



Cochran Heights Gazette

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Meeting October 1, 7-9 PM - Hibiscus

(Social time 7-7.30pm: meeting to start promptly at 7.30pm)

Treasurer's Note

Current Balance: \$
Balance July 1, 2009: \$ 9,851.53

CHNA Officer Elections

CHNA officer elections will take place at December's meeting. All neighbors are encouraged to volunteer for a position on the board or to nominate a neighbor. Nominations can be made at October meeting or anytime thereafter. Each position is on a volunteer basis and will last for one year.

2009 CHNA Officers

Welcome our new 2009 officers!

President: Charles Ostermann
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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

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

Brian Dearth – 5009 Mission

Bronze Neighbors (\$25 - \$49)

Mary Cronin & Kent Cobb – 4931 Alcott

Dorothy Chambers – 5102 Milam

Cochran Heights Cares!

As Winter draws near, CHNA is conscious of how difficult this season can be for our elderly neighbors. We have formed a committee called Cochran Heights Cares that will conduct regular visits to those in need, offering services such as shopping, laundry, winterizing, medication pick ups, and simply checking in to make sure all is well.

If you are elderly and would like CH Cares to pay you a visit or you know of someone that you think would

appreciate this, please contact Noreen Cabrera at nongrant@yahoo.com. Also, please contact Noreen if you would like to be on the committee. Any help is appreciated

Status of Re-zoning Proposal for two lots behind Tei Tei

At a special meeting, CHNA agreed to the conditional support of Consilient's proposal to rezone the two lots behind Tei Tei from multi-family to commercial zoning. We have yet to hear from Consilient as whether they will accept these conditions.

Recycling (Blue Bin) Dates

October 8, 22
November 5, 19
December 3, 17, 31

Order a blue bin by calling 311 or online at:

www.dallascityhall.com/sanitation.html

Bulky Trash Dates

October 19-23
November 16-20
December 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!**

Critics Corner

Soley: 2405 N. Henderson. An undiscovered treat!

I have eaten at Soley twice in the past week and the first time my fellow seeker of gastronomic delights and I were the only ones in the restaurant from the time it opened at 6 p.m. until

we left about 7:30. The second time, another couple of in-the-know diners rounded out the sum of those enjoying the treats that Soley has to offer. It was a pleasure not to have to scream across the table to be heard like some of the newest restaurants on Henderson which, coupled with a standing-room only crowd often makes for an evening of sign language and Chinese Whispers. Not at Soley, though. Frankly, I can't figure out why discerning diners are skipping Soley.

The menu is Mexican-French inspired. The chef is from Mexico City and studied at the Cordon Bleu in Paris after which he apprenticed in Lyon and Strasbourg, France and then went on to Chicago's Sofitel Water Tower restaurant before opening Soley. My companion and I decided to eat only appetizers. We were not disappointed in our choices of Caesar salad with cotija cheese and roasted poblano dressing, Onion soup (limy onion soup with oxaca cheese on croton and an avocado slice), and Truffle oil tossed frites (fries to those of you who took Latin in high school). The portions were manageable and we left thoroughly satisfied with our discovery of this little gem of a restaurant.

A few nights later, with a different dining companion, I choose the Caesar again and my companion had a wonderfully flavored and cooked to perfection steak with a light but tasty red wine sauce drizzle for the sizzle. Although the dessert menu listed mouth-watering sounding desserts, we just couldn't manage one. We waddled to the car happy and full of praise for Soley.

Next time I am going to branch out and try some of Soley's seafood dishes which include an array of mussels or maybe the truffle risotto which calls my name.

Why do some restaurants catch on, and others, don't? If Soley doesn't garner a following soon, I fear it will be another casualty along restaurant row yet it doesn't deserve to be.

For dinner, expect to pay in the range of \$18 to \$30 for your meal.

A Cochran Heights Diner

New Neighbors – Remember Your Residential Parking Permits!

Resident Only hang tags are required on the 5100 and 5200 blocks of Pershing, Milam, Alcott and Homer 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 on the wrong side of the street or blocking the sidewalk with your vehicle.

Crime Statistics: July – Sept, 2009

We would like everyone to be aware of a particularly disturbing incident that took place at about 3.30am on September 26. A Homer resident was awakened to loud knocking on her front door and a male voice yelling out that they were the Dallas Police and that there had been a 911 hang up from her residence.

The astute resident called the police who were very helpful but were not able to catch the suspect.

Be wary of opening the door to anyone you do not recognize, especially at night.

Crime Stats**Pershing St.**

7/31 5000 block - Theft - vehicle window broken, iPod, other items stolen

8/18 5000 block - Theft - unlocked vehicle entered, stereo and iPod stolen

Milam St.

7/24 - 5200 block - Theft - vehicle window broken, GPS, cash stolen
8/1 - 5100 block - Theft - two vehicles entered, doors damaged, unknown property stolen

9/5 - block withheld - Sexual crime - indecent exposure; genitals exposed with intent to gratify self

9/21 - 5000 block - Theft - vehicle window broken, XM satellite radio stolen

Alcott St.

7/14 - 5100 block - Hit and run - two vehicles struck, driver left the scene

8/13 - 5000 block - unlocked garage entered, \$3,000 in golf clubs stolen

9/27 - 5000 block - Theft - vehicle window broken, GPS stolen

Homer St.

9/21 - 5000 block - Theft - window forced open on locked vehicle, iPod, GPS, sunglasses stolen

Mission St.

7/22 - 5000 block - Theft - window damaged, GPS stolen

8/4 - 5200 block - Vandalism - garage door written on with a marker

9/14 - 5200 block - Theft - vehicle window broken, stereo, iPod, adapter stolen

9/21 - block withheld - Assault - suspect punched complainant in face with fist

9/22 - 5200 block - Theft - vehicle window broken, GPS stolen

Willis Ave.

9/9 - 5000 block - Theft - door forced open on locked vehicle, multiple bank cards stolen

N. Henderson St.

over the three-month period, in the 2800 and 2900 blocks, there were 4 reports of vehicles broken into and items stolen from them; 7 hit and runs or vehicles damaged with no

information left; and 1 report of items stolen from purses at bars.

N. Garrett Ave. None

Lee St. None

Elbert St. None

Normah St. None

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| Bonham School Update |
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At our last meeting we received \$250 in donations to help out our little our public school in Cochran Heights. Thanks to all who donated. The money went to the school supply project. This year Bonham sold 145 sacks of supplies to parents and were able to lower the cost of an average of \$85 to \$20 because of donations. Parents were very grateful. Teachers were also very grateful because most of their students had supplies, which doesn't usually occur. Many come in with just a few supplies and the teachers have to supplement them from their own pockets. Bonham also bought desk supplies for the teachers. Donations to Bonham Boosters are still needed for a myriad of things at Bonham. They don't have tumbling mats, they need document cameras, they need used tennis balls for the legs of the students' chairs (to prevent scuffing the floor and to reduce noise), they need a doggie poop station next to the playground because neighbors allow their dogs to poop on the gravel on which the children play and swing, they need little things which add up when you are trying to buy for a whole class.

If you would like to read to a group of students and can do it regularly, or work with one particular student, please contact Arlene Colbert at: arlene.colbert@hotmail.com

Bonham Carnival!

The date hasn't been set in stone yet, but the Bonham Carnival will likely be on Friday, October 23 from 3-5 p.m.

This is the smallest school carnival you will ever see. The teachers put it on and each carnival game is delineated by a chair or chalk on the blacktop. There are no balloons or flags or wooden carnival booths but the kids don't know it is less than perfect. Tickets cost \$.50 each and children as young as 3 will find events they enjoy. The parents make tasty Mexican food in the cafeteria. Even if you don't have children, come for the food. Arlene Colbert will have two stations: grab bags and Twirling Art. The PTA takes half the profits and the teachers get to keep the other half for their classrooms. The money raised by Arlene goes to Bonham Boosters which provides lunches and treats for the teachers, teaching materials, and any other need that arises. It also helps fund the school supply drive. Drop by and have fun either helping or participating. Maybe you'll win!

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| Save a Tree! Get this by E! |
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In an effort to save some 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 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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| All The News That's Fit to Print! |
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If you have anything that you would like printed in the Cochran Heights Gazette – an advertisement, good wishes, classified, restaurant review,

etc. – please contact Noreen Cabrera at nonogrant@yahoo.com

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