

THE BOCA NEWSLETTER

A PUBLICATION OF THE **BOULEVARD OAKS CIVIC ASSOCIATION**

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JOIN US FOR THE BOCA ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

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 including the Patrol Service, Rice University, Tree protection strategies, and University Place Assn. (Super N'hood #28).

All neighbors welcome!

The proposed slate of officers and directors will be posted online in advance of the meeting. 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.

Thanks to **Andrew McCain** with John Daugherty Realtors for graciously providing refreshments!

Traffic Taskforce Revving Up

BOCA's new Traffic Task Force is gearing up to tackle problems throughout the neighborhood and its borders. It's not too late to join this working group that will meet monthly and plans to address speeding, cut-through traffic, Metro projects, traffic from area high density development, and the upcoming US59/69 & I-45 expansion beginning in 2020. If you would like to participate or be notified of meetings, send a message to info@BoulevardOaks.org.

Neighbors are reminded to please respect neighbors and drive safely and stop at all stop signs.

Forum or Against 'Em: District C Candidates Face Off on May 1st

The City Council Candidate Forum for District C was held at Congregation Emanu El on May 1. The good news is that there are some excellent candidates running for the seat being vacated by Ellen Cohen, all with different backgrounds and talents. Excellent questions were posed to the candidates and their answers are worth hearing. To view video of the forum, visit <https://venue.streamspot.com/video/979cd2ea91>, and fast forward to about 14:15 minutes.

The open seat for District C will be decided in the general election on November 5th. The District C seat is an important race. Mayoral and council candidates may now serve up to two 4-yr terms. Since most council candidates are reelected for a second term, whoever is elected will likely remain in office for the next 8 years.

Electing a responsive council person is essential to the health of our community. We rely on our district council member for a myriad of functions including getting missed trash collected, arranging meetings with contractors for public works projects, and voicing our concerns to the administration, Commissions and Council Committees.

Currently there are 10 candidates in the District C race. The following attended the Forum: Abbie Kamin, Nick Hellyar, Greg Meyers, Shelly Kennedy, Bob Nowak, Mary Jane Smith and Daphne Scarbrough. Three more joined the race after the event: Kendra Yarbrough Camaren, Kevin Walker and Amanda Wolfe.

Thanks to co-hosts, University Place Association (Super Neighborhood #28), Congregation Emanu El and Rice University, for a fun, informative and thought-provoking evening.

Water Line Project Update

Restoration is underway for the 36" South Blvd Water Line Project. Completion was planned for mid-May, but the timeframe was extended to accommodate unexpected repairs of an adjacent 8" water line serving nearby homes. The contractor will finalize roadway repairs, followed by curb and sidewalk repairs. Replacement of sod and other plants will be the last step. The work is expected to ensure that the 36" line serving West University Place does not require repair for another 40 years.

Easter Egg Hunt Appreciation



Clockwise: (1) Marjorie Hutcheson teaches her granddaughter to put the eggs back together for next year's event! (2) Rob Lawson and family, (3) Sarah DeSnyder and family (below).

Thank you, Bonnie Coffman, for pulling off another perfect event! The weather was beautiful. The children were happy, and no one cried. Over a dozen golden prize eggs were found and special prizes awarded. The Easter Bunny was freshly bathed and looking his best for all the foto ops. Thank you, Bruce Coffman, for all of your help taming the large white rabbit.

Thank you volunteers for making the magic happen:

Pinatas: Stefan & Adrienne Murry
Egg Stuffers: Jennifer Delange, Ann Klopp, Glo Trigg, and Sasha VanNess. **Crew:** The Coffmans, Patricia Baker, the Garwoods, Richard Holt, George Krudy, Adrienne & Stefan Murry, Amanda Sauer, and Sasha Van Ness and Jim Smith
Refreshments Team: Cathy Kandianis, Amanda Sauer, Kate Stukenberg (Rightside Coffee), Glo Trigg, Vanessa Tutos, Emily Moores Walding and Anna Welker
Fundraising: Sue Lawson

Thank You Sponsors!

Platinum Eggs (\$250): Andrew McCain / John Daugherty Realtors

Golden Eggs (\$100 & up)

Cece & Mac Fowler
 Sally & Calvin Garwood
 Harry & Sue Lawson
 Glo Trigg & George Melton
 Laurie & Pat Rigby

Good Eggs (\$50)

Melissa Flack
 Pat Gilmore Maass
 Stefan & Adrienne Murry
 Maria Sosa
 Sallie & Bob Wright and grandchildren: Betsy, Maggie, Ted, & Nate

Peeps (\$25)

Alicia & Stephen Howe
 Sheila & Keith Owen



Poe Elementary News

Summer School at Poe begins June 5

HISD is holding Summer School at Poe this year from June 5 to July 3. School will be in session Monday through Thursday from 7:30 am until 2 pm. Please continue to be mindful of children, our crossing guards, and school zone speed limits during this time.

Kinder Popsicle Play Dates

Do you have, or do you know an incoming Kindergarten family who will be attending Poe this Fall? Join us on the Poe Playground to meet other new families and enjoy popsicles, visit with some current members of PTO leadership and get information about various things at Poe!

These gatherings are very casual, weather permitting, from 9 am - 11 am on the following Saturdays: June 15, July 20 and August 17.

Urban Wildlife/Rodent Population Explosion From Feeding Pets Outside

As is common each spring, BOCA is experiencing an explosion of its urban wildlife population. Rats and squirrels are abundant and can be seen in all parts of the neighborhood scurrying along fences and telecom lines at all hours of the day and night. BOCA also has its share of raccoons and possums. These critters are known to tear up roofs and gutters, gnaw away cornices, and tear out screens in crawl spaces of pier and beam homes, all in search of warm and dry nesting areas. In addition, in recent years, raccoons have attacked dogs and their owners walking on North Blvd.



Pest control companies report that a major source of attraction for all these creatures is cat food left outdoors. **Please feed pets inside.** If you must feed your them outside, pick up dishes as soon as pets are done with meals.

Rodents benefit the most from all of our good intentions. Birdseed, when placed on the ground, attracts rodents and possums, and squirrel feeders are enjoyed by all kinds of rodents. Bowls of kibble left out by well-meaning residents are consumed equally by roaches, rats and other critters. Squirrels, raccoons and possums often carry diseases fatal to humans and transmit them through their urine and feces. Evicting them can be costly and stressful.

Hungry cats are more likely to help keep the rodent population in check. Rather than feeding stray cats kibble, you can help them more by ensuring they are fixed and that they are healthy. SNAP is one nonprofit that offers low cost spay/neuter procedures and healthcare for feral animals.

As a reminder, feeding stray cats is a violation of City Ordinance. Please think twice before feeding the wildlife!

Please Don't Overstuff Recycling Bins

Some blocks are having problems with overstuffed recycling bins due to neighbors using other's bins. Please don't overstuff the bins. Doing so makes them difficult to pick up and creates messes that Solid Waste drivers leave behind for neighbors to pick up. If you need temporary additional recycling bin space, please ask your neighbor before using theirs. If you need a recycling bin, contact the City at 713-837-0311 to request one. If you don't have a bin yet, you can drop off recycling throughout the week at the Westpark Service Center at Fountainview.



City Trash Schedule *Questions? Call 311*

Automated TrashTuesdays
Yard Waste (bagged) Tuesdays
Recycling (Tues. B schedule): every *other* Tuesday
 May 14 & 28 July 9 & 23
 June 11 & 25 Aug 6 & 20



Bins and yard waste bags may be placed at the curb after 6 pm the evening before collection. Please remove them by 10 pm the day of collection.

City Heavy Trash

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

- Homes East of Greenbriar – 1st Fri. (next date is 6/7/19)
- Homes West of Greenbriar – 3rd Mon. (next date is 6/17/19)

City Trash Reminders

- Call 311 as soon as possible to report a missed collection. Get a service request number and forward it to DistrictC@houston.tx.gov for faster response.
- Place city trash containers and recycling bins at the curb at least 3 feet apart in compliance with city collection requirements.
- Place bags at curb no earlier than 6 pm the evening before collection.
- Contain leaves and yard clippings in city-approved biodegradable bags. Avoid sending leaves to the landfill altogether by composting them or have the yard crew take bags away or place them out of view.
- Avoid parking on the street on trash collection day. If you must park on the street be sure to leave enough space between your vehicle and trash container for crews to safely collect trash. Cars blocking bins may result in missed collection.
- The City is accepting glass in curbside recycling bins as of April 2019.

Private Trash Schedule

Edgemont & Broadacres collected by WCA Waste: 713-526-1536

Curbside & alley collection... Tues. & Fri.
 Recycling Fridays
 Yard waste..... Tues. & Fri.
 Heavy Trash pick-up..... By appointment

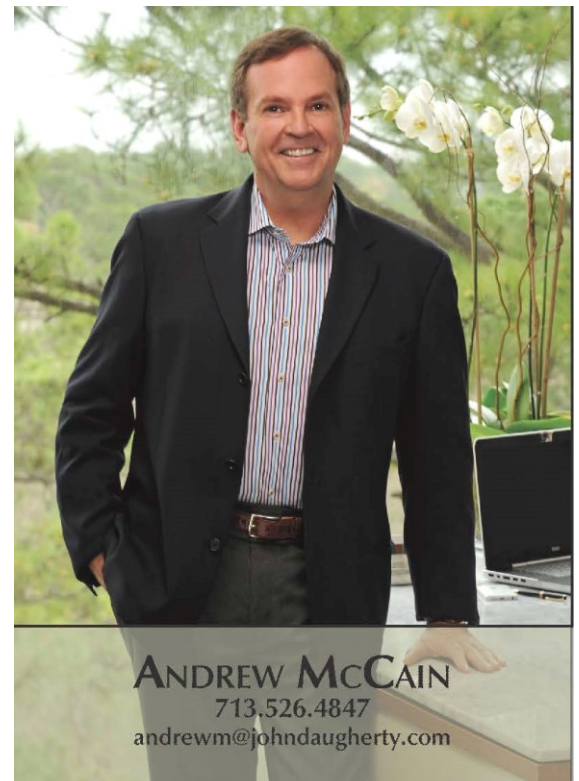
Cherokee collected by Texas Pride Disposal: 713-705-3534

Trash and recycling collection for the 5300 blocks of Cherokee and Mandell. Contact Texas Pride for more information.

Boulevard Oaks 2018 – 2019 Officers & Directors

(July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019)

<i>President</i>	Richard Holt
<i>President-elect</i>	James Cogan
<i>Vice president</i>	Sue Lawson
<i>Treasurer</i>	Bob Wright
<i>Secretary</i>	Helen Toombs
<i>Past President</i>	Sue Payne
<i>Directors</i>	
<i>2018 – 2021</i>	Trey Christensen Julie Mastroianni Don Reid Radu Tutos
<i>2017 – 2020</i>	Jennifer DeLange Cece Fowler Jean Jenner Geoffrey Walker
<i>2016 – 2019</i>	Steve Grossman Norm Rund Joe Cialone James Vick
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<i>Deed Restrictions</i>	Julie Mastroianni
<i>Historic Districts</i>	Geoffrey Walker
<i>Public Works</i>	John Cutler
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<i>Website</i>	Vacant
<i>Spring Mixer</i>	James Cogan
<i>Night Out</i>	Bonnie Coffman
<i>Easter Egg Hunt</i>	Sue Payne
<i>4th of July Party</i>	Stephanie Pedigo & Shannon Allen
<i>Caroling Party</i>	
<i>Executive Director</i>	Evalyn Krudy

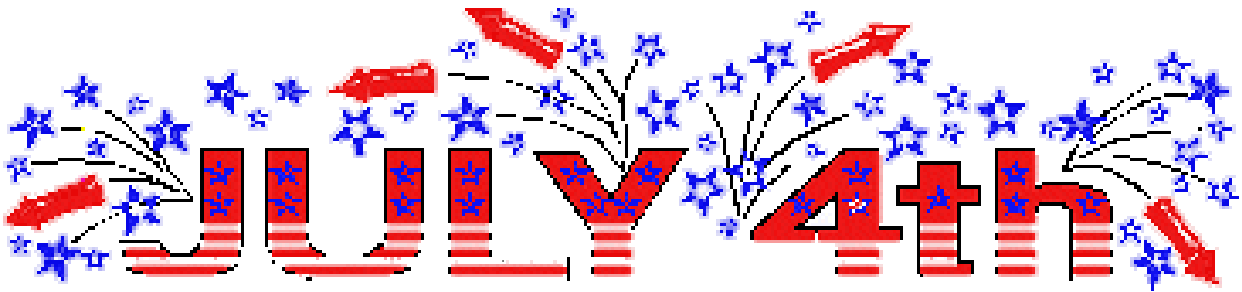


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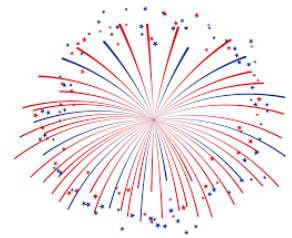
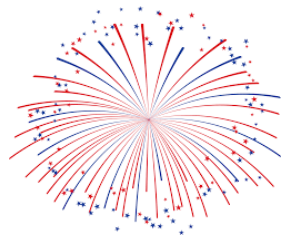
Join us in celebration of our Nation's birth
at BOCA's 38th annual

4th of July Extravaganza

Thursday, July 4, 2019

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. *The Blenders 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

Wed., 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

Fri., July 5 @ 8:30 a.m.

FREE COFFEE & TACOS for WORKERS

Food sponsor 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, this event is BOCA's only major fundraiser apart from membership. The party is underwritten by sponsors and **only sponsors may bring guests.** Sponsorship levels are: **\$25, \$50** and **\$100.** Sponsors may bring guest families with them.

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 listed on posters at the event and in a future newsletter, e.g. The Doe Family or Joe & Jan Doe.)

For more information or to volunteer, contact event chair Sue Payne at info@BoulevardOaks.org.