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Calendar of Events

Northeast Walnut Creek Neighborhood Association (NEWCNA)

Spring Meeting

Tuesday, April 22nd

VFW Post 8787
500 VFW Road



City Wide Clean Up Day

Saturday April 5th

9:00 A.M. Meet on corner of Braker and Wedgewood
Bags, Gloves, Ivy Block and Water will be provided.

Organizer: Sally Jordan 836-2341

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

Saturday, April 5th

Location: Anderson High School, 8403 Mesa Drive
Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Limit: 30 gallons / per customer

Austin Police Department Commanders Forum

Thursday, April 24th ~ 7:00 P.M.
7500 Blessing Conference Rm B.

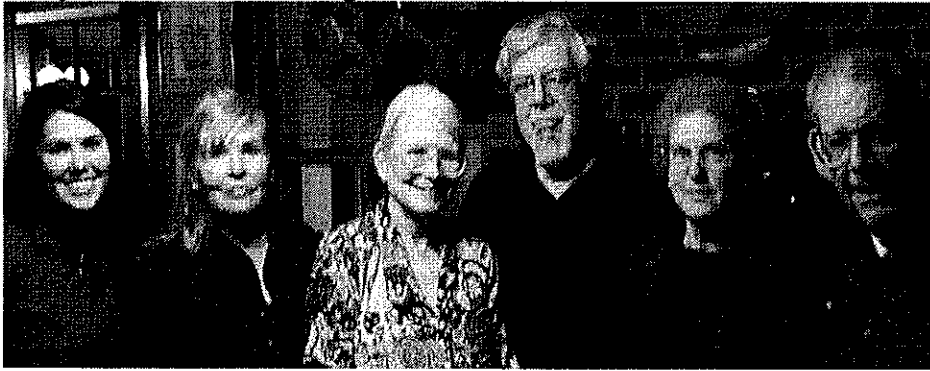
Great time to meet new Commander and discuss APD
activities with our neighborhood.

Northeast Walnut Creek Neighborhood Garage Sale

Saturday, June 7th

Signs will be posted in the neighborhood and an
advertisement will be run in the Austin American
Statesman. We expect a great turnout this year.

Do you know our Neighborhood Board Members?



From L-R: Audrey Gavin, VP North Oaks; Sally Nichols, VP Four Seasons; Kay Lee, Secretary; Jim Robinson, Treasurer; Sally Jordan, VP Hillside; John Isom, President.

In Memoriam

We were sad to lose one of our neighbors last month, Mary Louise Bippus of North Oaks. We send our thoughts and prayers to her family.

Austin Energy News!

Most of us live in older homes that may need some updating and the City of Austin is offering incentives to make our homes more energy efficient.

Residential/Home Rebates

- **Home Performance with ENERGY STAR®**—Rebate: Up to \$1575 in rebates for air conditioning, attic insulation, solar screens, caulking, and weatherstripping; bonus rebates up to \$650
- **Air Conditioning:** Replace air conditioner, window unit, heat pump, or water heater
- **Solar Photovoltaics:** Purchase and install solar photovoltaic electric systems
- **Solar Water Heater:** Install a cost-effective alternative heating solution

Austin Water District News

Rebates and Incentives are available for upgrading your Toilets, Clothes Washers, Rain Barrels and Rainwater Harvesting, Pressure Reducing Valves, and Irrigation. Because we have been dry for some time you should consider water conservation year around. For residential customers, the

- Odd numbered addresses: Wednesday and/or Saturday

- Even numbered addresses: Thursday and/or Sunday
- You can water with a hand-held hose or bucket any time of day and any day of the week.

Park Signs

New park signs have been replaced with a notice of curfew, no glass containers and pets on leashes. (Interestingly it does not specify just dogs) Unfortunately some visitors still bring in glass bottles and we find broken glass in some areas. Please don't confront those using glass, call 911 to report.

Picnic in the Park

Although it seems far away, the NEWCNA Neighborhood Picnic will be held in September. Anyone interested in helping out on this event, please contact our Treasurer, Jim Robinson at 719-4341 or daddyjim7442@sbcglobal.net. He can light up your day with witticisms and his vast knowledge of a plethora of topics.

Hillside Vice President

Sally Jordan, who has served as the Vice President of Hillside, sadly is stepping down. Nominations will be voted on at our Spring Meeting, April 22nd.

Garden and Recycling Group

This is an informal group to recycle and share plants, cuttings, pavers, garden tools or most other landscaping items. We also share in our knowledge of plants and gardening ideas. All of us enjoy working in our gardens and hope to have some of them open for a mini tour this spring.

Our meetings are in our gardens monthly spring and fall. For information on the group or the **Garden Tour** you can contact Lynn Gibson at lynngibson@mindspring.com or call 719-4303.

Safety and Security

Have you heard of the latest telephone scam being conducted by people trying to get prescription drugs? Reportedly there are solicitors who may call your home asking for information about you and the neighborhood and will even ask for the name of your doctor. It is believed that these scammers will create false prescriptions with the information gained over the telephone. Please use caution when giving out personal information over the telephone.

Did you know those remote car locks can be a good house alarm if needed? The button on the key fob chain can be used to alert others when you hold it down. It works if you park in your driveway or garage. If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break in your house, odds are the intruder won't stick around... after a few seconds all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that. Try it some day to test it out.

Free Computer Clinic

Austin Free-Net, located in East Austin at the DeWitty Center, provides free computer lessons for Adults at our Beginner's Computer Clinics on the first three Wednesdays in

April, & May. Location: 2209 Rosewood Avenue, Austin 78702 No Registration required, just show up. Wednesday, April 2, 9, & 16, and May 7, 14, & 21 - 5:30 to 7:00. For additional information, Call 236-8225, Ext. 13.

APD Crime Statistics

Officer Roman Lopez reported the following crime stats:

1-Burglary of Residence but, it was at the Cricket Hollow apartments.

3-Burglary of Vehicles: 1-victim at apartments left vehicle parked by park all night. Had car stereo stolen. 1-had alarm and no loss. 1-had rear windshield smashed out no loss.

Thank you APD for your work on the corner of Wedgewood and Braker Lane. You may contact Officer Lopez at: 974-5518

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Neighborhood Website

Are you on the computer daily and want to keep up with the neighborhood and share your ideas? Our Board has approved the cost of reinstating the neighborhood website. This may be a venture that one or more people would be interested in helping out with and maintain. Local businesses could run their own ads, we could list neighborhood babysitting services, pool cleaning, real estate or lawn care. Many of us prefer working with and hiring people close by but are not aware of services available. We could have a message (continued on page 4)

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board, weather reporting, events calendar and more. I know other neighborhoods have one and it's a great means to communicate with each other. If you are interested in working on the website, please contact the Kay Lee at mlee43@moment.net or Tierney Stetson at atstetson@hotmail.com.

Real Estate Update

Spring Has Sprung! The Spring and Summer months are typically the "busiest" in real estate. Folks are buying, selling and moving while the kiddos are out of school. Trees are full and flowers are in bloom, too, making homes look happy and inviting. If you are thinking about selling your home, here are some tips to create Curb Appeal:

- Consider painting the home's exterior...give the front door a fresh coat in a contrasting color to make it pop.
- Manicure the lawn...edging is especially impactful and make sure shrubbery is picture perfect.
- Place potted plants at the front door. Plants are welcoming and pleasant.(Just make sure to keep them alive! Dead ones will have the opposite effect)
- Keep sidewalks and driveways free of leaves and debris.
- Keep all "tools & toys" out of sight.

And to help give you an idea of what the neighborhood activity is like currently...

As of March 26th, according to the Austin MLS: The North Oaks and Four Seasons neighborhoods currently have 5 active listings, 4 listings that are under contract and 4 that have sold since January 1st.

**Colette Davenport, North Oaks Resident,
Coldwell Banker United, Realtors®**

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

6600 Woodrow Avenue
451-1116

Services at 9 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages at 10:30 a.m.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP SERVICE

Third Sunday of the month at 10:30 a.m.
Praise music led by the Living Faith Team

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Newcomers Welcomed

Newcomers to Hillside, Four Seasons or North Oaks are encouraged to come to our meeting in April. If you or someone you know is a new resident, please contact your designated Vice President or our President John Isom, with their contact information or address. NEWCNA wants to welcome all residents to the meetings and upcoming events in the neighborhood. The Spring meeting will have nominations and election of the new Vice President for Hillside. We will also identify committee members for the Beautification Committee and they may give you an idea of what they look for to be nominated Yard of the Month. Our Treasurer will report on the available funds and hopefully we'll be able to report a spike in membership! If you have a topic for discussion, please notify John Isom, at: 837-1801 or email: j_isom@sbcglobal.net.