

# North Shoal Creek Neighborhood News

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## President's Corner

Hello everyone from Chris Randall...

I hope everyone is enjoying the New Year! Many thanks go out to all the volunteers of this neighborhood. This year's slate of officers include:

KC Dignan, Vice-President  
Steven Weintraub, Treasurer  
Catherine Cotman, Secretary

The neighborhood association's Board of Directors is made up of 7 members from the general membership plus the 4 elected officers. These eleven board members have the responsibility of planning the events of the year, setting up a budget, and keeping the general membership apprised of the events of the neighborhood. This year the board members elected at the 1<sup>st</sup> General Meeting in January are as follows:

Warren Friedrich, Carrie Garwick, Sybille Hohendorf-Shoemaker, Tracy Urban, Richard Grimmett and Stacy Sparks.

In addition to these board members, the association has set up 5 committees this year. They are as follows:

1. Social Committee co-chaired by Faye Gorman & Carrie Garwick along with Pat Courtright, KC Dignan, Margaret Flaniken, Stacy Sparks, Diana Gore

2. Distribution & Newsletter Committee headed by Tracy Urban along with Beverly Schlegel, Chuck Crane, Dan Bittner, Mae Krohma, Harold Anderson, Montie Simpson, Myra Tenney, Faye Gorman, Jim Allan & KC Dignan, Sybille H-Shoemaker, Claudell Migl, Andreas Guenin, Pat Courtright, Tina Huckabee, Chris Randall, Carrie Garwick, Richard Grimmett.

3. Beautification Committee lead by Warren Friedrich along with Mark Palitza, Jeff and Diana Gore, Claudell Migl.

4. Parent Group Committee chaired by Catherine Cotman with Lucille Pawlak, Monica Little, Steven Weintraub.

5. Traffic Control and Watch Dog Committee co-chaired by Chuck Crane and Larry Gorman, Jo McFerren, Chris Sparks, Martin Tenney, Roger Wines.

In addition to these committees, Mark Palitza has volunteered to put up signs in the neighborhood to announce the meeting and events. Tracy Urban has volunteered to take charge of writing and organizing the layout of the Neighborhood Newsletter, getting Ads for the newsletter and coordinating the distribution of the newsletters and flyers. As you can see, we have a number of people serving in more than 2 or 3 capacities and we desperately need help in those areas. If you feel that you can assist in any of these committees, please give me a call (458-1700) and I will put you in touch with the chairperson.

Many thanks to all of you that help out in our neighborhood! Our past slate of officers and board members have done a tremendous job keeping up with all of the issues that affect our neighborhood. For those of you reading this newsletter for the 1<sup>st</sup> time I want to mention a few of those issues.

Some but not all of the accomplishments include:

- Traffic Light at Rockwood and Burnet
- Successfully fought to keep our high schoolers at Anderson High
- Negotiated with a car dealership for funds

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## NEXT NSCNA MEETING

DATE: April 24

TIME: 6:00-8:00 PM

PLACE: Pillow Elementary

to pay for traffic control devices and to keep demonstration of cars out of our neighborhood

- Started a Neighborhood Watch Group
- Coordinated with the Austin Police Dept. to have Officer Jim Riley as our liaison with the Austin Police
- Initiated a Social Committee to help stage events such as the Spring Fling & 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade
- Helped coordinate the neighborhood's Annual Garage Sale
- Started a Parent Group for the neighborhood
- Participated in a volunteer program for Pillow Elementary school
- Successfully fought zoning issues in the area.

Our association's volunteers took on all of these issues and many issues still face our neighborhood. There are so many benefits to having a strong neighborhood association and we hope to make this year as successful as last!

Thank you,  
Chris Randall, President NSCNA



*Spring  
has  
Sprung*



## Calendar of Events for 2001

February 20	General Meeting
March 2 – 17	Membership Drive
April 21	Neighborhood Garage Sale
April 24	General Meeting
April 28	Rain date for garage sale
May 5	Spring Fling
May 19	Spring Fling (Rain date)
June 26	General Meeting
July 4	Fourth of July Parade
August 7	Neighborhood Night Out
September 25	General Meeting
October ?	Social Committee plans Field Trip (Destination and date to be determined)



## *Yard-of-the-Month Winners*

Congratulations to our Yard of the Month winners, and thanks for making our neighborhood a more beautiful place to live.

**November 2000:** Daniel Torn of 8311 Briarwood Ln.

**December 2000:** F.H. and Marti Becker of 8107 Stillwood Ln.

Thanks to Tina Huckabee for overseeing our Yard of the Month program last year. This year, Warren Friedrich will be leading our Yard of the Month Committee.



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PROPERTIES

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## Real Estate News

**Dear North Shoal Creek Friends:**

The market has slowed down a little. We aren't seeing multiple offers and solds in 72 hours like we did last year this time. Prices are more moderate, the buyers are shopping and taking their time. Our neighborhood is great but price and condition will make the difference. The following sales report is from October 13, 2000 through February 26, 2001.

For more detailed information call: Felicia Morrison, CRS, GRI 512-451-2552

ADDRESS	BEDRMS	BTHS	ASKING PRICE
<b>HOMES CURRENTLY FOR SALE:</b>			
8016 Rockwood	3	1	119,975
8200 Stillwood	3	2	133,500
8204 Valleydale	3	1	138,900
8313 Stillwood	3	1	138,950
2503 Ashdale	3	2	159,999
8111 Briarwood	3	1	179,900
7933 Vinewood	4	3	249,500
8303 Millway	3	2	174,500
8608 Millway	3	2	156,965
<b>HOMES UNDER CONTRACT PENDING SALE:</b>			
8608 Millway	3	2	156,965
8304 Daleview	3	2	169,000
8301 Millway	4	2	192,500
3005 Steck Ave	3	2	146,500
<b>HOMES SOLD:</b>			<b>SALES PRICE:</b>
8506 Millway	3	2	177,000
3107 Candlelight	3	2	189,950
8510 Daleview	3	2	200,000
8300 Stillwood	3	2	136,000
8206 Stillwood	3	2	145,000
8621 Winding Walk	4	2	219,000

Information deemed reliable but not guaranteed.

### Neighborhood Garage Sale planned for April 21

This year, our Neighborhood Garage Sale will be Saturday, April 21 from 9 AM to 2 PM. Our rain date will be Saturday, April 28. Write those dates on your calendar and start collecting items around your home you would like to sell! As in the past, we will have an advertisement in the newspaper and signs posted around the perimeter of the neighborhood and along Steck to draw potential customers,

If you are interested in participating, we suggest

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 signs after the sale is over. If you would like to help with the advertising preparations or would like more information contact Tracy Urban at 419-0604 or Myra Tenney at 458-2022. A \$2 donation from those participating would be helpful to defray the costs.

## Membership Drive

This year we would like to begin the year with a Membership Drive and would like to extend an invitation to each and every household receiving this newsletter to become a member of the North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association! Our goal is to increase the membership so that we can continue to provide support for the Five Committees that are working this year to help make this a better neighborhood.

Volunteers will be canvassing the neighborhood the 1<sup>st</sup> three weekends of March to help with the drive. We need your help and your dues to continue to have a strong association. During this drive, our volunteers can accept cash or a check for \$13 at your door if you choose to join at that time. If you are not home, just fill out the form and mail it in! We would love to have a larger neighborhood association because that is what makes our neighborhood strong. To date there are approximately 900 homes in our neighborhood and our goal is to increase the membership from the current 150+ members. Please join!

- Chris Randall



## Pillow Elementary: Project Mentor

A mentor is a friend to a child. The message that a mentor gives to the child is that the child is an important and valuable person.

Children today are faced with many challenges and choices. Project Mentor can help provide opportunities for children to have the chance to talk to someone about the challenges they face. Mentors visit students at the school each week. They often eat lunch together. After lunch, they can spend time playing games, reading a book, or simply talking to each other.

If you are interested in becoming a mentor, contact Annette Hendrix, school counselor, at 414-4315. There is currently a waiting list of children in need of a mentor. The mentors need to satisfy a few requirements before beginning: Agree to a background check conducted by the Texas Department of Public Safety, attend a 30 minute training session with Annette, take the AISD profile and pledge, and receive and read through the mentor handbook. The program asks participants to commit to the program for the entire school year (Aug. - May), but Pillow still needs mentors for the remainder of this school year.

Pillow is also looking for volunteers to act as tutors or to help out in the office or library. If you can help in one of these ways or would like more information, contact Annette Hendrix at 414-4315.

-Monica Little

## Advertise with us

Distribution: Quarterly; Approximately 950 households.

Neighborhood borders: West-Shoal Creek; East-Burnet Road; North-Hwy. 183;  
South-Anderson Lane

Rates per issue: (New rates effective for the next newsletter.)

Business Card: \$20

1/2 page: \$60

1/4 page: \$40

Full page: \$110

To run an ad, please call Tracy Urban at 419-0604. Ads must camera ready and paid for in advance of publication. The newsletter reserves the right to request changes, reject an ad, or label an ad as such. The advertiser, not the newsletter, is responsible for the truth and content of the ad.

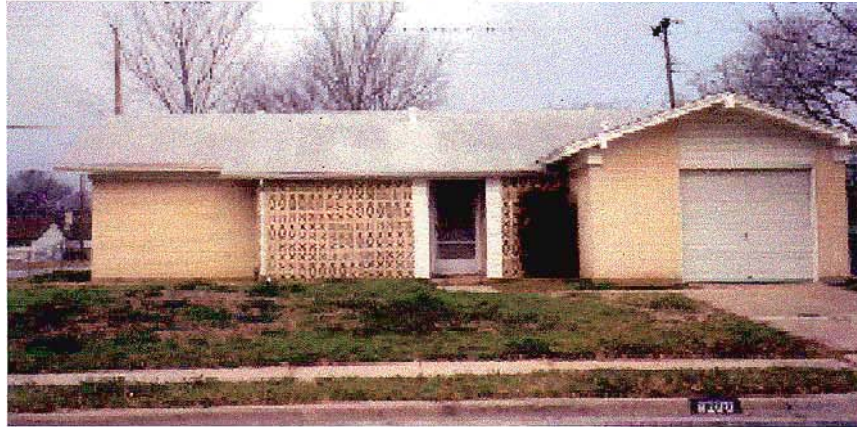


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**ASKING PRICE: \$133,500**

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## Minutes from Previous Neighborhood Association Meetings

January 24, 2001. The first meeting of the year began with reviewing activities and accomplishments of the association over the year 2000. The new committees formed were the parent group, meeting once per month with a family get-together and the social committee which organized the Spring Fling and Fourth-of-July parade last year.

Officers for the new year were then elected. Congratulations to the new officers: President: Chris Randall, Vice-President: K. C. Dignan, Secretary: Catherine Cotman and Treasurer: Steven Weintraub.

Congratulations to the new board members: Stacy Sparks, Carrie Garwick, Richard Grimmett, Warren Frederick, Tracy Urban, Sybilla Hohendorf-Shoemaker and Montie Simpson. Five action committees

were established in the association determined by needs of the neighborhood: Newsletter distribution/membership, traffic control/watch dog, beautification/yard of the month, social and parent/Pillow Elementary

February 24, 2001. The second meeting of the year welcomed guest speakers Jeff Gore, formerly with the Travis County Tax Appraisal District, and Carrie Garwick, Austin area realtor. The up-coming membership drive was discussed and members volunteered to solicit association dues door-to-door. The date for the neighborhood-wide garage sale was decided, April 21<sup>st</sup>. April 28<sup>th</sup> will be the rain date. A neighborhood watch is being researched including the National Neighborhood Night Out scheduled for August.

- Catherine Cotman, Secretary

### Neighborhood Parent Group

The neighborhood parent group is now meeting monthly for a pot-luck get together. Any family interested in getting to know other families in the neighborhood is strongly encouraged to come. All ages are welcome! Call Catherine Cotman for more information at 374-0898.

There is a neighborhood play-group for young children and their parents meeting every Wednesday afternoon. If you are interested in participating, call Catherine Cotman for more information at 374-0898.

### Food, Fun, Family and Music

Mark your calendar for May 5th for **NSCNA Second Spring Fling** to be held at Pillow Elementary Park. We will be providing hot dogs and veggie dogs, chips and drinks. Bring your favorite dessert to share with your neighbor. Also bring chairs and blankets. There will be games for all to play. If you would like to help or have questions, call Faye Gorman at 467-2282 or Carrie Garwick 458-1700.

### Join the Neighborhood Association Today.

Please complete this coupon and mail it with a check for \$13.00 (made out to the North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association) to Steven Weintraub, Treasurer, 8709 Stillwood Lane, Austin, TX, 78757.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one: Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_\_\_

*Please note that dues are collected annually for the the period January through December.  
Dues may be paid in the middle of the year, but they will be due again the following January.*

# Quality of Life



Across the country, millions of Americans experience the joy of sharing life with a pet. Judging from the number of our neighbors who are seen with their pets on any given afternoon, one can conclude that the North

Shoal Creek Neighborhood is a typical American community. For those of us so inclined, sharing our life with a dog, cat, bird, or some other animal adds pleasure and quality to our life. However, the privilege of pet ownership brings certain responsibilities.

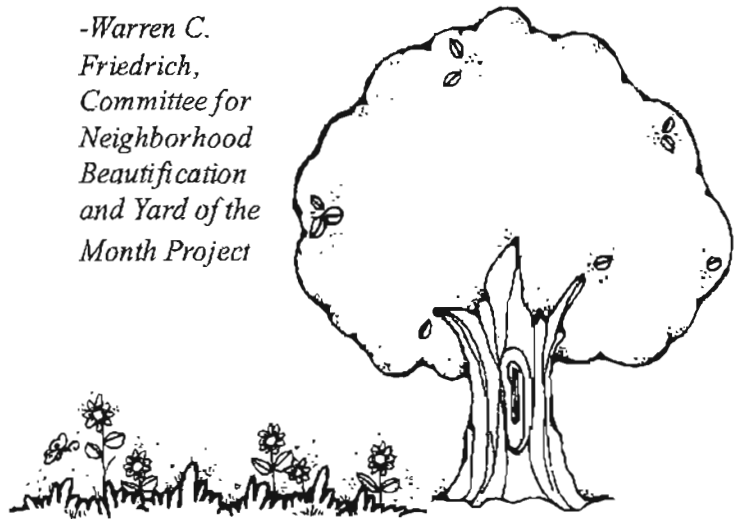
Being a good neighbor and responsible pet owner requires that we pick up after our pets. Many of us take advantage of the Pillow School grounds to walk our pets and an equal number walk them in the neighborhood. To allow our pet to take care of "business" and then walk away to let the property owner deal with it, or worse, a child "step in it", is unconscionable and not the neighborly thing to do. Won't you help us keep our neighborhood clean and safe for all?

If you are interested in neighborhood beautification or if you would like to express your opinion regarding the neighborhood and or the Yard of the Month

Project, contact me. We recently formed a committee and we will welcome anyone who wants to be apart of insuring that our quality of life is maintained.

One of our future projects will be coordinating an effort to paint the sign at Steck and Daleview. We are considering sandblasting the sign before painting it. If anyone has access to this type of equipment or knows of someone who could do the work , please contact me. I can be reached by phone at 454-3981 or E-mail: [friedrichwc@prodigy.net](mailto:friedrichwc@prodigy.net).

*-Warren C.  
Friedrich,  
Committee for  
Neighborhood  
Beautification  
and Yard of the  
Month Project*



## North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association

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### Officers

President	Chris Randall	458-1700
Vice President	K C Dignan	453-7273
Secretary	Catherine Cotman	374-0898
Treasurer	Steven Weintraub	453-6953

### Committee Chairpersons

Social:	Faye Gorman	467-2282
Parent/ School:	Catherine Cotmann	374-0898
Newsletter/Membership:	Tracy Urban	419-0604
Traffic/Watchdog:	Chuck Crane	451-1644
Neighborhood Beautification/Yard of the Month:	Warren Fredrich	454-3981

### Board of Directors

Sibylle Shoemaker	419-7852
Montie Simpson	459-0595
Stacy Sparks	452-3730
Carrie Garwick	458-1700
Richard Grimmett	454-5047
Warrant Fredrich	454-3981
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