
THE WOODCREEK UPDATE

A Monthly Newsletter of Woodcreek, Texas



Note from the Mayor

Greetings, Woodcreekers!

Welcome to summer! School is out, and the hot weather is upon us.

As things heat up, we look for ways to keep ourselves cool and our gardens hydrated. The City of Woodcreek has a number of initiatives to conserve water, including drafting a master drainage plan and collaborating with regional partners on sustainable water and wastewater planning. We're also about to embark on city-wide educational efforts, and we're developing a program to help curtail the incredible amount of evaporation in our pools. Read on to learn more about these programs.

Even though we're embarking on the "dog days," there's still plenty of other news to cover, too:

- The council has approved a pedestrian mobility safety study to look at ways to improve how our residents can walk and ride more safely around Woodcreek. This could potentially involve constructing walkways; the study will explore different options and the costs associated. We will continue to seek public input throughout this process.
- As a reminder, watch out for our wildlife pedestrians, too! It's fawn season, and lots of mamas and their babies are crossing our streets and in our yards. If you find a fawn alone, [leave it alone](#) unless it's clearly sick or injured. The doe is likely nearby and will return to care for it.
- Watch your email for news about a presentation by the LCRA of their \$25,000 grant to the city to help with the installation of a bathroom in Creekside Park. We'll have a formal grant presentation on June 12 at 1:15pm at the park. We are very appreciative of their continued generosity toward

Woodcreek. And while you're at it, make sure you and your neighbors are signed up to receive news from the city via email and/or text at woodcreektx.gov.

- Let me be the first to wish everyone a very happy Fourth of July! Watch for the Woodcreek float in this year's [Fourth of July Parade](#), which takes place at 10 am on Ranch Road 12! And on the nights of July 3rd, 4th, and 5th, be sure to attend the [VFW Rodeo](#), where Woodcreek teamed with Wimberley to sponsor the post-rodeo fireworks extravaganza. It's also Market Day on the 5th, so the Valley is sure to be busy that weekend.
- Have you ever volunteered for Woodcreek? We want to recognize YOU! Our Community Relations Committee is in the early stages of planning a volunteer appreciation party, and we will be sending out surveys, so check your inboxes and mailboxes so we can include you in the recognition. And if you want to get involved, [just email us](#).

We hope you find these once-a-month newsletters informative. Please share them with your neighbors and if you know of something happening in Woodcreek that deserves a mention, [let us know!](#)

Enjoy your summer.

-Jeff Rasco, Mayor

Meet Krista Richardson, Woodcreek City Council



Krista Richardson is a Woodcreek City Council representative. We'll continue featuring Council and Mayor profiles monthly in this newsletter.

How long have you lived in Woodcreek, and what do you enjoy about living here?

I have lived in Woodcreek with my family for three years. What drew us to this town is the natural beauty of all the oak trees and Cypress creek, as well as the friendliness of the residents. My kids are also fond of all the adorable animals running around, from the fawns to the foxes!

What is your profession?

My background is in healthcare administration, but I currently am a business operations manager for a company in Austin. I also have a fun part-time job working in a local winery, where I get to meet tons of amazing people and teach them about wine!

Why did you run for City Council?

I ran for City Council because I believe in guiding policies that will shape our town's future for the better. It's important to me that we make thoughtful decisions today to ensure long-term prosperity and sustainability for all residents. I also want to help build a community where both young and old can thrive. By serving on the council, I hope to foster unity, growth, and a high quality of life for everyone that calls Woodcreek home.

What have you learned in your time serving on City Council?

My knowledge base on municipal infrastructure has expanded significantly, as well as learning all the behind-the-scenes development and work that goes into capital projects.

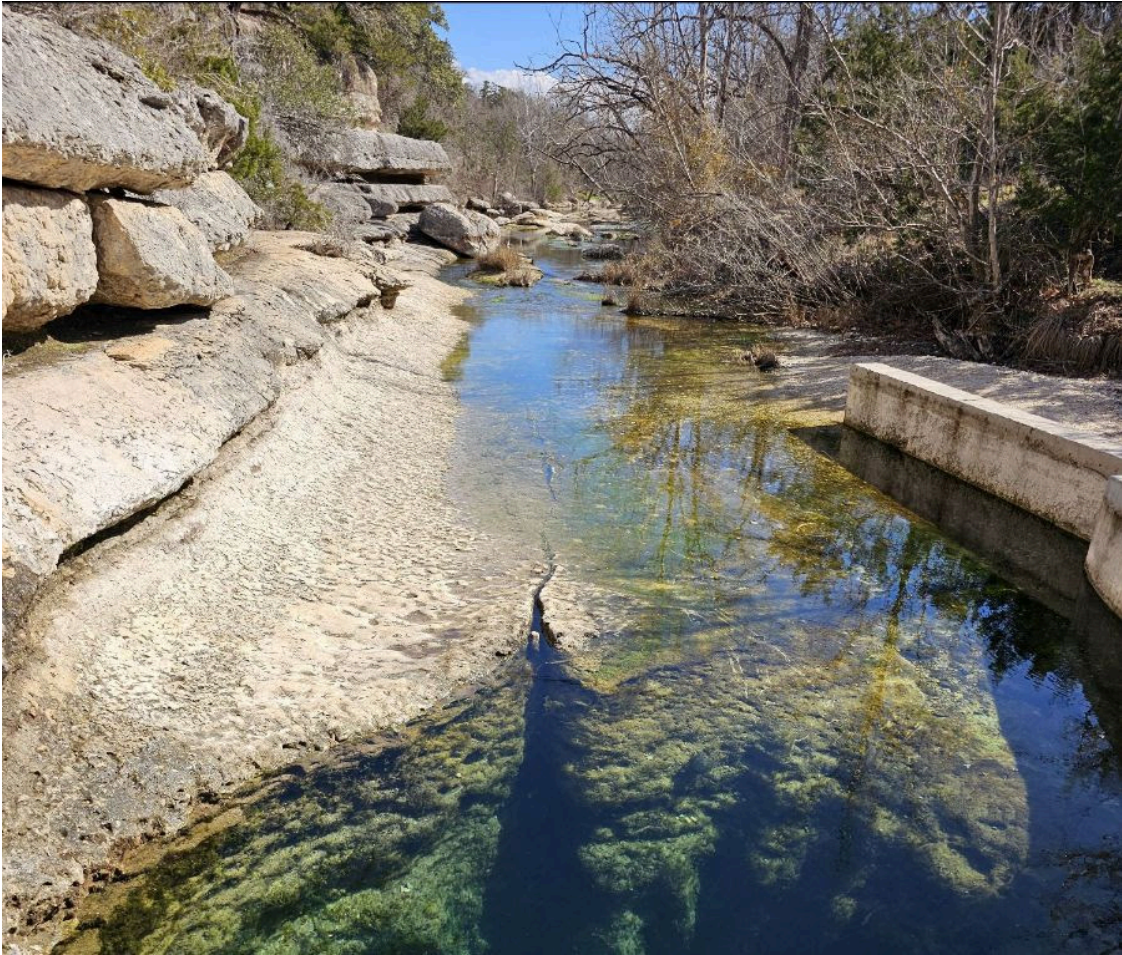
What are some of Woodcreek's biggest opportunities and challenges in the coming months and years?

I think Woodcreek's biggest opportunities come from the amazing people we have living here. There are many residents with incredible backgrounds who volunteer their time and knowledge and really work together to improve every facet of this town. I love the sense of community in Woodcreek, and appreciate how many neighbors are looking after each other and helping in times of need. I believe our most significant challenge will be forging through this extreme drought and coming up with innovative ways to encourage residents to set up rainwater collection systems and practice other water conservation measures.

What is something interesting that you want residents to know about you?

You can always find me at local estate sales! I love finding high-quality vintage furniture and restoring it to its original glory!

From Puddles To Pools Every Drop Counts



For several years, the Texas Hill Country has been facing a protracted drought. That, combined with increasing development, has put a serious strain on our water resources. The City of Woodcreek is taking steps to mitigate these challenges.

In cooperation with the [Watershed Association](#), the city will hold “WaterWise” seminars highlighting the responsible use of water to minimize waste and ensure its availability for future use. WaterWise practices may include efficient landscaping like rain gardens, berms, and permeable surfaces that keep rainwater on the property and out of sewers. The practice also employs conservation practices like efficient water use in households and lawns. More details are coming soon.

The Woodcreek City Council also recently approved drafting a city Drainage Master Plan. During phase one of this project, engineers will survey and identify the top areas of concern for inadequate drainage within Woodcreek, using residents’ input. Once identified, the city will receive cost estimates and determine the best way to move forward.

Collaboration is key when addressing water issues. Woodcreek plans to enter into an interlocal agreement with Hays County and the City of Wimberley to address water and wastewater planning. Local and county officials will meet regularly with stakeholders to develop strategies that support sustainable growth and resource protection. The goal is to coordinate among various water and wastewater providers, ensure resilient infrastructure, and protect natural resources like rivers and streams vital to the community's future. Through this ongoing collaboration, we hope to create long-term, community-supported solutions for water and wastewater needs.

Woodcreek is also drafting a program to reduce the burden private pools place on our groundwater resources. Many in-ground pools have auto-refill systems and can lose thousands of gallons of water per month from evaporation alone, significantly straining the aquifer during summer and drought conditions. To address this, the City is designing ways to incentivize using pool covers and rainwater harvesting systems to reduce reliance on groundwater. A proposed rebate program would offer partial reimbursements for rainwater collection systems and pool covers, helping residents offset costs and conserve water. Woodcreek has allocated \$50,000 in funding for fiscal year 2025–2026 to implement this policy. We are also exploring property tax exemptions for rainwater harvesting.

At the end of the day, every drop really does count—and in Woodcreek, we're counting on each other to protect our community and the Hill Country we all love. With neighbors, partners, and a little creativity, we can weather the drought, steward our aquifer, and build a more resilient future—one drop at a time.

Nama-Stay Seated: Accessible Yoga In the Park



Yoga is coming to Triangle Park! Beginning this summer, residents can meet at the gazebo at 9 am on Mondays to participate in low-impact flexibility exercises. The sessions will be free and last about an hour.

The classes will focus primarily on accessible yoga, a gentle form practiced while sitting in a chair or using a chair for support. This makes it accessible for those with limited mobility, balance challenges, and

yoga newcomers. It includes modified poses, breathing exercises, and stretches that promote flexibility, strength, and relaxation without the need to get down on the ground. If you prefer conventional yoga, feel free to join in as well!

Registration details are forthcoming, so stay tuned to this newsletter and the city website for more.

Calendar of Events

June 5 - 11:00am - Community Relations Committee Meeting (City Hall)

June 11 - 5:00pm - Planning & Zoning Commission Public Hearing on zoning "The Triangle" as a city park (City Hall)

June 11 - 5:30pm - City Council Meeting including Public Hearing on zoning "The Triangle" as a city park (City Hall)

June 11 - time TBA - Board of Adjustments Meeting on a variance request (City Hall)

June 12 - 1:15pm - LCRA grant presentation (Creekside Park)

June 18 - 5:00pm - Trees & Parks Board Meeting

June 25 - 5:30pm - City Council Meeting and Budget Workshop



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