WTNA Neighborhood Meeting, March 5, 2026

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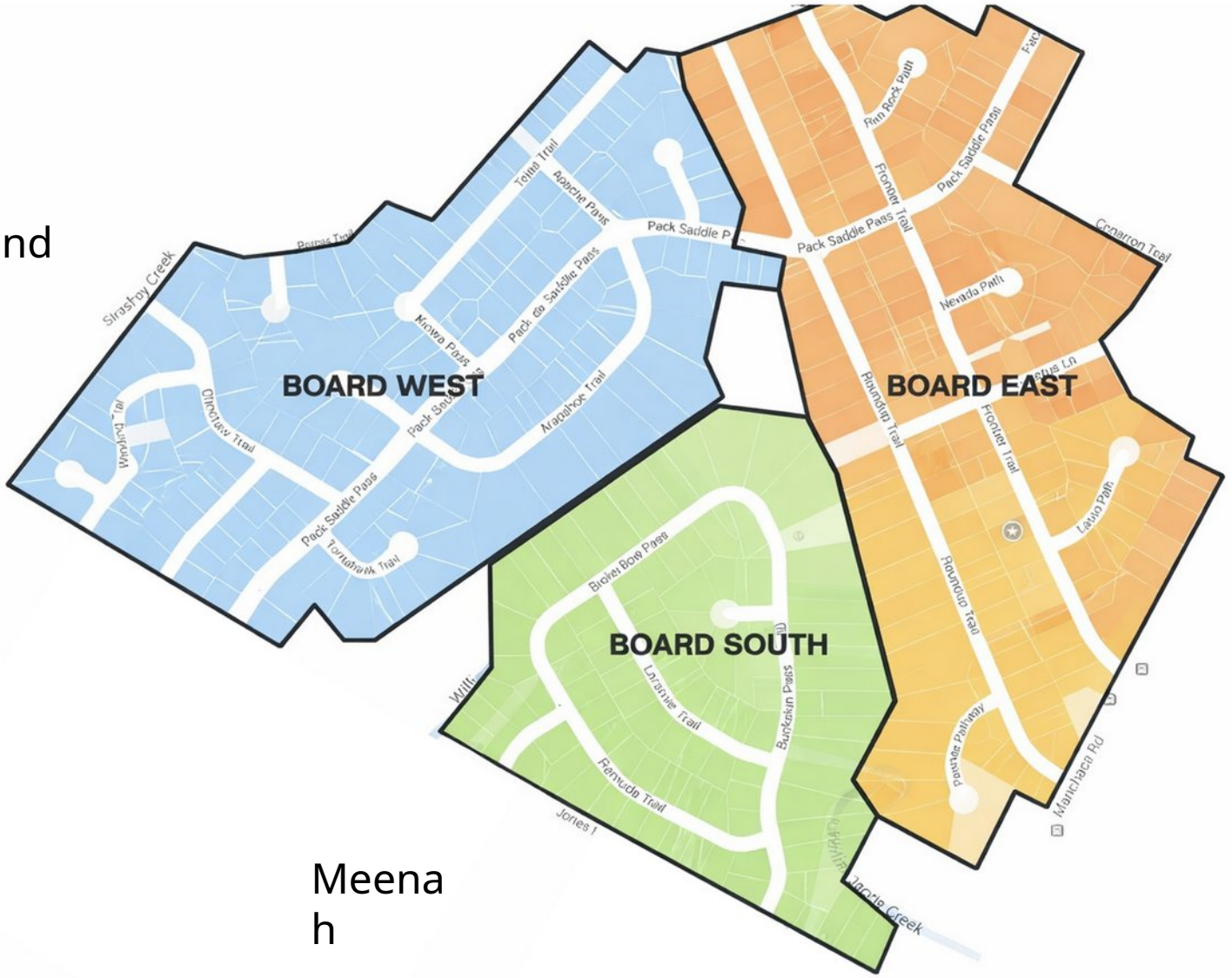
WTNA Board Board (Newly Elected!)

- President, Dale Herron
- Vice President, Scott Parker
- Treasurer, Seth Thompson
- Secretary, (Open)
- Section Representative – East - Sarah Hannon
- Section Representative – South - Meenah Hulsen
- Section Representative – North - Mandy Wilson

Western Trails – Board Sections

Mandy



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Meenah

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Living Streets Update



https://www.austintexas.gov/LivingStreets

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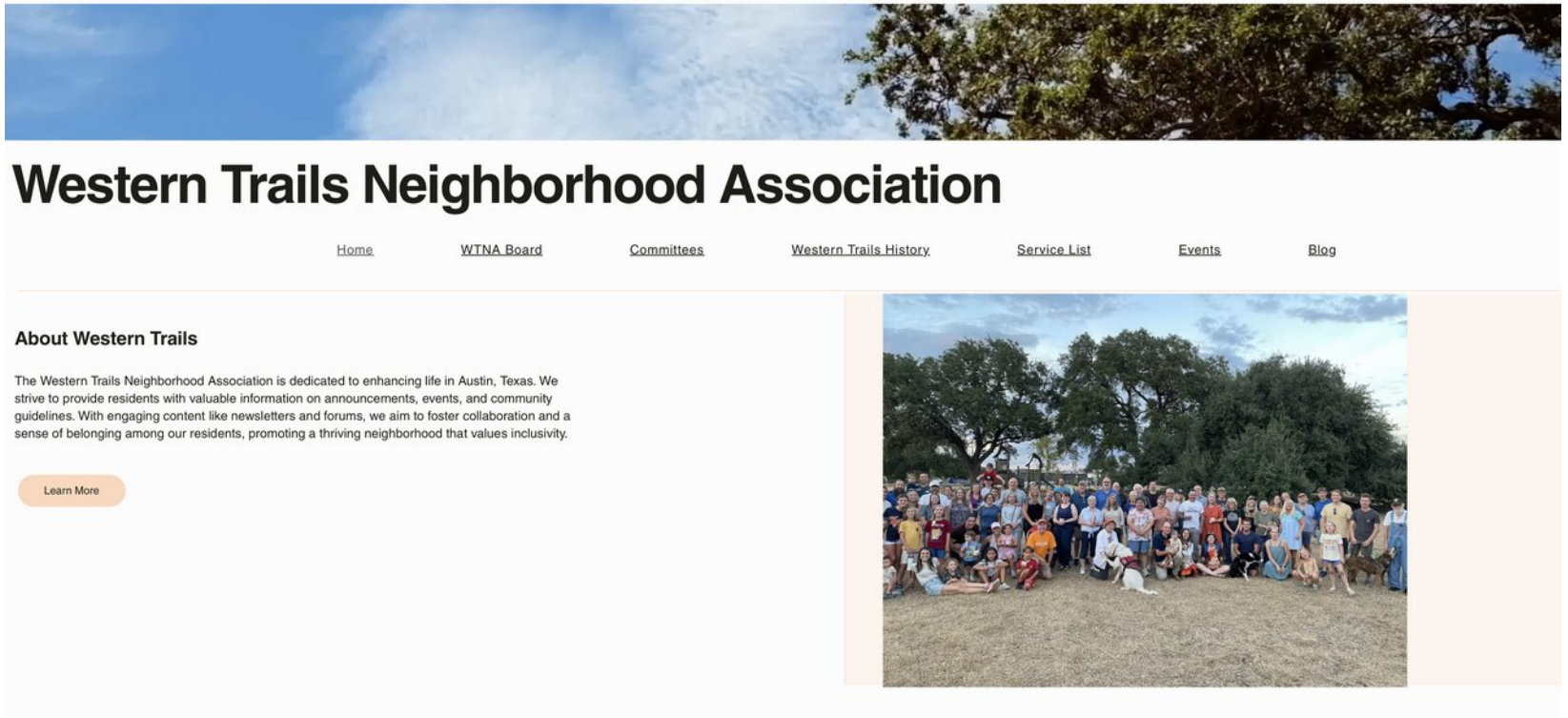
Secretary Report

New Western Trails Neighborhood Association Website (Under Construction) www.westerntrailsna.com

Neighbors: If you have web development experience and can be handy with Wix, please see any board member.



WTNA Memberships

- We have 168 members signed up on our website (No change)

Please follow us on our Socials!
Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/WesternTrails
Nextdoor: www.nextdoor.com/g/apzv4bb6z/

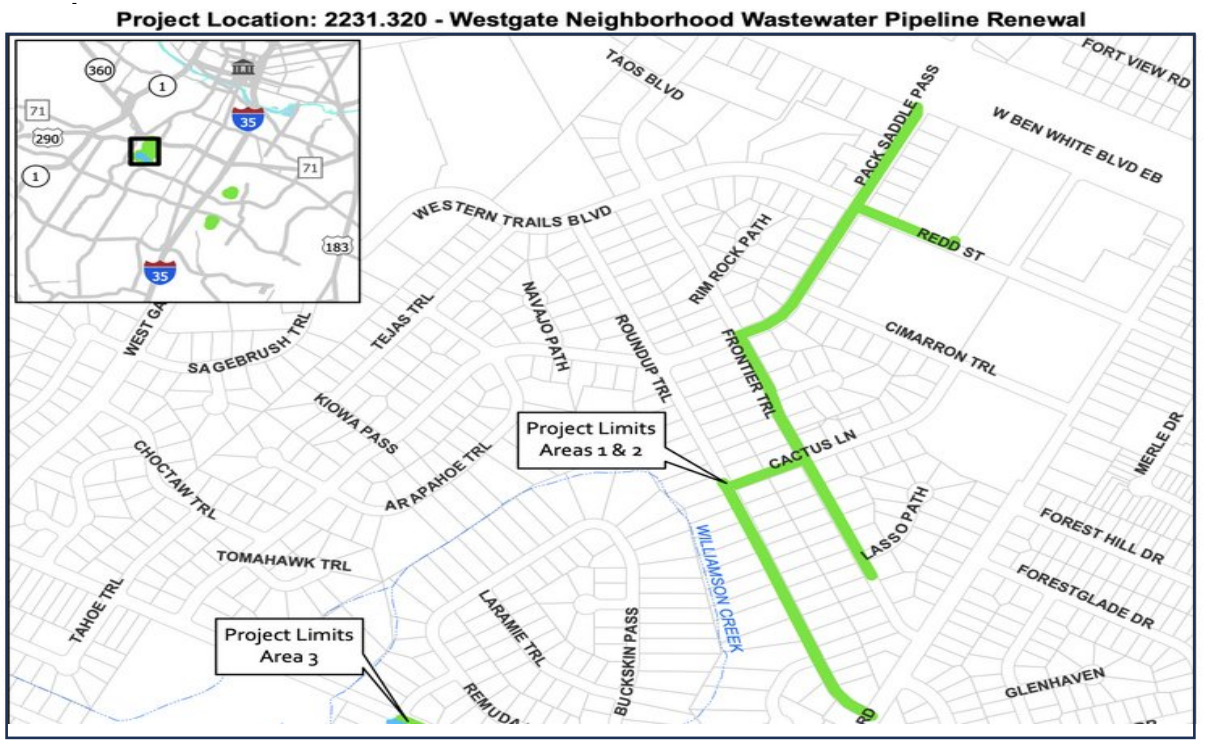
Secretary Report

Wastewater Renewal Project

Update

- Project Manager estimates the project will be done by Q1’26
- Finish work on Pack Saddle then work on Redd St.
- Will replace storm drain at Pack Saddle and Western Trails
- Will do density testing and if all is good, will then repave s

- You can sign-up for project notifications here: https://www.austintexas.gov/page/westgate-wastewater-pip



Secretary Report

Status + Schedule (Westgate Wastewater Pipeline Renewal: Packsaddle Pass)

- **Major work complete:** New wastewater main installed on Packsaddle Pass + **home service laterals completed**
- **Testing passed:** Required wastewater system testing **performed and approved**
- **What's happening now:** Trench repairs + subbase prep **ahead of paving**
- **Next work items:**
  - Trench restoration where excavation occurred
  - Removal of remaining structures from the **original** wastewater main
  - Additional testing before final paving to meet City standards
- **Storm drain improvement planned: Frontier Trail & Cactus Lane** (pending final coordination/scheduling)
- **Timeline:** Phase 1 estimated **~12 weeks** to complete (weather/permitting/field conditions can affect)
- **Work hours allowed: Mon–Sun, 7:00am–7:00pm** (weekends mainly used to make up lost time; contractor generally aims for weekdays)

Secretary Report

What residents can expect (Access, Property, Restoration, Repaving, Contacts)

- **Traffic + staging:** Equipment/material staging must stay near active work zones for safety; Right-of-Way confirmed current locations are **safest/most appropriate**
- **Right-of-way impacts:** Work is within **City public right-of-way**
  - Private items in ROW (irrigation/landscaping/features) may need relocation if they conflict
  - **Homeowner responsibility** if private features are in ROW
  - If damage occurs **outside ROW**, residents can file a claim with the City
- **Restoration + environmental controls:**
  - Contractor will restore ROW (curbs/gutters, sod/seed, minor landscape impacts) to **equal or better** condition
  - Erosion/tree protection stays until near project end; removed after inspector approval
  - Urgent erosion/drainage after rain: call **3-1-1**
- **Repaving plan:** Mill & overlay; **full-width repave** on impacted blocks of Packsaddle Pass + **restriping** + punch-list cleanup
- **Info / point of contact:** Construction Inspector **Justin Trevino — 512-905-7300** | Project site: **austintexas.gov/westgatepipe** (sign up for updates)

Harrell Funeral Home – TCEQ Permit

What's happening: Harrell Funeral Home (2302 Western Trails Blvd) is seeking a **TCEQ state air permit** to install/operate a **crematorium** on-site. **Permit #: 182940**.

Why neighbors care: Cremation equipment can emit **regulated air pollutants** (e.g., **nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, particulate matter**) and small amounts of **hazardous air pollutants** (including trace metals like **mercury**, depending on controls/operations). Even if within legal limits, nearby homes can still experience **nuisance impacts** like **odors** and occasional **smoke/visible emissions**—especially during startup/shutdown or if controls aren't working properly.

Timing matters: The state process has a **short public comment window**. Our strongest leverage is getting **official comments** and **requests for a public meeting** (and a **contested case hearing** for nearby residents) **on the record**.

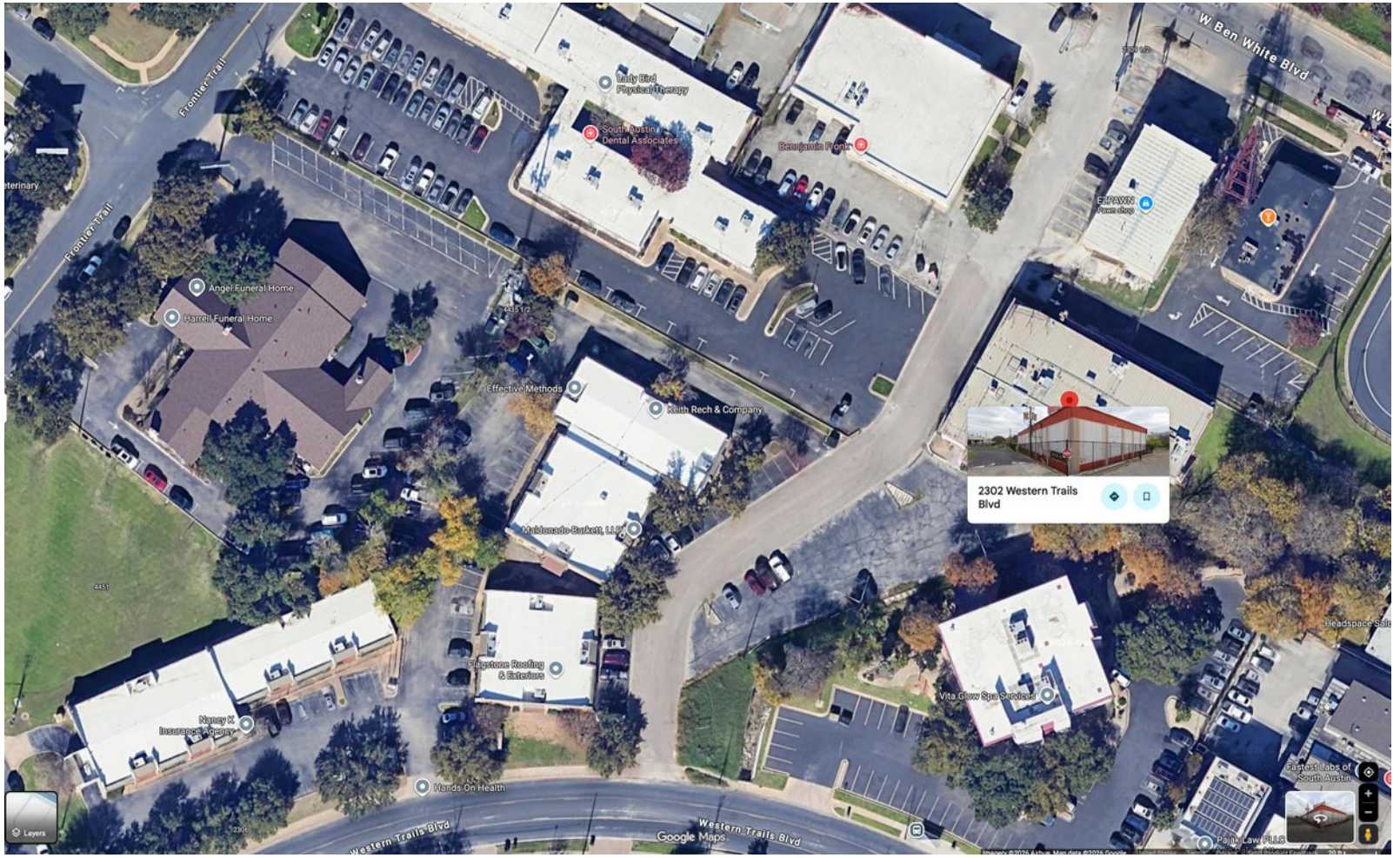
Do this today (10 minutes):

- **Submit a public comment + request a PUBLIC MEETING** via TCEQ eComment: https://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/

- Use subject line: **"Comment + Request for Public Meeting — TCEQ Air Permit 182940 (Harrell Crematory, 2302 Western Trails)"**

- Include your **name + address** (helps show you're directly impacted).

- Deadline is March 12, 2026



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Navigation Center Relocation

Current status (as of March 2026)

✅ **Site selected:** 2401 S. Interstate Highway 35 Frontage Road (78741).
✅ **City Council action:** Council voted **Oct. 9, 2025** to authorize purchase of the property, moving the project into development steps.
✅ **Public engagement:** City launched an engagement process after the Sept. 3, 2025 announcement; a Q&A compilation is published on the project page.
✅ **Advisory Board:** Applications are **closed** (window was Dec. 10, 2025–Jan. 21, 2026). Applications were scored, offers extended, and the City expects to **announce the inaugural advisory board in early March 2026**.

❑ **Finalize Advisory Board membership** (announcement expected **early March 2026**).
❑ **Renovation & site enhancements:** Prepare the building for operations; City says neighborhood feedback will inform design/amenities/security features. **City Council authorization is required for renovation contracts.**
❑ **Operator/operations procurement:** City expects a **competitive solicitation / lease evaluation** process (listed as **Winter 2025–2026**), with **City Council authorization required** for any lease agreement or new social service contracts.
❑ Project page lists **“Opening: Summer 2026”** and also states the City expects it to open in **late Spring 2026** (so: late spring / summer 2026 timeframe).

Navigation Center Relocation

Why this is a better location:

- **Not adjacent to schools or parks** (separated from nearest school by major highway/frontage roads; about 0.5 miles from nearest park).
- **Transit-connected** (multiple transit lines; parking available; room to accommodate a circulator shuttle to reduce pedestrian traffic).
- **Designed to reduce direct single-family interface** due to orientation along the I-35 service road.
- **Facility size/condition:** roughly **12,000 sq. ft.**, intended to support a mostly indoor service model; building described as in good condition with “modest enhancements” needed.

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Attorney General's Nuisance Lawsuit Update

Timeline of Events

Aug 29, 2025 — Emergency TRO hearing

- Judge heard arguments from the Texas AG's Office (AGO) and Sunrise's counsel (about 2 hours).
- No ruling issued that day; judge took the request under advisement.
- Judge **did not rule on the TRO** and instead set a **full evidentiary Temporary Injunction hearing**.

•Oct 6–7, 2025 — Temporary Injunction hearing scheduled

- Court set the Temporary Injunction hearing for **Oct 6 (two days)** and indicated the hearing would focus heavily on **accelerating a relocation plan** and whether services should be suspended pending relocation.

•(After Oct settings) — Court requests revised pleadings / more specificity

- Judge asked AGO to revise the lawsuit to be more specific about the relief requested; hearing reset for **Nov 5–6**.
- **Nov 2025 — Hearing moved due to conflicts**
- Sunrise requested to move the hearing later due to scheduling conflicts.
- AGO moved to deny; judge allowed reschedule; new dates **Dec 8–9**.

•Jan 7, 2026 — Most recent ruling / key point for neighbors

- Reporting indicates the judge found there was a basis to treat the situation as a **nuisance-type problem**, but issued **conditional relief**: Sunrise could be barred from **outdoor services only if** the **State of Texas provides resources/plan for an alternative site and measures to fill the gap/relocate services**.

•Update (today) — Appeal

- AGO is appealing the judge's most recent ruling to the **15th Court of Appeals**; decision may take a couple months.
- AGO is still engaged in trial-court activities as well.

•Ongoing — Neighborhood support request

- Ask neighbors to keep documenting and sharing **new info + dates/times + incidents + photos/video**, and send everything to **Dale** to forward to AGO.

Gentle Reminders

Stay Safe

- Lock Your Doors (Home and Car)
- Security Lights / System
- Security Cameras
- Look out for one another
- Be mindful of mailboxes, deliveries and packages

Report all incidents

- Call 311 for non-emergency issues (tents in the park, underpasses, woods, culverts, etc.)
- Call 911 for emergencies (theft, break-ins, indecencies, mental health issues, other crimes)

It's okay if we have several people call in the same issue (Squeaky Wheels!)

Best Practices

- Take pictures/videos – and post on the new Facebook Group WT-SOS!
- After you call 311 or 911, please contact:
  - Ryan Alter (512) 978-2105
  - Officer Michael Crossen (512) 974-6232
  - Sgt. Scott Beck (512) 974-6202
  - Commissioner, Jamie Jones (512) 974-6278

If you see something…say something and be sure to call it in!

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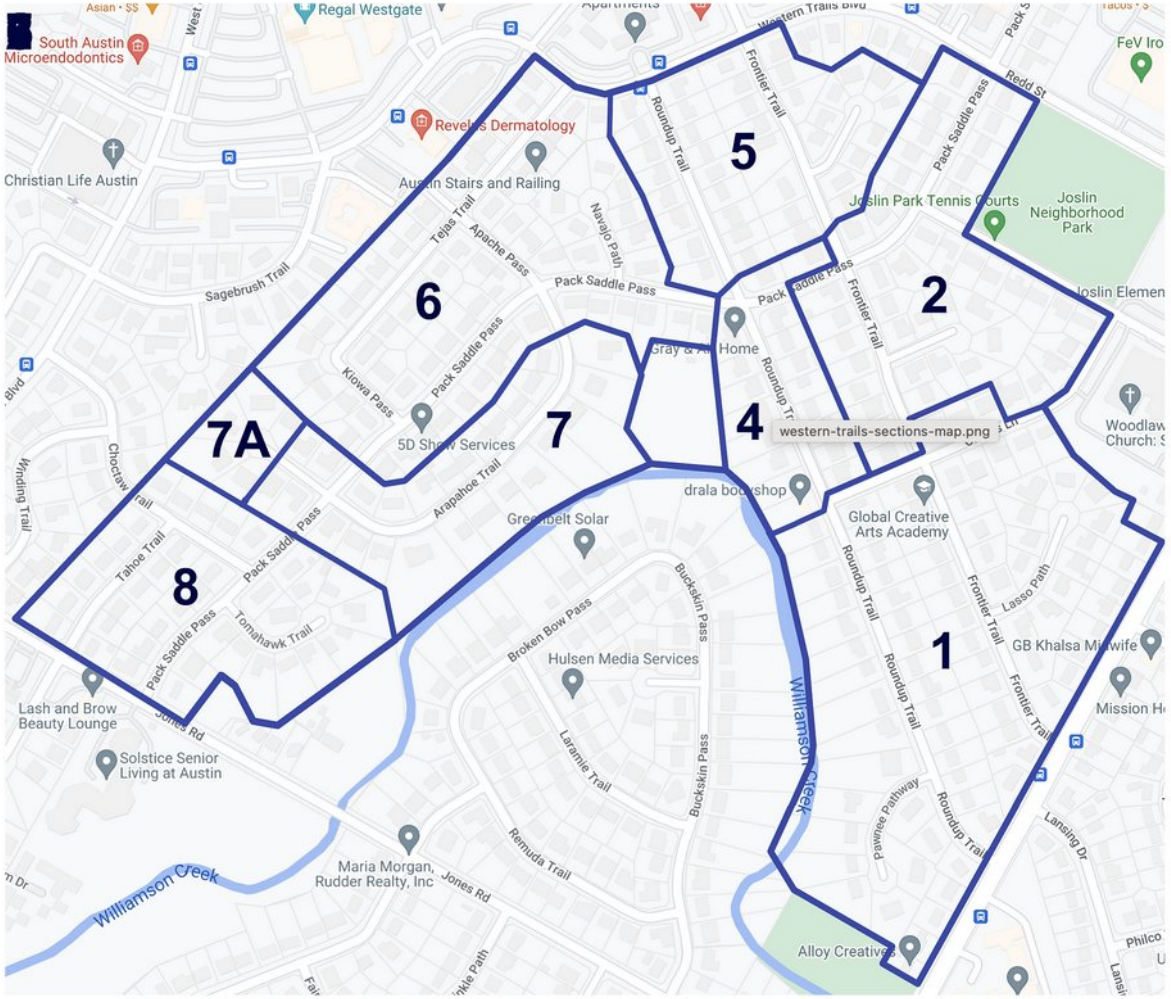
Deed Restriction Update

Section	Representatives	Amend Deed Restrictions?	Status
1	TBD	TBD	Open
2	Scott Parker	Yes	In process
4	TBD	TBD	Open
5	Mitzi Eastman	TBD	In process
6	Mandy Wilson & Kathy Denny	Yes	Complete
7&7A	Dale, Zach, Joe & Casey	Yes	Complete
8	Jayne Krahn	TBD	Open
Estates	Meenah Hulsen	No update needed due to flood plain.	Complete

Next steps:

- We will schedule information sessions for the neighborhood
- Need Section Leads to assist with communications
- Documents from Section 6 and/or 7/7A can be used as a template for future revisions



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Social Committee – November / December 2025



We delivered 28 bags of groceries and we donated over $150 to Central Texas Food Bank!

-*Thank You Western Trails!*







Social Committee – December 2025





Winner: 2400 Laramie Trail in Western Trail Estates (Meenah Hulsen)

Runner Up: 4607 Arapahoe Trail (Keith & Mario)

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Western Trails
- 4512 Frontier Trail
- 2109 Cimarron Trail
- 3508 Tejas Trail
- 4610 Tejas Trail

The Estates
- 5006 Buckskin Pass
- 4900 Broken Bow Pass

Joslin Park Clean Up Event

Event Details

March 28, 2026 - 10am - Noon
Volunteers needed: 8-10

1.) Flower Bed

- Weed/Trim
- Straighten Boarder Rocks
- Plant Plants
- Mulch

2.) Park Clean Up

Supplies

Please bring:
Gloves, Trimmers, Shovels, Plants

We'll Supply:
Mulch, Trash Bags, Paper Bags, First Aid Kit

AUSTIN PARKS FOUNDATION









Creek Clean Up

Event Details

April 11, 2026 - 9am – 11am
Volunteers needed: 10

Supplies

Please bring:
Gloves and wear long pants and shirts

KAB will Supply:

- Trash Bags – 10
- Recycling Bags – 5˘
- Pairs of Gloves – 10
- Sharps Containers – 1
- First Aid Kit – 1
- Hand Sanitizer – 1
- Pick-up Tools/Grabbers – 5

Note: Volunteers will need to sign a liability waiver via GivePulse

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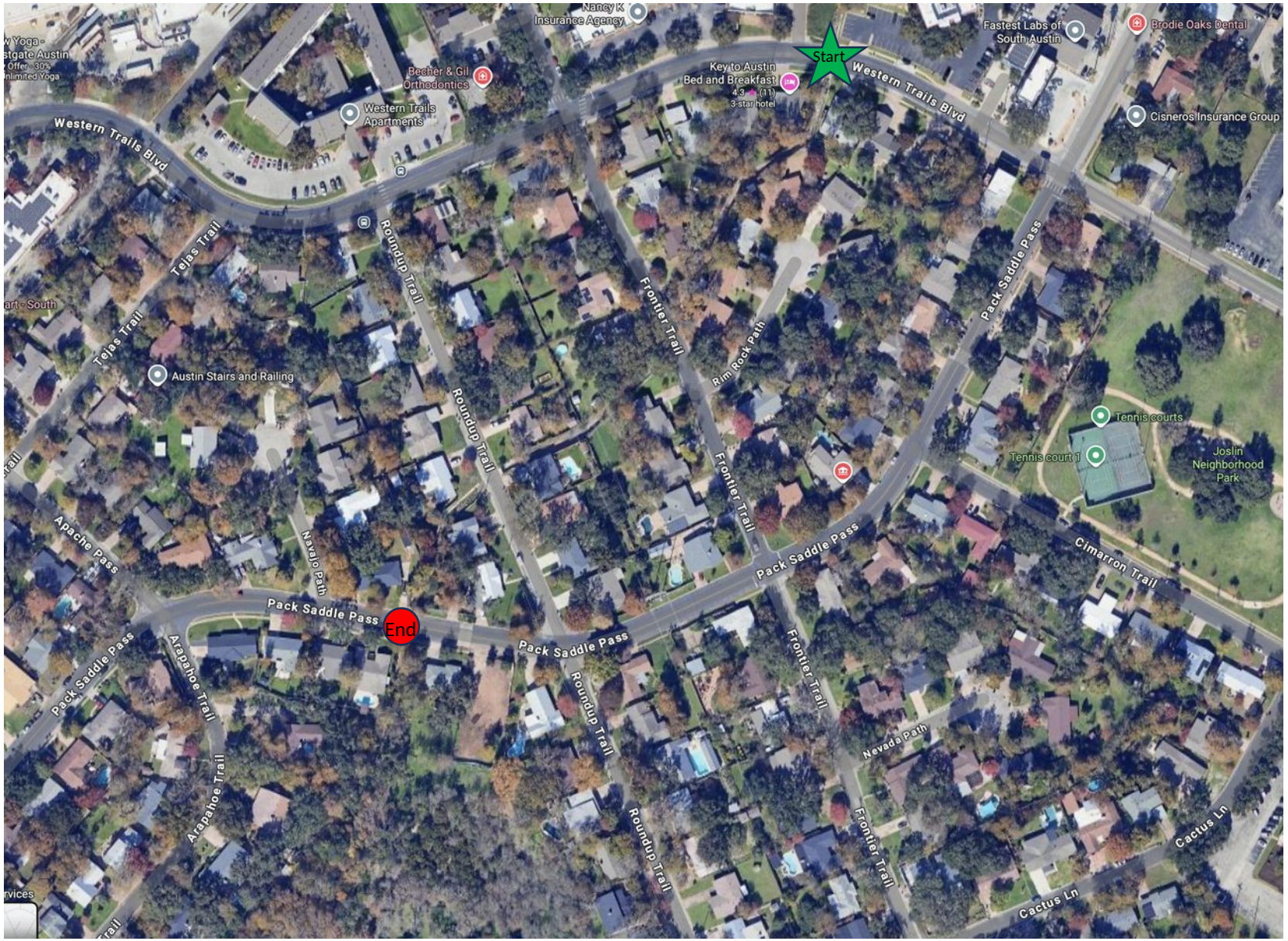


Social Committee

Event Details

April 18th, 2026 - 8am – Noon (or longer)
Everyone is welcome to participate!

Actions:

- **Now:** Gather your items, organize, research pricing for big ticket items
- **Week of:** Get your ”cash register” ready to make change
- **Day before:** Stage your sale, finalize pricing
- **Day of:** Open your garage door and have fun!
- **Week after:** Donate to items to local charities

We’ll Advertise on Facebook, Nextdoor, Craigslist, and Garage Sale Finder



Social Committee

2026 - Yard of the Month Schedule

April - YOTM
May - YOTM
June - YOTM
July - YOTM

August & September - Break

October - Halloween

November - Break

December - Western Trails of Lights



Big Thanks to our Yard of the Month Committee:
Jayne, Debbie and Maggie

Social Committee

Neighborhood Socials

- March - Lunch at Central Market
- April – Social
- May – Social
- June – Social
- July / August – Break
- September - Lunch at Central Market
- October - Celebration in Joslin Park
- November / December – Break



Dates are TBD for now. Stay tuned!





Social Committee – Neighborhood Walk and Talks

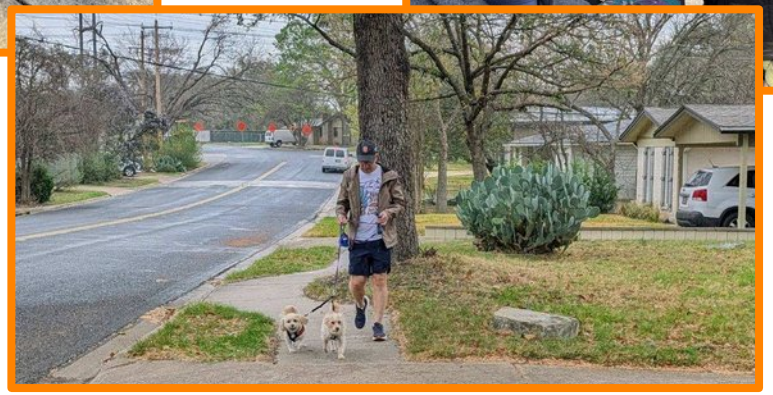
We meet every Thursday at 9am at the corner of Packsaddle and Round Up for a 1 hour walk (~3 miles)!











Please come join us!

Your doctor said so!

Western “Tales” Newsletter

We are looking at creating a Western Trails Newsletter called “Western Tales”!

We’ll plan for quarterly publications

We are looking at both print and online versions

We will archive the newsletters on our website

Thank you Soledad Fernandez for volunteering her skills and time to create these for us!



Spring, 2026 — westerntrailsneighborhood.wordpress.com

Western Tales

WESTERN TRAILS' NEWSLETTER

Feature Story

Community Alert

Harrell Funeral Home at 2302 Western Trails Blvd is seeking a state air permit to install a crematorium on the premises. There are significant impacts to air quality to those of us in the proximity.

Cremations can emit regulated air pollutants such as nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, particulate matter, and small amounts of hazardous air pollutants (including trace metals like mercury, depending on controls and operating conditions). Even when a facility is permitted to meet state and federal limits, residents close to the site may still experience nuisance impacts (odors and occasional smoke/visible emissions) if equipment is poorly operated, during startup/shutdown, or if pollution controls aren't functioning as intended.

Why this matters: The state process has a short public window. If we want real leverage, the most important thing is to get official comments + requests for a public meeting (and contested case hearing for nearby residents) on the record.

To help protest the proposed permit, visit the following website before 3/30:
www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/
Enter permit number **182940** and voice your opinion. Thank you for helping keep our neighborhood healthy!

Upcoming Dates

Neighborhood Meeting: Thurs. 3/5, 6:30 - 8:00 PM, Woodlawn Baptist Church.

Share your upcoming events with us by writing to

Pocket Prairies

TINY FOOTPRINT, BIG IMPACT

Across the US, wildflower meadows have declined dramatically. This is especially true for our area, where development is quickly eliminating natural habitats, and with them bees, butterflies, and songbirds.

Pocket meadows are small areas of lawns and backyards where native wildflowers and grasses can thrive. These nature-friendly features don't take up much space, but benefit pollinators and other wildlife.

Creating a pocket prairie is fun and easy. Find a sunny or partially sunny area and scatter a native wildflower seed mix. Water regularly until established.

Kids and adults alike will delight in watching the pollinators and bird visitors.

Send us photos of your pocket prairie later in the summer so we can feature them in a future issue!



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Homeless Crisis

Update on Sunrise Case

The Attorney General's Office (AGO) has confirmed it plans to appeal Judge Aurora Martinez Jones' ruling in the Sunrise nuisance case. The appeal is expected to be filed with the 15th Court of Appeals on or before January 27, 2026. The appellate process may include additional briefing, a hearing, or a return to the trial court for revisions. A trial remains anticipated for August 2026.

The City's new navigation center at Oltorf/I-35 remains on track to open in June or July 2026, according to updates posted on Speak Up Austin.

Community members continue to request clear, enforceable contract language ensuring that navigation services operate only at the Oltorf/I-35 site and not at the Menchaca church property, including as a satellite or overflow location. A proposal has also been raised to prohibit navigation centers within 250 feet of a school and 500 feet of a public park. Updates will be shared as the situation develops.

Pet of the Month: Bonnie

Want us to feature your furry, scaly, or feathery best friend? Email us at:

Yard of the Month

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Community Spotlight

Roundup is now a Living Street!

Thanks to the work and advocacy of neighbors Olivia and Andy on Roundup Trl, we now have a Living Street in our neighborhood!

Living Streets envisions local streets as places where communities can walk, bike, gather, and connect. The program offers residents a set of options for activating neighborhood streets to create opportunities for safe community-building throughout the city.

The initiative, created in 2021, helps residents feel safer on streets with missing or incomplete sidewalks, and requires no construction.

Thank you Olivia and Andy for your hard work!

Stay in Touch

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Western Trails – New Signs



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This Thursday @ 6:30PM

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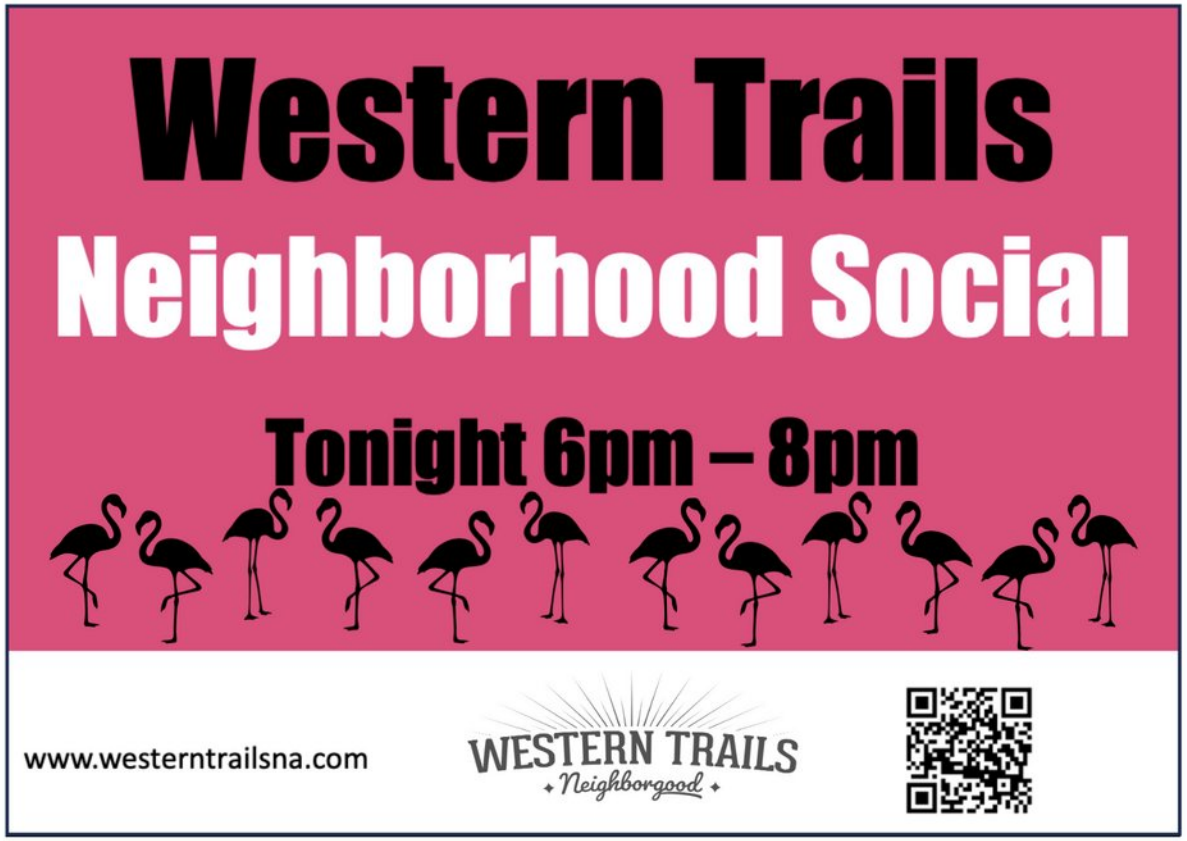

Treasurer Report

February 28, 2026
Treasurer's Report YTD 2026
Seth Thompson, WTNA Treasurer
Checking and Savings Accounts with UFCU

Checking Account

Year	Date	Notes	Deposits	Expenses	Balance
2026	January 1	Checking Account Beginning Balance			$3,156.97
	February	Opening Savings with UFCU		$100	$3,056.97
	February 28	Checking Account Current Balance			$3,056.97

Savings Account

Year	Date	Notes	Deposits	Expenses	Balance
2026	February	Savings Account Opening Balance	$100		$100.00
	February 28	Savings Account Current Balance			$100.00

Update:
Our new bank is UFCU
No Minimum Balance
No Checking Fees

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Joslin Elementary School Update – Ryan Turner

Western Trails Neighborhood Meeting Schedule 2026

- *Q1’26: Thursday, March 5, 2026*
- ***Q2’26: Thursday, June 11, 2026***
- **Q3’26: Thursday, September 10, 2026**
- **Q4’26: Thursday, December 3, 2026**

Thank you!

Back Up Slides



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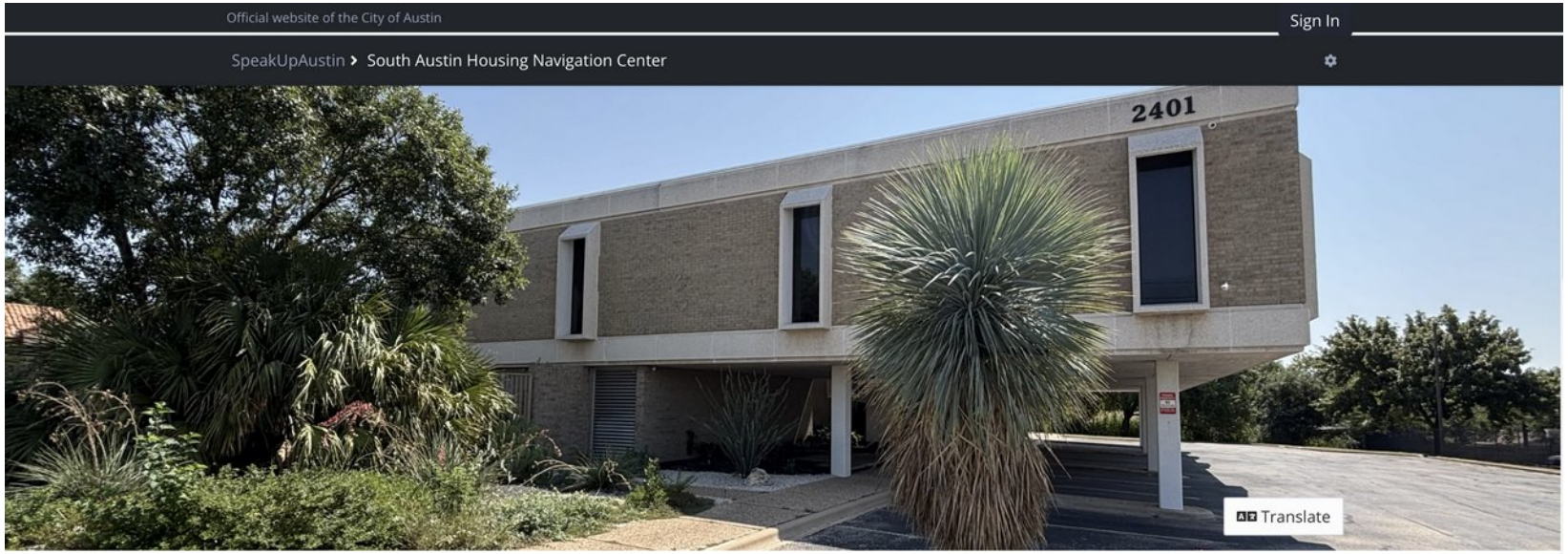
Board – Discuss/Decide

- New WTNA Neighborhood Meeting Signs
- New Neighborhood Social Signs
- New YOTM Sign
- New YOTM (Honorable Mention) Sign

Navigation Center Relocation



South Austin Housing Navigation Center

On September 3, 2025, Austin Homeless Strategies and Operations (HSO) announced an exciting evolution of local homelessness prevention and response efforts. The proposed South Austin Housing Navigation Center, located at 2401 South Interstate Highway 35 Service Road 78741, will serve as a brick-and-mortar hub for at-risk households seeking housing stabilization services, and will provide essential support for unhoused residents who are on their journey home. Bookmark this page and check back for project updates including virtual meetings you may join to learn more.

Navigation Center Relocation

What is a Housing Navigation Center?



Housing navigation seeks to identify opportunities to sustain or obtain safe and stable housing.

For households that are experiencing housing instability, the navigation center can serve as a hub to ***address root factors*** of stability and to ***prevent homelessness***. Root factors may include healthcare access, income and employment, lease adherence, housing quality, and family safety. Housing navigators help households ***problem solve before crisis happens***.

For individuals that are already experiencing homelessness, the navigation center can help ***meet basic needs*** and to take ***next steps***. Basic needs include food, water, hygiene resources, clothing, healthcare access, medication storage, and a mailing address. Next steps include obtaining vital documents necessary for employment, accessing crisis shelter, completing a housing assessment, applying for mainstream benefits, and pursuing more specialized support.



Why is the City of Austin Investing in Housing Navigation Centers?

Austin Homeless Strategies and Operations (HSO) is committed to investing across the spectrum of our local homelessness response system to reduce the incidence of new homelessness and to reduce the total number of people who are living unhoused in our community. Navigators are an essential piece of HSO's efforts to work upstream of homelessness by connecting at-risk households to focused and cost-effective prevention services. When homelessness can't be averted, unhoused residents need reliable access to well managed, safe, and professional support.

Creek Clean Up

Email from KAB

We can absolutely get you geared up for a self-led cleanup! To borrow supplies, all volunteers must agree to our liability waiver on GivePulse, which also tracks registrations, attendance, and provides event details like location and expectations. Once I create the private event, I'll send you a link that volunteers can use to complete the waiver. Please provide the following information so I can get started on setting up your link!

Information I need to create your link

Location of cleanup (exact starting location)
Date and time of cleanup
Estimated number of volunteers

Once we have the GivePulse event set up we can coordinate a pick up time for supplies!

Supply Pickup ***// by appointment only***
I am in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30-4:30. Let me know which date and time works for you and I will mark you down in my calendar! Please provide us with a minimum of two weeks' notice before your scheduled supply pickup. This request is important to ensure the smooth preparation and availability of your supplies.

Volunteers leading their own cleanup receive group kits (each kit services 10 people). Additional supplies are available upon request (excluding grabbers, we recommend volunteers partnering up because it's hard to hold a trash bag, recycling bag and grabber at the same time).

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