

THE WOODCREEK UPDATE

A Monthly Newsletter of Woodcreek, Texas



Note from the Mayor

Greetings, Woodcreekers!

Spring is finally in full bloom, and we've even received a bit of much-needed rain to get things jump-started. A lot is happening in Woodcreek this month!

- **Join us at Triangle Park this Friday evening for our Arbor Day celebration.** It's a free event for families and neighbors to celebrate our city's wonderful trees. There are plenty of fun activities planned, so read further into this newsletter for all the details.
- Then, on Saturday, April 5, from 7am to 7pm, clean out your garages and closets -- it's the [annual city-wide garage and yard sale!](#) It's a great day to find some hidden treasures and re-home some of your unwanted items.
- The following Tuesday, April 8, is the city's **annual bulk item pick-up**. You must register by this Wednesday, April 2, at 2pm so that Waste Connections can prepare adequate resources. Simply [fill out this form](#) and [email it to City Hall](#) or deliver it in person. Items must be placed curbside by Sunday, April 7, and must not exceed five cubic yards of bulk.
- I'm pleased to report that our newly combined **Trees & Parks Board and Community Relations Committee** held their first meetings. Community Relations will help plan an upcoming Spring Egg Hunt, and we're in the early stages of planning a city volunteer appreciation event. [Let us know](#) if you'd like to get involved in any of those events.
- Finally, we are tweaking our process for **broadcasting City Council meetings**. Instead of publicizing the Zoom link on the City's webpage, you must request it in advance by emailing City Hall. This move enhances our online security while still fostering community involvement and transparency.

Enjoy this time of year -- before the dog days of summer descend upon us. Say hello to your neighbors while they're out working in their yards or enjoying the warm evenings, and keep an eye out for kids at play. And thanks for making Woodcreek a great place to live!

-Jeff Rasco, Mayor

Meet Chrys Grummert, Woodcreek Mayor Pro Tem



*Chrys Grummert is
Woodcreek's Mayor Pro Tem
and 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 moved to Woodcreek in 2007, drawn by the beauty of the Hill Country and its natural surroundings. From the moment I arrived, I was embraced by the warmth of the people and their genuine willingness to welcome and support their neighbors. It didn't take long to notice a unique quality in the residents here: a strong sense of activism and dedication to bettering the community. So many individuals see it as their duty to volunteer however they can, working together to make this a better place for everyone. It's for this reason that I knew I had found my place—my community, my home.

What is your profession?

I am a caretaker and artist, and I am currently a servant of my city's citizens.

Why did you run for City Council?

I was inspired by the example set by the people in this community to step forward and volunteer to help others. While I sometimes feel a bit self-conscious about my deep passion for Representative Democracy and my desire to ensure the voices of this community are heard in local government, it's an essential part of who I am. It may sound cliché, but it's something my mother instilled in me from a young age—that a life well-lived means working to improve the lives of others.

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

I've always had a deep love for this community and its people, long before I ever ran for council. Since joining the Council, that love has only grown stronger. The number of talented and compassionate individuals working together to improve lives here truly humbles me, and I'm grateful to be part of that effort. On a personal note, I've discovered a genuine passion for researching and navigating the often complex system of codes and laws, with the goal of finding practical solutions to the issues that matter most to our citizens.

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

One of Woodcreek's biggest challenges is the State Legislature's actions, which continue to erode a city's right to self-govern and shift that authority to the State level. This trend limits our ability to address the unique concerns of our community and its residents. For instance, take the issue of future water availability and the health of the aquifer that supplies it. The State has steadily reduced the tools our city can use to tackle these critical concerns.

However, I see an opportunity here. We are a community of passionate, engaged citizens who, when united, can overcome any challenge. While the State may be restricting our local governance, this could ultimately strengthen our community, pushing us to find innovative solutions we might not have considered before.

Additionally, one of the opportunities I've personally championed is for the city to actively seek and apply for grants to fund projects important to our citizens. These grants help reduce the city's reliance on property taxes, enabling us to pursue projects without burdening local taxpayers. I am glad to report that our city has received grants and continues to do so.

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

I've cultivated a collection of Bearded Irises over the years, including several passed down from my grandmother. Each variety holds special meaning to me, as many were gifted by friends and loved ones, making them even more cherished. No matter where life has taken me, I've always made sure to bring these irises along. Unfortunately, some of the more delicate varieties haven't thrived in the Texas Hill Country, but every spring, I still eagerly look forward to seeing my old friends bloom. While I've forgotten the names of many of them, I never forget the people who shared them with me. My first Bearded Iris, a classic purple variety still in my garden today, was given to me by a friend's grandmother in the late '80s. It's called "Grandma's Purple Flag."

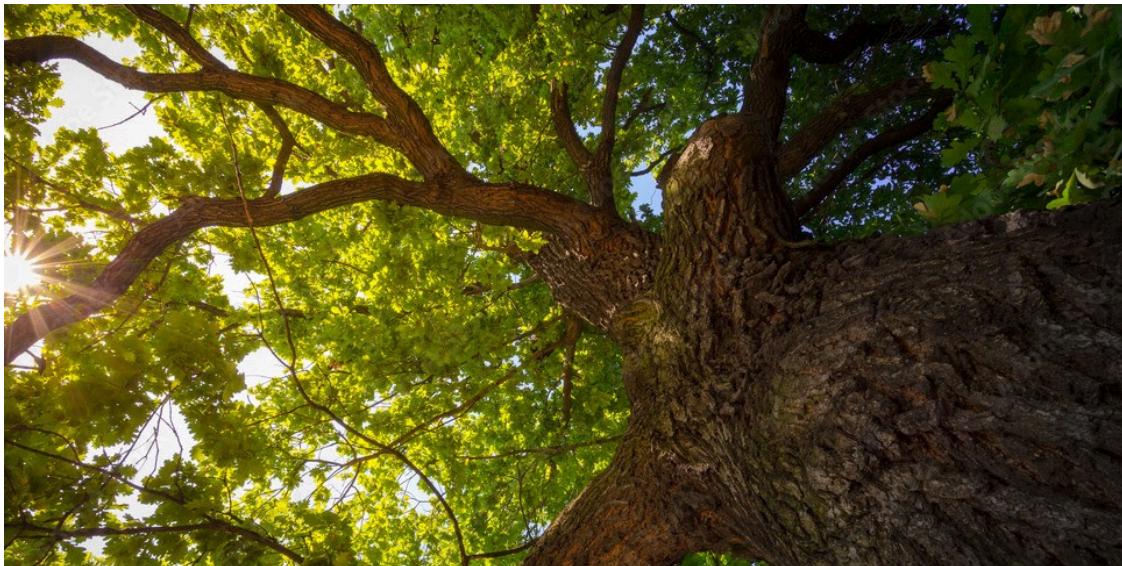
Woodcreekers, Your City Needs You!

Volunteers have always driven Woodcreek's success, and we need a few more to help. There are two vacancies on our Community Relations Committee, the group that helps plan our outreach events. We also have a vacancy on our Trees and Parks Board, where you could help manage our beautiful canopy and parks.

Neither group requires huge time commitments, and it's a great way to get to know your neighbors while helping to keep Woodcreek the home we love. [Contact us](#) if you can help, or have questions.

And THANK YOU!

Woodcreek's Arbor Day Celebration: Tree-Mendous Fun!



Mark your calendars—the 4th Annual Arbor Day Celebration is happening this Friday, April 4, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Triangle Park, and you won't want to miss it!

This free, family-friendly event is about celebrating trees, learning how to care for them, and having a great time with our neighbors. There'll be an informative Oak Wilt session with the Texas A&M Forest service, where tree experts will share tips on keeping local trees healthy. Master Gardeners, Master Naturalists, and representatives from the Native Plant Society and the Watershed Association will be on hand to answer your questions.

And what's Arbor Day without trees? We're giving some away! Enter the tree raffle for a chance to take home a tree to plant in your yard.

There's plenty of fun lined up for the kids, too! We'll have face painting, a plant potting station, and a special storytime with local author Monica Rasco. The School Yard Dogs truck will be on hand serving tasty hotdogs, and Wimberley Shaved Ice will be there with refreshing snow cones

to keep everyone cool. Feel free to BYOB and enjoy a relaxing evening under the trees with your friends and family.

And the tree hugging doesn't end after Arbor Day! In next month's newsletter, we'll have more information about [the city's oak wilt assistance program](#) to help citizens with managing this disease.

Are YOU Ready? Community Gathers For Emergency Preparedness Fair



Whether it's floods, fires, winter storms, or heat waves, every Woodcreeker knows that our area is subject to sudden and sometimes severe weather disruptions. Last Saturday, the 4th Annual Wimberley Valley Emergency Preparedness Fair welcomed hundreds to the VFW Fairgrounds, all interested in learning more about preparing for potential emergencies.

Families and neighbors had the chance to meet EMS, Fire, Sheriff's, and Constable's Office personnel, while also enjoying exciting attractions like helicopters, WAG Rescue dogs, mini horses, and more.

The City of Woodcreek once again hosted a baseball speed pitch competition. All proceeds and donations benefitted [Logan's Dugout](#), a resource for families whose children want to play sports but can't afford the necessary equipment.

Attendees learned how to gather emergency supplies for a "go bag" if their family needed to evacuate quickly. They also received information on what to have on hand in the event they were stranded at home for 72 hours or more. Every Woodcreek resident can [learn more about disaster preparation online](#).

Woodcreek is also reimplementing its Neighbor to Neighbor program, a fun way to meet those who live closest to you while also providing a support network in times of emergency. Look for more information on how to help in this newsletter and online.

Strong community participation and valuable lessons shared make the Wimberley Valley Emergency Preparedness Fair a vital event for building resilience and readiness in the region.



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