



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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Mark Your Calendar

2012 General Meeting

Tuesday Nov. 13

6:30 p.m.

New Location:

First Texas Honda
3400 Steck Avenue

(See page 5 for more information)

2013 General Meeting and Elections

Tuesday, Jan. 8

6:30 p.m.

*For the most up-to-date meeting schedule, visit our online neighborhood calendar:
www.nscna.org/calendar*

Do you have a story idea for the NSCNA Neighborhood News?

Send us an email to:
newsletter@nscna.org

North Shoal Creek Participates in National Night Out

Every year neighborhoods across the country participate in National Night Out as an opportunity to get to know their neighbors and local law enforcement and also as a way to partner up against crime. This year, the event took place on Oct. 2 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Participating North Shoal Creek residents turned on their porch lights,



Photos: North Shoal Creek residents participate in National Night Out by talking to Austin Fire Department fire fighters and neighbors about neighborhood safety.



police officers, firefighters and EMS paramedics. Cookouts, block parties and neighborhood walks took place in the neighborhood, throughout the city and nationwide.

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support and participation in crime efforts, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community relations and let criminals know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.



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President's Corner

The significant increase in membership this year is encouraging. We now have 111 member households in NSCNA. My thanks to all who have joined or renewed their membership.

This Neighborhood Association is a volunteer organization. Residents join voluntarily. The Nominating Committee, elected in the September 4th General Membership meeting, is now engaged in selecting volunteer members to serve as officers and board members for 2013. If you would like to serve next year, please contact John Alexander, the Committee Chair, at 459-8940 or email to jrander76@sbcglobal.net. The elections will be held in the January 8, 2013 General Membership meeting.

Committee activity is important to the success of NSCNA; we need more participation in Many of the functions of the Association are carried out by several committees that work on particular issues and activities. Membership in any standing committee is open to all members. Members are encouraged join a committee and lend a hand in the work. To join a committee, please contact the committee chair listed on the left side of this page, or contact me.

This year several successful activities have been carried out in the neighborhood, including completion of planting of 15 free trees for neighbors under the Urban Forest Grant Program, hosting the neighborhood garage sales, and the July 4th Independence Day Parade and Celebration. The projected December Luminary Walk is ahead, and volunteers are needed. Please consider lending a hand in planning and conducting this neighborhood event. Contact any director or officer if you are interested in helping. The 2010 walk was a success. The 2011 event was canceled due to rain.

The November 6th Election ballot is

lengthy and includes many items of local interest. NSCNA does not take a position for or against any election proposal or candidate. All members are encouraged to learn about the issues and cast their vote. In addition to voting for President and Vice President, the ballot will include:

- US Senator and numerous District US Representatives.
 - State Senators and District State Representatives.
 - State Supreme Court Justices, Court of Appeals District Judges and Court of Criminal Appeals Judges.
 - Numerous District Judges, Railroad Commissioner and State Board of Education.
 - Travis County District Attorney, Court at Law # 8 Judge, County Attorney, Sheriff, Tax Assessor-Collector, County Commissioners and Constables.
 - Austin Independent School District Board of Trustees and Austin Community College Board of Trustees.
- Central Health Tax rate increase to \$0.129 (from \$0.05) per \$100 valuation.
- City of Austin Special Election 18 Propositions:
1. Move the City's general election date from May to November.
 2. Move the City's general election date from May to November, to provide that council members serve four-year staggered terms, to provide that council elections occur in even-numbered years, and to limit the mayor and council members to two terms.
 3. Provide for election of council members from 10 geographical single-member districts, with mayor to be elected from the city

at large, and to provide for an independent citizens redistricting commission.

4. Provide for the election of council members from eight geographical single-member districts, with the mayor and two additional council members to be elected from the city at large.
5. Permit the members of the city council and city council's appointees to hire and manage their own staffs.
6. Provide that the city council appoint the city attorney.
7. Reduce the number of signatures needed for a citizen initiated ordinance or referendum.
8. Allow council members to raise political funds for 30 days after an election in which the council member was elected.
9. Permit the city council to lease parkland to an independent school district for a purpose that the council has found, by a two-thirds

majority, is a park purpose.

10. Provide a civil service system for most city employees who are not already covered by a state civil service statute.
11. Adopt the emergency medical services personnel civil service law.
12. Issue \$143,299,000 transportation and mobility improvement bonds and notes and the levy of a tax sufficient to pay for the bonds and notes.
13. Issue \$30,000,000 open space and watershed protection bonds and notes and the levy of a tax sufficient to pay for the bonds and notes.
14. Issue \$77,680,000 park and recreation improvement bonds and notes and the levy of a tax sufficient to pay for the bonds and notes.
15. Issue \$78,300,000 housing bonds and notes and the levy of a tax sufficient to pay for the bonds and notes.
16. Issue \$31,079,000 public safety

facility improvement bonds and notes and the levy of a tax sufficient to pay for the bonds and notes.

17. Issue \$11,148,000 health and human services facility improvement bonds and notes and the levy of a tax sufficient to pay for the bonds and notes.
18. Issue \$13,442,000 library, museum and cultural arts facility improvement bonds and notes and the levy of a tax sufficient to pay for the bonds and notes

More details about the election can be viewed at <http://www.austintexas.gov/elections> which includes a link to the Travis County November 6, 2012 Elections Contests page listing the county ballots.

The North Village Library on Steck Avenue is our voting place on Nov. 6. However, Austin voters may cast their ballot at any local voting place

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New Business Spotlight: VERTS

A new restaurant called VERTS has opened up in the West Anderson Plaza shopping center at 2438 West Anderson Lane.

VERTS is a fast casual dining establishment built around the Döner Kebap, Germany's favorite street food and focuses on delivering a quality dining experience, appealing to those who love quality food and value.

The food choices range from a sandwich, a wrap or a bowl with either chicken, beef, lamb or veggie patties. There are many vegetables to choose from as well as a variety of yogurt-based sauces.

The restaurant prides itself on ingredients that are authentic and fresh. The bread is freshly baked and all the meats are Texas-raised. They also use traditional Turkish seasoning. VERTS offers area residents a healthy and filling alternative to burgers.

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NSCNA Moves General Meeting Location to First Texas Honda

The NSCNA's regular meeting place for general meetings was the Pillow Elementary School cafeteria on Crosscreek Drive, but the Austin Independent School District (AISD) now requires organizations using school facilities to have liability insurance.

The insurance policy must be approved by AISD, and until the association acquires the necessary liability insurance, it cannot meet at Pillow Elementary School.

Therefore, the Nov. 13, 2012 General Membership Meeting will be held in the conference room of First Texas Honda Dealership at 3400 Steck Avenue (at Shoal Creek Blvd), from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

During the last NSCNA general meeting, on Sept. 4, Mr. Will Hardeman of First Texas Honda offered the use of their conference room in order to hold our meetings.

The Board of Directors is considering the possibility of purchasing liability insurance so that meetings can resume at Pillow Elementary School.

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7:00 p.m. FACT Science Fiction Book Club
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- **Nov. 16 and 30**
10:15 a.m. Toddler Storytime
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- **Dec. 18, Jan. 15 and Feb. 19**
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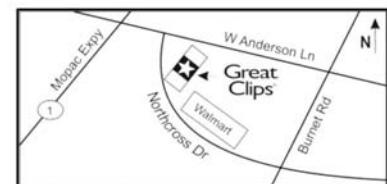
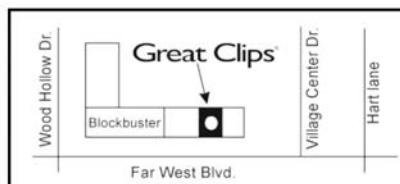
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Update on Neighborhood Short-term Rentals

In August, the City Council approved the ordinance regulating short term rental (STR) residential uses and now requires a license to operate a STR.

The ordinance became effective Oct. 1. Information about registration and licenses can be viewed at <http://www.austintexas.gov/str>.

Renewing Your Annual NSCNA Membership

Now is the time to renew your annual membership or to join for 2013 if you are not currently a member.

Inside this newsletter is a pre-addressed envelope and membership form for 2013. Please complete the form and mail it to the association with a check for \$15.

You may also renew your membership online by visiting the NSCNA website at www.nscna.org/ or by filling out a membership application and paying in person at a general membership meeting.



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