

News Northwood from

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July/August 2013

Upcoming Events

Fall Garage Sale Oct 12

The fall garage sale is scheduled for Saturday, October 12. Start gathering all those unused items and outgrown or never worn clothes! The sign-up will be held for approximately two weeks before October 12. ☺

Neighborhood Help needed

Northwood is a great neighborhood because of the people who live here; neighbors are willing to get involved to keep this a great place to live. The Vice President position is vacant and the President has been serving in that position for several years, as have the Treasurer and Secretary. We also have activities such as the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Yard of the Month for which volunteers are needed. Finally, we have a need for accounting or legal skills related to our status as a non-profit organization.

If you are interested in serving in some way, contact one of the officers (contact information on the last page). Involvement only takes about an hour a month and typically up to 3 when special projects are being carried out. ☺

Neighborhood Notes

Another great 4th of July parade

A fun time was had by all at the July 4th neighborhood parade. The group included over 30 adult marchers with numerous children, babies and dogs, many of whom dressed in red white and blue. Some residents on the route brought out chairs to watch the parade and wave flags as we passed on foot, on bicycles, in wagons and strollers. At the end of the route, refreshments were provided. If you missed the event this year, we hope you will join us next time!

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Home & Family Safety

Signs of Drowning

From Reader's Digest, rd.com and other sites

Actual signs of drowning are quite different from those in the movies or cartoons. Children - or adults who can't swim - can drown while others watch without realizing they are in trouble. Learn the signs.

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.



- A drowning person cannot call or wave for help.
- The head is low in the water, with mouth at water level; head may be tilted back with mouth open; a child's head may fall forward. The mouth alternatively sinks below and appears above the surface of the water. The person is exhaling and inhaling awhile the mouth is above water and can't call for help.
- A drowning person instinctively extends the arms to the sides and presses down to lift the mouth out of the water; a child may extend her arms forward. They can't use their arms to move toward a rescuer or reach for rescue equipment.
- A drowning person remains upright in the water, with no evidence of kicking. She can struggle for only 20 to 60 seconds before going under.
- Eyes are glassy, unable to focus, or closed.
- Sometimes the most important indicator that someone is drowning is that she doesn't look like she's drowning. She may just seem to be looking up at the sky, shore, pool deck, or dock. Ask "Are you all right?" If she can answer at all, she probably is. If she returns a blank stare, you may have less than 30 seconds to get to her.
- Children playing in the water make noise. When they get quiet, you need to get to them and find out why. ☞

Medicare scam

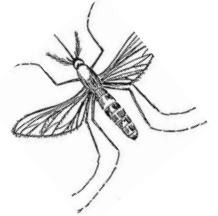
Per a recent email, a new medicare card scam is a phone call with a "not in use" caller id. The caller knows your name, says he is with the Social Security Administration and they are sending a new Medicare card; he needs to verify the information. The caller knows the address and (of course)

the phone number, and asks which bank you use. Don't answer that - there is no reason why the SSA would call and ask for that information. ☞

Simple mosquito deterrent

From the July 16, 2013 NY times and

www.mosquito.org/faq



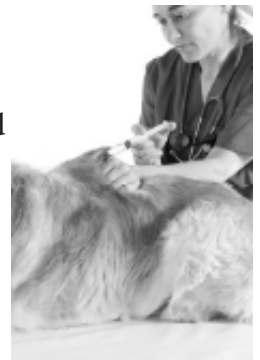
Want to sit outside and not be bothered by mosquitos? Use a fan. Why does a fan work? Mosquitos are fairly weak flyers and it's hard for them to fly in the wind from the fan. The breeze also scatters carbon dioxide, which people exhale and which attracts mosquitos. End result: few or no bites! ☞

Updated canine vaccine recommendations

From www.aahanet.org/PublicDocuments/CanineVaccineGuidelines.pdf and healthypets.mercola.com

The American Animal Hospital Association updated the canine vaccinations in 2011; you may want to be sure your dog is only getting the recommended vaccinations per the new schedule. There is both a one and 3 year rabies vaccine; be sure you know which one your dog is getting. (Cats can follow a similar schedule; ask your vet.)

The immunity lasts at least 5 years for distemper and parvo, and at least 7 years for adenovirus. The Healthy Pets site listed above has a summary of the shot schedule. Once the pet has had their "baby" shots, consider asking for a "titer" to test the pet's immunity before re-vaccinating. If the pet's immunity is still active, there's no need to re-vaccinate. ☞





General & Continuing News

Call 311 for non-emergency issues

The Association officers sometimes get calls when someone has an issue with a neighbor's grass growing too tall, running a business from their home that is not appropriate for a neighborhood, finds graffiti, and so on.

Although the Association officer may be able to talk to the neighbor who is causing the issue, we have no authority to solve the complaint. A much better solution is to call 311; that operator will connect you to the proper City department that can handle the issue. ☞

Join the Northwood email and discussion groups!



If you want to get neighborhood news that is "hot off the press", send a blank email to NorthwoodNbrhdAssn-subscribe@yahoo.com. We also have a discussion group where neighbors can discuss issues or ask

questions. To join this, go to our web site northwoodna.com and complete the form, ☞

2013 Due\$ are due

The 2013 dues are due. They are \$15 and are for the calendar year 2013. 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. ☞

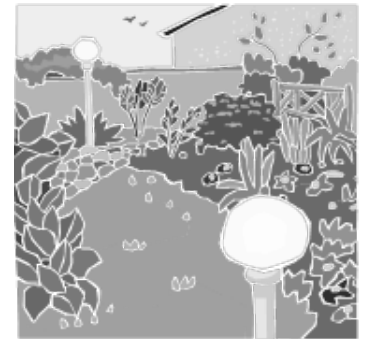
Dues must be current to be eligible for financial assistance for treatment of oak wilt

To join the North-

wood 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, or pay the dues through PayPal on the web site, northwoodna.com. A Texas-size Thank You! to everyone who has paid their dues! ☞

Yard of the Month

The May Yard of the Month award goes to Gloria Wilson at 4202 Tamarack Trail



Both front gardens were planted in winter 2012. The goal was to reduce the amount of lawn and plant native to reduce watering and support small wildlife and birds. The limestone bed at the curb is planted with flowering natives that have very low water requirements. Bluebonnets, black-foot daises, four-nerve daises, lantanas and autumn sage accompany pink gaura, damianita, calylophus and winecups for color throughout most of the year. Several types of succulents, Mexican feathergrass, agarita, aromatic sumac and prickly pear cactus round out the bed.

In the bed by the house is a mix of deciduous and evergreen bushes: autumn sage, coral berry, chile pequin, Barbados cherry, gulf muhlys, bamboo muhlys, evergreen sumac, Will Fleming yaupons, plumbago, esperanza, shrimp plant, Mexican oregano, dwarf wax myrtle and mountain sage. There are also a couple of understory trees: Texas persimmon and Anachaco orchid. For flower color, there are four-nerve daises, black-eyed Susan, Texas betony and tropical sage. Starting to spread and cover the ground is silver ponyfoot and lyre-leaf sage. A little bit of everything, all deer resistant except for the coral berry.

The June Yard of the Month was awarded to



Robert & Susana Renner is 3703 Northfield Rd. We did not get a description in time for this issue; drive by and see the yard! ☹

northwoodna@gmail.com. An anonymous description of the incident will be included in the police report section of the newsletter. ☹

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. ☹

Calendar

October 12 Fall Garage Sale
December Holiday Yard of the Month



Police report

The City's Crime Viewer is available at www.austintexas.gov/GIS/Crime-Viewer/. You can subscribe to a daily crime report for any area (such as for 1 mile) around your address at spotcrime.com.

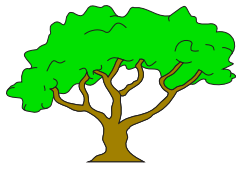
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Street	Crime	Time
May		
Disturbance – Other	Palomar	21:40
Assist Complainant	Poquoson	23:52
Suspicious Activity	Silver Creek	15:51
Debit Card Abuse	Trailwood	16:12
Criminal Mischief	Woodchester	8:11
Family Disturbance	Woodchester	19:24
June		
Harassment	Council Bluff	14:39
Burglary of Residence	Council Bluff	17:54
Dating Disturbance	Oak Creek	12:25
Fraud – Other	Trailwood	10:23
Poquoson	Burglary 6/20	9:29
Council Bluff	Burglary 6/18	17:54

Classified Ad rates:
Business card \$15
1/4 page \$35
1/2 page \$60
Full page \$85

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



Hello Northwood Neighbors!

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