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#### **President's Corner**

The Membership Drive was an overwhelming success going from 87 members to over 230 on our roster. Thank you all for your help and support! With the new dues and members, we hope to have an even stronger neighborhood association. Remember we are here for you!

If you would like to participate in any of the upcoming neighborhood events please call the social committee co-chairs (Carrie Garwick and Faye Gorman). They will be glad to fill you in on all the details of the coming events.

Over 55 members attended the April meeting. Jimmy Flakes and Jessie Washington from the Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department spoke. Their job is to respond to complaints or concerns regarding: graffiti, rodent infestation of abandoned properties, high weed and grass, trailers on lots or too many vehicles parked at a residence, businesses operating illegally out of their homes, and any other city ordinances that neighbors may be violating. Their phone number is 499-7687 or call Kathy Lott at 499-7668.

The rest of the meeting dealt with the upcoming events planned for our neighborhood and a call for volunteers to help keep the entrance around the Allandale Estates entry sign at Shoal Creek and Steck mowed and edged. Members at large volunteered to assist in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade on 7/4/01 and to host a neighborhood party for the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Neighborhood Night Out (8/7/01) sponsored by the Austin Police Department.

The future library to be built in 2004 on Steck was discussed as well as information on CAMPOS (the group keeping an eye on Mopac expansions), the budget for the entrance upkeep, and traffic concerns of the neighborhood. These discussions will continue at the upcoming meeting on Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be held at Waterloo Ice House on Burnet and Rockwood from 5:45 – 7:45pm since Pillow school is closed for summer. Please be sure to attend this important meeting. We will discuss the budget for the following items:

- 1. Traffic calming throughout the neighborhood
- 2. Upkeep of the Steck/Daleview entrance
- 3. Budget for upcoming Parade
- 4. Parent Group needs

If you have any ideas bring them with you! Many thanks again to all of the Board Members, Committee Members and general membership for your help and support for this first half of 2001! Nothing could be accomplished without you!

- Chris Randall, President of NSCNA

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fourth of July Parade

Come help us celebrate our Independence Day at Pillow Elementary on July 4th at Pillow Elementary. Decorate your bikes, cars, wagons, floats, pets, trikes, classic cars, trucks & yourselves! Meet at 10:15 AM for the lineup! Come early if you need some help decorating! Watermelons & refreshments to be served following the event! We will be escorted by motorcycle police from the Austin Police Department. Last year we had a big turnout with lots of free prizes following the event. Let's make this year even better!

Parade Route: Meet @ Pillow Elementary Gazebo! Parade will proceed down Crosscreek then turn Right on Rockwood, Right on Stanwood, Right on Flagstone (around the school). Parade begins promptly at 11:00 AM

**Spectators:** Please come early to cheer for the participants. Bring your lawn chairs & clapping hands & picnic lunch if you want!

We'll see you there!

## National Neighborhood Night Out! August 7th!

Our neighborhood association will be participating in the National Neighborhood Night Out event sponsored by the Austin Police Department. Residents of Austin are encouraged to turn their porch lights on between 7:00 & 9:00 PM, secure your home and then spend the evening outside with your neighbors, police officers, and firefighters. On this night several of your neighbors will be sponsoring "Block Parties." Neighborhood Night Out is a good way to meet your neighbors & to promote neighborhood safety and awareness. Flyers will be distributed one week prior to the event as a reminder. Each "Block Party" will be organized by the block party host. Some of the hosts have talked about having cookouts, pot lucks or just gatherings where everyone brings a chair! If you are interested in sponsoring a "Block Party" on your street, please call Carrie Garwick at 458-1700 or Fave Gorman at 467-2282. Let's support the Police Department in their quest to help make our neighborhood a safer place to live.

## **NEXT NSCNA MEETING**

DATE: June 25

TIME: 5:45 - 7:45PM

PLACE: Waterloo Ice House, 8600 Burnet

### Yard of the Month

Congratulations are extended to Jerry and Dorothy Schiller 2807 Benbrook Drive, Yard of the Month recipients for the month of March, to Lee and Margaret Schuenemann 3112 Stanwood, who received the award for the month of April, and to Darwin Dunson 8817 Little Laura, recipient for the month of June. Lee and Margaret were not able to display our sign during April because on the last day of March the sign was stolen and we were unable to replace it until late April. As a result no award was made for May so the Schuenemanns could display the sign throughout the whole month of May.

#### **Kudos**:

As in any organization, a few people do the lions share of the work. The North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association is no exception. With this in mind, the committee for Neighborhood Beautification and Yard of the Month would like to thank our volunteers who have helped promote a better quality of life in our community.

For many years Tina Huckabee was involved in the Yard of the Month Project. This past year she decided it was time to step aside and allow someone else to experience the pleasurable jobof awarding a family the Association's coveted Yard of the Month. Thank you Tina for your long service to this neighborhood. In addition, we would also like to thank Suzanne Harakal who was Tina's assistant and who has agreed to stay on the committee and continue to help make those difficult decisions. Thanks also to Lucille Pawlak who is the newest member of the "YOM" Committee.

We would be remiss if we failed to thank those persons who have and are helping with keeping the entry at Daleview and Steck mowed and cleaned. Mark Palitza has maintained the area for the past couple of years and certainly deserves our appreciation. We would also like to thank Lee Schuenemann, who took a turn in April; Ross Hise, Joe Zygarlenski, Andreas Guenin, and Chris Randall and Carrie Garwick, all of whom have volunteered to mow and clean the area during the months of May, June, and July. We appreciate their help and will be happy to take volunteers for the rest of the growing season.

#### Pet Ordinance

As a result of a complaint made to the Austin Police Department, animal control personnel will be monitoring the Pillow school area for pet owners who fail to keep their pets on a leash. Austin has had a leash law for many years and it appears there is a push by citizens and officials alike to enforce this ordinance. We might also note that city ordinance makes it against the law for pet owners to allow their pets to heed the call of nature, in places other than the owners property, and then fail to pick it up afterward. This also includes cats. While I personally have a problem with the ordinance's definition of "running at large", until it can be changed, to avoid a citation or worse, we recommend pet owners adhere to the ordinance. You may get a copy of these ordinances by logging on to www.ci.austin.tx.us/ parks/dogparks.htm. City ordinance 3-3-2 deals with the city's leash law and ordinance 3-3-7 deals with defecation by dogs and cats. Even pets on a leash must be picked up after. There are twelve areas around the city where pets are not required to be on a leash. At these locations, the city provides bags and containers to pick up and dispose of pet waste. You may view these locations by logging onto the above mentioned web site.

If you would like to volunteer to serve in any capacity on this committee or if you have suggestions, questions, or complaints, please contact Warren Friedrich at 454-3981, or on the net at friedrichwc@prodigy.net.

- compiled by Warren C. Friedrich

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