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WMNA accomplishments in 2022

Members,

West Meadowbrook Neighborhood Association continues to work with the community and expand its outreach to help achieve its mission of improving the quality of life in West Meadowbrook. In 2022, the association continued successful community events, created new avenues of outreach, and alerted the city to ongoing, pernicious obstacles to public safety.

WMNA is a certified association under the City of Fort Worth's Neighborhood Services umbrella. Officers and members have standing with staff on policy and work closely with representatives from District 8. WMNA also is part of the Neighborhoods of East Fort Worth Alliance that supports 14 neighborhood associations in East Fort Worth and presents a unified front to decision makers on key issues. In 2023, WMNA will be part of a newly created City Council district, District 11. Elections for the new seat will be in May 2023.

WMNA achievements:

- Worked closely with City of Fort Worth on repairing Fosdick Lake dam in Oakland Lake Park, a project that was finished in December of this year. Input from the neighborhood and continuing communications with project engineers helped shape the refurbishment of the dam and loop walkway. Dredging of the lake will occur in 2023 after approval of a bond issue. WMNA is also collaborating with Texas Parks & Wildlife Department in planning for future projects to increase fish population.
- Secured a breakthrough agreement with other neighborhoods for an apartment complex project on East Lancaster. A coalition of two associations, Central and West Meadowbrook, secured a written commitment to allow neighborhood groups final approval for a building permit. Construction has not yet begun on the project.
- Received first time neighborhood award nominations for two events - National Night Out and Walk & Roll, both held in 2021. WMNA won the Spirit of Fort Worth Award for its National Night Out collaboration with Reby Cary Youth Library. The Spirit of Texas city award plaque resides with the library.

- Hosted second annual Walk & Roll health fitness event on May 7. The Meadowbrook Elementary alternative site attracted neighbors from across West Meadowbrook and included a bike rodeo sponsored by Fort Worth Police Department.
- Approved financial donation to City of Fort Worth's Park & Recreation department in May for a memorial and meditation garden. Planning continues on how the donation will be used in Oakland Lake Park.
- Adopted hybrid board meeting schedule to encourage participation and expand attendance options for volunteers. All members are welcome to attend monthly board meetings.
- Expanded communications to members on zoning and board of adjustment cases through Facebook and newsletter to improve awareness.
- Collaborated with Texas Department of Transportation, Fort Worth Police, and State Rep. Nicole Collier to stop illegal parking on Brentwood Stair Road in construction staging area. Resolved a dangerous traffic situation. This is one of several instances when Civic Affairs working closely with city and state officials to correct problems.
- Sponsored second annual National Night Out event at Reby Cary Youth Park in October. Attendance approached 300 people. Exhibits included Fort Worth ISD STEM truck, Reby Cary Youth Library, Boys and Girls Clubs, St. Rita's Elementary School, Trinity Basin Prep, and others. A total of 15 donors and 11 exhibitors, plus collaboration with Central Meadowbrook Neighborhood Association, nonprofits, other associations and small businesses, expanded the 2021 scope. Reby Cary Youth Library was again an NNO co-host. Fort Worth Police Department and Fort Worth Fire Department first responders also attended annual public safety citywide event.
- Spearheaded drive to cleanup TL Food Mart and Eco Hotel addresses in East Lancaster which continue to be public nuisances with criminal activity, vagrancy and public safety concerns. Civic Affairs Chair Mike Phipps collaborated with Fort Worth police and Code Enforcement to document activities occurring at these two sites. Ongoing work continues in cooperation with police, code enforcement and city attorney in 2023 to manage this difficult situation.
- Monitored overpass on Harwood Drive near Meadowood Park for vagrancy and illegal camping which yielded a massive cleanup that removed tents, debris, trash, drug paraphernalia, and street obstructions. Civic Affairs Chair Mike Phipps provided photos and documentation to Code Compliance to spur action.
- Brokered partnership with Reby Cary Youth Library and local community service organization to tend Reby Cary Youth Library Sensory Garden and develop an ongoing plan for planting and maintenance. Neighborhood Beautification and Affairs Chair Kaitlin Worley led this initiative.
- Joined forces with Quail Ridge Apartments, Tanglewood Moms, Shields Agency and Fort Worth Police Department to help 81 children living in the Quail Ridge complex have a fulfilling Christmas. WMNA and its partners were able to match donors with Angels identified by management as needing assistance in the first such project for the apartment management. NPO Officer Mike Chavez helped connect the apartment complex management to WMNA. Quail Ridge Apartments said it was the most successful project it had every done.

We thank all current members for their support and encourage everyone to continue their membership in 2023. WMNA hopes to involve more citizens next year as we grow our outreach in West Meadowbrook. For more information on WMNA and to pay \$18 annual dues, please go to westmeadowbrook.org. WMNA also has a Facebook page where updates on current events are posted. Also, the association will continue to broadcast its meetings on Facebook Live.

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Incoming officers for 2023

Leslie Shields Botvidson, President

Kaitlin Worley, Vice President of Programs

Richard Baxter, Secretary/Treasurer

Ramiro Lopez, Chair, Neighborhood Beautification and Engagement

Victoria Scheffler, Chair, Membership and Meeting Logistics

Mike Phipps, Chair, Civic Affairs

Samantha Newman, Jo Vitek, members at large

Upcoming Zoning Cases

City of Fort Worth Zoning Commission will review application by City of Fort Worth to rezone 3929 Meadowbrook from commercial to single family zoning at its Jan. 11 meeting. The property is vacant. To comment or review the zoning case, check the Zoning Commission [calendar](#).

Upcoming Events

Feb.20 - Next in-person meeting for WMNA with FWISD Supt. Angelica Ramsey, at MUMC Poly, 3900 Meadowbrook Drive, 7 p.m.