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WMNA accomplishments in 2023

West Meadowbrook Neighborhood Association did some good stuff this year. As a reminder to members and residents of how our neighborhood association makes a difference in our community, check out these 2023 wins:

*WMNA shared the City of Fort Worth's Neighborhood Collaboration Award for work to stop industrial development at the entrance to Gateway Park that would have changed the direction of the community plan. WMNA partnered with Central Meadowbrook and Riverside to stop the siting of a distribution center on property designed for light commercial development. WMNA earned another citywide award in 2021 for its National Night Out partnership with the Reby Cary Youth Library.

*WMNA, Central Meadowbrook, Eastern Hills and Poly South in the new District 11 partnered to host a City Council candidate forum in February ahead of city elections on May 6. The forum was broadcast live on Facebook and more than 100 people from throughout the new district attended. This forum was planned for three months by representatives from Eastside neighborhood associations.

*WMNA introduced Thirsty Thursdays to introduce neighbors to WMNAA. The monthly Happy Hours attracted 20-30 on average and began casual conversations outside of regular meetings.

*WMNA's Civic Affairs Chair Mike Phipps spearheaded a tree planting program along Normandy Street in cooperation with the City of Fort Worth Forestry Department's tree giveaway effort. Phipps planted 41 native trees from the Community Tree Program, secured cooperation from as many neighbors to care for

the new saplings and added a cistern to collect rainwater to supplement watering. East Fort Worth Rotary Club is partnering with WMNA on further tree planting in West Meadowbrook.

*WMNA introduced a new style of meeting in August encouraging members to drop in to speak with Parks & Recreation, Code Enforcement, and other city agencies in tabletop conversations. Citizens could address ongoing problems at Oakland Lake Park one on one with staff. This meeting resulted in boulders being placed around the Oakland Lake Park parking lot to prevent driving on the grass. Corrective action took less than 48 hours.

*WMNA's National Night Out special event Oct. 3 again drew 300 visitors with 15 exhibitors including the Boys & Girls Club Mobile Unit, free hotdogs and ice cream, and giveaways by exhibitors. Donations from East Fort Worth Business Association, Sunset at Fash Place, Central Meadowbrook, and other individual contributions underwrote most of the costs. The Reby Cary Youth Library hosted the event at Reby Cary Park. It was among the best attended NNO events in the city. NNO is held annually citywide to promote neighborhood engagement and community involvement. WMNA thanks its sponsors for their continued support.

*West Meadowbrook, Central Meadowbrook, and residents living near East Lancaster spearheaded a cleanup conceived by FWPDP Deputy Chief Monica Martin along McLean Avenue on Oct.14. A product of a task force created one year ago; the cleanup called "Clean McLean" removed litter along a street within one block of a problem property on East Lancaster. Martin called it a first step to returning the area to normalcy. FWPDP, Code Compliance, and other city staff removed trash alongside neighbors from 8 a.m. to noon on a Saturday. The cleanup coincided with the citywide Litter Stomp.

Vote for new officers; Volunteer for Garden Party

Please vote by completing and returning the attached ballot. Return your ballot to wmnanews@gmail.com by Dec. 15. Only dues-paying members may vote. The deadline is Dec.15 to let us know. We appreciate your attention to this matter and your continued support of the association. In addition, WMNA needs volunteers to assist with a new event coming up in April, the West Meadowbrook Garden Party and Plant Swap, to be held along Martel Avenue. The inaugural event unfortunately was rained out last year, but we are going to give it another try in 2024. Samantha Newman is coordinating. Please contact us at wmnanews@gmail.com if you want to assist Sam with preparations.

Dues coming up

Just a reminder to members to pay \$18 dues by Jan. 1 if you are not on automatic renewal. To join WMNA, go to westmeadowbrook.org under membership and pay online. We hope you will join us in 2024 for another busy year on the Eastside.

Upcoming events

Nov. 9 – 9-10:30 a.m., Meet Commander Antoine Williams, St. Rita's, 5550 East Lancaster Avenue

Nov.13 – 6:30 a.m-8 p.m., Gateway Park Public Meeting, Victory Forest Community Center, 3427 Hemphill Street, 76110

Dec.2 – 9-11:30 a.m., District 11 Resource Fair, Rocketship Dennis Dinkins Elementary School, 3520 E. Berry Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76105

