

# THE BOCA NEWSLETTER

BOULEVARD OAKS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

JUNE 2004

## BOCA Annual Meeting 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 15, 2004

BOCA will hold its 24th Annual Meeting on Tuesday, June 15 at 7:00 p.m. at Poe Elementary School at 5100 Hazard. TxDOT representative Quincey Allen will report on the US59 project, and Harish Jajoo from the City of Houston and Marty Cristofaro of J.S. Thompson, Inc. will update us on the upcoming Kirby Flood Relief construction project. Sgt. Johnnie Vollert, Southampton/BOCA Patrol Supervisor will host a security presentation including tips about how to keep ourselves and our property as safe and secure as possible. You'll also hear about a number of neighborhood issues and the agenda will also include annual BOCA elections and committee reports. Please plan to attend this very important meeting. Below is the slate of officers and directors for the year beginning July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

### Officers

*President*

*President-elect*

*Past president*

*Vice president*

*Secretary*

*Treasurer*

**Kurt Hull**

**Norm Rund**

**Kay Peterson**

**Sue Lawson**

**Kelly Mooz**

**Bob Wright**

### Directors

2002 - 2005

2003 - 2006

2004 - 2007

**Jim Tompkins**

**John Cutler**

**Phil John**

**Marianne Jones**

**Gregg Jones**

**Palmer Hutcheson**

**Marion Glober**

**Todd Mason**

**Helen Toombs**

**Cece Fowler**

**Thad Lueders**

## Fourth of July Extravaganza Sunday, July 4th, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

The Boulevard Oaks Civic Association invites you to the 2004 Boulevard Oaks 4th of July party, long known as the best neighborhood party in town, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, **rain or shine** in the **1700 block of North Boulevard**. Festivities begin at 6:00 p.m. with a parade of award-winning decorated bicycles, tricycles, strollers, roller skates, and Boulevard Oaks residents of all ages. Dinner and dancing in the street will follow. Homemade side dishes and desserts, which accompany delicious fried chicken, are the best part of the dinner. All participants, including sponsors and their guests, are asked to bring a **LARGE** dish to share with others, along with the recipe. This party is a great alternative to large public events. We're prepared for rain, and **will have absolutely no mosquitoes**. We'll also have comfortable chairs and tables, especially if you bring more. Remember to decorate your shirts, hats, skirts or whatever to add to the festivity—you're part of the decorations!

The Fourth of July party is a major fundraiser for the Boulevard Oaks Civic Association. It is underwritten by sponsors who donate money at three levels: **Continental Congress (\$100+)**; **Sons and Daughters of Liberty (\$50+)**; and **Minutemen and Women (\$25+)**. **Note: Only sponsors may bring guests.** Continental Congress and Sons and Daughters of Liberty may bring 3 guest families to the party. Minutemen and Women may bring 1 guest family. Checks should be made out to BOCA, (please memo 4<sup>th</sup> of July) and mailed to P.O. Box 540331, Houston, Texas, 77254. Sponsors' names will be published in the next newsletter. (Please note how you want your names to be listed, i.e. "The Doe Family," "John & Jane Doe," etc. For more information, or to volunteer, call **Jennifer Simmons Nash**, our 4<sup>th</sup> of July Chairman, at **713-526-3853** or **Sue Lawson** at **713-526-6400**. See you at the party!

### Set-Up and Take-Down Parties

Don't miss the **SET-UP PARTY**, including free beer and snacks, at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 3. It's almost as fun as the Fourth! We need help stringing streamers and putting up canopies before the beer and darkness take over. Bring a ladder and a hammer. If you can't come on Sunday, join us on Monday at 10:00 a.m. for the **TAKE-DOWN PARTY!**

## Annual Membership Drive

BOCA's membership year runs from July 1 – June 30, so Boulevard Oaks residents will soon be receiving their BOCA membership packets for 2004-2005. As always, BOCA is working continuously on your behalf—from public works projects, the US59 project, street-tree planting and beautification, eradicating graffiti, controlling signage in the neighborhood, improving traffic safety, requesting STOP signs and traffic signals—the list is endless. BOCA has also been involved in the writing and/or re-writing of important city ordinances that impact residential neighborhoods citywide. Just as important are the many hours BOCA spends each week addressing individual concerns of Boulevard Oaks residents. This level of management is only possible because in addition to a dedicated and hard-working Board of Directors and volunteer committees, BOCA employs a paid executive director, Kathie Easterly, to look after our neighborhood interests. Your dues make this possible. They also maintain the BOCA office and telephone, provide for the *BOCA Newsletters*, contribute towards BOCA's annual Easter Egg Hunt, and all the costs associated with running an effective and dynamic civic organization. In short, your dues ensure that Boulevard Oaks remains a safe, vital, beautiful neighborhood.

If you've always been a member, THANK YOU, and please take a moment to renew your BOCA membership this year. If you haven't been a member before or haven't joined in a while, please join this year. BOCA needs the support of every resident in order to maintain the level of efficiency needed to meet the many challenges that arise each year. Thanks again for helping make Boulevard Oaks the greatest neighborhood in Houston.

## Record Attendance at BOCA's 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt

*Late but noteworthy:* Close to 200 BOCA residents gathered for the best-ever BOCA Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 10th at Broadacres Park. Children hunted for eggs, took turns at a giant goodies-filled piñata, and had their photographs taken with the Easter Bunny. This popular event would not have been possible without the hard work of Easter Egg Hunt Committee members. A big thank you to **Jennifer Simmons-Nash, Cece Fowler, Marianne Jones, Meg Bissinger, Bonnie McMillian, Margaret Cooper, Katie Orr, Kay Peterson, Thad Lueders, Evalyn Krudy, Sue Lawson, Angela Synek, and Kelly Mooz** for stuffing thousands of plastic eggs; providing the fabulous piñata, providing refreshments, decorating for the event, hiding eggs, and cleaning up the park before and after the hunt. Special thanks to **David Shine** for photographing every child with the Easter Bunny and sending each of them off with a Polaroid treasure; and to **Laurie Rigby** for her third and best-ever performance as the Easter Bunny!

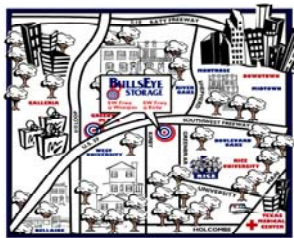
A **HUGE** thank you goes to **Gary Easterly** of **Easterly & Co.** for his generous sponsorship of this very special event—and to everyone who contributed funds this year: the **Mooz Family, the Frappier Family, Donna & Zoe Platt, Edith Kraft, Bob & Sylvia Mulcahy, Mary & David Alderson, the Hudler Family, Shaena & Constantine Lau, Yandell Rogers, Dee Dee Guzman, Jack Baumgardner, Alan & Pam Foster, Val Perkins & Carole Dickinson, the Crabb Family, Marci & Mark Arnold, Stephanie & David Wells, Andrea & Tom Mims, the Nash Family, John Powell/Lana Rigsby Family, Ron, Maria & Lucia Chamness, Beverly & Bill Brownfield, Janet & Mark Jacobs, and Joy & Mark Barnes.**

### City Trash Schedule

Automated curbside collection    Tuesdays  
Yard Waste (bagged)                Tuesdays  
Heavy Trash                            2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs.

Recycling is collected every other Tuesday.  
June 8 & 22    July 6 & 20    August 3, 17 & 31

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