



Cochran-Heights Gazette

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P. O. Box 600478 Dallas Texas 75360-0478

Thursday, December 15 7-9:30 PM at the Candle Room

Meeting to start promptly 7:00 pm ~ Holiday Party at 7:30pm

Treasurer's Note

Current Balance: 10,383.98

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Agenda Items for Meeting

- Committee Reports
- Crime Report
- Neighborhood Updates
- Raffle

2011 Good Neighbor Donations

Thank you, Gracias, Grazie, Merci !

We have recently received a generous \$100 "Good Neighbors" contribution. We appreciate you! If you have made "Good Neighbors" contributions, CHNA is very grateful to you for your generosity. These donations fund the association's general operations, as well as special projects that interest and benefit the neighborhood, such as Henderson median landscaping and Historical Lamp Posts.

If you are interested in joining the Association, please feel free to do so at Dec 15. meeting with \$10. check made payable to CHNA.

In the past, some of you may have made "Good Neighbors" donations for specific purposes or initiatives. The CHNA Board wants to honor your past requests but needs to be aware of them. If you made a past contribution for a specific purpose, please contact Mary Cronin by December 31st so that it is categorized properly. Mary's contact information: maryc@speed-o-light.com or 214-821-050

Meeting & Social Time

7:00pm - 9:30 pm

Thank you to Candle Room for a
great meeting & party space!

Regular Trash/Recycling Pick-up Dates



Regular trash and recyclable materials (blue bin) are picked up once a week on Fridays.

Order a blue bin by calling 311 or online: www.dallascityhall.com/sanitation.html

Bulky Trash Dates

Bulky trash is collected during the third full week of each month. **You may be fined for leaving out your bulky trash before the Thursday preceding the pick up week!**



Earliest set out dates:

Dec 15

Jan 12

Feb 17

Mar 17

New Street Sign Toppers Installed



CHNA has installed double-sided reflective signs above all the street signs in our neighborhood. If you notice any missing or damaged signs, please let a CHNA officer know so we can have them replaced.

Residential Parking Permits

Resident-only hang tags are required on the 5100 and 5200 blocks of Pershing, Milam, and Alcott starting at either 8 or 9 pm. Check signs for exact times. Some streets allow parking Sunday and Monday, but have restricted parking Tuesday-Saturday. These tags may be purchased for \$6.50 from the City of Dallas by filling out an application that can be found at: <http://dallascityhall.com/pdf/VehicleHangtagApplication.pdf>. You may purchase up to 6 tags and they are good for one year. You must have a driver's license with your current address on it, a recent utility bill or lease agreement, and proof of vehicle insurance.

Beware! The city issues parking violation citations almost every night of the week! Also, you could get cited for parking on the wrong side of the street or blocking the sidewalk with your vehicle.

CrimeStoppers

Please be on the look-out for any crime in the neighborhood: burglary or vandalism. Keep a watch on the area and be a good neighbor. Report any suspicious activity during this Holiday Season. Thank you!

Henderson Median

We are moving forward on the Henderson median. Jessie Zarazaga and Steve Ryba of RYBA land design have done two new drawings for going out to bid: a demo drawing and details. The next steps are to obtain a firm bid from a contractor, raise funds, and submit the drawings to the city for construction approval. The next big issue under discussion is that of partial-lane-closure during the process of construction for safety. The costs and difficulties might be reduced if we can plan to have the work done after hours, or working 24 hours for very few days. The days for construction should be chosen with care for all concerned.

* Anyone interested in working with Jesse can contact her at architect@jessiemarshall.com

Save a Tree! Get this by E!

In an effort to save money and some trees, CHNA will now be e-mailing this newsletter to those who have given us their e-mail. The addresses on this bulk e-mail will be undisclosed. It is the same e-mail group that we use to send out crime alerts.

If you want to save CHNA some money, save our couriers some time and save our planet some oxygen, let our secretary, Mary Miller, know that you no longer need the newsletter delivered to your house!

Congratulations & Welcome New Neighbors !



Welcome to all new neighbors & congratulations on moving into the best neighborhood in Dallas! If you recently moved to the neighborhood, please let us know so you can receive your welcome packet.

Playground Renovation

Parks & Recreation will be finishing up the newly renovated playground at Cochran Park within the month. We are all excited to have the new playground equipment for the children in our neighborhood.

Bonham Elementary is on the DISD chopping block.

Students would be moved to Lee or Milam. Read why and what you can do.

The major argument cited is that small schools are inefficient, cost-wise. However, there is research that shows that small schools make a significant impact on low socio-economic children. When schools are larger than 400 students, principals find it more difficult to govern and to truly know the kids. While one can cite the direct costs of education as being more costly in smaller schools, one needs to look at the indirect costs when children fail. Educationally and fiscally, it is more efficacious to educate students with the basics at an early age than to try to remediate later. That doesn't even factor in those children who graduate but do so at the bottom of the heap. Society costs to under-educated students are huge: the cost of poverty in food stamps, housing subsidies, Medicaid, loss of buying power resulting in the loss of revenue for businesses, and the cost of crime and jails, in which over a huge percentage of the inmates who didn't finish school or did so barely literate.

At Exemplary Bonham (8 consecutive years-only one other DISD neighborhood school shares this honor) last year, 100% of the students passed the Reading TAKS and 96%, the Math. Even more outstanding is their rate of Commended students (students who passed missing no more than 2 questions): Math 59%, Reading 40%. Both far exceed the district and state averages. Lee's Commended rates were in the 30s, and Milam's, the 20s.

Bonham cannot be picked up and moved elsewhere with guarantee that its good work will continue. Bonham is successful for a number of reasons, among which are: its small size allows teachers to know all the children and to be able to mentor them (Bonham teachers regularly mentor students from other grade levels), the fact that the staff is included in the governance of the school (something impossible in a larger school), the collegial atmosphere which encourages teachers to know and work with each other (again, difficult or impossible in larger schools) for the benefit of the kids and which allows children to move from grade to grade with the same high level of

expectations, the ability of the staff to personalize education, the high quality of the teachers (research shows this is the number one attribute of successful schools), the outstanding leadership by its principal, Sandra Fernandez, and the support of the parents. All of this is in jeopardy if Bonham closed. It is a given that property values suffer without neighborhood schools, resulting in lower school taxes being collected for the district. Lower taxes for us, but, at a significant educational and societal cost.

Help! Contact school board members individually by U.S. mail at 3700 Ross, 75204, email and phone and do it more than once: Mike Morath, 972-925-3721, mmorath@dallasisd.org (Morath represents residents in part of the Bonham attendance area) Bernadette Nutall, 972-925-3721, benutall@dallasisd.org Eric Cowan, 972-925-3721, ecowan@dallasisd.org Adam Medrano, 972-925-3721, amedrano@dallasisd.org (Medrano is the board designee for Bonham and represents those not represented by Morath) Dr. Edwin Flores, 972-925-3722, edwinsflores@dallasisd.org Bruce Parrott, 972-925-3722, bparrott@dallasisd.org Nancy Bingham, 972-925-3722, nbingham@dallasisd.org Lew Blackburn, Ph.D., 972-925-3722, lblackburn@dallasisd.org Carla Ranger, 972-925-3722, cranger@dallasisd.org

Go to Savebonham.org and sign the petition. Thanks to a Vickery Place resident for creating this site! Copy the petition and get your co-workers, friends and neighbors to sign it. Return it to me or to Bonham by Dec. 12. You can FAX it to Bonham. See below:

Put blue ribbons on your trees. If we get more signs, put them in your yard and the yards of your neighbors. The parkway is public. Attend Board meetings on Dec. 15 (the most important) and January 18 at 5 pm at 3700 Ross to over-fill the Board Auditorium! Donate to "Bonham PTA" to help buy more signs, posters for businesses, ribbon, stationary and stamps.

Thank you for your support.

Arlene Colbert, arlene.colbert@hotmail.com, 214-821-5464.

Bonham Elementary 2617 N. Henderson.
972.749.5700; FAX 972-749-5701.

Need
Holiday Help?

A delightful mother of 3 at Bonham is looking for work cleaning houses, or helping during the holidays. I know her and that she is a big supporter of her children and the school. She is highly recommended by the school staff as honest, trustworthy, and reliable. Please write or call me for her number. Thank you for your support.

Arlene Colbert,



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