



THE

BOCA NEWSLETTER

BOULEVARD OAKS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

JUNE 2006

BOCA Annual Meeting 7:00 P.M. Thursday, June 15, 2006

BOCA will hold its 26th Annual Meeting on Thursday, June 15 at 7:00 p.m. at Poe Elementary School at 5100 Hazard. TxDOT representative **Quincy Allen** will report on the US59 project, District C **Council Member Anne Clutterbuck** will report on issues in our community, the Kirby construction team will update us on the Kirby project and the Kirby Coalition will present their intersection design concept, **Sgt. Johnie Vollert**, Southampton/BOCA Patrol Supervisor will report on security issues in the neighborhood, and you will hear about a number of other neighborhood issues. The Agenda will also include the annual BOCA Board of Directors election and committee reports. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend this important meeting. **Nancy Allen of Greenwood King Properties** will provide refreshments. Below is the slate of officers and directors for the year beginning July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. If you'd like to vote by proxy, please send written notice to BOCA at P.O. Box 540331, Houston, Texas, 77254.

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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 2006-2007. As always, BOCA is working continuously on your behalf—from public works projects, the US59 project, 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 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.

THANK YOU 2005-2006 BOCA MEMBERS!

The following is a complete list of BOCA members for BOCA's 2005-2006 fiscal year (July 1 – June 30). BOCA very much appreciates your support. In June you will receive your membership packets for BOCA's upcoming 2006-07 fiscal year.

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 Penelope Loughhead
 Thad & Eric Lueders
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 Dr. Ray Skaggs
 Jessie & William J. Sloan, Jr.
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 Maria & Michael Thompson
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 Mary Thornhill
 Marian & Harry L. Tindall
 Anya & Mark Tish
 Sharon & Dalton Tomlin
 Helen Toombs
 Claudia & Richard Toomey
 Poe School
 Rick Trellue
 Phoebe & Robert B. Tudor, III
 Sandy & William Turner
 Hazel L. Turner
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 Yin & Surong Zhang

Thank you!

EASTER EGG HUNT

BOCA's Annual Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success, as always. To see photos of the event, visit the BOCA website at: www.boulevardoaks.org. It takes many volunteers to make this event a success and we want to say thank you to the many who gave their time, energy and money to make this year's the best ever. Special thanks to our sponsors, **Sharon Dreyer** with **John Daugherty Realtors**, **IBC Bank** and **Sheila & Keith Owen**, and to **Mrs. Easter Bunny**, **Kathy Delange**. A huge thank you to **Bruce Coffman** for being our event photographer, and to **David Shine** for posting them on the BOCA website. This event couldn't happen without the wonderful kids who show up early to help hide the 5,000 candy-filled eggs or the parents and kids who not only stuff them but buy the candy themselves. A huge thank you to **Sue Lawson** for providing the tables, chairs, canopy, decorations, tablecloths, etc., and to **Thad Logan Lueders** for doing "Poop Patrol" before the event. Also, a huge thank you to **Charlotte Banham**, **Heather Barnes**, **Margaret Cooper**, **Joyce Echols**, **Linda Elmer**, **Jill Gilbert**, **Sandra Haltner**, **Marianne Jones**, **Evalyn & George Krudy**, **Katie Orr**, **Liz Reuth**, **Ann Rosenwinkel**, **Sherry Simpson**, **Leigh Smith**, and **Margaret Young** for stuffing all the eggs and providing the wonderful refreshments and paper goods, and to **Jemma Thomas** for providing the fabulous candy-stuffed piñata for the older kids. All of you made this event possible and made it a great success. We also want to thank those residents who made monetary donations at the event. These donations help offset the cost of this event and are very much appreciated. The names of those who contributed monies at the event are:

The Brownfields
David Baskin
Michael Simon
The Mason Family
Sharon & Hank Petri
The Fitzgeralds

The Wassermans
The Powells
The Hovnatianians
Chi & Kevin Leigh
Logan Clarke
Angie & Mark Synek

The Hadjiks
The Langenkamps
The Filpatrick's
The Crabbs
Linda & David Elmer
Lynn & Tom Burke

Jacqueline Lomax
Val Perkins &
Carole Dickinson
Frank Mitchell
Jennifer Simmons Nash
& Steve Nash

The Importance of Being Emailed

If BOCA doesn't have your email address, you're missing out on updates, invitations and E-NEWS alerts throughout the year. Please send your email address to boca@airmail.net so you don't get left out of the loop.

City Trash Schedule

Automated curbside collection	Tuesdays
Yard Waste (bagged)	Tuesdays
Heavy Trash	2 nd Thurs.

Recycling is collected every *other* Tuesday.

May 9 & 23 June 6 & 20 July 5 & 18

Questions? Call 311

Private Trash Schedule

(Edgemont, Broadacres, Cherokee)

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

Call to arrange Heavy trash pickup

Royal Disposal & Recycling 713-526-1536

Southampton/BOCA Patrol Service 713-825-5555

REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER WEB SITE

Under law certain convicted sex offenders are required to register their home address. This information is contained on the Texas Dept. of Public Safety Crime Records Service web site - <http://records.txdps.state.tx.us/soSearch>. You can search by zip code. The zip codes for BOCA are 77006, 77098, and 77005.

UNRESTRICTED PROPERTIES IN BOULEVARD OAKS

We are re-running this article from last spring because it is more important than ever that residential neighborhoods in Boulevard Oaks do their best to get every unrestricted residential property deed restricted. If you are unable to get these unrestricted properties restricted, we urge you to employ two provisions in the City of Houston's Chapter 42 Building Code that were established for the purpose of preserving and protecting neighborhoods and their character and history. These provisions are the *Special "Prevailing" Building Line* application and the *Prevailing Lot Size* application. With these two procedures, the prevailing setback line and prevailing lot size on your block can be imposed on an unrestricted property, thereby establishing a minimum setback and lot size that is in sync with the rest of the properties on that block. We are happy to report that many Boulevard Oaks blocks have filed these two provisions since this time last year.

This means no five-foot front setbacks on a block where all the other properties are set back 20 feet and no replatting of single lots into several lots for the purpose of multiple townhomes, etc. You do not have to have the approval of 100% of the residents on that block nor do you have to have the approval of the owner of the unrestricted property. And *it does not in any way affect the deed restrictions for the block and/or subdivision*. It costs next to nothing but does involve some legwork (walking the petitions door to door for signatures) and some paperwork, but it's well worth your effort to preserve the character of your block and/or subdivision and your property values to boot.

To download the forms, go to www.houstonplanning.com. You'll see a menu item called "Forms." That's where you'll find both application forms. It's always good to consult a residential real estate attorney for assistance, but many residents in Houston and Boulevard Oaks have filed these applications on their own. Although these two provisions were intended for restricted neighborhoods that have some unrestricted properties in them, *they can also be used on restricted blocks where restrictions do not address lot size or setback lines—a good way to establish both a minimum setback and minimum lot size without having to amend your deed restrictions to include them*. These provisions can be filed for one block, several blocks, or even one side of a block if that's where the unrestricted property is.

HPD's Neighborhood Protection Team Helping to Clean Up Our Neighborhood

This article is being republished to remind residents that there is help at hand for neighborhood problems such as graffiti. **Mayra Hypolite** is the new H.P.D Neighborhood Protection Chief Inspector for the University Place area (bounded by Braeswood, Kirby, US59, and Main Street). She and Inspector Laura Fuentes and their team are working in our community to identify and address neighborhood problems such as, but not limited to: graffiti, abandoned cars, high weeds, rodent problems, falling down/dangerous garages and other buildings, garbage/trash/old appliances stacked up around homes and garages for weeks and months, heavy and regular trash put out on the curb too early or left for out for days, etc. Neighborhood Protection, now handled by H.P.D., is charged with cleaning up Houston's neighborhoods and protecting our quality of life, and they're taking the job seriously. Their team drives around University Place (including Boulevard Oaks) noting violations and writing notes and citations as they go.

If you have any problems the Neighborhood Protection Team can help you with, **call Mayra at 713-218-5610**. Call 311 first and get a Project Number, and then call Mayra with the project number and complaint. She will have an inspector out to make an inspection on your complaint within 48 hours. As mentioned above, this includes graffiti. You might want to log Mayra's number into your cell phone and report graffiti as you see it when driving around—but remember to call 311 first.

BOCA Invites You to the Annual 4th of July Extravaganza

Tuesday, July 4, 2006 from 6:00 - 9:00 P.M.

1700 Block of North Boulevard

Dress in red, white, and blue, and bring a dish to share!

The Boulevard Oaks Civic Association invites you to the 2006 Boulevard Oaks 4th of July party, long known as the best neighborhood party in town, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 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. Dinner and dancing in the street will follow. *Rue Bourbon*, a great Houston band, will be back by popular demand. Prepare to rock n' roll, waltz, Cotton Eyed Joe, Hokey Pokey and Bunny Hop the night away! 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. We'll have comfortable chairs and tables (especially if folks bring extras from home), and **we will have absolutely no mosquitoes**. This party is a great alternative to large public events!

We need as many ice chests (large and small) as possible, so please let us know if you can loan your ice chest(s) for the party. We also need Food Judges, so if you're willing to taste and judge the delicious homemade dishes (a tough job but someone's got to do it!), please let us know. It takes many volunteers to make this party the best one in town. If you would like to volunteer, we sure can use you! Also, be sure 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+)** **Minutemen and Women (\$25+)**
Continental Congress and Sons and Daughters of Liberty may bring three guest families to the party. Minutemen and Women may bring one guest family. *Note: Only sponsors may bring guests.*

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. For more information, or to volunteer, call **Jennifer Simmons Nash**, our 4th 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 Monday, 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 Monday, join us on Wednesday, July 5 at 6:00 p.m. for the **TAKE-DOWN PARTY!**

University Place Report

University Place Association (UPA) held its Annual Meeting on Thursday, January 26, 2006 at Christ the King Lutheran Church in the Rice Village. **Mayor Bill White** was the special Guest Speaker. The meeting also featured District C **Council Member Anne Clutterbuck**, **State Representative Martha Wong**, **Senator Rodney Ellis**, the **Kirby Flood Relief Project** team, **Quincy Allen** from TXDOT to report on US59 construction, **Ms. Liliana Rambo** from the **City of Houston's Parking Management Division**, **Lt. Gregory Huntsman** from **H.P.D.'s South Central Division**, and other important guests. Several hundred UP residents and business owners attended. Refreshments were provided by **Edie Archer** with **Greenwood King Properties**.

As the officially designated liaison on the upcoming **Kirby Flood Relief Project**, UPA continues to work with the City of Houston to facilitate as smooth a project as possible and to secure amenities for Kirby Drive beyond the minimal amenities included in this 4-year-long, highly disruptive project. **Kathie Easterly**, UPA's Executive Director, and **Jamie Brewster**, Upper Kirby's Executive Director are Co-Chairs of the Kirby Coalition which is seeking funding for amenities and lobbying the City to include enhancement/beautification funds for this project. UPA continues to lobby on behalf of residents and businesses in University Place to preserve greenspace, access to businesses, and overall quality of life. The current construction schedule is as follows:

Kirby Segment 2 (**Dorrington to Swift**) - Construction began in late March 2006 and will be completed in May 2007.

Based on the Construction Project Schedule for Kirby Segment 2, boxes are projected to be 100-feet south of Swift (End K2, Begin K3) mid-February 2007. Given this scenario, K3 and K4 would be "scheduled" as follows:

Kirby Segment 3 (**Swift to Robinhood**) – Begin Boxes March 2007 and hope to finish boxes end of October 2007 – Again this is projected and could go a few months longer but not from November 1 – January 15.

Kirby Segment 4 (**Robinhood to US59**) – Assume start around Feb 2008 - Not much box work and more paving which goes quicker. But more likely touch ups and so forth, so "Januaryish 2009 as an end date.. These are projected timelines and could move either way – that is, end earlier or later. Also keep in mind that the Construction Duration will be 14 months to substantial completion which means in layman's terms – "road open to traffic and just cleanup is necessary."

In March, UPA hosted a Townhall Meeting at IBC Bank for Kirby Segment 2 stakeholders and co-hosted with the Rice Village Alliance a separate Townhall Meeting for Segment 3 stakeholders, also at IBC Bank (who provided delicious coffee and even a door prize.) Nancy Allen and Greenwood King Properties provided wonderful refreshments (including homemade cookies) for the Segment 2 Townhall. Rice Food Market provided two elaborate cookies trays fresh from their bakery and plenty of ice cold bottles of water.

Stakeholders met the Kirby construction team, heard about the plans for these segments and had the opportunity to ask questions about the construction design, schedule, work hours, noise, traffic management, tree preservation, etc. The input of area residents and businesses was (and is) welcome and appreciated by the construction team.

Kathie Easterly, Executive Director of UPA, and **Evalyn Krudy**, a UPA board member and Manager of the Old Braeswood Civic Club, have been working with the contractors, the City, property owners on Kirby, adjacent civic clubs, etc., to make sure sidewalks are installed in a way that allows for street trees to be planted on both sides of Kirby in the right of way in a pattern that will beautify Kirby Drive in the years to come. Morningside Place President, **Karen Wagner** is working closely with the Kirby team, Morningside Place residents and Kathie to make sure street trees in Segment 2 are protected when possible, and that those that must be removed are replaced at the end of the project.

Karen Wagner, Kathie Easterly, Evalyn Krudy, Old Braeswood Civic Club Manager, and **Catherine Leachman**, Southgate Civic Club President recently attended the first of many monthly construction meetings with the entire Kirby construction team.

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Holcombe Village. UPA has established a working committee to beautify and enhance Holcombe Boulevard from Kirby Drive to Main Street, which is part of University Place. Committee members include the Texas Medical Center, the South Main Alliance, the Old Braeswood Civic Club, the Southgate Civic Club, the Morningside Place Civic Association, and various Holcombe property owners and management companies. The enhancement of this segment, now being called "Holcombe Village," will benefit Holcombe businesses, the Texas Medical Center, nearby residential neighborhoods, and our entire inner city community. Plans include addressing such issues as sign clutter and illegal signs, street clutter (such as excessive numbers of newstand racks), the lack of hedges/landscaping around parking lots, and the planting of street trees in the rights of ways and esplanades.

Trees will be planted by segments. The first segment to be planted will be from Kirby to Greenbriar, where 44 street and esplanade trees are needed. The group hopes to get those trees planted before it's too hot. If not, they will plant them in the fall when it cools back down. Morningside Place Civic Association, Southgate Civic Club and Old Braeswood Civic Club have raised funds for the trees, and the businesses will be contributing as well. Holcombe business owners and property owners are working together with adjacent residential neighborhoods to make Holcombe Village an attractive, inviting place to dine and shop. A Town Hall will be held sometime in the next few months to which all Holcombe property and business owners will be invited.

University Place represents a unified civic endeavor by consensus of the homeowners, businesses and institutions within the area bounded by the Southwest Freeway, Main Street, Brays Bayou and Kirby Drive. University Place Association is incorporated as a 501(c)(4) non profit organization and is operated exclusively for the promotion of civic goals. Active participants include Boulevard Oaks, MAMA, Southampton, Southampton Extension, Southgate, Old Braeswood, Morningside Place, the Rice Village Alliance, Christ the King Lutheran Church, IBC Bank, Rice University and the South Main Alliance.

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