

North Shoal Creek Neighborhood News

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President's Corner

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. The North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association has had an active year in 2001 with a successful membership drive that more than doubled our membership to approximately 190 members. Following the increase in membership we had the Garage Sale in April, "Spring Fling" in May, Parade in July, Neighborhood Night Out in August, Parent Get-Together in September & General Membership meetings with sponsored guests from Austin Police Department (Officer Jim Riley), Pillow Elementary (Principal, Linda Webb), Travis County Appraisal District (Jeff Gore), Neighborhood Planning & Zoning Department (Jimmie Wakes & Jessie Washington).

This year our Beautification Committee headed by Warren Friedrich enlisted the help of the Parks and Recreation Dept. and secured our neighborhood the "Mutt Mitt Park Dispenser" for our schoolyard park at Pillow Elementary. This committee also rewarded the Yard of the Month sign to the best-kept yard each month and maintained the entrance at Steck and Daleview for our neighborhood beautification!

The Social Committee co-chaired by Faye Gorman and Carrie Garwick organized all the social events this year as well as refreshments at all the General Meetings. Catherine Cotman, our Secretary successfully held Parent Group outings for the parents of our neighborhood and Tracy Urban distributed some of the best newsletters a neighborhood could ask for.

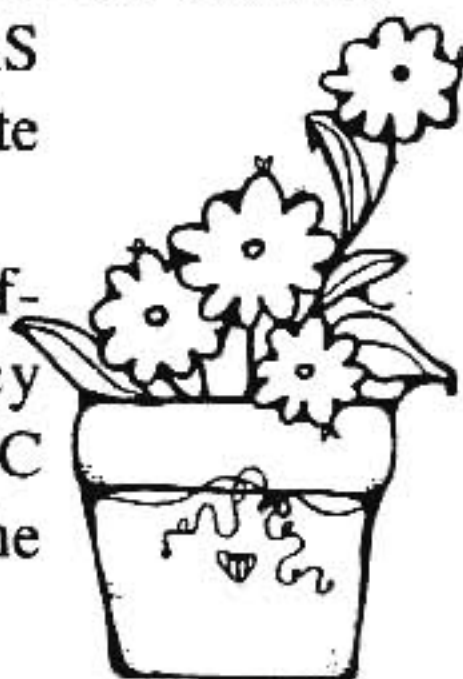
Steven Weintrab, our Treasurer, not only kept account of all the dues and outgoing payments but also accomplished the tasks of getting the IRS squared away on our tax status, and the State with our non-profit exemption status.

Board members, Sybilla Hohendorf-Shoemaker, Richard Grimmett, Stacy Sparks, and Montie Simpson along with KC Dignan, our Vice President worked with the

Social Committee to help pull-off all of the social events on the calendar as well as gave innumerable hours of their time to attend not only the social events but the lead-up board meeting prior to the General meetings. The board members and officers are responsible for the budget and the planning of all of this year's activity and have gone above and beyond the call!

After 9/11/01 our world changed as we know it but the American spirit seems to have remained intact. Hopefully that spirit will continue to strengthen in the coming years. As this year begins, our call for volunteers is out for the upcoming January 15th General Meeting. We need your "neighborhood spirit" to help fill in the gaps of the outgoing officers and board members! If you are new to the neighborhood, please come to the first meeting of 2002 at 5:45pm - 7:45pm @ Pillow Elementary cafeteria. We, your neighbors, would like to get to know you! If you have enjoyed the events mentioned earlier, please volunteer and help us get another successful year underway! The nominating committee each year looks for volunteers for the 4 officer positions and the 7 board members positions. If you can help this year please call the chairperson, Carrie Garwick at 458-1700 and let her know you are interested in serving. Let's continue to keep our neighborhood safe, friendly and beautiful! Thanks you for all of your support and participation this year. I have enjoyed being President of the association.

- Chris Randall, President of the North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association



NEXT NSCNA MEETING

DATE: Jan 15

TIME: 5:45-7:45 PM

PLACE: Pillow Elementary

A Few Words from Our Police Representative...

There are several things that a District Representative can do to assist you. I promote Neighborhood Watch get neighbors together to meet one another and help deter crime. Neighborhood Watch can also be used to get neighbors working together to clean up a neighborhood. District Representatives deal with quality of life issues that affect a neighborhood. If someone has a concern about junked or abandoned vehicles for instance the District Representative can be called to deal with those concerns. A junked vehicle is a vehicle that is on private property and is not running, the registration and inspection is expired and can be seen from a public road. An abandoned vehicle is a vehicle that is parked on a public road with an expired inspection and registration and is inoperable. I

can be called on both of these and will go out and check them to see if they are in violation. I will work with the owner to bring them into compliance. If not they will be tagged as junked or abandoned and possibly towed if they do not meet a time line. Other quality of life concerns can be trash or a neighbor that has high weeds.

There are several things that the District Representative can do to either help solve a problem or get you in touch with the right person or persons to look into a concern. I ask that you call me for any concerns or question you may have. I can be reached at 974-5557. If I am not in please leave a voice mail and I will call you back. I can also be contacted by email at jim.riley@ci.austin.tx.us

-Officer Jim Riley

Kudos for Distribution Committee

A special thank you to all the volunteers who walked the neighborhood streets to deliver our newsletters! You are very much appreciated. Thanks to Lynn Adler, Harold Anderson, Dan Bittner, Chuck Crane, Catherine Cotman, Pat Courtright, Donna Eagar, Warren Friedrich, Carrie Garwick, Richard Grimmatt, Andreas Guenin, Suzanne Harakal, Sibylle Hohendorf-Shoemaker, Mae Krohma, Stephani Kyler, Claudell Migl, Mark Palitza, Beverly Schlegel, Reuben Sharkansky, Montie Simpson, Stacy Sparks, Pat Sullivan, Myra Tenney and Tracy Urban.

North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association

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:

Traffic Control/Watchdog	Chuck Crane	451-1644
Social	Faye Gorman	467-2282
Parent & School	Catherine Cotman	
Distribution and Membership	Tracy Urban	
Neighborhood Beautification/Yard of the Month	Warren Friedrich	

Board of Directors:

Stacy Sparks	452-3730
Carrie Garwick	458-1700
Richard Grimmatt	454-5047
Warren Friedrich	454-3981
Tracy Urban (Newsletter)	419-0604
Sybilla Hohendorf-Shoemaker	419-7852
Montie Simpson	459-0595

Yard-of-the-Month Winners

The Neighborhood Association and Yard of the Month Committee are again pleased to announce our "Yard of the Month" recipients for the last quarter of the year 2001. Congratulations go to **Ann Marie Olson of 3032 Thrushwood Dr.** the October winner; to **Pamela Ferguson and Bernadette Winiker at 2706 Kerrybrook** our winners for the month of November; and to **Harold (Andy) and Bernice Anderson at 2802 Benbrook**, winners for December. The committee extends its appreciation to our 4th quarter winners and to all who have made our neighborhood a more pleasing place to live. If you are interested in serving on the Yard of the Month Committee in 2002, contact Warren at 454-3981. Have a happy and prosperous New Year.

-Warren Friedrich





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PROPERTIES

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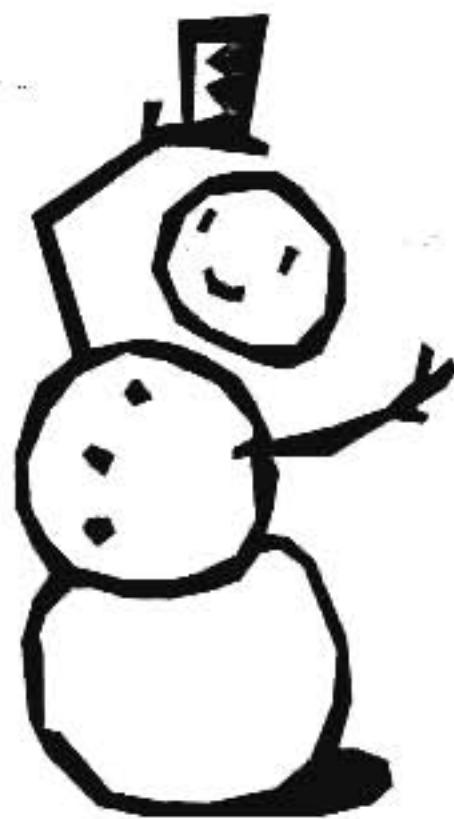
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Happy New Year!



I want to wish everyone in the
North Shoal Creek Neighborhood,
a joyful 2002,
full of peace and prosperity.

Under Contract!

8608 Stillwood \$199,900 3/2 Formal Living * Two Car Garage * Pool
This beautifully remodeled home sold before going into multiple listing.

0 DAYS ON THE MARKET!

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Notes from the Treasurer

While it seems like longer, it's only been four years since I became treasurer of our organization. A lot has happened in the four years. When I became treasurer in January 1998 we were a small organization. We had 45 members listed and only 36 paid up; we had only \$1771.29 with an annual expenditure of a little under \$1300. We were very inactive. We had a few meetings with featured guests and excellent newsletter, but little else.

Today things are vastly different. We are an active neighborhood and association. We still have our excellent newsletter and a few featured guest meetings, but we now have the Spring Fling and the 4th of July Parade. We have been active in city issues (school zoning, library placement and MOPAC) and even have created a vibrant parents' group. We are properly incorporated, though we still have a few tax issues to iron out.

From a treasury standpoint we have \$2506.27 plus almost \$27,500 cached in a CD for neighborhood traffic and safety projects. Last year we spent almost \$4000.00 (with a comparable income). We can achieve this because we now have a listed membership of 250 households with 192 paid up. This last number is a number we need to be proud of. We have 864 households in our neighborhood. This means we have over 1 in 5 of our households as paid members (actually 22.22% for math hounds like me). In some areas of our neighborhood we are closer to 1 in

3. Even the best active neighborhoods like Allendale and Hyde Park boast only 1 in 10, and the typical neighborhood its well below 1 in 20.

At this juncture of growth it is time for me to step down as Treasurer. As the neighborhood has grown so have my family responsibilities. When I started this job my oldest child was still in pre-school. Now both my children are active in elementary school. My activities in other areas have also increased and so I don't have the time to spend month to month on Treasury business. I leave the books in good order.

My family is not disappearing from the organization. There are a few tax issues to finish, which I will finish for the next Treasurer on top of training him for the job. And we will participate actively in the organization. *It is critical* that people step up and fill the jobs that are being vacated. If not, this lively organization which the leadership of the last few years have created (hats off to Chris Randall and many others) will fade back to the sleepy organization and neighborhood we were before.

- Steven Weintraub, Treasurer

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