

# THE BOCA NEWSLETTER

A PUBLICATION OF THE BOULEVARD OAKS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

MAY/JUNE 2017



*You're invited to the...*

## Boulevard Oaks Annual Meeting

**Wednesday, June 14, 2017**

**6:30 - 7:45 p.m.**

**Poe Elementary School, Cafeteria, 5100 Hazard St.**

All property owners and residents of Boulevard Oaks are invited to attend the Boulevard Oaks Civic Association (BOCA) Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 14, 2017. Join us at 6:30 p.m. in the Poe Elementary Cafeteria. The agenda will include annual elections, reports on neighborhood activities, and special guest speaker **Marilyn Brown** from the **Coalition for the Homeless**. Marilyn will give a presentation on recent changes to homelessness and panhandling ordinances and will tell us how we can best help these less fortunate members of our community.

The proposed slate of officers and directors for the 2017-2018 term are included below. The board is comprised of five officers and 12 directors from different areas of the neighborhood. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer or if you have a suggestion for improving our neighborhood, we'd like to hear from you. All neighbors welcome! (Special thanks to **Andrew McCain** with John Daugherty Realtors for providing the refreshments.)

### Slate of Officers (2017-2018)

Sue Payne (President)  
Richard Holt (President Elect)  
Trey Christensen (Vice President)  
Bob Wright (Treasurer)  
Helen Toombs (Secretary)  
Don Reid Jr. (Past President)

### 2017-2020 Directors

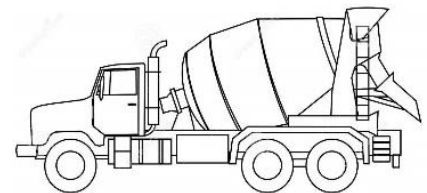
Jennifer DeLange  
Cece Fowler  
Jean Jenner  
Geoffrey Walker

2015-2018 Director: Sue Lawson

2016-2019 Director: Norm Rund

## Greenbriar Dr. and University Blvd. Reconstruction

Greenbriar Construction from Rice Blvd. to Holcombe is set to begin later this summer. This two-year project will result in a long overdue new roadway surface and many new streetscape amenities including pedestrian-friendly enhancements such as wider sidewalks, lighting and landscaping. Though this project is for the segment south of us beginning at Rice Blvd., traffic through Boulevard Oaks will be impacted. Stakeholders will be meeting with Public Works officials in the near future to hammer out the construction phasing and to mitigate conflicts with Rice U football and with neighborhood and Roberts Elementary school traffic. We will keep you posted as information is available.



University Blvd. will also undergo full reconstruction from Morningside to Kirby beginning in 2019. This will also be a 2-year project. Currently, property owners along the south side of University are considering whether or not to convert the head-in parking in the Village to angle-in metered spots, or to parallel parking. The parallel parking option would eliminate parking spaces, but it could also provide the opportunity for an enhanced pedestrian environment with room for outdoor dining. A decision is expected in July 2017.

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**Boulevard Oak’s Hoppin’ Holiday Party** *by Elaine Mut*

BOCA residents of all ages came to Broadacres Park on Saturday April 15th to celebrate the 27<sup>th</sup> annual Egg Hunt and piñata party. Children in new colorful outfits lined up with baskets in hand to gather all the goodies they could find including eggs filled with prize numbers for a lucky few. Older children took turns whacking at a very stubborn piñata until more treats cascaded to the ground. After enjoying some of the candy and cookies, everyone lined up for a photo opp with the cutest bunny in town. More hunt photos are available at [www.BoulevardOaks.org](http://www.BoulevardOaks.org). *(Editor’s note: Thanks to our wonderful mother/daughter photographers Elaine Mut and Michelle Mut for taking the fabulous pics of this year’s event!)*

**Thank You to our Volunteers and Sponsors!**

**Volunteers:** Bonnie McMillan Coffman (Event Chairman), Bruce Coffman, Claire Coffman, James Coffman, Jennifer DeLange & Joel Szulc (and Caroline and Veronica Szulc), Sara DeSnyder, Ellen Heller, Nicole Heller, Steven Kibble, The Lawson Family, Elaine Mut, Michelle Mut, Nicloe Mut, Evalyn Krudy, Kellen Hornbuckle, Laura McMillan, Melinda O’Connell, Amanda Sauer, Glo Trigg, Sasha Van Ness, Don Reid, Doug Watson. We realize this list is incomplete. If you helped at the hunt and your name does not appear above, please let us know so we can thank you properly.

**Sponsors:**

Platinum Eggs: \$250

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**Redevelopment Buzz**

In the next few years we expect to see significant changes to the Shepherd/Greenbriar/59 area. First, the predominantly empty *Shepherd Plaza shopping center* -- home to Amy's Ice Cream, Tuesday Morning and Cactus Records -- will be redeveloped into a signature HEB with underground parking.

Also in the planning phase is another upscale, multi-story car dealership in the location of Stahelman's Lumber Co. at 4007 Greenbriar and US59. The 2.4 acre property recently sold and Sonic Automotive (the company responsible for the 7-story Audi dealership on the other side of the freeway). Stahlman's has been BOCA's resident hardware store since 1960 and it will remain open for the foreseeable future.

**Welcome Vinology and Island Grill !**

Boulevard Oaks now has its own wine shop and tasting venue. Divino owners Patrick McCray and Wine Director Thomas Moësse opened **Vinology**, located at 2314 Bissonnet, earlier this year. McCray says that his latest venture is Houston's first true European style enoteca -- equal parts wine shop, tasting room and education venue. Be sure to check for weekly specials. Open Mon. - Sat. at 11:00 a.m.

A new location for the **Island Grill** at 2365-A Rice Blvd. has just opened in Rice Village in the former location of Ruggles Cafe. According to owner Faysal Haddad, the restaurant serves fresh Mediterranean cuisine and utilizes some quality ingredients such as first cold-press extra-virgin olive oil, certified Angus beef, and house-made hummus and salad dressings. Open Mon. - Th. 7 am - 9 pm; Fri-Sat 7 am - 10 pm; and Sun. 8 am - 4:30 pm.

**City Trash Schedule**

**Questions? Call 311**

Automated Curbside Collection.....Tuesdays

Yard Waste (bagged) .....Tuesdays

**Recycling** .....every *other* Tuesday (B)

May 2, 16 & 30 June 13 & 27 July 11 & 25

**Heavy/Junk Waste collection**

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday** of the month for homes east of Greenbriar

**3<sup>rd</sup> Monday** for homes west of Greenbriar

Place items on the curb after 6 p.m. the Sunday before pick up. Tree debris is collected every month. Junk waste is collected in even months only.

May.....	Tree Waste Only
June.....	Junk & Tree Waste
July.....	Tree Waste Only
August.....	Junk & Tree Waste

**Private Trash Schedule**

(Edgemont, Broadacres, Cherokee)

**WCA Trash & Recycling, 713-526-1536**

*WCA-texasmunicipalities@wcamerica.com*

Curbside & alley collection.....Tues. & Fri.

Recycling .....Fridays

Yard waste.....Tues. & Fri.

Heavy Trash .....Call to arrange

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**2016 – 2017 Boulevard Oaks Officers & Directors**

<i>President</i>	Don Reid
<i>President-elect</i>	Sue Payne
<i>Vice president</i>	Sue Lawson
<i>Treasurer</i>	Bob Wright
<i>Secretary</i>	Helen Toombs
<i>Past President</i>	Norm Rund

<u><i>Directors</i></u>	Trey Christensen	Hank Coleman
<i>2014 – 2017</i>	Jennifer DeLange	Geoffrey Walker
<i>2015 - 2018</i>	Joe Cialone	James Cogan
	Julie Mastroianni	Macy Middleton
<i>2016 – 2019</i>	Steve Grossman	Richard Holt
	Peggy Hull	James Vick

**Committees**

<i>Deed Restrictions</i>	Geoffrey Walker
<i>Public Works</i>	John Cutler
<i>Trees</i>	Wallace Hooker & Hank Segelke
<i>Website</i>	Dave Shine
<i>Night Out</i>	Don Reid
<i>Easter Egg Hunt</i>	Bonnie Coffman
<i>4<sup>th</sup> of July Party</i>	Donna Yanowski
<i>Caroling Party</i>	Stephanie Pedigo & Shannon Allen
<i>Spring Mixer</i>	Sue Payne & Peggy Hull



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## Poe 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Students Enjoy Boulevard Oaks Scavenger Hunt



Poe's 4<sup>th</sup> grade celebrated the end of school in May with a scavenger hunt along BOCA's historic boulevards. Poe parents did a wonderful job of organizing the event and coordinating with several dozen neighbors who live along the hunt route helped with prizes and refreshments and making the event great fun for all. Poe's 4<sup>th</sup> grade had a wonderful time! The 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes say "Thank you Boulevard Oaks neighbors for helping make our scavenger hunt a great! The 4th Grade Class of Poe Elementary."

### Poe Kindergarten Playdates

The Poe PTO is hosting Saturday morning playdates for incoming Kindergarten students and their families - June 3, July 15 and August 19 - from 10am until 12 noon on the back playground to meet fellow students and parents, have the chance to ask questions of members of the PTO, and learn more about what to expect in Kindergarten.

### Poe Spark Park News

The Poe Spark Park (back playground) will be re-seeded and re-sodded in early June. During this time, sections of the park will be roped off for a period of 45 days. Please help the grass grow by keeping people and pets off of the restricted areas. This project represents a significant outlay of PTO funds. The grass needs to be hardened and healthy by the time school resumes in mid-August. Poe appreciates your support and cooperation.

The Park welcomes visitors, however the raised playground areas are off-limits for dogs. For health and safety reasons, it is imperative that neighbors pick up after their pets when walking around the school.

### Update on Freeway Bridges

You may have noticed additional testing and perhaps some outages of the freeway bridge lighting recently. As is the case with innovative projects, issues were encountered during installation that have caused some sections to malfunction. The project is still under the direct control of TxDOT and their contractor, Third Coast. The contractor is working as quickly as possible to get all sections functioning. Intermittent outages can be expected until the issues are resolved. The Montrose district is overseeing the project with TXDOT and says that work will continue through the fall.

### 2017 Spring Mixer – Best Ever!

The BOCA Spring Mixer was held on March 30 at Jack Meier Gallery and Vinology, at 2310-2314 Bissonnet. The event was co-chaired by Sue Payne and Peggy Hull. The event was attended by over 65 neighbors, and fun was had by all. While the main purpose of the evening was about fun with friends and neighbors, it was also a neighborhood fundraiser bringing in over \$2200.



Thanks to our generous event sponsors listed below:

*Platinum:* **Laurie & William Leven**  
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**Cynthia Burns** (Martha Turner Sothebys)  
*Silver:* **Andrew McCain** (John Daugherty)

This was the first mixer held in several years, but it was undoubtedly the best. Special thanks to the **Michael Chmiel** with the **Jack Meier Gallery** and **Patrick McCray** with **Vinology** for their gracious hospitality.

