

THE WOODCREEK UPDATE

A Monthly Newsletter of Woodcreek, Texas



Note from the Mayor

Greetings, Woodcreekers!

You're reading the inaugural issue of The Woodcreek Update, a monthly newsletter designed to keep residents up-to-date on everything happening in our community. Some content will be essential and newsworthy, while other stories will keep you informed about the people and places that make Woodcreek such a special place.

And very soon, Woodcreek will have a new website! It's a user-friendly hub for accessing local government information and services. With online tools for many things, including permit applications and issue reporting, it lessens the need for in-person visits to City Hall (although we still love to see you!). It streamlines communication with email notifications, text alerts, and mobile apps, keeping residents informed about emergencies, public notices, and community events.

Keep an eye on your inbox for instructions on how to get your household registered for customized information and alerts. And if you enjoy reading this newsletter, please feel free to forward it to your neighbors so that they can sign up.

On behalf of the City Council and staff, thanks for reading, and here's to a great 2025.

-Jeff Rasco, Mayor

Woodcreek Greenspaces Get Greener



Woodcreek is investing in its green spaces, with significant park improvements designed to enhance the community's recreational opportunities, sustainability, and natural beauty. It won't be long before temperatures rise again, and residents can enjoy these beautifully revitalized green spaces with friends and family.

"These parks are a testament to the strength of our community," said Mayor Jeff Rasco, expressing gratitude for the collective effort that brought these projects to life. "From local scouts to businesses and volunteers, everyone played a role in creating spaces we can all enjoy for generations to come."

Augusta Park: Augusta Park combines recreation with ecological stewardship. The park is now ADA accessible and features enhancements including a ping-pong table, a cornhole court, and a resurfaced bocce ball court.

Significant new installations of native plants have been made, including a monarch butterfly waystation. Designed by Tatum Davis as part of her Gold Award project, this garden provides essential nectar plants for migrating monarch butterflies and host plants for their eggs. To provide irrigation, Billy Brown's Eagle Scout project includes a 500-gallon rainwater collection tank that gathers water from a metal roof, with an overflow tank for wildlife.

Triangle Park: Located at the intersection of Woodcreek Drive and Brookhollow Drive, Triangle Park welcomes visitors with a new gazebo, benches, and a water fountain donated by Aqua Texas. This inviting spot is perfect for relaxing in the shade or enjoying a quiet moment outdoors.

Creekside Park: Located on Brookhollow Drive, Creekside Park offers a family-friendly haven featuring a playscape designed for the kids. Parents can relax at the picnic tables and benches while kids enjoy hours of fun. A curved traffic guardrail was also installed for safety.

City Hall: Another rainwater collection tank was installed at City Hall to help provide water for the city's community garden.

The park enhancements were made possible by a grant from the Hays County Parks and Open Spaces initiative, with collaboration among the city council, administration, and the Parks and Recreation advisory committee.

As Woodcreek finalizes these projects, residents are encouraged to explore the parks and take pride in this shared achievement. With spaces designed for family play, community gathering, and wildlife preservation, these parks symbolize Woodcreek's dedication to enhancing the quality of life for all who call it home.

Thank You, Frances Louise Cobb

The year was 1983. The U.S. economy was recovering from a severe recession, but Texas was only beginning to feel the effects of the "oil bust," a severe downturn in the state's oil and gas-based economy.

At the time, Woodcreek was a fledgling residential community formed around a golf course, but the recession was slowing the area's development. Still, city elders understood the importance of becoming a recognized municipality so that residents could establish governance and maintain control over the community's development and character.



Those first city meetings and elections were held in the Palmer Lane home of Frances Louise Cobb, Woodcreek's first city secretary, who served from 1983 to 1984.

On January 19, 2025—her 100th birthday—Woodcreek celebrated *Frances Louise Cobb Day*, a fitting tribute to a woman who has touched so many lives in Woodcreek and beyond.

The proclamation celebrates Louise's extraordinary leadership and invites the entire city to reflect on her contributions. "Frances Louise Cobb has been a pillar of our community, a model of grace, and a source of inspiration for all," said Jeff Rasco, Woodcreek mayor.

Louise's remarkable journey is a testament to a life well-lived. In addition to serving alongside inaugural Mayor Jack Miller, her contributions extend far beyond her official role. Louise has been a guiding force in organizations like the Woodcreek Women's Golf Association, where she served as president in 1987. A lover of community and connection, she's also a devoted member of Chapel in the Hills Church.

Louise's personal life is as dynamic as her professional one. She raised three children and delights in being a grandmother to five and a great-grandmother to nine. Her marriages to Hubert Knight and later to Bill Cobb added rich chapters to her story, taking her to Austin and Corpus Christi, where she supported her husbands in their influential roles in state governance.

In 1982, Louise retired as the personnel officer at Corpus Christi State University (now part of Texas A&M University). She chose Woodcreek as her forever home, a decision that would make her an enduring part of the community's heart and soul. Louise has embraced life with vigor. Her adventures, from playing bridge and golf to riding the supersonic Concorde and a camel, have inspired those around her.

As you enjoy your quiet, tree-lined neighborhood today, thank Louise for her foresight and vision more than 40 years ago, which laid the foundation for our community today.

Meet Your Woodcreek City Staff



Jim Burton, City Administrator

How long have you lived and/or worked in Woodcreek?

I moved to Woodcreek in 2020, and I became City Administrator in 2023.

What are some of your key job responsibilities?

I manage the day-to-day operations of the city and advise the Mayor and Council about these operations to assist them in making decisions and setting policy.

What are some of your favorite things about working and living in Woodcreek?

Woodcreek has a small-town, rural feel to it. People here are friendly and look out for one another.

What's one fun fact that people may not know about you?

I'm Texas born and raised, having grown up in North Texas. My wife Paige was the long-time librarian for WISD until her retirement last May. Between us, we have three boys, two of whom also live in Woodcreek with our four grandsons.



Kari Lebkuecher, City Secretary

How long have you lived and/or worked in Woodcreek?

I began my position as City Secretary in January 2025.

What are some of your key job responsibilities?

The key job responsibilities include making sure agendas and minutes are completed in a timely manner. I organize elections for the City and am in charge of record keeping.

What are some of your favorite things about working and living in Woodcreek?

I really enjoy working alongside our staff and the City Council. Everyone is extremely friendly and helpful as I am learning my new role. Another favorite thing about working for Woodcreek is learning and understanding what goes on within the City and its plans for the future.

What's one fun fact that people may not know about you?

I enjoy being outside as much as possible whether it be gardening, hunting, or playing with my dog. I also love to spend time with my family and friends, creating memories that will last a lifetime.



Taffy Barker, Office Administrator

How long have you lived and/or worked in Woodcreek?

I will have been with the City nearly two years. I live in Woodcreek North and we moved here in 2001 so our kids could go to the Wimberley school district.

What are some of your key job responsibilities?

My main focus here at work is to help the residents. I am the one who is up front and answers the phone. I also do accounts payables/receivables for the City. My job varies from day to day, I just help out where needed.

What are some of your favorite things about working and living in Woodcreek?

I had worked at the Wimberley View for many years and was ready for a change. I have so enjoyed the people and learning new things. Some days are busy and challenging, but I really enjoy the environment here now.

What's one fun fact that people may not know about you?

I am an awesome Gammie to six wonderful grandchildren. And, of course, they are all adorable and smart. I also love to read.

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