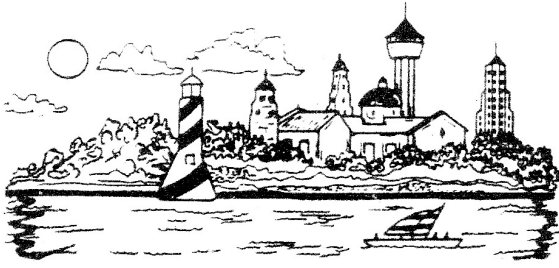


# WLCA NEWSLETTER



## Woodlawn Lake Community Association

*Keeping Woodlawn Wonderful*

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### **SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER WLCA MEETINGS CANCELLED; NATIONAL NIGHT OUT (OCT 6th) CANCELLED**

### **GOOGLE FIBER TO BEGIN INSTALLING IN LAKE AREA**

Google Fiber is expanding north of Culebra into the WLCA area and beyond. Initial work will be to Cincinnati Avenue, but will eventually extend to the Balcones Heights city limit and to Interstate 10. This will bring its high speed internet service into our community and those surrounding it. Television cable service is not a part of this project.

Work is expected to begin towards the end of October. Installation will be by channel trenching in the city right-of-way. This is a slit in the ground a few inches wide to accept conduit. Vendors completing the installation are responsible for repairing any damage caused to private property. Unlike previous installations, there will be no hut, like the one at Frank Garrett Park, in our area. The first neighborhoods in this project should be receiving service before the end of this year.

Google Fiber will place a door hanger at the homes to be affected and post “No Parking” signs at least two days before it begins work. The signs will be removed within one day of completing restoration work efforts. Construction will occur between 7 am and 7 pm daily. In most cases construction will be completed in less than one week upon entering a neighborhood, but could be extended because of certain factors, such as weather. As a last resort, vehicles remaining in “no parking” areas while construction is taking place may be temporarily relocated via towing. If a vehicle is moved, the owner will NOT be charged and the vehicle will be put back where it was parked, or as close as possible.

Google Fiber’s construction inquiry line is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can call 1-800-454-6959 with any questions or concerns (para español 877-454-6959). You can also sign up for updates about when your specific neighborhood is ready for Google Fiber service at [fiber.google.com](https://fiber.google.com).

### **MESSAGE FROM US REP DISTRICT 35 LLOYD DOGGETT**

**Your sound health and constitutional right to vote: Not an either-or choice.** Every Texan age 65 and older may vote by mail. Many under 65 during this pandemic with any physical condition creating a likelihood of injury that risks their health at the polls may vote, too. If you have not yet registered to vote by mail, please visit my website <https://doggett.house.gov/voting-safely> to learn how you can vote safely in the upcoming November election. Applications are at <https://www.bexar.org/3271/Vote-by-Mail> for Bexar County. Don’t delay! Those who apply this month will have the opportunity to be the first to vote by getting their ballots possibly as early as mid-month. And after voting in the comfort of your home, if you return your ballot promptly, you will have plenty of time, even if the post office may be a bit slower.

**Ensuring everyone is counted.** I strongly oppose President Trump’s decision to shorten the Census reporting deadlines. To ensure the well-being of all Americans, the Census must accurately count every U.S. resident, and the Census Bureau must have the time and resources to complete it.

**Adequate mail service.** For public satisfaction, no one beats the public respect that the postal workers and letter carriers consistently earn. I am hearing about the real impact of delay of medicines, benefit checks, and bills due to Trump’s sabotage of the post office. The House recently passed the Delivering for America Act, which I sponsored. The bill modestly requires USPS to uphold the standards existing last January combined with an appropriation, which the Trump-appointed Board of Governors previously requested. Please keep me advised of any federal matters on which I may be of assistance. [Lloyd.Doggett@mail.house.gov](mailto:Lloyd.Doggett@mail.house.gov). Stay safe, stay healthy.

### **PARK FACILITIES REOPEN**

The playgrounds, basketball courts, sports fields, and fitness station at the park are now open. The ten person limit is lifted and reservations for outdoor park amenities is open. Indoor facilities, as community and adult/senior centers, clubhouses, and gyms, remain closed for now. Reservations for indoor spaces start on November 16th, with a maximum of 50 individuals.

## WLCA EXECUTIVE BOARD

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## VOTE: ELECTION INFO

The Joint General, Special, Charter, and Bond Election is Tuesday, November 3rd. The last day to register for this election is October 5th. Mail-in ballot applications are due by October 23rd. Early voting is from October 13th to 30th, 8am-6pm, except Sundays when hours are 12n-6pm. Election day voting can be at any county precinct polling site.

Early voting locations closest to our community are:

Bexar County Elections Department, 1103 S. Frio Street

Frank Garrett Multi Center, 1226 NW 18th St.

Las Palmas Library, 515 Castroville Road

Leon Valley Conference Center, 6421 Evers Road

Memorial Library, 3222 Culebra

Northside Activity Center, 7001 Culebra Road

San Antonio College Victory Center, 1819 N. Main Avenue

St. Paul Community Center, 1201 Donaldson

Wonderland Mall, 4522 Fredericksburg Road

## ALMAGUER PROJECT UPDATE

We previously reported that demolition of the Almaguer Dance Studio and construction of the new Woodlawn Lake Recreation Center would begin this October (Nwsltr Jan-Feb'20). This has been delayed. All bids for the project came in high and the City is in negotiations with the highest ranked contractor. It is looking at value engineering items to get the project into budget. The contract is expected to go to Council by the end of the year.

## WLCA Birthdays

*September: flower - aster; birthstone - sapphire*

Francesco Cristadoro, Evangelina Escamilla, Frances Estrello, David Garcia, Rose Montejano, Norma Jean Moore, Kay Shaw, Vicki Wright

*October: flower - calendula; birthstone - opal*

Sylvia Ayers, Mary Ann Black, Cathy Fernandez, Gloria Gutierrez, Marina Gavito, Joe Hanney, Carol Herrera, JD Morales, Rose Perales, Sid Sablow, Laura Wauson

## OPEN, OFFICERS, ORNAMENTAL

*Alejandro Soto, WLCA President*

We might have a WLCA meeting on December 1st. That will be determined as the City continues with its phases of reopening. Phase 3 of 4 includes several of our park facilities (page 1). Regardless of which public and private locales again become accessible, it is best to be cautious. Keep using face masks when others are around or might have been around, keep a safe distance from others, wash your hands and use sanitizer whenever you have been in contact with items that might have been touched by others. Just because restrictions are lifted on certain places or activities does not necessarily make them safe or healthy.

In normal times we would be electing new officers and board members this year. Our by-laws do not make provisions for extraordinary circumstances with which we have been faced this year. We will hold these elections in the first meeting we have after October. Rather than devote one meeting for nominations and the next for voting, on November 1st we will open the nominations by letter, email, or telephone. Our previous Newsletter (Jul-Aug'20) lists the offices and qualifications for running and for voting. Any member can self-nominate or nominate another member. Email and telephone numbers for making nominations are at the top left of this page. The mailing address is WLCA, PO Box 28374, San Antonio TX 78228. There will be a final opportunity for nominations before we vote.

In December 2016, WLCA entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Department of Parks & Recreation to develop what is now the Centennial Garden at Woodlawn Lake Park. The MOU is for a term of five years and will end next year. We will have to decide if WLCA will renew the MOU or end our participation. If we end it, we should find another party or association willing to adopt the garden. It could be the City itself, a school or college, a gardening group, or any other organization. We have made a lot of progress in bringing native plants to what was once roadbed and undeveloped park land. However, member interest and involvement has dropped off considerably since we put in the first plants. A few dedicated individuals have kept the garden going, but it might not be enough.

The recent rains and the cooler temperatures have brought life to heat-exhausted plants. Many are now flowering. Norma Jean Moore has continued her work of removing weeds, for which we thank her. We could use some help in removing the now-dead sunflower plants that spread throughout the garden and in general clean-up of other dead growth and debris. We will do some fall planting soon. I hope this is not our final activity and that our members show an interest by pitching in.

## Scheduled 2020 WLCA Meetings

Sept 29 (cancelled), Oct 27 (cancelled), Dec 1

All at 6:30 pm; Woodlawn Lake Park Wi-Fi Room