

NORHILL NEWS

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Yum, Yum, Ice Cream Social Coming August 1

For the third consecutive year, we're pleased to announce the Norhill Ice Cream Social at Proctor Plaza Park on Saturday, August 1 from noon to 2:00 p.m. It's free and open to the whole family, especially the little ones. Tables and chairs will be set up, and the Community Center will be open so you can use the restrooms.

As in prior years, there will be friendly competition for "best traditional" and "most unique" ice creams and attendees will vote on the "People's Choice" award. Judging will begin at 1:30 p.m.

Mark Adam has agreed to chair the event again this year, and he promises more of the same with a few new wrinkles. NNA member Justin Engle, who is co-owner of the new Town In City Microbrewery on Cavalcade, will serve as a judge this year and has promised to bring a few prizes for the winning ice cream makers.



We'll have a special toppings table for the kids to "personalize" their ice cream with fruit, nuts, sprinkles and other goodies, and we'll have cold lemonade to wash it all down. You don't have to make ice cream to attend, we'll probably have as many ice cream eaters as ice cream makers.

Don't miss this special opportunity to mingle with your Norhill neighbors

and beat the summer heat with some tasty homemade ice cream.

What: Ice Cream Social
Where: Proctor Plaza Park
When: Saturday, August 1 from noon to 2:00 p.m.



10 Tips for Homemade Ice Cream Success

1. Most ice cream maker bowls need at least 24 hours to freeze. It's better to make your ice cream the day before and store it in the freezer over night.
2. The "batter" for your ice cream can never be too cold. We suggest you pour it in a container and chill it in the fridge before the ice cream making begins.
3. Don't overfill your ice cream maker! Three-quarters full yields the best results. It might look a little empty, but if you fill the bowl up to the top, the ice cream won't aerate properly.
4. No matter what the recipe's instructions say, when tempering egg yolks for custard-based ice creams, never combine more than 3 or 4 tablespoons of hot cream with the yolks before whisking them back into the cream. And go very slowly. Nothing is worse than creating an accidental scramble.
5. When using alcohol as an ingredient in ice cream, moderation is key. Anything more than 1/4 cup (in a recipe that yields 1 quart) interferes with the ice cream's ability to freeze.
6. Add extracts (vanilla, maple, almond, etc.) after the ice cream batter has cooled, but before churning, for the best flavor.
7. Add mix-ins, such as chocolate chips, nuts, and candy pieces, for only the last few minutes of churning. The ice cream should already be done. You just want to distribute the mix-ins evenly.
8. Shallow, flat containers are best for freezing and storing ice cream. In America ice cream is usually sold in tall round containers. In Italy gelato is kept in low, rectangular ones, which promote an even consistency. It will also keep better when set over ice.
9. To prevent ice crystals from forming, cover the surface with a layer of plastic wrap or wax paper before closing the container.
10. Homemade ice creams keep well for up to a week. After that, they begin to lose their flavor and creamy texture. Eat quickly—you can always make more!

President's Message

Since 1925 Norhill has been recognized as a neighborhood of caring people and active volunteers. We have 865 homes and approximately 2,000 adults in Norhill. Everyday we walk, drive and ride bicycles through our neighborhood and we see everything. We all have cell phones and we know when something looks suspicious. In other words, we are the best security force money can buy, and if we all work together, the service is free.



Several NNA members have called me recently and asked if we can add extra security patrols in Norhill, and we can do this, but it's very expensive. Even adding one constable for 40 total hours a week is more than \$50,000 per year (five times greater than our entire budget), and one person can't see everything in Norhill.

As a new member of "Nextdoor Norhill," the online networking site, I was recently interested to read a long post about several men in a gray truck harassing

women in Norhill. They described the men in great detail and even reported the license tag number. But they didn't report it to the Constable's office. As soon as that was done, a Special Watch Alert (SWA) was created and several Constables paid a visit to the truck owner's home. We haven't had any more problems like that.

By the way, I strongly urge all Norhillians to join Nextdoor Norhill at www.nextdoor.com. It's free and provides a number of good services. As soon as you create a profile, their system assigns you to the "Norhill" neighborhood.

I also urge you to support our new block captain program. Last month's newsletter had a front page article about the various responsibilities of a Block Captain. You will be asked to stay in touch with about 20 of your closest neighbors and the time commitment will probably only average an hour or so per month.

Check the list below and if your block is unassigned, please send me an email at mgclennan@gmail.com if you can help. We really appreciate your support.

—Mike Clennan

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Blocks Needing Captains

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5	1000-1100 16th Street	33	900 Temple
9	1000-1100 Le Green	34	900 Pizer
13	4600 Pineridge	35	900 Melwood
16	1000 14th Street	36	900 Fugate
17	1100 Gardner	37	800 Fugate
18	1000 Gardner	38	800 Melwood
21	1000-1100 Melwood	39	800 Pizer
22	1100 Temple	40	800 Cottage
23	4000 Oakridge	41	600-700 Key
24	4000 Norhill	42	600-700 Cottage
25	4000 Pineridge	43	600-700 Temple
26	1000 Temple	44	600-700 Pizer

Send Mike Clennan an email at mgclennan@gmail.com if you're willing to volunteer for a block.

In The News

Homeowner Survey Deadline Extended

The NNA board has decided to extend the deadline for submitting your “remodeling guidelines” survey form until July 31 in order to allow more time for NNA property owners to participate. If you have misplaced your form, you can download one from www.norhill.org or ask any member of the board for a replacement.

Constable Rosen to be Rescheduled

We have contacted Constable Allen Rosen’s office to reschedule him following the heavy rain and street flooding that forced cancellation of our June 30 meeting. An announcement will be made as soon as we have a firm date. Stay tuned.



Constable Allen Rosen

NNA Historian Needed

We are searching for someone to take the vacant position of Historian for Norhill Neighborhood Association. This is not an elected or board position, so you would not be required to attend board meetings. Your job would be to archive articles, photos and other information of historical significance to our association for the benefit of future Norhill residents. Contact Mike Clennan if you are interested.



Christy Hitchens

Voter Registration Assistance

Norhill resident Christy Hitchens has recently been certified as a Volunteer Deputy Voter Registrar. If you need assistance updating your voter status or have questions about voting in Harris County, Christy will be available at the July 28 NNA Monthly Meeting and also at the August 1 Ice Cream Social. Ask her to help.

Are You a Database Expert?

One of our frustrations in managing the affairs of Norhill Neighborhood Association is the existence of several databases that are maintained separately in different formats and softwares. We need some help combining these records into one master database that can be updated by the officers and directors of the board (i.e., membership, communications, treasury, etc.) If you can help with this very important endeavor, please contact Lawrence Febo or Viula Torgerson. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **July 12** Norhill Cycling Club monthly ride
- **July 17** Norhill Dining Group, call Louise Denly for information 832-967-9927
- **July 28** NNA Monthly Meeting – speaker TBA
- **August 1** Ice Cream Social, Proctor Park – Noon to 2:00 p.m.
- **August 7** First Friday Happy Hour – Kathy Elsberry, 1133 Key Street
- **August 9** Norhill Cycling Club monthly ride, call Theresa Doyle @ 713-504-9918 for details
- **August 25** NNA Monthly Meeting – speaker TBA
- **September 4** First Friday Happy Hour – Patti Woods, 727 W. Temple



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NORHILL YARD OF THE MONTH

Submitted by Linda Marx (713-503-0424)

We are pleased to recognize these Norhill Yard of the Month recipients. Thanks for helping keep Norhill beautiful!



June: John and Barbara Little, 1039 West Key



July: Lori Trautwein, 1128 Dunbar