

NORTH SHOAL CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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The Austin Oaks PUD: its implications for North Shoal Creek *by Sharon Justice, board member*

A new development project has been proposed for the MoPac/Spicewood Springs intersection. The NSCNA Board believes this project, named Austin Oaks, will negatively impact North Shoal Creek. We want to describe the project and explain why we oppose it in its current form.

What is a PUD?

PUD stands for Planned Unit Development. It's a zoning category a development project can qualify for if:

- it's more than 10 acres, and
- city staff decide it will be superior as a result of the PUD zoning in comparison to what could be built under regular zoning.

Under PUD guidelines, a developer who meets the superiority standard is allowed greater density and flexibility regarding development regulations. The PUD's standards are negotiated between the developer and city staff.

What is the Austin Oaks PUD?

It's the proposed redevelopment of 31 acres on the southwest side of the MoPac/Spicewood Springs intersection (see map

on pg. 15). Currently, that site contains twelve 2-3 story office buildings containing a total of 450,000 sq. ft. office space. Existing zoning limits these buildings to less than 60 feet in height.

If developed as proposed, the Austin Oaks PUD would contain 1,634,000 sq. ft., a mixture of office, residential, restaurant and retail space. Buildings would range from 2-4 story apartments and townhomes to one 14 and one 17-story office building. It's projected to add 21,000 new vehicle trips to the area's current traffic volume and from 125-150 more students to that area's schools.

It's on the other side of Mo-Pac. How will it affect North Shoal Creek?

Our first concern focuses on the 14-story (210 ft.) and 17-story (225 ft.) buildings planned for Austin Oaks. These are downtown sized buildings. The J.P. Morgan Chase Tower at 700 Lavaca is 210 ft. tall. The AMLI Building on Second Street is 225 ft. high. Allowing buildings this tall sets a precedent that would allow equally tall buildings at other MoPac intersections. *(continued on page 15)*

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IMPORTANT DATES

Neighbors for Shoal Creek, Sept. 18th, Bella Salon: Benefit for the Shoal Creek Conservancy. More information at www.shoalcreekconservancy.org

Lower Dist. 7 City Council Candidates Forum: Friday, Sept. 26th, St. Louis Church, 7-8:30 p.m.; arrive at 6:30 to meet the candidates

NSCNA General Meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2014, Pillow Elementary School, 3025 Crosscreek Drive, 6:30 p.m.



Happy Fall, Happy Cooler Weather, Happy Halloween And Thanksgiving! Fall events on page 4
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Neighborhood News

Fall 2014 Issue

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

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President's Corner: Many hands make light work *by Elizabeth Ray, President*

We are very fortunate to have a handful of uber volunteers who do the heavy lifting for the neighborhood. Let's help them out by pitching in to lighten their load. It is amazing what a positive impact you can have on your neighborhood with just a few hours a year. And every hour is greatly appreciated!

Here are some examples that **average less than 1 hour per month:**

- Deliver newsletters 4 or more times a year to 1 or more streets
- Light candles 1 evening per year in December for the Luminaria Walk at Pillow Elementary School
- Attend 1 urban planning meeting as a show of force to support our Development Committee
- Write 1 article for the neighborhood newsletter
- Co-host a National Night Out party October 7th
- Attend the District 7 Candidate Forum September 26th

There are many other examples.

Consider serving on the board of directors or as an officer for next year. You will be among friends. During my brief time as president, the board has been supportive, encouraging, and willing to share the workload. Nominations for next year's positions will be orga-

nized in the next few months. The time commitment is small, but the positive impact on the neighborhood is phenomenal.

Consider joining the Development Committee and help these hard working neighbors cover the many meetings where a show of neighborhood support is greatly needed and appreciated. Help make sure the Austin City Council and developers know there are people already living here who need to be considered before approving, for example, an application to build a 17-story building at MoPac and Spicewood Springs. Many of these meetings are held in the neighborhoods, some are downtown.

Become a member. Even if your schedule does not allow attending the General Membership meetings, show your support by joining the association. We are working hard to make the changes in and around our neighborhood positive ones. We welcome new neighbors to pitch in and help out in our effort to keep our neighborhood a great place to live.

To volunteer, send an email to one of the committees listed in the column to the left. Or, attend a General Membership meeting and ask to be introduced to one of the committee chairs. You may be surprised to find that you already know them!



The North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association is pleased to announce that Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union is the sponsor of our 2014 Newsletters.

Austin's Big Bang city council election nears

by Steven Zettner, editor *AustinDistrict7.org*

The upcoming November 4 municipal election may be the most consequential in Austin City Council history. It begins the new 10-1 system, with 10 council members elected from individual districts and one at-large mayor. It's a political Big Bang with more than 70 candidates total. But from the voter's perspective, all the eggs are in just two baskets: the mayoral race and the race for Council member for the voter's district. North Shoal Creek is in City Council District 7, and this article focuses on the eight District 7 candidates:

Jeb Boyt:

- Has worked for years in state agencies as a land use attorney and has served on several City boards and commissions, most recently the 2012 Bond Advisory Task Force.
- Advocate for creek hike-and-bike trails and land conservation efforts to protect water quality.
- Champions compact and connected goals of the Imagine Austin plan, in particular housing affordability, public transportation, and open space.

Ed English:

- Retired sales and marketing professional; was involved in the Austinites for Geographic Representation (AGR) effort to get the 10-1 system approved.
- Calls himself a fiscal conservative and social liberal; prioritizes short-term affordability through modest homeowner exemptions and utility rate relief, and responsiveness to local constituents.
- Proposes directing most new growth away from established neighborhoods but supports more zoning of apartments in some places.

Jimmy Paver:

- Campaign and local office manager for US Congressman Lloyd Doggett; served one session as State Representative Mark Strama's legislative director.
- Focus is on cutting waste and will leverage state and federal contacts to bring more outside funding to transportation projects.
- Supports modest growth that doesn't undermine neighborhoods and wants to target cost savings towards tax relief for those who need it most.
- Has worked for his parents' daycare chain, Stepping Stone Schools, and supports small business.

Leslie Pool:

- Has served on numerous city boards and commissions, most recently the 2012 Bond Advisory Task Force.
- Involved in a community-led effort to improve the state's redevelopment of the Bull Creek property near 45th.
- Is running a quality of life campaign; supports retaining compatibility standards and respecting neighborhood plans.
- Sees a place for new housing if integrated respectfully; would end corporate subsidies and reform taxes to improve affordability.

Pete Salazar:

- Has worked at several area non-profits (Goodwill, Caritas), specializing in the homeless and veterans.
- Focus is Austin's fast-eroding working class
- Has a strong appreciation for local businesses.

Melissa Zone:

- Urban planner with Travis County responsible for watershed and transportation; has been active in Crestview's effort to get a park and has made quality of life her top priority.
- Says she is the only candidate with real experience implementing a corridor plan.
- Supports protecting single family housing; is concerned about the corrosive impact of too much large-apartment-style housing in established areas.
- Proposes to transfer more of the cost of growth to developers and wants to improve affordability by cutting bond costs.

Update:

Two candidates filed after this article was written

Darryl Wittle: managing partner, Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar in the Domain; says affordability, traffic and water are the big issues facing Austin. Unlike several candidates, says the current Council has done a good job, and the city will likely face those three issues "ad infinitum."

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Fall, the perfect season to make a new connection

by Erin Poole, co-editor



We're heading into one of my favorite times of year. Leaves are starting to fall, pecans are beginning to ripen, and I can almost smell the pumpkin bread I'm going to bake wafting through the house. With

fall comes a bounty of activities to enjoy in Austin, many of them free. So get your gobble on and enjoy something fun. There are traditional favorites like watching Texas football or attending the **Pecan Street Festival**, or try something new such as a **Turkey Trot** or wandering through a five-acre corn maze. Better yet, ask a neighbor or friend to go with you.

Fall is the perfect time to make or renew connections. Robin Williams' passing reminded me that every connection we make may impact someone in a positive way especially if they're struggling or lonely. Just think ... if we speak to a neighbor 1 minute a week that adds up to 4 minutes a month and 48 minutes a year. I can personally attest to the value of neighbor friendships—I joined our association last year and have made several lasting friendships.

This season our friendly pets can participate in activities too, from **Barkitecture** to **Dogtoberfest**. Plus, many events raise money for local groups.

In the mood for something spooky? Try **Austin Ghost Tours** for a walking tour of haunted spots or join a haunting investigation! You might also wander into the **Driskill Hotel** or the **Texas Capitol** building, considered by some to be ghostly favorites.

Fall wouldn't be complete without a visit to a pumpkin patch. Visit one around town or take a short drive to nearby **Barton Hill Farms**—wander through a 5-acre corn maze, bob for apples, or take in local music. Get in the spirit of the season at **Wurstfest and Oktoberfest** celebrations. Relax with friends and family, learn some German phrases, and try some local sausages or brew.

I hope the changing season brings you new experiences and festive memories.

Local fun

Austin Museum Day – September 21, free access and

activities

Pecan Street Festival - September 27-28, free admission; art, food, and music

Dogtoberfest at the Domain, October 18 – free access; fun for you and Fido

Barkitecture - October 19 - Modern dog house competition and dog rescue fundraiser

NXNW Oktoberfest – October 25-26 – \$2 admission; German food, music, beer and fun activities for kids and adults, including a Bratwurst Eating Contest!

Village Christian Apartments' annual holiday bazaar - November 1, 9:00 a.m.-4 p.m., 7925 Rockwood

ThunderCloud Subs Turkey Trot - November 27, Thanksgiving morning, <http://thundercloud.com/turkey-trot/event-info>

Austin Ghost Tours – Details at austinghosttours.com

Pumpkin patches

Red Barn Garden Center - 12881 Pond Springs Road

Shoal Creek Nursery - 2710 Hancock Drive

Saint John's United Methodist Church – opens October 14, Mondays-Saturdays

Check websites for details.

Nearby activities

Barton Hill Farms, Fall Festival & Corn Maze, Bastrop, TX, – September 22-November 18, Saturdays and Sundays; free for kids 2 and under; details about additional November dates at bartonhillfarms.com

Oktoberfest, Fredericksburg – October 3-5, oompah music, food and drinks; children 6 and under are free

Wurstfest, New Braunfels – November 7-16, a 10-day celebration of German culture; sausages, beer, dancing; children 12 and under are admitted free



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Back to school and Back the Future at Pillow

contributed by Kimberly Davishines, Gabrielle Lucas, and Annette Hendricks-Bohne

Back the Future: Successful students are everyone's business. Successful schools build successful communities. Texas PTA is rallying communities to support their schools with a new **Back the Future Campaign**. You can help the Pillow PTA put the **YOU** back in comm**YOU**nity! Join PTA, volunteer, buy a T-shirt, or come to any of our spirit nights. Our first spirit night will be Thursday, September 18th, 6-8 p.m. at Playland Skate Center, 8822 McCann.

If you're interested in becoming a Pillow PTA donor or sponsor, please contact pillowpta@gmail.com.

Tuesday, September 16: Pillow's Back to School Night: Visit your child's classroom, meet his or her teacher, and get acquainted with other parents.

October 24-25: Dinosaur George: Self-taught paleontologist and animal behaviorist "Dinosaur George" Blasing will be featured at Pillow PTA's first big fundraiser. Details will be posted soon on the Pillow PTA site <http://pillowpta.weebly.com>.

BOOK DRIVE THANK YOU!

The staff of Pillow Elementary thanks you, our Pillow community, for your donations to our Summer Reading Program book drive. Thanks to your generosity, we collected approximately 8,000 books, which allowed each Pillow student to receive 12 to 15 books for summer reading.

We hope to make our book drive an annual event, so please keep us in mind as you clean out your bookshelves this year.

The goal of our book drive is for students to maintain or increase their reading levels over the summer, rather than fall behind.

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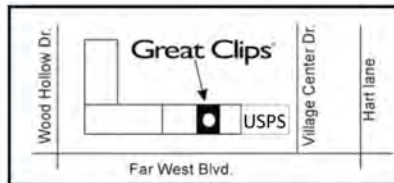
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Fall fun at North Village Library: youth programming season already in gear *by Celia Holm, Youth Librarian*

The first half of North Village's Fall children's programming began August 26 and continues through Friday, October 10. The second half begins Tuesday, October 28 and runs through Friday, December 5. Here's a schedule of storytimes during both sessions:

- **Tuesdays 10:00 a.m.:** Books and Babies Storytime *Aimed at infants from birth to 17 months; replaces the Tuesday Toddler Storytime*
- **Tuesdays 11:00 a.m.:** Spanish Storytime *for all ages*
- **Fridays 10:15 a.m.:** Toddler Storytime *ages 18 months to 3 years*
- **Fridays 11:00 a.m.:** Preschool Storytime *ages 3-5 years*
- **First Friday of each month 4:00 p.m.:** Lego Lab *ages 5 and up*
- **Wednesday afternoons at 4:00 p.m.:** Book Circle *for ages 5 and up. We'll be sharing stories and a different activity every week.*
- **Friday, October 24 10:15 a.m.:** Literature Live!

will be sharing "Not So Scary Stories!" *ages 3 and up*

- **Friday, December 12 11:00 a.m.:** A special monster themed storytime will be held for preschoolers.

Adults can choose from three book clubs:

- **Third Tuesday of the month 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.:** Café au Lit is a different kind of book club where you read what you like and find out what others are reading at the same time.
- **First Monday of the month 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.:** FACT Book Club
- **Second Tuesday of the month 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.:** YA* for Adults (*except for November 5, which is the first Tuesday*).

**YA refers to young adult literature*

To see what books are being discussed, go to North Village's home page at library.austintexas.gov/locations/north%20Village%20Branch. Scroll to *All adult events*, select *Located at North Village Branch*, then click *Apply*.

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Traffic calming devices installed on Rockwood

by Tomas Rodriguez, Traffic Committee Chair, and Sharon Justice, Media Co-Chair

In 1996, Rockwood residents asked for speed bumps to slow Rockwood's traffic. Now, nearly twenty years later, traffic calming devices (speed bumps are no longer used) have been added south of Steck, and a roundabout will be built north of Steck. Why were they requested and why did getting them take so long? Those are the questions we hope to answer in this article.

Safety, speeding, traffic volume, and damage to vehicles parked along the street have been long-standing issues on Rockwood, Ashdale, and Primrose. A recent traffic study of Rockwood showed 19% of northbound drivers and nearly 15% of southbound drivers were speeding. Residents of all three streets have requested traffic calming installations, and the City's traffic studies show all three are eligible. So, traffic calming is needed; unfortunately, the need greatly exceeds the funding. The City's traffic calming program, aka speeding mitigation, can address only a small percentage of eligible streets. Last year, only 6 of 78 eligible requests were funded in the first funding round.

The program's staff evaluate eligible requests and score and rank them. In 2012, Rockwood ranked high enough to be funded, but Ashdale and Primrose had lower scores and didn't make the cut. That 2012 money was allocated this year, so Rockwood's traffic calming devices were finally built in 2014.

Each installation is based on the traffic patterns of the street. Rockwood's design—a combination of curb extensions, speed tables and lane dividers—forces drivers to slow down but does not impede emergency vehicles or buses. While the City of Austin advocates streets with bike lanes, Rockwood is an exception because Burnet and Shoal Creek have bike lanes.

To stop drivers from running the stop sign at the Rockwood/Crosscreek intersection, a "stop ahead" sign was placed north of that intersection. In addition, a roundabout will be constructed at the Rockwood/Stillwood intersection. The final internal review of the planned roundabout is in process, and construction could begin in about a month, though additional delays are possible.

For more information on traffic calming, please email NSCNA's Traffic Committee at traffic@nscna.org or the committee chair at trafficchair@nscna.org. You can also learn more at austintexas.gov/department/local-area-traffic-management. You'll find links to application packets plus program guidelines and procedures.



Curb extensions, lane divider, and speed tables on Rockwood.
Photo by Daniel Barrera

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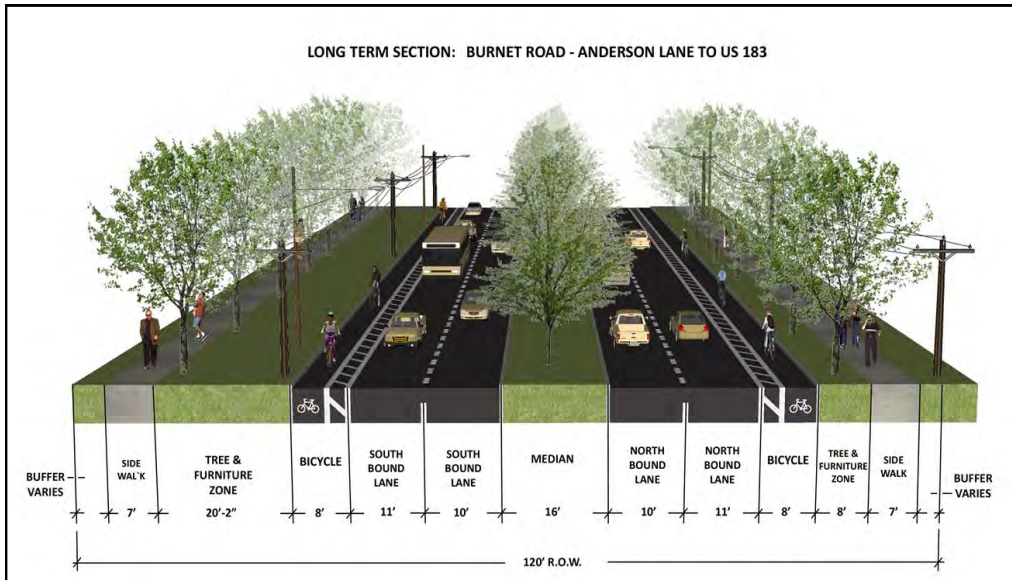
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City of Austin 20-year plan envisions improvements to Burnet Road *by Sharon Justice, co-editor*



Burnet Road between West Anderson Lane and 183 might look like this in 2035, if the recommendations of the Austin Mobility North Lamar/Burnet Corridor Program are put into effect.

CURRENT LEVEL-OF-SERVICE GRADES

	AM/PM
Burnet/Anderson	D / D
Burnet/Steck	B / C
Burnet/Buell	B / B
Burnet/Rockwood	A / B
Burnet/183 East Frontage	F / F
Burnet/183 West Frontage	D / F

A=Excellent D=Acceptable
 B=Good E=Congested
 C=Average F=Severely Congested

In December 2013 the City’s Transportation Department issued the final report of the **Austin Mobility North Lamar/Burnet Corridor Program**. It recommends the “total reconstruction” of Burnet Road by 2035. However, implementing this must wait until “further funding becomes available.”

Meanwhile, smaller upgrades are planned for the segment between Anderson and 183. Upgrades include sidewalks for areas lacking them and a pedestrian crossing at Ashdale and Burnet. The recent addition of bike lanes and bus stops, funded by 2012 bond money, are also part of the corridor program’s recommendations.

The report projects a 38% growth in traffic volume by 2035 for Burnet. It includes A-F grades for intersections on both Lamar and Burnet. The grades assigned to

intersections along our neighborhood’s segment of Burnet are listed in the chart to the right.

The final report is available online at www.austintexas.gov/departments/corridor-studies

Waterloo Ice House Remodeling *by Sharon Justice, co-editor*

A remodeling permit has been filed with the City of Austin for the Waterloo Ice House at 8600 Burnet. The general manager there says the remodeling will include a full bar. She also says the location is not closing, which is good news to many in our neighborhood.

NSCNA News

Neighborhood Planning Update By Kevin Wier, Chair, Development Committee

In June, the City Council authorized planning for the Burnet Road Corridor (45th to US 183) and the Anderson Lane Corridor (MoPac to the Cap Metro railroad tracks). Planning for the North Shoal Creek Neighborhood was approved at the same time.

The start of the planning process, however, has been delayed as city staff and neighborhoods along Burnet work out how neighborhood plans will coordinate with corridor plans. A major point has not been addressed yet: if there are conflicts between the neighborhood and corridor plans, which plan has authority over the other?

Once a specific kickoff date is announced, we'll post the information on our website and Yahoo group.

Newsletter Delivery Expands By Sharon Justice, Co-Chair, Media Committee

Good news—beginning with this issue, our newsletter is being distributed to apartment and condo complexes as well as to single-family homes in our neighborhood.

We welcome our new readers and hope you find our *Neighborhood News* informative and entertaining.

My thanks to Media Committee members Kenneth Webb and Donna Eager who took the lead in contacting area condos and apartments to make delivery arrangements.

HELP WANTED: NSCNA needs volunteers for its **Nominating Committee**. The Committee is active from September to the January election of new officers. Committee members solicit and vet candidates for the Association's seven board and four officer positions. If you are interested in serving on this important committee, please email directors@nscna.org.

We also need candidates to run for our board and officer positions and volunteers to serve on our eight standing committees. For more information, please email directors@nsnca.org.

Basic Election Resources

For short profiles of mayoral and city council candidates plus links to their websites, Facebook, and Twitter pages, try

⇒ **Austin American Statesman:** www.statesman.com/s/news/elections—light on biographical information, heavy on campaign financing reports

⇒ **Austin Chronicle's Election Central site:** www.austinchronicle.com/elections—slightly longer profiles plus a calendar of candidate forums

AustinDistrict7: www.austindistrict7.org—covers mayoral candidates and candidates running in District 7; it provides articles and in-depth interviews with District 7 candidates.

Travis County's **VoteTravis site:** www.votetravis.com—provides voter information such as polling locations, voter registration deadlines, and sample ballots.

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Things Can Change

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The Impact Our Vote Can Have
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In Times Where Voter Turn Out
Seems To Wane
Our Vote, Our Voice
Counts Even More

Ed Seymour, Neighbor

Fourth of July celebration highlight of the summer

by Amelia Cobb, Chair, Social Committee

This year the North Shoal Creek neighborhood celebrated the Fourth of July in style at the 14th Annual July 4th Parade and Celebration. A record number of adults and children along with decorated bikes, trikes, wagons, strollers, and pets joined the parade, led by local police and fire units. Neighbor Roger Wines served as unofficial Parade Grand Marshal, helping lead the parade as patriotic music played from the speakers on his truck. The parade concluded with classic cars driven by neighbors.

The festivities continued under the pavilion at Pillow, with face painting, temporary tattoos, a balloon twister, games, sidewalk art, and prizes and food donated by local businesses.

We want to thank Mr. Gatti's Pizza, Casa Chapala, Taco Cabana, Allandale HEB, and Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union for providing refreshments. We also thank Precision Camera, Terra Toys, Sandy's Shoes & Toys, Burnet Road Animal Hospital, Highland Lanes, Playland Skate Center, McAlister's Deli, Yogurtland, Elevation Burger, Schlotzsky's, Sonic Drive-in, Dairy Queen, Noodles & Company, and Cavender's for donating prizes.

A big shout out goes to the volunteers who planned, organized, and worked to make this event possible: Sherran Williams, Ernie Garcia, Erin Poole, Sharon Jus-



Parade organizers Amelia Cobb (left) and Erin Poole (right) with Grand Marshal Roger Wines. Photo by Shirley Webb.

tice, Roger and Jeri Wines, Kenneth Webb, Barbara Gaston, Donna Eager, Amelia Cobb, Alice Kubacek, Kevin and Mary Jane Wier, Ken Moyer, Dallas and Helene Maham, and Kate Brien. A special thank you to judges Carol Hubbard, Theresa Seibold, and Ellen Smith; to Thelma DeLeon for supplying the banner; and to NSCNA VP Mike Blood for serving as MC.

If you weren't able to attend this year, we invite you to come next year. The more the merrier.



Above: Roger Wines prepares to start the parade. Photo by Sharon Justice

Left: Music teacher and North Shoal Creek resident Judy Rowland opened the parade ceremony with a splendid rendition of the Star Spangled Banner. She's joined here by Kenneth Webb, ex-VP and ex-President of NSCNA..

July 4th 2014 parade: a gallery of photos

by Shirley Webb, Kenneth Webb, Erin Poole, and Sharon Justice





National Night Out: October 7, 2014



National Night Out (NNO) is Tuesday, October 7. It's a great opportunity not only to promote crime awareness and prevention but also to strengthen the partnership between our neighborhood

and public safety officers. Plus, it's an excellent opportunity to meet your neighbors and make new friends.

NSCNA's Safety Committee is keeping a list of NNO block parties, which will be posted at the NSCNA website about a week prior to the event. Be sure to visit our site if you want to attend a block party near you.

If you're hosting a block party and you haven't already told the Safety Committee, please email your name and address to them at safety@nscna.org. We want our list to be as complete as possible.

Austin's National Night Out Kick-Off Celebration is Saturday, October 4, lakeside at the Mueller Airport Development, 4550 Mueller Boulevard, 10 am-2 pm. There will be free food, games, and music. For more information, please visit www.nnoaustin.org.

Austin's Big Bang City Council Election (continued from page 3)

Zach Ingraham: marketing and sales professional at LegalZoom.com. According to the Austin Chronicle, he's active in the Lamplight Village NA and his issues include transportation, affordability, law enforcement accountability, and the environment.

More information on all eight candidates, including links to their websites, Facebook and Twitter accounts, can be found at www.statesman.com/s/news/elections and at www.austinchronicle.com/elections

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The Austin Oaks PUD: implications for North Shoal Creek

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Our second concern also relates to building height. *Imagine Austin*, the City's master plan, adopted in 2012, designates the MoPac/Spicewood and MoPac/Anderson areas as neighborhood centers. Neighborhood centers are the "smallest and least intense" mixed-use centers. A regional center is the largest and is described as "places where the greatest density of people and jobs and the tallest buildings in the region will be located." We think that allowing some of the tallest buildings outside of downtown to be built in a neighborhood center instead of a regional center conflicts with *Imagine Austin*. And we fear that, if the precedent is set, it can allow equally tall buildings in the neighborhood center planned for the east side of MoPac at Anderson.

Another potential effect is on our area's traffic. The City's Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) projects Austin Oaks will add 21,000 more vehicle trips per day to existing traffic volume. However, the TIA did not examine the effect additional traffic will have east of MoPac. We expect it to have a ripple effect. To avoid congestion at Anderson and MoPac, some drivers will shift to Steck and Burnet. As congestion on those two street grows, we'll see more cut-through traffic on neighborhood streets.

Another traffic related aspect is this: when the MoPac/Anderson/Spicewood Springs areas were designated neighborhood centers, a transit facility was also envisioned. There are currently no concrete plans for a transit center. Building a dense neighborhood center without also providing adequate transportation infrastructure will result in more transportation frustration on both sides of MoPac.

What role can residents play in the decision to approve/disapprove this PUD?

PUD status limits input by residents. Austin Oaks' final specs will reflect negotiations between the developer and City staff. Residents can have input via City staff. In addition to the City Council, the project must be approved by the city's environmental and zoning boards. Residents can offer input to these two boards as well as the City Council.

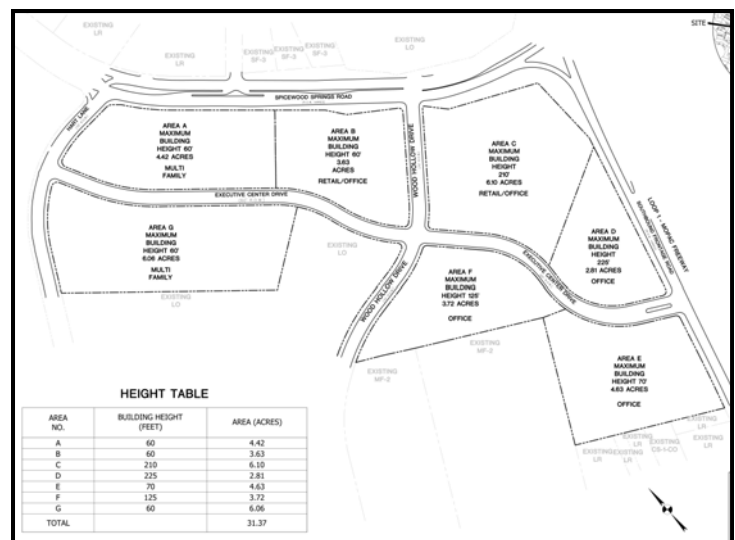
What happens next?

The assessment request filed by Austin Oaks' developer has been reviewed by the City's Planning and Review Department. Staff judged the project to be eligible for PUD zoning. City staff will now begin negotiating the development standards that will apply to Austin Oaks. Nobody knows how long that will take. It's conceivable, but unlikely, that the negotiation process, board and City Council approval could all happen before January 1.

NSCNA's board discussed Austin Oaks at our August 26th meeting and voted to recommend to the membership that NSCNA oppose the project. From our perspective, its negative effects outweigh the positive effects on North Shoal Creek. Other neighborhood associations also want, at a minimum, to negotiate changes that lessen the project's impact on traffic, schools, trees, and overall quality of life in their neighborhoods.

Please educate yourself about the Austin Oaks PUD. If you have a chance to attend a meeting about it, please go. Read some of the documents posted on the Northwest Austin Civic Association website (<http://sites.google.com/site/nwaca2org>). They're posted in the *Committee pages* section of the page, under *Zoning Committee*. Please tell the City Council how you feel. Our influence may be limited, but that only increases the importance of making our voices heard.

Map of the proposed Austin Oaks Planned Unit Development



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