



THE BOCA NEWSLETTER

BOULEVARD OAKS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

MARCH 2003



Boulevard Oaks Civic Association's 12th Annual **EASTER EGG HUNT**

Saturday, April 19, 2003
10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

BROADACRES PARK

(North Blvd. at Parkway, by the tennis courts at the end of North Blvd.)

B.Y.O. Basket, and come join the fun! Everyone's invited for the fun and refreshments, and to have their photo taken with the Easter Bunny. Children through the age of eight are invited to hunt for hundreds of candy-filled (and prize-winning) plastic eggs. Children nine and older will get to take their turns at a candy-filled piñata. Older children and adults are invited to help hide eggs at 9:15 a.m.

Donations to help cover the expense of notices, eggs, decorations, refreshments and candy are much appreciated. Please send your check to P.O. Box 540331, Houston, Texas 77254, or bring it to the party. Volunteers are also needed to stuff and hide eggs. To volunteer, call 713-528-2622 (BOCA).

BOCA sends a big Easter thank you to Eva Parker with Heritage Texas Properties for her generous Sponsorship of the hunt.

Tree Planting Update

Trees for BOCA is in it's 22nd year and going strong. This important neighborhood project has planted more than 1,300 trees along BOCA's streets. This year BOCA has planted approximately 60 more young trees in locations where older trees have died, and on the newly expanded tree lawn on the Southwest Freeway between Shepherd and Hazard. BOCA successfully orchestrated new sidewalks and grass from the US59 on-ramp to Hazard. TXDOT crews removed hundreds of feet of concrete in the right of way between Shepherd and Hazard to make room for a grand total of 40 trees. Twenty-one of these were planted in the last month. This planting is a continuation of the trees starting at Kirby.

We highly recommend a spring walk down Shepherd to Starbucks or Le Peep, and a return trip via the freeway feeder as the sun comes up over the Hazard Street Bridge. This will reaffirm

how much BOCA's concerted efforts and your generous contributions have transformed our neighborhood. We still need \$3000.00 to complete this year's planting. Contributions are tax-deductible. Call the BOCA office at 713-528-2622 or visit the website for a form.

Don't forget if you suspect a street tree is dead and want to remove it, you must obtain a permit from the City Forester by calling 713-867-0378. If the forester determines that the tree poses a hazard, the city will remove it at no cost to you. Please notify us if street trees are removed in front of your home so that we can add your address to the list for planting next year.

The tree committee needs more volunteers to help with pruning of young street trees, the tree inventory project, and next year's planting. Call Kathie Easterly at 713-528-2622 to volunteer.

Thank you new and renewing BOCA members 2002-2003!

This list represents all contributions received since November 10, 2002. Those residents who joined before November were previously listed in the Fall 2002 newsletter. If you contributed and your name is not listed, please call the office 713-528-2622.

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BOCA COOKBOOK TO BE PUBLISHED

The Boulevard Oaks Civic Association is putting together a cookbook/coffee table book to let the rest of the world know what we as neighbors already know: We have a very special place here. It's not just the oak trees lining the streets or the sidewalks where we say hello to our neighbors in the early mornings and in the twilight, or the 4th of July party, or Poe Carnival, or Halloween, or the Easter Egg Hunt. Those are just the icing on the cake. What we have here is a *lifestyle* that's very special. In a time in history when the world is in chaos, we have a beautiful little oasis in the middle of one of the largest cities in the world.

Kathie Easterly, BOCA's Executive Director and award-winning writer/editor will be compiling the material for this book—and we need your help to make it a reality. We need favorite recipes you've served to your family and friends. We need stories about people who have lived here as well as memories and recollections of special moments and events. We need photos old, new, historic and current of the neighborhood, the kitchens, the gardens, the grandparents, the cooks, the people who've fed and nurtured you and yours throughout the years. Kathie can arrange to have professional photos taken when necessary, but there's no substitute for the photos and memorabilia you might have in an album or a box in your attic. How many brides have been photographed on the Broadacres esplanades? How many prom dates have been videoed in your front yard? How many new bicycles have been photographed on Christmas morning on the sidewalk in front of your house?

This is going to be a very special book about a very special place. As you've heard many times, "A good neighborhood is not an accident." We, as neighbors, and the neighbors who came before us, have made Boulevard Oaks what it is today. It's time to tell our story, and a cookbook is a wonderful format for it. Please help us bring this project to fruition. We will soon begin fund-raising for this very special project. In the meantime, start gathering your recipes, stories and photos. And don't forget nostalgic items like your great-grandmother's favorite iron skillet or the electric mixer she used back in the 1950s. Or the old breadbox handed down through generations, or that funky kitchen cuckoo clock and formica table with chrome legs. It can all add to the charm of this special book. Please email your recipes, stories, etc., to: boca@airmail.net, and call the BOCA office at 713-528-2622 to talk with Kathie about your photos, memorabilia and special items of interest. We look forward to hearing from you.

SHEPHERD CONSTRUCTION WRAP-UP

It's (finally) smooth sailing on S. Shepherd. After 20 years of deplorable conditions, Shepherd is a first class street once again. TXDOT crews opened both lanes the last week of February after 14 months of construction. The job was originally scheduled to take 10 to 11 months to complete, but the high number of rain dates extended the project. Finish work and repairs are ongoing. The list of items to be resolved includes sprinkler systems, landscaping and minor drainage problems. BOCA is working with TXDOT and City of Houston officials to resolve these matters.

In the next few months, the City of Houston's Public Works Department will replace dangerous sections of sidewalk and install new sidewalk on the west side of Shepherd between North Blvd. and US 59. If you have an unresolved Shepherd problem or questions, please call 713-528-BOCA.

US59 UPDATE

Everyone's glad to be able to get on US59 at Shepherd again. And TxDOT will soon be landscaping the section from Shepherd to Mandell with trees, ivy, roses and land cover beautifying both sides of US59. As for the next section (Mandell to Spur 527) work has already begun and, according to Mr. Quincey Allen, TXDOT's project engineer for this portion, the project is proceeding as planned. Mr. Allen reports that the long-awaited inbound exit ramp at Main Street will be open in February or March 2004, and Spur 527 will not be touched until the Main Street exit ramp is open and the Super Bowl is over. One outbound lane on Spur 527 will remain open during construction. We'll keep you posted on any new developments or information.

THANK YOU, TREES FOR BOULEVARD OAKS CONTRIBUTORS!

Mighty Oak (\$150 & up)

Robert & Gracie Cavnar
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Automated curbside collection	Tuesdays
Yard Waste (bagged)	Tuesdays
Heavy Trash	2 nd Thurs.

Recycling is collected every other Tuesday.
March 4 & 18 April 1, 15 & 29
May 13 & 27

Questions? Call 311

Private Trash Schedule (Edgemont, Broadacres, Cherokee)

Curbside & alley collection	Tues. & Fri.
Recycling	Tues. & Fri.
Yard waste	Tues. & Fri.

Call to arrange Heavy trash pickup

Royal Disposal & Recycling 713-526-1536

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