



THE BOCA NEWSLETTER

A PUBLICATION OF THE BOULEVARD OAKS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

SPRING 2018

ANNUAL MEETING



Tuesday, June 5, 2018

6:30 - 7:30 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 Tuesday, June 5, 2018. Join us at 6:30 p.m. in the Poe Elementary Cafeteria. Our agenda will include annual elections, reports about neighborhood activities, and special guest speaker **Quincy Allen** from TxDOT who will speak about the upcoming Southwest Freeway project from Mt. Vernon to 288 and beyond.

The proposed slate of officers and directors are included below. The Board is comprised of five officers and 12 directors from different areas of the neighborhood that serve 3-year rotating terms. 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 (2018-2019)

Richard Holt	(President to June 2020)
James Cogan	(Pres. Elect to June 2020)
Sue Lawson	(Vice President)
Bob Wright	(Treasurer)
Helen Toombs	(Secretary)
Sue Payne	(Past President)

Directors (2018 - 2021)

Trey Christensen	Don Reid Jr.
Julie Mastroianni	Radu Tutos

Director (2016 - 2019) Joe Cialone

Southwest Freeway Construction Pushes East to 288 beginning 2020

The Big Dig is coming to Houston in 2020 when TxDOT will begin a 5 year project to extend the depressed section of the Southwest Freeway along BOCA's northern boundary all the way to the 288 interchange. The project is part of the I-45 rebuild and is currently in the planning stages. It includes rebuilding the connection to Spur 527 to improve traffic safety, and expanding the freeway to include additional lanes from Mt. Vernon to 288. The Montrose Bridge will need to come down temporarily and will be rebuilt to span the increased freeway width. Most exciting of all is a proposal for a public/private partnership with Rice Univ. to place a deck with a park over the below grade freeway lanes from Main to San Jacinto. The



new park will serve as a connection from the Rice Campus to its new facility at the old Sears store. Rice also hopes to create safer pedestrian and bike routes connecting the main campus to the revamped Sears site. Beyond the 288 interchange, more exciting enhancements are planned, such as the elimination of the Pierce Elevated, public art and multimodal transportation options. Come see the plans and learn more at our meeting on June 5.

Post-Meeting Mixer on June 5th

Immediately after the meeting, there will be a RECEPTION for members. Offerings include wine, bites and conversation for the first 100 members who (1) attend the annual meeting and (2) are the first to RSVP by specified email prior to the Meeting. Watch your inbox for the invite!

Sp-Egg-tacular 28th EE Hunt

Hunters and gatherers of all ages assembled at Broadacres Park on March 31 for BOCA's 28th annual Egg Hunt and piñata party, chaired by Bonnie Coffman and her family. More than 60 children lined up with baskets in hand to gather eggs and prizes. Older children (9 & up) took turns at the nearly indestructible piñatas. The Easter Bunny, whose fur was whiter and softer than anyone can recall, arrived in a limo and inserted himself in numerous family fotos.

This event is possible thanks to the time and assistance of our wonderful team of volunteers and our generous sponsors.

Thank You Volunteers!

Georgia Baxter, Jacob Beasley, Andrew Coffey, the Coffmans (Bruce, Claire, Bonnie & Ziggy) James Coffman, Courtney Collier, Jennifer DeLange & Joel Szulc (Veronica & Caroline Szulc), the Galluns (Chad, Gary, Grant, and Susana), Patricia Jefferies, Ann Klopp, the Krudy Family, Sue Lawson, Adrienne Murray, Mary Nugent, Sophie Smith, Lori Speier, Glo Trigg, and Sasha Van Ness. We realize this list is incomplete. If you helped at the hunt and your name does not appear above, please let us know.

Thank You Hunt Sponsors!

Platinum Eggs (\$150 – 250)
Sally & Calvin Garwood Family
The Holt Family
Jusbache Family
Andrew McCain
with John Daugherty
The Glo Trigg Family

Golden Eggs (\$100 & up)
Bartlett Street Paperie
The Lawson Family
Agelia Perez Marquez
with Heritage Texas
John Owan
The Rigby Family

Good Eggs (\$50)
Jesse Libby
Pat & Michael Maas
Martha & Donald J. Reid Jr.
Jennifer DeLange & Joel Szulc

Peeps (\$25)
Louis Bunjoch
Jarrett Ellzey
Laura Hobeika
Peggy Hull
with Creative Touch Interiors
The Krudys



Andrew McCain (Sponsor) with Event Chair Bonnie Coffman

Jennifer Morris
Brian O'Donnell
Nuk O'Kawe
Sheila & Keith Owen
The Waldings

Trees for Boulevard Oaks Thanks Our 2017-2018 Donors

Thank you to our donors who made contributions between October 2017 and April 2018. Through your generosity, new trees were planted in the neighborhood and trees surrounding Poe Elementary were professionally trimmed and fertilized for the first time in two decades.

Golden Oak (\$315 to \$500)

Cheryl Verlander & Chuck Bracht
Kathryn & Hank Coleman
Cece & Mack Fowler
Debra Waite & Harrison Itz
Randall Matthews
Adrienne & Stefan Murry
Nick & Julia Rasmussen

Tree Hugger (\$150 - \$250)

Kathleen & Glen Cambor
Jeffrey A. Compton
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Heather Brown & Hank Segelke
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Donna Ulivia
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Steve & Hilary Ybarra

Tree Patron (\$100)

Jim Avant
Jessica & Philip Barzilla
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City Trash Schedule

Questions? Call 311

Automated Curbside Collection.....Tuesdays
Yard Waste (bagged).....Tuesdays
Recycling (no glass)...every *other* Tuesday (B)
May 16 & 30 June 13 & 27 July 11 & 25

City Tree/Junk Waste Collection

1st Friday for homes east of Greenbriar
3rd 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.

Private Trash Schedule

(Edgemont, Broadacres, Cherokee)

By WCA Trash & Recycling 713-526-1536
WCA-texasmunicipalities@wcamerica.com

Curbside & alley collection.....Tues. & Fri.
RecyclingFridays
Yard waste.....Tues. & Fri.
Heavy TrashCall to arrange

Montrose Management District's Dissolution Impacts BOCA

A 6-year battle about the Montrose Management District has ended in the dissolution of the District that had once provided security patrols, esplanade beautification, and graffiti remediation north of US59. The District took care of bridge lighting repairs and ongoing maintenance.

Unfortunately, the fate of the US59 bridges is literally up in the air. Former District Executive Director Ben Brewer says that contracts for the electricity and maintenance are paid through the summer, but thereafter the bridges will go dark again unless another group steps up to adopt them. The absence of the District's patrols has been noticeable, with more commercial burglaries along the freeway and larger numbers of panhandlers and homeless encampments cropping up north of US59. Also, the Southampton/BOCA Patrol has had more calls concerning homeless persons, and has responded when they have attempted to camp overnight on the bridges.

We are monitoring the District's appeal of the recent order to repay \$6.6M in assessment. And we remain hopeful that a sponsor can be found to maintain the bridges' lights which have become a Houston landmark.

Incidentally, the construction of the arched bridges with their fiber optic lighting was due in large part to BOCA's lobbying efforts to convince TxDOT to build a one-of-a-kind and first-of-its-kind freeway expansion project with enhancements.

BOCA Funds Tree Trimming at Poe

In late December and early January, street trees around Poe were professionally trimmed. The goals of the project were to raise the tree canopy to prevent damage by trucks and to eliminate dead wood that posed a hazard to school children and pedestrians. The cost of the project was split between the BOCA Tree program and the Poe PTO.

In the early 1990s, Trees for BOCA planted several dozen trees around the school where the original older trees had died. These trees have now grown into mature specimens, but they have been in need of attention for some time.

BOCA is proud to be able to participate in this project with Poe. Dozens of generous residents of Boulevard Oaks contributed to this worthwhile project.

Spring Mixer Moves to Fall

The BOCA Spring Mixer, which has been a tradition off and on for many years, is moving to Fall. The event will be held at BOCA's newest wine and brew venues, Baileson Brewing and Vinology on Bissonnet. The event is being planned for a Sunday afternoon in Sept. or October, date TBD. Be on the lookout for your invitation. Co-hostess/chairpersons Sue Payne and Peggy Hull are planning a fun event. Sponsors are needed. If you would like to promote your business as a sponsor, please contact us at info@BoulevardOaks.org.



Poe Kindergarten Playdates



The Poe PTO is hosting Saturday morning playdates for incoming Kindergarten students and their families. The 3 dates are **June 9, July 14 and August 25** at 10 a.m. on the back playground.

Meet fellow students and parents and take advantage of the opportunity to ask questions of PTO and learn more about what to expect in Kindergarten.

Poe Co approaches 45th Birthday!

Poe Cooperative Nursery School will once again enjoy full classes for the 2018-2019 school year. Approaching its 45th birthday and recently certified as a Nature Explore Early Childhood Outdoor Classroom space, Poe Co continues to lead the way as a developmentally appropriate preschool with a philosophy based on learning through nature and play. **Registration for the 2019-2020 school year will begin October 1.** For more information please visit www.poeco.org.

Outdoor Space Improvements at Poe

The 2017-2018 school year saw a strong effort by the PTO to improve the outdoor spaces at Poe for everyone to enjoy. The 68 mature oaks on and around campus were trimmed (with the assistance of the BOCA Tree program), decks were power washed and repaired, new landscaping added and the butterfly garden expanded. Multiple outdoor workdays included mud/leaf removal from the gutters. Many thanks to the neighbors who contributed their time, talents to these projects!

Work begins this summer on an outdoor classroom area on the North Blvd. side of the Poe campus near the temporary buildings. This space will feature seating, outdoor easels, green space and more. Underwriting opportunities are available. For more information contact jenndelange@hotmail.com.

BOCA Officers & Directors

(July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018)

<i>President</i>	Sue Payne
<i>President-elect</i>	Richard Holt
<i>Vice president</i>	Trey Christensen
<i>Treasurer</i>	Bob Wright
<i>Secretary</i>	Helen Toombs
<i>Past President</i>	Don Reid Jr.

Directors

Joe Cialone	Steve Grossman	Julie Mastroianni
James Cogan	Peggy Hull	Norm Rund
Jennifer DeLange	Jean Jenner	James Vick
Cece Fowler	Sue Lawson	Geoffrey Walker

Committees

<i>Deed Restrictions</i>	Julie Mastroianni & Geoffrey Walker
<i>Historic District</i>	Geoffrey Walker
<i>Public Works</i>	John Cutler
<i>Trees</i>	Hank Segelke & Wallace Hooker
<i>Website</i>	Dave Shine
<i>Night Out</i>	James Cogan & Don Reid
<i>Easter Egg Hunt</i>	Bonnie Coffman
<i>4th of July Party</i>	Donna Yanowski
<i>Caroling Party</i>	Stephanie Pedigo & Shannon Allen
<i>Manager/Newsletter</i>	Evalyn Laing Krudy

BOULEVARD OAKS



EXTRAVAGANZA

Join us in celebration of our Nation's birth

at BOCA's 37th annual

4th of July Extravaganza

Wednesday, July 4, 2018

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

1700 Block of North Blvd.

Dress in red, white, & blue, and bring a dish to share! Decorate your bikes, trikes, wagons, strollers -- and YOURSELVES -- for the parade. Come and sing patriotic songs, dance the Hokey-Pokey, and eat fried chicken and home-cooked prize-winning salads, vegetables, breads and desserts. All participants, including sponsors and their guests, are asked to bring a **LARGE** dish to share with others. It may win a ribbon in the food-judging contest. Dinner and dancing in the street will follow. *A live band will be playing a variety of music plus our favorite dance numbers: the Hokey Pokey & Cotton-Eyed Joe.* Join us also for the...

SET-UP PARTY

Tues., July 3 @ 6:00 p.m.

FREE BEER & FOOD for WORKERS

Thanks to **Sara & Rob Cromie** and **PICNIC** for providing the refreshments!

TAKE-DOWN PARTY

Thurs., July 5 @ 6:00 p.m.

FREE BEER & FOOD for WORKERS

Food sponsor still needed!

VOLUNTEERS are needed to help decorate and to lead children's games and activities. We also need help with decorations and organizing the beverages shortly before the party begins, tending the food tables at the party, and fighting off the hungry mob during the food judging. (Sticks will be provided.)

Ice chests (large & small) and 3-5 gallon water coolers are needed. If you can lend one, please drop it off in the driveway at 1720 North Blvd. anytime within 7 days of the party. Please put your name on your cooler.

Leftover dishes and lost & found will be on the front porch at 1720 North Blvd. for a few days. Please put your name on your dish. Serving pieces provided.

Guests: Although this event is free to residents, it is BOCA's only major fundraiser other than membership. The party is underwritten by sponsors and **only sponsors may bring guests.** Sponsorship levels are: \$25, \$50 and \$100. Make **checks** payable to BOCA (memo "4th of July") and mail to: **BOCA, P.O. Box 540331, Houston, TX, 77254.** Sponsors will be listed on a poster at the party and will be published in the next newsletter. (Please note how you'd like your name to be listed, e.g. The Doe Family or John & Jane Doe.)

For more info or to volunteer, contact Donna Yanowski at (832)998-3655 or donnayanowski@gmail.com.