



NORTH SHOAL CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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4th of July Parade!!



*Decorate your bikes, wagons, strollers
or selves and come join our patriotic
walk around
Pillow Elementary!*

Pets on a leash are more than welcome!! Come on and be a part of one of the largest neighborhood parades in Austin and celebrate our nation's independence!

The parade will start promptly at 1 PM!

If you are going to be in the parade, assemble at 12:30 PM in the Pillow Elementary parking lot by the gazebo.

We need volunteers to help the day of the parade:

- Help with **serving sno-cones and popcorn** after the parade
- Help **contacting local area business for prizes** (this will involve simply sending a letter or stopping in for a visit)
- Help **coordinating / planning the event**. (this will only require a few hours)

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Next NSCNA General Meeting

Date: Wednesday, June 9th

Time: 6:30pm

Place: Pillow Park

Bring a chair and a drink. We will try to have some snacks available. Please come out and hear about some of the neat things we are doing!

- Being available at the event to **help with miscellaneous things** (i.e. getting folks lined up for the parade)
- Do you **know someone with an antique/unique car**? Would they drive it in our parade?
- Do you have a talent you would like to share?

Please contact Alyssa Hedge at 380-9616 or at alyssa_hedge@hotmail.com to help out. The more volunteers, the more fun we can have! We hope to have the following after the parade:

Sno-Cones and Popcorn!!

There will be snow cones and popcorn for everyone after the parade!



Decoration Contest!!

There will be a decoration contest for wagons, strollers and any other non-motor powered

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The Story of 8600 Melshire



Jan Anderson



Peggy Little has been my friend and Realtor for over 12 years. Peggy helped me get my home ready to sell and price it right. The first person that saw my home purchased it and gave me what I was asking, \$227,000. When the value appeared to be coming up short on the appraisal, Peggy went to bat for me and showed the appraiser that our neighborhood attends Anderson High School, the only International Baccalaureate school and exemplary high school in AISD. The appraiser listened to Peggy and raised the value of my home. Peggy really went to bat for our whole neighborhood. Because she got top dollar for my home it will help all the neighbors sell for more money. She is a true professional and I trust her completely. Sincerely,
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Formally at 8600 Melshire



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**NORTH SHOAL CREEK REAL ESTATE NEWS
BY: FELICIA MORRISON ABR, CRS, GRI**

The following homes have sold from 1/01/04 through 5/12/04.

Homes Currently For Sale:

<u>Address</u>	<u>Bedrooms</u>	<u>Baths</u>	<u>List Price</u>
8115 Parkdale	4	2	189,900
8310 Daleview	4	3	183,500
3104 Candlelight	3	2	189,900
8014 Rockwood	3	1	129,000
8212 Stillwood	3	2	164,900

Homes Sold Since Jan 1, 2004

<u>Address</u>	<u>Bedrooms</u>	<u>Baths</u>	<u>Sold Price</u>
8110 Briarwood	3	2	126,500
8411 Stillwood	3	1	135,000
8201 Briarwood	3	2	139,000
8302 Briarwood	3	1.5	139,900
8215 Rockwood	3	1.5	171,800
8311 Rockwood	4	3	177,500
3003 Vinewood	4	1.5	168,500
8701 Donna Gail	4	2	222,000
8600 Melshire	4	2	227,000
8717 Primrose	4	2	227,000
8001 Logwood	3	2	148,500
8101 Parkdale	4	2	177,968
8808 Little Laura	3	2.5	255,000

*Although deemed accurate this information is not guaranteed.

Your North Shoal Creek Realtor

If you want to know about home values in our neighborhood, **CALL THE EXPERT!** I know what it takes to market these lovely vintage homes to their best advantage. Let my *champagne taste on a beer budget* work for you!



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Recommended Tree Trimming Services

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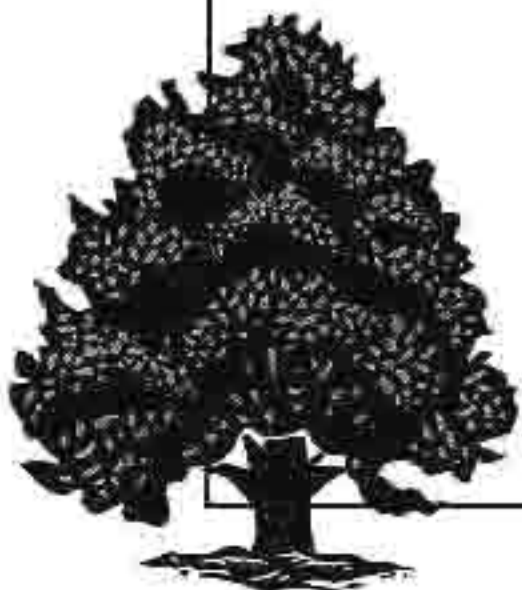
A neighbor who is a landscape architect recommended:

Dan's Tree Service

453-8838 (office) or 773-0492 (cell).

Dan has trimmed the trees at a this neighbor's work place as well as two other neighbors in the neighborhood. They said he did an excellent job.

Many neighbors have been looking for tree trimming services. If you have had a good experience recently, please contact Alyssa at 380-9616 or at alyssa_hedge@hotmail.com. Let me know so I may recommend them to the neighborhood.



CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday

Sunday School

9:15 - 10:15 am

Children's Church

10:30 - 11:30 am

Awana

4:00 - 5:30pm

Wednesday

Kids Klub

5:30 - 7:00 pm

Crestview Baptist Church

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Phone: 512-454-6641
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We love all children here at Crestview and have focused on developing a safe and fun environment for your kids to learn more about God. We encourage you to join us for worship and fellowship.

A Successful Planting at Pillow

Alyssa Hedge



We planted 50 Trees!

March 26th and April 18th volunteers from our neighborhood and Pillow Elementary came together to plant 50 trees at Pillow Elementary. We planted Burr Oaks, Redbuds, Cedar Elms, Live Oaks and Mountain Laurels. We thank all those who gave their time and their donations to help make all this possible.

Special Thanks to some Special People

Troy Nixon - Landscape Architect Extraordinaire!
Troy Nixon is a landscape architect and neighbor who gave a great deal of his time to procure the trees from the nursery, get the labor needed to transport

the trees, design the layout of the trees and taught us how to plant the trees. The first planting happened on short notice and we appreciate everything Troy did to make it happen. This project would have been dead in the water without Troy.

Alan Shropshire - Dedicated Teacher and Neighbor!

Alan Shropshire, a teacher at Pillow Elementary and neighbor, has spent countless hours tending to the trees. He spent hours planting trees, staking the trees, making sure they were protected, and devising an efficient watering system for them. We owe a great debt to Alan - without him this wouldn't have been as successful as it was.

Huddie Murray - Mulch and More Mulch!

Thanks so Huddie Murray for taking the time to load and haul 50 bags of mulch to Pillow Elementary and for helping us plant many trees. Thanks you for your support!

All the Volunteers! - Thank you!

To all those that helped plant the trees - we never would have gotten them in the ground without your help. Thank you for taking the time! I hope you all feel a great deal of pride whenever you visit the school and see what we accomplished!

The Beautification Committee

Laura Nixon, Sheila Beene and Alan Shropshire comprised the committee. This project has been a year in the making and the committee spent a great deal of time searching for resources and figuring out how to make all this work. I thank them for their support and ideas. It was worth the effort!



We Need Help Watering Over the Summer

Alan has been taking care of watering during the school year, but once school is out, the responsibility is the neighborhood's. All the watering involves is turning on 2 to 3 hoses and letting the trees soak for a few hours. If you would like to help with the watering, let us know and we can put you on the schedule. Contact Alyssa Hedge at 380-9616 or at alysa_hedge@hotmail.com. Please help our trees stay healthy and happy!



Pillow News

Ann Smalley - Pillow Teacher



Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

A big "Thank you!" to those who helped support Pillow's third annual Golf Tournament on May 17th at River Place Country Club. The day concluded with a silent auction and fajita dinner. Funds from this project go to support Pillow's unique musical production "Something's Afoot". All students in 3rd through 5th grades receive song and dance training during the year as they work towards building a magnificent performance for the Austin community. This opportunity is a one of a kind experience for these young children.



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Annual National Night Out



When is It?

Tuesday, August 3rd

*Be a part
of it!*

What is National Night Out?

Neighborhoods throughout Austin are being invited to join with thousands of communities nationwide to participate in the 21st Annual 'National Night Out'. APD officers, firefighters and City Council Members will attend neighborhood parties throughout Austin and participate in a neighborhood walk.

'National Night Out' is an opportunity to:

- Heighten awareness of drug and crime prevention efforts
- Generate support and participation in crime prevention efforts
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community relations
- Send a message to criminals to let them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back

For the past eight years, Texas had led the nation in citizen and police involvement. Your participation in the Austin area 'National Night Out' will show neighborhood strength, increase the police officer/citizen bond and make our community a safer place to live.

Who is going to get the party started on your block / street?

Hosting a party simply means that you are offering your front yard/driveway as a gathering place for your neighbors to meet each other. This is a great time to get to know your neighbors and maybe exchange address and phone information in case of emergencies.

If you want to do something a little more exciting - maybe have everyone bring their favorite snack and some to share? Have a competition for the most comfortable portable folding chair?

To officially participate in National Night Out events you must complete the *National Night Out Application and mail it to the address on the application. You may also fax your application to (512) 974-6222. (The application has been printed on the back on the newsletter).* Once you send in the application, APD will send you information and tips on how to organize your party, etc.

Let's get out there and volunteer so that every block has a party!!

If you do host a party, please contact Alyssa Hedge at alyssa_hedge@hotmail.com or call 380-9616. We would like to stop by your party and recognize you in the next newsletter!

We will be out and about that night looking to take some photos of the various parties and talk about upcoming events from NSCNA!!

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Garage Sale:

Did you sell a desk that has not been picked up by the buyer?



A buyer at our Garage Sale returned to our neighborhood to pick up a desk they had purchased. When they returned many of the signs had been taken down and they were unable to locate the house from which they had purchased the desk. They have the drawers and would LOVE to have the desk.

If you are the seller, please call me, Alyssa Hedge, at 380-9616 and give me your address. I can pass it along to the buyers so they can finally get that desk out of your house! :-)

National Night Out Application

APD does not have the 2004 application available yet. This application should suffice as the information requested should be the same.

2003 NNO Host A Party! Application

Name: _____
Organization / Agency: _____

Complete Mailing Address (for packets & updates):

STREET _____
CITY, ZIP, PHONE _____

Party Location Address:

STREET _____
CITY, ZIP, PHONE _____
E-MAIL _____

Coordinating Agency: *Austin Police Department*

Size of area you hope to organize (i.e. population, number of communities or blocks):

Did your community participate in National Night Out 2002?

yes no

Are you/your group a National Association of Town Watch Member?

yes no

Would you like to have the fire department / truck visit your party?

yes no

Would you like to have a paramedic ambulance visit your party?

yes no

NOTE: APD, AFD and EMS will make every effort to fulfill your request.

Please be aware, unforeseen circumstances the night of the event may limit the number of personnel available to attend scheduled parties.

Application deadline for visits from the APD, Fire and EMS is July 11, 2003.

Please return ASAP to:

Austin Police Department

Att: *Yolanda Buchman, Office of Chief of Police*

P. O. Box 689001

Austin, Texas 78768-9001

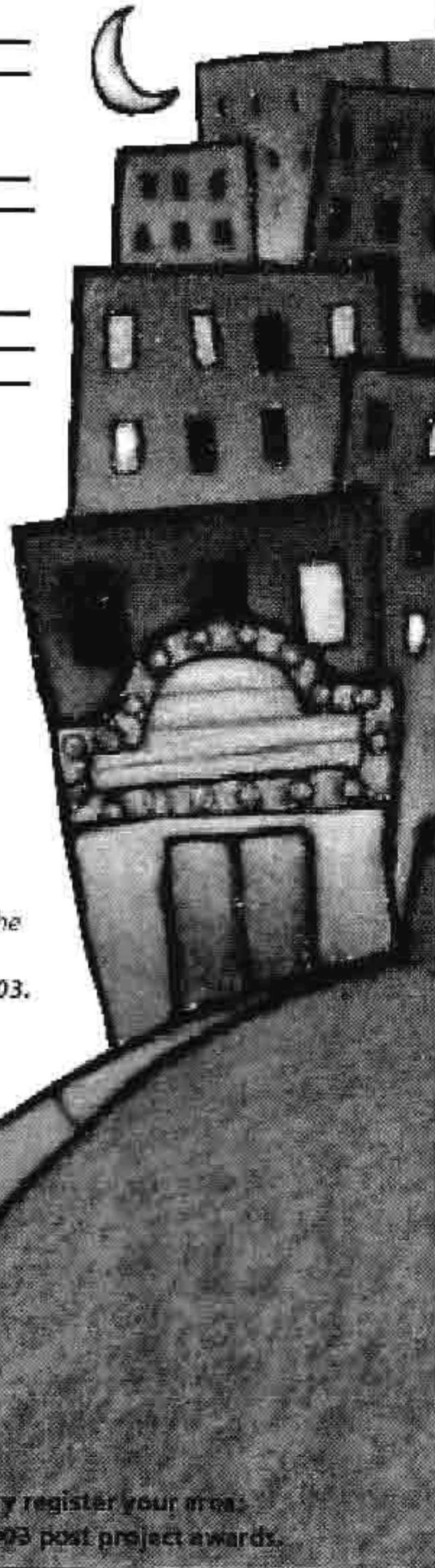
Phone: 974-4900 Fax: 974-6222

Office Only:

Date Received: _____

Ref. # _____

IMPORTANT NOTE: This form must be returned in order to (1) Officially register your area; (2) Receive organizational material and updates; (3) Be eligible for 2003 post project awards.





Sandy Perkins, your neighbor, your Realtor
No one can market a subdivision like a homeowner!

Congratulations to the Garner family on Rockwood. They were the winner's of my \$100. Spring Gardening Gift Card to Lowe's Thanks to all who participated!

Real Estate News in Austin

The market is getting stronger by the day. Interest rates are still at an all time low and are expected not to begin rising until the summer. Our neighborhood is becoming more and more desirable as our own Pillow Elementary is now a Blue Ribbon School and as traffic to the outlying areas continues to worsen. My listings normally sell for a higher price per square foot. To find out why—just give me a call!

Happy Memorial Day!

For the 15th year, I will be placing the American Flag in your yard in honor of Memorial Day. I hope that each and every one of you have a great Memorial Day weekend!

My current inventory of homes includes;
2703 Benbrook Drive \$249,900 and pending!
8310 Daleview Drive \$183,500 and available
8301 Millway Drive \$206,500 and available

If you know of anyone who would like to live in our neighborhood, perhaps a friend, co-worker or relative, please let them know that there are some fantastic homes available right now that I would be happy to show them—your chance to choose your new neighbors! If you are considering a move this summer, or you would like to argue your tax assessment (deadline May 31st) I will be happy to let you know what your home is worth in our current market!

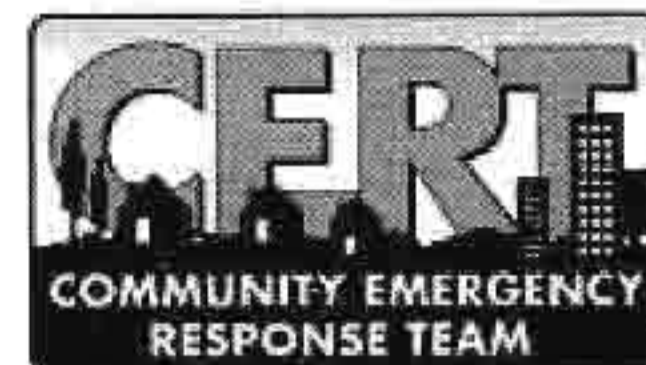
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Join a CERT and Make a Difference

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program is an emergency preparedness program supported by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). FEMA began promoting nationwide use of the CERT concept in 1994 based on a model created and implemented by the Los Angeles City Fire Department (LAFD) in 1985. Following a series of earthquakes in the United States and Mexico that left hundreds dead, injured and without emergency services, the LAFD recognized that well-trained civilian emergency work force teams are vital for disaster situations when the scope of incidents overwhelm conventional emergency services.



What is a CERT?

A "CERT" is a group of people that is organized under the leadership of a local jurisdiction and receives special training that enhances their ability to recognize, respond to, and recover from a major emergency or disaster situation. Emergency responders train citizens and emergency management personnel in areas that will help them take care of themselves and others before, during and after a major emergency.

Why do we need CERT?

The ability of a community to recover from the devastating effects of a disaster requires that citizens actively plan and participate in preparedness. By encouraging preparedness efforts, hazard identification and mitigation, CERT members can minimize the effects of a disaster and facilitate recovery. CERT training provides community self-sufficiency through the development of response teams that can assist others by providing vital services in the absence of emergency responders, whose arrival may be delayed due to a large event.

Why do we need YOU?

CERT provides an excellent opportunity for Austinites to play an important role in helping to safeguard, prepare for and respond to major emergencies and disasters in our community. If a disastrous event overwhelms or delays the community's professional response, CERT members can assist others by applying the basic response and organizational skills they learned during training. These skills can help save and sustain lives following a disaster until help arrives. CERT skills apply to daily emergencies as well. The CERT course benefits anyone who takes it. Graduates are better prepared to respond to and cope with the aftermath of natural disasters. Neighborhood groups receiving CERT training become closer-knit and are able to help each other when disaster strikes. CERT training provides people with information and experience that is unavailable



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anywhere else in most communities. The Central Texas Community Emergency Response Teams are made up of approximately ten members that are coordinated at the neighborhood level by a designated CERT leader. This team leader acts as the official liaison between the neighborhood CERT and emergency responders.

Who Can Volunteer?

Currently we are seeking CERT team members at least 18 years of age and reside in Austin or Travis County. The primary qualification for volunteering with the CTCCC is making a commitment: To take classes provided by the CTCCC in emergency preparedness, response capabilities, first aid, fire suppression and search and rescue procedures. To educate your family, friends and neighbors on emergency preparedness and what to do in the event of an emergency. To help neighbors and co-workers take an active role in protecting themselves from harm by helping them develop a family disaster preparedness plan and preparing a disaster supplies kit, observe home health and safety practices, implement disaster mitigation measures, and participate in crime prevention and reporting. To participate in volunteer opportunities that will make the community safer. To maintain skills learned during CERT training.

How Can You Participate?

For more information, please contact Roger Wines by e-mail at ro-ger@sbcglobal.net or by phone at 453-2193 or Tiffany Taylor by email at tiffany.taylor@ci.austin.tx.us or by phone at 974-0477.

Central Texas Citizen Corps Council



"Zinger is a wonderful addition to our neighborhood. Not only do they have all your hardware needs, but they also have wonderful gifts, kitchen items, plants, and much more to explore. We have stopped in to pick up everything from soaker hoses to Mother's Day gifts."

- Alyssa Hedge, neighbor



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Austin Area Fun

Austin Symphony Orchestra Free Sunday Concerts

Date: May 30 - August 29; Sundays - 7:30 p.m.
Place: Wooldridge Park, 9th and Guadalupe
Cost: Free



Each Sunday, a different ensemble will be featured under the gazebo, performing arrangements by composers from Mozart to Ellington to Rodgers & Hammerstein. Concert goers are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner and blanket and make it a family affair.

The music and atmosphere will reflect a simpler time when performances of familiar classics in town centers were commonplace. It is the hope of the Hartman Family that these free and very informal outdoor events will provide an opportunity for Austinites to become acquainted or reacquainted with the classical music experience. As the sun begins to set, music will fill Wooldridge Park and will last about an hour. These delightful outdoor park concerts are a perfect opportunity for Austinites to enjoy some of the Capitol City's greatest pleasures - the Austin Symphony's fine music and one of Austin's beautiful historic parks.

Children's Day Art Park



Date: Wednesday morning in June & July; 9:30 -11:30 a.m.
Place: Symphony Square, 11th & Red River
Cost: 50¢ a child, adults free when accompanied by a child

Children can experience the magic of the arts at Children's Day Art Park. This exciting summer program features local musicians, dancers, storytellers, magicians, mimes and crafts people. Youngsters can visit the Instrumental Petting Zoo (where they can see, touch and try to play the instruments), talk to symphony musicians and hear them play their instruments, see a Ballet Folklorico, hear a

country western band, follow a real pied piper along the Lemonade Trail to the Magic Oak Tree and try their hands at different art projects under the Art Tent. At Children's Day Art Park, kids don't have to learn to appreciate the arts - it happens naturally.



Bob Bullock Museum: Texas Flags: 1836 - 1945

Date: Through August 22, 2004
Place: Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum
Cost: varies from \$4.50 - \$13.50 depending on venues chosen

Many have heard of the six flags of Texas, but over the years countless other banners have served the Lone Star State, flying over forts, accompanying men into battle and symbolizing significant passages in history. This new temporary exhibit is a tour of Texas history seen through the flags that flew over the state. First presented at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston in 2002, this exhibition has been organized to travel by the Center for Texas Studies at Texas Christian University. Texas Flags explores the history, symbolism and events behind 30 rare banners, including flags from the Battle of San Jacinto in 1836, the Civil War, the Buffalo Soldiers, Texas battalions that fought in WWII and more.

20 x 20: Twenty American Poets of the Twentieth Century

Date: Through September 19th
Place: Harry Ransom Center
Cost: Free

This exhibition will explore how twenty American poets harnessed the power of poetry to help define the temper of a century marked by deep violence, technological advancement and political upheaval.

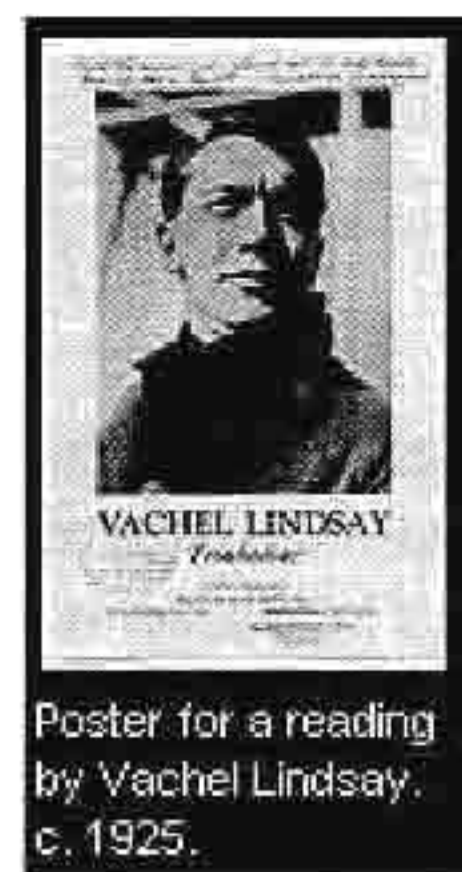


Baron Adolphe De Meyer
Still Life
1908
Photogravure

Photography's Turning Point - The Journal Camera Work

Date: Through October 17th
Place: Harry Ransom Center
Cost: Free

The focus of this exhibition is the development and evolution of this important photo-history journal as it documented, from 1903-1917, photography's dramatic shift from early pictorial work to the modern images of Paul Strand.



Poster for a reading
by Vachel Lindsay.
c. 1925.

Nature Nights

Date: Thursdays in July, programs are at 7pm and repeat at 8pm
Place: Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center
Cost: \$1 for non-members, free for members

The Wildflower Center has teamed up with Texas Parks & Wildlife to present this family-friendly series. Each week, you can interact with real, live animals - snakes, bats, birds, bugs, and more - learning about their habits and habitats. Each week will also feature a habitat hike, walk, or talk by Wildflower Center Staff. Bring a picnic dinner (tables provided just outside the gate) or enjoy special summer fare from our celebrated Wildflower Café. July 1st - frogs, July 8th - nocturnal insects, July 15th - snakes, July 22nd - bats and July 29th - Texas birds.

Austin Farmers' Market

Date: Through December 18th - 9 to 1pm
Place: Republic Square Park, 4th and Guadalupe Sts.
Cost: No Admission

The Austin Farmers' Market opens for its second year. Visitors can find locally grown produce, cut herbs, and potted plants. Cheeses, eggs, meats, breads, ready-to-eat foods, and local artisan crafts are also for sale. The Austin Farmers' Market is known for its fun and educational chefs' demos, garden workshops, children's activities and great variety of local bands.

It Is Time to Renew or Join NSCNA

Without your dues we cannot host events or begin projects for the neighborhood. We hope projects like the trees at Pillow demonstrate that your dues do help the neighborhood. Please send your dues in as soon as possible.

Join the Neighborhood Association Today! Renew your Membership!

Please complete this coupon and mail it with a check for \$15 (made out to the North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association) to Membership P.O. Box 66443 Austin, TX 78766-0443

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

(with your email address we will add you to our Yahoo Group where you will receive meeting notifications and other important neighborhood information. This group is NOT a discussion group and is used to simply communicate information to our neighbors. This group will NOT exceed 30 messages a year.)

Please check one: Renewal _____ New _____

Would you be interested in volunteering a few hours on the following committees?

- Pillow Beautification Traffic Issues Neighborhood Beautification Crime Prevention
Yard of the Month Committee

Would you be interested in volunteering at any of our events?

- July 4th Parade Halloween / Fall Carnival

Do you have any comments or suggestions for NSCNA?
