

Northeast Walnut Creek Neighborhood Association

<http://newcna.wordpress.com>

UPCOMING EVENTS



The NEWCNA quarterly neighborhood meeting is from 7pm- 8pm on Thursday, July the 25thth at Holy Word Lutheran Church on Bluff Bend. Here's what we have cooking:

- Street light update
- Entrance beautification update
- Picnic
- Door prizes

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.

Visit Pioneer Farms Summer Harvest-

Experience an Old Texas summer harvest on **Saturday, August 30**, offering family fun for back-to-school and the Labor Day weekend. Working horses, blacksmithing, live music, more from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Regular admission.

Austin Museum Day – a free, city-wide rediscovery of Austin museums. It provides families with a unique opportunity to access the dynamic museum community including local exhibits and activities at over 40 participating institutions at no charge! Mark your calendar! The next Austin Museum Day is **Sunday, September 22, 2013!**

If you have an idea for the Newsletter that would be of interest to folks in our neighborhood please email one of the addresses on the right of this page.

NEWCNA Neighborhood Picnic will be on Saturday, Oct. 19th from 1pm - 4pm at North Oaks Park on Plaza Drive. We'll provide hot dogs and all the condiments, sodas, juice and water. Please bring a covered side dish or dessert to share in a disposable or recyclable dish. We'll have games for the kids and a prize give away. Bring a lawn chair too and we'll see you there!

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:

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

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Real Estate Listings

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

Status	Address	Street	Sq ft	List Price
A	820	River Oaks Drive	1550	135,000
A	11604	North Oaks Drive	1317	135,000
P	904	Fall Creek Drive	1940	169,900
P/B	11501	North Oaks Drive	1688	164,900
P/B	11510	January Drive	1700	166,900
S	900	Clearwater Circle	1652	119,000
S	11700	Oak Trail	1555	145,000
S	11410	January Drive	1627	149,900
S	11604	Oak Drive	1514	145,900
S	905	Rocky Spring	1542	174,900
S	11506	Oak Drive	1958	194,900
S	11649	River Oaks Trail	1850	220,000



Save water, time and money with a Mixed Native Landscape

Tired of mowing and paying high water bills to keep your lawn alive? Consider converting your lawn to a mixed native landscape that can save water and energy, reduce yard waste and the need for fertilizers and herbicides.

Here are some tips for reducing lawn size:

- **Make a yard plan.** Make a plan for the entire yard.

Then choose areas to work on gradually over several seasons. By drawing up a yard plan, changes can be made by priority and as you have the time and budget.

- **Choose least functional lawn areas to replace.** Look for areas of lawn that are hardest to mow or grow like sloped areas or very sunny edges that burn up in the summer.

- **Call before you dig.** Before digging, call toll-free (800) DIG-TESS (344-8377) Allow at least two business days for utility marking before digging.

- **Grow native.** Use native trees, shrubs and ground covers or native grasses and wildflowers. They will require less fertilizer, fewer (or no) pesticides, less watering and less maintenance. The [Native and Adapted Landscape Plants guide](#) is available for download on the [City of Austin web site](#).

- **Mulch annually.** Shrubs and flower beds should be mulched at least once year with a biodegradable mulch such as leaves, fish compost, grass clippings, seaweed).

- **Consider lawn shape.** By replacing corners with curves, minimizing 'islands', even a small reduction in lawn size can save a large amount of lawn mowing time.

- **Slopes may need terracing.** Removing lawn turf from a sloped area may cause erosion during rains; sloped areas may need to be terraced to minimize erosion.

- **Plant using multiple layers or mixed borders.** Trees, shrubs and flowers can be planted in layers that successively shade each other, requiring less water. Plantings should be closely spaced to discourage weeds from sprouting.

A mixed landscape yard may take some planning and time to finish but the results are well worth the effort. For more go to [Grow Green on COA web](#).



E for Exemplary, NOT East

by Kay Lee, NEWCNA VP North Oaks

The U. S. Department of Education recently recognized Blaine Helwig, principal at Graham Elementary School, with the esteemed Terrel H. Bell Award for Outstanding Leadership. Helwig was one of only seven principals in the United States to earn the Department's top award for administrators in 2012. He was honored in Washington, D.C., last December during a ceremony at which Graham was recognized as a 2012 National Blue Ribbon School. Moreover, the Department of Education selected Graham as an "Exemplary Improving" school, an accolade reserved for schools at which at least 40 percent of students are from disadvantaged communities. The Department cited Helwig's success in bringing student scores from "barely acceptable" to "exemplary" (ratings by the Texas Education Agency) for the last four consecutive years. In 2011, Graham was the *only* A.I.S.D. campus east of IH-35 to earn an exemplary rating, the highest grade given to schools in the State of Texas. So: Congratulations, Graham, and congratulations, Principal Helwig - our neighborhood salutes you!

Crime Stats: April - June

	2012	2013
Assault	6	6
Burglary/Theft - Residence	15	7
Burglary/Theft - Vehicle	2	4
Criminal Mischief	2	2
Disturbance	6	14
Fraud	0	2
Harassment	1	2
Suspicious Activity	3	0
Trespassing	0	1

Stage Two Water Restrictions



Austin Water implemented Drought Response Stage 2 Regulations last September and it remains in effect. Only once a week watering is allowed on your designated day. Hose-end and sprinkler systems have different schedules so make sure you are watering on the right day and time. And remember, drip irrigation can be done on anytime because of it's increased efficiency. Washing vehicles at home is prohibited. If you need to wash a vehicle, you may do so at a commercial carwash facility. Go to <http://austintexas.gov/departments/stage-2-watering-restrictions> to get more details.




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Here is a delicious hot summer day dessert recipe for folks who love strawberries.

Strawberry Yum Yum

1 cup flour

½ cup butter

¼ cup brown sugar

½ cup chopped pecans



Mix and flatten into 8x8 pan then bake at 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes. Divide in half. Crumble half the crust into a 9 x 13 pan and the other half into a bowl and set aside to use to sprinkle the top at the end. Then with a hand mixer beat together until very fluffy (approx. 10 minutes) :

1 cup of sugar, 2 tsp. of lemon juice, 2 eggs whites

Then stir in by hand:

10 oz of frozen strawberries, thawed and drained and 1 medium container of Cool Whip

Spread over crumbled crust and then sprinkle the rest of the crust on top. Store in freeze for about 3-4 hours before serving. ENJOY!!! Thanks to Theresa O'Quinn for the recipe!

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: