

WEST U CITY CURRENTS NEWSLETTER – WINTER 2020

A Message from Councilmember John Barnes

As we begin the New Year, I'd like to take a moment to recognize the wonderful people who serve our community. From top to bottom, our City staff comprise some of the most dedicated, skillful, hardworking, and downright nice people that I've ever had the pleasure to work with. As was recognized on December 9 by the American Public Works Association, our Public Works Department is among the most elite in the nation. Last summer, our exemplary Police Department was recognized for its excellence by the Texas Police Chiefs Association. And similar recognition has previously been bestowed upon our outstanding Parks and Recreation Department in the form of a Gold Medal Award from the Texas Recreation and Park Society. The other departments of our City – from the firefighters, whose bravery keeps our families and property safe, to the good people of our Finance Department, whose tireless efforts are essential to fulfilling this Council's commitment to sound stewardship of your tax dollars – are of likewise unmatched quality.

Therefore, as we go about our own personal business, I would ask each of us to take the opportunity to say a word of thanks to the people who, day in and day out, and often without notice or recognition, work unceasingly to maintain and enhance the quality of life that each of us has come to enjoy in the City of West University Place. Beyond simply keeping us safe, these are the people who make sure that the small, but essential, experiences of our daily lives – like turning on a faucet, flipping on a light, driving on our streets, or going for a walk – are smooth and seamless, making life just a little bit better. These are also the people whose efforts and imagination provide the many services and programs that foster and add to the spirit of community that lies at the heart of our City. West U is what it is because of them, and they are, quite simply, the best.