

# Northeast Walnut Creek Neighborhood Association

<http://newcna.wordpress.com>

## Greetings from the new President

I am very excited to be the NEWCNA President for 2013-2015. I look forward to meeting more neighbors and helping us achieve our vision for our lovely neighborhood. One of the reasons I choose to participate in NEWCNA is that I am very proud of our neighborhood. It is a hidden gem with lovely vintage homes set among towering trees. I hope, with your continued participation, that we can further improve our area. I am relying on each one of you to help maintain what we love about our area and to help improve the things we don't love. I am always here to listen to your ideas. My contact information is available on the front page of every issue of our newsletter so please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Ashley Holmes*

### UPCOMING EVENTS



**The NEWCNA quarterly neighborhood meeting** is Thursday, April the 25th<sup>th</sup> at Holy Word Lutheran Church on Bluff Bend. Here's what we have cooking:

- Neighborhood entrance beautification
- Street lighting project update
- Restore Rundberg discussion
- Protecting your property value
- Crime in our neighborhood

So come meet your neighbors and find out what's going on in your neighborhood. We'll have refreshments too! If you would like to join NEWCNA for 2013, don't forget to fill out the form on the back of this issue and bring your \$15 dues in cash or check to the meeting.

**Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale** - April 26th - 28th - NEWCNA will post an ad on Craig's list and in the Austin American-Statesman to promote the sale so don't miss out!

**Bi-Monthly Neighborhood Cleanup** - Meet at corner of Braker and Wedgewood at 9:00AM on the 1st Tuesday and 3rd Saturday monthly.

To receive automatic email reminders for future events join:

The NEWCNA Yahoo Group

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NEWCNA/>

Contact NEWCNA by  
email:

<[NEWCNA-owner@yahoo.com](mailto:NEWCNA-owner@yahoo.com)>

or online at:

<<http://newcna.wordpress.com/suggestions/>>

### NEWCNA Board Members

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## Real Estate Listings

A = Active, P = Pending, P/B = Pending taking backups, S = Sold

	Num.	Street	Sq ft	List Price	price/SF
A	904	Fall Creek	1940	169900	
A	11502	Blue Spring	2450	229900	
P	900	Clearwater	1652	119000	
P/B	11700	Oak Trail	1555	145000	
P/B	11604	Oak Trail	1514	145900	
P/B	905	Rocky Spring	1542	174900	
S	910	Rocky Spring	1556	109900	\$64.27
S	11609	North Oaks	1875	145000	\$80.00
S	802	Walnut Creek	1373	152000	\$110.34
S	1209	August Drive	1937	179500	\$90.35

## Park Play Group starts again in May

We're going to try to get this started once again this year. Bring your kids and come join NEWCNA President Ashley Holmes, and Hillside VP Grace Howell for the monthly North Oaks Park playgroup that will meet on the **third** Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. starting on May 19th. Ashley's two boys are 7 and 5 and Grace has a 10-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 Spring Hill Dr. and taking a right and then a left where you'll see the entrance to the park. Don't miss this great opportunity to meet up and make some new friends in the neighborhood.

## Google Fiber is coming to Austin in 2014

This means that you could have free broadband Internet service for a one-time fee of \$300, or you could have 1000Mbps upload and download (100 times faster than current broadband service) for only \$70 per month! This is an amazing opportunity, but we all need to show interest in this service for them to bring it to the NEWCNA neighborhood. They will be asking who's interested in 2014. I'll send another reminder when they do that. In the meantime, if you'd like to stay informed on this issue, please enter your e-mail address and zip code at the following website:

<https://fiber.google.com/cities/austin/>

Quarterly Crime Stats	2012	2013
Assaults - all	5	1
Burglary - Residence	2	6
Burglary - Other	3	6
Criminal mischief	1	4
Cruelty to Animals	0	1
Disturbance - all	9	3
Harassment	1	3
Indecent Exposure	0	1
Suspicious Activity	5	0
Terroristic Threat	1	1
Theft - any	1	4



## Entrance Beautification Project - Phase One

By Grace Howell - NEWCNA VP of Hillside

At the last meeting we discussed the idea of a multi-phase Neighborhood Entrance Improvement project. We had some volunteers come forward who agreed to help organize and complete the project. We would like to create a plan for an simple but attractive, native, drought-tolerant garden around each of the current entrance signs to the three areas of our neighborhood. Since volunteers will be working on this we thought it best to focus on one entrance location at a time. There are currently five signs posted at various entrances to our neighborhood.

There are two signs on either side of January Drive at Braker Lane mounted on the rock walls. These two signs have considerable fading. The NEWCNA Board is looking into either getting the signs repainted or replace them with another more durable material. We would like to have this done before starting any gardening project around those signs.

There is also a sign on Wedgewood at the southwest corner of River Oaks Trail. This sign needs to be moved from its current location to a spot on the east side of Wedgewood just at the back end of the property on the southeast corner of River Oaks Trail. With the homeowner's approval we will have the sign company move it to its new location before doing any garden work.

That leaves the two entrances along I-35 at Berrywood and River Oaks Trail. At the last board meeting it was suggested that we go forward with garden plans for the Berrywood entrance first. At the April quarterly NEWCNA meeting we would like present ideas and hear feedback on what types of plants residents thing would work in these entrance gardens. The beautification committee can then get to work on firming up plans over the summer so we can be ready to work on our first entrance by fall, which is the best time of year to plant perennials. Come to the meeting on the April 25th and get involved.




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# Not Without Honor

By Kay Lee - NEWCNA VP of North Oaks

A.I.S.D. schools located east of IH-35 have traditionally earned a bad rap—in some cases, undeservedly. But in recent months, most of the buzz has been good. In *Saving the School*, a book published in August 2012, local author Michael Brick describes the successful efforts led by Principal Anabel Garza to lift the threat of closure from Reagan High School.

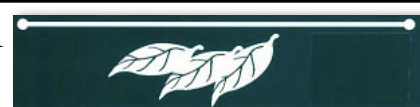
When Garza came to Reagan in 2010, the school had been rated “academically unacceptable” for the fourth year. Clearly, the clock was ticking. That all changed in one year’s time, thanks to the dedication of students, teachers, parents, and northeast Austin community members working together. Grades improved, as did graduation rates. Gang activity and truancy declined. Reagan is now an early college prep academy, and Garza is still at its helm.

For more about the turnaround at Reagan and Michael Brick’s *Saving the School*, read Richard



Whittaker’s article, “Where There’s a Heartbeat, There’s Hope,” on-line in The Austin Chronicle (August 17, 2012, [www.austinchronicle.com/news](http://www.austinchronicle.com/news)). Some of us remember the closing words of Reagan’s alma mater, “Not Without Honor”: *Spirit and victory, / Bonds that strongly tie / Our hearts and minds together: / Live with honor, Reagan High.* Indeed, Reagan: Live with honor. Northeast Austin is proud of you.

## Northeast Walnut Creek Neighborhood Association Membership Form



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, 11604 January Dr, Austin, TX 78753

Year you moved into your home: \_\_\_\_\_ Age Ranges \_\_\_ 0-18 \_\_\_ 19-30 \_\_\_ 31-49 \_\_\_ 49-60 \_\_\_ 60+

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.

Please tell us your neighborhood concerns:

Please give us your ideas for improving our neighborhood: