

Hidden Neighborhoods: Wood Glen, plus a look back on the 11 other neighborhoods featured this year

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Last year at this time, we started a monthly series called "Hidden Neighborhoods." We visited a different hidden neighborhood - an out-of-the-way gem treasured by its homeowners - every month.

Today we look at another hidden neighborhood as well as the ones we've featured this year:

Wood Glen is a charming neighborhood established in 1996 and prized by its residents for its family-friendly atmosphere. This neighborhood of 548 homes is located in Round Rock, west of Interstate 35.

A recreational area that has a community pool, playground, park, tennis court, basketball court, sand volleyball pit and numerous hike-and-bike trails is available for residents and ensures that the families in Wood Glen spend plenty of time outside.

"We have 55 acres of greenbelt in this neighborhood," said Linda DeMarco, who has lived in Wood Glen for 12 years. DeMarco is a real estate agent with Coldwell Banker United, Realtors and has sold many houses in Wood Glen. "It's one of the best neighborhoods in Round Rock. We have mature trees, good schools and we're so convenient to I-35."

The houses here were built between 1996 and 2009.

Wood Glen is in the boundaries of Round Rock school district. Many of the neighborhood children attend Old Town Elementary, Walsh Middle School and Round Rock High School.

Wood Glen has an active homeowners association. Dues are \$389 a year, or \$32 a month; more information can be found at www.woodglen.org. The association organizes activities including Cocoa with Santa, an Easter egg hunt, Movies in the Park and wine tastings.

Here are two homes currently available in Wood Glen:

2710 Loyaga Drive

The exterior of this house is white stone. This home has a three-car garage, hardwood floors, sprinkler system and a large laundry room.

The backyard features a spacious stone patio with a built-in grill, a gazebo with a ceiling fan and wiring for a television and another nice patio on the side of the house.

2710 Loyaga Drive is listed by Linda DeMarco for \$331,500. This house has four bedrooms, 3 1/2 bathrooms and 3,491 square feet. It was built in 2000.

The living room has a soaring vaulted ceiling and a stone fireplace.

The second floor holds three bedrooms, a full bathroom and a flex room, which could be an office or playroom.

1314 Becca Teal Place

Melanie Irwin is the homeowner of this house; she is the director of nursing at Home Therapy of Austin. Irwin has put her home on the market because her children are grown and she is downsizing to a property requiring less yard maintenance.

This home was built in 2001 and has four bedrooms, three bathrooms and 3,078 square feet. It is listed by Sean Graff of 98th Meridian for \$317,000. Becca Teal Place is a secluded street ending in a cul-de-sac; few cars come this way, except for the residents of the street.

"I love backing up to a greenbelt," Irwin said of her home. Her fully fenced backyard is a wonderful entertainment space. It has two large covered decks made of a composite material that requires little maintenance. One of the decks contains a huge built-in cedar hot tub, "the old-fashioned kind, the kind you used to find at ski resorts," Irwin said.

A central courtyard between the two decks is shaded and decorated with custom tile.

This house is two stories. The dining room faces the front yard and has a lot of natural light from several large windows. At the side of the house is a mint and lavender garden.

Wood Glen

Location: In Round Rock, ZIP code 78681 in Williamson County. It sits west of Interstate I-35 and north of West Old Settler's Boulevard.

School district: Round Rock

Number of available homes: Six, priced from \$331,500 to \$199,900.

2011 Hidden Neighborhoods

Here is a recap of the communities we visited this year and a house currently for sale in each one.

River Oak Lake Estates

River Oak Lake Estates is a mature, tree-filled neighborhood near Parmer Lane and Interstate 35. It is adjacent to Walnut Creek Metropolitan Park, a 293-acre City of Austin park. It's also close to MoPac Boulevard and the Domain shopping center. Austinhomesearch.com does not currently list any houses actively for sale in this neighborhood.

Shady Hollow

Shady Hollow is a family-friendly neighborhood near Brodie Lane, south of Slaughter Lane in South Austin. It is part of the Austin Independent School District and close to the shops and restaurants in the Southpark Meadows shopping center.

1. 3600 Indian Point Drive, Austin, 78739, is a four-bedroom, two-bathroom house in Shady Hollow listed for \$249,900. This property has large shade trees, a stone fireplace and a center island in the kitchen. It's 2,235 square feet. Agent: Jeff Ferguson of Realty Austin.

Blackhawk neighborhoods

The Blackhawk neighborhoods in Pflugerville are close to the scenic Blackhawk Golf Club (a public course). Many parks, pools, hike-and-bike trails and playgrounds throughout these communities. Blackhawk is near the Texas 130 and Texas 45N toll roads, in the Pflugerville school district.

2. 19916 Crane Creek Loop, Pflugerville, 78660, is a four-bedroom, two-bathroom house in the Meadows at Blackhawk neighborhood, listed at \$269,000. This home has granite kitchen counters, cherry kitchen cabinets and an enclosed patio. It's 2,515 square feet. Agent: George Johnson of Keller Williams Realty.

Scenic Brook

Scenic Brook is a quiet neighborhood near the "Y" (the intersection of U.S. 290 and Texas 71) in Southwest Austin. It's near the 16-acre Windmill Run Park and the Austin Zoo and Animal Sanctuary. Scenic Brook is part of the Austin school district and many of the properties are close to an acre in size.

3. 7005 Whispering Creek Drive, Austin, 78736, is a four-bedroom, two-bathroom house in Scenic Brook West listed at \$219,500. This home has a large backyard and new appliances. It's 1,739 square feet. Agent: Daniel Webber, Home Simple of Texas.

South Park/Brinwood

The Brinwood and South Park neighborhoods are tucked away between South First Street and South Congress Avenue in South Austin, featuring homes originally built in the 1950s and 1960s. Most of these properties have hardwood floors and mature trees. This area is close to downtown and Zilker Park.

4. 509 Havana St., Austin, 78704, is a four-bedroom, two-bathroom house in the South Park neighborhood, listed at \$345,000. This home has bamboo floors, energy-efficient windows and marble bathroom countertops. It's 1,763 square feet. Agent: Ryan Rodenbeck, Spyglass Realty and Investment.

Scofield Farms

The Scofield Farms neighborhoods are located between Howard Lane and Parmer Lane, in the Pflugerville school district. Many high-tech employees live here because of the neighborhoods' proximity to Dell, Samsung and IBM offices. The active residents here organize many community events, and another draw is easy access to MoPac and I-35.

5. 1948 Creole Drive, Austin, 78727, is a four-bedroom house with 3 1/2 bathrooms, located in the Scofield Farms neighborhood and listed at \$299,500. This house has hardwood floors, fresh paint, a deck and hot tub. It's 3,159 square feet. Agent: Cynthia Maguire, RE/MAX Capital City III.

Vistas of Sawyer Ranch

Vistas of Sawyer Ranch is a neighborhood in Dripping Springs with its own community pool, pavilion, playground and park. It is part of the Dripping Springs school district and is located near U.S. 290 and Sawyer Ranch Road.

6. 139 Polly's Point, Dripping Springs, 78620, is a four-bedroom, four-bathroom house in the Sawyer Ranch neighborhood, listed at \$339,000. This house is on a cul-de-sac and has wood and tile floors and a three-car garage. It's 3,349 square feet. Agent: Timothy Zabawa, Z Austin Real Estate.

Highland Hills

Highland Hills is an attractive neighborhood located northwest of the intersection of RM 2222 and MoPac. Many of the homes here have views of the nearby canyons, or city views looking back over the highway towards downtown. The Arboretum and Domain shopping centers are nearby.

7. 5805 Overlook Drive, Austin, 78731, is a two-bedroom, two-bathroom house in Highland Hills, listed at \$450,000. This house has many large trees, a wine cellar and an attached garage. It has 2,426 square feet. Agent: Nason Hengst, Keller Williams Realty.

Serenada Country Estates

Serenada Country Estates is a well-established neighborhood in Georgetown. The houses were built in the 1970s and most of the lots are at least one acre. It is located near the Georgetown Tennis Center and Pool.

8. 4204 Azul Court, Georgetown, 78628, is a four-bedroom house with 2 1/2 bathrooms in Serenada Country Estates. It's listed at \$199,900. This property is 1.12 acres and includes a two-car garage and a carport. It's 2,208 square feet. Agent: Paula Brent, Century 21 HSK and Associates

Goldenwood, Goldenwood West and Radiance

Located in the rolling hills near RM 1826 in Hays County, the neighborhoods of Goldenwood, Goldenwood West and Radiance are treasured by their residents for their country feel and quiet location. These neighborhoods are just a few minutes away from the well-known restaurants Salt Lick and Trattoria Lisina. They are close to Radha Madhav Dham (formerly known as Barsana Dham) at 400 Barsana Road.

9. 8105 Forest View Drive, Austin, 78737, is a three-bedroom, two-bathroom house listed at \$241,000 in the Goldenwood West neighborhood. This home has a 900-square-foot deck and a sunroom. It's 1,773 square feet. Agent: Debbie Slazer, Stanberry & Associates.

Silver Creek Ranch

Silver Creek Ranch is a secluded neighborhood with a rural feel. The houses here have a Leander address and are in the Liberty Hill school district. It is close to the Leander Metrorail stop. Residents are permitted to own horses.

10. 315 Copper Lane, Leander, 78641, is a three-bedroom, two-bathroom house in Silver Creek Ranch listed at \$319,000. This home has stained concrete floors, vaulted ceilings and hickory kitchen cabinets. It's 2,997 square feet. Agent: Nicole Scott, Coldwell Banker United Realtor