

# THE WOODCREEK UPDATE

## A Monthly Newsletter of Woodcreek, Texas



### Note from the Mayor

Greetings, Woodcreekers!

It's hard to believe that we're already halfway through 2025! As we prepare to celebrate our nation's birthday, it's a perfect time to pause and give heartfelt thanks for the freedoms we enjoy and the community that makes it all worthwhile.

And there's so much happening in our community! Be sure to check out [our new website](#) and sign up for customized alerts to stay abreast of all things Woodcreek. To learn more, read on.

Here are a few highlights of what's happening in our community:

- Triangle Park is now officially a park! It's been years in the making, but the Council voted to rezone the "Triangle" from a right-of-way to a park. By doing so, this space will be reserved for recreation and community gatherings.
- Yoga at Triangle Park has been a great success! Join us at 9am on Mondays for low-impact flexibility exercises. The one-hour sessions are free, and you can [sign up online](#).
- Woodcreek runs on the power of our volunteers, and we want to recognize you! If you've ever done work to support our community, we encourage you to [fill out our volunteer appreciation form](#). We're planning an event to recognize those who have contributed to making Woodcreek the great place that it is.
- Believe it or not, [election season](#) is upon us. This November, we will hold elections for mayor and two at-large council positions. Candidates can file beginning July 19 through August 18. For more information or to pick up a packet, [contact City Secretary Kari Lebkuecher](#) or stop by City Hall.
- Woodcreek is becoming fully ADA compliant. We are in the process of making our parks accessible to those with disabilities, including the new restroom being installed at Creekside Park. City Hall will also undergo an update to become fully ADA compliant.

- Mark your calendars -- September 14 is "Woodcreek Fun Day" at Camp Young Judea. The much-anticipated annual event features water slides and a swimming pool, a playground, hiking trails, and shaved ice treats. It's completely free for Woodcreek residents, so bring the family!

As always, please forward this email to your neighbors, and [let us know](#) if you have an idea that's worth mentioning in a future issue.

Here's wishing you a joyful and safe Fourth of July filled with celebration, community, and patriotic spirit. Let's enjoy the holiday responsibly and continue to take care of one another—happy Independence Day!

-Jeff Rasco, Mayor

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## Meet Linnea Bailey, Woodcreek City Council



*Linnea Bailey 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 here for 20 years, since March of 2005. The thing I like most about living here is that it feels like I live in a park with lush trees, quiet and safe surroundings filled with deer and birds, plus a spreading big lawn out back that the golf course takes care of. The kind of place I would go for vacation, if I didn't already live here.

### **What is your profession?**

I am a retired accountant. My professional life included serving as Chief Financial Officer for a land development company and a major home builder. Locally, I worked as an accountant for a Blanco paving company. In 2007-2008, I was City Secretary for Woodcreek and completed the County Clerk program, which is a two-year associate degree from the University of North Texas for municipal clerks, city secretaries, and city management.

### **Why did you run for City Council?**

My decision to run for city council began with my interest in improving the city's roads. When I moved here, the excellent quality of the roads, compared to those in other surrounding communities, contributed to my decision to live here. However, after 17 years, most of the roads were in poor condition. I was chair of the Platinum Road Panel and then ran for council, where I could do the most good. With the passage of a general obligation bond and a competitive bid, nine miles of road were completed in 2023.

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

I have learned that often there are many ways to achieve the same goal. Cooperation and compromise are probably the best ways to achieve optimal results, but that's not always the process.

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

There are many opportunities and challenges ahead for Woodcreek, but I'll focus on those that fall within my fields of construction and accounting. Funds remain from the 2023 General Obligation bond. Seal coat is a process that is applied to new asphalt after 17 to 24 months. The process improves appearance and would extend the life of the road by 3-5 years. A portion of the remaining General Obligation bond funds could be used to extend the life of our roads and would be in keeping with the voters' intent when approving the 2023 road bond.

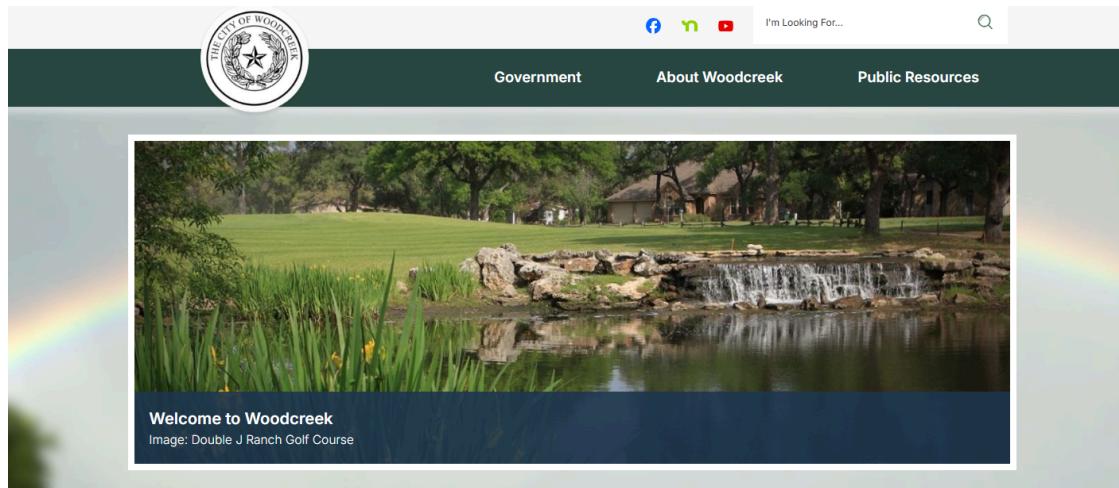
I see rising property taxes as one of our biggest challenges. Because home values have doubled in the past 10 years, property taxes have also doubled. Even though Woodcreek has implemented measures to mitigate the rapid increase of property taxes (No New Revenue and increased exemption for seniors), actual property tax collections in Woodcreek have increased by 107% in the past 10 years, even though the population has only increased by 27% (45% tax increase over 5 years, with a 17% increase in population).

On June 16, 2025, the State of Texas initiated the largest property tax reduction in Texas history. Woodcreek should follow suit by exploring ways to reduce property tax bills. The state bill suggests up to 20% increase in homeowner's exemption.

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

I can throw a mean frisbee with height, distance, and (usually) with accuracy. Coincidentally, my lab Lola is an excellent catcher of a high-flying frisbee as long as I throw it where she can catch it.

# Click Into Woodcreek: A New Website Built for You



Woodcreek has a brand-new website! It's designed from the ground up to be the one-stop shop for any information you might need. It'll save you time and automate many city procedures (but if you'd rather stop by City Hall in person, we'd still love to see you!) Some of the features on the site include:

- City Council and committee agendas, meetings, and minutes
- Automatic form and permit submissions
- Official notices and ordinances
- Procedures for making a report or comment
- Other useful links to local services

While you're on the site, we encourage you to [sign up for city communications](#) -- that way, you'll automatically know about important and useful information that impacts you. Even if you have an existing account with us, we kindly request that you create a new one so you don't miss any important notifications.

You can choose exactly the type of information that you want to receive, in either email or text format. Different alerts include general Woodcreek news, City Council and committee agendas and meetings, and city job openings. In an emergency (like weather or fire), it's an essential way to stay safe and informed.

As always, we're interested in your feedback! Please let us know if there's anything you think can be improved or added.

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## Stars, Stripes, and Spurs: Celebrate the 4th of July!



Celebrate Independence Day with your Woodcreek neighbors! Once again, Woodcreek is sponsoring a float in this year's 4th of July parade -- the "Best Little Parade in Texas." The festivities kick off at 10am, but streets begin closing at 9:30am, so be sure to stake out your spot early.

This year's parade features a retro theme, so break out those poodle skirts, tie dyes and bell bottoms, or mullets and fanny packs. Prize categories include Most Creative Float, Most Creative Truck, Most Patriotic, and Best Retro Theme.

VFW Post 6441 will also host the annual [rodeo on July 3-5](#). Gates open at 5:30pm, with the first mutton bustin' at 7pm and the rodeo at 8pm. Woodcreek has teamed up with Wimberley for the nightly fireworks display, so prepare to make an evening of it. And on Saturday night, the VFW will host a dance at the VFW Hall.

And don't forget -- Wimberley Market Days is also this Saturday, and Coffee and Cars at Blanco Brew is Sunday, so our little valley will surely be packed. Have a great weekend and be safe out there!

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## Calendar of Events

July 3 - 11:00am - Community Relations Committee Meeting (City Hall)

July 4 - City Hall closed in observance of Independence Day

July 9 - 5:30pm - City Council Meeting (City Hall)

July 16 - 4:30pm - Trees & Parks Board Meeting (City Hall)

July 23 - 5:30pm - City Council Meeting (City Hall)

Mondays - 9:00am - Chair Yoga at Triangle Park

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