



COCHRAN HEIGHTS

SUMMER 2020

CHNA JULY MEETING Tuesday, July 7, 7 PM ZOOM.COM

Due to the COVID-19 virus the July meeting will be held on ZOOM. A link to the meeting will be sent out by email soon. If you are not on the email distribution list, go to Cochran-heights.com and join.

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"I don't need time. What I need is a deadline."

Duke Ellington

COVID19 VIRUS

Dallas Requires Masks Inside Businesses

Starting 11:59 PM Friday, June 19, 2020 all businesses are required to ensure customers wear masks or face covering while in their stores. This remains in place until 11:59 PM Tuesday, August 4, 2020 unless otherwise notified.

Tips for Staying Healthy

From washing your hands to staying home when you are sick, there are simple things that can be done to help keep yourself and others healthy:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Try not to touch your eyes, nose and mouth
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Stay home when you're sick
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue
- Wear a mask when in the company of others
- Limit your trips to the store
- Keep group functions to 10 people or less

Watch for symptoms

Reported illnesses have ranged from mild symptoms to severe illness and death for confirmed coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) cases. Symptoms vary for different age groups.

The following symptoms may appear **2-14 days after exposure.**

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

Stay safe and stay healthy!

Letter from The Editor

Dear Neighbors,

The beginning of 2020 brought many changes to our neighborhood and the world. The COVID 19 pandemic caused me not to get out the Spring Newsletter due to family responsibilities that I took on. As life has become more routine and settled, I'm back in Dallas and working on the newsletter again. Things happen quickly around us and this newsletter is only quarterly, but I'll try to keep you informed on neighborhood and association events.

The business side of the 2019 alley grant from the city has wrapped up. The remainder of the work is for the neighborhood to complete. The fencing has been power washed and painted. Soil has been moved in and planting will begin soon. We had been notified that we would receive another grant for 2020, but due to the costs of COVID 19, the city's grant program for 2020 has been put on hold. The volunteers have been doing a fantastic job of furthering our goal. Read Michael Hamtil's treasury report to see how much money has been donated.

The old Bar Stellar has closed its doors. Fergal McKinney, the owner of The Old Monk has signed the lease for the building. He will be opening a new pub in the next few months. Fergal has been a great neighbor to CHNA and we wish him well in his new endeavor.

At our next meeting we will be voting on revising the CHNA Bylaws. Christian Kelso, a Board Member at Large and an attorney has rewritten the bylaws to bring them up to date. A short interview with Christian is in this newsletter. The board recommends that you read the new bylaws before the meeting.

If you aren't a member of the Cochran Heights Neighborhood Association yet, we would love to have you join. Currently, 19% of the 335 eligible households are members. Join today and increase that number! Knowing your neighbors makes the community safer and can add joy to everyday life.

Cheers,
Doris Clark

CHNA Treasurers Report - 2Q 2020

As the Treasurer, it has been extremely exciting to see how many people are supporting our ongoing alley renovation project with their money and their time. In terms of finance, this is the biggest project our neighborhood has undertaken in my 17 years of living here so when I say your donations are appreciated, you can see why they are so meaningful!

This quarter, straight donations and engraved brick sales combined to almost balance out the purchase of materials. And 100% of the labor has come from neighbors volunteering their time and energy to power wash and paint the fences, move soil, and plant. Of course, the greatest benefit is how this newly improved part of our neighborhood is bringing us together. That's a reward we should reap for as long as we continue to keep the alley up and use it for exercise and events.

Please, if you have not donated time, donated money, purchased an engraved brick, or stopped by the alley to see what all the fuss is about, do so! It's behind the homes on Mission and Manett, between Garrett and the park. All the information is on our website at www.cochran-heights.com. Please reach out to me if you have any questions!

Michael Hamtil

As of June 15, 2020:	CHNA total balance	\$13,187.21 (bank & PayPal account, petty cash, alley project)
	Designated alley project money	\$ 6,111.71

Q2 Income

\$80 annual CHNA dues (4 members @ \$20)
\$1,350 alley fundraising (brick sales and donations)

Q2 Expenses

CHNA - \$305.75 5/4/20 Bluehost.com website hosting
Alley - \$1,358.54 6/10/20, Bloom & Grow USA, 1/2 payment for materials

PETS OF THE QUARTER



Meet **Buster!** He's the pup with a Mohawk hairdo you see being walked around the neighborhood by Mike and Meg Moschetto of Homer Street.

EDITOR: What gives you such a nifty coif?

BUSTER: It's somewhere in my DNA, but no one really knows what I am. Actually, I'm going for the tough guy look so I can pick up chicks. It works. They like Mohawks.

E: How did you come to live with your mom and dad?

B: I was cruising the streets by myself for a long time. I got picked up by the dogcatcher. I was put in a cage. It was a tough time. Mom and Dad rescued me. It was love at first sight.

E: Where do you lay down your head every night?

B: Smack dab in the middle of Mom and Dad on the bed. They love it! They wouldn't sleep as well at night if I weren't there.

E: Are you a morning dog or a late night dog?

B: Both. I love my walks in the morning and possum hunting at night. Mom and Dad like that about me.

E: Do you have any siblings?

B: Anthony and Danielle are my human siblings but they don't live with me. They visit a lot though.

E: Would you rather get a treat or a new toy?

B: Oh man. I love my toys but I'll never pass up a treat. I get human treats when food falls on the floor...which is all the time! I'm an exceptionally good floor cleaner.

Meet **Porkchop** and **Bagel** Bland who live on Pershing, with parents Jody & Sharon!

EDITOR: How did you come to get your odd names? Are mom and dad foodies??

PORKY: Dad is a Razorback alumni so he named me after one of their mascots. I just happen to be a delicious dinner too! I also have "cousins" named Pig and Bacon so food names run in the family.

BAGEL: I was originally Jack at the shelter but I came here and they had a Corgi Porky so I became Beagle Bagel. Mom and dad are definitely foodies.

E: How did you find your mom and dad?

P: Mom and dad saw one picture of me and fell in love but who wouldn't?!

B: I was hanging out at the shoe section at Nordstrom's with Operation Kindness. Mom went to buy shoes one day but came home with me instead.

E: Are you two more alike or total opposites? How so?

B: TOTAL OPPOSITES! My favorite things are to sleep, cuddle and spend every minute with my parents. My bossy brother prefers his alone time. He guards the house for us.

E: If you could plan an entire day as you wished, what would you do?

P: Sleep in and then eat a BIG breakfast (my name fits me!). Then I would make Dad take me to doggie daycare where it's pool day with the big dogs. When I get home, I'd eat a BIG, BIG dinner and then go say hi to my friends at The Old Monk. Bagel just kind of follows mom and dad around so I'd guess that's what he does all day.

E: Do you like the water and swimming, or have you never tried?

P: OMG the water hose is my favorite. I sit by it all day and beg dad to turn it on. I'm not sure yet if swimming is quite for me but I do know my chunky butt does float!

B: No way!

E: Do mom and dad let you have people food? If so, what's your FAVORITE?

P: I'll eat anything! Pickles, carrots, yogurt, Cheetos! I'm actually a vegetarian (soy diet).

B: I'm picky, picky, picky. Today I said no to a Rice Krispy treat.

E: Who takes you for walks most of the time?

P: Dad! He's the best!

E: Do either of you have girlfriends (or boyfriends)?

P: Duh! There's this girl down the street named Leia who's my number one girl. I sit and wait by her lawn all the time.

B: Mom is my girlfriend :)

E: What do you like best about Cochran Heights?

P&B: Friends! We both love all the friendly neighbors, both furry and human (maybe not the cats though). Please come say hi to us. It's our favorite part of walks!



COMMUNITY INFORMATION

BRUSH UP ON

BULK PICKUP

#CurbsideManners

HEADS UP!


New regulations take effect soon to keep our city clean and clutter free.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1



- ▶ Maximum of 10 cubic yards of brush and bulky trash pickup once per month
- ▶ One yearly exception of 20 cubic yards of brush and bulky trash pickup allowed
(MUST CALL 311 THE WEEK BEFORE SET OUT TO CLAIM YOUR ANNUAL EXCEPTION)
- ▶ Quantities set out above these limits will be measured, photographed, picked up and then billed on your City of Dallas Utility Bill


Learn more, including how to measure your set out at:

CurbsideManners.com



Call 311 for more information or Download the **OurDallas** app



THE INTERVIEW

The Revision of the Bylaws

with Christian Kelso

Question: Why are the bylaws important?

Answer: As with any corporation, the bylaws are the rules that CHNA operates under. They stipulate our membership requirements and members' powers, board requirements and powers, how and when we meet, and how we vote. As a corporation specially organized as a nonprofit under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, there are specific requirements to meet so that the money we raise from dues and fundraisers will not be taxed.

Q: Why are we changing the bylaws?

A: Rules and regulations get stale over time. Laws change. Members change. Circumstances change. The current bylaws include many changes made over the years which have become a mish-mash of information. The board and I have worked on a number of updates, including cleaning up the terminology and clarifying the voting system that we have in place.

Q: Who benefits from the changes?

A: Everyone does. These new rules correct, or sometimes address for the first time, quite a few issues in current bylaws. For instance, we have taken extra steps to include everyone connected with the neighborhood. Each household gets two votes. If it is owner-occupied, both votes are held by the owner/occupant. If the house is a rental, the owner of the property gets one vote and the renter gets the other vote. Some rental owners don't live in the neighborhood and this allows long term renters to take part in neighborhood decisions. Note though, only paying members receive the right to vote. You can read the bylaws for all the details.

Q: Do I have to read the whole set of bylaws or just the parts the board is revising?

A: We suggest your read the whole set. The new bylaws are an important of CHNA's vision for moving forward. The Board and I have literally been working on this for years and we're very pleased to present it to the membership. Of course, none of us is perfect and if a member has an idea of how we could make these even better, we'd love to hear from them.

FRIDAY NIGHTS OUT

Please check out Facebook page, cochranheights, for information on upcoming Friday Nights Out parties! Meet your neighbors and build a sense of community.

CHNA is a 501c not for profit organization. Meetings take place quarterly in March, June, September, and December.

Membership: Dues of \$20.00 per year per household. Our year runs September 1 to August 31 of the following year, with board elections in September. Any member wishing to vote in the elections must have their dues paid by the start of the September meeting. Good neighbor donations also count toward dues.

Want to be Pet of the Quarter or join the Experts Corner?

Let's hear from you! Join the conversation!

CHNASuggestions@gmail.com

The board receives and reviews all emails.