



Cochran Heights Gazette

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 24, 2010 at Hibiscus
(Social time 7-7:30—meeting to start promptly at 7:30)
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CHNA Welcomes New Neighbors

CHNA needs your help to identify new residents in our neighborhood. We would like to welcome each new neighbor with an information packet that provides useful names, numbers, and services for Cochran Heights. Please contact any officer for one of these packets.

Trash and Recycling Dates

Treasurer's Note

Current Balance: \$ 9,122.23
Balance June 1, 2010: \$ 9,122.23

2010 Good Neighbors Program

Thank-you to all who donated so far in 2010! These donations have helped with the replacement of our street sign toppers, other general beautification projects and printing costs.

CHNA is still accepting 2010 Good Neighbor donations.

Please don't rely on your neighbors to improve YOUR neighborhood. Become a Good Neighbor today!

Give or send money to our treasurer, Jose Cabrera, 5114 Milam. Checks should be made out to CHNA. The donation levels are:

Platinum	\$300 +
Gold	\$100-\$299
Silver	\$50-\$99
Bronze	\$25-\$49

The City of Dallas has implemented a OneDAY Dallas collection program for both trash and recyclables. Both gray and blue bins can be put out for trash pick up on our weekly collection day. CHNA's collection day is **Friday** of each week.

Order a gray or blue bin by calling 311 or online at:
www.dallascityhall.com/sanitation.html

Bulky Trash Dates

Bulky trash is collected during the third week of each month. You can start placing bulky trash by the curb the Thursday preceding the pick up week.

You may be fined by Code Compliance for putting out your bulky trash before the dates allowed.

Upcoming pick up weeks:

June 20-26
July 18-24
August 15-21
September 19-25
October 17-23
November 21-27
December 19-25

CHNA By-Laws

At the last meeting of our association, a list of changes to the organization's by-laws was submitted by Arlene Colbert, Secretary. Those changes will be voted on at our June 24 meeting. The new by-laws will be sent out by email before the meeting and only a couple of copies will be available at the meeting, since they were made available at the last meeting. If you have questions or want clarification or to make suggestions, please print out a copy from the one that is sent to you to bring to the meeting. If you can't attend and want to give input, please see the contact information below.

There are no dramatic changes in the by-laws, but they had not been updated since the mid-1990s. The changes reflect the current organization of our group.

If you do not receive email from our Association, didn't attend the last meeting and want a copy, send your email to arlene.colbert@hotmail.com. If you don't have email access, please contact Arlene at 214-821-5464 and she will make arrangements for you to pick up a copy before the meeting.

Website

Piya Kruger has spearheaded the development of a website for CHNA. She is still collecting information and needs input for the following areas:

- A brief (and captivating!) description of our neighborhood
- A logo for CHNA
- Pictures from the neighborhood (businesses, unique homes, park pictures, artwork)
- History articles/information people may have
- Suggestions for other areas you would like to see included

Henderson Median

Jesse Zarazaga (5102 Pershing) has completed the drawing for the redesign of the Henderson Median and gotten bids for the project. Our next step is apply to the City of Dallas MOWmentum Program for reimbursement for a portion of the cost for the project. We will also seek assistance from the local businesses along Henderson. Anyone interested in working with Jesse to file the application with the city can contact her at architect@jessiemarshall.com

Zoning and Code Variance Cases for CHNA

CHNA has two zoning cases that affect our neighborhood that are pending. The first pertains to Hacienda on Henderson's patio. They have requested a variance to install a retractable awning and side panels for the patio area. A representative for the restaurant will be at the June meeting to present their plans and solicit our support.

The second case is the proposed abandonment of the alley behind the Henderson Beer and Liquor stores (between Pershing and Milam). The owner has requested the abandonment of a portion of street alley adjacent to City Block 1997

Neighborhood Schools

Bonham Wins National Blue Ribbon Award

The staff at Bonham learned in late May that they will be awarded the National Blue Ribbon Award at ceremonies in Austin and at a Washington, D.C. luncheon, attended by President Obama and other dignitaries.

Approximately 300 schools are named annually to the list, for which schools have to submit an application. Two Dallas schools were chosen this year. The No Child Left Behind-Blue Ribbon Schools award distinguishes and honors schools for helping students achieve at very high levels and for making significant progress in closing the achievement gap.

For the past 26 years, this prestigious program has honored more than 5, 800 of America's most successful schools. The No Child Left Behind-Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle and high schools that are either academically superior or that demonstrate dramatic gains in student achievement to high levels.

For the eighth consecutive year, Bonham has achieved Exemplary status based on its performance on the annual TAKS assessment. In addition, it is consistently among the highest performing in the state. Its rate of students who achieve Commended ranking far exceeds district and state averages not only for its demographic group but for all demographic groups.

This year, two faculty members will be sent to Washington in mid November to accept the award. They are fund raising to try to send two additional faculty members.

Annual School Supply Sales at Bonham

For the third year, Bonham Boosters is seeking donations in order to reduce the cost of supplies for students at Bonham Elementary School. This helps the teachers, too, who, in the past, have bought the supplies their students couldn't provide. We have been able to lower the cost to parents from a high of \$125 to \$30 with the help of monetary donations from Bonham alumni, its neighbors, community members and friends. Without this assistance, many poverty-level parents simply cannot afford the supplies, which run from around \$80 to \$125.

Last summer, teachers also received a sack of desk supplies which included post-it notes, staples, Scotch tape and Scotch binding tape, 1 inch masking tape, red and black pens, paperclips, highlighters, Vis-a-Vis pens, and low odor dry erase markers. Hopefully, there will be sufficient funds to do that again this year.

None of this can happen without donations. If you would like to contribute supplies some are on sale over the summer, but, most sales happen in the week or two before the beginning of school. Let me know if you would like to contribute supplies and I'll send you weekly updates on sales at local stores.

Supplies needed, including those listed above, are: wide-ruled notebook paper, #2 pencils, red, blue, yellow, green and purple brad and pocket folders, pocket plastic folders, Elmer's washable glue, Crayola brand crayons, washable markers, pencil boxes and zipper bags, wide-ruled 70 sheet spiral notebooks, black and white composition notebooks, scissors, colored pencils, lined index cards, manila paper, colored construction paper, pink erasers, copy paper, and pencil sharpeners with covers.

Bonham faculty lunchroom also needs a clean refrigerator. Theirs gave up.

Send your donation to Bonham Boosters, 5206 Alcott, Dallas, TX 75206 (Arlene Colbert's address).

Update on North Dallas High School

Submitted by Arlene Colbert

North Dallas has been low-performing for 4 years; however, they learned in May that they are off that list and are in the Acceptable range. In fact, their double digit improvements may take them to the next level, Recognized. In addition to avoiding a fifth year of low-performing status which would have been devastating to the school, moving some students to other schools, and moving, at a minimum, at least half of the faculty, more importantly, it means that more kids were

successful, more kids learned, more kids will be able to reap the benefits of a quality education.

Next year, the staff is launching a study skills and organization curriculum with all students. In order to do this, they need 2.5 inch 3 ring-binders for every student. Students now take 8 subjects a semester and need binders at least that size to hold their work. Now, they stuff their papers into their backpacks. You know where those papers end up!

The cost of such binders at local stores is anywhere from \$7 - \$12. Sam's sells them, 4 for \$12. Students will be required to have their binders every day. After being given the first one, if they lose it, they will have to purchase the second one, which will be available at the school supply store that I man twice a month at the school. They will be required to use the same binder for their entire high school career.

If your business has excess 2.5 inch 3 ring binders in good condition, even if they have a logo, would you consider donating them to the school? These can be used for students who lose their original binder and can't afford to purchase another one. North Dallas has a high rate of students living in poverty, over 97%, for which school supplies are low on their list of needs.

Like Bonham, North Dallas suffers because their students come from families of poverty. Unlike Bonham, it also has a number of homeless students. If you are interested in and can mentor a student, please contact me. You may meet with the student only 5 or 6 times during the school year and other contacts may be made by computer which the student accesses in the library. Asking a child who has little to no caring adult influence about his or her grades, how he is doing, and encouraging him or her to do well have proven to make the difference. Please think it over.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." Margaret Mead

Neighborhood Trivia

General Robert E. Lee

The idol of the South to this day, Virginian Robert E. Lee had some difficulty in adjusting to the new form of warfare that unfolded with the Civil war, but this did not prevent him from keeping the Union armies in Virginia at bay for almost three years. The son of Revolutionary War hero "Light Horse" Harry Lee-who fell into disrepute in his later years attended West Point and graduated second in his class. During his four years at the military academy he did not earn a single demerit and served as the cadet corps' adjutant. Particularly distinguishing himself scouting for and guiding

troops, he won three brevets and was slightly wounded at Chapultepec.

Following a stint in Baltimore Harbor he became superintendent of the military academy in 1852. Ordered to western Texas, he served with his regiment until the 1857 death of his father-in-law forced him to ask for a series of leaves to settle the estate. In 1859 he was called upon to lead a force of marines, to join with the militia on the scene, to put an end to John Brown's Harper's Ferry Raid. Thereafter he served again in Texas until summoned to Washington in 1861 by Winfield Scott who tried to retain Lee in the U. S. service. But unwilling to raise arms against fellow Americans, he rejected the command of the Union's field forces on the day after Virginia seceded. His resignation as colonel, 1st Cavalry-to which he had recently been promoted-was accepted on April 25, 1861.

Early in 1862 he was recalled to Richmond and made an advisor to the president. From this position he had some influence over military operations, especially those of Stonewall Jackson in the Shenandoah Valley. When Joseph E. Johnston launched his attack at Seven Pines, Davis and Lee were taken by surprise and rode out to the field. In the confusion of the fight Johnston was badly wounded, and that night Davis instructed Lee to take command of what he renamed the Army of Northern Virginia. He fought the second day of the battle but the initiative had already been lost the previous day. Later in the month, in a daring move, he left a small force in front of Richmond and crossed the Chickahominy to strike the one Union corps north of the river. In what was to be called the Seven Days Battles the individual fights-Beaver Dam Creek, Gaines' Mill, Savage Station, Glendale, White Oak Swamp, and Malvern Hill-were all tactical defeats for the Confederates. But Lee had achieved the strategic goal of removing McClellan's army from the very gates of Richmond.

This created a new opinion of Lee in the South. Near the end of the year he won an easy victory over Burnside at Fredericksburg and then trounced Hooker in his most creditable victory at Chancellorsville, where he had detached Jackson with most of the army on a lengthy flank march while he remained with only two divisions in the immediate front of the Union army. Launching his second invasion of the North, he lost at Gettysburg. On the third day of the battle he displayed one of his major faults when he ordered a massed infantry assault across a wide plain, not recognizing that the rifle, which had come into use since the Mexican War, put the charging troops under fire for too long a period.

Returning to Virginia he fought a retiring campaign against Grant in which he made full use of entrenchments, becoming known as "Ace of Spades" Lee. He held on to Richmond and Petersburg for nearly 10 months before beginning his retreat to Appomattox, where he was forced to surrender. On January 23, 1865, he had been named as commander in chief of the Confederate armies.

Lee returned to Richmond as a paroled prisoner of war, and submitted with the utmost composure to an altered destiny. He devoted the rest of his life to setting an example

of conduct for other thousands of ex-Confederates. He refused a number of offers which would have secured substantial means for his family. Instead, he assumed the presidency of Washington College (now Washington and Lee University) in Lexington, Virginia, and his reputation revitalized the school after the war. Lee's enormous wartime prestige, both in the North and South, and the devotion inspired by his unconscious symbolism of the "Lost Cause" made him a legendary figure even before his death. He died on October 12 1870, of heart disease which had plagued him since the spring of 1863, at Lexington, Va. and is buried there. Somehow, his application for restoration of citizenship was mislaid, and it was not until the 1970's that it was found and granted.

A poster for Creative Arts Camp. The background is light blue with a red wavy border at the top and bottom, and green wavy borders on the left and right. In the top right corner, there is a small illustration of a colorful, multi-layered hat. The text is centered and reads: "Creative Arts Camp" in a large, black, serif font. Below it, in a smaller black serif font, is "Movement, Music, Drama and Art". Underneath that is "For Boys & Girls Ages 3-5+" in a smaller black serif font. Then "Presented by: Heather Spiller-Gream & Patti Osborne" in a smaller black serif font. The dates and times are "9am - Noon" and "July 12th-16th" in a black serif font. The location is "Unity Church of Christianity" in a larger black serif font, followed by "3425 Greenville Ave. Dallas, TX 75206" in a smaller black serif font. The description of the camp is "Join us for an unforgettable week as we imagine, explore & create our own version of the children's book, THE MAGIC HAT- Be amazed as we share it with you Friday at 11:30am." in a black serif font. The pricing is "\$125/individual \$200/2 siblings" in a black serif font. The registration information is "To register/more information: Heather Spiller-Gream, MA drumdancesing@live.com 817-229-6134" in a black serif font.