



It snowed in Austin on February 6. It was only a dusting, but in Austin that counts as a memorable event. Neighbor Tina Huckabee took these photos of her garden in the snow. To enjoy more of Tina's photos, check out her blogpost at <https://mygardensays.com/2020/02/06/snow-day/>.

Land Development Code rewrite passes second of three readings

A report from NSCNA's Development Committee

With a 7-4 vote, the Austin City Council passed the Land Development Code revision for the second time during its February 12 meeting. As they did on the first vote, council members Alter, Kitchen, Pool and Tovo voted no. The third and final vote is expected in late March or early April.

More than 80 amendments were debated. Amendments that passed included one that allows larger duplexes and another that reduces the required age of a qualifying home to be preserved from 30 to 15 years.

Unsuccessful amendments included one that would have prohibited transition zones in areas where localized flooding poses a risk. Another would have required that sidewalk funding be included in the city's Capital Improvement Project budget before missing-middle or transition zoning could be applied to areas lacking sidewalks.

District 7 Council Member Leslie Pool offered an amendment to promote Live/Work Character Districts, which — had it been

approved — could have restored Buell Avenue's zoning to Light Industrial, as envisioned in our neighborhood plan and on our Future Land Use Map (FLUM). The amendment was withdrawn but will be brought up again when Draft 3 comes up for debate and a final vote. District 7 staff expressed hope that it will be approved next time.

No changes were made to Rockwood Lane's R4 zoning south of Steck. Committee members canvassed residents living in the 26 homes to be rezoned R4 and neighbors living within 200 feet of these homes, asking them to file protests against the rezoning prior to February 29.

Since reading text about zoning changes can rapidly cause eyes to glaze over, the next two pages contain illustrations of housing under the proposed new code. They are taken from city staff's February 5 work session, which included slides showing the kinds of housing that can be built in areas zoned R2A, the equivalent to our current SF2 and SF3 single-family zoning.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Neighborhood garage sale: April 25
Also that day: **Pillow Spring Fling**, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on the Pillow Elementary School Campus
West Austin Studio Tour: noon to 6 p.m. May 9-10 and 16-17

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Examples of R2A housing

- Allows up to two units on a lot.
- Applies to all but 26 North Shoal Creek homes that are currently zoned SF2 and SF3.
- With preservation bonus, can qualify for a third unit if primary structure is 15 years old or older and property owner chooses to remodel rather than replace it.

	Zone Standard	As Illustrated
Lot Size	5000 sf min.	5000 sf
Unit Size		1940 sf
FAR	0.4 or 1300 sf/unit	0.39
Impervious Cover	40% max.	40%

- 1 Unit
- Constrained by impervious cover and FAR

Illustration 1: 1,940 sf **single-family residence** on a 5,000 sf lot.
Max. bldg. ht.: 35'
Parking: 1 space per unit
Impervious cover: 40% max.

	Zone Standard	As Illustrated
Lot Size	5000 sf min.	5000 sf
Unit Size		1300 sf
FAR	0.4 or 1300 sf/unit	0.52 (1300 sf/unit)
Impervious Cover	45% max.	43%

- 2 Units
- Constrained by max unit size

Illustration 2: 2,600 sf **duplex** on a 5,000 sf lot. Each side is 1,300 sf.
Max. bldg. ht.: 35'
Parking: 1 space per unit (total of 2)
Impervious cover: 45% max.

	Zone Standard	As Illustrated
Lot Size	5000 sf min.	8500 sf (median)
Unit Size (for new)		1,700 sf
FAR	0.4 or 1300 sf/unit	0.4
Impervious Cover	50% max.	34%

- 1 Preserved Unit (1464sf) + 2 Units
- Constrained by FAR

Illustration 3: 1,464 sf **single-family residence** qualifying for a 2-unit **preservation bonus** (total units: 3) on 8,500-sf lot.
Max. bldg. ht.: 35'
Parking: 1 space
Impervious cover: 50% max.

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Examples of R4 housing

Applies to 26 North Shoal Creek homes currently zoned SF-2: 3000 and 3001 Firwood; 3000 Boxdale; 3001 Steck; and these 22 homes on Rockwood: 8001-8115 on the east side of the street, 8014-8102 on the west side of the street.



	Zone Standard	As Illustrated
Lot Size	5000 sf min.	5000 sf
Unit Size		587 sf/unit
FAR	0.6	0.47
Impervious Cover	55%	55%

- 4 Units
- Constrained by impervious cover

R4 is the least intense transition zone. As a transition zone, it is intended for missing-middle/multi-family housing, specifically for 4 to 8 units.

New single-family housing is not permitted. However, existing single-family homes will be grandfathered in and can be maintained, expanded and rebuilt. But, if a single-family is expanded to include multiple units, then the right to resume single-family use of the property is lost.

The top illustration to the left shows a 4-unit building, which is the zone standard. Each unit measures 587 sf. The bottom illustration shows an 8-unit building, which is the maximum number of units allowed and is permitted only under the Affordable Housing Bonus Program. Each unit measures 200 sf. Lot size in both illustrations is 5,000 sf.

Other possibilities for R4 zoning on a 5,000-sf lot include a duplex or a triplex. Two 5,000-sf lots can be combined and a 6-unit cottage court built, so long as the lot is a minimum 90-ft width. Townhouses are permitted on lots subdivided into 1,800-sf lots with a minimum 18-foot width per townhome lot.



	Zone Standard	As Illustrated
Lot Size	5000 sf min.	5000 sf
Unit Size		200 sf
FAR	0.6	0.32
Impervious Cover	55%	55%

- 8 Units
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Noteworthy neighborhood dining openings

By Amy Culbertson

Former restaurant critic and food editor Amy Culbertson writes a roundup of restaurant news of interest to the neighborhood in each issue. Send information and tips on openings and closings to her at newsletter@nscna.org, with the subject line OPENINGS.

North Shoal Creek's Crossroads Shopping Center, West Anderson Lane and the evolving Burnet Road restaurant corridor are providing most of the area's dining news this spring.

Crossroads

■ **Pub fare, paltry prices:** Look for a concept new not only to North Shoal Creek but also to Austin when the Bon Aire pub opens in the former Big Daddy's in the northernmost section of the Crossroads center.

"Cheap Food — Cool Drinks" reads the new pub's sign, and they mean it.

Partner Scott Hiller calls the concept "at-cost" food: a limited menu, made in-house from high-quality ingredients; tightly controlled prep, service and other costs, with little waste; plus a strong beverage program — allowing him to keep the menu prices very low indeed. He and partner Fritz Beer have based the idea on a Midwest favorite, the historic Fast Eddie's Bon Air roadhouse in Alton, Ill., near St. Louis. The pub menu will include a half-pound house-blend beef burger and a Beyond Meat vegan burger; kebabs (beef tenderloin, pork and veggie versions); a ground-in-house spicy brat; hot chicken drumettes on a skewer; peel-and-eat shrimp; and fries.

What makes the Bon Aire concept stand out is the plan is to keep every item under \$5 or so. At a time when you can barely find a burger for less than \$10 unless a drive-through is involved, that's no small feat, especially considering that, as Hiller puts it, "we purchase nothing that's already assembled."

Hiller and Beer are banking on their beverage sales supporting the low food mark-up. There'll be two dozen beers on tap, full cocktail service, frozen drinks and a short list of wines chosen for their "value for quality," Hiller says.

All serving ware will be compostable or recyclable, Hiller says. It'll be walk-up counter service only. Don't bring your kids, though: Serving from early afternoon to late night, Bon Aire will be an age-21-and-up establishment.

"This is a concept that relies on beverage service," Hiller notes, "and to make the concept work you have to stick to it. You can't be everything to everybody."

He and Beer are expanding the sidewalk patio seating and redoing the interior for a contemporary pub look. Expect an April opening.

The Bon Aire, 9070 Research Blvd., No. 101; 512-917-5496; www.bonaireatx.com. Open from 2p Mon-Thu and 11a Sat-Sun; to midnight Sun-Thu and 2a Fri-Sat.

■ **Trudy's reopens:** The North Shoal Creek Tex-Mex staple Trudy's North Star is back in business after a January closing as its parent company filed for bankruptcy. Management at the restaurant, in the Crossroads Shopping Center at 8820 Burnet Road, report the plans are to remain open, though no one could be reached for comment at parent company Trudy's Texas Star.

■ **Hook'em:** Another seafood-boil chain is looking to establish a beachhead in Austin: Hook and Reel Cajun Seafood & Bar promises a "spring" opening in the Crossroads at 9070 Research. Despite the Cajun theme, the chain is based in Flushing, N.Y., with most of its stores on the East Coast.

West Anderson

■ **Serious pizza:** Chef Shawn Cirkiel (Parkside, Olive & June) gave Austin a new pizza benchmark a decade ago with his Backspace downtown. Now his Parkside Projects group is bringing Cirkiel's highly regarded traditional Neapolitan-style pies — thin-crust, wood-fired — to West Anderson Lane.

The new Backspace, adding pastas to the roster of pizzas, panini, salads and antipasti, will open later this spring at

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1745 W. Anderson Lane at Rutgers Avenue. Expect a full bar at this Backside, along with Italian wines, beers and coffees.

■ **Meanwhile**, Sunrise Mini Mart owner Sam Rozani has backed off from his plans to open a much-anticipated wine bar in the former East Side Pies space next door at 1809 W. Anderson Lane. He'd been planning to feature pizza at the wine bar, but with Backspace going in on the other side of his store, he felt the two concepts might be too similar.

He says he's now thinking of channeling his passion for wine and beer, which has made his convenience store an unlikely mecca for wine enthusiasts, in another direction: turning the space into a retail liquor store, once the necessary permits are secured.

Burnet corridor

■ **Guilt-free grain bowls**: There's hardly a nutritional buzzword that's not name-checked on Honest Mary's menu of hearty/healthy bowls: no refined sugars, always organic, hand-line-caught tuna, antibiotic- and hormone-free steak, non-genetically-modified oils. Dining vegan, paleo, dairy- or gluten-free? You're covered.

Pick your protein, add a base such as black forbidden rice or tricolor quinoa; then pile on the toppings, from avocado to edamame, and finish with your sauce of choice, from vegan cashew lime crema to sesame vinaigrette. Or opt for one of a half-dozen signature bowls. A roster of appealing sides, from kale with lemon to butternut squash piqued with the Moroccan spice blend *ras al hanout*, ups the ante.

In the former Blue Star space in the Rosedale Village Shopping Center, the new Honest Mary's is the second site for this nascent mini-chain, after the Arboretum. More check-offs: local beers, coffees and kombuchas; from-scratch aguas frescas; blond wood; ample greenery; dog-friendly covered patio.

Honest Mary's, 4800 Burnet Road, Suite C300, 512-220-0269, www.honestmarys.com. 11a-9p daily. Credit cards only; no cash.

■ **Hipster Chinese**: Downtown's Old Thousand, which puts a contemporary-Texas twist on Chinese-American classics on its menu and pounding hip-hop on its playlist, has chosen North Central Austin for its first spinoff.

The Brentwood South Old Thousand, opening this month or next, will be a streamlined version of the four-year-old mothership, with counter service and options to dine in or carry out in the former Noble Sandwich space at 4805 Burnet Road. Old Thousand general manager Brett Bettin says the lunch/dinner menu will include downtown favorites such as General Tso's chicken, brisket fried rice, char siu (barbecue pork belly on steamed bao buns) and a daily dumpling (al pastor, perhaps, or beef and blue cheese).

■ **Cluckin' and jivin'**: The fast-casual Happy Chicks Chicken Kitchen is serving up a chicken-centric short list of tenders, nuggets, sandwiches, homey sides and a rainbow of sauces in Brentwood at 6425 Burnet Road. It's the

third iteration in the Austin mini-chain and the first outside downtown.

Happy Chicks, 6425 Burnet Road, 512-467-4209, <https://www.happychicks.com/>. 11a-10p daily.

Elsewhere

■ **Sports and sushi**: Twenty HDTVs, 15 beers on tap and plenty of spirits have transformed Street, downstairs from Chinatown on Greystone Drive just west of MoPac, into Far East Sports Bar. Sushi combos, Asian-leaning finger food and a few Chinese-American main dishes provide fortification. The cozy retreat most memorably housed Musashino before Chinatown owner Ronald Cheng converted it into the casual pan-Asian Street. At the new Far East, look for generous happy hours and discounts during watch parties, including the Tokyo Olympics in July (events schedule posted on website).

Far East Sports Bar, downstairs at 3407 Greystone Drive, 512-436-3153, www.fareastsportsbar.com. Open till midnight daily, from 3p Mon-Fri, from 11:30a Sat-Sun.

■ **New brew**: The latest addition to North Austin's growing brewery district, centered east of Burnet Road around Kramer and Metric, is Hopsquad Brewing Co. Along with five beers on its permanent roster, Hopsquad is offering a rotation of seasonal brews, local cider and wine in its expansive and colorful tasting room on Kramer Lane just north of West Braker.

Japanese and Southeast Asian bites grilled over charcoal — garlic chicken wings, chili prawns, short rib — are available from the on-site Japanese food truck Tsuke Honten, which is drawing a lot of interest with its audacious 11-course omakase (chef-chosen prix fixe meal) for just \$29 a person (reservations through Tock).

Hopsquad Brewing Co., 2307 Kramer Lane, 512-220-0541, <http://www.hopsquad.com/>; 3-9p Wed-Thu, noon-10p Fri-Sat, noon-6p Sun. Tsuke Honten, <https://www.tsukehonten.com/>; 5:30-9p Wed-Thu, noon-10 Sat, noon 6p Sun. Both closed Mon-Tue.

■ **Restaurant closings**: **Taco Cabana**, 8620 Burnet Road, one of 19 stores closed by the national chain earlier this year; **Red Pepper Szechuan**, 2700 W. Anderson Lane; **Nelo's Cycles and Coffee**, 8108 Mesa Drive.

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Pedaling with Pam By Pam Ferguson, newsletter contributor

Dear neighbors and friends: As our traffic increases monthly, I urge motorists and cyclists to honor one another's rights.

As a cyclist, I'd love to have an owl's ability to swivel my neck for a 360-degree view to feel totally safe. The reason is simple: Some motorists just do not seem to see us. Is it because we are vertical creatures? Or is it because too many motorists continue to flout laws against texting while driving?

Who has the right of way?

While patiently waiting for the pedestrian signal at a traffic light, I always wave at any approaching motorists to ensure they have seen me before they swing right on a red light. Friends, please note: Cyclists and pedestrians have the right of way when the pedestrian sign is flashing or giving the magical countdown that lets us know how long we have to cross the road. Turning right on red is not a motorist's right if pedestrians or cyclists are trying to cross.

Case in point: At Northcross Road and West Anderson Lane, motorists often swing out of Northcross as soon as the left-turn arrow is green, not realizing the pedestrian light gives both cyclists and pedestrians the right to cross

Anderson. Believe it or not, I've seen motorists texting or applying eye makeup while swinging onto Anderson. Yikes!

Happily, the rule-breakers seem to be in the minority. Most drivers wave and smile. But I've been cursed by motorists accelerating onto West Anderson as pedestrians scurry across or cyclists sprint out of the way.

Vanishing bike lanes

If you have used Shoal Creek recently between West Anderson and U.S. 183, you'll notice the beautifully marked bike lanes — so useful for cyclists and for pedestrians.

By contrast, next time you rattle up or down Rockwood between Burnet and West Anderson, do so with the eyes of a cyclist. Bike lanes are here one minute and then vanish. Those pop-out islands require a lot of courtesy from both cyclists and motorists and are hard to navigate when a huge truck or SUV is panting to sweep by. Usually I pause and let the impatient ones by after one motorist cursed me for slowing her down. (To be fair, I've also heard motorists curse crazy cyclists who sail through red lights at the Rockwood/Steck crossing.)



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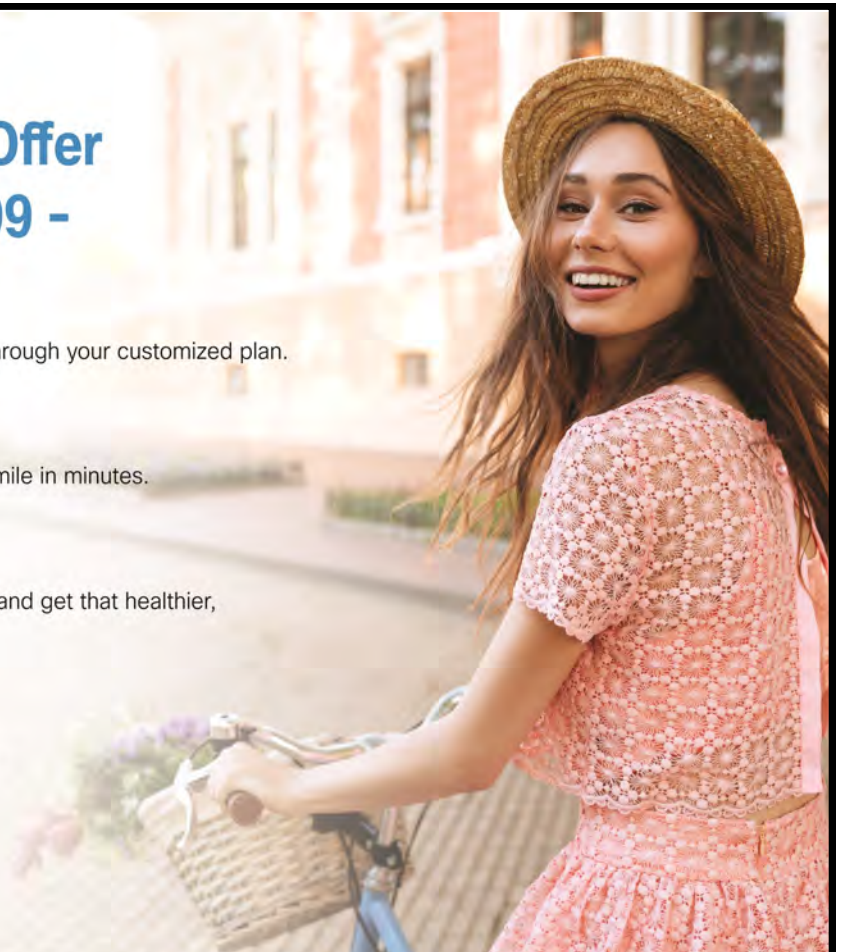
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Biking around town

As I do most of my local shopping and errands by bike (yes, that's me on the yellow town bike with all the political stickers), I am tickled when folks congratulate me and wish they could do the same. "What's stopping you?" I ask.

Over the years I have cycled in London, Zurich, Berlin, Amsterdam, Vienna, New York, Dallas, Montreal and Cape Town. I've exhibited my collection of bicycle photographs from all those cities and more, as I'm fascinated by the range of bikes and their uses. I've seen them transporting anything from fridges to floral deliveries, or propped on street corners to advertise local gyms or bars.

I love cycling in Austin and have worked out routes that work well for me. Avoiding Burnet, for example, I use Grover/Woodrow to reach Central Market and then head down Guadalupe to campus. Join me?

Yellow Bike Project offers cycling resources

Austin's Yellow Bike Project is a wonderful gift, as it rehabs discarded bikes and teaches classes in bike repairs. Its shop at 1216 Webberville Road sells refurbished bikes and offers cyclists a place to work on their bikes, tools to use, knowledgeable advice and used parts for sale: <https://austinyellowbike.org/>.

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Statistics from 11/16/19 to 2/15/20 per Austin MLS

Smaller Homes 1200 - 1491 square feet

- # of homes sold: 2
- Avg. days on the market: 7
- Avg. sq. ft.: 1346
- Avg. sold price per sq. ft.: \$275.30
- Avg. sold price: \$365,000

Larger Homes 1736 - 1807 square feet

- # of homes sold: 2
- Avg. days on the market: 58
- Avg. sq. ft.: 1772
- Avg. sold price per sq. ft.: \$316.91
- Avg. sold price: \$561,250

Current inventory remains low with only 2 active listings for sale from \$482,500 to \$550,000 and 3 homes pending from \$379,000 to \$565,000

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HORIZON REALTY
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Pillow will provide haven for monarchs with butterfly garden

By Amy Culbertson

Now under construction at Pillow Elementary: a rest stop for butterflies.

Just east of the North Shoal Creek Community Garden on the northwestern corner of the Pillow campus, Pillow Parent Support Specialist Raul Vallejo is shepherding the creation of a garden that will nurture monarch butterflies on their north-south migrations.

Native plants to feed and shelter monarchs will be planted in 12 circular raised beds, surrounded like islands by decomposed-granite walkways. The design will allow the beds to be observed from a 360-degree perspective, and Vallejo said the granite will retain enough runoff water from the beds' regular watering to provide moisture for the butterflies.

The garden-in-progress is funded by a grant from the World Wildlife Foundation's Monarch Heroes program.

It's a three-year program whose first year will see design, construction and planting of the Pillow Butterfly Garden, with the second year devoted to growing and maintaining the plants and determining which are sustainable. The third year should see the garden established and fully integrated into the Pillow curriculum, offering lessons about biology, habitat and natural design.

Pillow students have been involved in the garden project from its inception. The design team included students as well as faculty and staff; students will play a major role in the garden's planting and maintenance. As the project progresses, Vallejo expects the older students to mentor younger students who become interested in working with the garden.

Only native plants will be used, including shrubs for habitat and nectar plants, including native milkweeds. The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center has supplied 500 seeds and 40 seedlings, grown especially for Pillow, to get the garden started. Vallejo says the plantings will be geared to monarchs but will attract other butterflies and pollinators as well. Plants particularly attractive to bees will be avoided, he said, because of the issue of bee-venom allergies.

The community will be welcome to enjoy the garden, which will incorporate a "mindfulness" element: Each bed will have a placard describing a mindfulness technique. Vallejo hopes to find funding to add a bench.

Vallejo is also hoping to see parents and neighbors helping out on garden workdays. Volunteers can sign up at <https://forms.gle/cUQUPmKAeXhKY6Tq5>; for questions, contact Vallejo at 512-659-6640 or raul.vallejo@austinisd.org.

NSCNA's garage sale, Pillow's Spring Fling coming up April 25

The North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association's annual neighborhood-wide garage sale will be held Saturday, April 25.

If you want to participate by holding a garage or yard sale on that date, please register so your address will appear on the official map of the sales, copies of which will be distributed to each sale site.

To register your sale, send an email to garagesale@nscna.org. Please provide:

- Your name.
- Your address.
- Your contact email or phone number.

NOTE: All that will appear on the map is the address of your sale.

This sale will be advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and on Craigslist, Facebook, garagesalefinder.com and other sites. Signs will be placed around the neighborhood before the sale.

The deadline to sign up for your address to appear on the map is Wednesday, April 15.

Pillow's Spring Fling carnival will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on that same Saturday on the Pillow Elementary School campus, 3025 Crosscreek Drive. Proceeds will benefit the Pillow Gardening project.

Please add April 25 to your calendar. If you're planning to host a sale, remember to email your sale information to garagesale@nscna.org **by April 15** so shoppers will know how to find your sale.

If you aren't, be sure to browse your neighbors' sales and stop by Pillow Elementary School to join in the fun. We look forward to seeing you there!

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Neighborhood briefs: Updates on nearby property changes


8007 Burnet (previously Zoe's Place): A demolition permit has been filed for this 1.09-acre site, and a 55-unit apartment complex — to be named Burnet Place — will be built here by Austin nonprofit Project Transitions. It will house low-income individuals diagnosed with HIV/AIDS. This is one of eight affordable housing projects funded by the Austin City Council in August 2019.

8803 N. Mopac (currently Ergon Asphalt): A neighborhood plan amendment has been filed to change the future land use/character district designation for this site from Industry to Commerce. Approval by the Planning Commission and City Council will be required. NSC's Contact Team will be notified of the time, date and location of these public hearing once they are scheduled.

8608 Winding Walk: Permits have been filed and partial demolition is underway for this single-family residence. A second story will be added along with a new screen porch and a partial garage conversion.



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North Shoal Creek spotlights fabric and fiber artists on West Austin Studio Tour

By Amy Culbertson

Hundreds of Austin artists who live and work west of I-35 open up their homes and studios for two weekends each May for the West Austin Studio Tour (WEST).

At the very northernmost tip of the tour's boundaries, North Shoal Creek has never been a big player in the tour. But there's one constant: Fans of fabric and fiber arts know North Shoal Creek is a mandatory destination.

Each year for WEST, Mickey Stam turns her home at 2802 Benbrook into a gallery, filling it with handcrafted decorative, wearable or functional pieces by members of the Weavers & Spinners Society of Austin (WSSA). Browsable items like wraps, shawls, scarves and other accessories as well as table linens, art pieces and other home décor can be found for sale in every cranny.

Floor looms, smaller looms and spinning wheels are set up for weaving and spinning demonstrations. Processing techniques such as washing, combing and carding are explained at several mini-workshops. Artisan spinners offer handspun yarns for sale. There's a garage sale of used weaving and spinning equipment, supplies and yarns. Each year, Stam also features the work of a guest visual artist.



Shoppers admired exhibitors' work at last year's Weavers & Spinners Society of Austin show.

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Sunday, April 12
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Pillow Elementary School
3025 Crosscreek Drive

You are also invited to join us for lunch right after the service.
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Colorful creations by members of Austin Fiber Artists.



Discussing eco dyeing.

In past years, Stam has also hosted exhibitors from Austin Fiber Artists (AFA) along with the WSSA artisans during WEST, but this year AFA president Lori Bier is hoping to give the group its own North Shoal Creek studio show. Having taken up residence in the neighborhood, Bier has applied to Big Medium, which produces WEST, to host a separate AFA exhibition at her home and studio at 8017 Stillwood Lane.

Fiber art, Bier notes, is a generous category when it comes to materials — which encompass not just textiles but wire filaments, basket materials and paper, for example — and techniques.



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Bier rattles off a list of techniques members of her group might use: sewing and other needlework, knitting, quilting, dyeing, weaving, spinning, applique, embroidery, macramé, tating (lace-making) felting, quilling (paper art), paper-making, papier mâché, book-making, basket-making. Surface-design techniques on fabric include painting, batik, silk screening, monoprinting, and eco dyeing (using foraged plants and natural material to create dyes and sometimes patterns). Many AFA members combine several techniques and materials in their pieces.

WEST visitors can view and purchase both functional pieces, such as clothes and accessories, and art pieces — hangings, sculptures and more.

Bier is hoping to hear sometime this month that Big Medium has approved a spot on the tour for 8017 Stillwood; she plans to show her group's work as part of Stam's exhibit if not. Check the AFA website, www.AustinFiberArtists.org, or Big Medium's website at <https://www.bigmedium.org/west>, for updates.

For info on WSSA, which hosts regular workshops at various Austin locations throughout the year, and a look at some of the kinds of work you might see at the group's 2802 Benbrook exhibit: <https://wssaustin.org/>.

The West Austin Studio Tour runs May 9-10 and 16-17 during the hours of noon to 6 p.m. (some exhibitors open for viewing at 11 a.m.) Hundreds of artists, craftspeople and collaborators will be showing in an area bounded by I-35 on the east, Mopac on the west, U.S. 183 on the north and William Cannon on the south.

Big Medium, which also hosts the East Austin Studio Tour each year in November, offers a handsome illustrated catalog with details on each participant and on special events, along with a detailed fold-out map. An interactive app can be used to search exhibitors by medium, category and neighborhood and to map out your own itineraries.

The catalogs, which are collectible in themselves, may be picked up at the WEST group exhibition, running May 8-10 and 12-17 at a site to be determined, and at Big Medium Gallery, 916 Springdale Road, Building 2, No. 101, from noon to 6 p.m. May 5-9 and 12-16. (Big Medium members get their free catalogs in the mail; to join: <https://www.bigmedium.org/membership>). The maps are free at all public-library branches beginning April 16. The free app will launch April 23; search "West Austin Studio Tour" in the Apple Store or Google Play.

More info: <https://www.bigmedium.org/west>.

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