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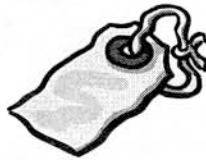
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Thanks You

May ~~17~~¹⁸th, 2003 from 9AM - 4PM

What is the NSCNA Garage Sale?



Several individual homes hold garage sales on the designated day to create a large neighborhood sale. The hope is to draw a large number of people to our neighborhood by advertising that several homes in the neighborhood will be "Garage Sale-ing" that day.

The NSCNA pays for an ad in the Austin American-Statesman that will run a few days before and the day of the sale and will post signs around the neighborhood advertising the garage sale.

Participants will be highlighted on a neighborhood map that will be provided to customers to aid them in locating the various garage sales. These maps will be delivered to participants the day of the sale.

How do I Participate?

If you are interested in participating, contact Alyssa Hedge at 380-9616 or by email at alyssa_hedge@hotmail.com. Please provide your name and address so you can be highlighted on the map. We also 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 the day of the sale. **Please remember to remove the sign when the sale is over.**

What if it rains that weekend ?

If it should rain May 17th, we have already set a rain date of May 24th. We will mention the rain date in our original ad and will place another ad in the Statesman for the rain date mentioned above.

You have about 5 weeks to get ready, so start collecting items you would like to sell!



Thanks Newsletter Distributors!



We want to thank the AWESOME neighbors who volunteer their time to deliver the NSCNA Newsletter straight to your door as well as fliers reminding you of upcoming meetings! We thank you for all of your help and support!

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Help Us Out!

The Distribution Committee could use a few good volunteers to help with distribution of newsletters (2 more this year) and flyers (2 to 3 more this year). We especially need help South of Steck at Pinedale. If you are interested and enjoy walking the neighborhood - this is the job for you!! If you are interested, contact Tracy Urban at 419-0604.

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Yard of the Month!

Sharon Clayton

The coveted Yard of the Month award has been presented for December through March. The recipients were:



December **Mickie Bellah** of 3111 Stanwood

January **Jerry and Pat Sullivan** of 8712 Millway Dr.

February **The Eleanor Foley Family** of 8516 Rockwood

March **The Terry B. Chisholm Family** of 3003 Vinewood Cove

Congratulations and thank you to Ms. Bellah, the Sullivans, the Eleanor Foley Family and the Terry B. Chisholm family for all their hard work and effort! This is a great time of year where many of us walk through the neighborhood (or are being walked by our dogs as it were). Thanks for all you do and for making several of your neighbors walks much more pleasant by providing them wonderful things to look at!

Serve on the NSCNA Board

The NSCNA board needs some new members!! The commitment is a small one, but can have a large impact on our neighborhood. As a board member you provide input and ideas on ways to improve the neighborhood and handle situations that may arise (the parking issue on McCaan drive for instance). The depth of your involvement beyond the base requirements listed below is up to you and how much time you have. Please consider it as we need 6 more members to complete our board. If you are interested, please contact Alyssa Hedge at 380-9616 or Roger Wines at 453-2193.

Board members:

- serve for two year terms
- are asked to attend the 4 general meetings we hold each year
- are asked to attend the 3 to 4 board meetings each year



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Pillow News



Something's Afoot is Movin' and Grovin' March 28th



Pillow is in the midst of Spring activities. March 28 is the presentation date for our original musical *Something's Afoot*. All Third, Fourth, and Fifth grade Pillow students will sing and dance in a thematic story presented at the West Lake High School auditorium. During the day we will perform our program for central Texas school children. The evening performance allows the general public to see this spectacular adventure. A heartfelt thanks goes out to all community neighbors whose support and contributions enable us to continue offering this unique opportunity for Pillow students to shine!



Pillow Elementary's Spectacular Staff Shines

Members of our Pillow staff have also been shining. Music teacher Mrs. Carol Davis is the Pillow Campus Teacher of the Year. Ms. Kellye Moore, a first year Special Education teacher, earned recognition as a "Teacher of Promise" by the district. Faculty member Mrs. Ann Smalley recently completed a two day conference at the University of Texas where she received the Texas Excellence Award for Outstanding Teachers. Our own principal Linda Webb completed all requirements for her doctorate degree specializing in curriculum and instruction. She is now greeted by the Pillow family as Dr. Webb but she is still the same wonderful lady we all know and love!



Dates to Jot Down



The Kindergarten Roundup scheduled for Tuesday, May 6.

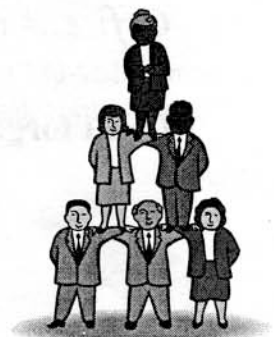
Please alert all families with children entering Kindergarten next fall to take advantage of this invitation to visit Pillow and discover its fine Early Childhood teachers and program.

The Texas Assessments of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) for Third grade math will be given on April 29. Fifth grade TAKS science is scheduled for May 1. Last March 4, TAKS reading was administered to all Third graders while Fourth grade TAKS writing was rescheduled and given on February 27 due to earlier weather-related school closings.

Support Pillow Elementary

Keep your eyes and ears open when it comes to learning about the great education Pillow Elementary offers to students and families. Your neighbors and friends are planning ways to enrich and support Pillow's educational efforts. Due to the unexpected resignation of the school librarian, volunteers are needed to help our campus 2002 Volunteer of the Year winner, Martha Burghart, in the library. If you have any spare moments during the day, we would love to have you lend a hand.

Pillow is YOUR neighborhood school. If we all join together and work hard every day, we will ensure that Pillow remains "the best school a child could ever have"!





Mr. And Mrs. Bittner on Little Laura were the winners of the Valentine's \$75 gift certificate to Houston's Restaurant that I gave away.

Congratulations to them and thanks to those of you who participated!

Again for the 12th year, I will be placing the American Flag in your yard for Memorial Day - if you would like to have yours earlier this year to Honor our troops - let me know by calling me

or sending me an e-mail to; SandyPerkins@earthlink.net and I will deliver a flag to you sooner.

Please keep me in mind if you or anyone you know is interested in buying or selling a home this year!

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Don't forget to move your clocks ahead one hour on April 6th!

Help Beautify Pillow Elementary

Goals: Paint / Beautify the Exterior of the School, Build Benches and Improve the Gazebo and Plant Gardens

Pillow Elementary and its grounds are due for a facelift. We would like to work with the school on a project to beautify the school and its grounds. This will probably be done in phases as we concentrate on one project at a time. An effort like this will require the involvement of several neighbors contributing some of their time and expertise. The ability to begin this project will depend on the interest of the community.



Are you Interested? How can you help?

A.) Don't have a lot of time? Help out on a work day.

We will have several work Saturdays to actually get the work done. If you only have a few hours, this would be the best way to contribute that precious time.

B.) Want to contribute in a less strenuous way?

We will be working with local area business to donate supplies or money to the cause. We will also work with Pillow Elementary staff and PTA to come up with a design for the changes (what to paint, what colors, is there a theme, etc.). Volunteer to contact a few businesses and ask for their involvement or attend meetings with the school regarding the design.

C.) Have expertise in painting exteriors, gardening or woodworking?

Call us up and give us some good advice. What is possible? What pitfalls should we watch out for? Where can we get cheap supplies? Can you suggest a garden design? Can you suggest an improvement design for the gazebo?

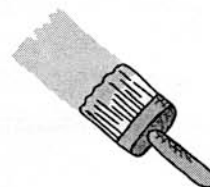
D.) Have some time and really want to be involved?

Volunteer to be on the core team to oversee these projects.

E.) Want to be involved and none of the above ways work for you?

Get in touch with us and let us know how you would like to help. Let us know how much time you can contribute (even if it is an hour) and we can find a way to make it count!

Whatever works for you, let me know if you are interested. Call me (Alyssa Hedge) at 380-9616, email me at alyssa_hedge@hotmail.com. Send me any ideas, concerns and suggestions. Thank you!



Austin Area Fun

Austin Fine Arts Festival - April 12th and 13th



Celebrating its 53rd year, the Austin Fine Arts Festival “Puts the ART in Party” by bringing thousands of Central Texans and 210 national artists together in an exciting downtown Austin setting. Formerly “Fiesta at Laguna Gloria”, the popular juried art event marked its 50th anniversary by changing its name and relocating downtown to better accommodate its growing number of artists, hands-on art activities, musicians, food vendors and festival patrons. Organized by volunteers, the festival’s mission is to raise funds for the Austin Museum of Art and make art more accessible to Central Texans. Admission for adults is \$7; children ages 12 - 6 are free. Art activities are \$1 each.

Location

The Austin Fine Arts Festival 2003 will be held @ 5th at Guadalupe and San Antonio Streets, on the city blocks surrounding Republic Square Park and the future location of the Austin Museum of Art.

Parking

- Shuttle Bus - Patrons may park for FREE in the One Texas Center garage (S. 1st Street and Barton Springs Road) and take a FREE shuttle to the festival
- Street Parking - Free street parking is available during the festival weekend.
- Parking Lots - Visitors can pay to park in many parking lots and garages located within blocks of the festival grounds. A reduced rate of \$5 is available at Bank One garage (5th & Lavaca), Lavaca Plaza (Guadalupe and 5th), and 300 W. 6th (Guadalupe and 6th)
- Free Bike Valet Service - Visitors can check their bikes at a free secured bike corral.

Admission

Eeyore’s Birthday Party - April 26th, 11am - 7pm

The Scene

May Day meets Woodstock in this springtime rite of passage, named after the gloomy donkey of A.A. Milne’s “Winnie the Pooh” stories. This whimsical annual celebration began in 1963, when UT student Lloyd W. Birdwell Jr. and his friends decided to honor the spring as they imagined Milne’s protagonist Christopher Robin might. Locals and visitors continue this tradition, gathering on the last Saturday of April to eat, drink, dance and make merry. Highlights include maypole dancing, birthday cake, a Hippie Queen pageant and a thunderous, Texas-sized drum circle.

The Draw

Hippies mingle with frat boys and families. Some folks are in costume, some in tie-dyes and some unclad altogether. The Hippie Queen pageant draws outrageously costumed competitors, from glittery fairy princesses to elves to the curious “Silver Man,” decked out from head to toe in body paint. Vendors provide beer, soda, turkey legs, snow cones and other munchies (including vegetarian options).

Location: Pease District Park and Wading Pool, 1100 Kingsbury St

Price: Free

NORTH SHOAL CREEK REAL ESTATE NEWS



Homes currently for sale:

Address	Bedrooms	Baths	Asking Price
3103 Stanwood	4	3	\$199,000
8509 Daleview	3	2	\$210,000
8401 Millway	3	2	\$169,500
8014 Vinewood Ln	3	2	\$135,000
2803 Ashdale	3	2	\$154,900
2701 Ashdale	3	2	\$137,500
8407 Stillwood	3	1.5	\$155,000
8701 Little Laura	3	2	\$224,900

Homes Sold Jan. 11, 2003 - Mar. 12, 2003:

			Sold Price
2901 Ashdale	4	3	\$154,200
8303 Millway	3	2	\$175,500

*Although deemed accurate this information is not guaranteed.

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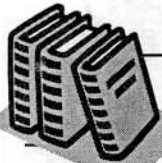
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The Library is Finally On Its Way!

What library?

In the 1998 City of Austin Bond Election, voters approved the funds to acquire the necessary land, design, and construction of a new, permanent branch library to serve the area now being served by the leased-space North Village Branch. For many years there has been talk and a sign put up at the new location of 2505 Steck Avenue, but no action. It seems that things are finally moving!

What meeting?

February 27th, a public design meeting was held to get input from the community as to what they would like to see in the new library. Suggestions ranged from the look and feel of the library to ideas about a kids section and meeting rooms. The community was told the the entire process from design to opening the doors would take between two and a half to three years. There will be more of the community meetings to come where the community will be updated on the progress, shown potential designs and asked for additional feedback.

Have a suggestion, but can't attend a meeting?

If you have thoughts about what you would like to see in the new library, but don't have time to get to a community meeting, you can contact John Gillum, the Library Facilities Manager. He can be reached at 974-7495 or by email at john.gillum@ci.austin.tx.us. He encouraged people to send him suggestions, questions and concerns about the new library. Please reference "new library at Steck Ave." when you contact him.



Missed the last meeting, but are interested in attending an upcoming one?

Contact John Gillum whose contact information is listed above and let him know you want to be notified about upcoming meetings. Leave him your address, phone number and email (if you have one).

Think about volunteering when the library opens.

One of our neighbors' wife works in the Austin Library System and half seriously told me that we may have a library, but no one to work in it. Unfortunately, the library budgets have been cut severely over the last 10 years. If you would like to help in some way, you might think about vounteering at your local branch when it opens. There is an organization called Friends of the Library which is a group of volunteers dedicated to the support of the Austin Public Library. For more information on Friends, you can contact their president, Al Heinrich, at (512) 974-7551. You can also visit their website at <http://www.austinlibrary.org> and click on Friends.



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Garden Tips



Things to Do In April

Fertilize

Tomatoes and peppers should be fed with a liquid fertilizer. Feed crape myrtle beneath the branch spread with 1/3 cup complete fertilizer per sq. yd. After second mowing, fertilize lawn with 3-1-2 ratio product; aerate first, if needed. Fertilize all houseplants with complete fertilizer. After blooming, feed bulbs with bone meal. Mulch trees, shrubs, vegetable garden and flower beds (after soil has warmed) with 2-4 inches of mulch. Pine needles and oak leaves make a good mulch for acid-loving plants. Spread coffee grounds around azaleas and other acid-loving plants.

Water - Water as needed.

Transplant - Divide and transplant late summer-and fall-flowering bulbs. Container-grown plants (almost any kind) can go into the ground now. Plant summer annuals to get their root systems established before the extreme heat arrives.

Lawn Care - Plant grass sod or plugs. Water daily for one or two weeks to establish. Begin regular lawn care. Mow every 5-7 days, leaving the clippings on the lawn. Keep St. Augustine grass at 2-1/2 to 3 inches.

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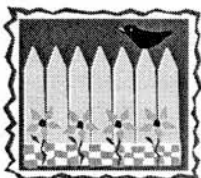
Fertilize

Feed all spring-blooming shrubs after they have bloomed. Feed amaryllis after they bloom. Feed and mulch iris. Feed crape myrtle with 1/2 cup/sq. yd. of 3-1-2 ratio fertilizer beneath the branch spread.

Water - Water annuals as needed. Mulch all bare soil to retain moisture.

Transplant - Container-grown plants can go into the ground now.

Lawncare - Mow every 5-7 days, leaving the clippings on the lawn. Keep St. Augustine grass at 2 1/2" to 3" height. Apply 1/2' to 1" of water as needed to wet soil thoroughly. Don't water more often than every five days.



Diseases/Pests to Look For

Check for aphids and spider mites. Look for tobacco hornworms, spider mites and stink bugs, especially in vegetable gardens. Spray peach and plum trees for curculio weevils. Spray blackspot-susceptible roses with fungicide every 7-10 days.

Prune

Prune spring-flowering shrubs and trees after they bloom. Prune climbing roses and other "once bloomers" as soon as they finish flowering. Divide chrysanthemums and pinch tips for bushier growth. Pinch back leggy annuals to encourage branching. Deadhead plants to encourage blooming. Prune frost-damaged trees and shrubs. Remove sucker shoots from tomato plants to get earlier, larger fruit.

Advertise with us!

The newsletter is distributed every other month for a total of 4 editions a year to approximately 850 households. North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association borders Shoal Creek, Burnet Road, Hwy. 183 and Anderson Lane. Contact Alyssa Hedge at 380-9616 or alyssa_hedge@hotmail.com if you are interested. There are 2 issues left for 2003.

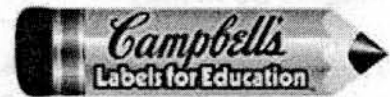
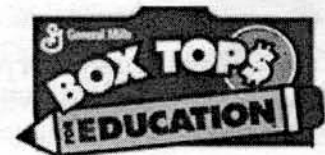
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