

## **Quality of Life and Benefits You Can Count On**

By Mayor Susan Sample

There are numerous reasons people choose to move to West U, from our nearby schools to the benefits of our strong zoning. However, I think that I can safely say that many people choose to stay here for the extraordinary quality of life our community offers. I wanted to highlight the types of initiatives that encourage residents to make West U their home for decades, no matter their age.

### **Edloe Street Pathway**

Council has heard enthusiastic feedback from many residents about this project and our goal of enhancing walkability in our community. The Edloe Street Pathway project will replace 150 old-growth oleanders planted along the west side of Poor Farm Ditch on Edloe Street, which unfortunately died during last year's winter storm. On February 28<sup>th</sup>, Council approved designs for a new pathway along Edloe Street between Albans Road and Georgetown Street.

This pathway will utilize recycled materials, incorporate benches and trees for shade, as well as include pet-friendly fountains to create a new asset for the entire community. Construction documents are being drawn up, and the City is currently pursuing grant funding before completing the project this year.

### **Colonial Park Pool**

With our recent warm weather, pool season could not come soon enough. With Colonial Park Pool opening to members on May 7<sup>th</sup>, it was great to see everyone on opening weekend, and we hope to see more of you through the hot months of Texas summer. Our Parks and Recreation Department will be putting on fun, family-friendly events for members throughout the season (the July 4<sup>th</sup> belly flop contest is always a favorite), so please stay tuned for those.

### **Senior Programs and Discounts**

Most people are shocked to hear that in West U, residents are eligible to participate in our outstanding senior programming at age 50. This includes health and fitness classes, group outings and special events, and learning and discussion programs that allow our residents to try everything from meditation to Shakespeare.

In addition, those who are 65 and older may be eligible for discounts on programming, solid waste billing and more. I encourage you to visit [www.westutx.gov/seniors](http://www.westutx.gov/seniors) to learn more about unique resources available to seniors.

West U is a great place to live, and all of us here at the City work daily to make sure it stays that way. As spring becomes summer, I hope you take the time to get out and explore everything that our community has to offer.