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**Neighborhood Association  
General Membership  
Meeting  
Thursday 7:00 P.M.  
April 26, 2012  
Holy Word Lutheran Church**

**Upcoming Events:**

**April 26, Quarterly Association General Membership Meeting. - ALL Residents Invited, members and non-members.**

**May 1 and 19 - Bi-Monthly Neighborhood Cleanup - Neighborhood cleanup held the first Tuesday and third Saturday of each month. Meet corner of Braker and Wedgewood at 9:00AM.**

**Future Quarterly Association General Membership Meetings. -July 26, & October 25, 2012, January 24, & 25 April 2013 (Fourth Thursday).**

**Neighborhood Wide Garage Sale May 4 & 5, 2012**

**AROMATHERAPY**

Monthly educational workshops on  
the uses and benefits of  
*Young Living Essential Oils.*

Call Minette at 512-786-2728  
and ask how to get \$5 off the \$10  
admission fee.

Spring has sprung! After last year's drought, you thought you would never have to mow again - but wrong! If your yard is looking a little like IH-35 access road, please consider giving it a trim. If your neighbor's is looking a little scary, perhaps ask if they need help managing the beast. Both are neighborly things to do and every little bit helps, especially since our property values are on the rise, and curb appeal IS a factor in values. Also, per city ordinance, you are not allowed to blow trimmings or leaves into the street and leave them to rot or clog the city drains. Neatness counts!

Many Thanks to Grace Howell for our website:  
<http://newcna.wordpress.com/>



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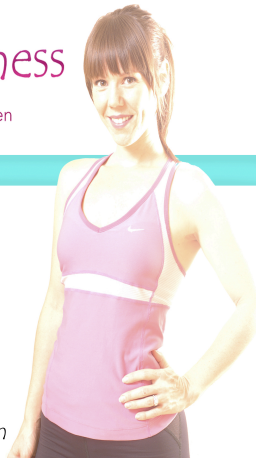
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## Neighborhood Garage Sale –

### Get Cash for Clutter By Grace Howell

Spring is here, flowers are blooming, the weather is beautiful and it's time to do some Spring Cleaning! NEWCNA is here to help you turn your unwanted items into cash by hosting the annual NEWCNA Neighborhood Garage Sale on May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. An advertisement for the neighborhood sale will be placed on Craig's List prior to the sale days to increase traffic and boost sales for everyone. We will also place signs at the entrances to the neighborhood on the morning of the sale. With a few weeks to plan you can take advantage of the high traffic at a group sale and make your sale a big success.

You might be thinking, "I've never had a garage sale and I don't even know where to start." It can be a little overwhelming to organize but you'll be amazed at how much money you can bring in if you run a smart sale. There are plenty of online resources with tips to help you get started making money by de-cluttering your house and having a yard sale. Money Magazine named *Get Rich Slowly* the Web's most inspiring personal-finance blog. Editor J.D. Roth wrote two posts with a list of tips for preparing for your sale and some simple ways to help make your sale more successful. You can find his posts at:

<http://www.getrichslowly.org/blog/2007/06/12/a-yard-sale-checklist-ten-tips-for-garage-sale-prep/>

Preparation is the key so get busy organizing your sale today and reap the rewards of extra cash and more space in your garage for the cars!

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## Free Resources from COA for Homeowners

By Ashley Holmes, VP of Four Seasons

The City of Austin's Resource Recovery department has a few recycled products available for Austin homeowners – for FREE! Recently they started offering paint that is re-blended from paints that consumers drop off at the Household Hazardous Waste facility in Southeast Austin. Their goal is to keep this paint out of our landfills to avoid pollution. Many of the gallons of paint that they receive are unopened! Any paint that is still viable is combined, "screened", and used to create two colors: Austin Limestone (light beige) and Balcones Canyonland (dark beige, almost grey).

To get the free paint:

Hazardous Waste Facility

2514 Business Center Drive, Austin, TX 78744

(512) 974-4343

Hours of operation:

Tue-Wed: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday from 7 a.m. to Noon

More information about the free items you can find at the facility:

<http://www.austintexas.gov/department/household-hazardous-waste>

### **Free Wood Chips / Wood Mulch**

Free mulch is available to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please call (512) 243-3325 first to find out if chips are available.

Please bring pitchforks, bags and shovels to load the mulch yourself. Staff can load a pickup or dump truck for \$10 per yard. Check or money order is accepted. We cannot accept cash or credit cards.

To get the mulch:

**Address:** 10108 FM 812, Austin, TX

**Phone:** (512) 243-3325

**Hours:** Monday - Friday; 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Closed Saturday and Sunday

I would call ahead before making the drive to get any of these items as they are prone to running out.



### **Park Play Group starts in May**

Bring the kids and come join Ashley Holmes and Grace Howell, NEWCNA VPs of Four Seasons and Hillside for a monthly North Oaks Park playgroup that will meet on the second Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. starting on May 12th. Ashley's two boys are 6 and 4 and Grace has a 9-year old boy and they all love to play! The park is located at 900 Plaza Dr. The easiest access to the park from the neighborhood is by going to the south end of Springhill Dr. and taking a right and then a left where you'll see the entrance to the park.

## **City Chickens**

By Ashley Holmes, VP of Four Seasons

You might have noticed urban chickens mentioned in the news a lot lately. In Austin, and even nationally, there has been renewed interest in small backyard chicken flocks. On April 7<sup>th</sup> some intrepid chicken keepers opened up their backyards for the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Funky chicken Coop Tour in Austin. One of our very own NEWCNA neighbors has a lovely backyard coop that was featured in this citywide tour!

Chickens make for peaceful, entertaining, and quiet pets. Just 4-6 backyard chickens can supply enough eggs for a small family. You can buy a coop locally or design one yourself. If you are thinking of adding chickens to your backyard you will want to make sure that the coop is secure against predators such as raccoons and skunks.

Our neighborhood is not governed by a Homeowners Association therefore items such as chickens fall under City of Austin ordinances and codes. If you have been thinking about keeping chickens there are just a few things to keep in mind that will help you be successful (and friends with your neighbors):

- Austin code allows for chickens in the urban yard. The code states that the chicken's enclosure must be located 50 feet from your neighbor's residence.
- You are allowed roosters but if you want to stay friendly with your neighbors you might want to avoid them. Roosters aren't needed for egg production and they are loud!
- There is no limit to the number of chickens that you can have but for an average family 5 or 6 is plenty to keep up with and will to provide eggs for you plus some to share.

More information about keeping urban chickens can be found at [www.backyardchickens.com](http://www.backyardchickens.com). Chicken supplies can be found at Buck Moore Feed on N. Lamar and Gaddys in Pflugerville.



## Pablito's Bakery

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**Open Seven Days a Week**

**Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun, 6:00 to 5:00**

**Tuesday 6:00 to 3:00**

## Heart of the Home: Recipes from your neighbors

Ashley Holmes' Broccoli and Cheese Frittata

Ingredients:

2 cups of fresh or frozen broccoli

8 eggs

½ cup milk (whole, light or otherwise)

½ of cheddar or Swiss, shredded

½ TBS butter or cooking spray

Salt and pepper to taste



Move an oven rack to the highest position in your oven. Melt butter or spray an 8-9 inch iron skillet over a medium flame. Gently sauté broccoli until heated through. Meanwhile, in a mixing bowl whisk together the eggs, milk and salt and pepper. Evenly pour the egg mixture over the broccoli and continue to cook on medium heat for about 5-7 minutes. To check the doneness of the bottom of the frittata gently raise the edge with a spatula. Once the frittata looks ¾ of the way to being done sprinkle the cheese on top. Set the broiler to "low" and take the skillet and place it on the top rack of your oven.

**Have a treasured family recipe? Please submit it to Dave our newsletter guru: [daveoquinn@yahoo.com](mailto:daveoquinn@yahoo.com).**

We would love to feature a recipe in every quarterly newsletter.

## North East Walnut Creek Neighborhood Association

### Membership

We encourage everyone to become a member of the association. \$15.00 a year (Jan-Dec) for each household supports activities and programs sponsored by your neighborhood association.

Mail Payments to: NEWCNA, 1302 March, Austin, TX 78753

Year you moved into your home: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Residents: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail is NOT used for solicitations or advertising**

It is used to send updates, reminders and notices from the association.

Neighborhood concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

Ideas to make neighborhood better: \_\_\_\_\_