



THE BOCA NEWSLETTER

BOULEVARD OAKS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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OLD-FASHIONED HOLIDAY CAROLING WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 6:30 P.M. IN VASSAR PLACE

On Wednesday evening, December 21, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Boulevard Oaks residents, children and grandchildren are invited to join your neighbors for an evening of caroling in Vassar Place, the 1300-1500 blocks of Vassar Street. Song sheets and refreshments will be available on the esplanade in front of 1428 Vassar. Gather a song sheet, join a group and start strolling and singing. Guests are asked to bring small flashlights (no candles, please) in order to see the song sheets, just in case you don't already know the words. Dress for the weather, and in sensible shoes. Santa Claus will be there, taking last-minute Christmas requests, so bring your cameras and camcorders.

Volunteers are needed: We need more song leaders to head each group of strolling carolers, and more hostesses to help with the refreshment tables. If you wish to donate refreshments (cookies, sandwiches, finger foods, drinks), you may bring them to 1428 Vassar, either during the day or that evening. If you wish to help as a hostess or song leader, call Debra Hovnanian, Head Hostess, 713-522-2876, or Kathie Easterly, 713-528-BOCA (2622), or send email to boca@airmail.net, or you can just show up at 6:00 p.m. to help set out the refreshments and song sheets.

If you must bring a car, please park away from Vassar Place, on a side street. This event is not open to the general public—it's an event for only Boulevard Oaks residents and their families, including extended families.

CENTERPOINT TREE PRUNING IN BOCA

Several areas of BOCA went 5 days without power after Hurricane Rita swept through Houston. The power outages were the result of tree limbs touching power lines during Hurricane Rita's high speed wind gusts.

In an effort to prevent further power outages in BOCA, Centerpoint Energy will be trimming trees along the power lines in the rear easement behind homes beginning mid December. Trees will be trimmed to uniform industry standard specifications. Trees west of Shepherd will not be trimmed as part of this project.

Centerpoint will have their contractor deliver door hangers to affected homes several days in advance of trimming. These door hangers will include contact information for the trimming crew.

MOST RECENT BOCA MEMBERS

In the last *BOCA Newsletter* (September 2005), we listed the residents who had joined BOCA by the time the newsletter went to press. Memberships received since then are listed below. **Thank you very much for your support!** BOCA couldn't operate without it! If you haven't already joined BOCA, please take a moment to do so now. A membership form can be download from our web site: www.boulevardoaks.org.

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 Bettina & Martin Siegel
 Mary Thornhill
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 Mark Ullmann
 Ennedy & Nick Vamvakias
 Ruth Werlein
 Paul Gustave Wilen
 Kara & C. Michael Williams, III
 Rick Wilson
 Patricia & Paul Winkler

TREES FOR BOCA UPDATE

The BOCA tree committee is busy coordinating the annual BOCA street tree planting. Trees will be planted in January and February. The annual tree contribution and request letter was sent out last month. If you did not receive a form and would like to contribute to this important neighborhood program, contact the BOCA office at 713-528-2622.

In January, Committee volunteers will prune young street trees that have been planted by this program. Most of the young trees are being well maintained and are being pruned as needed by property owners. However, there are a few street trees that need attention. Only trees that are clearly in need of pruning, and which are presenting an obstruction to traffic or pedestrians, will be pruned. More volunteers are needed for this project to be successful. Please contact the office to volunteer. To request that the committee volunteers skip your house on pruning day, call 713-528-2622.

The tree committee will meet in early January to plan other activities including watering, tree protection, mapping and other maintenance activities. Committee members will receive a notice in the mail. However, everyone is welcome. Call Evalyn Krudy at 713-807-1787 to volunteer for this committee.