



Feb. 13, 2024



### **Officer Michael Chavez Leaving West Meadowbrook**

After eight years assisting our neighborhood, Neighborhood Police Officer Michael Chavez is transferring to FWPD special operations and will no longer be serving West Meadowbrook. Officer Wesley Burks will replace him. WMNA will recognize Officer Chavez for his support and service with a special presentation at 6:30 p.m., Monday, Feb.26, during the regularly scheduled WMNA meeting. If you have had the pleasure of working with Officer Chavez over the years, please come to the meeting at MUMC Poly, 3900 West Meadowbrook on that date and time.



### **Upcoming WMNA Meeting- Collier, McCleod**

State Rep. Nicole Collier will update us on new laws that have taken effect this year and brief us on what to expect in the future. Specifically, Rep. Collier will explain bills that may have flown under the radar that impact our daily lives as well as address larger issues, such as public school funding. Following Collier's update, Executive Director of Community Impact A.J. McCleod will review the \$16 million renovation planned for the Eastside YMCA. McCleod wants to establish an Eastsid YMCA board. One exciting bit of news is City approved \$250,000 toward the renovation of the outdoor pool that will be open to the public.



*Eastside Y pool concept*

### **New! WMNA invites you to a potluck dinner**

WMNA will provide a meat main dish for the February meeting. Just donate a side dish or dessert to complete the meal. Evenings can be busy for families, so bring the kids and a vegetable (or dessert) and enjoy time with your neighbors. Easy, peasy.

### **Work continues to improve and remove**

Mike Phipps, Civics Chair, is working with Code on multiple properties that are in disrepair and in need of clean up or demolition. Some have been reported several times. Also, a former daycare center that has been vacant for five years at the corner of Oakland and Meadowbrook may be rezoned from community facility (CF) to multi-use or commercial at Councilperson Jeanette Martinez's request. Phipps also continues to serve on the East Lancaster Avenue Eco Hotel Task Force formed over one year ago to collaborate with FWPD on ongoing crime in the 3200 block. A lawsuit has now been filed by city to begin nuisance abatement proceedings against the owners of the Eco Hotel.



### **Spring Garden Party and Plant Swap**

On April 28, WMNA will host a garden party and plant swap at the Oakland Lake Park pavilion. This is WMNA's SECOND try at a spring celebration and gardening fiesta. Last year a rain storm shut us down; hence the move to a covered area. Plans are still in progress, but volunteers, tables, gardeners, plant clippings, and organizers are needed. Contact Samantha Newman [samantha.newman@gmail.com](mailto:samantha.newman@gmail.com) to help out. She will need plant swap participants, decorations, tables, chairs, sponsors and promotion help.



### **Bulk Trash Signs Redesigned**

WMNA's bulk trash schedule awareness signs have been redesigned to include a warning about fines for putting items on the curb early. Watch for them in the coming weeks.

## **Keep Up With City Commissions, Councils and Boards**

Interactive Map of Cases Before City Boards and Commissions

Check it out: zoning, historical commission, urban design, etc. [Map](#)

### **Upcoming events:**

**Feb. 26** - First WMNA meeting of year, 6:30 p.m., potluck, 6:45 p.m. presentations, MUMC Poly, 3900 Meadowbrook Drive. Bring side dishes or desserts. Main dish provided. State Rep. Nicole Collier and YMCA Community Impact Executive Director AJ McCleod will present. Recognition for Officer Chavez at 6:30 p.m.

**Feb. 27** - 6:30 p.m., McDonald's YMCA Annual Campaign Kickoff in McDonald's Gymnasium.

**March 2** - Funkytown Artisan Market, Texas Wesleyan University, 1201 Rosedale in front of library. Fresh vegetables from city's only licensed farmer's markets available seasonally.

