



# THE BOCA NEWSLETTER

BOULEVARD OAKS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

AUGUST 2003

## University Place Annual Meeting & Kirby Town Hall

Tuesday, August 26, 2003  
7:00 – 8:30 P.M.

*Christ the King Lutheran Church, Parish Hall  
2353 Rice Blvd.*

This year's meeting will feature **Jack Sakolosky**, Assistant Director, City of Houston Public Works & Engineering and **Marty Cristofaro**, Senior Project Manager, J.F. Thompson, Inc., who will be telling us about the upcoming Kirby Flood Relief Project. Construction is scheduled to begin just seven months from now in March 2004, and will continue for several years. Come find out what's being planned for our segment of Kirby.

Our Council Member, **Mark Goldberg**, will also address our group, and you'll get to meet and hear from Captain **Dwayne Ready**, South Central H.P.D.'s new captain. You'll also hear about the many issues and projects in the works in and around University Place this year. Many thanks to **Sharon Dreyer** and **John Daugherty Realtors** for providing refreshments. For more information, please call the University Place Association at 713-807-1777 or email [uplace@airmail.net](mailto:uplace@airmail.net).

### Kirby Flood Relief Project

Beginning in March 2004, a major portion of Kirby Drive is scheduled to be reconstructed from US59 south to Brays Bayou. This \$40 million project is a Flood Relief project intended to alleviate flooding in and around the Texas Medical Center. Contained in the preliminary engineering report by J.F. Thompson, Inc. was the proposal to remove the beautiful treed esplanade between Holcombe and N. Braeswood and replace it with two additional traffic lanes. There was no justification for adding traffic lanes in this completely residential section of Kirby with low traffic counts. Petitions, letters and emails of protest from every University Place civic group and other stakeholders along Kirby were successful in getting this proposal removed from the plan.

The preliminary engineering report also contained a proposal to replace the center continuous left-turn lane on Kirby between University Blvd. and US59 with an esplanade. The many businesses that face Kirby and are accessed from Kirby would be seriously impacted by the loss of this left-turn lane. This center lane does, in fact, take traffic out of the other lanes, and traffic studies and accident reports did not support any need for removal of this lane. Additionally, cutting off entry and exit to businesses on Kirby would no doubt push some traffic into the surrounding residential neighborhoods seeking faster and easier ways into and out of Kirby businesses and the Rice Village. The City has revisited this proposal and after gathering additional traffic-engineering data, decided to leave it up to the businesses whether they want the esplanade or the continuous left-turn lane. Many businesses have already written letters protesting the removal of the center turn lane. The preliminary plan also included the possible addition of a fifth lane on Kirby through the residential section from University Blvd. to Holcombe. The City is now "pretty sure" they won't be doing that.

The expenditure of such a vast sum on total street reconstruction to accommodate this huge flood-relief project should also have the goal of improving and benefiting the area which it will seriously and negatively impact during its two to three year construction period. It's critical to carefully consider the details and impacts of this

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## Thank you new and renewing BOCA members 2003-2004!

Many thanks to those of you who have already joined BOCA this year. Your support is invaluable—we couldn't operate without it. This list represents all contributions received through August 20, 2003. If you contributed and your name is not listed, please call the BOCA office at 713-528-BOCA (2622). Memberships received after August 20 will be listed in the next *BOCA Newsletter*. If you haven't already joined BOCA, please take a moment to visit our web site at [www.boulevardoaks.com](http://www.boulevardoaks.com) and download a membership form. As the saying goes - "A great neighborhood is not an accident."

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**City Trash Schedule**

<b>Automated curbside collection</b>	<b>Tuesdays</b>
<b>Yard Waste (bagged)</b>	<b>Tuesdays</b>
<b>Heavy Trash</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs.</b>

**Recycling is collected every other Tuesday.  
 August 5 & 19 Sept. 2, 16, 30 Oct. 14 & 28**

**Questions? Call 311 Tuesday.**

**Private Trash Schedule  
(Edgemont, Broadacres, Cherokee)**

Curbside & alley collection	Tues. & Fri.
Recycling	Tues. & Fri.
Yard waste	Tues. & Fri.

Call to arrange Heavy trash pickup

Royal Disposal & Recycling 713-526-1536

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reconstruction project and its effect on the commercial and residential areas it directly serves. The wider questions of creating tree-shaded, safe, attractive pedestrian sidewalks and crossings with proper lighting are being discussed and explored.

The Public Works Department has designated the University Place Super Neighborhood Council (whose entire western boundary is Brays Bayou to US59 Kirby reconstruction zone) as its liaison for community input and comment and public information meetings. Many meetings have taken place and much has been addressed, but there is considerable distance yet to go in assuring that this project will achieve its potential as a major urban village street improvement, and not just an underground, out-of-sight massive storm sewer and another "traffic accommodation project."

A University Place Task Force has been organized to work with the Public Works Department, Mr. John Sakolosky, Assistant Director, Department of Public Works and Engineering, Mr. Thomas Chiang, Senior Engineer, Stormwater Engineering, Public Works Department, Mr. Marty Cristofaro, Senior Project Manager, J.F. Thompson, Inc., and the project's architect, Mr. James Patterson, Knudsen & Associates, during this initial design phase and throughout the duration of the project. Kathie Easterly, Executive Director of University Place Association and BOCA, and Evalyn Krudy, a UPA Board Member and Manager of the Southampton Civic Club and Old Braeswood Civic Club, will be working closely with the City and the UPA Task Force on all aspects of the project, including possible design amenities for this segment of Kirby.

This flood-relief project on Kirby will be huge and disruptive and will last for several years. There are many issues to be considered and worked out, including the issue of traffic congestion, blocked streets and driveways, detours, cut-through traffic into residential neighborhoods, etc. Please join us this Tuesday to hear more about this project and find out what else UPA has been working on this year.

## **Tree Committee Recruiting**

The BOCA Tree Committee is seeking new recruits. Managing the street trees in the area requires many volunteers. Though there are many jobs available, our most pressing need is with pruning help during our two annual pruning weekends. Volunteers led by trained experts spend 2-3 hours pruning young street trees throughout the neighborhood.

As a perk, anyone who signs up for the tree committee before September 9 will be sent to the **Trees for Houston's Urban Tree Keeper Program** for Training. Classes will be held on four Tuesdays from 6 - 8 p.m. beginning September 9 through 30, at 5615 Kirby, International Bank of Commerce, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Community Room.

This hands-on and informative training will include a host of topics such as:

1. Benefits of Trees, Houston's Urban Forest, Proper Planting
2. Soils, Fertilizing, Mature Tree Care, Tree ID
3. Tree regulations and recent changes to the City's Tree Protection Ordinance
4. Tree Problems/Diseases

There will also be a pruning and planting workshop on Saturday, September 13 from 9 – 12 noon. Each participant that completes the course will receive a graduation certificate, pruners, and a T-shirt.

**The BOCA NEWSLETTER is published 6 times per year. Please call Kathie Easterly at 713-528-2622 with sponsorship inquiries or submissions.**

**WANTED: Kids ages 10 and up to deliver the newsletters—a great way for kids to earn money and help BOCA.**

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