



## Cochran Heights Gazette

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**Meeting: Tuesday, July 14, 7-9 PM - Hibiscus**  
**(Social time 7-7.30pm: meeting to start promptly at 7.30pm)**

### Treasurer's Note

Current Balance: \$ 10,120.38  
Balance April 1, 2009: \$ 9,851.53

### 2009 CHNA Officers

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### 2009 Good Neighbors

#### Remember to make your 2009 Good Neighbor donation!

Donations go towards our new median on Henderson, antique lamp installation program, new Cochran Heights street sign toppers, sidewalk replacement program, other general beautification projects and printing costs.

Please don't rely on your neighbors to improve YOUR neighborhood. Become a Good Neighbor today!

Please give your Good Neighbor donations to our treasurer Jose Cabrera, 5114 Milam. Checks should be made out to CHNA.

### Platinum Neighbors (\$300 +)

Shei Unger – 4902 Alcott

### Gold Neighbors (\$100-\$299)

John & Melissa Carpenter - 5034 Alcott  
Rusty Glenn – 5102 Homer  
Milton & Nicole Sanders – 5115 Alcott  
Ismael Gonzalez – 5103 Homer  
Greg Armstrong & Alan Rister – 5222 Homer  
Sherry & Edward Burke – 5114 Homer  
John & Judy Sullivan – 5217 Homer  
George & Judith Kirchwey – 5110 Homer  
Noreen Grant – 5114 Milam  
Michael Hamtil & Lara Solt – 5106 Milam  
Akira Imai – 5207 Milam  
Patrick & Gracie Johannsen – 5028 Milam  
Wendy Johnston & Rick Grinter – 5110 Milam  
Andrew Moulton – 5211 Milam  
Charles Ostermann – 5207 Pershing

### Silver Neighbors (\$50 - \$99)

Arlene Colbert – 5206 Alcott  
Judy Sullivan  
Brian Dearth – 5009 Mission

### Bronze Neighbors (\$25 - \$49)

Mary Cronin & Kent Cobb – 4931 Alcott  
Dorothy Chambers – 5102 Milam

### Re-zoning Proposal for Two Lots Behind Tei Tei

Consilient Restaurants is proposing the rezoning of two lots behind Tei Tei on Miller to use as parking lots in order to ease parking congestion on Henderson. They would like CHNA support for this proposal and, therefore, will be making a presentation on the proposal at the upcoming meeting.

### Fitzhugh/Bennett Re-zoning Proposal Approved by CHNA

Following several meetings with City representatives and investors, and an overwhelming vote from the neighborhood, CHNA has submitted a letter of support to the City for the rezoning of the Fitzhugh/Bennett development. We will keep you updated on further developments.

### Recycling (Blue Bin) Dates

July 16, 30  
August 13, 27  
September 10, 24

Order a blue bin by calling 311 or online at:

[www.dallascityhall.com/sanitation.html](http://www.dallascityhall.com/sanitation.html)

### Bulky Trash Dates

July 20 - 24  
August 17 - 21  
September 21 - 25

Bulky trash is collected during the third week of each month. Generally, it is picked up on a Wednesday or Thursday. **You may be fined for leaving out your bulky trash before**

## the Thursday preceding the pick-up week!

### New Street Sign Toppers Installed

CHNA has installed double-sided reflective signs along the boundary of Cochran Heights at Fitzhugh and Central at a cost of \$1,367.70. We will continue installing these signs as funds allow.

### New Neighbors – Remember Your Residential Parking Permits!

Resident Only hang tags are required on the 5100 and 5200 blocks of Pershing, Milam and Alcott each night of the week starting at either 8 or 9pm. 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> and mailing to the City of Dallas Parking Services Office, 1200 Ross St, #102, Dallas, 75202 [Ross & Field]. You can also get these hang tags in person. Their number is: 214 754-4784 You may purchase up to 6 tags and they are good for one year. You must have a driver's license with the 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 the wrong way on the street or blocking the sidewalk with your vehicle.

### CHNA Annual Garage Sale

The CHNA annual garage sale in April raised \$900. Thanks to all of those who generously donated and volunteered their time. Special thanks to Jim Sullivan (Milam) who donated approximately \$500 worth of items and to Greg Collins (Pershing), Arlene Colbert (Alcott) and Judy Sullivan

(Homer) who volunteered the entire sale!



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### Crime Statistics: March 27 – July 9, 2009

It is extremely disturbing that four separate houses were broken into -- on four separate streets over the course of six weeks -- and large amounts of items were stolen from all of them. The houses were entered through the rear doors twice and a side window once, all at different times of day or night. In each case, multiple trips were made to unload dozens of items including giant flat screen TVs, computers, power tools and other equipment, and untold amounts of small valuables. These burglaries could not have happened in a flash and had to be done with a vehicle to haul the goods, yet apparently no one noticed them as they were happening.

Folks, we need to protect ourselves and we need to look out for each other, and please use common sense. Keep all doors closed locked at all times - whether you are home or not - including garage doors. When you are not home, have a working, monitored house alarm on all of your doors, and motion sensors inside. A major bonus and deterrent to crime is having dogs that bark, and are at home when you are not. Vary your routine from day to day, and leave lights on and make the house look occupied. Watch out for your neighbors and their houses, and if you see any strange vehicles or people hanging around the area, call

911 immediately. Do not confront strangers yourself. Take down license plate numbers and descriptions of suspects, and give them to the police. Just because you have a privacy fence, doesn't mean you are safe.

### Crime Stats

#### Pershing St.

4/4 5000 block - Criminal mischief - suspect kicked in door  
6/9 5000 block - Theft - vehicle window broken, radar detector and GPS stolen  
6/15 5200 block - Hit and run - Suspect vehicle collided with another and left the scene  
6/16 5100 block - Theft - Two 9mm pistols and an iPod stolen while helping someone move

#### Milam St.

4/18 - 5200 block - Burglary - house broken into, high value of antique silverware stolen along with cash, watches, jewelry, TV, cameras, electronics, etc.  
5/10 - 5100 block - Theft - vehicle window broken, hand tools and power tools stolen  
6/6 - 5000 block - Auto Theft - '91 red Chevy pickup truck stolen from in front of house

#### Alcott St.

3/31 - 5000 block - Burglary - rear door kicked in, large value of items stolen: TV, computers, electronics, clothing, etc.  
5/19 - Withheld block - Male, white, 31, arrested for aggravated sexual assault  
5/30 - 5000 block - Theft - vehicle window broken, car ransacked, unknown items stolen

#### Homer St.

4/25 - 5000 block - Theft - license plate stolen: TX LICENSE PLATE 58C CX5  
4/29 - 5200 block - Burglary - rear door of house entered, approx. \$15,000 in items stolen: laptops, stereos, TVs, electronics, jewelry, CD's, etc.  
6/17 - 5100 block - Theft - \$100 in flower pots stolen

#### Mission St.

4/4 - 5100 block - Vandalism - damage caused to windshield

5/1 - 5100 block - Assault - victim shoved and choked  
 5/7 - 5100 block - Auto Theft - '94 red Saturn stolen  
 5/13 - 5100 block - Burglary - side window of house broken and large amount of items stolen: TVs, computers, many power tools, hand tools, etc.  
 5/26 - 5100 block - Assault - victim shoved

**N. Garrett Ave.**

6/8 - 2600 block - Auto Theft - '94 red Honda driver side door pried open with intent to steal  
 6/12 - 2800 block - Auto Theft - '04 silver Saturn Ion stolen

**Lee St.**

6/9 - 2800 block - Vandalism - Large rock thrown through front door window

**N. Henderson St.**

2800 and 2900 blocks - there were 6 reports of thefts (purses stolen at bars, or items stolen from purses at bars), 6 vehicles broken into and items stolen from them, 1 report of license plates stolen off a car, 3 vehicles reported as damaged by someone who did not leave contact info, and one person assaulted, in the three month period

**Willis Ave.** None

**Elbert St.** None

**Normah St.** None

**Bonham School Update**

It's that time again! Last summer, with the help of neighbors, friends and alumni, Bonham Boosters was able to help poverty level parents at Bonham reduce the cost of supplies for their kids from an average of \$70 to \$20! We hope to continue that help this summer. The sale will be on **Friday, August 21 from 3-5 p.m.** in the school cafeteria.

During the summer, volunteers look for the bargains and sales available at office supply stores and discount stores. Those who can, buy from the

list below. People can also make donations to Bonham Boosters to help with the purchases. If you are interested in getting weekly updates on the sales available, please email below. If you would like to make a contribution, please send it to Bonham Boosters, 5206 Alcott, Dallas, Texas 75206 or bring it to our next neighborhood meeting. If you would like more information, please contact **Arlene Colbert at 214-821-5464 or [arlene.colbert@hotmail.com](mailto:arlene.colbert@hotmail.com)**

**Needed:**

Wide-ruled notebook paper, Expo low odor dry erase markers, Crayola colored pencils, Crayola crayons, Crayola washable markers, good quality #2 lead pencils, hard plastic folders with pockets, red, yellow, blue and green folders with pockets and brads, school glue bottles and sticks, pencil bags, pencil boxes, index cards, Vis-à-vis markers, pencil sharpener with cover, red and gum erasers, 9 x 12 colored and 12 x 18 manila construction paper, hand soap, antibacterial soap, black and white composition books-100 pages, 70 page spirals

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 have not received this by e-mail please let us know so that we can add you to the group.**

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

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**† Condolences †**

Our hearts go out to the family and friends of two of our neighbors from 5020 Mission St., Roland Schurrer and Steve Barrows, who were among five people onboard a small plane that crashed in the Gulf of Mexico near Florida on July 8. The Coast Guard has called off its search for the missing victims. Roland and Steve were working with CHNA to donate powder coating on antique street lamps in the neighborhood. They will be dearly missed. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Congratulations!**



Congratulations to Wendy Johnston and Rick Grinter (*Milam*) on their new granddaughter, Catherine. She's a cutie!



Congratulations to Noreen Grant and José Cabrera (*Milam*) on their May 8, 2009, wedding!

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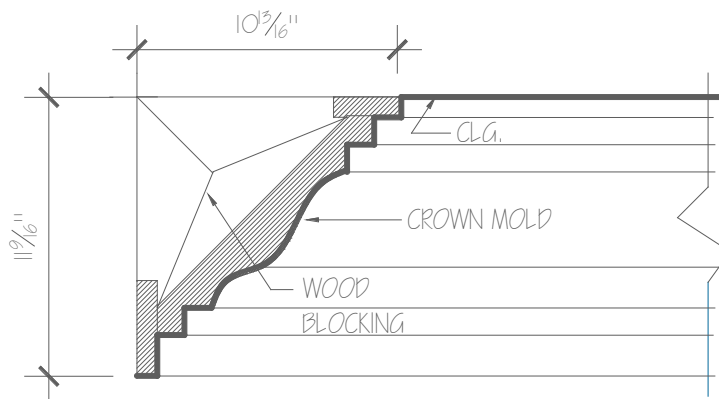
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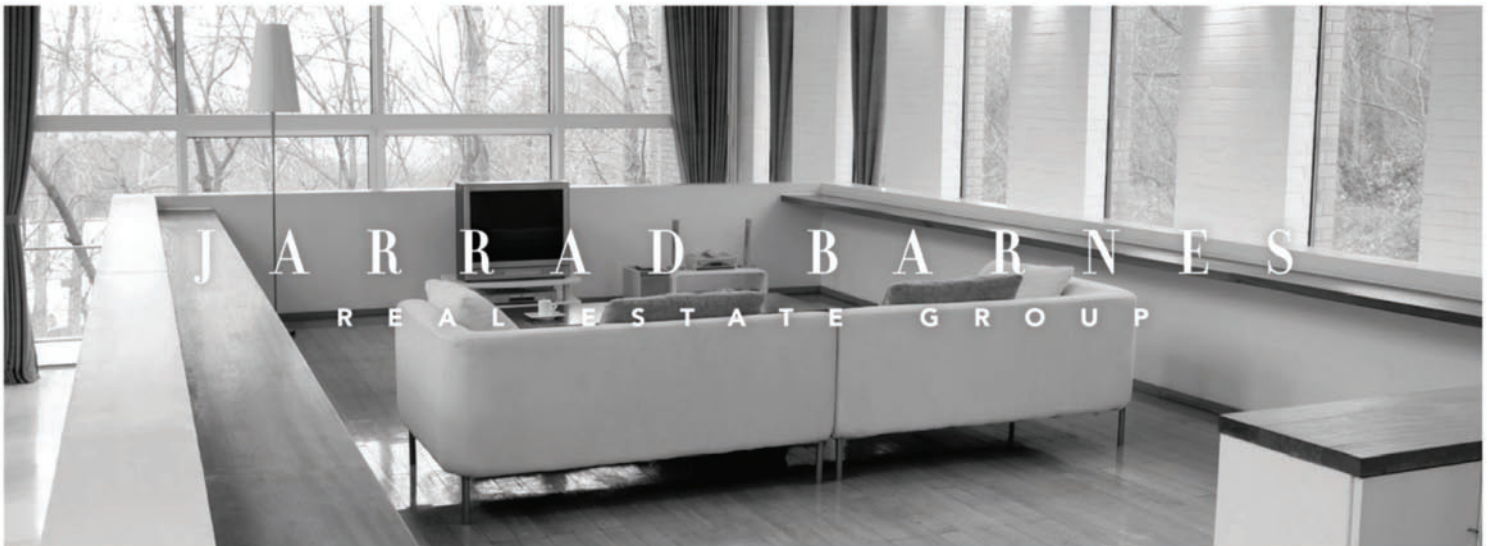
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