



NORTH SHOAL CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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It's Springtime in the Neighborhood!

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And that means that it is time for the Spring Fling, the Garage Sale and the NSCNA Membership Drive! Get ready to wake up from your winter slumber and join your neighbors in several upcoming events!

Spring Fling - May 4th, 3PM - 5PM

We are looking forward to this year's Spring Fling on **May 4th from 2:00 to 5:00 PM**. On the agenda is a neighborhood jamboree that all are welcome to join. So dust off your guitars, harmonicas, flutes, or whatever you may play and join the jam! There will also be plenty of fun for the whole family including a piñata for the kids, water balloon games and of course yummy food and treats. Fliers will be delivered with more information closer to the event.



Looking for Student Volunteers

Looking for neighborhood students to help with fun and games at the Spring Fling. We will give helpers **free space in the June newsletter to advertise your summer job services**. Call Catherine Cotman at 374-0898 or email at ccotman@aol.com (use "Spring Fling" as subject).

Interested in Helping Out?

If anyone would like to help with the upcoming social events or has business contacts that could donate prizes, food or equipment, please call Catherine Cotman at 374-0898.

Also coming up is the 3rd annual 4th of July parade. More info in the next newsletter.

NEXT NSCNA GENERAL MTG.

Date: Thursday, April 18th

Time: 6:00pm

Place: Pillow School Cafeteria



Thanks! Kudos!

- **Congratulations to Pillow Elementary** for putting on a fabulous show at their annual "Something's Afoot" program. The performance includes all 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students. This year's theme was time travel and included dances by robots, airplane travelers, and cavemen and cavewomen. The students work all year to put together this large production. We are very proud of our neighborhood kids!

- **Thanks to Warren Freidrich, Kim Longacre and Linda Webb** for all of their hard work to get new trees for Pillow Elementary. The window was closing on Treefolks' planting season and these folks pushed hard to get everything done! Way to go!

If you would like to thank or congratulate someone, please e-mail your request to Alyssa Hedge at alyssa_hedge@hotmail.com.

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Real Estate News

SPRING IS HERE!



Here are some handy tips for getting your home ready to sell!

- ◆ It's time to weed and feed the lawn. A green, lush lawn is always appealing.
- ◆ Mow and edge your lawn.
- ◆ Add flowers and bark mulch to the front walkways and beds.
- ◆ Do you have a dead tree or stump? Now is the time to remove them.
- ◆ Is it time to repaint the exterior? If so, try a contemporary color.
- ◆ Paint the front door a striking color.
- ◆ Professionally clean the windows, inside and out.
- ◆ Powerwash your driveway if you have oil stains.
- ◆ How about a new brass mailbox?
- ◆ Make sure your home address is visible from the street.

Sold Properties from 1/1/02 - 3/27/02

Address*Sold Price*Bed/Bath

8313 Stillwood	\$137,000	3/1
8112 Stillwood	\$149,000	3/2
8312 Rockwood	\$124,000	3/1.5
8203 Valleydale	\$163,000	3/2
8706 Melshire	\$199,000 *	3/2 + apartment
8610 Millway	\$165,000	3/2
2703 Ashdale	\$156,000	3/2
2701 Benbrook	\$184,000	4/3
8400 Flagstone	\$208,000	4/3
8412 Stillwood	\$141,450	3/1.5
8507 Daleview	\$155,000	3/2
8608 Stillwood	\$199,900	3/2

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8611 Stillwood	\$189,800
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8113 Parkdale	\$169,900
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Make Your Dog Proud!

Warren Friedrich

The committee would like to thank neighborhood pet owners who are cooperating in our efforts to eliminate pet waste from our neighborhood. It appears many of you have found the "Mut Mit Dispenser" at the north east corner of the Pillow school ground. Let us know if this dispenser is worthwhile, if so, we may be able to provide additional dispensers. If you use your own plastic bags, always keep one where you store your dog's leash, so you remember to take one with you.

We ask all pet owners to join our committee in supporting the North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association's "Good Neighbor Policy" for a cleaner and healthier place in which to live.

THANK YOU



If you are not near the "Mut Mit Dispenser" on your walk or don't like using them, check out products such as the P.U.P.S. bags or Dispoz-A-Scoop in the Doctors Foster & Smith catalog or on their website at www.drsfostersmith.com.

Yard of the Month!

Warren Friedrich

The Association and Yard of the Month Committee (YOM) extend congratulations to our 2002, first quarter winners of the yard of the month. The coveted YOM sign was awarded to the following residences.

January - Jerry and Helen Horn of 8607 Donna Gail Dr.

February - Mrs. Eleanor Adams of 8708 Primrose Ln.

March - Elizabeth and Richard Douglass of 8800 Millway Dr

April - Mark Detlefsen of 8501 Rockwood Lane

The Committee appreciates the effort these winners have made to maintain their yards and homes in such an exemplary manner. However, we also thank and congratulate all of our neighbors who do so much to help maintain the character, beauty, and value of this outstanding neighborhood. Don't be surprised if some day, when you least expect it, you hear, "Congratulations! Your yard has been selected yard of the month!" Happy Gardening!



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Pillow's Page



Congratualtions to Pillow's Teacher of the Year!

ALLAN SHROPSHIRE!

The NSCNA would like to congratulate Allan Shropshire who was recently awarded Pillow's Teacher of the Year. Kim Longacre wanted to find our more about this talented teacher who also lives in our neighborhood. She asked him when he started teaching, what influences him and what he considers to be his greatest challenges. Below are his responses.

"I trained to become a teacher at the University of Texas where I received my undergraduate degree in Education. I have been teaching for seven years. Two major influences pointed me toward becoming a teacher. I was fortunate to be "Mr. French"- a nanny for a wonderful family here in Austin. While in that capacity, I met the woman who is now my wife. She has been my mentor and currently teaches a Young Scientist program at Barrington Elementary School in Austin.

After joining the Pillow staff, I began riding my bicycle to work as a New Year's resolution. On my commuter route, I stopped early one morning to look at a flyer for a home on Daleview Drive. Happily, we now live in the same neighborhood where I teach. I can walk to work now. I feel very fortunate to live in this community and teach at a school that reflects the many positive aspects of a diverse population.

I teach a first grade class that accommodates children who speak English as their second language. In my two years, I have had children from The Czech Republic, China, Russia, India, Iran, Mexico, The Philippines, Nigeria, Korea, Denmark as well as native English speakers from the United States. My grandson is also in my class this year.

The overall experience for me at this school and in this neighborhood have made these my happiest years in teaching. I have been asked what the greatest challenges are in teaching and for me that challenge is to continue my professional growth as a teacher and to be wary of complacency. I hope to combine my teaching with my interest in technology as I pursue a master's degree in Instructional Technology."

Seven New Trees Planted at Pillow!

Warren Friedrich

Thursday, March 28th, seven new trees planted on the Pillow Elementary School grounds. Sally Struble from Treefolks, eight students from the alternative learning center, E-Corps, thirteen fifth grade Pillow students, and an assortment of neighborhood residents (Kim Longacre, Catherine Cotman, Dan Bittner and myself), with the much appreciated help of the Austin Independent School District Maintenance folks, and Principal Linda Webb; combined talent, desire, and strong backs to provide future generations of children a shady place in which to play.



This operation went as smooth as any I've seen. The only way it could have been better is if the trees would have been magically transformed into fully grown trees! Kim is already working on plans to have different classes share the duty of watering the new trees over the next year. We also want to place fencing around them to protect them until they are stronger. All in all, it was a really great day in the neighborhood!



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YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD SPECIALIST

The following homes have sold from 02/21/02 through 03/26/02. Although deemed accurate this information is not guaranteed. For more information or a FREE ESTIMATE of your home's market value contact me at: 512-451-2552 or 619-0100

Homes Currently For Sale:

<u>Address</u>	<u>Bedrooms</u>	<u>Baths</u>	<u>List Price</u>
8015 Rockwood Ln	3	1	\$134,500
8210 Briarwood Ln	3	1.5	139,777
8202 Briarwood Ln	3	1.5	129,500
3002 Boxdale	3	1.5	157,500
3000 Boxdale	4	1	139,900
8611 Stillwood	4	2	189,800
2901 Ashdale	4	3	175,000
8113 Parkdale Dr	4	2	169,900
3001 Thrushwood	3	2	219,900

Homes Contract Pending:

			<u>Asking Price</u>
8003 Rockwood	3	1.5	124,900
3005 Thrushwood	4	2	214,900
3000 Thrushwood	3	2	199,900
8821 Little Laura	3	2	212,900

Homes Sold Since February 21, 2002

			<u>Sold Price</u>
8412 Stillwood	3	1.5	141,450
8203 Vallydale	3	2	163,000
2703 Ashdale	3	2	156,000
8407 Daleview	3	2	155,000
8400 Flagstone	4	3	208,000

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Neighborhood Crime Watch

We are fortunate to live in a safe neighborhood, but we neighbors must actively work to keep it secure. I recently heard that one of our neighbor's dog died when he ate a bag of rat poison that had been thrown in the yard. The best way to prevent crime is to know your neighbors. Below I have listed some services offered by the police department to ensure your home is secure. In upcoming issues we will provide tips on securing your home as well as crime statistics for our neighborhood.

Home Security Surveys

The APD can perform a free home security survey of your home. They will inspect your home against a list of criteria and can point out security risks. If your home "passes" the survey, you will receive a form that you can submit to your insurance company for up to a 20% discount. If you are interested in this service, you can contact our neighborhood liaison at 974-5557.

Form or Reenergize a Neighborhood Watch



Our APD representative will give a two-evening seminar on forming your neighborhood watch. They will talk about ways to secure your home, personal safety, and how to operate your neighborhood watch. This is an excellent way to get to know your neighbors and prevent crime in your area. If you are interested in forming a Neighborhood Watch or are needing a refresher, contact our District Rep at 974-5557.

Help End Auto Theft (HEAT)

The Help End Auto Theft Operation (HEAT) is a statewide vehicle registration program aimed at reducing auto theft during nighttime hours. In Austin, over 40% of all vehicles are stolen in the late evening to early morning hours. If you do not normally drive your vehicle between the hours of 1 a.m. and 5 a.m., you can volunteer to sign an agreement and have two special HEAT stickers placed on your vehicle. Under this agreement, if police officers see your vehicle being driven during the hours of 1 a.m. and 5 a.m., they may stop the vehicle to verify ownership. For more information go to <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/police/heat.htm> or contact our District Rep at 974-5557.

The NSCNA is working with the APD to plan a weekend where they will come out to our neighborhood and register vehicles.



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If you are interested in participating, we suggest that you post a sign or two with your address on a major street or intersection to draw attention to your yard or garage. **Please remember to remove the sign when the sale is over.** If you would like to help with the sign preparations or would like more information, contact Tracy Urban at 419-0604.



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It's all part of the 7th Annual Totally Cool, Totally Art program, offered by the Dougherty Arts Center at participating recreation centers of the Austin Parks and Recreation Department. This free program, which runs October through May, includes professional art instruction and mentoring, Monday through Thursday, at 16 participating recreation centers.

There is only one class remaining for this year starting on April 8th. Contact your local recreation center to sign up. If your recreation center's program is full, contact Kynna McElhinney whose phone number is below. This program starts up again in October and you can contact your local recreation center to get on a list for next year. We will also run this story again closer to October as a reminder. For more information on these programs, call Kynna McElhinney at 397-1473. For a list of participating recreation centers, visit www.ci.austin.tx.us/parks/tcta.htm. The closest center for our area is Northwest Recreation Center located at 2913 Northland Dr. Their phone number is (512) 458-4107.

Summer Camps for Kids

The Parks and Recreation Department offers summer youth and teen camps for June, July and August. For a list of recreation centers that offer a summer camp program and for more information about courses, fees and registration, visit www.ci.austin.tx.us/dougherty/youth.htm or contact 974-6700.

Summer camps are a two-week, full-day program, Monday through Friday, with morning and afternoon snacks provided. Students discover their creative abilities through the visual and performing arts. Daily activities reflect the adventurous themes in art, drama, movement and music. Each two-week session includes one field trip and one "Water Day" activity.

Some of the courses that are offered are:



- *Comic Illustration*
- *Environmental Art*
- *Art in Public Places*
- *Poetry*
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- *Storytelling*
- *Animation Mania*
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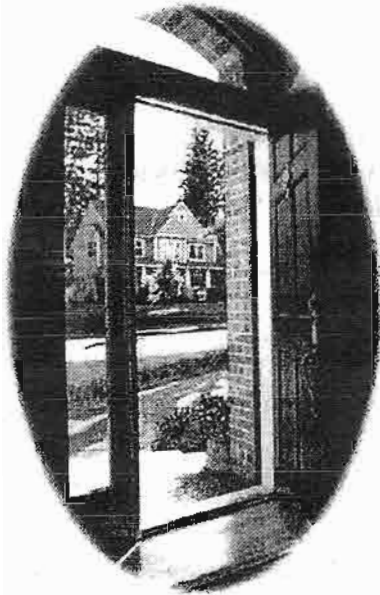
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City's Web site gets 'Top Pick'



If you've not visited the Austin City Connection, www.cityofaustin.org, this may serve as a motivation. For the fifth consecutive year, Austin has received "Top Pick" laurels for its Web site at Austin City Connection, www.cityofaustin.org.

It is the only City in the big city category, minimum population of 250,000, to receive the recognition every year since MuniNet's inception in 1997. It was recognized once again because of its commitment to "keeping its residents on top of local news and events."

Notable features include:

- **Downtown Jam**, www.downtownjam.com – Provides up-to-date information regarding construction projects, road closures and traffic pattern forecasts.
- **Searchable Community Registry**, www.ci.austin.tx.us/neighbor/search.htm – which provides contact information, meeting schedules and related materials pertaining to Austin's neighborhoods.
- **Current Crime Statistics**, www.ci.austin.tx.us/police/crimestats.htm.
- **Parks Listing**, <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/parks/parks.htm>, filled with information on Austin's 191 parks, 74 hike-and-bike trails, 90 playscapes and more.
- **Libraries**, <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/library>, provides information on local libraries, youth program and other community services.

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Dates to Remember

April 18th - NSCNA General Meeting

April 20th - Neighborhood Garage Sale

May 4th - Spring Fling

Is Your Membership Expired?

Most NSCNA memberships are up for renewal. Support NSCNA by renewing yours today. You can do this by filling out the form on page 11. Send your check with the form to the address specified. Your dues are important to the association and allow us to put on events such as the Spring Fling, the Garage Sale and the 4th of July Parade as well as support beautification, Pillow Elementary and other initiatives in the neighborhood. Please support NSCNA and become a member or renew your membership today! Thanks!

Advertise with us!

The newsletter is distributed every other month for a total of 6 editions a year to approximately 950 households. North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association borders Shoal Creek, Burnet Road, Hwy. 183 and Anderson Lane. If you purchase a one-year subscription, you will receive 4 advertisements for the price of 3 (rates have been adjusted since there are only 4 issues remaining).

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1/4 page:	\$50	\$150
1/2 page:	\$70	\$210
Full Page:	\$110	\$330
Insert:	\$130	\$390



2002 NSCNA Meeting Schedule

Board meetings

Wednesdays - two weeks prior to the general meetings. Commons area - east end of Pillow School - 6:00pm - April 3; June 5; September 4

General meetings

Thursdays - 6:00 in Pillow School Cafetorium - Baby sitting available in the library - April 18; June 20; September 19
