North Shoal Creek

#### May 2011



NEIGHBORHOOD

# **NSCNA Yard/Garage Sale Event: May 14**

Looking for the chance to clear out your clutter and make a little money? The Social Committee has set a date and other details for this year's NSCNA Neighborhood Yard/Garage Sale:

**Date**: Saturday, May 14 (rain or shine) **Time**: 8 am to 1 pm

How it works: You hold a garage or yard sale at your home, and NSCNA advertises the neighborhood sales (Statesman and Craigslist), puts signs around the neighborhood perimeter and creates/gives you flyers with a map

### Mark Your Calendar

#### **NSCNA General Meeting**

Invited Speaker: Billy Simoneaux, Austin Police Dept Tuesday, May 3 6:30 pm Pillow Elementary

#### **Social Committee Meeting**

Thursday, May 12 7 - 8:30 pm *Contact Amelia Cobb for location* (socialchair@nscna.org, 364-5519)

#### Garage/Yard Sale Event

Saturday, May 14 8 am - 1 pm Homes throughout N. Shoal Creek

#### Independence Day Celebration

Monday, July 4 9:30 am - noon Pillow Elementary and addresses of the participants. You can give out the flyers at your sale so shoppers can find all the homes in our neighborhood holding sales that day. We usually have at least 30 sales that day, which attracts a lot of shoppers!

To participate in the sale: Email Social Committee Chair Amelia Cobb at garagesale@nscna.org or call her at 364-5519 with your name and address if you'd like to participate. The deadline is Monday, May 9 if you want to be included on the flyer.

NSCNA charges each participating household \$2 to help cover the costs of promoting the event. On the morning of the garage/yard sale event, we'll bring you a stack of flyers and will pick up your \$2.

I hope you'll join us, either by hosting your own garage sale or by visiting the participating sales. It's a fun way to meet neighbors, have an enjoyable walk around the area ... and pick up a few bargains too.

—Juliette Kernion

## **July 4 Parade: Call for Volunteers**

Our annual NSCNA Independence Day Parade and Celebration will be held on Monday, July 4 from 9:30 am to noon. We're looking forward to another fantastic neighborhood event this year, with your help.

Plans are underway with permits for the parade around Pillow Elementary, face painting and sno-cones, games for all ages and other special surprises.

The Social Committee welcomes your participation to help in making this a grand celebration for the neighborhood. Any neighbors with antique vehicles that would like to be part of the parade? Anyone with lawn games to share or ideas for intergenerational activities? Do you have pop-up tents, tables, chairs, decorations to share? We would love to hear from you.

In addition, volunteers are needed on July 4 to coordinate activities, judge competitions, clean up and much more. If you've enjoyed the neighborhood July 4 celebration in previous years, we hope you'll help us out. The parade and other activities rely on support from our neighbors.

If you would like to help make this celebration a success, please contact Social Committee Chair Amelia Cobb at socialchair@nscna.org or 364-5519.

#### —Amelia Cobb

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# **President's Column: It's Election Time**



City of Austin elections will be held on Saturday, May 14, the same day as our Neighborhood Yard/Garage Sale.

When you go to the polls you'll get to cast four votes: one vote apiece for each of three City Council races, and one vote for our neighborhood.

That's because the higher our turnout, the more important our neighborhood becomes to City Hall. So please cast your vote and support North Shoal Creek.

Here are some turnout figures for the last couple of City Council elections:

Year	Precinct 252	City-wide
2009	514 (19.9%)	58,610 (13.1%)
2008	385 (14.5%)	35,858 (8.3%)

As you can see, our neighborhood (Precinct 252) traditionally turns out strongly in local elections. Let's see if we can top 20% turnout this year.

Early voting will take place May 2 - May 10. If you are a registered voter, you may vote at any early voting location.

The location closest to us will be Ben Hur Shriners Hall at 7811 Rockwood Ln. On the day of the election, you'll need to vote at our assigned precinct location, Pillow Elementary School.

While you are there, be sure to thank the election judges who staff the polling place. Many are neighbors and NSCNA members. Their work supports our neighborhood and our democracy.

> —Chip Rosenthal president@nscna.org 573-5174

### **Support Your Neighborhood**

Join NSCNA today! Membership dues: \$15/year per household www.nscna.org/join

