

NEWCNA



Neighborhood Association Meeting
Thursday 7:00 P.M.
October 23rd
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Upcoming Events:

October 23, Quarterly Association Meeting. - All Residents Invited whether members or not.

October 25, Arbor Day - Bartholomew Park is hosting a Tree Planting event with live entertainment, environmental educational tables and children's activities and a disc golf tournament. 5201 Berkman Drive. For information, please call (512)440-5162.

November 4, Election Day -Our neighborhood voting location is at Graham Elementary School, 11211 Tom Adams Dr. If you're new to the neighborhood you need to update your registration with your current address.

November 8, North Oaks Park Tree Planting -9:00 A.M. in the park. Come cheer on our event- can you dig it?

Letter from the Editor

By Tierney Stetson

Writing the newsletter has been an enjoyable and informative quarterly event for me over the past year. Due to increasing business commitments I must pass this opportunity on to someone else willing to commit a few days every quarter to putting the words to paper. Going forward, I will gladly assist my replacement(s) getting started.

I appreciate the calls from neighbors offering news items and concerns they'd like to read about in the newsletter. I try to put all into the newsletter but publications are only 4 times a year which dates some articles. You will read further in this newsletter about our NEWCNA Website and Yahoo Discussion Board where you can communicate online. For those who haven't participated in discussion boards, you will find it a useful means of passing on information, posting new ideas for the community, questions to Board Members, crime stats and the concerns one might have with homeless campers and trash. Recently, I found the Bayou Vista site (where I have a rental home) was invaluable during the aftermath of Hurricane Ike. People posted photos and news for those of us out of town. Property was photographed and posted on sites for us to see how bad it really was. We read when electricity, gas, and water services would resume, what permits were needed and more. Items lost or found were posted for others to retrieve. I encourage you to use of the NEWCNA Yahoo Discussion Board as a means for keeping up to the minute news of happenings in our neighborhood. And please volunteer to write the next edition of our newsletter.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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451-1116

Services at 9 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages at 10:30 a.m.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP SERVICE

Third Sunday of the month at 10:30 a.m.

Praise music led by the Living Faith Team

Keep Austin Beautiful Grant

By Tierney Stetson

Last July I was called upon by Mary Wheeler, our VP representing Hillside and Lynn Gibson, head of the Recycling Garden Committee to write a proposal for grant monies from Keep Austin Beautiful (KAB). We only had a short time to prepare but put together a request for planting wildflowers along the Braker Lane and Dessau roadsides along with planting flowering trees in the park, sturdy hardwoods in the field to provide shade and ward off erosion (if we ever get rain again) and lastly a community garden. As some of you heard at our last meeting, we were granted 5 trees for the park: 2 Maples, 1 Chinquapin Oak, and 2 Texas Redbuds. KAB encouraged us to apply for another grant from the Austin Parks Department to complete our project.

In July, Lynn Gibson, board members Jim Robinson and Kay Lee, and I met the Austin Parks officials and the KAB rep at North Oaks Park to discuss our grant and future plans. I offered to write another proposal yet our Board members have decided they wanted no part of this additional proposal. Our Board offered \$400.00 for any supplies we needed to plant the trees already granted. I think those of us who paid dues to 'support activities and programs sponsored by the association', would like to know why the lack of support on this or any other activities or programs in our neighborhood. Tree planting will be Saturday - November 8th, 9:00 A.M. at North Oaks Park. For more information on City of Austin Grants:

<http://www.KeepAustinBeautiful.org/nbg>

<http://www.austinparks.org/npg.html>

Annual Picnic

I received calls concerning the annual picnic being cancelled this year. The picnic was the only social event of NEWCNA. The person who led the effort last year felt it was too much work and cancelled the event. Unfortunately the membership was not asked for volunteers to work on the picnic. If asked, I could have put out a call for volunteers in the last edition. If there were committees outside of our Board to plan and organize social and beautification events it would foster a community effort and not put the burden on one. If you want to volunteer for any committee, please make your interest known. It can fall through the cracks when put on the membership form so call your representatives.

Illegal Dumping and Camping

By Mary Wheeler

In September I called code enforcement (311) to report the trash left on Wedgewood Dr. Austin Code Enforcement along with the APD will clean out all bedding, tents, couches, and trash. I also asked them to cut back brush so the campers can not longer have privacy. I have a reference number for that call also. Code Enforcement has notified the property owner of the situation.

If you would like to keep our neighborhood looking good, we meet at the corner of Braker La. and Wedgewood Dr. at 9 A.M. on the 1st Tuesday and 3rd Saturday of the month and collect for only an hour. You'll be surprised how much can get done in just one hour. For more information contact Mary Wheeler at 836-2254.

Question: Could illegal dumpers be taking advantage of the regular clean up days by seeing the signs posted at Braker La?

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NEWCNA Online Website & Yahoo Discussion Group

By Grace Howell

At the July meeting I volunteered to put together a website for NEWCNA and I'm happy to announce that it is up and running along with a Yahoo! Group especially for our neighborhood. The website will have announcements as well as details about NEWCNA. There are also some back issues of the Newsletter available on the site.

The NEWCNA membership form can now be downloaded and everything you need to know about joining the association is on the "About NEWCNA" page. There is also a link to the neighborhood garden group on the site if you are interested in joining. If you have any comments or questions about the website there is a Contact page where you can email using the web form.

The NEWCNA Yahoo! group was created with the idea of giving residents an easy way to contact NEWCNA board members if they have questions or concerns related to our neighborhood. It also has a calendar that automatically sends email reminders for neighborhood events and meetings that are listed there. If you have any questions or problems with the Yahoo! Discussion group just email NEWCNA-owner@yahoogroups.com

So, without further ado, here are the URLs for the new website and Yahoo! group -
<http://newcna.wordpress.com>
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NEWCNA>

Yard of the Month

North Oaks: (submitted by Bill Hurley)

August: 11507 North Oaks Drive, Eddie and Laura Prock

September: 832 Walnut Creek Drive, Kermit and Sandra Graf

Hillside: (submitted by Mary Wheeler)

September: 912 River Oaks Trail, Charles and Carol Hill

Four Seasons: (submitted by Richard Ehlert & Brad Anderson)

August: 1302 September, Charles & Anita Williams

September: 11611 February - unknown name

October: 11309 January - unknown name

River City Twirl and Dance Studio

Preschool combination*
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Ballet* Tap* Jazz
Clogging* Drill Team*
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836-0351 or 327-1244

Braker and Dessau

DO YOU KNOW YOUR TRASH?

By Anne Psencik

During my regular morning walks and bicycle rides, I have noticed a few things about the garbage and recycling collection in our neighborhood, and thought perhaps my observations might be helpful to others. I have also had conversations with various employees of Solid Waste Services, and they have been most willing to share tips for helping residents avoid extra fees and problems. Two handy references, which I have used extensively for this article, are the Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) Program information booklet, distributed at the time of City annexation by Solid Waste Services (512-494-9400), and the website www.austinrecycles.com.

Extra Fees

\$4.00 for the following:

The lid on your garbage cart is not closed completely, or there is trash hanging out between the lid and the cart.

An extra bag is placed on top of, or beside, the cart. In fact, any extra garbage placed out by the curb will result in a \$4.00 fee. That's \$4.00 per bag or container, not \$4.00 total.

Extra Trash Not Yours?

One annoying, and quite common, problem associated with city trash collection is that some people take their extra garbage and literally place it in their neighbor's cart, taking advantage of that person's less-than-full cart. I was surprised to hear from Solid Waste Services employees how frequently this occurs. If you happen to be guilty of this, please consider an extra, or larger, cart instead. It may seem convenient for the garbage collectors if you place your trash cart right next to your neighbor's,

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Do You Know Your Trash, continued.

however, it may surprise you to know that "bunching up" carts actually make their jobs more difficult. The driver keeps a spreadsheet on which he records "extra garbage" fees. If your cart is beside your neighbor's, he has no way of knowing for sure which cart belongs to which house. You can avoid that, however, by indicating your house number on the top of your cart—either writing the number in big, black permanent marker or using adhesive-backed house numbers.


One detail that will help eliminate street litter—try to bag as much of your trash as possible before you actually toss it into the cart. If there are a lot of small, loose pieces, they can fall to the street. Less debris means a cleaner street and a more attractive neighborhood.

As residents of this area for the past 42 (my husband) and 27 years (me), we are proud of our neighborhood. I hope that some of the observations and tips mentioned above will be helpful in your understanding of the PAYT Program and in reducing or eliminating extra fees. With a little extra care, I believe that NEWCNA area residents can be even more effective and efficient in the disposal of household trash, yard trimmings, and recyclables.

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Dog Walkers

By Anonymous

Another call came in a while back concerning the issue of people walking their dogs in the streets and leaving refuse on the pavement. This complaint concerned the Four Seasons area but can happen anywhere. Please pick up after your pets. Equally discourteous are those who walk dogs on others' lawns. Not just the corner, in the bushes, but smack dab on the lawn for all to see and step on. Please tether those leashes, and if your pet poops, please be sure to scoop!

Membership

\$15.00 a year for entire household, supports activities & programs sponsored by North East Walnut Creek Neighborhood Association.

**Just remove this form and send it with your payment to:
 NEWCNA, 1302 March, Austin TX 78753.**

Year you moved into your home: _____

Name: _____

Spouse/Other: _____

Other Residents: _____

Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

Email: _____

Email is used to send you updates reminders and notices from the President.
 It is NEVER used for solicitations or advertising

Volunteer Opportunities (circle preferences)

Social Activities: Picnics - Charity Drives - Festivals

Beautification: Yard of Month - Clean Up Days - Christmas Décor

General: Block Captain ___ Crime Watch ___ Advertising ___ Newsletter ___

Suggestions/Recommendations? _____