rasco
 Mayor Pro Tem Aurora F. LeBrun
 Councilmember Chrys Grummert
 Councilmember Debra Hines
 Councilmember Brent H. Pulley

STAFF PRESENT

City Attorney Bud Wymore
 Administrative Assistant Maureen Mele

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A public comment was given by Shirley Miller.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on the Resignation of City Manager Brenton B. Lewis and the Posting Qualifications for the City Manager Position

A motion was made by Councilmember Hines to accept the resignation of City Manager Brenton B. Lewis and to consider posting the qualifications to seek a new city manager. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem LeBrun.

After discussion, a roll call vote was held.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem LeBrun, Councilmember Grummert, Councilmember Hines, Councilmember Pulley

The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

2. Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on a Resolution Removing Brenton B. Lewis and Adding Councilmember Brent H. Pulley as a Texas Regional Bank Signatory

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem LeBrun to approve the resolution removing Brenton Lewis as a bank signatory and adding Councilmember Pulley as a bank signatory. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Grummert.

A roll call vote was held.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Hines, Councilmember Grummert, Mayor Pro Tem LeBrun
 Voting Abstaining: Councilmember Pulley

The motion carried with a 3-0-1 vote.

3. **Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on the City of Woodcreek Establishing an Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for Those 65 and Older or Disabled (Grummert)**

A motion was made by Councilmember Grummert for the City of Woodcreek to establish an ad valorem tax exemption of \$30,000 for those 65 and older or disabled. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hines.

A roll call vote was held.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Hines, Mayor Pro Tem LeBrun, Councilmember Pulley, Councilmember Grummert

The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

ADJOURN

Mayor Rasco adjourned the meeting at 2:27 PM.

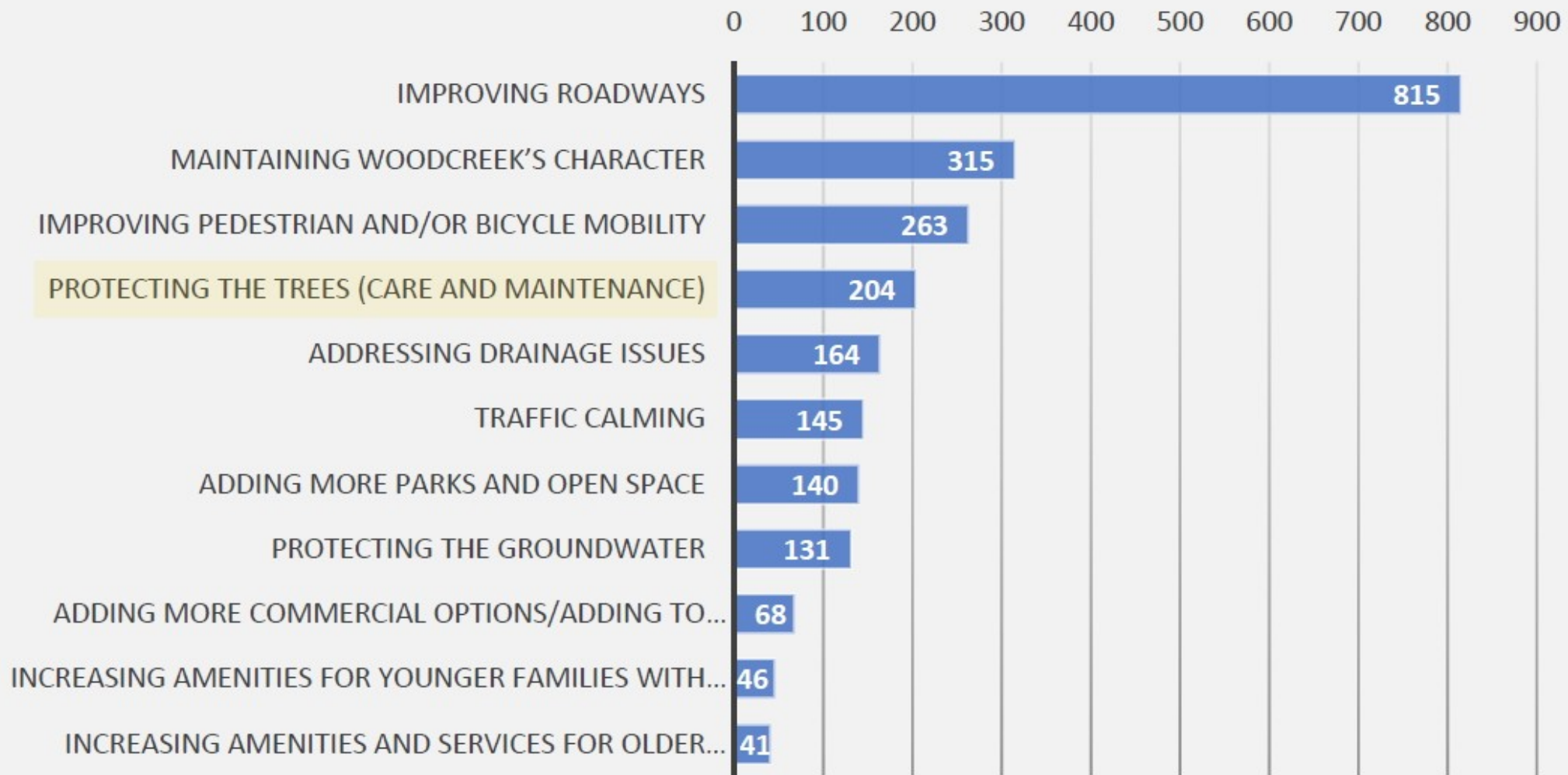
Jeff Rasco, Mayor

Suzanne Mac Kenzie, City Secretary

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What do you see as the most pressing issues facing Woodcreek in the next several years?

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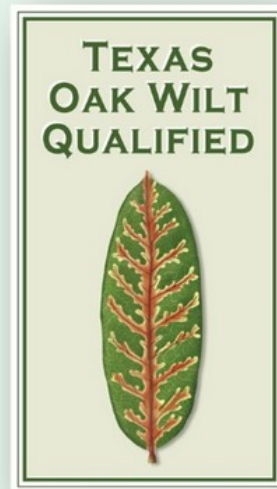


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Oak Wilt Qualified Arborists

<https://isatexas.com/for-the-public/texas-oak-wilt-qualified-arborists/>

The list below has the names of all those individuals who are ISA Certified Arborists **and** have taken the course on how to identify and manage oak wilt. The course is offered by the Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS) and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, in collaboration with the Texas Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture (ISAT).



Texas Oak Wilt Qualified (TOWQ) signifies that the individual arborist was ISA Certified when they took the course and has received special training on the identification and management of oak wilt in Texas. Qualified individuals may be associated with an Oak Wilt Vendor in which case you can click the Vendor Link below to learn more about these commercial services. (Note: All Oak Wilt Certified (TOWC) Arborist certifications expired in June 2019)

See below for Texas Oak Wilt Qualified Arborists

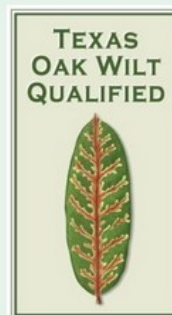
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Texas Chapter: International Society of Arboriculture

- What Is Oak Wilt?

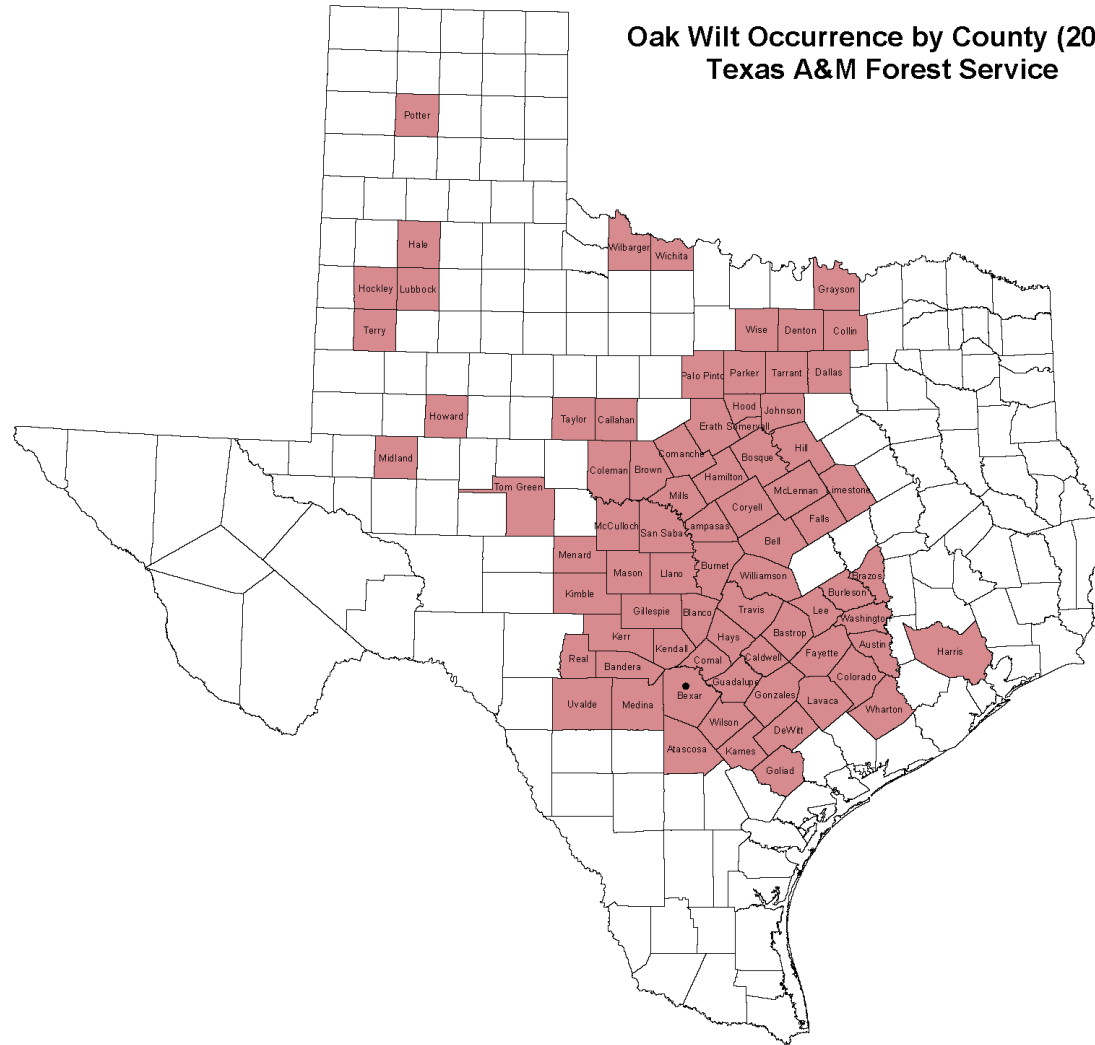
Oak wilt is one of the most destructive tree diseases in the United States. The disease has killed more than 1 million trees in 76 Central Texas counties. Oak wilt is an infectious vascular disease caused by the fungus *Bretziella fagacearum*. The fungus invades and disables the water conducting system in susceptible trees. All oaks can be infected with oak wilt, but some species of oak are more susceptible than others. Red oaks, particularly Spanish oak (*Quercus buckleyi*), are very susceptible to the fungus. White oaks, like post oak (*Q. stellata*) and bur oak (*Q. macrocarpa*), are resistant to the fungus and rarely die from the disease. Live oaks (*Q. virginiana* and *Q. fusiformis*) are intermediate in susceptibility to oak wilt. However, they are seriously impacted by the disease because of their tendency to form root sprouts that result in a vast interconnected root system allowing the disease to easily spread to adjacent trees.



- Where Is Oak Wilt a Problem?

Oak wilt has been found in over 76 counties and in almost every city in Central Texas, as well as Abilene, Midland, Lubbock, Dallas, Ft. Worth, College Station, Houston, and San Antonio. It can be a problem wherever live oaks tend to be the predominate tree. It does not matter whether they are transplanted or naturally grown. An individual tree's age, size or previous health status does not make it more or less likely to contract or die from oak wilt.

Oak Wilt Occurrence by County (2019) Texas A&M Forest Service



ALL OAKS CAN BE INFECTED BY THE FUNGUS THAT CAUSES OAK WILT!

Oak trees in central Texas are placed into one of two groups – red oaks or white oaks. Red oaks are the most susceptible to oak wilt, will typically die within two to four weeks of symptom appearance, and can play a unique role in spreading the disease. Common red oaks in central Texas include: Spanish oak (*Quercus buckleyi*), Shumard oak (*Q. shumardii*), and blackjack oak (*Q. marilandica*).

Oaks in the white oak group are the most resistant of the disease, with variations among the group depending on species. Post oak (*Q. stellata*), bur oak (*Q. marilandica*), and Mexican white oak (*Q. polymorpha*) are very resistant of the disease. These species may exhibit some canopy loss, but rarely die when infected. White shin oak (*Q. sinuata* var. *breviloba*), chinquapin oak (*Q. muehlenbergii*), and Lacey oak (*Q. laceyi*) can grow in stands with interconnected root systems, enabling the fungus to infect adjacent trees. These species are more resistant of the disease than red or live oaks and usually survive infection with moderate to severe canopy loss, but they can die in large numbers from the disease.

Live oak (*Q. fusiformis*) is a member of the white oak group and is the most common and abundant oak in central Texas. While live oaks succumb to oak wilt in the greatest numbers, they are intermediate in susceptibility to the disease with a small percentage (< 20%) surviving infection. Live oaks share a common root system. All live oaks in a stand are likely connected to each other and other live oaks as far as 200 feet away. If oak wilt infects one of the trees in the stand, the disease spreads through the common root system to adjacent trees and an oak wilt infection center begins.

- How Does Oak Wilt Spread?

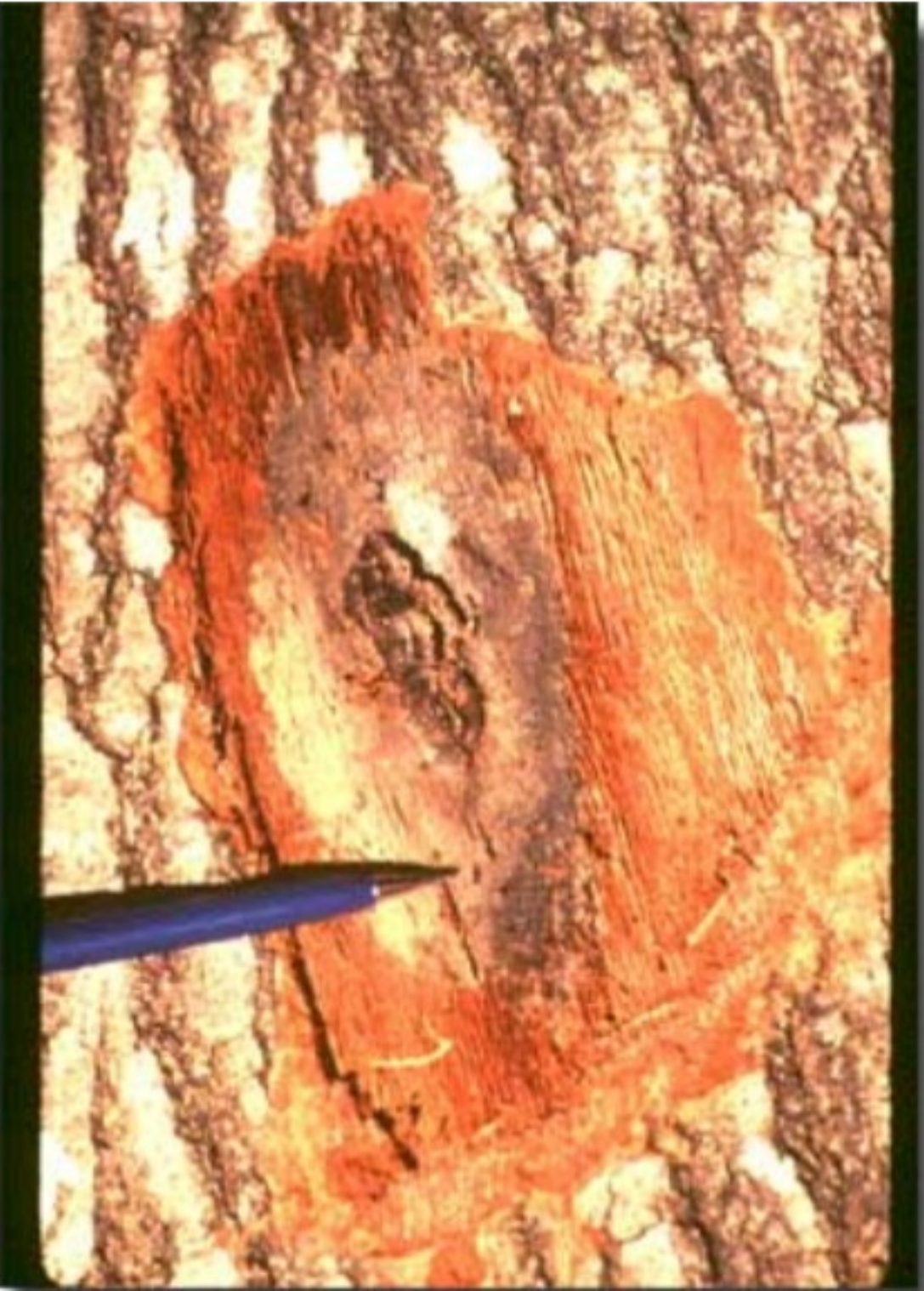
Oak wilt spreads to other oak trees in two ways – long distances with the aid of certain beetles or locally through common or grafted roots. Sap-feeding (nitidulid) beetles are believed to be responsible for much of the long distance spread of oak wilt. During the spring, the oak wilt fungus forms special spore-producing structures called fungal mats on red oaks. Nitidulid beetles are small (about 1/8-inch long) and are attracted to oak wilt fungal mats because the mats have a sweet, “fruity” smell. Mats form underneath the bark of diseased red oaks and are not known to occur on live oak trees. The fungal mats apply pressure under the bark causing a tiny crack to form.

These mats can be found on the trunk and major branches of red oaks. When a nitidulid beetle feeds on an oak wilt fungal mat, spores of the oak wilt fungus will cling to the body of the beetle. Nitidulid beetles also feed on tree sap associated with fresh wounds. If a beetle contaminated with oak wilt spores lands on a fresh wound on a healthy oak, then that tree can become infected. Tree wounds can be made by man or nature, but nitidulid beetles are attracted to both.

Once established, the fungus moves from one tree to the next through common or grafted roots.











- How Quickly Can Oak Wilt Spread?

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Because live oaks tend to grow from root spouts and can form root grafts very readily, all or most of the live oaks within a given area share a common root system. If one tree in a group of live oak trees becomes infected with oak wilt, the pathogen can spread through the common root system at an average rate of about 75 feet per year. An aerial photograph (below) shows how oak wilt has spread through live oak trees around the house on this ranch. Trees killed by oak wilt are gray. The dark green trees are juniper (cedar) and are not impacted by oak wilt.



- How Can I Tell If My Trees Have Oak Wilt?

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The most reliable characteristic for diagnosing oak wilt in the field is what is called “veinal necrosis” of the live oak leaves. Apparently veinal necrosis only occurs on live oak. Symptoms on other infected oak trees are less distinct. Laboratory culture of the fungus is another way to confirm the presence of oak wilt. Veinal necrosis is characterized by chlorotic (yellow) veins that eventually turn brown. The leaves will fall from the tree and dead leaves with brown veins can be found on the ground under the tree.

Live oak trees infected with oak wilt usually die within two to four months. Adjacent trees begin to drop their leaves and die a few months later as the disease progresses from tree to tree through the interconnected root system.

Infected red oak trees don't exhibit distinct symptoms. Leaves often turn pale green then brown and usually remain attached to the tree for a period of time. This can begin on one branch and quickly engulf the entire tree. Trees generally die within two to four weeks.



Prevention plays an important role in the management of oak wilt. Landowners and homeowners can take an active role in oak wilt prevention by taking the following steps:

1. Avoid pruning or wounding oaks between February 1 and July 1. This is the time of year when oak wilt fungal mats are most likely to form and nitidulid beetles are active. If a nitidulid beetle carries oak wilt spores from a fungal mat to a fresh wound on an uninfected oak tree, the fungus could become established in the disease-free tree. The least hazardous periods for pruning are during the coldest days of midwinter or extended periods of hot weather in mid- to late summer.
2. Sterilize/Sanitize all pruning equipment between trees using denatured methyl alcohol (shellac thinner), isopropyl alcohol, or a general purpose household disinfectant such as Lysol, Listerine, Pine-Sol or related products. Using household bleach is NOT recommended as it can be corrosive to pruning tools as well as people.
3. Immediately paint all wounds on oaks to prevent contact with contaminated beetles. Wounds should be painted, regardless of the time of year they were made, with commercial tree wound dressing or latex paint (color doesn't matter!). Wounds can be either man made or natural and include freshly-cut stumps and damaged surface roots.
4. Do not transport or buy unseasoned firewood. Fungal mats may form on unseasoned red oak firewood infected with oak wilt making it possible to spread oak wilt to uninfected areas. Seasoned firewood (dried for at least one year) should not present a threat of spreading oak wilt. Also, burning infected wood cannot transmit oak wilt.
5. Promptly remove and either burn or bury all red oaks that are dying or have been recently killed by oak wilt. Generally, this would be oak wilt-infected red oaks that die in the late summer or fall. This will prevent nitidulid beetles from spreading spores from fungal mats that may form on the trees in the fall or the following spring.

There are two main recommendations that are generally given to treat oak wilt infection areas:

1. Stopping the spread through the roots

Measures can be taken to break root connections between live oaks or dense groups of red oaks to reduce or stop root transmission of the oak wilt fungus. The most common technique is to sever roots by trenching at least 4 feet deep with trenching machines, rocksaws or ripper bars. Trenches more than 4 feet deep may be needed to assure control in deeper soils. Correct placement of the trench is critical for successful protection of uninfected trees. There is a delay between colonization of the root system by the fungus and appearance of symptoms in the crown. Therefore, all trees with symptoms should be carefully identified first. Then, the trench should be placed a minimum of 100 feet beyond these symptomatic trees, even though there may be healthy trees at high risk inside the trench. Trees within the 100 foot barrier, including those without symptoms, may be uprooted or cut down and removed to improve the barrier to root transmission. Tree removal should be initiated after trenching, starting with healthy trees adjacent to the trench and gradually working inward to include symptomatic trees.

Oak wilt centers are more easily suppressed when treated early, before they become too large. Untreated trees immediately outside the treated area should be closely monitored for several years. If the pathogen appears to have crossed the barrier, the same measures (new trenching and treatment of trees within the barrier) should be repeated while the diseased site is still small.



2. Fungicide treatment

The fungicide propiconazole (Alamo) can be used as a preventative to reduce oak wilt symptoms in live oaks when applied before infection. Limited success may also be achieved in trees with therapeutic injections during the earliest stages of infection. The fungicide is injected into the tree's water-conducting vascular system through small holes drilled into the root flare at the base of the tree. Treatment success depends on the health condition of the candidate tree, application rate, and injection technique. Injection should be done only by trained applicators.



- When Should I Prune My Oak Trees?

New oak wilt centers are started when a contaminated beetle finds a fresh wound on a healthy oak tree.

Insect populations in general increase during mild spring like weather and mild spring like weather is when fungal mats are most likely to form. So the most likely time a contaminated beetle will find your tree is when the weather is mild.

The best time to prune is when a contaminated beetle is least likely to find your tree. The heat of summer and the cold of winter are when the beetle populations are the lowest and fungal mats are least likely to form. Therefore that is the best time to prune to prevent against an oak wilt infection.

- Can My Trees Get Oak Wilt From The Smoke Of Burning Diseased Wood?

No, the fungus that causes oak wilt is very heat sensitive. The problem with firewood is the potential for storing contaminated wood. If the wood came from an oak wilt center and has fungal mats, then the beetles can fly off and infect the healthy trees in your yard.

The best precaution is to always buy well-seasoned firewood. Once the wood has dried out to the point where the bark is falling off and the wood is cracked then the fungus that causes oak wilt is no longer viable (alive).

Visit the Oak Wilt Partnership website at <http://texasoakwilt.org/>

Recognizing Tree Risk

Learn to identify common tree defects that may indicate tree risk and understand how tree risk can be managed.



Trees are an important part of our world and offer a wide range of benefits. However, trees can also be liabilities. While there is no such thing as a completely safe tree, the benefits of trees far outweigh the risks. All trees have the potential to fall, but only a small number actually hit something or someone.

By understanding and addressing the risks associated with trees, you can make your property safer and prolong the lives of your trees.

It is a tree owner's responsibility to ensure the safety of others when around trees on their property. This brochure provides some tips for identifying and managing common defects associated with tree risk. However, evaluating the seriousness of these defects is best done by a professional arborist. Regular tree care performed by an ISA Certified Arborist® will provide an opportunity to identify trees that have defects and unacceptable risk levels. Once the risk is identified, steps may be taken to reduce the likelihood of an incident or damage.



Tree Risk Checklist

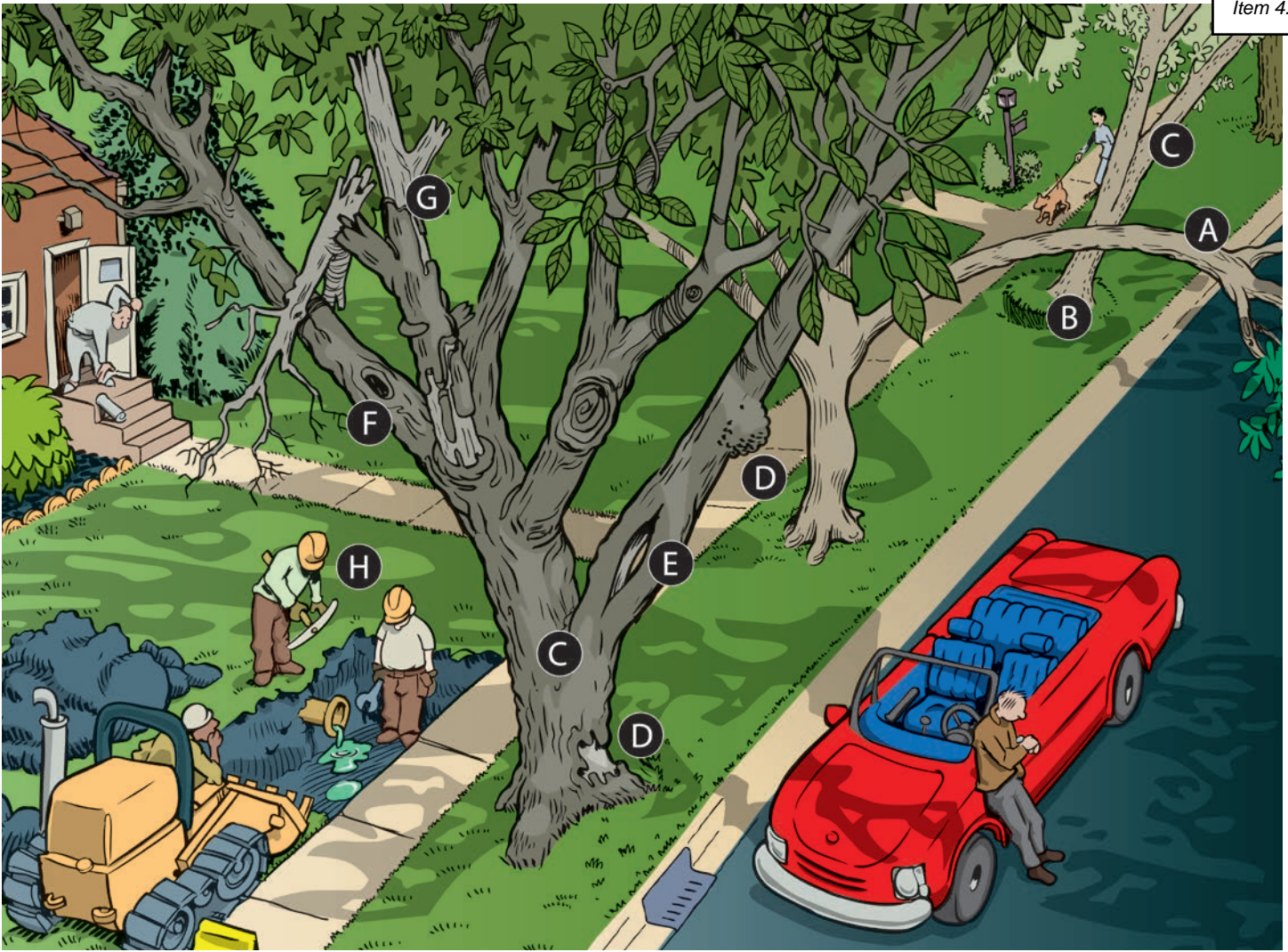
Consider these questions when assessing a tree:

- Are there large dead branches?
- Are there detached, hanging branches?
- Have any branches fallen from the tree?
- Is there loose bark on the trunk?
- Are there cracks or splits in the trunk or where branches are attached?
- Has the trunk developed unusually?
- Are there cavities or rotten wood along the trunk or in major branches?
- Are mushrooms present at the base of or under the tree?
- Has the area recently been altered by construction, changes in soil level, or installations of lawns or pavement?
- Have the leaves developed an unusual yellow color or do they seem smaller in size?
- Has the tree been topped or heavily pruned?

Trees and Utility Lines

Additional consequences can result from trees that fall onto utility lines. Not only can these trees injure people or property near the lines, but they can also hit a conductor and cause power outages or surges, fires, and other damage.

A tree with potential to fall into a utility line presents a very serious situation. Never attempt to remove branches or any tree part from or near power lines, and never go near downed power lines! These lines are especially dangerous, as they could still be conducting electricity. If you see tree parts in contact with utility lines, call your local electricity provider.



Defects in Urban Trees

The following are defects or signs of possible defects in urban trees (see figure):

A: Poor taper:

Branches or stems with their weight concentrated near the end are more prone to failure.

B: Root failure:

Cracks or separations in the soil may indicate soil heaving from excessive movement of the roots. This can be a warning sign for failure, especially if the tree is leaning.

C: Codominant stems (split trunk):

Can often be failure points. Multiple branch attachments at one point on a stem can also be considered a defect.

D: Externally visible defects:

Includes cankers and wounds. Each could be minor or the start of a significant problem; further investigation may be warranted.

E: Cracks or splits:

Watch for longitudinal cracks or splits on the trunk, major branches, or branch unions.

F: External signs of decay:

Asymmetric shapes may be caused by the tree's formation of reaction wood and may be an indication of an internal problem. Other, more obvious signs of decay include the presence of fungal fruiting bodies and cavities.

G: Dead branches:

Dead branches within the canopy of a tree are probably the most obvious potential hazards. The risk of damage or injury depends on the size of the dead branch and distance from any potential targets.

H: Human-caused defects:

Wounds, weak or damaged limbs, root loss, and decay may be the result of construction, grade changes, soil compaction, poor pruning, or other misguided practices.

Ensuring Quality Care

Trees are assets to your home and the community, and they deserve the best possible care. If you answered "yes" to any of the questions in the tree risk checklist on the previous page or see any of the defects depicted in this brochure, your tree should be examined by an ISA Certified Arborist.

Managing Tree Risk

An ISA Certified Arborist can help homeowners manage trees and provide treatments that may help reduce the risk associated with certain trees.

An arborist familiar with tree risk assessment may suggest one or more of the following:

- Prune the tree and remove the defective branches. Inappropriate pruning may weaken the tree. Pruning work is best done by an ISA Certified Arborist.
- Cable and brace the tree. Provide physical support for weak branches and stems to increase their strength and stability. Such supports are not guarantees against failure.
- Provide routine care. Mature trees need routine care in the form of water, nutrients (in some cases), mulch, pruning, and, in some cases, nutrients, as dictated by their structure and the season.
- Remove the tree. Some trees with unacceptable levels of risk are best removed. If possible, plant an appropriate new tree as a replacement.

Recognizing and reducing tree risk not only increases the safety of your property and that of your neighbors, but also improves trees' health and may increase their longevity.



What Is a Certified Arborist?

ISA Certified Arborists® are individuals who have proven a level of knowledge in the art and science of tree care through experience and by passing a comprehensive examination developed by some of the nation's leading experts on tree care. ISA Certified Arborists must also continue their education to maintain their certification. Therefore, they are more likely to be up to date on the latest techniques in arboriculture.

Finding an Arborist

Visit TreesAreGood.org for free tools:

- The "Find an Arborist" tool can help you locate an arborist in your area.
- The "Verify a Credential" tool enables you to confirm whether an arborist has an ISA credential.

Be an Informed Consumer

One of the best methods to use in choosing an arborist is to educate yourself about some of the basic principles of tree care. Visit TreesAreGood.org to read and download all brochures in this series.



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TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE

Forest Health: Identify and Manage Oak Wilt

Oak wilt is one of the most destructive tree diseases in the United States and is killing oak trees in central Texas at epidemic proportions. Oak wilt is an infectious disease caused by the fungus *Bretziella fagacearum*, which invades and disables the water-conducting system in oaks. All species of oaks (*Quercus spp.*) can be infected by the oak wilt fungus. Red oaks (Spanish, Shumard, and blackjack) and live oaks are most commonly killed by oak wilt when compared with white oaks (post, bur, and Mexican white); however, some white oaks (white shin, chinquapin and Lacey) can grow in stands with interconnected root systems and may also die in large numbers from the disease.

The successful management of oak wilt depends on correct diagnosis and an understanding of how the pathogen spreads between different oak species. Red oaks play a critical role in the spread of oak wilt through the formation of fungal mats while live oaks are most commonly affected due to their tendency to grow from root sprouts and vast interconnected root systems that allow movement of the fungus between adjacent trees.

Identification of Oak Wilt:

Patterns of Tree Mortality: Most live oaks defoliate and die over a 1-6 month period following initial appearance of symptoms. Some live oaks take longer to die, and a few live oaks in oak wilt centers escape infection or may be resistant to the fungus.

Red oaks rarely survive oak wilt and often die within 3 to 4 weeks following the initial appearance of symptoms. During summer months, diseased red oaks often can be spotted from a distance because of their bright autumn-like coloration in contrast to the surrounding greenery.

Foliar Symptoms: Leaves on diseased live oaks often develop chlorotic (yellow) veins that eventually turn necrotic (brown), a symptom called veinal necrosis. Defoliation may be rapid, and dead leaves with brown veins often can be found under the tree for months after defoliation. Leaves may exhibit other patterns of chlorosis and necrosis, but these symptoms are less reliable than veinal necrosis for diagnosing oak wilt in live oaks.



Foliar symptoms of oak wilt on red oaks are less distinct. In early spring, young leaves simply wilt, turning pale green and brown. Mature leaves develop dark green water soaking symptoms or turn pale green or bronze, starting at the leaf margins and progressing inward.

Fungal Mats: Fungal mats are reliable indicators for diagnosis of oak wilt. These specialized spore-producing structures most often form in spring on red oaks that develop advanced symptoms of oak wilt the previous late summer or fall. Red oak infections in late spring or summer usually do not give rise to fungal mats due to high temperatures and low soil moisture conditions. Fungal mats can be

found by looking for inconspicuous narrow cracks in the bark of dying red oaks leading to hollow areas between the bark and wood. They often have a distinctive odor similar to fermenting fruit. Fungal mats can be exposed for inspection by chopping away the loose bark. Fungal mats do not form on infected live oaks or white oaks.



Laboratory Diagnosis: Oak wilt diagnosis may be confirmed by isolating the fungus from diseased tissues in the laboratory. Samples can be submitted to: Texas Plant Disease Diagnostic Laboratory, 1500 Research Parkway, Suite A130, Texas A&M University Research Park, College Station, TX 77845. A Texas A&M Forest Service forester, a county extension agent or trained arborist should be consulted for proper collection and submission of samples.

Integrated Oak Wilt Management:

Early detection and prompt action are essential for successful management of oak wilt. The specific measures taken depend on several circumstances outlined in this fact sheet, but should include appropriate combinations of the following:

Prevent New Infections

- Cut and dispose of diseased red oaks immediately.
- Avoid wounding oak trees, including pruning, from February through June, and paint all wounds and fresh stumps regardless of season.
- Handle oak firewood cautiously, burn all firewood before spring, and never store unseasoned oak wood from infected trees near healthy oaks.
- Cover unseasoned firewood (from infection centers and unknown origins) with clear plastic, and bury the edges of the plastic.

Stop Spread through Roots

- Install a trench at least 4 ft deep and 100 ft beyond the perimeter of infection centers to break up root connections.
- Cut or uproot all trees within the 100-ft barrier (except those injected with fungicide).

Inject High-Value Oaks with Fungicide

- Identify high-value oak trees in close proximity to expanding oak wilt infection centers.
- Consult a trained and licensed arborist (with certified applicator's license) for treatment of high-value oak trees with injections of the fungicide *propiconazole*.

Plant New Trees

- Promote biological diversity in the landscape by planting less-common native trees.
- Avoid wounding oaks during planting.

For more information on oak wilt in Texas, visit the internet website www.texasoakwilt.org.

Use the materials found below to educate and inform residents within your community about oak wilt.

[Introduction to Oak Wilt Brochure](#) – Learn the basics about oak wilt in Texas with this front/back brochure.

[Oak Wilt Pruning Calendar and Door Hanger](#) – This simple timeline shows you several tree-care practices you might perform throughout the year with recommended months, especially the best time of year to prune your oak trees. The design allows you to add community announcements and advertise upcoming meetings at the bottom, as well as printing it in a door hanger format. Available in English and Spanish.

[Oak Wilt Technical Brochure](#) – A more in-depth look at oak wilt.

[Oak Wilt Disease Cycle](#) – This graphic visually demonstrates how the oak wilt disease is spread in both red oaks and live oaks.

[Oak Wilt Yard Signs](#) – These signs warn residents of when they should avoid pruning their oak trees, and therefore should be displayed February through June, when the beetles that carry oak wilt are most active. Print these signs at a local print shop and add H-frame ground stakes to display in yards or post near the entrances and exits of your neighborhood/community. Available in English and Spanish.

[Identify and Manage Oak Wilt](#) – Informative two-pager from the Texas A&M Forest Service about how to identify and manage oak wilt in Texas.

[Oak Wilt Presentation](#) – A presentation to introduce your community to oak wilt basics, prevention, and management.

[How to Make a Pole Paint Sprayer](#) – Learn how to make your own pole paint sprayer so you can paint pruning cuts and wounds on oaks in hard-to-reach places. Courtesy of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

[Ice Damage and Oak Wilt](#) – If your oak trees were damaged by a recent ice storm, you may be wondering what you should (and shouldn't) do to clean up the damage while also protecting them from oak wilt. This one-pager will help guide your tree-care decisions.



Cooperative Oak Wilt Suppression

Fungal Disease Threatens Oak Trees


Caused by the fungus *Ceratocystis fagaceurum*, oak wilt kills live oaks and red oaks by plugging up water conducting tissues.

Hundreds of thousands of oak trees have been killed in 73 Central and West Texas counties.

TFS Response

- With funding from the U.S. Forest Service, Texas A&M Forest Service initiated a Cooperative Oak Wilt Suppression Project in Central Texas in 1988. The program continues to this day.
- Affected landowners are offered technical assistance and federal cost shares to treat expanding oak wilt centers in live oak motts and remove infected red oaks.
- TFS partnered with fellow organizations to develop and maintain a web page devoted to oak wilt management in Texas: www.texasoakwilt.org.
- In an effort to increase the technical assistance available to landowners, TFS has joined with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service to train several hundred certified arborists, master naturalists and master gardeners as “oak wilt specialists.”
- TFS foresters have offered numerous oak wilt workshops and met on-site with countless landowners whose properties are affected by oak wilt.
- In collaboration with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, TFS has organized and sponsored two National Oak Wilt Symposiums to highlight oak wilt research and management options.

Economic & Environmental Impact

- Since 1988, a total of **3.9 million feet of cost-shared trenches** have been installed to halt the spread of **2,772 oak wilt centers** in 42 counties in Central Texas. 
- This is equivalent to a trench running from Houston to El Paso (**739 miles**).
- An estimated **1.6 million trees on 56,000 acres** have been saved over a five-year period from halting disease spread on **2,772 treated centers**.
- Benefit-to-cost ratios for the use of trenching to halt oak wilt spread have been conservatively estimated at an average **6:1**, ranging from **2:1** for rural, non-residential sites to **13:1** for suburban sites.
- The **\$20 million in federal, state and private funds** that have been invested in oak wilt management since 1988 has yielded at least **\$120 million in benefits**.
- Since its inception, the oak wilt website has grown in number of users and amount of content and has become the definitive resource for oak wilt information in Texas.
- More than 800 master gardeners and certified arborists have been trained as “oak wilt specialists” in Central Texas.

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CITY OF WOODCREEK

Application for Appointment to Woodcreek City Council

Name: Joseph A. Kotarba, Ph.D.

Residence Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Number(s): Home _____ Cell: _____

E Mail Address: _____

Number of Years Living in Texas: 43 Number of Years Living in Woodcreek: 13

Do you want your phone number(s)/email released in a Public Information Request? Yes No **not sure**

Do you or your employer have any business or other dealings with the City of Woodcreek which may present a conflict of interest? Yes No If "Yes", please explain: _____

Describe any qualifications, credentials or special interests that relate to your possible appointment

I have been involved with civic affairs ever since moving to Woodcreek. I have served on the Planning and Zoning Commission since 2014, and have served as Chair for the past four years. I also served on the 2030 Planning Commission. These experiences have helped me understand the dynamics of small-city government as well as the values and needs of our residents. My approach to government is to work towards maintaining a balance between the values of the past that have made Woodcreek great, and the application of those values to managing emerging issues in a maturing community. My other activities in the Wimberley Valley, such as conducting the needs assessment study for expansion of the Wimberley Library and working with the Wimberley Valley Arts and Cultural Alliance, have also provided me with valuable leadership experience.

Signature Joseph A. Kotarba Date July 10, 2022

**Council Meeting Date:
Special City Council Meeting July 14, 2022**

Agenda Item Cover Sheet

Agenda Item Subject/Title:

Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on Naming Woodcreek Citizens to City Boards and Committees.

Agenda Item Summary:

Suggest new members based on applications received

Financial Impact:

none

Recommendations:

Appoint interested citizens to serve on City Boards and Committees

Supporting Documents Included:

Randy Renter Application for ORC and any others received prior to posting

Submitted by: Mayor Jeff Rasco

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Application for Appointment to the Woodcreek Ordinance Review Committee

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Name: Randy Renter

Residence Address: 13 Westwood Drive

Mailing Address: 13 Westwood Drive

Telephone Number(s): Home: _____ Cell: 214.497.4975

E-Mail Address: RandyRenter@gmail.com

Number of Years Living in Texas: 50 Number of Years Living in Woodcreek: 5

Do you want your phone number(s)/email released in a Public Information Request? Yes No

Do you or your employer have any business or other dealings with the City of Woodcreek which may present a conflict of interest? Yes NO If "Yes", please explain:

Describe any qualifications, credentials or special interests that relate to your possible appointment. Attach additional sheet(s) if needed.

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Frito-Lay National HQ, Plano, TX, Information Technology Project Manager, retired 2005
Preston Manor HOA, Dallas, TX, Board, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, through 2015

Hobbies and interests: traveling, music, running, walking, hiking, camping

Signature: Randy Renter Date: July 5, 2022

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Name: Donna Hector

Residence Address: 10 Elmbrook DR, Wimberley 78676

Mailing Address: same

Telephone Number(s): Home: NA Cell: 512-964-3402

E-Mail Address: dwhector1@yahoo.com

Number of Years Living in Texas: 73 Number of Years Living in Woodcreek: 8

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Educator for 33 years.
Master's degree in Information + Science (Library / MLIS)
Held numerous offices in professional + volunteer organizations
Believe that simple, clear rules made with common sense are the best government basis.

Signature: Donna Hector

Date: 7/8/2022

Application for Appointment to the Woodcreek Roads "Platinum Panel"

The Woodcreek Roads "Platinum Panel" is a select group of citizens working with the City Council to review options and make recommendations to the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council on street repair, reconstruction, maintenance, drainage, alternative modes of transportation, traffic calming options, and possible funding mechanisms. The Woodcreek Roads Platinum Panel consists of five members and two alternates appointed by the City Councilmembers, and is subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act.

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Date: July 5, 2022

Council Meeting Date: Special City Council Meeting July 14, 2022**Agenda Item Report****Agenda Item Subject/Title:**

Report to Council on recommendations from the Platinum Roads Panel.

Agenda Item Summary:

The Platinum Roads Panel met on June 16, 2022. The agenda for this meeting included a discussion on financing options for street repairs or replacement. The agenda packet included the presentation from the financial consultant as well as the analysis of responses to the road funding survey. Panel members were unanimous in the following recommendations:

1. For City Council to begin the process for streets repair or replacement. The process should include not only repairs or replacement but ongoing maintenance on a scheduled rotation.
2. For City Council to initially consider the use of tax notes to be rolled into a bond at a future date as a funding mechanism.

Although not a recommendation at this time, members voted to review the two areas identified by Council for drainage improvements, Westwood and Brookhollow and Jack Miller. Panel members voted to include a third location on Brookside and present a report on these inspections at the July meeting.

Financial Impact:

Unknown at this time.

Recommendation:

It is my recommendation that Council take action to begin the process of developing a timeline and matrix for street repairs or replacement in coordination with the Platinum Panel.

Submitted by: Mayor Pro Tem Aurora LeBrun

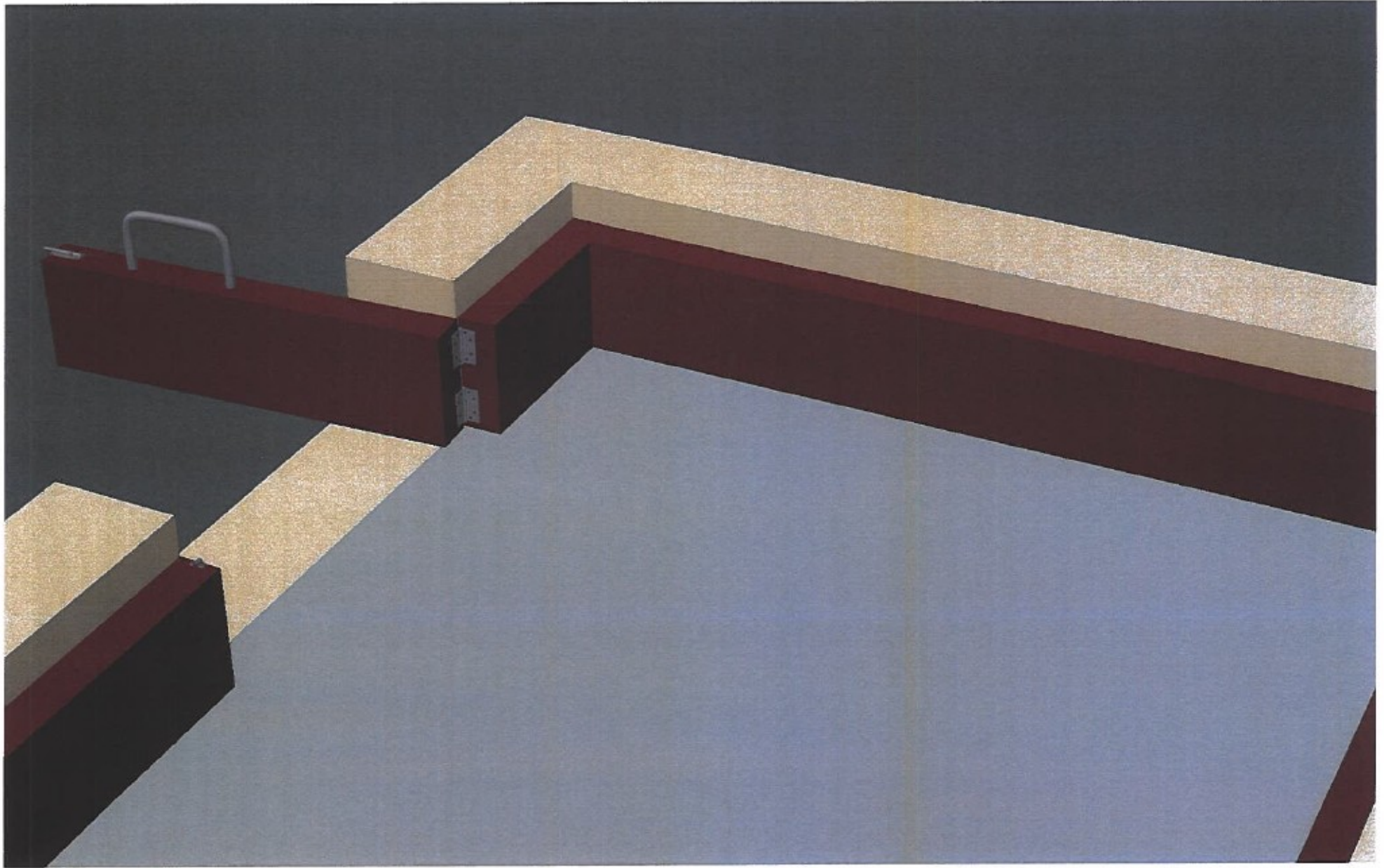
	2021-2022			2020-2021			Y/Y Monthly Comparison		
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7000 Other Operating Expenses	-	-	n/a	-	-	n/a	-	-	-
7000.01 Ad Valorem Tax Expense	2,046	4,060	50%	1,990	3,800	52%	-	-	-
7000.02 Building Inspections	8,415	12,550	67%	10,775	18,000	60%	1,485	2,095	(610)
7000.03 Code Compliance	774	1,500	52%	-	1,500	0%	-	-	-
7000.04 Dues & Membership	1,419	3,000	47%	2,251	3,000	75%	453	865	(412)
7000.05 Election Expense	1,065	1,200	89%	2,124	2,200	97%	-	-	-
7000.06 TML Dues	591	600	99%	591	600	99%	-	-	-
7000.10 Depreciation Expense	-	-	n/a	-	-	n/a	-	-	-
7000.15 Meeting Expense	5,524	5,000	110%	2,815	5,000	56%	17	151	(135)
7000.20 Public Notices	822	3,000	27%	1,051	3,000	35%	199	-	199
7000.30 Travel & Vehicle Exp Reimb.	4,825	5,000	96%	355	2,000	18%	119	278	(160)
7000.31 Elected Official Travel	-	2,000	0%	-	1,000	0%	-	-	-
7000.40 Training & Prof Development	-	-	n/a	-	-	n/a	-	-	-
7000.41 Elected Body	975	2,500	39%	2,800	4,000	70%	-	-	-
7000.42 Staff	3,851	5,000	77%	1,165	3,000	39%	270	635	(365)
7000.50 Community Relations	1,637	6,000	27%	1,040	5,000	21%	-	-	-
Total 7000 Other Operating Expenses	31,944	51,410	62%	26,957	52,100	52%	2,543	4,025	(1,118)



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High-Quality Parks Are in Excellent Physical Condition

KEY QUESTIONS

- Is the park well maintained?
- Are park amenities in good condition?



The condition of parks—including how they are maintained day-to-day and the state of the equipment and infrastructure they contain—is a fundamental building block of park quality. Playgrounds, trails, sports courts, pools, natural areas, and other types of spaces that are well cared for are welcoming, promote feelings of safety, encourage community stewardship, and boost civic trust.⁸

Maintenance has long been a key priority for parks and recreation departments, and some are testing new ways of tracking and evaluating it. Ongoing maintenance assessments allow agencies to shift dollars, personnel, and schedules to ensure equitable and consistent levels of upkeep across their systems. For many

departments, these evaluations are underscoring the critical difference between equally distributing maintenance resources and achieving an equitable level of maintenance across sites.

Quality is also determined by the structural condition of park infrastructure requiring capital investment. With constrained park budgets, the renovation and replacement of these assets is often put off. However, park professionals understand the detrimental impact broken swings, missing benches, and cracked pavement have on park users' experience, so many are systematically assessing the condition of the amenities in their parks and applying that information to prioritize improvements.

Is the Park Well Maintained?

To assess maintenance levels, parks and recreation departments are developing maintenance standards and evaluating how the upkeep of their parks measures up. These standards typically focus on the aspects of maintenance that most affect user experience—including the cleanliness of restrooms and other facilities, trash, landscaping, signage, paving, and graffiti—and define the frequencies of tasks or the outcomes of those tasks.

Measuring the frequency of care makes it easy to determine whether standards are being met. The **Lewisville, Texas**, Parks and Recreation Department classifies parks from AA to D and assigns each category specific frequencies for various maintenance tasks.

Community Development Partnership Program Score Sheet

Organization Name: _____ Amount of Request: _____

Project: _____

Notes: _____

1. Funding Category:

Up to 30 pts

- 15-30
- 10-30
- Up to 30

- a. Projects receive points based on the program area (list below) and the impact they will have on the community: _____
- Fire departments and fire department training
 - Public safety
 - Recreation, community planning, education, health care, transportation, employment

Up to 20 pts

- 5 pts
- 5 pts
- 5 pts
- 5 pts

- b. Projects receive additional points if they meet the following criteria: _____
- Volunteer fire department
 - Public safety life-saving equipment
 - Public education, demonstration component
 - Organization or project affected by a natural disaster

2. 0, 3 or 5 pts

Applicant contributes more than the 20 percent minimum required match _____

3. Up to 12 pts

Project impacts a narrow population within a community; project impacts a city or community or pieces of more than one city or community; project has substantial benefits to a city or community, more than one city or community or a county; project has substantial benefits to a region _____

4. 5 or -20 pts

Grant funds will enable applicant to complete overall project _____

5. 0, -5 or -10 pts

Applicants that have received a CDPP grant within 2-3 years receive -10 points and those having received a grant within 4-5 years receive -5 points _____

6. Up to 10 pts

Applicant's contribution and project impact _____

7. Up to 15 pts

Projects that have a positive impact on natural resources by addressing issues such as energy or water conservation _____

8. 0, 5, 10 or 15 pts

Project location

- 5 pts
- 5 pts
- 5 pts

- Applicant is a customer of an LCRA wholesale electric customer _____
- Applicant is located in LCRA's water service area _____
- Applicant is located in a county with \$3 million or more in taxed transmission assets based on the most current taxed amount _____

9. 0, 5, 10 or -5 pts

Population is under 5,000 (10 pts); pop. is 5,000-20,000 (5 pts); pop. is 20,001-50,000 (0 pts); and pop. is over 50,000 (-5 pts) _____

10. 0 or 10 pts

Percentage of persons below poverty is higher than the state level percentage _____

11. 0 or 10 pts

Per capita income falls below the state level _____

Total project points = _____

Community Development Partnership Program Scoring Criteria

1. Funding category: SB 219 delineates nine areas eligible for funding. Projects receive up to 30 points based on the program area and the impact they will have on communities in LCRA's service areas. Projects meeting the following criteria will receive up to 20 additional points:
 - Volunteer fire department – 5 points;
 - Public safety life-saving equipment – 5 points;
 - Public education, demonstration component – 5 points;
 - Organization or project affected by a natural disaster – 5 points.
2. Applicant's contribution/match: Applicants that contribute more than the required minimum match receive higher scores. Applicants requesting more than \$5,000 and not meeting the minimum 20 percent matching funds requirement are not eligible.
3. Project impact: Projects impacting more people receive higher scores.
4. Project completion: If the grant funds enable the applicant to complete the project the applicant receives additional points. If not, applicant loses points.
5. Recent CDDP grant: Applicants that have received a CDDP grant within five years lose points.
6. Applicant's contribution and impact: Applicant scores points based on the match contribution and size of the city impacted by the grant project.
7. Impact on natural resources: Projects that have a positive impact on natural resources by addressing issues related to water conservation or energy conservation receive additional points.

This includes projects that install rainwater catchment systems, xeriscaping, low flow toilets, solar panels and LED lighting or energy efficient bulbs, windows or insulation.
8. LCRA service area: Applicants can receive additional points for being located in one or more of LCRA's service areas (wholesale electric, water and/or transmission).
9. Population: Points are awarded to smaller, rural communities with fewer resources than those available in larger communities.*
10. Poverty level: Projects in areas where the percentage of persons below poverty is higher than the state level percentage receive additional points.*
11. Per capita income: Projects in areas where per capita income falls below the state level receive additional points.*

*Information is obtained from the United States Census Bureau.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (CDPP) GRANTS

Eligibility Requirements

Most local governments and nonprofit organizations in LCRA’s wholesale electric and water service areas, or areas in which LCRA Transmission Services Corporation provides transmission services, are eligible to apply for a CDPP grant. Grant recipients can include:

- | | |
|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Cities and counties | Civic organizations |
| Schools | Volunteer fire departments |
| Libraries | Emergency responders |
| Museums | Historical associations |

Eligibility requirements:

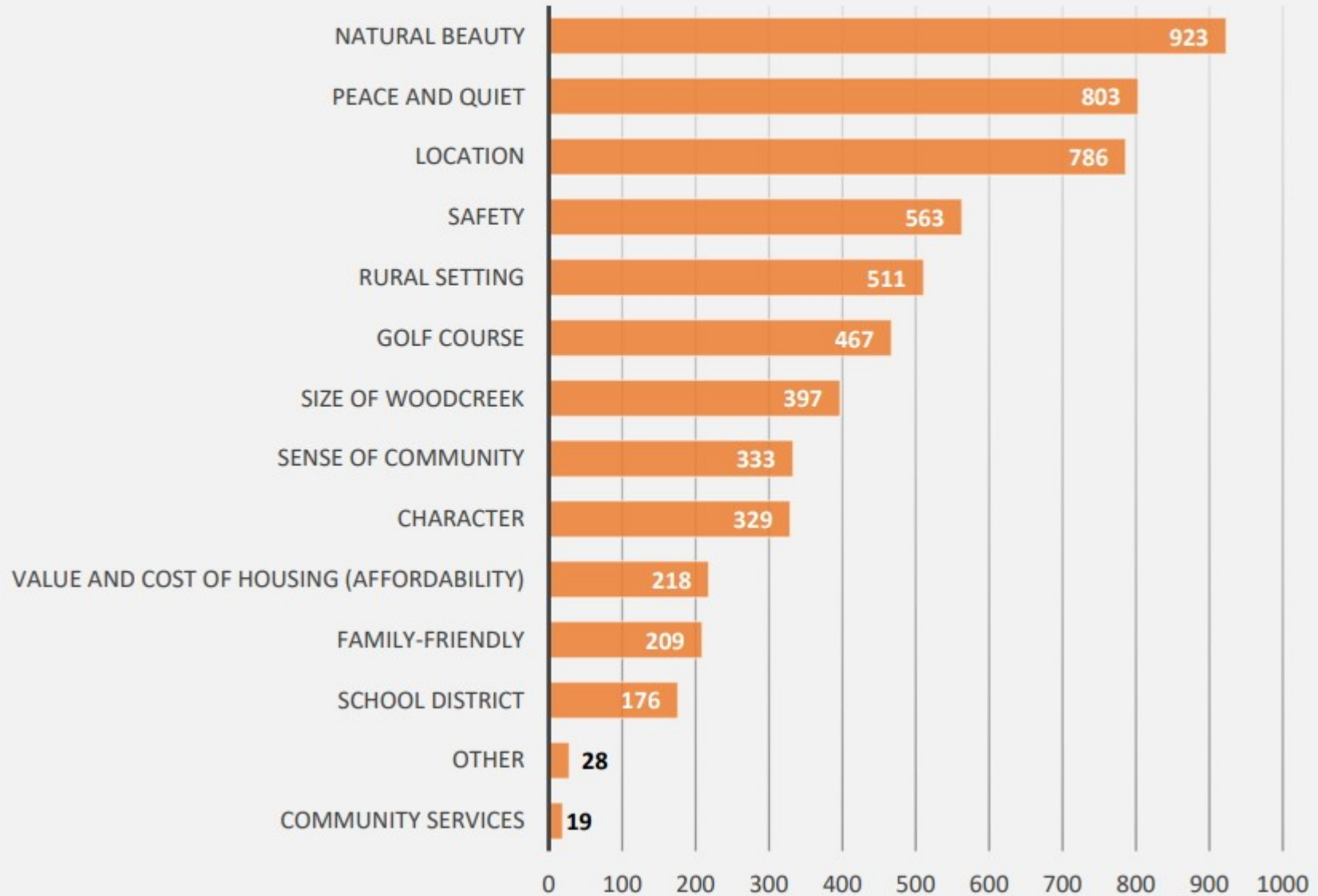
- Projects must be for capital improvements, and must meet a need in one of the following areas: education, transportation, public safety, recreation, health care, fire department training, community planning or employment.
- The physical address of the project must be in LCRA’s service area.
- The project must be completed within 12 months of the date the grant is received. Failure to complete the project on schedule or abide by the terms of the letter agreement may result in LCRA requiring the recipient to return the grant.
- Grants of more than \$5,000 require a minimum 20 percent match of the total project cost; matching funds must be documented in the application.
- The grant recipient must post signage that clearly, permanently and publicly acknowledges the sponsorship of LCRA and LCRA’s wholesale electric customer serving the recipient’s area, if applicable.
- The project must be maintained for the public purpose for which the grant was awarded.
- Grant applications must be signed by the chief executive administrator or officer of the organization requesting the grant.
- Upon completion of the project, the grant recipient must submit a notarized completion report with photographs of the finished project and the signage.

The types of projects that are not eligible include: completed projects; religious or church-sponsored facilities such as sanctuaries; social service projects; land acquisition projects; debt-reduction campaigns; capital campaigns; program operating costs; seminar and conference fees (training for public firefighting organizations is the exception); administrative and/or indirect costs, such as personnel and overhead expenses, as well as grant writing and/or consulting fees; computer and/or video equipment or software; most functions carried out by a taxing entity; furniture; appliances; office equipment; and batteries.

Those ineligible to receive grants include: for-profit entities, individuals, professional associations and nonprofit organizations whose project benefits are limited to group membership.

What do you like most about living/working/owning a business in Woodcreek?

**Overall score shown (5 points for Rank 1, 4 points for Rank 2, 3 Points for Rank 3, etc.)*



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Certified Wildlife Habitat® applicants are asked to confirm they've provided the required number of elements for each of the following:

- **Food**
- **Water**
- **Cover**
- **Places to Raise Young**
- **Sustainable Practices**

<https://www.nwf.org/CertifiedWildlifeHabitat/Habitats/Information?Length=4>

use web address above to certify



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Creating a wildlife habitat

Food: Native plants provide wildlife with a buffet that includes nectar, pollen, nuts, seeds and berries. Plant diversity increases the number of species found in your habitat.

Water: A reliable water source is a key element for a variety of wildlife. Animals need water for drinking, and some need it for breeding.

Cover: Evergreen shrubs and stacked rock walls are two ways to offer wildlife shelter from predators and bad weather. Layers of vegetation also ensure safe places for critters.

Raising young: Dense shrubs, nesting boxes and ponds are examples of places wildlife need to mate and raise their young. Certify your habitat through:

h Texas Parks and Wildlife

Department:

tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wild/wildlife_diversity/wildscapes/wildscape_certification.phtml

h National Wildlife Federation:

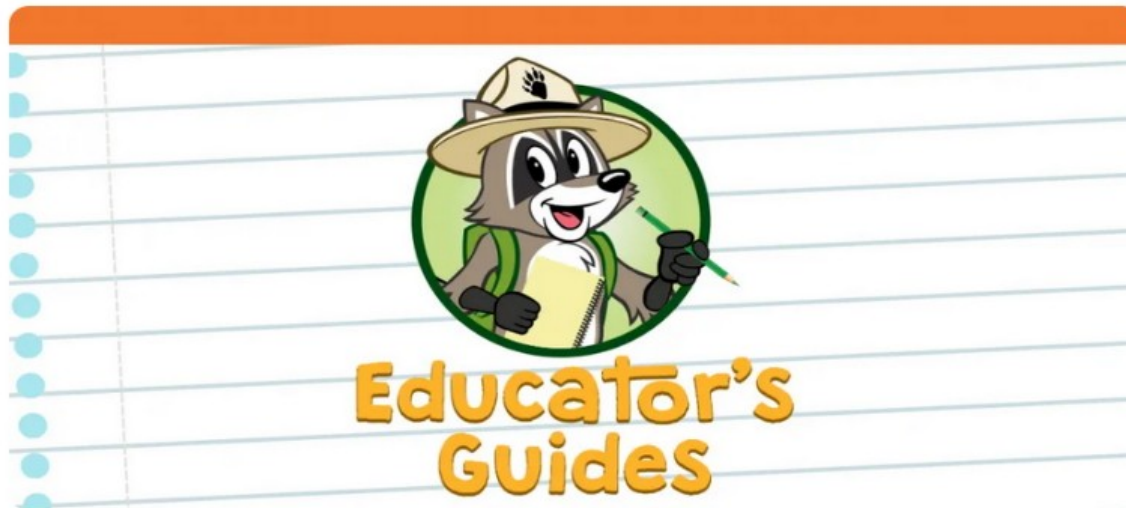
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“A certified backyard wildlife habitat is basically where a homeowner plants native plants in their front or back yards,” Davis said, explaining that the four major components are food, water, shelter and an appropriately arranged space where animals can raise their young. “When we create them, then all of the pollinator species, the bees, the beetles, the butterflies, the lizards and the birds, begin to return. We can recreate and restore what was lost.”

Dwindling wildlife

Bees, butterflies and beetles are just some of the wildlife needed to pollinate local plant life and improve soil quality.

In the early 1990s, an estimated 1 billion monarch butterflies would migrate through the Central Flyway, the path birds and insects take from north to south each year that includes Austin, Dallas and San Antonio.

In recent years, the migration has dwindled to about 300 million monarchs, sparking scientists’ efforts to place the butterflies on the nation’s endangered species list. Habitat loss and pesticide use contribute to their rapid decline, according to experts.

Beekeepers report losing about 29%, sometimes nearly as high as 40%, of all honeybee colonies every winter in Texas, according to the nonprofit advocacy group Environment Texas. Wild bee populations also are in decline.

More than 30 pollinator insect species are among animals in greatest need for conservation, according to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. That is worrisome because 90% of wild flowering plants need these insects to pollinate them.

If these populations continue to dwindle, flowering plants will also sharply decline, triggering a domino effect that could harm ecosystems, according to Environment Texas, which is campaigning to add more pollinatorfriendly plants to urban areas.

The collapse of these ecosystems can alter the landscape enough to contribute to climate change, which the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has linked to premature deaths from extreme weather events and more food- and water-borne illnesses for humans.

“Areas that once provided food, water and shelter for wildlife have undergone radical land use change,” Davis said. “In the process of urbanization, we end up paving over habitats and place homes and parking lots on top of habitats.”

And when many developers choose to landscape with exotic plants instead of native species, Davis said, “the overall impact is, at best, habitat simplification and, at worst, habitat destruction.”

Understanding the ecology

Before you consider creating a wildlife habitat in your own yard, it’s important to first understand the Central Texas landscape.

Interstate 35 as the boundary line. The Blackland Prairie is to the east of I-35 and the Edwards Plateau is to the west.

Plants native to one region might not thrive in another, so Davis said the first stop in your journey to a natural landscape should be the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in Southwest Austin to learn about which plants belong in your yard.

The wildflower center is a state botanical garden that features more than 900 species of native Texas plants and has regular programs and events to teach people about flowers such as the sunshine-yellow tipped Rio Grande abutilon and the bright pink desert sand-verbena.

A quick browse of the wildflower center’s website will bring you to a native plant database, which will show the plants that grow best in certain soils and thrive in direct sunlight, partial sun or full shade.

Apartment dwellers can participate in this too, but on a smaller scale by planting these native species in pots on their balconies or doorsteps.

“It’s always best to start with your backyard until you really know how to do things in an appealing way,” said Davis, who also has a backyard wildlife habitat.

Several organizations certify wildlife habitats in Central Texas, such as the National Wildlife Federation and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, so it’s important to look at the specific requirements for each before investing in plants, seeds and water fixtures.

-Heather Osbourne



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Garden Certification Walk-through Checklist

It's easier than you think to create your own wildlife garden! Use this walk-through checklist to confirm you have all the elements necessary to be certified:

***Note:** this checklist is only a tool to prepare your garden, please certify online at www.nwf.org/certifiedwildlifehabitat

FOOD: Your habitat needs three of the following types of plants or supplemental feeders:

- | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seeds from a plant | <input type="checkbox"/> Fruits | <input type="checkbox"/> Bird Feeder | <input type="checkbox"/> Butterfly Feeder |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Berries | <input type="checkbox"/> Sap | <input type="checkbox"/> Squirrel Feeder | <input type="checkbox"/> Nuts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nectar | <input type="checkbox"/> Pollen | <input type="checkbox"/> Hummingbird Feeder | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foliage/Twigs | <input type="checkbox"/> Suet | | |

WATER: Your habitat needs one of the following sources to provide clean water for wildlife to drink and bathe:

- | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Birdbath | <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal Pool | <input type="checkbox"/> River | <input type="checkbox"/> Rain Garden |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lake | <input type="checkbox"/> Ocean | <input type="checkbox"/> Butterfly Puddling Area | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Garden/Pond |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stream | <input type="checkbox"/> Spring | | |

COVER: Wildlife needs at least two places to find shelter from the weather and predators:

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wooded Area | <input type="checkbox"/> Cave | <input type="checkbox"/> Brush or Log Pile | <input type="checkbox"/> Dense Shrubs/Thicket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bramble Patch | <input type="checkbox"/> Roosting Box | <input type="checkbox"/> Burrow | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Garden or Pond |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Cover | <input type="checkbox"/> Evergreens | <input type="checkbox"/> Meadow or Prairie | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rock Pile or Wall | | | |

PLACES TO RAISE YOUNG: You need at least two places for wildlife to engage in courtship behavior, mate and then bear and raise their young:

- | | | | |
|--|----------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mature Trees | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland | <input type="checkbox"/> Dead Trees or Snags | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Garden/Pond |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meadow or Prairie | <input type="checkbox"/> Cave | <input type="checkbox"/> Dense Shrubs/Thicket | <input type="checkbox"/> Host Plants for Caterpillars |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nesting Box | <input type="checkbox"/> Burrow | | |

SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES: You need to employ practices from at least two of the three categories below to help manage your habitat in a sustainable way- *to better help wildlife, we advocate employing one or more practices from each category:*

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soil and Water Conservation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riparian Buffer • Capture Rain Water from Roof • Xeriscape (water-wise landscaping) • Drip or Soaker Hose for Irrigation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limit Water Use • Reduce Erosion • Use Mulch • Rain Garden |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Controlling Exotic Species: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice Integrated Pest Management • Remove Non-Native Plants and Animals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use Native Plants • Reduce Lawn Areas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organic Practices: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminate Chemical Pesticides • Eliminate Chemical Fertilizers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compost |



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How to Design A Better Wildlife Garden

This guide will help you design a better wildlife garden by providing useful methods rooted in ecological landscape design. Ecological design works with natural processes like the interactions between flora, fauna and soils. Read on to discover how you can use ecological design principles to create attractive native plant combinations which enhance wildlife habitat, benefit pollinators and improve water quality!

Get Inspired!

Look to nature for inspiration. Here are some questions to consider before getting started:

- » What naturally occurring landscape could you reflect in your planting design?
- » What aspects of that natural landscape type do you enjoy most?
- » What elements of that natural landscape provide wildlife benefits?
- » How can you reproduce those elements in your garden?

Natural Landscapes

EXAMPLES:

Select a model landscape as your starting point based on your existing site conditions and elements you'd like to have in your future garden. Refine the key elements of that natural landscape to fit with your site's conditions and native plants suitable to your area.

Grasslands



EXAMPLES

Prairies, wet meadows, tidal marshes

KEY CHARACTERISTICS

Low growing layers of dense grasses and forbs, horizontal plant patterns



KEYS TO GRASSLAND INSPIRED DESIGN

- » Keep planting low
- » Mingle both grasses and forbs
- » Avoid clashing color and texture

Shrublands or Woodlands



EXAMPLES

Early successional forests, chaparral

KEY CHARACTERISTICS

An herbaceous groundcover layer and a scattered shrub and tree layer



KEYS TO SHRUB/WOODLAND INSPIRED DESIGN

- » Create clearly defined masses of trees and shrubs that contrast the herbaceous layer
- » Use trees and shrubs for specific purposes, i.e. to create rooms or frame views

Forests



EXAMPLES

Temperate deciduous forests

KEY CHARACTERISTICS

Tree canopy, understory and herbaceous layers, shelter from sun and wind



KEYS TO FOREST INSPIRED DESIGN

- » Include all three forest layers
- » Use species from the same forest type
 - » Maintain open views



Neatly mowed edges and hardscape elements are a few strategies for balancing tidiness and plant diversity.

1 Relate Plants to People

A wildlife garden can be just as attractive to people as it is to wildlife!

Obedient plant is repeated in this bioswale to provide both color and a mass pollinator event each season.



FOLLOW THESE TIPS FOR CREATING AN ATTRACTIVE PLANTING:

- » Amplify, in other words intensify and enhance, nature's colors, textures and patterns. Create bold flowering events in your garden by massing or repeating the same species throughout your design.
- » Design with a range of heights to benefit a variety of fauna. Design primarily with low to medium height plants and use taller plants as occasional features. Avoid placing taller plants too close to the edge of your planting where they may block views or fall into paths. In some cases, such as small urban meadows, only lower growing species may be needed.
- » Contrast your planting with clean lines and edges. Pruned hedges, hardscaping or mowed edges are some examples of borders that clearly define your garden. Framing your garden with these design elements is a wonderful way to integrate your native plantings into more traditional landscaping.
- » Time is a design tool. If possible, include a range of plants in your palette that provide blooms throughout the entire season. This will both delight you over the whole year and provide extended pollinator benefits.



Phlox divaricata have been selected for this lightly shaded garden with mesic soils.

2 Relate Plants to Place

Work with your existing soils and site conditions. Every site's soil is unique, in turn supporting its own particular flora and fauna. If every garden was amended with compost and supported the same plants, how would wildlife diversity fare?

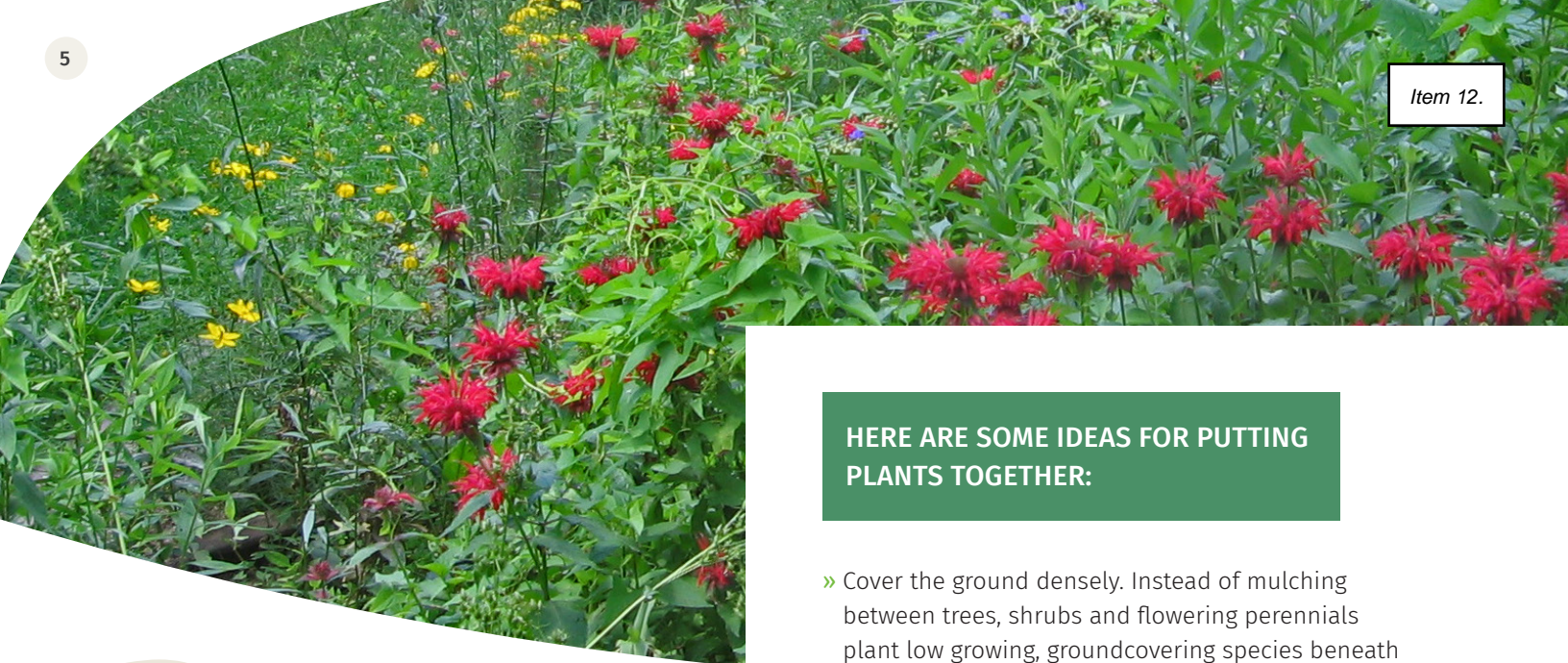
By choosing plants to that fit uniquely to your site you can contribute to higher plant and animal diversity.

THIS SIMPLE ACT WILL SAVE NATURAL RESOURCES, TIME AND MONEY WHILE GUIDING YOU IN PLANT SELECTION:

- » Get to know your site's soil type, light levels and other key characteristics. Select plants that prefer these conditions. Plants matched to your place are more likely to flourish without added soil amendments and irrigation.
- » Challenging site conditions can be an asset. Difficulties like poor soil fertility and slightly high or low pH can narrow down native plant selection to those that thrive in these conditions. Using nature as your guide, look for natural landscapes with similar challenges. What plants grow there?
- » Don't be discouraged if a plant doesn't survive. Consider why it might not have been successful and use the opportunity to dig deeper into the plant's needs and your site conditions. Consult a nursery professional for assistance in finding a more suitable plant.



Drought tolerant plants comprise this garden habitat in the Southwest.



3 Relate Plants to Other Plants

Traditional gardens often lack the lushness and density of plant communities that we see in nature. Native plants are key to providing wildlife benefits but if they are spaced too far apart the result is a garden that provides much less food and habitat than in nature!

Green mulch provides more wildlife value! The flowers and foliage of groundcovering plants like Appalachian barren strawberry provide food for insects. Their roots also contribute to biodiversity underground.



HERE ARE SOME IDEAS FOR PUTTING PLANTS TOGETHER:

- » Cover the ground densely. Instead of mulching between trees, shrubs and flowering perennials plant low growing, groundcovering species beneath them. There is no bare soil in nature. Similarly, in your garden weeds will fill in any gaps you leave. By covering soil with “green mulch” you will provide more food, shelter and other wildlife value per square foot while also reducing weed pressure.
- » Create lush plantings by vertically layering plants. This can be done by including structural, flowering, groundcover and fillers plants in your wildlife garden.

STRUCTURAL PLANTS are the plants that can define your garden through structure or form. They make up the backbone of your design. These plants include trees, shrubs and tall perennials. Structural plants should make up about 10-15% of your plant palette.

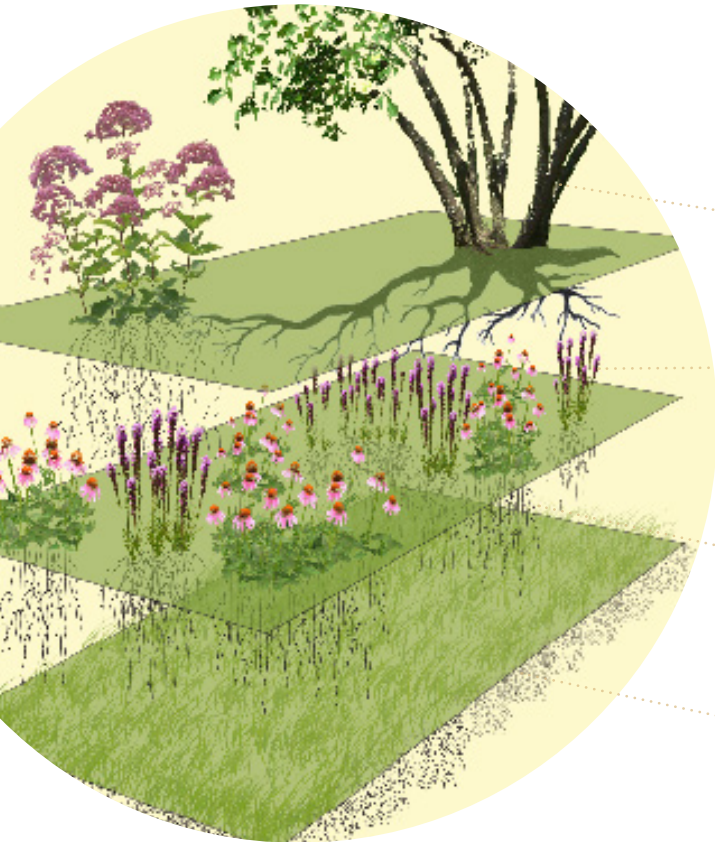
COLORFUL FLOWERING PLANTS are very important for pollinator value and for providing bold, colorful flowering events throughout the season. Flowering plants should make up about 25-40% of your plant palette.

GROUNDCOVER PLANTS are the green mulch of your garden. While less visually dominant than the other layers, these plants play an important role in ecological function. Groundcover plants should be about 50% of your plant palette.

FILLER PLANTS are short-lived plants whose function is to fill in the gaps between the three other layers suppressing weeds as the other plants grow to full size. Filler plants include self-seeding plants such as annuals, biennials and short-lived perennials. They should make up about 5-10% of the plant palette.

Breaking Down the Wildlife Benefits of Each Layer

Wildlife gardens provide habitat above and below the soil line. Consider form and function of plants to support diverse wildlife across a layered habitat environment. This approach ensures wildlife have essential habitat elements: food, water, cover and places to raise their young!



STRUCTURAL PLANTS provide shelter and food sources for birds and insects as well as winter structure, framing, shade and screening.



COLORFUL FLOWERING PLANTS provide the colorful floral events we love. These plants also provide pollen and nectar for a variety of insects and other pollinating fauna.



GROUNDCOVER PLANTS provide additional pollen sources, weed suppression and erosion control.



FILLER PLANTS provide nectar and pollen sources, suppress weeds and create a native seed bank for the future of your wildlife garden.

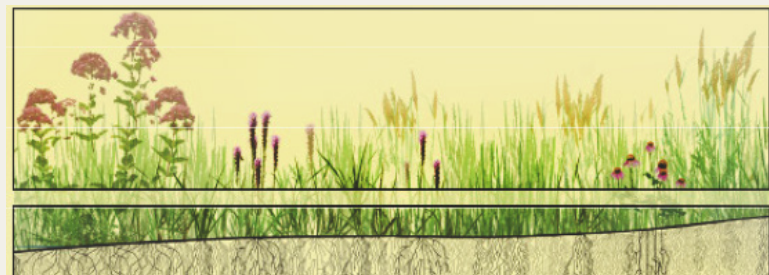
Layered Planting and Stormwater Management

Dense and layered plantings play a critical role in managing stormwater runoff.

FIRST, plants can reduce stormwater runoff by uptaking water into their roots.

SECOND, each year a certain percentage of each plant's root system dies back and regrows, creating channels in the soil. These channels allow better infiltration for groundwater recharge.

If you are designing a rain garden, bioswale or other stormwater system plant it densely and watch it perform!



Design Layer

Functional Layer

In this **layered planting** there is density above and below ground. The underground root layer can play an important role in managing stormwater runoff.

Maintenance Tool Box

A wildlife garden is exciting, dynamic and lively. You will get the most enjoyment out of your garden if you embrace the changes that occur over each season and year. The key to successful maintenance is observation and choosing the right time and right tools for intervening.



If you discover any **gaps** in your wildlife garden, fill them in with site appropriate native plants.

FOLLOW THESE TIPS:

- » Gallon or quart sized flowering perennials or starter plugs with established root systems can provide color and texture more quickly. For economy and larger restoration landscapes use seeds. Seeds will take one or more seasons to become established plants.
- » Leave perennials standing through the winter and wait to cut them back until February or March. This provides many benefits. Some perennials hold onto their seed providing food for birds over the winter and other perennials provide habitat for overwintering insects in their stems.
- » Instead of raking out planting beds each winter let leaves stay in place. This will provide habitat and food for a variety of native insects and other animals.
- » Avoid using pesticides, herbicides and harmful chemical fertilizers.
- » Opt for hand removal of weeds instead of herbicides. Try cutting back weeds at their base before they flower. This technique prevents soil disturbance and the subsequent chance that disturbed soil will be invaded by weeds.
- » If gaps appear in your planting for any reason and bare soil is left uncovered, weeds will use the opportunity to fill that space. Be sure to fill the spot with a native plant of your choice as soon as possible! Filling these gaps with plants, not mulch, will provide the highest wildlife benefits.
- » Provide wildlife a water source, such as simple birdbath or shallow dish of water, rain garden, or small pond if your property does not already include a natural water source.



Cutting back weeds at the base is an easy weed removal technique which minimizes disturbance of soil and habitat.

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Pollinator Gardening

Pollinators are animals that move from plant to plant while searching for protein-rich pollen or high-energy nectar to eat. As they go, they are dusted by pollen and move it to the next flower, fertilizing the plant and allowing it to reproduce and form seeds, berries, fruits and other plant foods that form the foundation of the food chain for other species—including humans.

Pollinators are themselves important food sources for other wildlife. Countless birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians eat the protein and fat-rich eggs, larvae, or adult forms of pollinators, or feed them to their young. Pollinators play a critical role in the food supply for wildlife and people!

Bees are well-known pollinators, but over 100,000 invertebrates—including butterflies, moths, wasps, flies, and beetles—and over 1,000 mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians, act as pollinators.

**MORE THAN 85% OF
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AND FIELD CROPS.**

**Learn
more**

Tips & Info

Pollinators worldwide are in decline. Habitat loss, invasive species, parasites, and pesticides are largely to blame. Here's how to help.

Pollinator Gardens Tips

- 1. Plant native flowering plants in your garden.**
Get a list for your zip code at nwf.org/nativeplants.
- 2. Reduce the size of your lawn and replace with native blooming plants.**
- 3. Provide water for pollinators** by filling a shallow birdbath with gravel or creating a muddy patch in a corner of your yard.
- 4. Attract hummingbirds** by planting dense shrubs for nesting and native plants with bright red and orange tubular flowers for food. Supplement as needed with a nectar feeder.
- 5. Most native bees are solitary** and lay eggs in tiny tunnels in dead trees, fallen branches, hollow stems, or in sandy soil. Leave standing dead trees, fallen logs, and bare patches of sandy soil. You can even put out a bee house filled with nesting tubes.
- 6. Butterflies need special "host plants" as food** for their caterpillars. Monarchs, for example, rely on only one host plant, milkweed, so planting it will provide essential habitat. Find host plants for butterflies and moths native to your area at nwf.org/nativeplants.

Join the Garden for Wildlife Movement!

Join the growing movement of people making a difference for wildlife where they live, work, learn, worship, and play!

Get more tips on creating wildlife habitat gardens that benefit pollinators and how to get your garden recognized as a Certified Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation. Every certified garden counts towards reaching the goal of the Million Pollinator Garden Challenge.

Don't Use Pesticides

Insects are a sign of a healthy garden, and an important food source for birds. No need to spray!

Attract ladybugs, predatory wasps and other natural enemies of pests. Native plants attract these beneficial pest predators.

Hand-pick pests if you have an infestation or wash them off with a stream of water from a hose.

Use only use organic or natural pest deterrents such as soap, garlic and chili pepper.

Avoid chemical pesticides, especially neonicotinoid insecticides and "weed killers" that eliminate the pollen and nectar plants pollinators need.

Learn more at nwf.org/organicpractices



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CITY OF WOODCREEK, TEXAS

RESOLUTION 2021-12-22-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODCREEK, TEXAS ADOPTING RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE CONDUCT OF ITS MEETINGS; AND REPEALING ALL OTHER RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

WHEREAS the City of Woodcreek City Council (City Council) wishes to formally adopt rules of procedure for City Council meetings; and

WHEREAS provide clear, transparent, and comprehensive rules of procedure, which are vital to the efficient administration of City matters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODCREEK, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The following rules of procedure shall govern all meetings and proceedings of the City Council and the conduct of all members and other persons in attendance at such meetings.

DEFINITIONS

MAJORITY VOTE: Except when governed by specific rules to the contrary, a *majority vote* is the fundamental requirement to pass a motion. A *majority*, simply stated, is *more than half*. And a majority vote refers to more than half of the votes actually cast, not more than half of the votes that could be cast if everybody voted.

TWO-THIRDS VOTE: As a means of balancing the rights of the entire group with the rights of individuals, some decisions require the affirmative consent of at least twice the number of members as are not in favor. This vote is called a *two-thirds vote* and refers to two-thirds of the votes cast.

Rule 1. Meetings, Regular and Special

(A) The City Council shall meet at Camp Young Judaea. All such meetings shall be held on the second Wednesday of each month, commencing at 6:30p.m., unless set for another time or date by resolution of the City Council. In the event a second Wednesday falls on a holiday, the meeting for that day shall be rescheduled as determined by Council by and through a resolution. Any meeting of Council may be recessed from hour to hour for a period not to exceed 24 hours, by an affirmative vote of four (4) or more voting members of the City Council present at such meeting, and such recessed meeting may be held without further posted notice in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

(B) Special meetings may be held on the call of the Mayor or on the application of three (3) Councilmembers to the Mayor. The agenda items for such meetings shall be determined at the discretion of the person or persons calling the meeting.

- (C) The Mayor and City Manager shall be responsible for compiling the agenda for all regular and special meetings. For regular meetings, members of the Governing Body of the City of Woodcreek may request agenda items, and all such requested agenda items shall be accepted and placed on the agenda. If it becomes necessary to postpone placement of the requested item, the Mayor and City Manager must confer with the requesting Councilmember to obtain their agreement.
- (D) Meetings will follow Robert's Rules of Order, as revised.
- (E) City staff may approach any member of the Council, including the Mayor, with an item for Council to entertain, but that member of Council has discretion to place the item on the agenda. The member of Council then becomes the sponsor of that item once placed on the agenda. The agenda will have a section called "city staff and/or city committee reports" for every monthly regular meeting. Each staff and/or committee member will be responsible for providing report documentation in the agenda packet.

Rule 2. Chairman and Call to Order

The Mayor, or in the Mayor's absence, the Mayor Pro Tem, shall preside at all meetings of the Council. If the Mayor and the Mayor Pro Tem are absent, the Mayor, or a majority of the Council, may appoint a Councilmember to preside. At the hour of the meeting, the Mayor shall call the Council to order, and the City Secretary shall record the roll.

Rule 3. Conduct of Mayor and Councilmembers

Any member of the Council, including the Mayor, who fails to observe decorous and orderly behavior during a meeting, or who disturbs a meeting of Council with such disorderly conduct, is subject to being expelled from such meeting upon motion passed by a two-thirds vote of the Council present at the meeting. Any member reprimanded by motion or expelled from a meeting by motion who commits another breach of decorous or disorderly behavior during a subsequent meeting shall be subject to a reprimand upon a motion approved by two-thirds of the Council present at the meeting. A Councilmember, upon a vote from two-thirds of Council present at the meeting, may be subject of a reprimand, complaint, or investigation.

Rule 4. Handling of Question of Order

All questions of order shall be decided by the presiding officer with the right of appeal such decision by the City Council. The majority of the Councilmembers present, through a motion, may overrule the decision of the presiding officer. When the presiding officer, rules on a point of order and one of the Councilmember states, "I appeal the ruling," or words to such effect, no other business shall be transacted until a vote on the appeal is completed. The presiding officer shall immediately put such question to vote without debate, and, if not, any member of the Council may put the question to a vote.

Rule 5. Procedure for Submitting Agenda Items

For regular council meeting, any and all ordinances, resolutions or other matters, including all written data and supporting documents, except emergency items, to be brought by the Mayor or by a

member of the City Council for consideration, shall be submitted to the City Manager not later than 1:00p.m. of the Monday the week preceding the meeting at which the same is to be considered. Items shall identify the subject matter to be discussed with such notification in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act and provide the possible action the sponsor intends the City Council take during the meeting, e.g., discussion, update, and/or take appropriate action. All items shall be accompanied by supporting documents intended to be considered by the City Council.

For special meetings, the member or members calling the meeting shall submit any and all ordinances, resolutions or other matters, including all written data and supporting documents to the City Manager not later than 1:00p.m. one week (7 days) before the scheduled special council meeting at which the same is to be considered. Items shall identify the subject matter to be discussed with such notification in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act and provide the possible action the sponsor intends the City Council take during the meeting, e.g., discussion, update, and/or take appropriate action. All items shall be accompanied by supporting documents intended to be considered by the City Council.

The name of the sponsor of the agenda item shall be listed with that item on the agenda. The sponsor of an item is given the opportunity to speak first about their item during discussion and speak last to that item.

Rule 6. Motion to Table

Since the Council has regularly scheduled meetings, a motion to table, when carried, does not permanently defeat an ordinance, resolution, motion, or other measure. Motions laid on the table are merely temporarily laid aside and may be taken from the table at any time. This motion is for the sole purpose of taking up more urgent business that requires the council or governing body's immediate attention. The motion to "Lay on the Table" is carried by majority vote and is not debatable or amendable and does not have interrupting privileges. Once tabled, the motion shall be on the next agenda, now listed under "Unfinished business." Council may not debate nor take any action that would affect the tabled question until a subsequent in-order motion to "Take from the Table" is moved, seconded, and carried. At the following Council meeting the chair will automatically bring up for consideration the Unfinished business before moving to the regular agenda. If the tabled motion continues to be 'tabled', after three months the motion dies.

The motion to "Lay on the Table" should not be confused with the motion to Postpone to a Certain Time or with the motion to Postpone Indefinitely. The purpose of these motions is to postpone or suspend debate on a question for reasons other than to consider more urgent business.

Rule 7. Closing of Debate

If, during debate upon any ordinance, resolution, motion or other matter before the Council, any member wishing to end debate, the member, after seeking and receiving recognition from the chair, may move to end debate, commonly called "question" or "calling the question." This motion requires a second. This motion is non-debatable. Immediately after the second, the chair takes the vote regarding the motion to end debate. It takes two-thirds of the voting members present in favor of ending debate to close discussion on the original motion being considered. If two-thirds of the voting members end the discussion, then the chair immediately takes a vote on the pending motion and any possible amendments to that motion without any further debate or discussion. Provided however, debate may not be closed

until such time as each councilmember has been given opportunity to speak on the agenda item in an amount of time not to exceed three (3) minutes.

Rule 8. Citizens' Right to be Heard

Any citizen shall have a reasonable opportunity to be heard at any and all meetings of the City Council in regard to: (1) any and all matters to be considered at any such meeting, or (2) any matter a citizen may wish to bring to the Council's attention. No member of the Governing Body may discuss or comment on any citizen public comment, except to make: (1) a statement of specific factual information given in response to the inquiry, or (2) a recitation of existing policy in response to the inquiry. Any deliberation of or decision about the subject of the inquiry shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a subsequent meeting per Texas Local Government code Sec. 551.042.

Citizen comments will be allowed at the beginning of every meeting, or alternatively, before an item on the agenda on which the citizen wishes to speak is to be considered. All citizens will be allowed to comment for three (3) minutes per person and shall be allowed more time at the Mayor's discretion. In addition, citizens may pool their allotted speaking time. To pool time, a speaker must present the names of three (3) individuals present in the audience who wish to yield their three minutes. Citizens may present materials regarding any agenda item to the City Secretary at or before a meeting, citizens attending any meeting are requested to complete a form providing their name, address, and agenda item/concern, but are not required to do so before speaking and presenting it to the City Secretary prior to the beginning of such meeting. Comments may only be disallowed and/or limited as per Government Code § 551.007(e).

Citizens may submit written public comments not exceeding 300 words in length to the City Secretary not later than 1:00p.m. of the Monday preceding the meeting at which the citizen would like the public comment received. If the written public comment is submitted by this time, it shall be read into the public record for the upcoming meeting.

Rule 9. Suspension of Rules of Procedure

Any of the rules of procedure may be suspended (by a two-thirds vote of the voting councilmembers present) to allow consideration of a matter unless doing so would violate the U.S. Constitution, Texas Constitution, and/or Federal or State Law.

Rule 10. Rules of Procedure

Except where in conflict with applicable law, the most recent version of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of the City Council.

SECTION 2. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Resolution was considered was open to the public as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

SECTION 3. City of Woodcreek resolutions or parts of resolutions inconsistent or in conflict herein, specifically Resolution No. 13-111302, are to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict, hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage.

Passed and approved, this, the 22nd of December 2021 on a roll call vote of the City Council of Woodcreek, Texas.

City of Woodcreek:



Jeff Rasco, Mayor



Linda Land, City Secretary

**Council Meeting Date:
Special City Council Meeting July 14, 2022**

Agenda Item Cover Sheet

Agenda Item Subject/Title:

Discussion and possible action regarding the current City Resolution setting the TIME and PLACE for regular council meetings.

Agenda Item Summary:

Looking at possibly changing the regular Council meeting time from 6:30 PM and providing flexibility as to where such meetings can be held.

Financial Impact:

Minimal

Recommendations:

Adjusting the regular Council meeting time and providing flexibility as to where Council meets.

Supporting Documents Included:

Resolution 2021-12-22-1

Submitted by: Councilmember Brent Pulley

So what can you do to stop speeding on your local roads?

Institute a neighborhood traffic calming program that emphasizes community involvement and combines education and enforcement with engineering techniques.

Educate your residents with a **community awareness** campaign

Studies and enforcement data history indicate that the majority of speeding on local roads is done by drivers who live in those neighborhoods, so a community education campaign that includes articles in the municipal newsletter or posters at community gathering places (such as schools, libraries, and recreation centers) can be very effective at increasing awareness and reducing speeds. Articles in the local newspaper or community magazine can also be helpful if the problem is significant enough to warrant it, and yard signs reminding people to slow down reinforce the point.

Back it up with **enhanced enforcement**

When educating the public about a speeding problem in your neighborhood, it's important to tell them why you want to reduce speeds (including information on any crashes that may have occurred or the compromised safety of pedestrians). It's also important to connect your education effort with enhanced enforcement by police and let people know that tickets will be issued. Education by itself will not deter speeders for long; the threat of fines is necessary to reduce speeding over the long haul.

Control speed with **engineering devices**, as needed

While education and enforcement can help reduce excessive speed in most situations, sometimes drivers need an extra nudge or reminder to slow down. A traffic engineer can help you install measures that will encourage or even force drivers to slow down such as speed humps, rumble strips, traffic islands, road narrowing, and pavement markings. (In another article in this series, we describe each of these measures, their cost, and their effectiveness.)

A comprehensive traffic calming program like this that combines education, enforcement, and engineering design can be very successful at eliminating speeding on local roads, but governing requires the consent of the governed. Therefore, the effectiveness of a traffic calming program depends most of all on how invested the community is in making it work. This makes community involvement from the earliest stages very important.

Community Involvement

Many communities find it helpful to create **a committee of residents** to address traffic concerns in the neighborhood. The committee can provide information on speeding and other traffic issues and work with the municipal officials, their retained engineer, and police to devise a strategy to address them. All final decisions are made by municipal officials, but the committee plays a significant role in advising them and helping to determine a solution.

Working as a team, municipal officials, law enforcement, and residents can make roadways safer for the entire community.

Date: April 14, 2022		Officer: David Gamble		Time Period: 4-8 PM	
Location	Offense	Citation	Warning		
16 Woodcreek Drive	Speeding (32 MPH)		X		
8 Woodcreek Drive	Speeding (41 MPH)	X			
Woodcreek/Brookhollow	Disregard Stop Sign		X		
16 Woodcreek Drive	Speeding (33 MPH)		X		
Woodcreek/Brookhollow	Disregard Stop Sign		X		
32 Woodcreek Drive	Speeding (35)	X			
Date: April 27, 2022		Officer: Halstead		Time Period: 7-11 AM	
Location	Offense	Citation	Warning		
11 Woodcreek Drive	Speeding		X		
82 Woodcreek Drive	Speeding	X			
Woodcreek/Brookhollow	Stop Sign	X			
Woodcreek Drive/Pro Lane	Tailgating		X		
Date: May 5, 2022		Officer: Pozuc		Time Period: 3-7 PM	
Location	Offense	Citation	Warning		
1 Westwood Drive	Expired Registration, Failed to Comply with Inspection	X	X		
Champions Circle/Woodcreek Drive	Disregard Stop Sign	X			
Augusta Drive/Brookhollow Drive	Speeding		X		
62 Woodcreek Drive	Expired Registration (7/20), Expired Drivers License, Failed to Comply with Inspection	XX	X		
Woodcreek Drive/Woodcreek Circle	Disregard Stop Sign, Expired Registration (7/21)	X	X		
74 Woodcreek Drive	No Registration on Trailer, No Brake Lights, Expired Registration	XX	X		

Date: May 11, 2022		Officer: Starr		Time Period: 1500-1900	
Location	Offense	Citation	Warning		
56 Woodcreek Drive	Defective Brake Light		X		
Woodcreek Drive/Brookhollow	Ran Stop Sign		X		
Woodcreek Drive/Brookhollow	Defective Brake Light		X		
Brookhollow	Expired Registration		X		
Woodcreek Drive/Brookhollow	Expired Registration		X		
Woodcreek Drive/Brookhollow	Speeding (30 MPH)		X		
Woodcreek Drive/Par View	Expired Registration		X		
Date: May 25, 2022		Officer: Thomas Ronquillo		Time Period: 0700-1100	
Location	Offense	Citation	Warning		
Woodcreek Drive/Champions Circle	Speeding 30/25		X		
Woodcreek Drive/Stonehouse Circle	Flag down re: drone				
Woodcreek Drive/Champions Circle	Speeding 30/25		X		
Woodcreek Drived/Brookhollow	Stop sign		X		
Date: June 22, 2022		Officer: Adam Holstead		Time Period: 1500-1900	
Location	Offense	Citation	Warning		
12 Woodcreek Drive	Speeding 32/25		X		
8 Woodcreek Drive	Speeding 37/25	X			
Brookhollow/Woodcreek Drive	Stop Sign	X			
13 Woodcreek Drive	Speeding 32/25		X		

15 Brookhollow	Expired Registration/Speeding 31/25		X
13 Woodcreek Drive	Speeding 34/25	X	
Woodcreek Drive/Pro Lane	Speeding 32/25		X
94 Champions Circle	Speeding 31/25		X
Woodcreek Drive/Brookhollow	Stop Sign	X	

**Council Meeting Date:
Special City Council Meeting July 14, 2022**

Agenda Item Cover Sheet

Agenda Item Subject/Title:

Report and Discussion regarding Traffic Enforcement activities in the City of Woodcreek

Agenda Item Summary:

Review and discuss report on Traffic Enforcement activities in the City of Woodcreek

Financial Impact:

N/A

Recommendations:

Receive report on Traffic Enforcement activities and discuss same.

Supporting Documents Included:

HCSO Report

STOP SPEEDING - SUM

Submitted by: Councilmember Brent Pulley

**Council Meeting Date:
Special City Council Meeting July 14, 2022**

Agenda Item Cover Sheet

Agenda Item Subject/Title:

Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on the Woodcreek City Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23 and setting the date for the First Budget Workshop.

Agenda Item Summary:

July - September are critical months for city budget planning. We will set the date for our first budget workshop where we will review budget requests, review potential revenue sources and expenses.

Financial Impact:

Minimal initial costs

Recommendations:

Set a date for the first budget workshop, and get work started on the 2022-23 budget

Supporting Documents Included:

Don't have it to upload, the 2022-23 Budget Calendar was included in the June 8 meeting packet. Please include it here.

Submitted by: Mayor Jeff Rasco

Proposed 2022-2023 Budget Calendar

Staff	Wednesday, June 8	Send Request to Board and Commission Chairs for Budget Items to be Received by City Staff by July 8th
City Council Meeting	First Meeting in July	Budget Workshop - Present Base Budget of General Fund, M&O and Projected Capital Projects to Council. Vote to Set Date for Budget Public Hearing. Vote to Set Date for a Public Hearing on the Proposed Tax Rate.
Staff	Monday, July 25th	Receive Certified Estimate from HCAD
Staff	Tuesday, July 26th	Communicate to Hays County the City will use the Certified Estimate
City Council Meeting	Second Meeting in July	Budget Workshop Prioritize City Council Budget Requests Prioritize City Board and Commissions Budget Requests
Regular City Council Meeting	Wednesday, August 10th	Budget Workshop Discuss Impact of Various Tax Rates Vote on Proposed Tax Rate
Budget Officer	Tuesday, Aug 15th	Last Day to File Proposed Budget with City Secretary if Plan to Adopt Budget on September 14th
Staff	Thursday, Aug 25th	Send Notice of Public Hearings to Newspaper
Staff	Thursday, Sept 1st	Publish in Wimberley View Notice of Public Hearings
Regular City Council Meeting	Wednesday, September 14th	Budget Workshop Vote to amend the 2021-2022 Budget (if necessary) Hold Public Hearing on Proposed Budget Vote to Postpone the Final Vote on the Budget to 9/21 Hold Public Hearing on the Tax Rate Vote to Postpone the Final Vote on the Tax Rate to 9/21
Special City Council Meeting	Wednesday, September 21st	Presentation of Final Budget Document Vote to amend the 2021-2022 Budget (if necessary) Vote to Adopt Proposed Budget Vote to Adopt the Tax Rate