



NORTH SHOAL CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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A Review of the August Meeting

August 16th, the North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association has its first meeting in almost a year.

What our neighborhood association is and is not

NSCNA is not a homeowners association. We do not enforce deed restrictions or city codes. Our association exists to maintain and improve the beauty, safety, value and quality of life in our neighborhood. We focus on issues that plague the neighborhood as a whole such as crime and traffic, initiate projects that beautify the neighborhood, and host social events that bring neighbors together.

A new way to organize

For the past couple of years, we had a few brave volunteers serve on the board, plan and implement all projects and social events with little help from volunteers. As passionate as they are about the association, this can easily burn people out.

The new structure serves to decentralize the association getting more neighbors involved and improving communications. Our goal is to:

Have a lot of people giving a little of their time to make a BIG difference

Block Captains – “The Key to Making it Work”

The block captain is the key to this new structure. The block captain is the liaison between the block they represent and the board. The block captain communicates information about the latest events and happenings to their neighbors and neighbors are able to take issues and ideas to the board through the block captain. It also ensures that each block's specific issues are brought to light. This system allows neighbors more opportunities to stay connected to the association.

Committees – “Great Idea Support”

The committees make things happen. For every great idea or neighborhood problem, we need to have a group of people who are willing to put some time and effort into making ideas reality or solving a nagging neighborhood problem. This time around, we want to make sure that each committee has the appropriate level of support before giving them the official green light.

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Next NSCNA General Meeting

Date: **Tuesday, September 20th**
Time: **6:30pm**
Place: **Pillow Elementary Cafeteria**

What you can do

Please get involved as a board member, block captain, or committee member!! Come to our next meeting to learn more and meet the other folks who are wanting to get involved. There are a diverse group of folks from young couples and new parents to folks who founded this neighborhood attending, so you are bound to find people you connect with. Below are descriptions of the committees that are being pulled together and more about block captains. We hope you will get involved and look forward to seeing you at the next meeting!

Committees

In order for a committee to officially form, it must have the following: a board member must be in the committee, three neighbors must join the committee, and a coordinator must be chosen. The following committees are trying to form:

Beautification Committee - This committee plans to revive our “Yard of the Month” award.

Traffic Committee - address traffic issues

Safety Committee - address crime and safety in our neighborhood

Social Committee - plan all neighborhood social events and garage sale

Tech Committee - create a listserv and website for the organization

Block Captains

The map on the next page shows what blocks still require representation. For more information on becoming a block captain, please come to our next meeting. If you cannot make the meeting, contact Eric Thronson at

New!! Child Development Center
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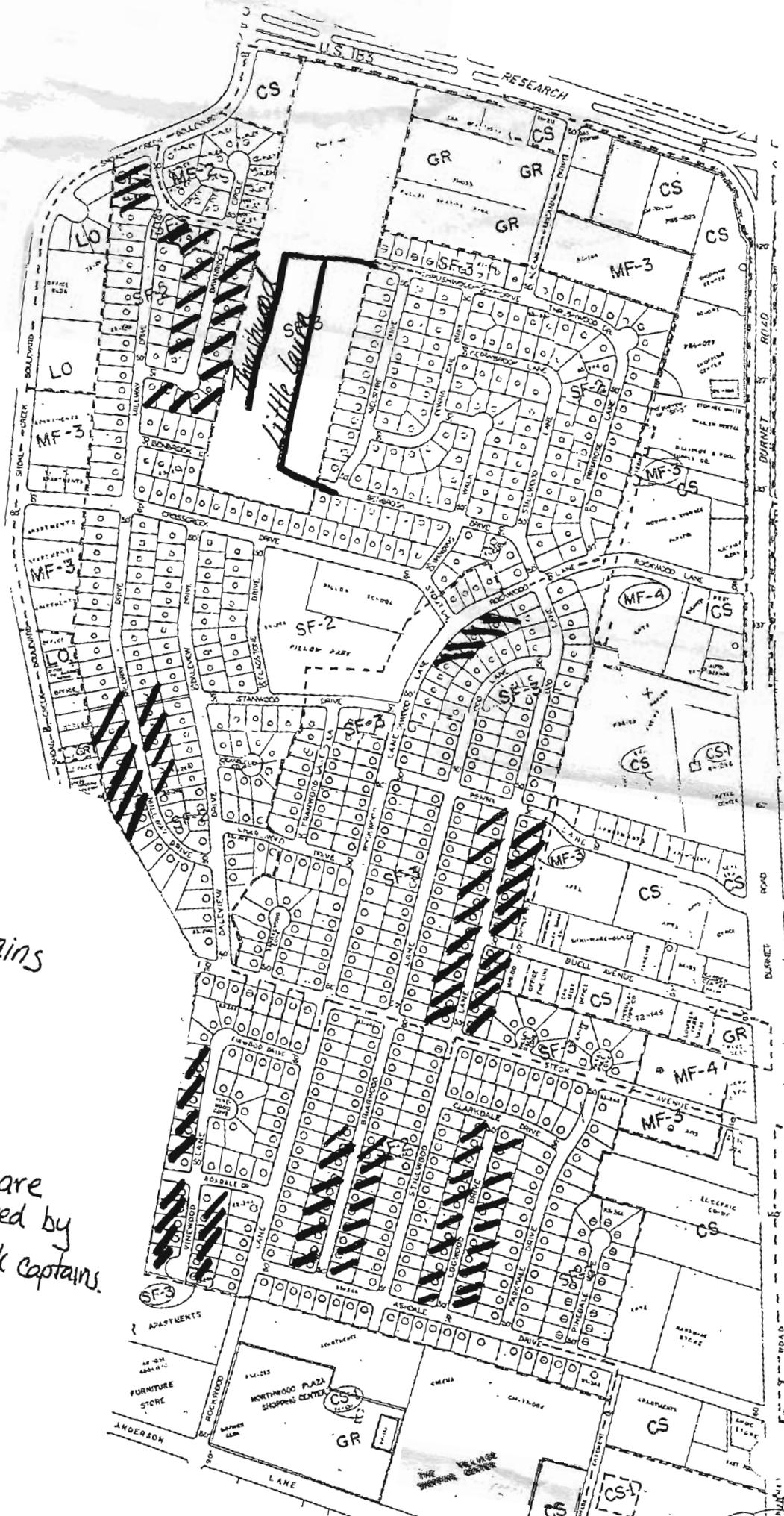
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LEGEND:

 = blocks that have block captains

These are covered by block captains:
 Millway
 Rockwood
 100 Briarwood

remainder of the blocks are available

It Is Time to Renew or Join NSCNA

Dues are now due at the beginning of every year. If you have not paid your 2005 dues, please do so. Your dues help us pay for the production of this newsletter, events for the neighborhood and to pay for resources that assist in solving issues affecting the neighborhood.

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.)

Please check one: Renewal _____ New _____

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

- Beautification Traffic Safety Social Events Newsletter
 Technology Committee

Would you be interested in becoming a block captain or serving on the board?

Yes No Which Position: _____

Do you have any comments or suggestions for NSCNA?
