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Meeting October 5, 7-9 PM – Hibiscus

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

Treasurer's Note

Current Balance: \$ 9,447.57
Balance June 30, 2010: \$ 9,851.53

CHNA Officer Elections

CHNA officer elections will take place at December's meeting. The positions of Secretary, Treasurer and Editor in Chief are up for election. All neighbors are encouraged to volunteer for a position on the board or to nominate a neighbor. Each position is on a volunteer basis and will last for two years.

2010 CHNA Officers

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2010 Good Neighbors

Remember to make your 2010 Good Neighbor donation!

Donations go towards our new median on Henderson, antique lamp installation program, 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, 2807 Lee. Checks should be made out to CHNA.

Platinum Neighbors (\$300 +)

Gold Neighbors (\$100-\$299)

Doris Clark– 5127 Milam
Doug & Justine Yeager
–5123 Homer (January)
Gregory & Elizabeth Branch
– (June)
Ismael Gonzalez
–5103 Homer (Dec. 2009)
Noreen & Jose Cabrera
–2807 Lee (March)
Sandy & Nicole Sander
–5115 Alcott (June)
S. Chhutani
– (June)

Silver Neighbors (\$50 - \$99)

Arlene Colbert
–5206 Alcott (March)
Cathy Birkelbach
– (March 30)
David Hargrove
–5001 Alcott (Dec. 2009)
Douglas & Rhonda Meloth
–5226 Alcott (Dec. 2009)
Lien Thi Vo
–5011 Homer (April)

Bronze Neighbors (\$25 - \$49)

Kent Cobb & Mary Cronin
–4931 Alcott (June)
Paul Saunders
–5200 Milam (June)
Allen & Cynthia Mondell
–5211 Homer (August)
Wendy Johnson & Richard Grinter
–5110 Milam (June)

Crime Alert!

Lock up your tailgate or park the pickup in the garage. Thieves have been shopping Old East Dallas neighborhoods at night for tailgates from late-model pickups. Here are details from Dallas police Sgt. Tony Takats:
Target: The thieves have been hitting neighborhoods around Belmont, Ross, Gaston and Haskell avenues, LaVista Drive and Abrams Road. One was stolen on the 5000 block of Milam on August 23.

Payoff: The tailgates are probably being sold to body shops or wrecking yards, Takats said. They can range in replacement value from \$500 to \$4,000 depending on whether they have embedded backup cameras.

Prevention: Park in the garage, in a well-lit area or near a light with a motion sensor. Use your tailgate lock or get one if you don't have one. If the thief can open a tailgate, it's fairly easy to cut the cables and carry it off, Takats said. But thieves aren't interested in breaking a lock because they don't want damaged tailgates.

Changes to CHNA By - Laws

We will be voting on a number of changes to CHNA by-laws at the meeting . If you wish to suggest a change, please submit it in writing to Arlene Colbert by Sunday night.

Bulky Trash Dates

Oct 18-22
Nov 15-19
Dec 20-24

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 week of pick up!**

Bonham News

Bonham's annual carnival will be on **Friday, October 29** and will have a Halloween theme, included a kid-friendly haunted house and games for children as young as 3 up to 9 years old. Even if you don't have children, come and enjoy the delicious home-cooked fare provided by mothers of the students. The event will be from approximately 3- 5:30 pm. Arrive no later than 5:00 if you plan to eat. This

is an easy, fun way to support Bonham.

The following is an excerpt from a recent DMN article on Bonham:

"With all of the academic accolades recently heaped on her school, James B. Bonham Elementary School principal Sandra Fernandez might be forgiven for getting caught up in the hoopla. Bonham is among a very few schools in the Dallas area and one of only 25 statewide to be named 2010 Blue Ribbon Schools by the U.S. Department of Education. The school also is being considered for the National Title I Distinguished Schools award.

A principal from Australia even visited the school recently to learn about its success after searching the Internet for successful schools that have high numbers of low-income students.

Bonham, a pre-kindergarten to third-grade school just northeast of downtown, already boasts an exemplary rating from the Texas Education Agency, a distinction it has held since 2003.

But those who work there and who have children attending the school say standardized test scores only show part of the reason for Bonham's success.

"The teachers here have super-high expectations," Fernandez said. "Luckily, the students and parents have risen to the occasion."

'Like family'

Fernandez took over at Bonham four years ago. She said she and the school are "a good fit." "We're like family," she said. "We work hard, but we're open with one another. The teachers really do track the whole child. It's different here."

The school along North Henderson Avenue is almost 90 years old. Some of the parents and staff members

attended there when they were children.

Fernandez says it's that intangible factor, the feeling you get when you walk in, that propels the school to greater academic heights. "Every child in this school belongs to us," she said. "Those test scores don't just belong to the third-graders. We have teachers from all grade levels tutoring them. It's a Bonham effort."

The school's third-graders posted a 100 percent passing rate and a 59 percent commended rate in reading on the spring administration of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills. Those students also received a 96 percent passing rate and 48 percent commended rate on the math portion. The school, which has 266 students, is 91 percent economically disadvantaged.

Crediting teachers

Antonio Bhardwaj, a parent whose daughter is in kindergarten at Bonham, said the teachers take an active role in the students' education.

"The teachers are delightful, friendly and child-focused," he said. "They take care of everyone. This school has been a gift. When you walk in, it feels like home." Bhardwaj is chairman of the school's site-based decision-making committee. He said the group is studying whether to expand Bonham to offer fourth and fifth grades.

Parent Consuelo Gauna attended Bonham as a child. Now her first-grader walks the school's halls.

"I hope they do expand it to more grades," she said. "There's an open-door policy. And every morning when I leave, I hear from everyone 'Have a great day at work!'"

Crime Statistics: June – Sept. 2010**Pershing St.**

9/17 - 5000 block - Burglary of a motor vehicle - window broken, radar detector stolen
 9/18 - 5000 block - Burglary of a motor vehicle - pickup truck entered, car stereo, radar detector stolen
 9/20 - 5200 block - Burglary of a motor vehicle - tailgate stolen off pickup truck overnight

Milam St.

7/17 - 5000 block - Burglary of a residence - four Rolex watches, shotguns, rifles, cash stolen
 8/5 - 5000 block - Investigation of a possible residential burglary - credit cards and keys missing, complainant thinks they were stolen by someone they know who was allowed in the house
 8/23 - 5000 block - Burglary of a motor vehicle - tailgate stolen off pickup truck overnight

Alcott St.

7/17 - 5100 block - Stolen vehicle - Construction company's Ford F-350 stolen from resident's driveway along with toolbox and tools
 9/8 - 4900 block - Investigation of a possible theft - \$5,000 watch missing, complainant says only people allowed in that part of the house were furniture delivery persons

Homer St.

7/23 - 4700 block - Assault - known person grabbed complainant's arm on public street causing injuries

Mission St.

9/10 - 4900 block - Aggravated assault - suspect assaulted complainant with a baseball bat
 Description: on September 10, 2010 at approx 1:23 pm, complainant stated the suspect has been known to hang out in front of his house and smoke crack. Comp stated he asked susp to stay away from his house because he did not want drugs around his small daughter. Susp then went to the

building across from location and grabbed a bat. Susp approached the comp house with the bat and comp grabbed the first thing he could find to defend himself which was a 2x4 board. Susp then swung the bat attempted to hit comp in the head but comp blocked it with the 2x4 which broke at impact and caused injury to comp pinky finger. Comp and susp then began to shove one another in the comp's front yard but then the susp fled the location and was last seen headed south on bennett.

Lee St.

8/26 - 2800 block - Hit and run - Unoccupied vehicle parked on street was hit by another vehicle and suspect fled. Witness flagged down suspect vehicle and spoke to driver, who then fled.

Willis Ave.

7/25 - 5000 block - Assault - suspect punched complainant

Normah St.

8/28 - 2900 block - Hit and run - Unoccupied parked vehicle hit by another vehicle and suspect fled. Witness left note with license plate # of suspect vehicle, but it did not match any registered vehicles

N. Henderson St.

Over the three-month period, in the 2800 and 2900 blocks, there were 2 reports of vehicles entered or broken into (although no items were stolen from any of them); 2 reports of hit and runs (one striking a telephone pole, a vehicle, and a restaurant building before fleeing the scene; the other striking a vehicle then fleeing); and 1 report of theft (someone taking items from a resale shop without paying).

N. Garrett Ave. None

Elbert St. None

Welcome!

Boy has our neighborhood been popular this year! Please welcome all these new peeps to our neighborhood:

Dee Grant– 4924 Milam
 Eric Buttner – 5114 Milam
 Ted Schweitzer & Brad Bickle – 5118 Milam
 Dan Harell- 5119 Milam
 Paul Saunders & Terra Watson – 5200 Milam
 Todd Crawford & Brett Weiland – 5206 Pershing
 Will Rosellini & Emily Hamilton – 5107 Alcott

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.

Save a Tree! Get this by E!

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!

All The News That's Fit to Print!

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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