

BOCA Annual Meeting
7:00 p.m., Thursday, June 19, 2003
Poe Elementary School

BOCA will hold its 23rd Annual Meeting on Thursday, June 19 at 7:00 p.m. at Poe Elementary School at 5100 Hazard. TXDOT representatives Quincey Allen and Dana Cote will report on the US59 project, and John Sakolosky of the City of Houston and Marty Cristofaro of J.S. Thompson, Inc. will tell us about the upcoming Kirby construction project. You'll also hear about items still to be addressed in regard to the recent Shepherd Drive construction and a host of other neighborhood issues. The agenda will also include annual BOCA elections and committee reports. Below is the slate of officers and directors for the year beginning July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004. If you'd like to vote by proxy, please send written notice to BOCA at P.O. Box 540331, Houston, Texas, 77254.

Officers

President	Kay Peterson
President-elect	Kurt Hull
Past president	Thad Lueders
Vice president	Sue Lawson
Secretary	Kelly Mooz
Treasurer	Bob Wright

Directors

<u>2001 - 2004</u>	<u>2002 - 2005</u>	<u>2003 - 2006</u>
Marianne Jones	Palmer Hutcheson	John Cutler
David Shine	Jim Tompkins	Stephanie Fox
Cece Fowler	Marion Glober	Phil John
Kingslea Thomas	Norm Rund	Shirley Hamner

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

The Boulevard Oaks Civic Association invites you to the 2003 Boulevard Oaks 4th of July party, long known as the best neighborhood party in town, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Friday, July 4th, 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. 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. Winning recipes in the food judging contest will be published in the newsletter. 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 4th 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 name to be listed, i.e. "The Doe Family," "John & Jane Doe," etc. There will be more information about the 4th of July party at the annual meeting on June 19, and you can sign up that night to help and/or be a sponsor if you like.

We are at this time in need of more folding or plastic chairs and tables, some ice chests, box fans, and volunteers to arrange things on the tables. (JUST SHOW UP AT 5:00 FRIDAY AND START WORKING.) Please label everything with your name and remember to take it home. Drop ice chests in the driveway at 1720 North Blvd. on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. If you have tables and chairs, please bring them during the day on the 4th and set them up in the front yard at 1727 North Blvd. All leftover items will be on the porch or in the driveway at 1720 North for 1 week.

For more information, or to volunteer, call Jennifer Simmons Nash, our NEW 4th of July Chairman, at 713-526-3853 or Sue Lawson (retiring chairman after 21 years) 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 Thursday, 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 Thursday, join us on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. for the TAKE-DOWN PARTY!

BOCA Annual Membership Drive

BOCA's membership year runs from July 1 – June 30, so BOCA residents will soon be receiving their BOCA membership packets for 2003-2004. As always, BOCA is working on your behalf—from public works projects, street reconstruction and resurfacing, the US59 project—to eradicating graffiti, controlling signage in the neighborhood, improving traffic safety, requesting STOP signs and traffic signals, beautification and street-tree planting ... 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 constituent issues 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--resolving, monitoring, lobbying, and keeping the neighborhood informed. Your dues make all of this possible. They also maintain the BOCA office and telephone, provide for the BOCA Newsletters, 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, and 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 take a moment to join. There's a lot going on in our neighborhood and BOCA needs the support of every resident in order to maintain the level of efficiency needed to stay on top of things. Thanks again for helping make Boulevard Oaks the greatest neighborhood in Houston.