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QUARTERLY MEETING

Thursday, January 28th
at 7:00 PM

Holy Word Lutheran Church
10601 Bluff Bend Drive

Speaker: Raymond Slade Jr.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The first NEWCNA Quarterly meeting will be held on January 28th at 7:00 P.M. We hope that you will join us. Per NEWCNA bylaws the officer elections will be held at this meeting. Officer positions that are up for election are Treasurer, Vice President of North Oaks, and Vice President of Hillside. Per the bylaws Kay Lee is no longer eligible to serve as Vice President of North Oaks and we need someone to run for this position. Current bylaws can be viewed on the NEWCNA webpage by clicking on the "About" tab. Anyone in North Oaks or Hillside can run for the Vice President position of the subdivision.

Jenn and Evan Vincent welcomed their new baby Olive to the family on Thanksgiving. With the new addition, Jenn will be stepping down as Secretary. Our current Treasurer Kim LeBlanc has said she is stepping down as Treasurer to run for Secretary as this fits her skill set better. Therefore, we will be looking for a new Treasurer. Please consider stepping up for one of these positions. The best way to

run off good officers is to overload them with too many duties. This is YOUR neighborhood association so help us out by serving as an officer or on one of the committees listed on the membership form.

Finally, the officers voted at the last meeting to change the bylaws to split the Secretary position to Recording Secretary and Media Secretary. The Recording Secretary would take minutes at all meetings and send out correspondence as needed. Jenn Vincent will, until further notice, serve as the Media Secretary and will maintain the webpage and generate the quarterly newsletter. A two-thirds affirmative vote of the membership in attendance will be needed to change the bylaws. To vote in elections, you must be a member in good standing. To vote, please have your membership form complete and your dues paid for 2016. If you have paid your dues at or since the October 2015 meeting, you are in good standing.

Vanessa Matocha
NEWCNA President

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If you are interested in running for these positions in the future, please email newcnapres@yahoo.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Frontera Fest—1/12-2/13

This five-week festival of fringe theatre takes place at venues across Austin. This celebration serves as a great way to see the city while also supporting the arts. www.hydeparktheatre.org

Austin Home and Garden Show—1/15-1/17

Exhibitions, programs, giveaways & more regarding home improvement, outdoor landscaping & gardening. www.showtechnology.com/event/annual-austin-home-garden-show/

Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration—1/18

Join the march beginning at UT and culminating at Huston-Tillotson University to celebrate the life & legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in multicultural Austin. www.mlkcelebration.com

Austin Marathon & Half Marathon—2/14

This annual February race draws participants from around the world & features a course running through the heart of Austin. www.youraustinmarathon.com

Sherwood Forest Faire—

2/14-4/3 (weekends only)

Nestled in the Lost Pines, 35 miles east of Austin, this annual Renaissance Faire provides attendees with fun for the whole family including: theatre, magic, comedy, games, costumes & more with food, drink, over 40 stage acts & more than 130 shops. www.sherwoodforestfaire.com

Chinese New Year Celebration —

2/20-2/21

Family friendly fun from face painting & dancing to firecracker displays & traditional Chinese cuisine. The celebration will take place at North Austin's Chinatown Shopping & Cuisine Center located at 10901 N. Lamar Blvd. www.facebook.com/ChinatownAustin/

Jugglefest Austin—2/26-2/28

Join this celebration of juggling, unicycling & more. Learn the tricks of the trade at this annual three-day event featuring workshops, demonstrations, games & shows. www.juggling.place.org/jugglefest/

Carnival Brasileiro Austin—2/27

Among the largest of Carnival celebrations outside of Brazilian borders, Carnival Brasileiro Austin boasts flamboyant costumes, samba music & spirited fun. www.sambaparty.com

Texas Independence Day Parade & 5K—3/5

A celebration of the great state of Texas & its independence. In addition to the 5K run up Congress Avenue & a parade, this family-friendly event features a celebration in the Capitol Rotunda. www.celebratetexas.net

Explore UT—3/5

Explore UT aims to inform students, parents, teachers & community members from across the state about the importance of higher education in Texas. The day-long event broadens the horizons of students in Texas & seeks to motivate them toward achieving higher education after high school. www.exploreut.utexas.edu

Zilker Park Kite Festival—3/6

The nation's oldest kite festival features hundreds of kites & comes complete with kite flying contests, food, games & much more. www.abckitefestival.com

Texas Film Awards—3/10

The Austin Film Society's annual gala event & fundraiser features a catered awards ceremony, live music and a live auction. This year's event will honor Texas-born, legendary comedian Carol Burnett. www.austinfilm.org/texas-film-awards

SXSW Music, Film & Interactive Conference & Festival—3/11-3/20

The Austin Convention Center & more than 50 city-wide venues host noted filmmakers, musicians & multimedia artists from around the world as they showcase music, film & interactive media during this internationally-recognized event. www.sxsw.com

Star of Texas Fair & Rodeo Austin—

3/12-3/26

Professional rodeo events, daily musical concerts, livestock shows & much more. www.rodeoaustin.com

Artists & Artisans Festival—3/19-3/20

This festival is a celebration of arts, crafts & nature in Austin. Artists working across various media showcase nature-themed handmade items for sale at the Wildflower Center. www.wildflower.org/artisans/

Zilker Garden Festival—4/2-4/3

Music, food, arts & crafts, & children's games at Zilker Botanical Gardens makes this Austin's premiere outdoor flower festival & plant sale. www.zilker garden.org

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH IS COMING

Vanessa Matocha

One of the goals for the officers in 2016 is to set up Neighborhood Watch groups in the three subdivisions of NEWCNA. This is not something that officers do, but something the residents do. It is based on the need and desire of residents of individual blocks or entire streets. The following are guidelines for a neighborhood watch per Austin Police Department (APD):

- Ask for members participation in a small core group to take the first steps in starting a Crime Watch program. Need at least 50% participation per block, road etc.
- The Neighborhood Watch Coordinator and the block/road captains are the most crucial positions. In coordination with APD they set out the objectives for and evaluation of the Neighborhood Watch program.
- Be observant. Keep watch on neighbors, members' homes and report suspicious activities to neighbors or law enforcement when appropriate. Write down and report license numbers and description of suspicious looking persons and vehicles in the neighborhood.
- Do not try to make arrests. Being a good witness is more important. Get all of the necessary information and phone your Police Department. The police want your information - not your action.

In order to set up a Neighborhood Watch in an area, we must have 50% of a given area agree to participate and to attend two meetings/trainings with an APD representative. Then the area will be given a sign and the watch program begins.

If you want to start a Neighborhood Watch Program on your block or street, contact Vanessa at newcnapres@yahoo.com. Be prepared to talk to your neighbors to get them to agree to participate. We have one group on River Oaks that is ready to go. Please let me know if there are any other groups interested and ready to commit.

JANUARY SPEAKER RAYMOND SLADE JR.

Vanessa Matocha

Many of you may have noticed the Peterson tract along Wedgewood and Braker is for sale. Some of us have spoken to the realtor and been informed the plan is to sell the property to a developer who will most likely build apartment complexes. This would take a zoning change. The City of Austin (COA) would have to contact neighbors within 500 feet of the tract as well as the association before granting a zoning change. At this time the land is zoned SF2 and DR. SF2 means single family dwelling as well as duplexes. DR is development reserve and would need to be changed to accommodate apartments. How could the zoning change affect our neighborhood? In talking to engineers who work with developers, the entrance/exit would probably be on Wedgewood. The good news is that Wedgewood would be upgraded. The bad news would be an increase of traffic through our neighborhood. Most importantly would be the rain runoff that would flow from this development through Hillside and Four Seasons. For those affected by the two floods in 2015, this impact would increase. It would also affect residences that had previously not been affected by flooding.

Raymond Slade, Jr., PH, is a certified professional hydrologist and expert in runoff and water quality impacts due to urbanization. He has prepared an analysis of runoff from the Peterson property that indicates that many homes and/or yards likely would be impacted by sediment (during construction) and storm runoff (after development is completed) if the Peterson property is fully developed. The impacted homes include almost every home along the west side of Walnut Ridge north of Braker Lane, many of the homes on both sides of River Oaks Trail between Wedgewood and February, and a few homes along the south side of February immediately west of River Oaks Trail. Additionally, much more storm runoff would be running north in the roadway of Walnut Ridge Road and in the roadway running south on April--homes along those streets could be threatened.

Mr. Slade will make a presentation of his analysis at the January meeting and

will be available to answer questions that residents may have regarding his presentation. We think this presentation will be beneficial to all who live in the neighborhood. The NEWCNA Quarterly Neighborhood Meeting will be held January 28, 2016 at 7 P.M. at Holy Word Lutheran Church at 10601 Bluff Bend Drive, Austin, Texas 78753.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Kim LeBlanc

Rogness Brewing Company
www.rognessbrewing.com
2400 Patterson Industrial Drive
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Located off Dessau Road just north of Howard Lane, Rogness Brewing Company is a Northeast Austin-based, family-owned operation that specializes in producing award-winning, handcrafted beer.

Since debuting in March 2012 with 2 beers, Rogness Brewing Company now produces 8 year-round beers, more than 12 seasonal and limited releases, and can be increasingly found in stores statewide.

Rogness Brewing Company is a production brewery with beer available for sale on-site and in its taproom on Thursdays (6-10 PM) and Fridays (4-10 PM).

Events at the brewery and taproom include: a monthly Sunday Brunch, as well as tours, game nights and "Yappy Hour" events, where a percentage of proceeds are donated to Austin area animal rescue organizations.

SAFETY REMINDER

Many walkers in our neighborhood have been nearly hit by drivers. When walking, especially at dusk or after dark, wear light colored clothing or clothing with reflective tape so drivers can easily see you. Wearing dark clothing makes it especially hard to see walkers. If you are worried about a driver, get the license plate number or at least a description of the car, time, and place and call 9-1-1 with the information. We ask that all drivers remember the speed limit is 30 mph at max and that all traffic should come to a complete stop at STOP signs.

CRIME STATS

Type of Crime	'14	'15
ABANDONED VEHICLE	1	6
AGG ROB./DEADLY WEAPON	2	0
ASSAULT	6	10
ASSIST COMPLAINANT	1	0
AUTO THEFT	1	1
BREACH OF COMP. SECURITY	1	1
BURGLARY OF RESIDENCE	2	1
BURGLARY OF VEHICLE	3	3
CHECK WELFARE	1	0
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	6	4
CRIMINAL TRESPASS	1	1
DATING DISTURBANCE	0	1
DEBIT CARD ABUSE	0	2
DECEASED PERSON	0	1
DISTURBANCE - OTHER	4	3
DWI 2ND	1	0
DRIVING LICENSE INVALID	0	1
FAMILY DISTURBANCE	12	21
FELONY ASSLT W/INJ	0	1
FOUND FIREARMS	0	1
FOUND PROPERTY	0	1
FRAUD - OTHER	5	4
HARASSMENT	4	0
LEAVING THE SCENE ACC.	5	0
LOST PROP	0	4
POSS MARIJUANA	1	0
POSS CONT SUB/NARCOTIC	0	1
PUBLIC INTOXICATION	1	0
RAPE	1	0
RECKLESS DAMAGE	1	0
REQUEST TO LOCATE	0	1
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	0	2
THEFT	4	3
THEFT FROM AUTO	1	0
THEFT OF LICENSE PLATE	0	2
VIOL CITY ORDINANCE	1	0
VIOL OF PROT ORDER	0	1
WARRANT ARREST	1	0

PASTA AND BROWN BUTTER BRUSSELS SPROUTS

Ingredients:

6 Tbsp	Butter	2	Garlic cloves, minced
8 oz	Whole wheat pasta	1 Tbsp	Shallot, minced
1/2 cup	Hazelnuts	2 cups	Brussels sprouts, chopped
1 Tbsp	Olive oil	1/3 cup	Parmesan cheese
	Salt and pepper		

1. First, brown the butter. In a small saucepan, melt the butter over medium-low heat and continue to cook, swirling occasionally, until butter turns golden brown, Skim foam from top, and remove from heat. Pour into a bowl to stop the cooking, leaving any burned sediment behind; set aside.
2. Bring a large pot of water to boil. When the water comes to a rolling boil, add a little salt, then add the pasta. Cook pasta to al dente, cooked through but still a little firm. When the pasta is done cooking, drain and set aside.
3. Meanwhile, in a small sauté pan over medium heat, toast the hazelnuts until they become lightly browned and fragrant, about 5-7 minutes. (You can also toast the hazelnuts in the oven at 350 degrees F for 8 to 10 minutes – watch closely to prevent burning.) Place the toasted hazelnuts on a towel and rub together to remove the skin. Roughly chop the hazelnuts and set aside.
4. In a large pan, heat the olive oil over medium-high heat. Add the garlic and shallot and cook for 2 minutes. Add the brussels sprouts and cook until tender, about 5-7 minutes. Stir in the pasta and hazelnuts. Pour browned butter over the pasta and sprouts. Stir well. Cook until pasta is heated. Stir in the Parmesan cheese and season with salt and black pepper, to taste. Serve immediately.

Recipe from Two Peas and Their Pod

DOOR TO DOOR

Sara Appleton

Not everyone who knocks on your door is a scammer or thief, but door to door salespersons can be high pressure scam artists in disguise and have been known to pose as someone innocent to gain access to your home and information.

The Texas Attorney General has the following to say about scams: “Don’t be pushed into signing a contract or giving your money to a salesperson unless you’re sure you want the product. Take time to think about it. You should always do some comparison shopping. Remember, any time you get a “once in a lifetime” or “today only” offer, you should be suspicious.” For more on your rights go here: www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/cpd/door-to-door-sales

If you are uncomfortable or worried that a person who approaches you is not who they say they are, feel free to ask some questions. What are they selling or who are they representing? If the person approaching you has no documentation, they aren’t sure what they’re selling, or they cannot quickly recite the name of the business or organization they represent, then that person is a suspicious individual and should be reported to the police.

You have three days to cancel a contract for goods or services sold to you in your home, regardless of whether you have received the goods or services. Keep your receipt or contract and a copy of your cancellation notice. You may need them if you seek legal help. You should mail your notice by certified mail to prove you complied with the law.

A person commits an offense if the person solicits contributions between 9:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. by going to the door of a residence. Source: 1992 Code Section 10-1-25; Ord. 031023-13; Ord. 031211-11; Ord. 20051215-017

Remember to report suspicious individuals to the police non-emergency line (512) 974-5000 or you can call 911 and let the operator know clearly that there is a suspicious individual wandering the neighborhood.

STREETS BY NEIGHBORHOOD

HILLSIDE

Berrywood
Blue Spring Way
Clearwater Circle
Fall Creek
River Oaks Drive
River Oaks Trail
Rocky Spring Road
Springhill Drive
Springwater Circle
Wedgewood

NORTH OAKS

Dove Haven Drive
Glen Cove
Monterrey Place
North Oaks Drive
Oak Haven Cove
Oak Haven Road
Oak Trail
Riddlewood Drive
Trinity Hill Drive
Walnut Creek Drive

FOUR SEASONS

April Drive
August Drive
February Drive
January Drive
July Drive
June Drive
March Drive
May Drive
September Drive

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Status	Address	List Price	DOM
Active	11501 Trinity Hill	\$300,000	44
Sold	11618 February	\$285,000	24
Sold	1302 March	\$175,000	0
Sold	11503 April	\$235,000	6