

# North Shoal Creek NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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## Important Dates

### General Meetings

- Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2013
- Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2013
- Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2014, annual meeting and elections

Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m.  
 Location: Pillow Elementary School  
 3025 Crosscreek Drive

## Who We Are

The North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association is a non-profit organization — of volunteers — dedicated to promoting and protecting the quality of life, safety, residential characteristics and property values of the North Shoal Creek neighborhood.

For more information visit:  
[www.nscna.org](http://www.nscna.org)

## North Shoal Creek Celebrates July Fourth

The 13th annual 4th of July Parade and Celebration hosted by NSCNA was held on Thursday, July 4 at Pillow Elementary School.

Activities at the event included a parade, costume competition, yard games, face painting, balloon twisting and the opportunity to visit with local representatives from the sheriff's department, Austin Fire Department and Austin Police Department.

A big thank you to everyone who made this event successful!



See more photos on Page 3 and 4.

# Neighborhood News

Summer 2013 Issue

A quarterly newsletter for the North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association (NSCNA)

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## President's Corner

Our association hosted a very successful 13th Annual July 4th Independence Day Parade and Celebration.

Following the National Anthem, sung by Judy Rowland, the parade around the Pillow School block was escorted by Austin Police Department and led by Roger Wines and a fire truck.

About 150 people participated in

the parade. Prizes were awarded to winners in several categories, including best wagon, best bike, best pet and sidewalk art. Activities after the parade included music, door prizes and refreshments.

Our thanks to all who came out to join in the event, and a special thanks to those who made this possible by helping plan, prepare and carry out the event.

## National Night Out Oct. 1

Neighborhoods throughout Austin are invited to the 30th Annual National Night Out on Tuesday Oct. 1, 2013.

There are two parts to the annual event. From 5 to 7 p.m., there will be a Kick-Off Party at Barton Creek Square Mall, in the North Downtown Overlook Parking Lot, with food, games, crime prevention tips and drawings for school supplies. This is free and open to all.

From 7 to 9 p.m., events such as cookouts, block parties and neighborhood walks will occur simultaneously throughout the City of Austin and nationwide. Citizens are asked to turn on their porch lights, lock their doors and spend the evening outside with their neighbors, City Council Members, police officers, firefighters, EMS paramedics and Code Compliance.

National Night Out is designed to:

- Promote crime and drug prevention awareness.
- Generate support and participation in crime prevention efforts.

- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community relations.
- Get involved in your neighborhood community.
- Let criminals know that neighborhoods are organized and residents are fighting back.

Neighborhood applications are due Sept. 13, 2013 at 5 p.m.. Applications can be found online or can be e-mailed, faxed or sent in the mail upon request by calling 512-974-4900. Visit <http://austintexas.gov/nno> for more information.



*North Shoal Creek 4th of July Celebration*





# Making Time for Money Management

“There’s just not enough time in the day.”

We all feel that way sometimes, right? Like we don’t have time to cross everything off our to-do list, like we’re overwhelmed and our family will be lucky to eat a frozen pizza for dinner, let alone a full, home-cooked meal.

When your schedule’s full, taking care of your finances can be a challenge. However, we have a few little suggestions that may make handling your household expenses a little easier:

- Cut down on your shopping trips. Instead of dropping into the store every day to pick up a handful of forgotten items, limit yourself to one trip per week. You’ll save time because you won’t be running back and forth or standing in store lines multiple times. However, you’ll also probably be able to save money because you’ll have your shopping list composed before the end of the week and you won’t pick up impulse buys on each trip.
- Make a plan. What’s the point of saving if you don’t have a goal? Whether you want to put away enough money for retirement or just enough for that new pair of shoes, setting a goal will help you prepare for the future and may make you feel better about saying “no” to a few small things so you can say “yes” to the things you really want.
- Use technology. There are many free resources online that can help you manage your money. You can do everything from create an online grocery list to download templates that help you track your weekly spending. In addition, your financial institution may offer free resources that help you keep track of your bills and account balances, which will make it easier for you to stay on track as well.



- Put some money away. If you’re waiting until you have time to start an emergency fund, you may never be able to accomplish the creation of that savings safe haven. Contact your financial institution to set up automatic transfers. Then, you’ll have money waiting for you when something unexpected happens, like a vehicle breaking down or a family illness.

- Value yourself and your financial contributions. You work hard for your money, far too hard to just throw it away senselessly. Take pride in your earning power, and make your money work for you. It may take a little change in perspective to get you on financial track, but looking at yourself and your earning power as assets can benefit you in the long run.

We know your plate is full and that financial issues can often be pushed to the back burner.

But, taking a few shortcuts can help you build a better financial position and prepare for the future.

*Column submitted by Theresa Lockingen, Domain branch manager for Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union. RBFCU serves more than 400,000 members from 40+ South Central Texas locations. This information is intended as general advice. Consult a lending professional or financial planner to discuss your specific situation and the financial decisions that are right for you. For more information on RBFCU, visit [rbfcu.org](http://rbfcu.org).*

# General Membership Meeting

The next General Meeting of NSCNA is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2013 at Pillow Elementary School.

At that meeting, members will be elected to serve on the Nominating Committee, which will select nominees for the officers and board members for 2014.

The election will be held at the Annual General Membership Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2014.

Now is the time for members to think about serving next year and contact a member of the Nominating Committee after they are elected. This is a great opportunity to get involved in the neighborhood and in the community.

## New Business Spotlight: EcoClean

EcoClean, a homegrown Austin business, has opened a new location in North Shoal Creek at 2538 West Anderson Lane in Suite C3.

EcoClean offers a wide variety of dry-cleaning services. Most dry cleaners use industrial solvents to clean clothes, however EcoClean uses a non-toxic method of biodegradable soaps, conditioners and water on dry-clean only garments.

It also works to promote sustainability throughout their business. Customers are encouraged to save fuel by using the free delivery service, return hangers for re-use, and opt into the Green Garmento program, a reusable garment bag that replaces the use of plastic dry-cleaning bags. In 2012, EcoClean won “Best Dry Cleaner” by the Austin Chronicle’s Best of Austin reader’s poll.

EcoClean’s hours of operation are Monday-Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and they are closed on Sundays. For more information about EcoClean’s services visit [www.ecocleanaustin.com](http://www.ecocleanaustin.com).

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# Traffic Calming Update

The traffic calming projects for Rockwood Lane are pending. Plans for the segment between Steck Avenue and Anderson Lane are final and are in the permitting stage.

Plans for the segment between Burnet Road and Steck Avenue are nearing completion. Construction on both segments is expected within the next two months.

The NSCNA  
is looking for a  
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# Beautification Committee Update

It's turned into a lovely spring with the recent rain we've received, and our neighborhood is looking good. The North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association Beautification Committee wanted to pass along some helpful website links as a resource for all of us to keep our neighborhood looking beautiful. We're featuring resources for gardening, collection of garbage and recycling, city watering rules, tree trimming and pruning and curb appeal.

Let's start with four gardening resources for plants and trees.

- 1. The Grow Green plant list was created to help you select beautiful native and adapted plants which are naturally drought tolerant and resistant to pests and diseases. [searchplant.cfm](http://searchplant.cfm)
- 2. The city of Austin provides information about trees, planting, regulations, etc. on the city of Austin website.
- 3. Tree Folk's NeighborWoods Program, sponsored

by Austin Energy, combats an area's heat island effect by providing free 5-gallon trees to shade pavement and streets in a neighborhood. Participants receiving trees must agree to plant and water them until established. Individuals as well as groups may request an assessment of the needs of trees for their area or yard.

- 4. Lady Bird Wildflower Center is a wonderful resource to introduce people to the beauty and diversity of wildflowers and other native plants. It has lots of programs and is a great place to visit.

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- Do not set it on the curb any earlier than 8 p.m. the night before your collection day.
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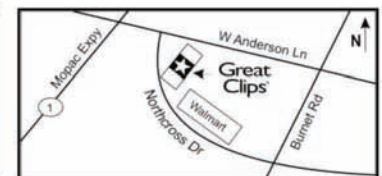
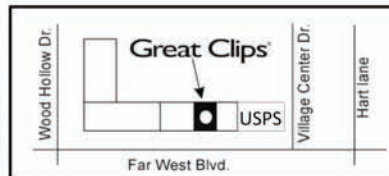
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