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North East Walnut Creek
Neighborhood Association
(NEWCNA)
Annual Meeting

JANUARY 22, 2008
VFW HALL 7:00 P.M.
Election of Officers
Committee Appointments
Upcoming Events
Suggestions for 2008

President's Memo:

It has been an active end of 2007 for me taking over the President's position and I have been learning about the many issues and concerns of the neighborhood. My theme of safety and security seems to be a common interest for many. I want to advocate members to actively participate in our Citizens on Patrol program discussed later in this newsletter and it will be brought up at the next meeting by Officer Roman Lopez as well.

Elections are coming up as are many volunteer opportunities discussed further in this issue. Please consider running for office or helping out on a committee of interest. The rewards of giving to the organization may surprise you.

We have a membership drive going on to enable the NEWCNA organization to support efforts in beautification, charitable donations, neighborhood signs, the new website, and social events for the coming year. New residents of 2007 are eligible for free dues for 2008. NEWCNA is a non-profit organization.

Finally, I hope to see some new faces at the big meeting this month, whether you're a member or not, all North Oaks, Hillside, and Four Seasons residents are invited. Please come listen, speak, join and /or vote. I hope this is a great 2008 for North East Walnut Creek Neighborhood Association.

John Isom, President



Know Your Neighbor

Mary Wheeler is one of our earliest residents in Hillside. In 1969 she moved here with her husband whom she met when they were both in the U.S. Army stationed in Orleans, France! raised two sons and a daughter; worked for Travis County Juvenile Courts for 27 years and retired in 2005. In the following year she fulfilled a lifelong dream running for public office. Originally from Jackson, MS, Mary has made Austin home. She has been one of our most active residents in trash clean-up and Citizens on Patrol. Most unusual neighborhood experience? Mary remembers a cow greet her at the back door one afternoon, before privacy fences, of course. Thank you, Mary, for your contribution to our neighborhood.

Citizens on Patrol:

Did you see the article in the A.A. Statesman on December 28? It discussed the Citizens on Patrol program which has been active in Southeast Austin and in the IH 35/Rundburg Lane area for about a year. Separate from the long standing Crime Watch groups of Austin, this is run by the Austin Police Department. Being the eyes and ears of the neighborhood, these citizens have organized their groups to patrol in pairs under the direction and guidance of the APD. Participants undergo 8 hours of training to learn what to look for and how to stay safe in a non-confrontational manner. After successfully completing training, background checks and fingerprinting, trainees are given a t-shirt, reflective vest, two way radios, and magnetic vehicle signs for patrols within their neighborhood. The Statesman article mentioned that the IH 35/Rundburg neighborhood group has about 20 participants and there are presently 10 in Southeast Austin. The NEWCNA Citizens on Patrol program presently has 6 trained patrollers at this time, led by Officer Roman Lopez. Barbara and Hollis Lloyd were the first patrollers to complete training from our neighborhood. If you are interested in this program, please contact Office Roman Lopez at 974-5518.

Membership

We encourage everyone to become a Member of the North East Walnut Creek Neighborhood Association. Your \$15.00 a year (Jan thru Dec) for each household supports activities and programs sponsored by NEWCNA.

**Payment: Just remove this form and send it with your payment to:
NEWCNA, 1302 March, Austin TX 78753.**

Year you moved into your home: _____

Name: _____

Spouse/Other: _____

Other Residents: _____

Use back of form or additional paper to list other family members at this household address.

Contact Numbers: _____

Email _____ Email is used to send you updates, reminders, and notices from the President. It is NEVER used for solicitations or advertising.

Volunteer or Committee Preferences: _____

What would you like this organization to do for you? _____

Neighborhood Real Estate

Folks, there is a fine future ahead! Here are the statistics for the North Oaks & Four Seasons neighborhoods from the Austin MLS:

In 2006, 22 homes sold ranging from \$122,106 to \$177,500 with an average sales price of \$143,586. These homes were on the market 49 days (avg). As predicted, property values increased in 2007. The average price for 20 closed sales was \$155,935 with prices ranging from \$131,900 to \$185,000. Average days on market: 50. *Only five years ago prices were in the mid \$130's.

Based on a broad range of economic factors, my prediction for 2008 is much the same as the 3rd and 4th quarters of 2007—STEADY. I believe we will see a slight appreciation, a similar number of closed sales, and the average days on market could be just slightly higher.

While we haven't seen the price hikes of other parts of Austin, the NEWCNA neighborhood continues to be a "valuable" place to call home. The value is in its location, size, character, and most importantly its residents. So as you look to the fine future ahead, know that your home was and will be a wise investment. **Colette Davenport, North Oaks Resident, Coldwell Banker United, Realtors®**

Standing Committees

Are you interested in serving on a committee? There are positions open for 2008. The President is charged with appointing all standing committees so please let President John Isom know if you are interested in continuing on your committee or joining one for the first time. Board Elections and Committee appointments will be made at our January meeting. Some of the opportunities are: Beautification, Communications, Crime Watch, Social and more.

How about representing NEWCNA through the **Austin Neighborhoods Council (ANC)**? ANC was created to be the city wide umbrella

Standing Committees continued:

organization to support neighborhood interests. For more information go to: www.ancweb.org/

We all appreciate the time our present committee members have given and sincerely hope these volunteers will continue to serve in their areas of interest. The Chair of each standing committee is a voting member of the Board.

For these committees or any other volunteer opportunities you would like to know more about, or Chair, please contact our President, John Isom at 837-1801.

Yard of the Month

North Oaks

July - Roger and Dominique Martin at 11905 O. Trail.

October - Michael Oxford and Erin Colvin at 8. Walnut Creek Dr.

November - Ernesto Torres and Donna Weiss 11903 Dove Haven. Next opportunity for Yard of the Month in North Oaks will be April 2008

Four Seasons

December - Jimmy and Sherry Hall, 11400 Janua Dr.

Hillside I'm sorry to say did not report. Yet I did see numerous winners when walking around admiring the lights last month.

**River City Twirl and Dance
Studio**

Preschool combination*
Baton* Acrobatics*
Ballet* Tap* Jazz
Clogging* Drill Team*
3yrs. creative movement

**836-0351 or 327-1244
Braker and Dessau**



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

Sidney Cox Plumbing

“Family Owned and Operated since 1978”

RESIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL
24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE
M-20654 M-18822

444-6370

Plumbing Repairs
Connection to City Sewer Systems

Crime Stats from APD Website Combined for Past 6 Months. July-Dec. 2007

	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4
ABANDONED VEH		2		
ASSAULT WITH INJURY			1	1
AUTO THEFT				1
BURGLARY NON RESIDENCE		1		
BURGLARY OF RESIDENCE	2	5		
BURGLARY OF VEH		1	1	1
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF		2	1	
CRIMINAL TRESPASS		1		
DISTURBANCE- FAMILY/OTHER		3		
DOG ORDINANCE VIOL	1			
HARASSMENT	1	5		
LEAVING THE SCENE CRASH/ACCIDE	1	1		
POSS CONTROLLED SUB/NARCOTIC	1	1		
POSS OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA	1			
SUSPICIOUS PERSON		1	1	
THEFT		3		2
UNAUTHORIZED USE OF VEH		1		

Area 1: 1000 ft buffer from intersection of SPRING HILL DR and RIVER OAKS TRL

Area 2: 1000 ft buffer from intersection of APRIL DR and WALNUT RIDGE DR

Area 3: 500 ft buffer from intersection of JUNE DR and JULY DR

Area 4: 500 ft buffer from intersection of SEPTEMBER DR and JUNE DR

The above stats were taken from the APD website, <http://coagis1.ci.austin.tx.us/website/CrimeViewer/viewer.htm>,



1015 E. Braker Ln. #6

832-8277

MON - SAT 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

SUN 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

NEWCNA Website: Richard Anuszewski of North Oaks (11605 Oak Haven Cove) has volunteered to set up a website for our organization.

Treasurer's Report: The NEWCNA Board donated \$200 each to Family Eldercare and to Safe Place. Currently, our balance is \$3959.97.

North Oaks Park Signs: Jimmy Cone of Austin Parks has informed us that new signs have been ordered for our park.