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# North Shoal Creek



# NEIGHBORHOOD

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### Mark Your Calendar

#### NSCNA General Meeting

Tuesday, March 1 6:30 pm Pillow Elementary

**Social Committee Meeting** 

Thursday, March 10 7:00 pm Genuine Joe's (2001 W. Anderson)

#### **NSCNA General Meeting**

Tuesday, May 3 6:30 pm Pillow Elementary

For the most up-to-date meeting schedule, visit our online neighborhood calendar: www.nscna.org/calendar

### **The Scoop on Sidewalks**

One big project our neighborhood has been working on recently is sidewalk repair. Last year, NSCNA established a special committee to look into possible funding for different areas of improvements through the City of Austin's Neighborhood Partner Program (NPP).

NPP helps Austin neighborhood associations coordinate small and medium projects with the city. With NPP-approved projects, participating neighborhood associations pay 25 percent of the cost through cash, in-kind services, and "sweat equity." Based on neighbors' interest, NSCNA submitted a letter of intent to the city regarding our interest in sidewalk repairs.

You might remember that at the October 2010 general meeting, the NSCNA membership voted to proceed with the NPP process for neighborhood sidewalk repairs, and approved spending up to \$20,000 as our part of the co-funding for the project.

In November, the city formally approved our letter of intent and invited NSCNA to submit an application for funding neighborhood sidewalk repairs.

Since that time, our NPP Committee has been working with the Traffic Committee to get all necessary work done for the NPP application. If the application is approved, we may begin to submit funds to the city for the work as soon as late spring 2011.

You may have noticed some sidewalk repairs already happening in North Shoal Creek. The city's Public Works Department repaired sidewalks in about 102 locations around the neighborhood in late 2010 and early 2011. These repairs were not related to the NPP grant, but were done on the city's own initiative. The city allocated approximately \$120,000 for these repairs.

The NPP Committee recently toured the neighborhood with their list of potential sidewalk repairs, to cross off the repairs that the city made recently and to investigate other areas that neighbors reported were in need of repair.

The committee is using this information to finalize a "repair matrix"—a spreadsheet that lists all potential sidewalk repair locations in the neighborhood, noting severity of damage, utilization of the location, and factors that may impact repair costs. This will provide a score that can be used to rank all potential repair locations. A list of the highest ranked locations will be sent to our contacts at Public Works. They will provide us a cost estimate of those repairs.

The NPP and Traffic Committees are also researching other aspects of the NPP application process, such as possible things the neighborhood could do to qualify as "sweat equity" (in lieu of contributing some funds), and whether we can obtain donated materials to also help offset the costs.

If you are interested in helping with this effort, please contact Traffic Committee Chair Jon Menegay at TrafficChair@nscna.org.

-Juliette Kernion

#### North Shoal Creek **Neighborhood News**

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A bimonthly newsletter for the North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association (NSCNA)

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# **President's Corner**



new year in North Shoal Creek.

association our faces is each year, after the January election. it needs

to go through a rebuild. Our board terms are just one year, so each year we have pretty significant turnover of our board. In the first couple of months of the year, a lot of our executive energy goes into rebuilding committees and structure. That's where we are right now.

About half of our committees are now staffed, and we'll need support from members to build the rest.

Fortunately, the key programs being carried forward from last year are all being overseen by committees that are staffed and running.

For instance, the NSCNA Beautification Committee is handling the Urban Forest Grant we received from the City. Our Traffic Committee is working on our Neighborhood Partner Program application.

The chairs for our currently active committees are:

- Beautification—Mary Jane Wier • (BeautificationChair@nscna.org)
- Development—Kevin Wier (DevelopmentChair@nscna.org)
- Social—Amelia Cobb (SocialChair@nscna.org)
- Traffic—Jon Menegay (TrafficChair@nscna.org)

The following standing committees are not vet staffed:

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Welcome to the If you'd like to participate on any of our committees, please email the committee chair address shown above.

One challenge that Each new year, we also have to work out a general meeting schedule for the year. This usually means a trip to Pillow Elementary to meet with Pillow Secretary (and North Shoal Creek neighbor) Jan Cornett.

> The 2011 meeting schedule is shown below. You'll notice that some of the meeting dates are marked "tentative." That's because Jan Cornett will be retiring this summer, and could only confirm the dates up through then. I want to thank Jan for supporting our association, and wish her the best of luck on her retirement.

> In the meantime, please write down the later meeting dates in pencil. We'll get those confirmed over the summer.

> > -Chip Rosenthal

#### **2011 NSCNA General Meetings**

Visit the NSCNA website (www.nscna. org) and check upcoming newsletters for information on board meetings and special called meetings.

Tuesday, March 1, 2011 6:30 pm **Pillow Elementary Cafeteria** 

Tuesday, May 3, 2011 6:30 pm **Pillow Elementary Cafeteria** 

No meeting scheduled for July 2011

Tuesday, September 6, 2011 6:30 pm (tentative)

Tuesday, November 1, 2011 6:30 pm (tentative)

Tuesday, January 3, 2012 6:30 pm (tentative)

# Neighborhood Beautification Next Steps with Our Tree Planting Grant from the City

The Beautification Committee received word in December that the City of Austin approved our neighborhood's Urban Forest Grant Program proposal, awarding us \$8,000 of the \$9,400 we requested for tree planting as a way of lessening our neighborhood's heat island effect.

So far, we've hired an arborist to survey the neighborhood looking for "hot spots"—areas in need of trees. The arborist, Matthew Tobola of Bartlett Tree Experts, conducted his survey in late February and will be submitting his report shortly thereafter.

Once we have the report in hand, we can proceed to step 2 of the project: figuring out how to allocate the trees, contacting folks in need of trees, and encouraging participation in the project. We want to plant at the optimal tree planting time, which in Texas is after the leaves have dropped in the late fall/early winter. So, step 3—tree planting—won't happen until November or December.

We're delighted the City funded our project and want to say "Thank you very much" to Jason Traweek of the City's Planning & Development Review Department and to the Austin Community Foundation which administers the funds on behalf of the City.

Over the past year, the Beautification Committee has received several excellent suggestions for beautifying and improving our neighborhood. As a result, we have quite a few very worthwhile projects to work on implementing. What we need are volunteers to help make these ideas reality.

If you enjoy gardening, if you've xeriscaped a yard or written a grant, or if you simply want to be part of making our neighborhood prettier, please send us an email at beautificationchair@nscna.org. We are especially in need of volunteers with experience or training in landscape design or landscaping.

We'd love the opportunity to tell you about the projects that have been proposed to us, and we hope you'll agree to give some of your time to help make some of them a reality.

-Sharon Justice

# Yard of the Month, February 2011



Please join us in congratulating our neighborhood's Yard of the Month winner for February: **3013 Charlwood Drive**. Check the NSCNA website (www.nscna.org) for a color photo of this lovely landscape.

—Photo credit: Lynda Oakes

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# **Meet the 2011 NSCNA Board of Directors**

On January 4, NSCNA held its annual meeting. The main order of business at our annual meetings is the election of officers and directors for the coming year. Here are the results of our election.

#### 2011 Officers

- Chip Rosenthal—President
- Kenneth Webb—Vice President
- Donna Eagar—Secretary
- Jeri Wines—Treasurer

#### **2011 Directors**

- Cheryl Carter
- Amelia Cobb
- Ernie Garcia
- Don Jones
- Alice Kubacak
- Jon Menegay
- Mary Jane Wier

Congratulations to everybody elected, and thanks to all the members who participated in the election.

Thanks to our Nominating Committee: Chair Evelin Nunes Vorzimmer, Jerry Horn, John Migl, Kevin Wier, and Sherran Williams. Thanks to our Election Committee: Chair Randy Alexis, Kate Brien, Lois McEvoy, and Lynda Oakes.

The photo below shows most of the new Board. From left to right: (top) Don Jones, Chip Rosenthal, Ernie Garcia, Kenneth Webb, Jeri Wines, Donna Eagar, Amelia Cobb, Cheryl Carter, (bottom) Jon Menegay.



—Article and photo: Juliette Kernion

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### Neighborhood Social Events Holiday Luminaria Walk at Pillow a Success

On December 21, 2010, the NSCNA Social Committee sponsored the neighborhood's first Luminaria Walk. Amelia Cobb headed up this event, assisted by neighbors who helped her put up and take down two circles of luminaries around the Pillow Elementary track. The 500 luminaries were made from candles and white paper bags.

Neighbors walked around the track and congregated at the refreshment table for cookies and hot cocoa. Amelia's husband Brian set up an arch of hanging candles near the refreshments. Kids seemed to enjoy the chance to run around the playground after dark.

Many, many thanks to the Cobbs and to the helpful volunteers, pictured in the photos at right and below, who worked to make this lovely luminaria walk a success. Amelia is now chair of the Social Committee and plans to bring back the walk in December 2011.

If you'd like to see color photos from the event, visit the NSCNA website: www.nscna.org/?p=1606.

-Juliette Kernion







### Help NSCNA Plan 2011 Social Activities

Would you like to Have some fun? Get to know your neighbors? Lend a helping hand?

Come join the NSCNA Social Committee!

We'll be coordinating:

- the annual neighborhood garage sale event on Saturday, May 14
- the Independence Day parade and activities in July
- the Luminaria Walk in December
- and other activities as interest and energy allow!

The Social Committee will meet on **Thursday, March 10 at** 7 **pm at Genuine Joe's** (2001 W. Anderson Lane) to begin planning the year's activities. We're especially in need of a co-chair for the Independence Day celebration.

Please contact Amelia Cobb, Social Committee Chair at social@nscna.org or 364-5519 if you are interested or would like more information.

—Amelia Cobb



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# **News from Pillow**

The second semester at Pillow Elementary has already taken flight! Within the first few weeks back at school, our Science Fair was held and winners moved on to the Austin Energy Regional Fair.

The students (and teachers) enjoyed our "snow day" on February 4—too bad we'll have to make up that day later in the year, on Memorial Day. We also managed to successfully stay at school all day on Feb. 2, while rolling blackouts made learning very interesting! We applaud our children for handling the day so well.

The Fourth Grade students participated in their annual economics project by selling Valentine carnations during the two weeks preceding the holiday. On Monday, Feb. 14, class parties were held and the campus opened for another popular Family Lunch Day. Later that week, on Feb. 17, our CATCH Night (Coordinated Approach to Children's Health) was held. Parent-Teacher Conferences also took place in February.

Finally, please join me in congratulating Pillow's Teacher of the Year: Art teacher Suzy Swingle!

—Huddie Murray

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# **What's New in Neighborhood Development**

The Development Committee has been researching the following updates about current issues facing the North Shoal Creek neighborhood.

#### Allandale Northcross LP Development Plan

The NSCNA Development Committee held a meeting on Feb. 9 with the owner of the Hotel Allandale/Allandale Condos property and representatives from other nearby neighborhood associations.

The property owner briefly conveyed his plans for the property, which were that no changes were going to occur. He is no longer pursuing plans to apply for tax credits for this property, which means he is no longer pursuing selling it so it could be renovated into lowincome housing.

The owner stated that he had been approached with an offer to buy his property and he had a 45-day option to explore this opportunity. Once he fully understood what the offer entailed reduced rental rates at the property—he was no longer interested.

He also told us he wants to be a friend to the surrounding neighborhoods and hopes we will stay at his boutique, luxury hotel (for reduced rates), and buy his upscale condos.

We'll stay in touch with the owner and monitor the state tax credit application process. A public hearing is a required part of the tax credit application process. If further action occurs, we can take advantage of the hearing to express our views. The public hearing includes participation by our state representative, Elliott Naishtat, and our state senator, Kirk Watson.

Thank you to Mary Jane Wier for researching this issue and arranging the meeting with the property owner and neighborhood associations.

#### **Development Committee goals for 2011:**

- Monitor development projects in and around the neighborhood, keep members informed, and make recommendations to the board as needed.
- Represent the neighborhood in the city comprehensive plan process.
- Serve as liaison to the Austin Neighborhoods Council group.
- Serve as liaison to the Sustainable Neighborhoods group.
- Support Traffic Committee efforts to fund the Anderson/Ashdale Trail.

#### Homeless RV Park Proposal

Development Committee members attended a meeting hosted by North Austin Civic Association (NACA) with Councilmember Sheryl Cole and Alan Graham of Mobile Loaves and Fishes as guest speakers, and Councilmember Bill Spelman in attendance. After the meeting, Cole told us she thought this project would not move forward at least until after City Council elections in May.

We also recently attended a North Burnet/Gateway group meeting where area neighborhood groups discussed their petition against one of the proposed locations along North Burnet Road.

#### **New City Master Plan**

In January, Development Committee members participated in a feedback meeting where we discussed planning concerns with city officials and fellow citizens, and commented on the Preferred Growth Scenario map about concerns for our area. One specific concern was the possibility of adding too much density to our area.

We're also participating in the next step of the planning process where "the rubber meets the road." This step is called Imagine Austin Phase 3 Working Groups, and is open to anyone who's interested.

The Working Groups will brainstorm, deliberate and prioritize ideas and

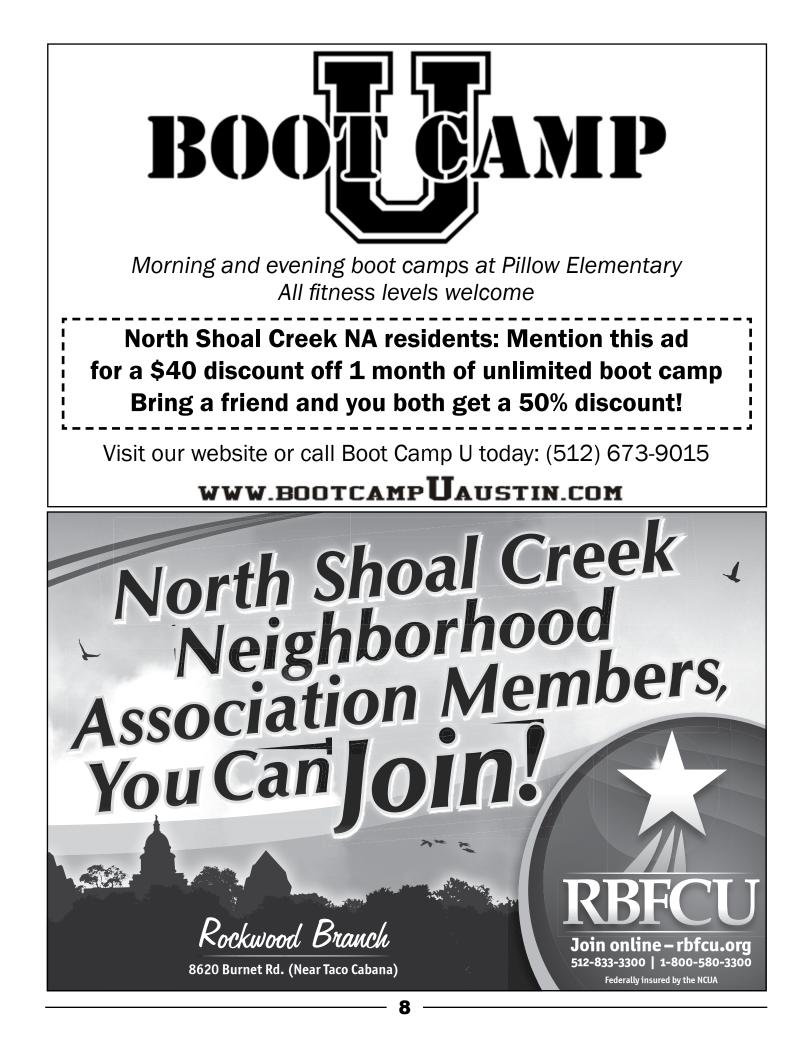
actions needed to achieve the Imagine Austin Vision. Orientation meetings on Feb. 24 and March 1 covered what's been done to date, what will be achieved in Phase 3, and the draft Plan Framework and Preferred Growth Scenario.

Some neighborhoods have expressed through Austin Neighborhoods Council meetings their strong concerns that the new master plan will not respect their neighborhood plans. They feel neighborhood plans are a foundation for city planning and zoning has been a bedrock principle of Austin government as city councils for decades have stated.

North Shoal Creek is one of six neighborhoods without a neighborhood plan. Several years ago, we asked the City to enter us into the process to develop a plan. We were next in the process when the City Council canceled the wait list to focus planning staff and resources on the new master plan.

Kevin Wier recently spoke to City Planning and Development Review Department Director Greg Gurnsey and to Councilmember Laura Morrison to kindly remind them we do not have a plan, still want one, and feel it's important to keep this in mind since the master plan is supposed to reflect the wishes of the neighborhood plans. Both agreed it was important to address how this issue can be resolved successfully as part of the master plan process.

-Kevin Wier



# **North Village Library Hosts Discussion**

The North Village Branch of the Austin Public Library is hosting one in a series of discussions called "Culture Unbound." The discussions focus on books and other media that are featured in an exhibit at the Harry Ransom Center through July. The "Culture Unbound: Collecting in the Twenty-first Century" exhibit showcases major literary and cultural archives acquired by HRC since 2000.

North Village Library will host a discussion on the book *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien, on Wednesday, March 23 at 7 pm.

Austin Mayor Lee Leffingwell has just named *The Things They Carried* as one of the 2011 Mayor's Book Club selections. The book is a collection of stories about the Vietnam War, based on Austin resident O'Brien's experiences.

The entire Culture Unbound discussion schedule is listed below. For more information, please call (512) 974-7400 or visit www.cityofaustin.org/library. The discussions are all free and open to the public, as is the Harry Ransom Center exhibit.

- *American Buffalo* by David Mamet and other books featured in the Culture Unbound exhibit: March 8 at 7 pm at Windsor Park Branch, 5833 Westminster Dr.
- *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien: March 23 at 7 pm at North Village Branch, 2505 Steck Ave.
- *The Lonely Passion of Judith Hearne* by Brian Moore: March 29 at 7 pm at Twin Oaks Branch, 1800 S. Fifth.
- *All the President's Men* by Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein (the film will be screened): May 11 at 6:30 pm at University Hills Branch, 4721 Loyola Ln.
- *Talking It Over* by Julian Barnes: July 18 at 7 pm at Hampton Branch at Oak Hill, 5125 Convict Hill Rd.



### Update: Funding Branch Library Subscriptions

In November 2009, NSCNA and Friends of the North Village Library organized and ran a rummage sale to help benefit the nearby North Village Library, which had its periodicals budget severely cut. The rummage sale raised enough money to buy subscriptions for all the newspapers and magazines the library requested for 2010.

We still had enough money left to fund many of the branch library's 2011 periodical subscription requests. In January 2011, we spent the last \$476 from the rummage sale proceeds on 30 magazine subscriptions for the North Village Library. Friends of the North Village Library ran a thrift sale of their own in late 2010 and are funding other library subscriptions as well.

Thanks again to all of you who helped with the rummage sale, bought things or donated money. It's great to see that we raised enough funds to cover *two* years of many subscriptions the library needed.

—Juliette Kernion



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- For the most up-to-date neighborhood news and meeting notices, visit the NSCNA website at www.nscna.org.
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# **O. Henry and the Treasure of Shoal Creek**

Legends tell of more than 200 places where treasure is said to be buried in Texas, but only one of those legends involves our neighborhood's Shoal Creek, a shipment of gold for Santa Anna's army, and Austin literary figure William Sydney Porter, better known, of course, as O. Henry.

The tale begins in Mexico in 1836, with a chest of 16,000 gold doubloons bound for Santa Anna and his army, which is in Texas chasing Sam Houston's Texan army. The paymaster and seven soldiers bringing the gold have conspired to steal it.

Somewhere in Central Texas, two of the soldiers kill their six co-conspirators, then bury the gold near an unnamed creek flowing into the Colorado River (that creek, of course, is later named Shoal Creek). As often happens among thieves, one of the two kills his partner. Unable to take the gold with him (that much gold is, I suppose, too obvious to carry about), the remaining soldier draws a map of its location.

But by now, the Battle of San Jacinto has occurred and he realizes that stray soldiers from Mexico are unwelcome in Texas. Joining the Mexican soldiers retreating from San Jacinto, he flees to Mexico. Once there, he finds he cannot return to retrieve the buried gold.

We fast forward to 1895. O. Henry is working as a teller at an Austin bank while writing short stories and publishing his own magazine, *The Rolling Stone*, on the side. He and his *Rolling Stone* partner, a writer named Dixie Daniels, hope to buy *The Hatchet*, a Washington, DC magazine that is for sale for \$2500, but they're unable to raise the money.

O. Henry had probably heard the tale about Mexican army gold buried in Austin, but now, he hears something new from an area rancher. One of the rancher's employees, a sheep herder named Enrique, heard the story as a child from the mouth of the very man who buried the treasure. Moreover, Enrique knows how to get the original map. O. Henry and Enrique agree that, for \$100, Enrique will retrieve the map from Mexico. O. Henry can come up with only \$20 but promises to pay the rest when Enrique delivers the map. (Why didn't Enrique use the map himself? We'll never know the answer to that.) Enrique heads to Mexico and

O. Henry returns to Austin to find a way to buy *The Hatchet*.

O. Henry has almost forgotten about the treasure when a letter from Enrique arrives. He's too sick to travel, but if O. Henry can send \$45, his son will

bring him the treasure map. O. Henry scrapes up the money, sends it to Enrique, and, a few months later, the son arrives in Austin with both the map and instructions for interpreting it.

The map now in their possession, O. Henry, Dixie Daniels, and Daniels' brother Vic turn their attention to finding the markers shown on the map. After several days, the trio finally locates the first marker: a single eagle's wing carved into a tree near Shoal Creek. Shortly later, they find the second marker: a double eagle wing, carved into another tree on Shoal Creek. From there, they work out exactly the spot-the very spot, in the center of a triangle of three post oak trees-where the treasure lies buried. But dusk has arrived and they are forced to discontinue work for the dav.

After working out a plan for excavating the gold, they gather the tools they'll need, rent a buggy, and return the next night. Alternating fits of digging with sips of whiskey, they make good progress. Suddenly, a piercing scream tears through the night. For a moment,

all is silent, then the screams begin again. But now, the screaming seems to be coming from all around the three men. Unnerved, they race for town.

The next day a newspaper story calms their fears. An asylum inmate had escaped the night before. Guards had tracked the man by his screaming, and had done some screaming of their own to keep him screaming. O.Henry and

Suddenly, a piercing scream tears through thenight. The screaming seems to be coming from all around the three men. Unnerved, they race for town. the Daniels brothers return to the treasure site. This time they are not interrupted. They begin digging again and, after a short time, they hit nothing. Well, not exactly nothing—they hit limestone bedrock, aka Central Texas

caliche. Unable to dig further, they give up their treasure quest.

Thirty years later Vic Daniels told this story in an August 9, 1931 *Dallas Morning News* article titled "O. Henry on a Treasure Hunt," and nine years later J. Frank Dobie retold the story in an article titled "O. Henry's Treasure Hunt" [*Dallas Morning News*, Aug. 4, 1940].

O.Henry never found his buried treasure and so never bought *The Hatchet*. If he had found the treasure, there would have been no need for him to embezzle bank funds (if indeed he did) and flee the country in 1896.

He did, however, use the story of the treasure of Shoal Creek in his excellent short story/murder mystery, "Bexar Scrip No. 2692." (Several editions of this story are available online.)

If you want to read more about O. Henry's treasure quest, C. F. Eckhardt relates a more detailed version titled "O. Henry and the Shoal Creek Treasure" at www.texasescapes.com.

-Sharon Justice

# **APD Redistricting Changes Affect Area**

The Austin Police Department district representatives have been reorganized for 2011. The North Shoal Creek neighborhood is now in Region 2 (Adam Sector), and within that region, District 1. Our new district representative is Officer Billy Simoneaux.

The district representative officer serves as the point of contact between our neighborhood and APD patrol officers. The officer is part of APD efforts to form community partnerships and help foster neighborhood safety. All district officers in Region 2 have experience throughout the region area.

Officer Simoneaux can help solve neighborhood issues and assist with programs such as the following:

- Neighborhood Watch
- Crime prevention presentations
- Home and business security surveys
- Abandoned or junk vehicles
- Boarded, vacant houses
- Drugs in the neighborhood
- Missing street signs

#### Handy Austin Police Department Info:

- Our neighborhood is in Region 2 Adam Sector, District 1.
- District representative: Officer Billy Simoneaux: 974-5852, billy.simoneaux@ci.austin.tx.us
- For non-emergency police incidents, you can call 311 or 974-5000. Tell the operator you need to make a police report, and they will connect you.
- "Stranger Danger"
- Illegal dumping

For more information about APD's District Representative Program, you can visit the district representatives' website at www.ci.austin.tx.us/police/district\_representatives.htm.

If you want to review crime statistics for our area, you can visit the APD website at www.ci.austin.tx.us/police and click the **Crime Information** link.

Keep an eye on the NSCNA website for information about quarterly APD Commander's Forums, in which neighbors have the opportunity to meet and discuss issues with their district representative officers.

--Juliette Kernion

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