



THE BOCA NEWSLETTER

BOULEVARD OAKS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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Fourth Of July Party A Big Hit

BOCA's 23rd Annual 4th of July Party was great fun, as always. The many homemade dishes were extra creative and delicious, and *Rue Bourbon* kept parents and children dancing in the street long after the traditional Hokey-Pokey, Bunny Hop and the Cotton-Eyed Joe with a variety of music including patriotic, soul, blues, Cajun waltzes and zydeco. Jennier Simmons Nash, 4th of July Party Chairman, did a great job putting the party together, and thank you, Sue (Lawson), for continuing to be so involved in this great event that you chaired for more than 20 years. The list of volunteers numbers in the dozens and this party could not happen without them. A huge **Thank You!** to everyone who spent their time setting up for the party and taking it all down again afterwards, and for loaning your ice chests, muscles, tables and storage, and for helping with the Parade, the Food Judging, and the decorating. It's truly a neighborhood party and you're the neighbors who make it happen. And as you know, the 4th of July Picnic isn't just a great time—it's a BOCA fundraiser. The BOCA residents who sponsored this wonderful event this year are listed below:

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Thank you new and renewing BOCA members 2004-2005!

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 16, 2004. If you contributed and your name is not listed, please call the BOCA office at 713-528-BOCA (2622). Memberships received after August 16 will be listed in the next *BOCA Newsletter*. If you haven't already joined BOCA, please take a moment to do so now. Visit our web site at www.boulevardoaks.com and download a membership form. As the saying goes—"A good neighborhood is not an accident."

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Thank you!

SAY IT ISN'T SO

Boulevard Oaks residents are calling the BOCA office to report that residents are (again) dumping garbage in the empty lot next to 1414 Banks. Let's not. Boulevard Oaks isn't a city dump. If you ever see anyone dumping garbage or anything else at this address or any other address in Boulevard Oaks, please call the BOCA office at 713-528-BOCA or the Southampton/BOCA Patrol at 713-825-5555 and report it. (A license plate number would be helpful.)

City Trash Schedule

Automated curbside collection	Tuesdays
Yard Waste (bagged)	Tuesdays
Heavy Trash	2 nd Thurs.

Recycling is collected every *other* Tuesday.

Aug. 3, 17 & 31 Sep. 14 & 28 Oct. 12 & 26

Questions? Call 311

Private Trash Schedule (Edgemont, Broadacres, Cherokee)

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

Call to arrange Heavy trash pickup

Royal Disposal & Recycling 713-526-1536

Southampton/BOCA Patrol Service 713-825-5555

POE SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Poe Elementary School, built in the 1930s, lies in the heart of Boulevard Oaks, and is part of the nationally registered Boulevard Oaks Historic District. This much-beloved, academically acclaimed elementary school is a neighborhood treasure with a rich history that is much appreciated by historians, Houstonians, and Boulevard Oaks residents who live nearby. Generations of parents and children have worked to maintain this wonderful school and preserve its architectural integrity.

Unfortunately, H.I.S.D. recently began installing inexpensive, non-matching windows across the front of Poe School, which compromise the historical and architectural integrity of the building and the neighborhood in which it sits. BOCA was notified and asked by dozens of concerned residents and Poe parents to get the project halted and facilitate a meeting with concerned stakeholders and residents about preserving the architectural integrity of this treasured school building. BOCA asked H.I.S.D. to halt the project, which they did, but eight non-matching, historically and architecturally inappropriate windows had already been installed. These windows seriously compromise the look and feel of the school.

BOCA, neighborhood residents, civic association board members, H.I.S.D. personnel, the Principal of Poe School, former Poe parents, and others met to discuss this issue and it was agreed that replacement windows must match the ones being replaced and that the architectural integrity of the school must be preserved. H.I.S.D. has only \$4,935.00 budgeted for the replacement of these 20 windows. The cost to replace them with windows that look the same as the ones currently installed at Poe School is approximately \$32,000 to \$35,000, including labor. We are all working together to come up with funding to cover the difference in the cost for these 20 windows. BOCA has applied for a \$15,000 matching grant from the Texas Historical Commission (THC), but \$10,065.00 would need to be raised to add to H.I.S.D.'s \$4,935.00 to make the \$15,000 match. Although there are 61 windows that need to be replaced, these 20 windows are considered an emergency due to disintegration, wind and rain leakage. Many can't be opened at all or can't be opened without falling apart.

We hope you will help us raise \$10,065.00 towards replacement of these 20 windows with matching, architecturally appropriate windows. (This includes replacing the 8 windows recently installed. H.I.S.D. has agreed to absorb the cost of those 8 windows, and as well as the cost of the other 12 mismatched windows they purchased.) Hopefully, the THC grant will be awarded, but either way, funds will have to be raised to replace the windows. Although Poe isn't designated as a historic building, it's part of the nationally registered Boulevard Oaks Historic District. Next time you drive past Poe, check out the windows in front.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution, please make your check out to Poe PTO and mail it to BOCA, P.O. Box 540331, Houston, Texas 77254. Be sure to note "Windows" on the bottom of your check. Contributors will be listed in the next *BOCA Newsletter*.

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