

The News

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QUARTERLY MEETING

PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE

Thursday, July 21st
at 7:00 PM

Holy Word Lutheran Church
10601 Bluff Bend Drive

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

There has been much going on in our association since our last newsletter. We are now able to accept credit card payments for association dues. You can pay at a meeting or you can go to the NEWCNA website and complete an application and pay online. There is a \$1.00 service fee to use your credit card.

I have gotten numerous requests for email updates about happenings in the neighborhood and around Austin that I send out between newsletters. That is something that we reserve for residents who have joined the neighborhood association (NEWCNA). Annual dues are only \$15.00 and per the bylaws, membership runs from January 1 to December 31 of each calendar year. You may join at any time during the year.

We are in need of additional block captains to deliver newsletters and occasional flyers. Our goal is to only assign 10-15 houses per block captain. Some of our captains have moved out of the neighborhood, or have other issues that keep them from being able to deliver items. If

you can help us out, please let me know via email at NEWCNApres@yahoo.com.

We are back in the swing of awarding Yard of the Month. Yards are chosen the last week in the month preceding the award (chosen last week in June for July). We would love your input. Just email the address you would like to nominate to NEWCNApres@yahoo.com and it will be forwarded to the committee. If you want to be on the committee, we would welcome your help.

We have moved the Quarterly Meeting this month. Instead of being on the fourth Thursday of the month, it has been moved to the third Thursday which means that the next Quarterly Meeting will be held on July 21st. The topic of this meeting will be the proposed ATCIC on Braker in the empty lot across from Graham Elementary. I hope to see you there.

Vanessa Matocha
NEWCNA President

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UPCOMING EVENTS

7/4/16

Fourth of July Fireworks and Symphony
The Austin Symphony hosts an annual concert of patriotic music culminating in a spectacular firework display over Lady Bird Lake.
www.roadwayevents.com

07/06/16 - 08/17/16

Austin Sound & Cinema
A 4-show FREE series pairing great live bands with classic Hollywood movies. The series takes place on alternating Wednesdays in July & August on the beautiful lawn of the Long Center, with movies screened on The Alamo Drafthouse's giant inflatable outdoor screen.
<http://thelongcenter.org/event/sound-cinema/>

7/8/16 - 8/13/16

Zilker Summer Musical
Pack a picnic and enjoy the FREE, annual musical at the Zilker Hillside Theatre. The outdoor amphitheater hosts performances of "Shrek The Musical" Thursdays - Sundays with showtimes beginning around 8:15 PM.
www.zilker.org

07/10/16 - 08/28/16

Austin Symphony Concert In the Park
In its 14th summer season, these FREE Austin Symphony concerts take place on the lawn in front of the Long Center's City Terrace and run on Sunday evenings from through August 28th (with the exception of July 3rd) at 7:30 PM.
<http://www.austinsymphony.org/>

8/6/16

Lake Travis Hot Air Balloon Flyover
Watch dozens of picturesque hot air balloons float over Lake Travis in the early morning at this annual family-friendly event.
www.centraltexasballooning.org

8/13/16

Austin Ice Cream Festival
The Austin Ice Cream Festival is fun for the whole family. Games, activities, contests, live entertainment & of course, ice cream, will keep you and your family cool & happy.
www.icecreamfestival.com

8/20/16

Bat Fest
Celebrate this batty event as the world's largest urban bat colony takes to the skies for their nightly flight. Enjoy live music, children's activities, a costume contest & more.
www.roadwayevents.com

8/21/16

Austin Chronicle Hot Sauce Festival
If you wanna beat the heat this summer then you gotta eat the heat. Join the Austin Chronicle for one of the world's largest hot sauce festivals.
www.austinchronicle.com

8/27/16

Austin Pride Festival & Parade
The PRIDE Festival is the largest annual LGBTQ advocacy and fundraising event in Central Texas. Dozens of non-profit organizations use the Festival as a platform to inform & interact with the Festival's thousands of attendees. www.austinpride.org

9/5/16

Free Day of Yoga
All day long, participating yoga studios across the Austin area offer FREE yoga classes for every age & every fitness level.
www.freedayofyoga.com

9/18/16

Austin Museum Day
Organized by the Austin Museum Partnership, this special day features FREE exhibitions & activities at a wide range of participating Austin-area museums & cultural sites.
www.austinmuseums.org

9/24/16

Texas Craft Brewers Festival
The largest beer festival for & by Texas Brewers. This annual event features the best of Texas craft beer & highlights the thriving craft beer industry across the Lone Star State.
www.texascraftbrewersfestival.org

9/24/16-9/25/16

Fall 2016 Pecan Street Festival
The Pecan Street Festival is a FREE music, arts & crafts festival held on historic Sixth Street. This street festival features over 300 artisan vendors from all over the world who display & sell homemade wares & craft work.
www.pecanstreetfestival.org

ZONING/CODE CHAIRMAN REPORT

David Matocha

Many of you have seen the surveyors along Wedgewood Drive working on the Peterson property. At the time of printing, no zoning change requests have been made which means only single family housing units are allowed at this time.

A fire occurred on the Peterson property in early May. A sign was posted on the Wedgewood gate asking for information. This information was emailed to NEWCNA members. If you call 1-877-4Fire45 and the information leads to a conviction, you may receive a reward. Luckily, this fire did not spread to the surrounding houses in our neighborhood.

Activity regarding the zoning change request by ATCIC for 1120 E Braker is covered in the President's report.

After the recent rains, many yards are experiencing rapid growth. Please be considerate of your neighbors and the neighborhood by keeping up with your yard maintenance. A well-trimmed yard will help keep the mosquito populations in check as well.

It is against city code to park any part of your vehicle on a grass or dirt surface. Please make sure your car is parked in your driveway or on the street and not in your yard. I do know that the city police department does make random checks for such violations at NEWCNA's request.

It is great to see so many of us being good neighbors by taking care of the appearance of our homes and yards. Thank you for making our neighborhood attractive for everyone.

AD RATES

Business Card Size \$20.00
1/4 page \$35.00 1/2 page \$47.50
3/4 page \$75.00 Full page \$95.00

Receive a 15% discount if ad runs for a full year!

Contact newcnapres@yahoo.com to place an ad.

NEWCNA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Any resident is welcome to join the association. The \$15.00 annual dues per residence is used for costs of newsletters, meetings, picnics, etc. Credit card payments will be charged a \$1 processing fee.

(The information requested below is not used for solicitation or advertising purposes. It is used to send information from the association to members that is not sent to non-members.)

Name: _____ Spouse/Other: _____

Referred by: _____ Year you moved to the neighborhood: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Email 1: _____ Email 2: _____

I would like to help: Block Captain Picnics Neighborhood Watch YOM Newsletter Ads Other _____

For Office Use Only: Status: Renewal New Member

Date Received: _____ Received by: _____

Paid by: Cash CC Check # _____ Amount: _____

Deposit Date: _____ Date Sticker Issued: _____

Please mail form and \$15.00 payment to:

NEWCNA

PO Box 140014

Austin, TX 78714

CERTIFIED WILDLIFE HABITATS

Debra Sue Trinque

Two of our neighbors on July Drive have Certified Wildlife Habitats signs on their mailbox posts. I was curious about the signs so I went to the National Wildlife Federation's website to find more information (nwf.com). I found out that anyone can create a welcoming haven for local wildlife. Every habitat garden is a step toward replenishing resources for wildlife locally and along migratory corridors.

Your application processing fee of \$20 supports the National Wildlife Federation's programs to inspire others to make a difference and address declining habitats for bees, butterflies, birds, amphibians and other wildlife nationwide. A portion of the fee also supports work for local wildlife in select affiliate partner states.

By adding pollinator and monarch friendly plants when you certify your wildlife garden with National Wildlife Federation, it also gets counted towards the Million Pollinator Garden Challenge.

You will be amazed at what a short amount of time it takes for your habitat garden to be filled with life, activity and color of bees, birds, butterflies, and other wildlife! For more information visit the National Wildlife Federation website at nwf.com and click on Certified Habitats.

If you're feeling friendly, take a few minutes to stop by our neighbors on July and speak with them about the process and the benefits.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Block Captain - Deliver newsletters to specified addresses quarterly. Periodically we have other announcements that need to go out to residents such as notifications about the Spring Fling, Fall Festival, Neighborhood Garage Sale, etc.

Picnics - We need people to help plan, set-up and clean-up for the Fall Festival and Spring Fling.

Neighborhood Watch - We hope to have this established by 2016. This is not a neighborhood wide watch, but only works if people on the street are willing to participate. This can be done block by block or street by street. We need at least 50% volunteerism in an area to designate it as a Neighborhood Watch area. If you want one on your street, volunteer to help. Training will be provided.

Yard of the Month - We need people to scout the neighborhood division they live in (North Oaks, Hillside and Four Seasons) to tell us what yard they feel should receive this award each month from April to October. Come be part of the selection team! And if you would like to nominate a yard, please feel free to email newcnapres@yahoo.com.

Advertising - We need individuals who would be willing to go to businesses, especially in the surrounding area, to ask if they would like to run an advertisement in the NEWCNA quarterly newsletter. This would help offset the cost of the newsletter.

Let us know any other volunteer opportunities you would like to help with that will benefit NEWCNA. This is your association. It is only as good as the people who help make it great!

HERITAGE TREES

Debra Sue Trinque

Our neighborhood is blessed with many old trees which are enjoyed by all. Have you stopped to read the plaque in front of the old live oak on the IH35 Service Road just north of Braker Lane? The tree is over 700 years old. As I walk the neighborhood, I often wonder how old some of our trees are.

There is a City Ordinance (20100204-038) which defines which trees are considered Heritage Trees. The term refers to a tree that has a diameter of 24 inches or more, measured four and one-half feet above natural grade, and is one of the following species:

- (a) Ash, Texas
- (b) Cypress, Bald
- (c) Elm, American
- (d) Elm, Cedar
- (e) Madrone, Texas
- (f) Maple, Bigtooth
- (g) All Oaks

(h) Pecan

(i) Walnut, Arizona

(j) Walnut, Eastern Black

Removal of any of these trees requires a permit. The City Arborist recommends watering these trees at the drip line, 60 minutes every two weeks when we have temperatures of 90 degrees or higher. This ensures a healthy root system and allows the trees to continue to flourish.

Do you have a tagged tree in your yard? Do you ever wonder what it means? A tree survey tag is usually an aluminum circular or rectangular label attached to the tree trunk. A tag is used for physically identifying a tree with a specific number. This number is referenced on a site plan or survey. Contrary to popular belief, it does not mean the tree is marked to be saved or removed.

For more information on Austin's trees please visit: <http://www.austintexas.gov/department/city-arborist>

ATCIC UPDATE

Vanessa Matocha

Many of you were at the special meeting on June 9th when Austin Travis County Integral Care (ATCIC) made their presentation regarding the facility they are seeking to build— a treatment center at 1120 E. Braker Lane. In order to build they would need a zoning change on the property. Their CEO told us the Braker Lane clinic would be like the Dove Springs facility.

According to their website, "This [the Dove Springs] facility is the largest of one in seven 1115 Medicaid Waiver Projects for Integral Care. "Adult and Children's behavioral health care recovery options for severe and persistent mental illness, chemical dependency, and co-occurring disorders". The cases presented at the meeting did not sound as though they were severe or co-recurring, but rather were mild and under control. While we feel these services are necessary for some of Austin's population, locating such a facility across the street from Graham Elementary school is of great concern. The safety of our youngest population walking to and from school, attending school and playing in the neighborhood is what is bothersome. It would also be located catty-corner from Buckner Villas. In speaking with representatives of Buckner Villas, they too have safety concerns for their residents.

At the meeting, ATCIC stated they would send me answers to the questions asked at the meeting that were not answered. As of the time this newsletter went to print, I have not received anything from them. I will send out updates to the membership as I get information regarding this project and the zoning process.

I have spoken to the PTA president and have tried on numerous occasions to reach our school board trustee by phone and email, but at this time I have not gotten a response from Dr.

Gordon. We did have another school board member attend the June meeting. As our representative and voice on the school board, I expected more from Dr. Gordon.

At the June board meeting NEWCNA officers voted 5 to 1 in favor of recommending the association oppose the zoning change that would allow ATCIC to build their clinic at the Braker Lane location. The question will be addressed at the July 21st meeting with a vote on our official position. You must be a member of the association to vote on this agenda item at the meeting. Please plan to attend this very important meeting.

Vincentian Family Center

901 West Braker Lane

Thrift Store:
Monday-Saturday 9am-7pm

Food Pantry:
Tuesdays 5pm - 7pm
Saturdays 10am - 12pm

2N1 Salad Bar & Grill:
Monday-Saturday 7am - 9pm



What can you get for just \$0.04 a day? An annual membership to NEWCNA!

Do you want to get news affecting your neighborhood between newsletters? Join NEWCNA. As we get information, we pass it on to our members via email. When you join NEWCNA and supply us with your email address, we automatically add you to our database. We are unable to honor this request to the general public. You will find a membership form inside *THE NEWS*. Join us today!

CRIME STATS	'15	'16
ABANDONED VEH	0	5
ACCIDENTAL DEATH	1	0
ACCIDENTAL DRUG OVERDOSE	1	0
ASSAULT	8	14
AGG ROBBERY/DEADLY WEAP	1	0
ASSIST COMPLAINANT	2	2
AUTO THEFT	2	0
BOMB THREAT	1	0
BURGLARY OF RESIDENCE	6	1
BURGLARY OF VEHICLE	5	3
CHECK WELFARE	0	1
CHILD CUSTODY INTERFERE	1	0
COUNTERFEITING	0	1
CRASH/LEAVING THE SCENE	3	3
CRED CARD ABUSE - OTHER	1	1
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	4	6
CRIMINAL TRESPASS NOTICE	3	0
CRUELTY TO ANIMALS	1	0
CUSTODY ARREST TRAFFIC	0	1
DATING DISTURBANCE	2	1
DISTURBANCE - OTHER	1	0
DEBIT CARD ABUSE	0	1
DISTURBANCE - OTHER	0	1
DRIVING WHILE LIC. INVALID	1	2
FAMILY DISTURBANCE	9	21
FOUND PROPERTY	2	0
FRAUD - OTHER	0	1
HARASSMENT	1	2
JUNKED/NUISANCE VEHICLE	0	1
LOST PROP	2	2
ONLINE IMPERSONATION	1	0
OTHER FIRE	0	1
POSS CONTROLLED SUB/	1	0
POSS MARIJUANA	2	1
PUBLIC INTOXICATION	0	1
REQUEST TO LOCATE	1	0
RESISTING ARREST OR SEARCH	1	0
SEXUAL ASSAULT	1	0
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	1	1
TERRORISTIC THREAT	1	1
THEFT	6	3
VIOL CITY ORDINANCE	0	1
UNAUTHORIZED USE OF VEH	1	0
VIOL OF PROTECTIVE ORDER	1	0
WARRANT ARREST NON TRAF	0	1

AVOCADO TOMATO CHICKEN SALAD

Ingredients:

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| 1 large heirloom tomato | 1 avocado, diced |
| 1/2 medium red onion, sliced | 1 chicken breast or thigh, cubed |
| 2 Tbsp plain yogurt | 1 lime, juiced |
| 2 Tbsp cilantro, chopped | olive oil, salt and pepper |

- Place chopped tomatoes, sliced red onion, diced avocado, cubed chicken and chopped cilantro (or other herbs of choice) into a medium bowl.
- Drizzle with olive oil, add yogurt and lime juice. Stir to combine.
- Just before serving, add salt and pepper to taste.
- Serve on crackers, in sandwiches or on top of fresh arugula or your favorite salad greens for a refreshing, healthy and hearty lunch that is full of fresh, seasonal ingredients!

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Kim LeBlanc

Located at 500 W. Canyon Ridge Dr. Suite J100 (just SE of the intersection of I-35 and E. Parmer Ln. in the Tech Ridge Shopping Center anchored by HEB), MOD Pizza is a new addition to the area and opened its doors for business this past April.

MOD Pizza is a quickly growing, fast casual pizza restaurant serving individual artisan-style pizzas and salads that are customizable and made on demand. Customers have the option of choosing from a variety of tried and true menu favorites or the option to build and customize their own pizzas - with as many toppings as they want and any combination of toppings at no additional cost.

While MOD Pizza does not currently deliver, customers do have the option to order ahead online for pick up, call in for take out or dine in. In addition to pizzas and salads, MOD Pizza also offers up garlic strips, cinnamon strips, hand-spun milkshakes, house-made iced teas and lemonades, and sodas as well as draft beer and wine. For those with dietary restrictions, rejoice! MOD Pizza is one of the few pizza parlors located in NE Austin with a variety of vegetarian-friendly options, as well as dairy-free and gluten-free options too.

To learn more about our North Austin neighbors at MOD Pizza please visit their website at: <https://modpizza.com/locations/tech-ridge/>

YARD OF THE MONTH

May

11506 April Drive
11647 River Oaks Trail
820 Walnut Creek Drive

June

11612 River Oaks Trail
11614 January Drive
11703 North Oaks Drive

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	#	Street	List	DOM
Active	910	Rocky Spring	\$287,250	20
Active	1306	September	\$299,900	5
Sold	11307	April	\$239,900	6
Sold	11900	Oak Haven	\$235,000	6
Sold	11705	River Oaks	\$249,000	4
Sold	902	Fall Creek	\$249,900	4
Sold	11620	River Oaks	\$269,900	6
Sold	11921	River Oaks	\$299,900	5