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6:30-8 pm
Pillow Elementary
Cafeteria

National Night Out 2009

Neighborhoods throughout Austin are invited to join with thousands of communities nationwide on Tuesday, October 6, 2009 to participate in the 26th Annual 'National Night Out'. APD officers, EMS and fire fighters will join City Council Members and other City officials in attending neighborhood parties throughout Austin.

'National Night Out' is designed to:

- * Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
- * Generate support and participation in crime efforts
- * Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community relations
- * Send the message that your neighborhood is a safe place to live

'National Night Out' is a great opportunity for citizens, law enforcement and other public safety officials to join forces. Events are planned to promote crime prevention and drug prevention awareness and to strengthen the police - community partnership. We encourage neighborhoods to come together and send the message that we are all working together to prevent crime and keep our neighborhoods safe. On October 6, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., residents are asked to turn on their porch lights, lock their doors and spend the evening outside with their neighbors, police officers, EMS, and fire fighters.



To officially participate in National Night Out events you must complete the National Night Out Application which can be found at this website:

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/police/nno.htm>

Special Safety Meeting - Sept. 8th

With the increase in crime in our area, the Safety committee has put together a special Safety meeting on Tuesday September 8th, from 6:30-8pm at Pillow Elementary. They have invited our Area Police Representative, Rolando Gutierrez to address our safety concerns. He will be giving us safety tips and welcomes the opportunity to answer our questions. He also told us to print his contact information in this newsletter, so if you would like to contact him prior to this meeting, his phone number is 974-5998 and his email is rolando.gutierrez@ci.austin.tx.us.

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President's Corner

By Jeff Russell

Thank you for spending the time to read this newsletter; and thanks to everyone who helped edit, write articles, take pictures, sell articles, and put everything together. A big "thanks" also goes out to the volunteers who pulled the July 4th parade together. There is always room for more neighbors to get involved...

A quick update on a few big projects. The Walmart is still planned on the Northcross site with a completion date in 2010. The First Honda construction at the old Stripling-Blake site is underway, with a target completion date in 2010, according to Jim Olmstead of Continental Automotive Group. They plan to have an indoor showroom with over 100 cars!

Our website (www.nscna.org) was hacked in June, so thanks to Chris Jones for cleaning everything up. He also worked hard to setup a web-based membership renewal based on PayPal. The paper-based renewal is still available, but several neighbors have asked for the web-based signup.

Look for the next general meeting on September 1, and a special meeting on September 8 to offer some advice on reducing crime. Our district representative will be on hand to offer advice and answer questions at the Tuesday, September 8 meeting. Also remember that you can subscribe to the Yahoo group for our police coverage area at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/centralwestdr/>. Speaking of crime prevention, and knowing your neighbors, mark your calendar for National Night Out (October 6th) and consider planning a get-together for your neighbors.

There are two other issues raised by folks in our neighborhood. While postings and/or signs are technically prohibited by City Ordinances, I can sure sympathize with the need to post a sign about a lost pet (or the need to announce neighborhood association meetings :-). It was suggested that folks who do put up signs take them down after a week or two. Another issue to be aware of is that vehicle parking on grass in the front yard is also prohibited by City Ordinance. That said, please know that our neighborhood association does not turn anyone in for these violations! (We are not a homeowners' association, tasked with enforcing these rules.)

This Fall also brings with it a need for new volunteers. At the September 1 meeting, we will select a five person nominating committee. In December, we will need election committee members. And this fall will also be the time to speak up about getting involved for next year. We have eleven board positions to elect at the January meeting, and several of us have reached our term limits. Please give me a call (Jeff: 415-9809) if you have questions or are considering getting involved. Have a safe start to the new school year!

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glad to announce that Randolph Brooks Federal
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Neighbor Spotlight

By Cheri Hartman

Lalena Fisher and Chuck Eddy, along with their one-year-old daughter, are relatively new to the neighborhood. In March, they moved from Queens, NY, to the triplexes at Crosscreek and Shoal Creek. Having lived in New York for 14 and 11 years respectively, they had grown tired of the high cost of living and the fast pace. They both do freelance work from home, and they realized that nothing was really holding them in NY, so they decided to move closer to family (Lalena's family lives in Houston). With its laid-back, liberal vibe, and active publishing, video game, and music scene, Austin seemed like a natural fit.

Lalena is a freelance artist and illustrator. She's currently illustrating a book for a local publisher, and she's working on a comic strip for a soon-to-be-launched webzine for girls aged 9-15. She left her rock band, The Color Guard, in New York, but she'll be volunteering for the Girls' Rock Camp this summer and is looking for open mike venues for some solo gigs.

Chuck works as a freelance music critic, writing for Rolling Stone, Spin, Rhapsody.com, the Village Voice, among others. Having grown up in Detroit in the late 1970s—surrounded by really loud rock music—he wrote his first book, *Stairway to Hell*, about heavy metal. He's currently working on a book of collected works. His niche in music has evolved over the years; he still writes mostly about rock, but he also writes about jazz, pop, hip hop, and alternative music, and lately he's been writing a lot about country music.



One thing they particularly like about North Shoal Creek is how all of the houses and yards are unique. After moving from Queens, one of the most diverse cities in America, they find it nice to live in a place that's not all cookie-cutter housing right out of the box.

You can check out Lalena's animation and illustration work at her website: www.lalenafisher.com. Chuck, a self-confessed Luddite, doesn't have a website—he just got his first cell phone a couple of months ago—but he's easy to Google if you want to read some of his work.

Next NSCNA General Meeting

The next NSCNA general meeting will be held on September 1 from 6:30 to 8:30PM in the Pillow Elementary School cafeteria. City staff will be on hand to collect feedback on the new lane configuration for Steck Avenue. They want to identify any issues for the upcoming traffic analysis, which will complete the before and after study.

Library Grand Opening

By Chris Jones

On May 30th, The North Village branch of the Austin Public Library system had its grand opening event. The opening was highly anticipated by many surrounding neighborhoods as evidenced by the large number of people who braved the heat to attend. Music started off the festivities followed by free breakfast goodies. After a number of dignitaries gave speeches including our own Jeff Russell, the ribbon was cut and everyone filed into the new Library. It was a circus-like atmosphere with people searching each nook and cranny seeing what our new library has to offer. The NSC Neighborhood Association donated a nice potted plant to the Library as a symbol of our commitment to their continued success as well as a "Welcome to the Neighborhood."



Anderson High School

TROJAN SPIRIT FEST

Food, activities, and a pep rally will be enjoyed at Anderson High School's first annual Trojan Spirit Fest, planned for Saturday, Sept. 12, 2009, from 5 – 8:30 p.m., on the south lawn of the school. Over 35 booster clubs and academic organizations will participate in what is sure to become a community-wide tradition that celebrates the best of Anderson High School.

Coordinated by the Anderson High School PTSA, Trojan Spirit Fest was the idea of Principal Donna Houser. Currently beginning her third year at Anderson, Mrs. Houser saw the need for an event that was open to the entire community, celebrating the excellent public schools and camaraderie that is evident in the northwest part of AISD .

“We look forward to showing off our school to the community. Young children, adolescents, teens, parents, and grandparents will find something to enjoy at Trojan Spirit Fest,” said Mrs. Houser. “It’s an event the entire Anderson family will be proud of as we welcome the community onto our campus.”

Individual booster clubs are sponsoring activities and games that will appeal to younger children, such as face painting, a motorized train, and a duck pond. Older students will enjoy activities such as a dunk tank, karaoke, and a soccer speed strike. Anderson’s award-winning art department will be silk-screening at its booth and the younger girls will find it a thrill when they have their photos made with the cheerleaders. High school students will be working many of the 30-plus booths and, of course, will be an integral part of the pep rally. Garage bands composed of Anderson students will also perform on a separate stage. Tickets will not be used at the event, as all activities, food, and spirit wear sales will be purchased with cash. For a complete list of activities and food, please see the PTSA website at www.andersonptsa.com.

“After the public enjoys the games, purchases their favorite Trojan spirit wear, and eats some dinner, we hope they’ll march to the football field behind the Anderson High School drum line to participate in a pep rally,” said event co-chair Ann Howard. “The band will play, the cheerleaders will cheer, and the Trojan Belles will dance before shout-outs are made to recognize our sports teams and academic clubs.” Plans are also being made for Murchison’s band, dance troupe, and cheerleaders to participate, along with the children who were a part of the Belles’ and cheerleaders’ summer camps.

Special invitations are being received by Anderson’s vertical team schools, including Murchison Middle School, and Davis, Doss, Hill, and Summitt Elementary Schools. Pillow Elementary’s families are also invited to join in on the festivities, as their students may choose to attend Anderson after completing middle school at Burnet.

“We hope that school children and community members will visit our campus on Sept. 12. We intend for Trojan Spirit Fest to be an opportunity for the public to experience the success and enthusiasm we share all year long,” said event co-chair Julie Cowan.

Trojan Spirit Fest begins at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 12. Cash will be accepted to purchase food and play the amusements. The pep rally will kick off with the Anderson Trojan Band Drum Line parading through the site to march spectators down to the football field, beginning around 7:45 p.m. Details may be found on the Anderson High School PTSA website at www.andersonptsa.com

Anderson High School proudly educates over 2100 children from the northwest neighborhoods of Austin ISD. The school’s motto, *In Pursuit of Excellence*, is exemplified everyday by the efforts of our teachers, students, administrators, and parents.

Yard of the Month Winners

March 2009
Mrs. Dorothy Ericson
2706 Thrushwood

Congratulations to Mrs. Dorothy Ericson of 2706 Thrushwood for winning March's Yard of the Month. Her yard is a labor of love and she has been tending to it for over twenty years.



June 2009
Sharon Justice & Daniel Barrera
8816 Little Laura Drive

Congratulations to Sharon Justice and Daniel Barrera of 8816 Little Laura Drive for winning June's Yard of the Month. Sharon and Daniel have lived in North Shoal Creek for 10 years, and as the summers have continued to get hotter their yard has evolved from a more traditional grassy landscape to a native Austin xeriscape. Sharon, a retired City Librarian, researched the best plants for our climate on the City of Austin's Grow Green landscaping website (www.growgreen.org). It is a wonderful resource designed specifically for Central Texas with an emphasis on water quality protection.

July 2009
Peter & Christina Haas
7932 Vinewood Lane

Congratulations to Peter & Christina Haas of 7932 Vinewood Lane for winning July's Yard of the Month. Christina has lived in the neighborhood for three years. She married Peter a year ago and he has joined her in her efforts to remodel their home and landscape their yard with an eye toward mid-century modern design and sustainability.



What exactly does that mean? You'll have to walk by their amazingly cool house and see. They have created a berm which adds dimension to their yard and balances the outside courtyard, which is an inviting extension of their dining room. The zoysia grass is drought resistant, and the plants are native and heat tolerant. They garden and compost in the back yard as well.

Development Committee News

By Chip Rosenthal

The Development Committee monitors building activity, primarily commercial projects, in the neighborhood. We work with neighbors, developers and the city when development issues arise. Sometimes things get crazy busy, with activity all around our neighborhood. This, however, is not one of those times, thanks to the recession.

The biggest development project in the neighborhood right now is taking place on the old lumberyard property at the corner of Steck Avenue and Shoal Creek Boulevard. First Texas Honda will be moving into this location. The project is being processed by the City under an administrative approval, with no public hearings, because neither zoning variances nor conditional use permits were required.

The Development Committee has been working with *Sustainable Neighborhoods of North Central Austin* (www.snaustin.org) in support of improved green space (such as "pocket parks") and neighborhood connectivity (walking and biking routes). SN is working with the surrounding neighborhoods to improve pedestrian/bike access from residential areas to commercial districts such as Anderson Lane and Burnet Road. We are looking at possibilities for new and improved pathways. These pathways not only improve connectivity, but also improve neighborhood aesthetics and reduce crime risks. We currently are working with SN to identify specific projects that the neighborhood could support.

North Shoal Creek is one of the few neighborhoods in Austin without a neighborhood plan, and it looks like we won't be getting one anytime soon. During the neighborhood planning process, stakeholders meet with the City to develop long-term objectives and goals for development in the neighborhood. The City currently is engaged in a city-wide comprehensive planning process. The City staff that normally would participate in the development of neighborhood plans are assigned to that project, and the neighborhood planning process is on hold.

The Development Committee is investigating the impact this will have on our neighborhood.

Here are some resources to learn more about the planning processes:

- Overview of Neighborhood Planning - http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/zoning/overview_np.htm
- Comprehensive Plan - <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/compplan/>

Thanks to the following neighbors for participating in Development Committee activity over the past few months: Randy Alexis, Cheri Hartman, Juliette Kernion, Kevin Wier, and Mary Jane Wier. If you would like to assist in our work, please contact Chip Rosenthal at 512-573-5174 or developmentchair@nscna.org.

Join the North Shoal Creek Parents' Group

Join our online group for parents who live in the North Shoal Creek neighborhood. Consider it your virtual front porch, a friendly place to talk about all things kid and parenting related. We welcome parents who have children of all ages and look forward to creating friendships that move beyond the computer and into real life.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NorthShoalCreekParents>

Pillow Celebrates 40 Years!

By Huddie Murray

It's hard to believe that the little school on Crosscreek Drive opened its doors 40 years ago this fall! Perhaps many of you neighbors sent your children to Pillow when it was brand spanking new, or do so now? Certainly, much has changed since 1969, and we plan to celebrate this milestone as the year progresses. For starters, the PTA is designing a special 40th Anniversary t-shirt. We'd be honored if some of our neighbors would like to purchase one. Just contact the school office (414-2350) once school has begun.

And speaking of the first day, Monday, August 24, will kick the year off with the return of over 550 students. Buses begin arriving each morning at 7am, and the end of the school day is at 2:45pm, so please use extra caution to keep our students safe during those hours.

Pillow again gets to brag a bit! For the second year in a row, the Texas Education Agency has named Pillow an Exemplary school, the highest rating that can be obtained from the TEA. This achievement is no accident, as teachers, mentors, administrators and parents worked diligently to help our students achieve! Thanks to any and all of you who spent any time with our young Panthers. We heartily invite you to become involved again! The first step would be to register as a volunteer at austinparkers.org. Make sure you mention Pillow as your intended school. :-)

KUDOS also go to CANDY ELLARD, Pillow teacher and NSCNA resident. She was named a winner of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching! This is the highest recognition that a Kindergarten through 12th Grade Math or Science teacher may receive for outstanding teaching in the United States. We are so proud of Candy! She will go to Washington to accept her award from President Obama in the fall. How fortunate we are to have her teaching our students!

Please look for more Pillow announcements on the school marquee and through the neighborhood Yahoo group e-mail. Thanks for your support!

Burnet Middle School News

By Nancy Eyermann

Burnet Middle School is proud to introduce two new administrators for the 2009/2010 school year. Along with our dedicated faculty and staff, these two fine educators will help to Burnet to continue on the path to success.

Cesar Martinez is the newest sailor and proud principal of Burnet Middle School - where students sail to success! He hails from Brownsville, Texas where he served as a teacher, instructional facilitator, assistant principal, and principal. Most recently, Mr. Martinez and his wife relocated to Austin so that he could continue his education at the University of Texas at Austin. After completing the past two years as an education specialist at the Region XIII - Education Service Center, he decided to return to the school district setting. Although Mr. Martinez' goals for the campus are numerous, his priority will be leading the school in meeting and exceeding state and federal accountability standards. Finally, he would like for the entire community to know that he has an open-door policy and hopes to meet parents and community members at the school's new student orientation on Friday, August 14, 2009 at 8:30 am.

Irene Garcia is the new 6th grade Administrator at Burnet MS and looks forward to a great school year, being part of the Burnet "family" along with this great community. Ms. Garcia received a BS in Education and a MEd in Counseling and Guidance from Texas State University. She also earned Certification in Mid-Management and Superintendency from the University of Texas at Brownsville. Mrs. Garcia has been an educator for more than 30 years. She started her education career with Austin ISD, teaching at Summitt Elementary, and then counseling at various AISD schools. She was an Administrator at Los Fresnos ISD, Santa Maria ISD and most recently Seguin ISD. Mrs. Garcia is married to Rene Garcia and they have three daughters. She enjoys traveling, having family gatherings and shopping with her daughters. She is glad to be back in Austin, the city her kids were born in and the city they ALL call home.

If you are interested in volunteering at Burnet Middle School please call 414-3225.

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Go Creative – explore self-discovery through the fine arts and learn how creativity is the key to innovation.

Grow Strong – develop the personal strength and self-confidence required to lead others in building a stronger community.

Call Chandi Wagner at 490-2331 or chandiw@gstx.org for more info!

www.gstx.org



Join Scouting Now, Camp in September!

By Charles Mead

Families can join Scouting now and send their new Scout can start enjoying great outdoor activities in September. Teens get to go climbing, shooting and boating at “Venturing is Happening”, on September 12 at our Lost Pines Scout Reservation in Bastrop. Elementary-aged students can mine for “jewels”, try archery or learn about Native American culture at Cub Scout Adventure Day on September 26.

There’s a lot to do in September, but your child’s membership in Scouting will have benefits that last throughout the year. Scouting reinforces the values you teach in your home. It fosters self-esteem and leads to educational success. Scouting also allows young people to learn leadership skills that help them stand out from the crowd. Plus, it’s a lot of fun – as Scouts make new friends, go camping, and learn about the outdoors and our natural resources.

There are several Scouting units near the North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association’s boundaries. Contact the leader listed below for each group, if you’re interested.

Cub Scouts (if your son has finished Kindergarten but hasn’t started fifth grade)

Pack 1 – First Presbyterian Church of Austin – Katie Wetzel 794-9992

Pack 89 – St. Louis Catholic Church – Charles Orrison 260-3860

Pack 511 – St. Matthews Episcopal Church – David Cox 345-4144

Boy Scouts (if your son has finished fifth grade but isn’t 18)

Troop 1 - First Presbyterian Church of Austin – Hilton Beckham 302-4938

Troop 89 – St. Louis Catholic Church - Damien Gray 795-9210

Troop 511 - St. Matthews Episcopal Church – James Miller 342-7074

Venturing (if your son or daughter is older than 14 but isn’t 20)

Crew 7 - St. Louis Catholic Church – Greg Ruhl 346-1297

Crew 511 - St. Matthews Episcopal Church – Tim Saunders 219-8021

Fourth of July Parade

Photos by Cheri Hartman



Adopting Pillow Park

By Cheri Hartman

I've recently been talking with neighbors who have lived in the neighborhood for over twenty years and heard so many stories about watching their children play under the same Pillow Park oak trees our children play under. I'm looking forward to telling similar stories about all of the trees that line the school property. Someday, they'll be fantastic shade for future neighborhood kids.

The Beautification Committee is organizing an effort for NSCNA to officially adopt Pillow Park and is also applying for a park improvement grant. We are working with the Austin Parks Foundation to increase community involvement in the park. We are also working together with Pillow Elementary and the Pillow Elementary PTA. Our goal is to improve the park, so what are the next steps? The playscapes are great and we love the shade of the oak trees. We'd like to add some simple things:

- Benches around the playscapes
- Additional picnic tables in the shade
- New exercise equipment on the side of the track
- A sign at the park entrance where we can post notices

The wooden sit-up incline bench has already been removed due to damage by age, and the other wooden pieces are worn out and out of date. The City has approved the fitness equipment on the Triactive America website (<http://www.triactiveamerica.com/products.php>). If you would like to have input on what exercise equipment is chosen, please contact me. We'll be setting up a meeting to discuss it further this fall. We'll have to consider costs— how much money we raise vs. how much grant money we get approved – and the needs of the school, though I'd prefer adult-sized equipment.

So what is involved in adopting a park? What do we have to do to get all of these cool improvements? The Beautification Committee has already met with the park district supervisor and the Parks Foundation to discuss our goals. Next, we as a neighborhood need to meet to discuss these goals. We need to decide on the exercise equipment, discuss placement of benches and tables, and talk about other things we would like to do. We'll get a start at our next general meeting on September 1st. A Beautification Committee meeting in the park will follow (I'm waiting for it to cool off first).



After that, we start fundraising from neighbors and local businesses. I would welcome anyone's help and ideas with this. Next, we offer volunteer labor to help clean up the park. The Parks Foundation has come out and surveyed the park and suggested that we gather the gravel that has fallen away from under the playscapes and put it back, and that we create a stone path from the blocked driveway on Rockwood to the park area (where the path has already been made from foot traffic). The Parks Foundation will provide tools and assistance. Again, I'm waiting until it cools off before even considering organizing a clean-up. Right now it's too hot to even think about trying to gather volunteers.

Last, we have a big neighborhood picnic party.

If you, your scout group, community organization, sports team, church, or any group would like to be involved in these efforts please contact Cheri Hartman at beautificationchair@nscna.org.

Nominating Committee News

By Jeff Russell

At the next general meeting (September 1), we will choose a Nominating Committee. The committee will have five members, and it needs to be formed by October 1 of each year. Generally, the nominating committee is made up of individuals who are not running for a board position. So, if you are interested in participating on the committee or as a nominee for a board position, or if you have questions, please let me know (Jeff Russell at 415-9809).

The duty of the committee is to recommend at least one candidate to each of the four officer positions and seven director positions. I encourage the committee to accept all qualified candidates, and present more than the 11 candidates if that many people express an interest. The reality of the situation, though, is the committee spends its time recruiting 11 volunteers to fill the board positions.

The Election Committee members conduct the election at the January meeting. This committee is selected by the Board of Directors, usually in December. Our bylaws describe a detailed election procedure, which essentially is a separate election for each of the 11 board positions. This means the seven general board candidates are nominated for specific positions, rather than choosing all seven directors with one big, multiple-selection vote (like past years). Of course, anyone can be nominated from the floor during January elections, so you have until the last minute to decide to get involved!

Grow Green: Tips on Native Landscaping Workshop

By Cheri Hartman

Are you tired watching the Texas heat sear your yard a crispy brown? Tired of overly dramatic weather forecasters trying to make 97° sound cool and refreshing? Do you remember a thing called “rain”?

Austin's summers are brutal, and when water is in short supply it's neither practical nor responsible to constantly run sprinklers in the hope of coaxing some non-native green into your yard. So what's a homeowner to do?

Join us for the Beautification Committee's first Yard Mentoring workshop, Grow Green: Tips on Native Landscaping. Learn the basics of landscaping and maintaining a yard or garden that thrives in the Texas heat. Denise Delaney from the City's Watershed Protection and Development Department will lead a discussion and share tips from Austin's Grow Green program (www.growgreen.org).



Grow Green is a landscaping plan designed specifically for Central Texas. It focuses on native plants and water protection (much like xeriscaping) and is helpful in choosing plants that are naturally resistant to heat, drought and pests. These plants thrive on minimal care, reducing the need for harmful lawn chemicals and helping protect our Shoal Creek watershed. We will have a slide presentation, workbooks, and ample time for questions.

The Grow Green workshop will be held on **Monday, September 14th from 6:30 – 7:30 at the North Village Branch Library**. Please contact Cheri Hartman for more information at beautificationchair@nscna.org.

Traffic Committee News

By Dallas Maham, Traffic Chair

The Traffic Committee is continuing to pursue positive dialogue with commercial businesses affecting NSCNA. We are talking to businesses on Buell. We are hoping to have improved working relationships with these businesses. The goal is to relieve noise and congestion affecting NSCNA homeowners.

Sidewalk inventory, as to existing sidewalks and their condition has been completed. We will examine options to make sidewalk use safer and less hazardous.

The terrible traffic congestion affecting our Thrushwood-Primrose area arising from bingo has been solved. It would be nice to take credit for this but the reality is the Bingo operation has relocated. There is still parking within NSCNA area when Roller Derby is held at the skating rink. Fortunately Roller Derby ends at 10 p.m. We will continue our efforts to resolve this problem.

A resident requested our help regarding speeding on Penny Lane. We are working with APD to help solve this problem.

We are trying to relieve excess traffic on the higher volume and speed streets around Pillow.

There are other efforts that we as a committee are attempting to resolve and will hope to have additional positive results in the near future.

Pillow Park Playgroup and Neighborhood Get Together



Join us for the Pillow Park Playgroup and Neighborhood Get Together the first Saturday of every month. We invite everyone to come meet us at Pillow Park at 9am for breakfast tacos and coffee. NSCNA provides free coffee. Contact Alyssa Hedge at specialevents@nscna.org to order tacos from Elsi's.

Our next get together is September 5th at 9:00am. We hope to see you there!



(top photo, from left) Faye Gorman, Brenda Gaudet and Mateo, Cheri Hartman, Zora and Ross Hise

(bottom, from left) Julian, Mackenzie, Josie



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