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Independence Day Parade

Saturday, July 3

9:30 - 11:00am

**NE Corner of
Pillow Elementary**

6/23Neighborhood
Social Hill-Bert's Burgers

7/28Neighborhood
Social at Alborz

8/9Board of Directors
Meeting, NV Library

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Independence Day Parade

By Ken Moyer

Since July 4 is a Sunday, the North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association has selected Saturday, July 3, for the annual NSCNA Independence Day Parade and Celebration. You are invited to dress in your finest red, white and blue and join your neighbors for the festivities. Walk with us, decorate and ride a bike, push a stroller, walk your dog (and dress him up too!) or just watch the fun.

Starting at 9:30 am, we'll assemble at the corner of Crosscreek and Winding Walk on the Northeast corner of Pillow Elementary. The parade will begin at 10 am, proceeding west on Crosscreek around Pillow, led by a unit of the Austin Police Department.

Following the parade, we'll gather on the Pillow campus for free snow cones and other goodies, including a face painter and a balloon twister.



Little Miss Liberty, Ava De Leon

In addition, our panel of expert judges will award prizes for Best Decorated Bike, Best Dressed Pet, Outstanding Parade Participant, and other categories.

We'll have sidewalk chalk drawing, games, and a City of Austin fire truck (subject to availability).

The Independence Day Parade and Celebration has been an annual NSCNA tradition since 2000. Bring your kids, grandkids, and wannabe kids for a fun time in celebration of America's independence! See you there.

City to Trim or Remove Neighborhood Trees

By Mary Jane Wier

Austin Energy currently is working in our neighborhood pruning and removing trees near electric lines, to ensure safety and to maintain reliable electric service.

They must notify you before working on trees on your property. If you receive notification, it is important

to know what your rights are as a property owner regarding your trees.

To learn more about what you can do, visit our website (www.nscna.org/?p=1218), email Mary Jane Wier at maryjane3@earthlink.net or call Chip Rosenthal at (512)-573-5174.

Trimming is scheduled to begin immediately, so act promptly.

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President's Corner



by Chip Rosenthal

Welcome to summer in North Shoal Creek. Recent rain days have offered a welcome respite -- and have graciously avoided our recent outdoor neighborhood events. But the long stretch of hot Texas summer will be upon us any day now.

Please remember we are currently under a Stage One water restriction. More information here: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/watercon/stage1.htm> Our efforts now will help preserve local water supplies

through the summer.

We've held a number of great neighborhood events over the past two months, with more planned throughout the summer. The Social Events article in this issue includes information on our recent events. You can find more great photos from the NSCNA Garage Sale online at: <http://tinyurl.com/28yax4b>

Please check out the NSCNA calendar, on the front page of this issue and in the sidebar of our website, for a list of upcoming events. Thanks to the Social Committee for organizing these activities.

Social Committee Events

by Juliette Kernion

NSCNA has been abuzz with activities over the past couple of months. The Social Committee has organized several very different events: the annual neighborhood garage sale, an informal get-together for dessert and a hazardous waste collection.

On Saturday, May 22, a record number of homes participated in the NSCNA Garage Sale. About 34 homes around the neighborhood "officially" held sales, and visitors could pick up or download a map to all of these sales. Another ten or more homes, inspired perhaps at the last minute to do some closet-cleaning, also held impromptu sales. Many thanks to Amelia Cobb and Alyssa Hedge for helping me out with the event.

In addition, the Social Committee is holding monthly social get-togethers at various businesses in and near our neighborhood. The

first took place Wednesday, May 26, at Frutii Frogurt in the Crossroads Shopping Center. About 15 neighbors stopped by to chat and enjoy tasty desserts.

As you know, some waste items can't be thrown out with your usual trash, and adding to this difficulty, the city's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility is located down south and has limited hours.

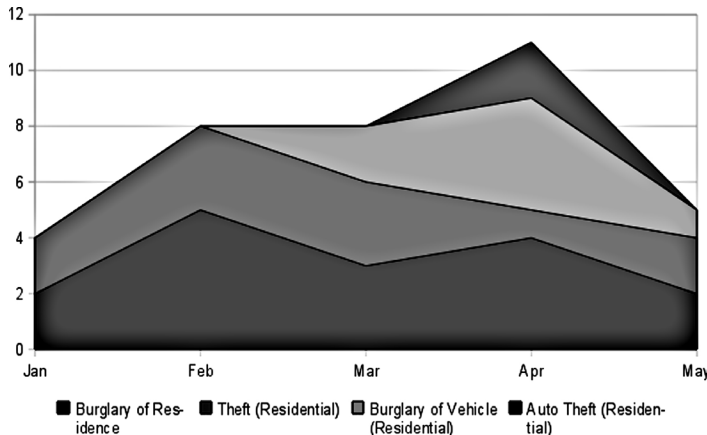
NSCNA held a Hazardous Waste Collection for neighbors on Saturday, June 5. Volunteers gathered at Pillow Elementary to help load items such as batteries, oil, latex paint and antifreeze into trucks and cars that a few neighbors drove to the collection facility. About 20 neighborhood residents were able to dispose of a total of 2.5 truckloads of items that morning. Thanks to volunteers Alyssa Hedge, Chip Rosenthal, Dallas Maham, Jerry Horn and Ken Moyer.

April-May Neighborhood Crime Report

by Chip Rosenthal

First, the good news: over the past two months, we've seen a continued decline in number of residential theft and burglary incidents. Now the bad news: vehicular theft and burglary were up these past two months – sharply up in April.

The graph below shows incidents of the most common residential property crimes in our neighborhood.



If you slice off the top two sections of the graph and only look at the bottom two for a moment, it shows an encouraging story. The bottom two sections show

residential theft and burglary. You can see the clear downward trend in these incidents through the year.

The top two sections are the vehicular theft and burglary incidents. When you add them in, you see a large spike in April, and some improvement in May.

Fortunately, vehicular property crime is one of the easiest forms of crime to combat. Police tell us that if you remove your valuables and lock your car doors, most auto thieves will go somewhere else.

At the most recent APD Commander's Forum, the police emphasized the importance of receiving information on suspicious activity from residents. If you call the police to report the license plate number of a suspicious vehicle, it will be recorded in an incident report. If, later, a crime occurs in that area, your report may be the critical information that leads to an apprehension.

The rule of thumb I like is to call 911 if I want a police cruiser to come out, 311 if I just want to report information. But don't worry if you aren't sure – the important thing is to call. Police tell us that whichever number you call, the operators will direct your call appropriately.

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- NSCNA Membership Committee

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Neighborhood Socials

By Alyssa Hedge

We are hoping to see lots of neighbors at our new monthly Social Nights Out. If you want to help plan future neighborhood events, please consider joining the NSCNA Social Committee. Email me at socialchair@nsnca.org or call me at 380-9616 for more info.

Time: Wednesday, June 23, 6 pm

Place: Hill-Bert's Burgers

Address: 7211 Burnet Road at the Greenlawn Pkwy light (in the bright yellow building)

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Time: Wednesday, July 28, 6 pm

Place: Alborz Persian Cuisine

Address: 3300 W. Anderson Ln, ste. 300
(next to Water to Wine)

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- Huddie Murray



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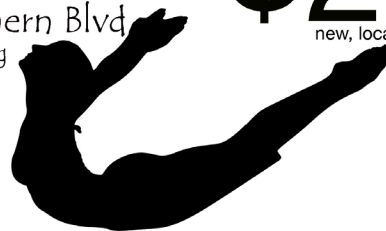
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