



Cochran Heights Gazette

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Meeting March 30, 7-9 PM – Bonham Elementary

(Social time 7–7.30pm: meeting to start promptly at 7.30pm)

Treasurer's Note

Current Balance: \$ 9,941.57

Balance Dec. 1, 2009: \$ 10,693.29

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2010 Good Neighbors

Remember to make your 2010 Good Neighbor donation!

Donations go towards our new median on Henderson, antique lamp installation program, new Cochran Heights street sign toppers, sidewalk replacement program, other general beautification projects and printing costs.

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

Please give your Good Neighbor donations to our treasurer Jose Cabrera, 2807 Lee St. Checks should be made out to CHNA.

Platinum Neighbors (\$300 +)

Gold Neighbors (\$100-\$299)

Doris Clark– 5127 Milam
Doug & Justine Yeager– 5123 Homer
Ismael Gonzalez – 5103 Homer
Noreen & Jose Cabrera – 2807 Lee

Silver Neighbors (\$50 - \$99)

David Hargrove – 5001 Alcott
Douglas & Rhonda Meloth – 5226 Alcott

Bronze Neighbors (\$25 - \$49)

New Trash Pick Up Day!

As of March 1, 2010, both the grey and blue bins are picked up **EVERY FRIDAY**.

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

New CHNA Website!

Piya Kruger and Jose Cabrera are in the process of setting up our new website:

www.cochranheights.com

We hope to have the domain name registered in a few weeks and the site up and running soon.

If you have any photos or stories that you would like to be posted on the site, please forward to any officer. Also, we are looking for a new logo for the site so if you have an idea for a logo, let us know!

Bulky Trash Dates

April 19-23
May 17-21
June 21-25

Bulky trash is collected during the third week of each month. Generally, it is picked up on a Wednesday or Thursday. **You may be fined for leaving out your bulky trash before the Thursday preceding the pick up week!**

Henderson Art Project

Wondering where all this artwork is coming from on Henderson? Well, since you asked.....

Scott Trent is a metal sculptor with a Lakewood studio, and he teaches digital collaboration classes at UTD, where he is working on a doctorate degree. He's also the mastermind behind the Henderson Art Project, which debuted in March. The project, backed by Andres Properties and Phoenix Property Co., is a competition for Texas sculptors and offers \$12,000 in annual prize money. The project has selected select seven sculptures that have been placed on Henderson Avenue this past month. Judges will decide one winner, and the public at large will get to cast ballots and select another. **Go to www.hendersonartproject.com to vote for your favorite sculpture!**

The seven sculptures will stay in place for two years, and the following year, seven more sculptures will be selected. So eventually, there will be a rotating gallery of 14 sculptures along Henderson.

Says Trent: "There are always a lot of people who want to show your work, but it's almost always for free. People think you should be paid with this thing called "exposure". They say, "If you put your work here for free, think of all the exposure you'll get." And there are times when that works, but if your art isn't put in the appropriate context, you're not getting quality exposure. About 50 percent of my income is from art, so when I think of something, I think about it in terms of whether it's worth my time and whether it's a good business decision. So I wanted to make this a different business idea from anything else that's out there.

There is \$12,000 in award money. The artists who exhibit each get an \$800 stipend. That's huge. You never see that.

In a gallery, you have white walls and good lighting and everything. I want to put fine art out in the street. So your lighting is a street light or a car that's passing by. A good example is the sculpture that I placed at 2323 Henderson (it's a 6-foot-tall sculpture made of red I-beams). I went out there to take a look at it, and there were footprints all over the top of it. That's urban art. There's no one there to say, "Don't touch the art."

I am almost 100 percent sure that everything we put out there this year is going to be a sculpture. But I don't want to limit it. I'm really hoping that the art community will come out and express themselves in this environment. I would like for 2D artists to think about how to present their art in this way."

Andres Properties and Phoenix Property Co. are putting up the prize money, and they're making it happen. They know how important art is in the community. To do this project, it had to benefit everyone. There is money to pay the artists, there's quality exposure, it builds the culture of the area, and it fits into the business model of the street. It's a win for everybody. Another stakeholder is the merchants on the street. It draws attention to them, and gets them involved with the balloting process.

New Neighbors – Remember Your Residential Parking Permits!

Resident Only hang tags are required on the 5100 and 5200 blocks of Pershing, Milam, Alcott and Homer

each night of the week starting at either 8 or 9pm. These tags may be purchased for \$6.50 from the City of Dallas by filling out an application that can be found at:

<http://dallascityhall.com/pdf/VehicleHangtagApplication.pdf>

and mailing to the City of Dallas Parking Services Office, 1200 Ross St, #102, Dallas, 75202 [Ross & Field]. You can also get these hang tags in person. Their number is: 214 754-4784.

You may purchase up to 6 tags and they are good for one year.

You must have a driver's license with the current address on it, a recent utility bill or lease agreement and proof of vehicle insurance.

Beware! The city issues parking violation citations almost every night of the week! Also, you could get cited for parking on the wrong side of the street or blocking the sidewalk with your vehicle.

Crime Statistics: Jan – March, 2010

Pershing St.

1/15 - 5100 block - Burglary of a motor vehicle - purse, credit cards stolen

Milam St.

1/2 - 4900 block - Burglary of a motor vehicle - window broken, dashboard damaged in failed attempt
1/12 - 5100 block - Auto Theft - SUV stolen and left in alley with the wheels gone

1/17 - 5000 block - Violation of a court-ordered restraining order

1/17 - 5100 block - Burglary of a motor vehicle - window broken

3/14 - 5200 block - Burglary of a motor vehicle - window broken, guitar, iPod stolen

Alcott St.

2/15 - 5200 block - Burglary of a motor vehicle - window broken, sunglasses, change stolen

3/5 - 5000 block - Theft - driver side mirror removed from vehicle

Homer St.

2/18 - 5000 block - Criminal mischief - vandalism/damage caused to side doors of vehicle

2/25 - 5000 block - Suspect collided with an unattended vehicle then fled

Mission St.

1/14 - 5100 block - Burglary of a motor vehicle - window broken, radar detector, GPS stolen

1/31 - 5000 block - Burglary of a motor vehicle - window broken, iPod stolen

2/5 - 5200 block - Theft - books stolen

2/14 - 5200 block - Criminal mischief - vandalism/damage caused to window/frame of vehicle

3/15 - 5000 block - Burglary of a motor vehicle - windows broken, CD players and cash stolen

Lee St.

1/13 - 2800 block - Suspect collided with an unattended vehicle then fled

Willis Ave.

1/21 - 5000 block - Assault - verbal argument escalated to suspect punching victim in the face

2/1 - 5000 block - Burglary of a motor vehicle - window pried open, GPS stolen

3/18 - 5000 block - Aggravated assault - after throwing them out of the business, bouncer hit and kicked complainants in the face, requiring 16 stitches

N. Henderson St.

Over the past three months, in the 2800 and 2900 blocks, there were two vehicles stolen (a 2004

Mercedes C230, and a 1982 Chevy S10 Blazer); four reports of vehicles broken into and items stolen from them (a Macbook pro, a Dell laptop, makeup, clothes, a watch, MP3 player, GPS, iPod); and three hit and runs or vehicles damaged with no information left

N. Garrett Ave. None

Elbert St. None

Normah St. None

Welcome!

CHNA welcomes our new neighbor Eric Buttner – 5114 Milam!

Thank you!

CHNA once again would like to thank Consillient Restaurants for providing a DPD security patrol for our neighborhood from 9pm to 4am five days a week. Last year Consillient paid \$24,360 for this patrol. You can show your gratitude by patronizing one of their many local restaurants.

New Trees in Cochran Park

Last month new trees were planted and an irrigation system installed in Cochran Park. CHNA donated \$657 towards the project and Dallas Park and Recreation Department funded the remaining amount. Thanks to Alan Rister (Homer) for coordinating this project.

Street Sign Toppers

The remaining sign toppers have been purchased by CHNA and will hopefully be installed by City of Dallas within the next couple of months.

Start your spring projects!

CHNA residents can get a 20% discount on all regular priced items and 5% discount on all sale items from Sherwin Williams. At the end of the year, 3% of the total of all purchases by CHNA residents will be returned to CHNA. You must have a CHNA Sherwin Williams discount card to take advantage of this offer. Cards will be available at the meetings or ask one of the officers.

Save a Tree! Get this by E!

In an effort to save some money and some trees, CHNA will now be e-mailing this newsletter to those who have given us their e-mail. The addresses on this bulk e-mail will be undisclosed. It is the same e-mail group that we use to send out crime alerts.

If you have not received this by e-mail please let us know so that we can add you to the group.

If you want to save CHNA some money, save our couriers some time and save our planet some oxygen, let our secretary Arlene Colbert know that you no longer need the newsletter delivered to your house!

All The News That's Fit to Print!

If you have anything that you would like printed in the Cochran Heights Gazette – an advertisement, good wishes, classified, restaurant review, etc. – please contact Noreen Cabrera at nonogrant@yahoo.com

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