

2018 3RD QUARTER



NEWCNA

SAVE THE DATE:

Quarterly Neighborhood Meeting
Thursday 07/26/2018
@ Holy Word Lutheran Church
10601 Bluff Bend Drive

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AT THE JULY 26TH QUARTERLY MEETING!**



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



By Luke Keyes

This year's Spring Fling was a huge success! We had an unofficial estimate of around 90 attendees this year. Thank you to everyone who came out, and an extra thank you to those who shared their delicious food with everyone. Speaking of thanks – the petting zoo was a hit! A big thank you to all who stepped up and donated to the Gofundme to bring out **Tiny Tails to You** to our neighborhood. An extra special thanks to Liz Roger of Sky Realty for being a Gold-level sponsor. Everyone helped put a smile on many children's faces.

*Thank
You!*

It's going to be hard to outdo this year's Spring Fling, but the Fall Festival will be here before you know it! If you have ideas for the Fall Festival or want to volunteer, please send an email to me at:

newcnapres@yahoo.com

I want to mention that our quarterly meeting will be at the end of this month on July 26th. We are currently working on having a representative from KB Homes here to speak on their development plans for the Petersen property and answer any questions. We will be holding another raffle. This time the prize has been graciously donated by one of our NEWCNA members – a \$50 gift card to Mighty Fine Burgers.

Finally, I want to highlight that we still have a few major zoning and code issues going on in our neck of the woods. If you would like to stay updated on zoning happenings, please join NEWCNA so that you can have updates sent to your email inbox. There is a form enclosed in this newsletter. Filled out forms can be sent by mail to the address on the form, or you can bring it to the next meeting.

*This neighborhood association is run by volunteers.
If you are interested in serving your neighborhood, or have
an idea for an event, please let us know!*

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Neighborhoods Council**
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Open Position

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

KICK BALL IN THE PARK

BY SARA APPLETON

As an officer with NEWCNA and an active NEWCNA Facebook group participant I had heard that there was a kickball game in the local park. I was curious to find out who was organizing the game and so one Sunday this last April I went down to North Oaks Neighborhood park to check it out.

Brandon and Laura started a casual Sunday kickball game to get together with neighbors, socialize, and add more fun physical activity into their week. They have been River Oaks Trail residents since 2005 and are the loose organizers of the almost weekly kickball game in North Oaks neighborhood park. The group posts announcements to NEWCNA's Facebook group when planning a game. Anyone is welcome to join in the game adults and kids all play together.

Picking teams is done school yard style with the Team captain's calling out their choices. After the teams are chosen the adults evaluate the choices and make trades to provide a balance of skill levels across the teams. Once the teams are solidified team names are chosen by consensus. Past team names have included mythical creatures and references to bodily functions (as would appeal to any 10 yr old) the weekend I interviewed them the teams were the Unicorn Warriors VS Mr. Orangehead.

Game play is delightfully chaotic with casual tag outs to comfort crying toddlers and sodas set down to play occasionally spilling on the "field" which is just the big open grassy space at North Oaks neighborhood park. Scores are kept on a white board casually propped against a tree but it's not really about who wins and loses its about enjoying the company of your neighbors. A couple dogs are present though leashed to the park tables nearby, and some people have brought snacks and drinks to share. If you aren't into kickball there is also a slackline often set up temporarily between two trees. Several kids who came to the park with their families but aren't inclined to play kickball traverse the slackline comedically waving their arms about and giggling wildly.



Generally it's a very friendly atmosphere and a fun way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

We are Missing Neighborhood Meeting Signs. If you have one PLEASE email newcnapres@yahoo.com



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ATX HACKERSPACE: WHAT IS IT?

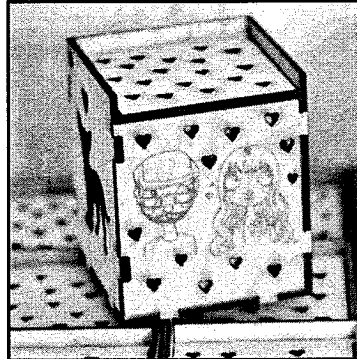
BY LUKE KEYES

Have you ever wanted to do a project in a DIY magazine, but didn't want to go and buy a bunch of expensive tools for one project? Or maybe you know that if you had access to the tools you'd actually use them, but you just don't have the space? Or maybe you want to clear out some space, but you've got boxes of equipment taking up room in your garage, and wish you could just go somewhere to use a saw to make those few cuts instead of keeping that table saw around just in case?

Did you know that there is a place nearby where you can pay a monthly fee and have access to a bunch of tools as well as the space to do work? It's called the ATX Hackerspace and it is located in the Cameron Business Park off of Dessau road between Braker and Rundberg.

The ATX Hackerspace is an 8,000 square foot facility that is a local part of a nationwide movement called makerspaces. At a makerspace, people come together to share tools and knowledge to build stuff. All kinds of stuff – from furniture, to clothing, to robots, and beyond. At the Hackerspace, you will find a diverse array of tools. Here's a short list.

- Wood shop with standards like table saws, routers, drill press, etc.
- Metal shop with different welding equipment
- Manual and CNC milling machines
- Two laser cutters
- Assortment of 3D printers
- Various hand tools like power saws, drills, wrenches, hammers, etc.



You will also find a community of friendly and skilled people who can help you with your project. For example, want to build something that takes woodworking and metalworking skills, but you only know the woodworking parts? Ask around and someone may teach you how to weld, or do a bit of welding for you in exchange for woodworking help.

Also, the ATX Hackerspace can do hosting agreements where you can bring your own tools and share them with the other members. Have a 3D printer sitting around collecting dust? Bring it to the Hackerspace and watch it be used for amazing creations. You can set up an agreement where only trained individuals can use the equipment. Speaking of training, the Hackerspace provides classes for some of the specialized equipment like the laser cutters, welders, and CNC machine, so you can not only learn a new skill but then have access to some amazing tools to use it.

I've been a member of the ATX Hackerspace for a few years now and I find it is a great place to be a part of. I love using the laser cutters and have many cool projects with them, including little custom lanterns that my wife and I gave as favors for our wedding. I find the price pretty affordable (\$75/month on an autopay plan), especially when factoring in the cost of the equipment. Plus it is a very short drive from the neighborhood, so it is easy to go and make a few quick cuts on the table saw or drill a few holes with a drill press.



For more information on the ATX Hackerspace, including information about their weekly Open House, go to www.atxhs.org



Volunteer Opportunities Descriptions

Please indicate on form even if you have done so in the past

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 picnics and social events, neighborhood garage sale, etc. We aim for 10-15 houses per Block Captain.

Picnics/Social We need people to help plan, set-up and clean-up for NEWCNA social activities.

Yard of the Month We need people to scout their neighborhood sub-division (North Oaks, Hillside and 4 Seasons) to tell us what yard they feel should receive the award each month from April to October. Come be part of the selection team!

Advertising We need individuals who are 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.

Clean-Up Meets periodically to collect trash and debris around the neighborhood as designated by the committee chair.

Neighborhood Watch We hope to have this established soon. 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% participation 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.

NEWCNA is your neighborhood association

2018 NEWCNA MEMBERSHIP FORM

The \$20.00 annual dues per residence is used to defray costs of newsletters, meetings, picnics, etc. Credit card payment will be charged a \$1.00 processing fee. Any resident (owner or renter) is welcome to join the association. Membership runs from Jan 1- Dec 31 of each year

(The information requested below is not used for solicitation purposes. It is used only to send information from the association to members that non-members do not receive.) **COMPLETE ALL BLANKS DO NOT ASSUME WE HAVE YOUR INFORMATION**

I would like to volunteer for: Block Captain Picnics/Social Neighborhood Watch YOM Clean Up Newsletter Ads

Name: _____ Spouse/Other: _____

Address: _____

EMAIL 1 _____ Phone: _____ Home

EMAIL 1 _____ Phone: _____ Cell

For Office Use Only:

Status: RENEWAL NEW (not in 2017)

Date Received: _____ Received by: _____ Amount: _____

Paid by: Cash CC Square Online Check: # _____

Deposit Date: _____ Date Sticker Issued: _____

Please mail form and \$20.00 payment to:
 NEWCNA
 PO Box 140014
 Austin, Texas 78714

RESTAURANT REVIEW

BY CHERYL RICHTER

Have you checked out MOD Pizza over at Tech Ridge yet?



I have and its fun!

You can choose from over 30 toppings for one price to create your own pizza, or you can choose from their menu. They have 3 different sizes for \$6, \$8, \$10. For the sauce you choose

between red, alfredo or pesto. I have a mix of all. Choose from a big selection of cheeses, veggies, and meats.

I always have fresh spinach and roasted garlic on mine. It goes into a wood burning oven and ready in around 5 minutes. Before they box it up there are several types of drizzles to choose from. Balsamic vinegar drizzled over the spinach and roasted garlic is scrumptious. The crust is thin with a great flavor. They do have gluten free crusts too. I'm a fan and go there a couple times a month at least. Give it a try!

MOD PIZZA

500 W Canyon Ridge Dr, Suite J100

Austin, TX 78753

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HOURS:

Sun-Thu 10:30AM-10PM

Fri-Sat 10:30AM-11PM

KERBEY LANE CAFE RESUMES PLANS FOR NEW BRAKER LANE LOCATION

Kerbey Lane Cafe is in the permitting process with the city of Austin for its ninth location on Braker Lane.

The local eatery submitted a site plan for review in March 2018 and construction is expected to begin later in 2018 with the restaurant opening likely in late 2019, said Amanda Kuda, Kerbey Lane Cafe's vice president of communication.

"We're just as anxious as everyone else to get that location moving," she said.

The new 5,800-square-foot restaurant—located at 1806 W. Braker Lane, Austin, next to the U.S. Postal Service—will have seating for around 266 guests and also have a large outdoor patio, Kuda said.

Also new to the Braker Lane location will be a homier design that Kerbey Lane Cafe has been pursuing for its newer locations. The new design by Kris Swift of Future Design Now will also be incorporated into the Mueller location opening later in 2018 in the new Texas Mutual Insurance Co. building on Aldrich

Street.

"Mueller will have a different homey vibe from some of our newer stores here in Central Austin," Kuda said. "Most of our remodeled stores have a vintage diner vibe. This will be more warm and inviting and more to the homey feel of the original store on Kerbey Lane."

The shell of the Mueller location is complete, and Kuda said they expect to start the build-out by June 2018.

Kerbey Lane Cafe secured a long-term lease for the Braker Lane restaurant four years ago, but the Mueller project and the need to update the Northwest Austin restaurant pushed the Braker location to the back burner.

Article by: **By Amy Denney** w/ Community Impact Newspaper on May 22, 2018

<https://communityimpact.com/austin/northwest-austin/development-construction/2018/05/22/kerbey-lane-cafe-resumes-plans-for-new-braker-lane-location-will-renovate-northwest-austin-restaurant-in-june/>

ECO CORNER WITH DEBRA SUE

During this dry time of the year, we are often challenged by the number of insects joining us in our homes in the pursuit of water. Ants and cockroaches are the ones I see most often. I really try to avoid the use of toxic chemicals to kill these pests. I have recently begun trying different non-toxic methods to discourage them.

Every Month Debra Sue Trinke will bring you helpful home tips with an eco-conscious twist.



I found a great website that lists many suggestions. Here are a few of my favorites:

- Spray them with soapy water. It kills the roaches and eliminates the scent trail for the ants.
- Boric Acid – Place on top of your kitchen cupboard. The roaches will carry it back to their lairs and kill others.
- Diatomaceous Earth – Place where you see roaches. This product will cut them and cause them to want more water, so do not be surprised if you see more for a couple of weeks. After that, they should be gone.
- For ants, place several mint leaves or mint tea bags where you see the ants. It is a natural deterrent for ants.

For more tips, you can visit: learn.eartheasy.com

NEWCNA MARKET SNAPSHOT

Prepared by Liz Rogers, REALTOR®

Your Neighbor & Four Seasons Resident

Market In A Minute:

- Austin's real estate market matches summer's heat with a median price for a single-family home of \$389,000*.
- Did you know that median home prices have increased 42.5% from 2013 – 2018*?
- Looking forward, where high prices and tight inventory exist, we can expect rents to rise.



Summer Tips:

- Water your foundation consistently. Our homes are feeling aged and need help to avoid plumbing and foundation issues.
- Place an emergency kit within reach in the event of weather or power outages.

Our Market Spring 2018	Address	List Price (\$K)	Days on Market
Coming Soon / Active	3 properties	\$269 - \$360	0-97
Pending/Taking Back Up Offers	8 properties under contract	\$250 - \$330	3-23
Sold	12 homes and happy Sellers!! (Buyers too!)	\$198 - \$349	1-42, 113

**Details for the above homes may be found on the NEWCNA Facebook page under Files <https://www.facebook.com/groups/newcna/>*

Rentals
 3 properties leased from \$1,495 - \$1,695 per month
 4 properties actively on the market ranging from \$1,600 - \$1,850 per month

Lots
 11501 and 11503 February Drive are available for \$75,000, respectively

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AUSTIN AREA FESTIVALS, CELEBRATIONS & EVENTS

07/06/18 - 8/18/18

Zilker Summer Musical

Pack a picnic and enjoy the FREE, annual musical at the Zilker Park's Hillside Theatre. The outdoor amphitheater hosts performances of the Elvis-inspired musical "All Shook Up" on Thursdays - Sundays in July & August with show times beginning around 8:15 PM. www.zilker.org

07/11/18 - 08/15/18

Austin Sound & Cinema

This 4-show FREE series pairs live bands with classic and cult favorite movies. Takes place on alternating Wednesdays in July & August on the lawn of the Long Center. For each event, food trucks will open at 6 PM, music begins at 7:30 PM, followed by the film screening after sunset.

<http://thelongcenter.org/event/sound-cinema/>

07/15/18 - 08/26/18

Austin Symphony's

"Concerts in the Park" Series

In its 16th summer season, these FREE ensemble concerts take place on the lawn of the Long Center and run on Sunday evenings through August 28th. Show times start at 7:30 PM. Concertgoers are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner and blanket and make it a group outing. <http://www.austinsymphony.org/>

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08/11/18

Austin PRIDE Festival & Parade

The PRIDE Festival is the largest annual LGBTQ advocacy and fundraising event in Central Texas. Festival is held at Fiesta Gardens, highlighting 150+ vendors, live music, and dozens of non-profit organizations which use the Festival as a platform to inform & interact with the festival and parades' hundreds of thousands of attendees. Festival tickets start at \$17 www.austinpride.org

08/18/18

14th Annual Austin Bat Fest

Celebrate this batty event on Congress Avenue Bridge. Enjoy live music, children's activities, a bat costume contest & more. Admission \$15 in advance, \$20 at the gate. Kids under 8 free admission with adult admission.

<http://www.roadwayevents.com/event/bat-fest/>

08/26/18

Austin Chronicle Hot Sauce Festival

If you wanna beat the heat this summer then you gotta eat the heat! One of the world's largest hot sauce festivals is at Fiesta Gardens. Admission is free with a \$5 cash donation to the Central Texas Food Bank, or donation of three non-perishable food items.

www.austinchronicle.com

09/23/18

Austin Free 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

09/22/18 - 09/23/18

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

09/29/18

Texas Craft Brewers Festival

The largest beer festival for & by Texas Brewers. This annual event takes place at Fiesta Gardens and features the best of Texas craft beer & highlights the thriving craft beer industry across the Lone Star State. Tickets start at \$15 www.texascraftbrewersfestival.org