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September/October 2009

Upcoming Events

Neighborhood Garage Sale

The Fall Neighborhood Garage Sale is scheduled for **Saturday, October 10th**, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., rain or shine. Registration for the garage sale will be from September 30 through October 9. The registration form is in the back of this newsletter. The registration fee of two dollars (\$2.00) and the registration form in this newsletter should be deposited in the black Association mailbox at the curb of 4507 Tamarack Trail.

The garage sale will be advertised in the Austin American Statesman and signs will be put out the day of the sale. The two-dollar fee is used to offset the cost of the ad and the cost of the signs.

Friday Presale - we'll have a 'pre-sale' event Friday night just for Northwood people—it will not be advertised outside this newsletter. Turn your porch light on and open the garage door if you want to participate.

Remember to register by October 9! Questions? Call Cheryl Vanek at 244-4368. ☎

Neighborhood News

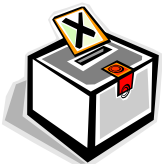
Proposed Dues Increase

Our neighborhood association dues have not been increased in many years, and the Board will vote on December 3 to increase dues from \$10 to \$15 effective January 1, 2010. The ongoing costs of the newsletter and other factors have caused our revenues to remain flat, and the projects that we are working on will hit our bank account. These projects include our neighborhood identification sign on the concrete wall at Silver Creek, and upgrades to our neighborhood information sign nearby. This modest increase in dues will help us recoup these costs over time.

Please give us your feedback on this proposal in the meantime – you can email or call the officers (see the last page) or post a comment in the discussion group. And, as always, feel free to attend the next meeting. ☎

Association Officer Elections in January

At our January 2009 meeting, elections will be held for the association officer positions. All current officers are willing to continue and the vice president position is open. If you would like



Oak Wilt Alert: You may safely prune and immediately paint oak trees during the summer heat (and winter cold).



to serve on the Association Board, please contact one of the current officers (see the last page). According to the Association By-Laws, the duties of the Vice-President are to act as President in his or her absence, and assist the President as needed. ☞

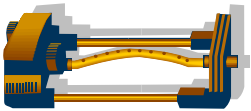
Roofing Company Sign Proliferation

The hail storm earlier this year resulted in lots of new roofs in Northwood and advertising by roofing companies. While the advertising often provides a discount for the homeowner, we would ask that you leave the sign in place only as long as required. ☞

Stage 2 Watering in Place

From cityofaustin.org/watercon/stage2.htm

As of August 24, 2009 stage 2 watering restrictions are in place. That means that residences with odd-numbered addresses can water their yards on Saturday; those with even-numbered addresses can water on Sunday. Automatic systems may water before 10 a.m.; Hose-end Sprinklers, Soaker Hoses may water before 10 a.m. and/or after 7 p.m. Hand-held watering may be done any day, any time.



Violations are Class C misdemeanors, with each instance punishable by a fine of up to \$500. To report violations call 311. ☞

Recycling Review

The new single stream recycling program has been in place for a while now, and not everyone is familiar with its details. Austin has a “zero land fill” goal (see next article), so it is important to recycle as much as possible.

First, leave about 6 feet of space between the recycling and trash cans when they are at the

curb for pickup so the automated trucks can easily grab the correct container.

If you have too much recycling material to fit in the 90-gallon blue container, place it in a cardboard box and the crew will take the box and contents. Do NOT place the previously-used blue plastic recycling container at the curb unless you want it to be recycled (they won't be emptied, just picked up).

What can be recycled curbside in the cart?

Paper: newspaper, office paper, junk mail, envelopes, wrapping paper

Boxboard and cardboard: corrugated cardboard and boxboard. Examples of boxboard: cereal boxes, shoe boxes, most gift boxes, soda/beverage containers, most food packaging containers such as boxes of macaroni and cheese, rice, microwave meals.

Aluminum and metal cans: rinsed food cans (labels left on OK), soda cans

Glass: Jars and bottles (rinsed)

Rigid plastics: # 1 through # 7, including yogurt and margarine tubs (again, rinsed)

What cannot be recycled in your cart?

Please DON'T place the following in your Single Stream Recycling cart:

- Plastic bags
- Styrofoam® (cups, egg cartons, take-out containers)



- Pizza boxes (with food stains)
- Yard waste/leaves (set out for yard trimmings pick up)
- Food waste (consider composting)
- Garbage
- Helium tanks
- Large metal items (steel cans, aerosol cans or metals that are gallon-sized or smaller are ok. Frying pans and large metal pipes are not ok)



- Large plastic items (rigid plastics that are gallon-sized or smaller are ok)
- Wire coat hangers (recycle at your local dry cleaners)

For more details, call 311 or visit the web site, cityofaustin.org/sws/singlestream.htm.

Editor's note: appliances can be recycled at 6500 N. Lamar, a dropoff for the City's recycling program, per Giant Discount Appliances. ☞

Austin has "zero waste" goal

From cityofaustin.org/sws/0waste.htm

Central Texas continues to grow, which means more land is needed to build homes, businesses, etc. That means that less land is available for landfills for garbage. With this in mind, in 2005 Austin set a goal of achieving a **20% reduction in per capita solid waste disposal to landfills and incinerators by 2012**, and a 90% reduction ("zero waste") in waste sent to landfills and incinerators by 2040. This will be accomplished by using a "whole system" approach to evaluate and manage the flow of resources and waste created by our communities.

We can all do our part to reach this 2012 goal – in under 3 years - by recycling as much as possible and reducing the amount of non-recycled materials that we use. ☞



Reduce waste and improve your yard—mulch, grasscycle, compost!

From cityofaustin.org/sws/compost.htm

Other ways of recycling are to

- Mulch (spread grass and yard clippings around plants a few inches from the stem)
- Grasscycle (leave grass clippings on the lawn to decompose into soil. This

provides 60% of the nitrogen and all the phosphorous that your lawn needs.

- Compost – bins are recommended to discourage pests; many are available online or you can build your own.

Easy compost recipe

1. Put different yard trimmings such as leaves and grass clippings in a bin or pile. You should have a mix of green material and brown material. Add water so the pile is slightly damp. "Turn" the pile at least once a month. The pile should reach a temperature of 130 to 160 degrees and will be ready in 6 to 9 months. The more frequently you turn the pile, the faster your compost will be ready.
2. Add fruit and vegetable scraps, coffee grounds, tea leaves and eggshells as generated (avoid bread, grease, oils, meat and dairy products, pet feces, ashes and charcoal). Cover the new kitchen scraps with leaves or bury them in the pile. If the pile dries out, add more water to keep it damp.
3. After 12 to 16 months, most of the material at the bottom of the pile will be dark, rich sweet-smelling compost. Sift or sort out any large, undecomposed materials.
4. Sprinkle on your yard and garden!

See cityofaustin.org/sws/compost.htm for more details about composting. ☞

Host a foreign exchange high school student

Interested in learning about another culture without traveling? Consider provide a bed and meals for a student either for the school year or just a few weeks as a welcome family. Students provide their own spending money for personal items, clothing,



entertainment, school fees, and long distance telephone calls, and their medical insurance. Host families provide a place to live and meals. Visit <http://hostastudent.info/> and <http://www.cci-exchange.com/> or call Jayne Allen at 512 215-9720 for more details. ☎

Continuing Business



Police report

To view the police report, go to <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/police/crimestats.htm>

July

Harassment	Oak Creek Dr	1025
Assault With Injury	Silver Creek Dr	2134
Harassment	Cantle Trl	1933
Harassment	Cantle Trl	2000
Harassment	Oak Creek Dr	1527
Harassment	Oak Bend Cv	2242

August

Criminal Mischief	Northfield Rd	1047
Family Disturbance	Silver Creek Dr	2254

September

Criminal Mischief	Oak Creek Dr	923
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Northwood Community Officer

The officer assigned to Northwood is Joe Maciel. Contact him at 974-4289 or email at joe.maciel@ci.austin.tx.us. If you have any non-emergency questions for the police, you may contact him. If you want to report an incident to the police, call 311. ☎

2009 Due\$ are due

The 2009 dues are due. They are \$10 and are for the calendar year 2009. The dues pay for

the gift certificates for the yard of the month and help pay for the newsletter and some of the special activities. To join the Northwood Neighborhood Association, just complete the form on the back of this newsletter and mail it with a check. ☎

Unclassified

The 26th annual Austin Jewish Book Fair presented by the Jewish Community Association of Austin (JCAA), will be held from November 1-8 at various locations. For details, call 735-8076 or visit www.shalomaustin.org/bookfair ☎

Calendar

October	10	Garage sale
December		Holiday lights contest

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Garage Sale Registration

Register by October 9; put this form and \$2.00 in the black Association mailbox at the curb at 4507 Tamarack.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

email _____

Northwood Association Dues for calendar year 2009 \$10.00

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ email _____

Mail to: Nancy Grijalva, 4507 Tamarack Austin, TX 78727 **Remember to subscribe to the Northwood email alerts: send a blank email to NorthwoodNbrhdAssn-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.**

