



Cochran Heights Gazette

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Meeting March 24, 2014 – 6:30-9:30 PM – HIBISCUS ON HENDERSON
Social Time 6:30 pm Meeting 7:00–9:00 pm

Agenda Items for Meeting -March 24

1. Call the meeting to order (7pm)
2. Approval of the minutes
3. Introduction of new Board members
4. Committee Reports
5. Dilbeck Historic Plaque
6. New Business
 - A. Social Committee
 - B. Fraternities in the Neighborhood

CHNA New Board Members

Four Board positions were filled in an election at the December meeting. These positions included the offices of President: Sandy Sander
Vice President: Meg Moschetto
Board Members At-Large: Lori Tapley and Judy Sullivan
The Board met in January and appointed Roger Foltz to fill the remaining one-year term of the At-Large Board position vacated by Sandy Sander when he was elected President.

Big Sale on Sidewalks - 50% Off!!!

Many of your neighbors are taking part in the fabulous opportunity to get brand new sidewalks at half the cost. CHNA is joining the city Cost Share program and you can participate if your sidewalks need repair or replacement. Contact Judy Sullivan by phone (214) 823-3486 or email <jinjdysullivan@aol.com> for more information on this great deal. Sidewalk Committee members may be contacting you soon. Sign up today while there's still time! Renters, please let your landlords know about this incredible deal.

Did You Know?

We were all horrified by recent gas explosions in NYC due to an aging infrastructure. Did you know that we recently avoided a similar disaster, here in Cochran Heights? When it was reported that gas was smelled in the alley between

Alcott and Homer, Atmos Energy immediately dispatched an inspector who found a leak and had it repaired. Another leak was detected a few weeks later in the same alley. While we love our older neighborhood, we always need to be aware of what is going on around us. It is important that we pay attention to overgrowth and the potential problems it can cause not only to power lines, but to gas lines as well. Keeping our neighborhood safe doesn't only apply to crime, but to the everyday vigilance and maintenance that we all need to do to make a safe environment for those around us.

Meet Your Neighbors

If you ever have taken a walk down Homer Street, you have certainly noticed the beautiful home and gardens of long-time Cochran Heights residents Alan Rister and Greg Armstrong. How can one miss the enchanting English-style home that evokes feelings of a bygone era of castles and pageantry.

Alan, who holds a graduate degree from Rice University, lived in France for three years, and is a fluent French speaker and an aficionado of French culture. As a now-retired buyer for Neiman Marcus, he traveled extensively throughout Europe. Alan has a passion for gardens, and is, in fact, a master gardener.

Greg, a retired engineer who earned a Ph.D. from Colorado State University, has also traveled extensively throughout his career, spending much of his time in the Orient. The water feature and fish pond are Greg's pride and joy! One can often spot Greg, with his engineer's attention to detail, working in the yard to make sure everything is picture perfect.

The house and gardens at 5222 Homer have been a work in progress and have evolved over the years. In 2003, when Alan and Greg purchased the dilapidated rent house next door, their dreams of creating a spectacular garden took

flight. Not only did they create a Garden of Eden for themselves, but neighbors have also benefited from their labor.

Alan, a former CHNA president (along with Janet Coplin, Mary Miller, and other CHNA officers and residents) collaborated with the city in creating what is now the lovely Cochran Park next to Bonham Elementary. Working with the city, Alan was instrumental in bringing to fruition the final plan that resulted in the park's garden, stone structures, abundance of trees, playground, and romantic light fixtures.

Alan's activism and Greg's dedication to our neighborhood are part of what make Cochran Heights such a great place to call home. We can all be thankful to have such good neighbors like Alan Rister and Greg Armstrong.

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We Need a Home...Still



Sylvester

Lanky

Lanky and Sylvester, two cats on Homer who were left behind when their owners moved, still need a home. Here is an update:

Both animals have now had their rabies, feline leukemia, and other required shots. Surprise, surprise! Lanky, it turns out, is a girl and has been spayed. Sylvester is scheduled to be neutered next week. Both are believed to be about one and a half years old. They get along well with others and enjoy walking around the block with human and canine friends. Please call Judy Sullivan at 214-823-3486 if you or someone you know would like a wonderful feline friend (or two).

COCHRAN HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

2014 CHNA Board

Officers

President: Sandy Sander presidentchna@gmail.com

Vice Pres: Meg Moschetto megmoschetto@sbcglobal.net

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Judy Sullivan: jndysullivan@aol.com

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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 75360-0478. Only dues-paid 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.

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
P.O. Box 600478
Dallas, TX 75360-0478
Donations are usually printed in the newsletter. Be sure to let us know if you prefer your donation to remain anonymous. An updated list will appear in the June newsletter.

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 is 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.

Crime Information

Residents can get information and police reports from the Dallas Police Department website: 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.

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

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 pickup week!

Other Important CHNA Information

Newsletter Editor: Mary Miller

Website Editor: Piya Kruger

Send pictures from the neighborhood (businesses, unique homes, park pictures, art work), neighborhood history or other information you would like to see included in the website or newsletter to presidentchna@gmail.com with the subject line NEWSLETTER and/or WEBSITE

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