



## Cochran Heights Gazette

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**Meeting June 17, 2013 6:30-9:30 PM - Hibiscus Restaurant  
2927 North Henderson**

**(Social time 6:30 – 7:00 pm; Meeting to start promptly 7:00 pm)**

### Agenda Items for Meeting June

1. Call the meeting to order (7pm)
2. Approval of the minutes
3. Guest presentation by Officer Le on crime statistics and prevention in our neighborhood (7:15pm)
4. Reports
  - A. Treasurer's report
  - B. Committee Reports
    1. Sidewalk committee
    2. Dog Park
    3. Triangle Committee
    4. Median Committee
5. Unfinished Business
  - A. Bucket List Items
  - B. Project Canopy
  - C. Non-profit Status for CHNA
  - D. Newspaper Editor
  - E. Poop bags in Cochran Park
  - F. Bonham Elementary update
6. New Business
  - A. Elections/Nominations
  - B. Night out for Crime
  - C. Animal Control Measures
7. Adjourn

Cochran Heights residents are encouraged to attend our meetings. Remember that only dues paying members are allowed to vote on issues and must be registered by June 1.

### CHNA Elections in September

Nominations will be taken at the June meeting for Board positions that have expiring terms. These positions include the offices of President (currently held by Sheila Chhutani), Vice President (currently held by Janet Coplin) and two at-large board positions currently held by Piya Kruger and Judy Sullivan. Each position is a two year term.

Nominations will be accepted at the June quarterly meeting. Nominations may be made by a board Nominating Committee, by another member of the Association, or by self-nomination. Nominees are not required to be present at the June meeting, but must accept the nomination within 10

days. Each candidate nominated during the June meeting will be allowed to publish a campaign ad in the September newsletter and on the Association web site, at no expense to the candidate. Nominations will be accepted from the floor during the September meeting. Candidates nominated in this manner must be present to accept the nomination.

### City Council Election

City Council elections were held on May 18. Candidates Phillip Kingston and Bobbi Abtahi won the majority of votes and will be in a District 14 run-off. Early voting is June 3-11 and the election will be Saturday, June 15.

### Cochran Heights Hounds on Homer



Daisy, a Shitshu, and Blue, an Australian Cow Dog are BFFs on Homer St. (Submit a photo of your pet to Judy Sullivan for the next newsletter).

### Cochran Heights Lights

Streets lights have long been a concern in Cochran Heights. It has been a neighborhood goal to use funds to purchase quaint street lights for our neighborhood and many have donated funds to that end. We are finding that putting lights

similar to those in Cochran Heights Park is cost prohibitive. Estimates are that each light would cost about \$10,000.

Residents report that Alcott Street is in dire need of better lighting. We have a property owner willing to put up a light on his property and the neighborhood is currently awaiting a decision on installation.

### **Cochran Heights Nights**

Don't miss the first of our new summertime Cochran Heights Neighborhood social events. "Cochran Heights Nights" will be a casual get together on various neighborhood porches, patios, etc. each Friday evening. No reservations required - just show up with your beverage of choice, and a snack to share (optional). The first one will be at 5214 Alcott (Cathy Birkelbach residence) on Friday, June 21st, at 6 pm. At that time you will be able to sign up to have one at your house another time this summer. Look for the pink flamingo in the front yard which will designate the location of the Cochran Heights Nights get together.

### **Cochran Heights Critters**

Mosquitoes carrying West Nile Virus have already been found this year in Highland Park and Richardson. Some neighbors have reported an influx of problems with "critters" such as raccoons, opossums, and rats. Cochran Heights residents can be proactive in preventing health hazards in the following ways:

- Feeding dogs and cats indoors and not leaving food out for feral animals.
- Clearing out alleys of brush, garbage, weeds, and trees that can be food or habitat for unwanted animals. Empty overturned pots and containers of standing water that can serve as a breeding ground for mosquitoes

### **Power Outage Problems**

Recent storms caused several power lines to break in the alley bordered by Homer, Alcott, Henderson, and Garrett. The situation was not only inconvenient, but extremely dangerous. The fire department was called when neighbors on Homer heard loud pops and saw sparks in the alley after the power was already out. Fire fighters cautioned residents not to enter any area with a downed power line and to leave tree trimming of limbs on power lines to the power company.

Alcott resident, Piya Kruger, contacted Oncor via email, and sited the many problems caused by overgrown trees in the Alcott/Homer alley. Oncor responded that the Homer/Alcott alley was scheduled for routine maintenance in June, but sent crews to clean up the problem right away. However, they did explain that "*Oncor does not provide the service of*

*trimming trees along the pole to house service wire. Trimming along the pole to house service wire is the property owners responsibility.*"

Oncor also provided this information, "*the Emergency Restoration phone line is [888-313-4747](tel:888-313-4747). Please call this number for reporting or requesting information regarding power outages. For your convenience we also offer two additional ways you can notify us of your outage and receive status updates. Sign up for our TEXT Program by texting the word REG to 66267 and follow the prompts or you can report your outage and get status updates via our website at [www.stormcenter.oncor.com](http://www.stormcenter.oncor.com).*" Thanks to Piya for getting Oncor's attention and obtaining this information!

Both fire fighters and Oncor employees were extremely helpful in resolving the power outage, but both groups also pointed our several problems that are homeowners and renters responsibilities:

- Neither fire trucks or power trucks could go down the alley due to excess debris in the alley (fallen limbs, small untrimmed trees, bulk trash, and construction materials).
- Excess amount of dried leaves and flammable debris could lead to potential fire hazard in a hot dry summer.
- Dead trees on private property that are not removed can be a problem to power lines and neighboring properties if they fall in a violent wind.
- Small trees allowed to grow without trimming, can lead to problems in the future if not regularly cut back.

Several neighbors are getting together to help clean up the situation in the Homer/Alcott alley, especially when there are people on the block who are elderly or disabled. Construction bags filled with debris will be left behind homes where neighbors will volunteer to transport them to their front yard during bulk pick up week (week of June 17th). If you are willing to help or if you need help with cleanup behind your home please call Judy Sullivan at 214-823-3486.

### **Did You Know ?????**

- The land that is currently Cochran Heights was a former dairy farm and pecan grove that was sold for development in the 1920s.
- Homer Street was once named Harding St. The street changed names in 1934.

### **2013 CHNABoard**

#### **Officers**

President: Sheila Chhutani [chhutani@yahoo.com](mailto:chhutani@yahoo.com)  
Vice President: Janet Coplin [chhutani@yahoo.com](mailto:chhutani@yahoo.com)

Secretary: Cathy Birkelbach [cbirkelbach@hotmail.com](mailto:cbirkelbach@hotmail.com),  
Treasurer: Mary Cronin [maryc@speed-o-light.com](mailto:maryc@speed-o-light.com)

#### Board Members at Large

Piya Kruger [piyakruger@gmail.com](mailto:piyakruger@gmail.com)  
Judy Sullivan [jnjdsullivan@aol.com](mailto:jnjdsullivan@aol.com)  
Allen Mondell [allen@mediaprojects.org](mailto:allen@mediaprojects.org)  
Sandy Sander [nicole1sandy@yahoo.com](mailto:nicole1sandy@yahoo.com)

#### Neighborhood Membership

Dues of \$10.00 per year (Sept 1 - August 31 of the following year) should be paid by Sept. 1 each year (unless a recent Good Neighbor Donation has supplanted your need for dues). If your dues are not current, mail your check to Mary Cronin, Treasurer at P.O. Box 600748 Dallas, TX 75336-0478. Only dues paying members are allowed to vote in elections and on issues that are before the membership. Votes may be taken on any of the items listed in the agenda.

#### Trash Pick Up

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

**Bulky trash** is collected during the third full week of each month (The **week of the 3rd Monday of the month**). You may be fined for leaving out your bulky trash before the Thursday preceding the pick up week!

#### Resident - Only Parking

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. The residential hangtags can be purchased at 320 E Jefferson. The office open 8-5 on weekdays. The tags are \$6.50 each and you can purchase up to 6. You have to provide a current drivers license with your current address, proof of auto insurance, and a current utility bill ( electric, water, or gas). The tags can no longer be ordered on the city website.

In addition, if you are having a party, you may purchase temporary tags for 10 cents each that are good only for the day and time that you stipulate. They print them on paper with an official number on them and they are displayed on the dash. If you need more than 10 tags, they ask that you call ahead.

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.

#### Other Important CHNA Information

Newsletter Editor: Vacant  
Website Piya Kruger  
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**Neighborhood Association address:**  
**P.O. Box 600478**  
**Dallas Texas 75360-0**

#### Crime Information

Residents can get information and police reports from the Dallas Police Department website: [www.dallaspolice.net](http://www.dallaspolice.net). Click on the section entitled "iWatch Dallas." Click on the section entitled POLICE REPORTS to see information on 911 call records, arrest records, accident reports, etc. Click on the section entitled CRIME REPORTS to find Uniform Crime Reports, Monthly Prosecutors Area Reports, Weekly Watch Reports, Weekly Sector Reports, Weekly Beat Reports, Interactive Crime Map, etc.

#### Website

Piya Kruger (5222 Alcott) has spearheaded the development of a website for CHNA. She is collecting information and needs input for the following areas:

- Pictures from the neighborhood (businesses, unique homes, park pictures, artwork)
- History articles/information of interest
- Suggestions for other areas you would like to see included on the site

#### Good Neighbor Donations

Donation in excess of \$10 counts toward your neighborhood dues. If you wish to make a contribution, please send to:

Treasurer, Mary Cronin  
Cochran Heights Neighborhood Association  
P0 Box 600478  
Dallas, TX 75360-0478.

Be sure to let us know if you prefer your donation to remain anonymous in the newsletter. Thanks to the following people for their Good Neighbor Donations

Anonymous (2)  
Shei Unger

Clint Brookshire & Chad Spencer  
Sandy & Nicole Sander  
Cathy Birkelbach  
Jarrod Goudeau & Amanda Barron  
Chris & Susie Uphues  
Meg & Mike Moschetto  
Ismael Gonzalez  
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George & Judy Kirchwey  
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Steven Saxon  
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John & Judy Sullivan  
Alan Rister & Greg Armstrong  
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4901 Bryan Street at Fitzhugh - Dallas TX, 75206

- 214.823.6180 - Fax 214.823.2104

Jimmy's is open Monday through Saturday 9 AM to 7:30 PM, closed on Sundays.

#### **The Gypsy Wagon**

2928 N. Henderson Ave.

Dallas, TX 75206

214-370-8010

Store Hours: Monday-Saturday 10 am - 6 pm ;

Sundays 1 pm - 5 pm

#### **Beaucoup**

2815 N Henderson Ave

Dallas TX 75206

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