

THE BOCA NEWSLETTER

A PUBLICATION OF THE BOULEVARD OAKS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

JUNE 2008

BOCA Annual Meeting 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 17, 2008 Poe Elementary School, 5100 Hazard St.

You're invited to attend BOCA's 28th Annual meeting! *Council Member Anne Clutterbuck* and *State Rep. Ellen Cohen* will be joining us, along with *Sgt. Johnie Vollert*, Southampton/BOCA Patrol Supervisor who will report on security issues in the neighborhood. The Agenda will also include the annual elections, approval of the amended and restated bylaws (see p. 2), committee reports, and presentation of awards for *Person of the Year* and the *Evie Jo Wilson Lifetime Service Award*.

Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend this important meeting. *Susan Hilliard* with *Heritage Texas Properties* will provide refreshments. The Slate of Officers and Directors for July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009 appears to the right. If you'd like to vote by proxy, please send written notice to P.O. Box 540331 (77254) by June 16, 2008, or give your proxy to a fellow member who plans to attend the meeting.



Slate of Officers & Directors

<i>President</i>	Ron Kahanek	
<i>President-elect</i>	Phil John	
<i>Vice president</i>	Sue Lawson	
<i>Treasurer</i>	Bob Wright	
<i>Secretary</i>	Helen Toombs	
<i>Past president</i>	Mary Lou Henry	
<i>Directors</i>	Kathy Delange	Michael Scheurich
<i>Exp. 2011</i>	Rogers Herndon	Katie Dorfman
<i>Exp. 2010</i>	Marianne Jones	Hal Perkins
	Thad Lueders	Norm Rund
<i>Exp. 2009</i>	John Cutler	Judy Penner
	Keith Owen	Scott Reamer

Annual Membership Drive Begins July 1

BOCA's membership year runs from July 1 – June 30, so Boulevard Oaks residents will soon be receiving their BOCA membership packets for 2008-2009. As always, BOCA is working constantly on your behalf—from public works projects, street-tree planting and beautification, controlling signage in the neighborhood, improving traffic safety, and requesting STOP signs and traffic signals—the list is endless. Just as important are the many hours BOCA spends each week addressing individual concerns of our 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 part time executive director, 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 have always been a member, **THANK YOU VERY MUCH**, and please take a moment to renew your BOCA membership when your packet arrives in July. 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.

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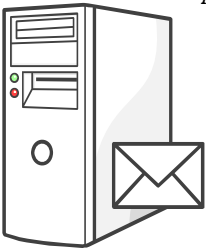
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Amendments to BOCA Bylaws

The BOCA Bylaws have not been updated since 1989, despite the fact that changes have been voted in and followed in practice over the ensuing years. An updated version of the Bylaws will be brought up for a vote at the BOCA Annual Meeting on June 17, 2008 at 7:00. A Summary of the changes can be found on this page. A redline copy of the full proposed Bylaws, with changes highlighted, may be found at <http://www.boulevardoaks.org>.

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BOCA Trash Collection

Cans or yard waste bags may be placed on the street after 6 p.m. the evening before collection and should be removed from sight by 10 p.m. the day of collection per city ordinance.

City Trash Schedule

Questions? Call 311

Automated curbside collection	Tuesdays
Yard Waste (bagged)	Tuesdays
Heavy Trash	2 nd Thursday
Recycling	every <i>other</i> Tues.

June 3 & 17 July 1, 15 & 29 August 12 & 26

Private Trash Schedule

(Edgemont, Broadacres, Cherokee)

Royal Disposal & Recycling
713-526-1536

Curbside & Alley collection	Tues. & Fri.
Recycling	Every Friday
Yard waste	Tues. & Fri.
Heavy Trash pick-up	Call to arrange

Proposed Substantive Changes to the B.O.C.A. Bylaws

II. Definitions

- The Bylaws have removed any reference to different classes of membership; now, there is only one kind of membership.
- The distinction between the Original Neighborhood and the Cherokee Additions has been removed. All former "additions" plus the Original Neighborhood are now simply part of "Boulevard Oaks", which is defined by a new boundary description.
- "Fiscal Year," "Member," and "Non-resident Owner" definitions are now given.
- Some important clarifications:
 - Required writings, written approvals, or written notifications can be satisfied using email, electronic, printed, or any other commonly accepted form of "writing."

III. Membership

- Membership for a given year is automatic for 1) Boulevard Oaks property owners who themselves do not live at the property owned, and 2) Boulevard Oaks residents who, in each case, pay dues for such year, effective upon their payment.

IV. Meeting of members

- Section 3: The language has been updated so that written notification expressly includes email or other electronic forms of "written" communication. Members can now be contacted at their physical address, email address, or other electronic address.
- Section 4: Quorums are constituted by the presence of 30 voting members, rather than 1/10 of the membership.

VI. Directors; Selection; Term of Office

- Section 1 and 2: Bylaws now correctly state that there are 12 Directors, not 9.

VII. Nomination and Elections of Directors and Officers

- Section 1: The concept of geographical diversity has been incorporated into the Nominating Committee's charge.

VIII. Meeting of Board

- Section 3: A Board quorum is now defined as any combination of eight Directors and/or Officers.

XI. Powers and Duties of the Board

- Section 2 (c): The Board is now allowed to fix the amount of dues at least 10 days in advance of each annual meeting.

X. Officers and their Duties

- The office of Past President has been added and the role explained.

XIII. Dues

- The Board may now periodically determine dues amounts, without reference to a required timetable. The decided amounts will be made public and members will be notified of them.

XVI. Miscellaneous

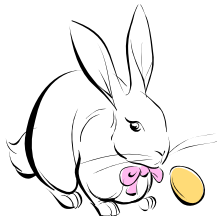
- The contents of this Article (defining the Fiscal Year) have been moved to the definitions of Article II.

Articles I, V, XI, XII, XIV and XV have no proposed substantive changes.

The Easter Bunny Showed Up Early This Year

Easter came a little early this year but children of Boulevard Oaks were ready. Armed with pastel baskets and bright smiles, it took them only a few minutes to collect over 2,000 eggs stuffed with candy and tiny treasures at the 18th Annual BOCA Easter Egg Hunt.

Angie Synek did a wonderful job chairing the event for the second year in a row. She made sure that each and every child enjoyed a truly magical morning.



It takes many volunteers to make this event a success and we want to say thank you to our neighbors and friends who gave their time, energy and money to make this year's hunt the best ever. Let us start by thanking our wonderful sponsors; **Sharon Dreyer** and **Lin Neese** both of **John Daugherty Realtors** and **Kelly Wise** of **Doodie Calls Scooper Service**. Thanks also to **Kathy Delange** for being a show stopper again this year as the beautiful Easter Bunny. A huge thank you to **Sue Lawson** for providing the tables, chairs, canopy, decorations and tablecloths. We are grateful to **Sallie Wright** for purchasing and stuffing the piñata so that the older children could have some Easter fun.

Speaking of stuffing, BOCA would like to show appreciation to the countless volunteers who stuffed and hid over 2000 Easter Eggs. There would not be an Easter Egg Hunt without all of you.

Thank you Easter Egg Hunt Volunteers!

<i>Alex Ayoroa</i>	<i>Thad Lueders</i>
<i>Bonnie Beard</i>	<i>Kristina Karll McWhorter</i>
<i>Mark Barnes</i>	<i>Erika Roberts</i>
<i>Sarah Barnes</i>	<i>Jemma Thomas</i>
<i>Irma Brandt</i>	<i>Glo Trigg</i>
<i>Margaret Cooper</i>	<i>Michol O'Connor</i>
<i>Keith Crabb</i>	<i>Angie Synek</i>
<i>Kathy Delange</i>	<i>Mark & Sophia Synek</i>
<i>Sarah Dyke</i>	<i>Sallie Wright</i>
<i>George & Hallie Krudy</i>	

Thanks to those who contributed at the Hunt!

<i>John & Peggy Dwyer</i>	<i>Janet & Mark Jacobs</i>
<i>Bridgid & Tom Earthman</i>	<i>Keith & Sheila Owen</i>
<i>Danielle & Charles Fridge</i>	<i>Mary & Garland Stephens</i>
<i>Joyce & Eric Haufrecht</i>	

...and to the 21 BOCA neighbors to gave cash at the event!

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B.O.C.A. wants YOU !

to come at celebrate at the

Annual 4th of July Extravaganza

Friday, July 4, 2008

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, wheelchairs, 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. *Roll Daddys will be playing* Top 40s, R&R, Blues, and of course, the Hokey Pokey, Bunny Hop & Cotton Eyed-Joe.

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 names to be listed, i.e. "The Doe Family," "John & Jane Doe," etc. Many thanks to those of you who have already become sponsors of this not-to-be-missed event. We couldn't do it without you! **For more info or to volunteer, call Penelope Loughhead, (713) 528-3103 or 713-528-BOCA (2622).**

Guests Though 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:

Continental Congress (\$100+)

Sons and Daughters of Liberty (\$50+)

Minutemen and Women (\$25+)

Continental Congress and Sons and Daughters of Liberty may bring three (3) guest families to the party. *Minutemen & Women* may bring one (1) guest family.

Join us also for the SETUP PARTY

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

FREE BEER FOR WORKERS

The Set-up Party is even more fun than the Party itself. We wouldn't "Tom-Sawyer" you!

TAKE-DOWN PARTY

Saturday, July 5 @ 9:00 a.m.

VOLUNTEERS needed to help decorate and to lead children's games and activities. We also need help at the party monitoring the beer kegs (an adult-only responsibility), tending the food tables, and fighting off the hungry mob during the food judging (sticks will be provided). To volunteer call

Ice chests, large and small are needed. If you can loan one, please drop it in the driveway at 1720 North Blvd. by Thurs., July 3.

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 are provided.