



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Join NSCNA

Your \$15.00 membership fee contributes so much to our neighborhood.

For more information on how to make our community a better place to live, read the attached flyer.

Join NSCNA's Yahoo Group

Get all of your neighborhood news in real time. Join us at groups.yahoo.com/group/NSCNA

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General Meeting March 9, 2010

Date: Tuesday, March 9
Time: 6:30 - 8:00 PM
Location: Pillow Elementary
Topic: Meet Your Neighbor,
Meet Your Association
(with free cookies!)

Reconnect with your neighbors and your neighborhood association at the March general meeting.

Although the agenda includes some brief business and committee reports, most of the evening will be dedicated to giving everyone a chance to meet their fellow members, the new Board of Directors and committee chairs. Refreshments, including home-baked treats, will be provided.

2010 Meeting Schedule

The NSCNA general meeting schedule for the year is:

- Tuesday, March 9, 2010
- Tuesday, May 4, 2010
- Tuesday, September 7, 2010
- Tuesday, November 9, 2010

Meetings take place at 6:30 PM at Pillow Elementary School, 3025 Crosscreek Drive.

President's Column

by Chip Rosenthal



I am so excited about 2010 in our neighborhood. I'd like to tell you about a couple of things in store for us.

Communication -- More and Better

We are increasing the newsletter frequency from quarterly (four times a year) to bimonthly (six times a year). After all, our association meets every other month (except for a break in July). So we should publish a newsletter every other month too. That will put our newsletter in sync with issues and events in our neighborhood -- which is the most important reason for publishing a newsletter.

What you are reading this month is our newsletter in transition. We wanted to be sure you got this information before the March general meeting, but we didn't want to rush out something half-baked. Expect a full issue in April.

Sometimes every other month isn't fast enough. That's why we're placing a renewed focus on online communications. If you haven't visited the www.nscna.org website recently, please do. It's being updated several times a week with useful news.

Balancing Our Budget

Last year, our association operated at a \$1600 loss. This year, our board has taken on the challenge of balancing our budget. What's more, we want to do it without cutting back on our activities. In fact, we want to do even more events and activities.

I know that sounds like crazy math, but our solution is common sense: We're going to raise more revenue

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President's Column (cont.)

while cutting back on expenses. We asked our Membership Committee to initiate a membership drive, so we can attract more dues paying households. (And we're starting the drive right now, with a membership flyer attached to this newsletter.) We also are asking event leaders to try to bring in more volunteers so our events are just as good, but less expensive to produce.

I'm so proud of this board and its "can-do" attitude. Our Treasurer Lois McEvoy will present the budget at the March general meeting.

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Neighborhood Safety



First, the good news:

Property crime -- the most prevalent form of crime

in our neighborhood --

has decreased since the start of the year. The bad news: It hasn't decreased enough. Some neighbors have experienced recent incidents of theft or burglary.

Most of these crimes are occurring during the day, while many neighbors are at work. If you are in the neighborhood during the day, please keep an eye out for suspicious people

or activity. If you see anything possibly suspicious, call 911. Even if you aren't sure, go ahead and call 911. Let the police decide whether the situation warrants investigation.

When you spot suspicious activity, please take a moment to observe the people and their vehicles. A good description could be the difference between an unsolved crime and an apprehension. The police say that a car license plate number is one of the most helpful things they can get to identify a suspect.

Your support could help make our neighborhood even safer.

Volunteer for a Neighborhood Committee

Safety Committee

Interact with the Austin Police Department and district representatives, communicate incidents that occur in the neighborhood and promote crime prevention techniques and information.

Chair: Don Jones
safetychair@nscna.org
452-6640

Development Committee

Monitor development activity around the neighborhood and provide recommendations to the board. Work with neighbors, developers and the city on development issues.

Chair: Kevin Wier
developmentchair@nscna.org
731-8832

Membership Committee

Increase membership in NSCNA and help build our community. The Membership Committee is involved in neighborhood outreach. Our goal is to help build a sense of community and caring for each other. We value your concerns and welcome your ideas for keeping our neighborhood safe, secure, and a great place to live. Contact: membership@nscna.org

Beautification Committee

Organize projects that provide learning and sharing opportunities for new and experienced gardeners and neighbors who share an interest in this beautiful part of Austin. We also support the Yard of the Month project in our neighborhood.

Chair: Lynda Oakes
beautificationchair@nscna.org
467-7781

Media Committee

Communicate with all neighbors through the newsletter, NSCNA website and NSCNA Yahoo Group.

Chair: Cheri Hartman
mediachair@nscna.org
751-1863

Social Committee

To encourage a spirit of community by organizing several fun events throughout the year.

Chair: Alyssa Hedge
socialchair@nscna.org
380-9616

Traffic Committee

Identify traffic problems associated with vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians and work with the city on solutions.

Chair: Dallas Maham
trafficchair@nscna.org
452-3673

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NORTH SHOAL CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

2010 NSCNA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Please Join The North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association

- To foster pride and enjoy a sense of community
- To promote and protect our quality of life, safety & property values
- To have a voice in zoning issues facing the neighborhood
- To vote to improve safety and traffic plans
- To support social events including the 4th of July Parade
- To enhance neighborhood communication through our newsletter

If you have already joined the NSCNA for 2010, THANK YOU!

If not, please help the NSCNA community with your support by joining today! Your \$15.00 household membership fee entitles all members of your household who are at least 18 years old to membership and voting privileges through January 31, 2011.



Join us March 9 at 6:30pm for our General Meeting at Pillow Elementary. You can join NSCNA, enjoy refreshments, and meet new friends and neighbors. We'll see you there!

A committee member is happy to pick up your membership form and fee and offer a receipt on the spot. Please email membership@nscna.org or call Vicki McFadden at 458-1441 to make arrangements.

NSCNA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name of all residents over 18: _____

Street Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Do you have any comments or concerns for NSCNA? _____

Please check the committees you are interested in:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Beautification | <input type="checkbox"/> Media | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bylaws | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Social |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Nominating | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Election | | |

Please mail this form with a \$15.00 check payable to NSCNA to:

NSCNA Membership

PO Box 66443

Austin TX 78766-0443

You can also join online via PayPal at www.nscna.org/join