

News Northwood from

September / October 2012

Upcoming Events

Neighborhood Garage Sale

The Fall Neighborhood Garage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, October 13, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., rain or shine. Registration for the garage sale will be from September 30 through October 12. 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 12. Questions? Call Cheryl Vanek at 244-4368. ☞

Neighborhood Notes

Association Officer Elections in January

At our January 2013 meeting, elections will be held for the association officer positions. All current officers are willing to continue. If you would like to serve on the Association Board, please contact one of the current officers (see the last page). ☞

Reduce junk paper

From the Austin American Statesman

Don't want phone books or junk mail? The City of Austin is encouraging residents to sign up for a free service from Catalog Choice; that company contacts mailers and asks them to remove your name and address from their marketing records. Register at austin.catalogchoice.org. Then when you receive unwanted catalogs, log in and add them to your "stop" list. That allows you to continue receiving ad mailings you want to receive. ☞

Home & Family Safety

Keep pets inside at night - avoid coyotes

Several neighbors have posted "missing pet" announcements on the discussion group and/or Facebook page. We hope that all lost pets will be reunited with their families. Please consider keeping

Oak Wilt Alert: only prune and paint oak trees when it is very hot or very cold, then prune and immediately paint (you can use latex spray paint). Avoid pruning between February and June when the beetles transmitting the fungus are most active.



animals inside, especially at night. Coyotes live near Northwood and are active at night and in the early morning hours - a neighbor recently saw one on Poquoson. Also either tag or microchip your pets; if they are rescued by someone they can be returned home.

If you see coyotes, call 311 to report the details. To see if your pet was turned into the Austin Animal Shelter, call 311 or visit www.austintexas.gov/page/view-lost-pets.

Ask 8 Before You Vaccinate

From www.nvic.org/Ask-Eight-Questions.aspx
Under the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, over \$2 billion has been awarded to children and adults for whom the risks of vaccine injury were 100%. Vaccines are pharmaceutical products that carry risks, which can be greater for some than others. The National Vaccine Information Center (NVIC) encourages you to become fully informed about the risks and complications of diseases and vaccines and speak with one or more trusted health care professionals before making a vaccination decision.

There are 8 questions that you should be able to answer before you or your child gets a vaccine:

1. Am I or my child sick right now?
2. Have I or my child had a bad reaction to a vaccination before?
3. Do I or my child have a personal or family history of vaccine reactions, neurological disorders, severe allergies or immune system problems?
4. Do I know the disease and vaccine risks for myself or my child?
5. Do I have full information about the vaccine's side effects?
6. Do I know how to identify and report a vaccine reaction?

7. Do I know I need to keep a written record, including the vaccine manufacturer's name and lot number, for all vaccinations?
8. Do I know I have the right to make an informed choice?

For more information, visit nvic.org.

Baking Soda Benefits

From articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2012/08/27/baking-soda-natural-remedy.asp

Baking soda has many uses. Here are a few:

Medicinal

Ulcer Pain: 1-2 teaspoons in a full glass of water for quick relief - it neutralizes the acid.



Splinter removal: Add a tablespoon of baking soda to a small glass of water, then soak the affected area twice a day. Many splinters will come out on their own after a couple of days using

this treatment.

Sunburn remedy: Add ½ cup of baking soda to lukewarm bathwater, then soak in the tub. When you get out, let your skin air dry, rather than towel-drying off the excess baking soda, for extra relief. You can also add a mixture of baking soda and water to a cool compress and apply it to the sunburn directly.

Insect bites, itchy rashes, poison ivy: Apply a paste of baking soda and water to insect bites to help relieve itching. You can also rub the dry powder onto your skin.

Cleaning

Baking soda mixed with apple cider vinegar is a bubbly combination that has many uses. As a drain cleaner, sprinkle baking soda down the drain, then add apple cider vinegar and let it bubble for 15 minutes, then rinse with hot water.



Soak pots and pans in hot water and baking soda for 15 minutes to easily wipe away baked-on food.

Use baking soda to scrub your barbecue grill.

Clean baby toys in a mixture of 4 tablespoons of baking soda and 1 quart of water.

Add one cup of baking soda to your laundry; it works as a fabric softener, and can get your clothes whiter and brighter.

Baking soda is a natural carpet cleaner. Sprinkle it onto carpets, let it sit for 15 minutes, then vacuum it up.

To polish silver without using toxic silver polish, fill your kitchen sink with hot water, add a sheet of aluminum foil and baking soda, and let the silver pieces soak until clean. It is an easy and fun way to clean silver.

Sprinkle baking soda in your shoes for a natural deodorizer. ☞

Boxelder Bugs

From Wizzie Brown, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Program



Boxelder bugs are dark brownish-black insects with orange markings around the edges of the thorax and wings. These bugs are about ½ an inch long as an adult. Nymphs, or immatures, look similar to adults, but are smaller, do not have fully developed wings which allows you to see their bright red abdomen.

While boxelder bugs typically do not cause damage to the landscape or structure, they may become a nuisance in and around homes from fall until spring. In the fall, adults and large nymphs gather in large numbers to move to areas

to overwinter. Boxelder bugs spend the winter in cracks and crevices in walls, around door and window casings, tree holes and in debris on the ground. Sometimes they will try to move indoors to overwinter. On warm days from fall until spring, adult boxelder bugs will emerge from their overwintering location to warm themselves in the sun.

Removing female boxelder trees from the area may solve problems with large, repeated infestations of boxelder bugs. Hiding places can also be reduced or eliminated by removing debris such as boards, leaves and rocks from the area as well as sealing cracks and crevices around the home with caulk or expanding foam. If chemical treatment is desired, treat overwintering areas with chemicals containing active ingredients such as pyrethrin, cyfluthrin, bifenthrin, carbaryl or acephate.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Also check out www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com. ☞



Continuing Business

Join the Northwood Facebook, email and discussion groups!



If you want to get neighborhood news that is “hot off the press”, send a blank email to NorthwoodNbrhdAssn-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. We also have a discussion group and Facebook group, Northwood Neighborhood Association, where neighbors can discuss issues or ask questions. To join this, go to our web site main.org/northwood and complete the form. ☞

2012 Due\$ are due

The 2012 dues are due. They are \$15 and are for the calendar year 2012. The dues pay for the gift certificates for the yard of the month and help pay for the newsletter and some special activities. ☞

Dues must be current to be eligible for financial assistance for treatment of oak wilt

To join the Northwood Neighborhood Association, just complete the form on the back of this

newsletter and mail a check to the treasurer at the address listed on the form. A Texas-size Thank You! to everyone who has paid their dues! ☞

Yard of the Month

The July Yard of the Month award goes to Cathy & Dan Drake, 4002 Tamarack Trail. The yard consists of a bed with Sago Palms, Mediterranean Fan Palm, Purple Crepe Myrtle, Society Garlic, Variegated Ginger, Holly Ferns and Acuba. The right side of the driveway has a succulent bed containing Esperanzas with Agaves, Aloes, Cactus, Echeverria sedums, Pride of Barbados, Silver Pony Foot and Periwinkles. The bed is filled with granite gravel. ☞

Police neighborhood contact

Our neighborhood police contact is Officer Michael Whetston. Contact him at 974-5553 or Michael.Whetston@austintexas.gov. To just report an incident, you may call 311. ☞

Police report

The City’s Crime Viewer is available at www.ci.austin.tx.us/GIS/crime-viewer/CrimeReportSearch.html. You can subscribe to a daily crime report for any area (such as for 1 mile) around your address at spotcrime.com.



July

Tamarack Trl	Graffiti	19:54
Oak Bend	Harassment	11:58
Tamarack Trl	Leaving scene of crash	12:33

August

Tamarack Trl	Burglary of Vehicle	18:58
Tamarack Trl	Vandalism	6:58
Oak Creek	Assault w/ injury	19:20



Any time you see a person or vehicle that doesn’t seem to belong, get as detailed a description as possible and notify the police – call 311 (or 911 if they are still present). If you are aware of a theft or other problem, contact the editor at 244-7500 or northwoodna@yahoo.com. An anonymous description of the incident will be included in the police report section of the newsletter. ☞

Calendar

October	13	Fall Garage Sale
December		Holiday Yard of the Month

Classified Ad rates:

Business card \$15
1/4 page \$35
1/2 page \$60
Full page \$85

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Garage Sale Registration

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Address: _____ Phone: _____



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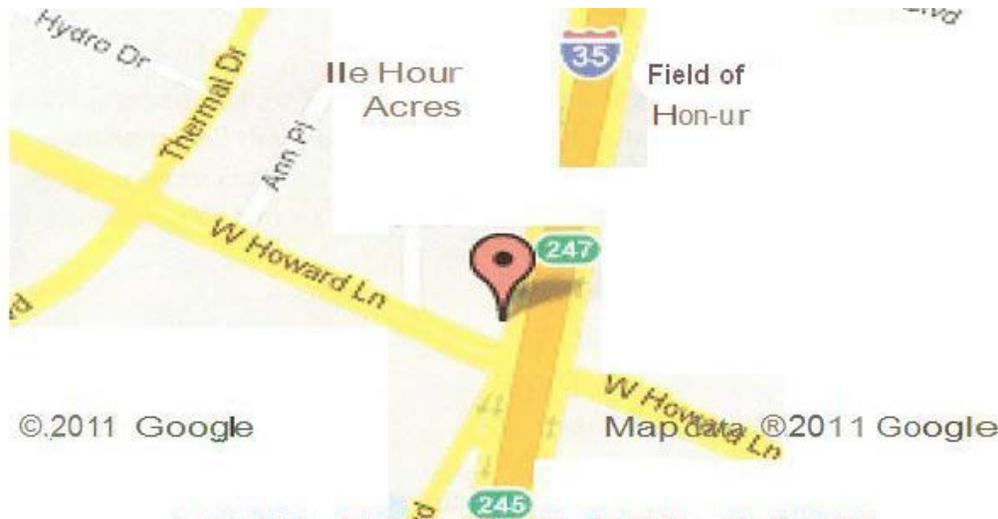
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