

THE

BOCA NEWSLETTER

Membership Edition

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Letter from the President

Dear Fellow Boulevard Oaks Residents,

It's summertime in Houston, so you know what that means. Heat/humidity-check, BOCA annual 4th of July Party-check, new BOCA President-check. Well, technically that last one only occurs every other year (under normal circumstances), so you can be forgiven if the BOCA election and seating of our new Board might have slipped under your radar screen. It's a testament to a well-run organization that leadership changes bring no noticeable disruption to the organization's activities. And so it is with BOCA. Just weeks after the leadership transition, we once again hosted the premier 4th of July neighborhood party in the City of Houston. Thanks as always to Sue Payne, Donna and Ken Yanowski, Jennifer DeLange, Sue & Harry Lawson, Richard Stuff, and Kat Robinson, and to all the volunteers who contributed to this incredible event.

Before introducing myself and saying a few words about my priorities over the next 2 years, let me first thank our outgoing President Radu Tutos for his excellent guidance and counsel during the previous 2 years. Remembering that Radu presided over BOCA throughout most of the pandemic and the associated changes in social protocols, etc., I think we all owe Radu a particularly robust "thank you" for leaving this organization in a better condition than when he took over. This is no mean feat and I hope that the same will be said about my tenure in a couple of years.

A few words of introduction are in order. My family, which in addition to me includes my beautiful wife Adrienne and children Caton (19), Charlotte (16) and Teagan (5) have resided in the 2000 block of Milford since the summer of 2013. I've lived in Houston since moving here from Scottsdale, AZ in 1990 to attend the University of Houston, from which I received B.S. and M.S. degrees in Physics and a Ph.D. in Electrical and Computer Engineering. Professionally, while in graduate school I co-founded a company engaged in the manufacture of lasers and related fiber-optic communications equipment, where I still serve as Chief Financial Officer and Chief Strategy Officer. We have over 2300 employees today, with locations in Atlanta, Taipei, and Ningbo, China in addition to our headquarters and manufacturing facility in Sugar Land.

We are members of the Church of St. John the Divine, which we began attending shortly after moving to Boulevard Oaks. In my spare time (of which I have a

small and dwindling supply) I enjoy fishing and aviation (I'm a licensed pilot for airplanes, helicopters, and gliders).

During the 10 years that I've been privileged to live in Boulevard Oaks, much has changed but the essential qualities that drew Adrienne and me to the neighborhood have not. The feel of a small-town neighborhood within the sprawling metropolis is still here. Neighbors who greet you with a wave and a kind word as you walk your dog are still here. The beautiful oak trees for which the neighborhood is named are still here.

But we shouldn't take these blessings for granted. As society and even our immediate surroundings change, Boulevard Oaks has changed and will continue to do so. The essential challenge as I see it for me and the BOCA Board is to do our very best to ensure that the changes that will ensue during our tenure will, on balance, enhance our neighborhood and protect all the admirable qualities that attracted each of us to live here.

To that end, physical security must be a priority. While our small community has been fortunate to experience minimal serious crime, we are far from immune to property crimes (some petty, occasionally some less so). We are also not immune to the ills of the society that surround us, and we must contend with increasing traffic, homelessness, and the challenges of substance abuse and mental illness on residents and those transiting our neighborhood.

I will not pretend to have answers to these challenges, but we are extremely fortunate to have a dedicated team of police professionals, in the form of the Southampton/Boulevard Oaks Patrol, who are equipped to assist with security situations in the neighborhood. My top priority as President will be to help ensure that Patrol will return to solid financial health and that the essential service that it provides will not be diminished but expanded to offer even greater peace of mind to Boulevard Oaks residents.

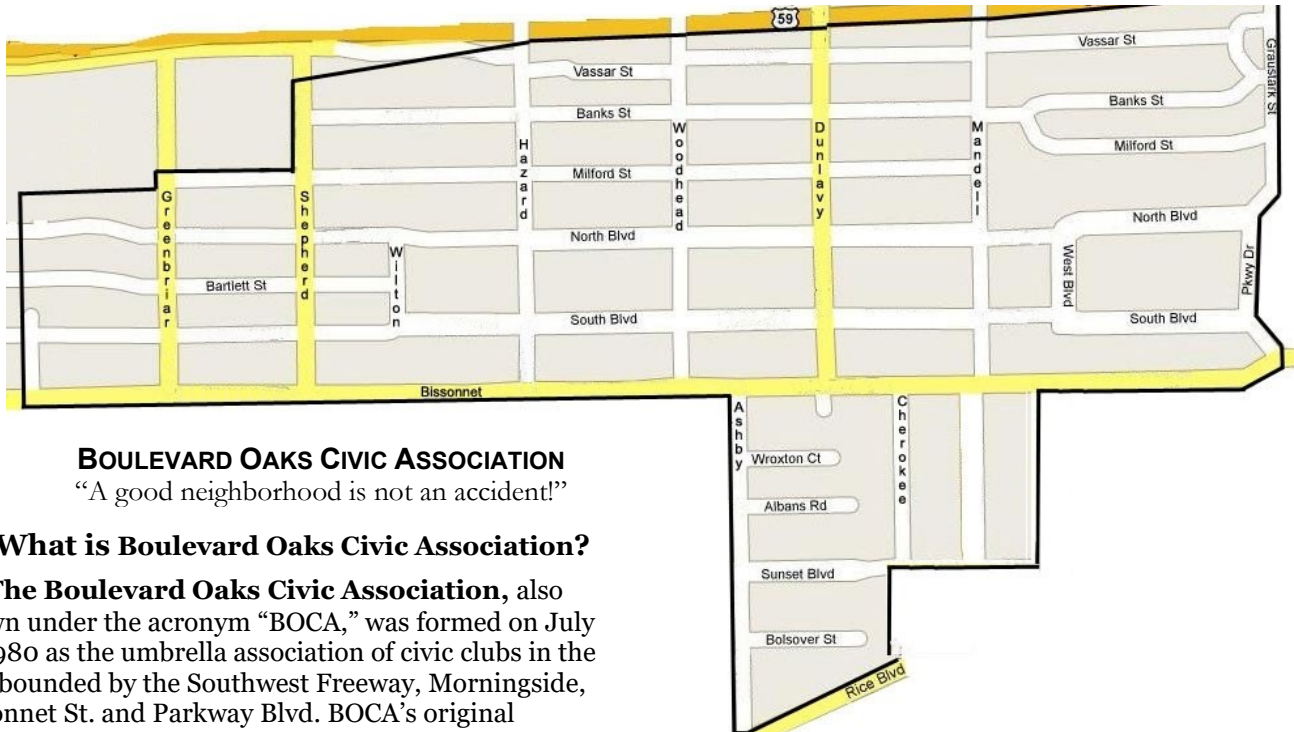
So, if I can ask one thing of each of you reading this, it is please, please ensure that you are contributing to the Patrol Service. It is only the regular support of households within our community that makes this vital service possible. More information about Patrol can be found on page 4 and on the Patrol's website where you can subscribe or donate: <https://sbps.memberclicks.net/>

The Patrol Service can help us deal with some of the challenges we face as a small enclave within the City, but the long-term health of our neighborhood also requires continued vigilance by the Board and all residents to ensure that new construction, both within the neighborhood and in the surrounding areas, is compatible with

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Boulevard Oaks Civic Association (BOCA)

FAQs about BOCA, other Civic Groups, and the Patrol Service



BOULEVARD OAKS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

“A good neighborhood is not an accident!”

Q: What is Boulevard Oaks Civic Association?

A: The Boulevard Oaks Civic Association, also known under the acronym “BOCA,” was formed on July 15, 1980 as the umbrella association of civic clubs in the area bounded by the Southwest Freeway, Morningside, Bissonnet St. and Parkway Blvd. BOCA’s original mission was to unite 16 smaller subdivisions which had been developed in the 1920s and 30s, in order to prevent a rail line from being constructed in place of homes on the north side of Vassar Street. Thankfully, those initial efforts were successful. Over the years, BOCA has championed numerous initiatives aimed at preserving quality of life and the special character of the neighborhood and surrounding area. These accomplishments include:

- Convincing TXDOT to rebuild the Southwest Freeway with a thoughtful, architecturally designed streetscape, bridges and landscaping.
- Establishing the Patrol Service
- Keeping Rick’s Cabaret from opening a new location at Greenbriar and the Southwest Freeway (now I-69).
- Creating the Gateway US59 Scenic District, which has prevented new billboards from being located on the Southwest Freeway.
- Planting more than 2500 street trees through the past 38 years and establishing one of the most notable urban forests in the nation.

Realizing the benefits of strength in numbers, blocks south of Bissonnet joined BOCA’s umbrella in the late 1980s and early 90s. These blocks include the 5300 blocks of Cherokee and Mandell, the 1700 blocks of Albans, Wroxton, Bolsover and Rice Blvd., and 1700 block of Bissonnet (south side).

Now 22 subdivisions strong, Boulevard Oaks is comprised of approximately 1400 residences ranging

from mansions to modest bungalows to duplexes and a handful of small apartment complexes. A handful of commercial establishments now occupy some of the original homes and duplexes on Bissonnet and Sunset. BOCA is home to two historic districts protected by City ordinances -- the Broadacres and Boulevard Oaks Historic Districts -- which are also listed in the National Register of Historic Places. BOCA’s Historic Districts Committee and its Advisory Council monitor construction projects in the districts and formally communicate BOCA’s assessments to City authorities. If you are interested in historic preservation and would like more information or to join the Advisory Council, please contact us at info@BoulevardOaks.org.

Thanks to the strength of these neighborhoods and the efforts of our organization and countless volunteer hours spent during the past 40 years, our neighborhood’s original residential character and charm remain intact.

Q: I receive bills from several neighborhood organizations. Which ones must I pay?

A: The variety of financial requests from area neighborhood organizations can be confusing. And determining which ones to support, and with what frequency, can be challenging. Depending upon your subdivision’s status and deed restrictions, you may receive solicitations throughout the year from the seven groups listed on page 4. While this may seem excessive, each of these organizations is a separate entity. There is no simple way at this time to combine the various fees into one bill.

1) HOA assessments for your own subdivision

BOCA is comprised of 22 subdivisions, each with its own deed restrictions. Some have mandatory annual assessments. Mandatory subdivisions include Broadacres, Cherokee, Cresmere Place, Edgemont, Ormond Place, W. Ormond Place, Vassar Place and townhomes constructed throughout the neighborhood. Assessments are used for deed restriction enforcement and may also include fees for private trash service and other shared maintenance. Patrol dues are included in annual assessments for Edgemont, Broadacres and Southampton Estates.

2) BOCA Annual Dues (voluntary but important)

Boulevard Oaks Civic Association is the umbrella organization that deals with the broad issues affecting the 1,400 households and 22 subdivisions that comprise BOCA. Dues reminders are sent several times each year. Levels are \$50, \$100, \$200, and \$30 for tenants. You can read about our activities in this newsletter and on the web at www.BoulevardOaks.org. (Note: Regular level BOCA dues (\$50) are included in assessments for Edgemont & Southampton Estates HOAs. Residents of these subdivisions are invited to increase their BOCA membership level.)

3) BOCA Tree Fund (voluntary / tax-deductible)

The Trees for Boulevard Oaks project seeks to maintain the street tree canopy in all areas of Boulevard Oaks. This program was founded in conjunction with Trees for Houston, and donations are fully tax deductible. Annual requests for contributions are mailed to all households in November. All funds raised go toward street-tree planting and maintenance of our beautiful green canopy. Checks should be made payable to *Trees for Houston*. Include "BOCA" in the memo, and mail to BOCA.

4) Special Initiatives (voluntary)

Certain initiatives have necessitated additional fundraising and volunteer efforts over the years. Currently the association is raising funds to beautify the neighborhood entrances at US59. Identifying sign toppers have been added to street signs. Another initiative, *Stop Ashby High Rise*, was founded as a joint effort between residents of Boulevard Oaks and Southampton to prevent construction of a high-rise tower at Ashby and Bissonnet.

5) Sponsorship opportunities for BOCA's special events and newsletter (voluntary)

Special events include the 4th of July Party, Easter Egg Hunt, the Spring Mixer and Holiday Caroling Party. Newsletter sponsorship opportunities are also available. Contact us at info@BoulevardOaks.org for more info.

6) Southampton/Boulevard Oaks Patrol

(\$110 per quarter / voluntary / very important!!!)
The Patrol bills quarterly for this valuable service. Request envelopes and the Patrol newsletter are mailed quarterly. Or visit <https://sbps.memberclicks.net>, and click the *Enroll Now* button. Please be aware that the Patrol Service is a separate entity and maintains its own administrative office.

BOCA appoints two representatives to the Patrol's five-member governing board and stays in close communication with the Patrol Service Coordinator when crime patterns arise. BOCA sends crime alerts on behalf of the Patrol Service when there is a pattern of burglaries or other serious crimes. Please see page 4 for instructions about signing up for electronic patrol billing. [Note: Owners in Broadacres, Edgemont, and Southampton Estates, do not receive a quarterly solicitation because Patrol fees are included in their annual assessments.]

7) Friends of Fleming Park (voluntary/tax-deductible)

This 501c3 organization oversees maintenance of Fleming Park, a City of Houston park located at Sunset and Kent, and within easy walking distance of Boulevard Oaks. Donations may be mailed to Friends of Fleming Park, 1914 Dunstan Rd., Houston TX 77005.

Q: Does my BOCA membership extend for one year from the date I last joined?

A: BOCA was established in mid 1980 and follows a fiscal year of July 1 - June 30, in accordance with its bylaws. Dues are applied to the fiscal year in which they are received unless otherwise instructed. However, you are welcome to pay at the same time each year.

Q: Why join BOCA if I already pay annual dues to my subdivision?

A: Working on big-picture items that impact the larger area ensures that all 20-plus subdivisions comprising Boulevard Oaks Civic Association remain strong. Detailed information about BOCA's activities and benefits of membership are included in this newsletter. [Note: BOCA regular dues are already included in the annual HOA dues assessments for Edgemont and Southampton Estates.]

Q: May I pay for everything all at once?

A: At present, there is not a way to combine payments for BOCA dues, HOA assessments, and/or Patrol subscription fees unless you are part of a mandatory association within Boulevard Oaks, which assesses for all of these entities and services. Suggestions for simplifying neighborhood fundraising activities are welcome.

Volunteer Opportunities

Get to know your neighbors and become more familiar with what is going on in the neighborhood! Volunteer as a Block Captain or serve on a BOCA committee. Block Captains serve as liaison for their blocks, help welcome new neighbors, keep our database up to date, communicate urgent information, or may organize block parties.

Volunteers are also needed for our event committees (4th of July, the Egg Hunt, Caroling Party, Spring/Fall Mixer) and committees for Graffiti Control, and Beautification. More opportunities are listed on the annual renewal form.

For more information, contact us at 713-528-BOCA(2622) or info@BoulevardOaks.org.

Please Support the Patrol



**SOUTHAMPTON/
BOULEVARD OAKS
PATROL SERVICE**



Established 42 years ago, the Southampton/Boulevard Oaks Patrol Service provides patrol coverage to the Boulevard Oaks and Southampton neighborhoods through voluntary subscriptions. This service is an invaluable asset to the neighborhood. Unlike on-duty HPD units, the Patrol is able to respond quickly to a variety of calls ranging from suspicious persons to scam artists and graffiti vandals to calls about serious crimes. Although tax dollars fund police, the city's

budget is unable to cover regular beat patrols, nor are there enough HPD officers to meet the demand in America's fourth largest city. Our Patrol Service fills this void.

The Patrol is on-duty 24 hours a day and is staffed by off-duty HPD officers who wear badges, carry guns and make arrests. Many of the officers are assigned to our area during their regular HPD shifts and know the area well. They are available to follow up investigations and track area crime patterns. The Patrol operates two late model police vehicles outfitted with factory police equipment packages, police type identification markings, and lights. Vacation Watch Service and Alarm Service response are available to subscribers. Call 713-825-5555 or submit a request online.

The Patrol Service depends on the support of neighbors like you. Please support the *Southampton/Boulevard Oaks Patrol* and to call the patrol officer on duty at **713-825-5555** whenever they see suspicious activity. Contribution requests are mailed quarterly to all Boulevard Oaks households. The subscription fee is \$125 per quarter or \$500 annually. For more information, visit <http://sbps.memberclicks.net>.

Crime Prevention Tips from the Patrol Service

HPD has an excellent Crime Prevention Manual available at www.houstonpolice.org. Here are a few of the helpful tips recommended by the Patrol Service:

Turn on your porch lights to help stop crime.

The Patrol requests that neighbors turn on exterior lights at night to deter crime and to help the officers in their work. It's easy for criminals to hide in the dark areas shadows to avoid being caught. Keep bushes and landscaping trimmed to eliminate hiding places.

Remove newspapers and flyers daily. Thieves know that accumulating media is a sign that no one is home. Have a friend or neighbor pick them up if you are away.

Always activate your alarm system when you leave your home and keep it on overnight when you are at home.

Answer the door when someone knocks or rings the bell, through your locked door. But don't open the door to strangers. These days, most burglars knock.

Let them know you are home. If someone is trying to break into your home while you are there, move around, shout and make a lot of noise to let them know someone is inside (and call 911 immediately). That will often scare them away.

If you arrive home to find that your house has been burglarized, do not enter your home. Instead, call the Patrol immediately to have an officer check the premises to ensure that burglars are no longer inside.

Beware of Scams involving thieves posing as workmen for utility companies such as CenterPoint and various telecom providers. In this scam, well-rehearsed thieves wearing stolen uniforms lure unsuspecting residents into backyards to point out fake emergency work that must be performed immediately. Meanwhile, an accomplice burglarizes the home.

The Patrol suggests that if anyone comes to your door requesting access to your yard, and you are not expecting them, call 713-825-5555 and the Patrol will verify the identity and credentials of the workmen. Don't allow workmen access until they have been verified.

Post a No Soliciting Sign at your door. From time to time, groups of solicitors cycle through the neighborhood promoting causes that are nearly always bogus. Don't give money away to solicitors who may be scamming you or casing your home.

Solicitors selling magazines are often recent parolees linked to identity theft rings. Others recent scams have involved "alleged" student athletes raising funds for Rice or U of H sports teams. Rice will never send solicitors door to door.

HPD reports that many solicitors have records and arrest warrants. Solicitors who mention neighbors that have supported their cause know names because they have looked inside mailboxes. *Call the Patrol when in doubt!* Deter solicitors by posting a 'No Solicitors' sign at your door.

4th of July Party Sees Record Number of Sponsors

The 4th of July Party took place at 6 p.m. on July 4th in the 1700 block of North Boulevard. Over 230 neighbors attended. Local folk-rock band, The Blenders, serenaded throughout the evening. The Fourth of July Party is the neighborhood's most important fundraiser, apart from annual dues. Special thanks to the 4th of July team members for their continued devotion and hard work bringing us this great annual celebration. The organizing team included *Sue & Harry Lawson, Sue Payne, Donna & Ken Yanowski, Helen Toombs, Kat Robinson, and Jennifer DeLange*. Volunteers included *Doris & John Heard, Betty & Jim Key, Sharon & Bob Livitz, Mary & Paul Nugent, Albert Ramos, Freddy Rogers, and Janice & Richard Stuff*. Special thanks to long-time neighbor *Freddy Rogers* for photographing the event.

Thanks also to *Agnes Café & Provision* and owner *Molly Voorhees* for food for the Set-Up Party, and to *Picnic* and owners *Rob & Sara Cromie* for providing food of the Take-Down Party, and to *Sue Payne* for arranging the festive flag display in the esplanades.

Thank You, 4th of July Sponsors!

Super Stars (\$250 +)

The North Boulevard Nugents
Sue E. Payne

Founders (\$200 & up)

Jacque & Kevin Bartol
Martha & Sam Bowen
Brenda & Joseph Cialone II
James Darrow & Stephen Gatsinos
Genevieve & Paul Due Family
Sarah & Earl Dyke
Robert J. Finch
Cece & Mack Fowler
David K & Julia Gibbs
Deborah & Burt Ginsburg
Sonja Bruszauskas & Houston Haymon
Clare & Guy Jackson
Sue & Harry Lawson
Sharon & Bob Livitz
Thad & Eric Lueders
Nancy O'Connor
Jenny & Hal Perkins
The Pickering Family
Jeannette Burg & Tony Riedel
Mark Rothwell & Fran Leighton
Ana & Rich Sexton
John Toomey
Geoffrey Walker & Ann Kennedy
Sallie & Bob Wright

In-Kind (Priceless)

Agnes Café & Provision
Scott Evans & Jeff Henry
Picnic
Freddy Rogers

Continental Congress (\$100 & up)

Jim F. Avant
Joyce & Joseph Balat
Meg & George Basu
Brooke & Adam Beebe
Patti & Jim Bell
Allison & Scott Brooks
David Bryan & Susan Allen-Bryan,
Allen Brothers Realtors
Brian Caress
Dan Cromack

Mary Rebecca & Cody Dick
Molly Donovan
Tom Edens
Michelle Ludwig &
John Goodrich
Gary S. Grossman
Sonja Bruszauskas &
Houston Haymon
Doris & John Heard
Ellen & Doug Heller
Jean & Rick Jenner
Betty & Jim Key
April & Doug Konopka
Ted Lee & Marc Sekula
Christine & Christian Lenoble
Penelope Loughhead
Michelle Ludwig & John Goodrich
Mary Julia & Don Macune
Shannon & Jamie Mann
Andrew McCain
Connie Kissinger & Bruce Minsky
Judy & Steve Moses
Adrienne & Stefan Murry
Elaine & Alan Mut
H. Joe Nelson, III
Katie & Bob Orr
Bette & Richard Pesikoff
Hannah & Brett Pierce
Meredith Leigh Pleasants
Erica & Jake Radcliffe
Nathaniel & Caroline Reeve
Rocky & Carol Revia
Bebe Burns & Fred Rhodes
Lauren & Pat Rigby
Caroline & Andy Roeser
Stephen & Lisa Satter
Carol & Andrew Savas
Dayna & Ron Sawyer
Jolyn & Russell Scheirman
Freeman Self
Lauren & Manish Shah
Harlene Anderson & Dave Shine
Janice & Richard Stuff
Sunset Settings/Carolyn Brewer
Ennedy & Nick Vamvakias
Roksan Okan-Vick & James Vick
Jeannine & Paul Vincent



Susan & Anthony Walter
Merritt Johnson &
Ben Westcott
Mary Jo & Carl Wimberly

Sons/ Daughters of Liberty (\$50+)

Myssie & Barry Acomb
Jennifer & Omead Adib
Deborah & Steven Amis
Julie & David Baskin
Terri & Darden Bourne
Marie & Hayden Burns
Nancy & Trey Christensen
Nancy & Ron Cook
The Cornelius-Lough Family
Carie & Keith Crabb
Paula & John Cutler
Robert Gerber & Frank Fossella
Elaine & Christopher Gibbs
Patricia & Steve Grossman
Jenny Belk & Ajay Gupta
Lycht & Adam Gutmann
Susan Akers Hirtz
Ikue Shimizu & Andrew Jursca
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Linda & John Knudsen
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Sharon & Gregg Mathews
Linnie & James McInerny
Kristin & Stephen Milton
Gwendolyn & Daniel Morales
Lillian & Oscar Nazareth
Nan & Bruce Parker
Judy Penner
Kelly Perdue
Sue Rund
Kaitlyn & Michael Scheurich
The Schneidau Family
(in honor of Calista Schneidau)



Nicole Bardonner & Brian Sidle
Claudia & Richard Toomey
Patricia & Barry Trachtenberg
David Taylor
Kelo & Ken Waldorf
Debbie & Rhen Wheeler
Karen C. Wilkinson
Donna, Ken & Dena Yanowski

Minute Men/Women (\$25 & Up)

Justin Amoah & Family
Jim Ford & Melinda Lightsey-Ford
Marion & Gary Globber
Maxine & Steven Goodman
Dawn Herrington & Renae Scott
Julie & Peter Johnson
Burdette Keeland
Maria Artabe & Alejandro Levin
Sheila & Keith Owen, III

Helpful Numbers & Info

Southampton/BOCA Patrol: 713-825-5555

The Patrol is a subscription-based organization (see page 4) and can assist with issues including:

- Individuals “camping” on private property
- Burglaries and Thefts
- Parking violations
- Excessive noise
- Vacation Watch Service
- Investigating suspicious persons, suspicious activity, or solicitors, in the neighborhood

NOISE complaints can be made directly to the Police Department’s non-emergency line at (713) 884-3131. HPD will dispatch officers to address the complaint. Per city ordinance, no noisy activities such as construction or yard work may begin before 7 a.m. Note: Some BOCA subdivisions have restrictions that further limit construction activities to weekdays.

Other Nuisances - Contact the City’s 3-1-1

Helpline or 713-837-0311 from a cell phone, or use the Houston-**311 Mobile App**, or [send a message to 311@HoustonTX.gov](mailto:311@HoustonTX.gov).

Report illegal dumping, overgrown lots, visible nonworking motor vehicles, trash spilling over from construction sites, dangerous building, potholes, etc. A city inspector will be dispatched to investigate and determine if a violation exists. Property owners will be given time to comply and depending on the violation, if compliance is not met, fines may be assessed.

311 can also help with:

- Water Leaks, Water Service, Sewer and Wastewater
- Missed Trash and Recycling Collection
- Garbage Container Issues, Water Meter covers
- Traffic Signal & Sign Maintenance

Parking Enforcement: 832-393-8690

Contact the city’s Parking Management Division for assistance with cars parked illegally or parked without displaying the required hang tags in Permit Parking zones. Parking Management officers write tickets and issue warnings.

If 311 fails to handle your request, contact the District C City Council office at 832-393-3004

DistrictC@HoustonTX.gov. Our Councilmember is the Honorable Abbie Kamin, who also chairs the Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee for City Council.

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those essential qualities I mentioned earlier. While we cannot and should not stand in the way of progress, we must also ensure that progress provides benefits to neighbors, and not merely serves to enrich those who look to make a quick buck off the qualities that our neighbors have nurtured over lifetimes. Our neighbors and this Board have fought valiantly against such incompatible building projects, but the deck in Houston is stacked against neighborhoods and in favor of developers. Something to think about when next you vote. Still, we will continue to advocate for what we believe to be in the best interest of Boulevard Oaks and our residents.

In addition to these “big picture” items, BOCA under my administration will continue the great work that Radu handed off to us: promotion of bike lanes and walkable/ridable streets, hosting of social events to bring neighbors together, prevention of blight, assisting the various sections of BOCA with deed restriction enforcement, and serving as a unified voice to our elected representatives.

It is truly an honor and a privilege to serve you as BOCA’s President. I look forward to working with all of you to preserve and enhance the best neighborhood in Houston.

Stefan Murry, President 2023-2025

Langley Highrise Construction



The long dreaded construction of “The Langley,” known for the past 16 years as The Ashby High Rise, began on May 15, 2023, and has been progressing steadily, although slowly. To date, sitework, including dirt removal, utility work and drilling the auger cast piles, has taken place. The huge drill arrived on July 11.

Chief complaints so far have included dust, noise, strong vibrations, and blocked traffic lanes, but the construction crew has been effective at responding promptly to resolve issues as they arise.

If you have any construction-related concerns, please direct them to the developer’s representative, Allen Caudle, at 1717Bissonnet@streetlights.com or 346-595-1717. If you are unable to resolve your issue with the developer, we recommend that you contact the City’s 311 hotline (713-837-0311 from a cell phone). If after those communications you are still unable to resolve your concern, please send a message to info@BoulevardOaks.org.

Weekly construction updates are sent by email to the BOCA listserv. Register your email address if with us if you would like to receive them.

[For more information about the high-rise construction project at 1717 Bissonnet at Ashby, visit <https://thelangleyhouston.com/>]

City Trash & Recycling Reminders

- 1) Place leaves and grass clippings in city approved bags at the curb on trash day or have crews haul bags and debris away when servicing your lawn. Loose yard waste should not be dumped into trash or recycling containers.
- 2) When placing bins on the street, maintain at least 3 feet of width between them to ensure proper operation of automated collection equipment.
- 3) Limit on-street parking on trash day and ensure there is enough space between vehicles and bins to allow crews to safely collect trash. Cars blocking bins may result in missed collection.
- 4) Report Missed Collection to 311 by calling 713-837-0311. The City has five business days to return to collect missed trash. It's best to make a report on the same day to help ensure that crews return within the same week.
- 5) If you have excess trash that won't fit in your bin, "Tags for Bags" can be purchased at local grocery stores.
- 6) Visit www.Houstontx.gov/solidwaste for more information about the city trash/recycling collection.

Recycling Rules

Place only clean recyclables in the bins. Dirty and smelly food containers are unwelcome additions and disrupt the recycling process through contamination.

Plastics - place only CLEAN, hard plastic containers in recycling bins. No plastic bags (soft and clean plastic bags can be recycled at local grocery stores.)

Cardboard - Only flattened cardboard is allowed.

Styrofoam is not allowed in the city's green bin, but it can be taken to the Westpark Recycling Center.

Visit the Westpark Recycling Center (WRC) near Fountain View at US59 where staff will unload your vehicle.

Styrofoam and electronics are also accepted at the WRC.

City Trash & Recycling Schedule

- ⚙ **Regular** curbside collection Tuesday
- ⚙ **Yard Waste** (bagged/bundled) Tuesday
- ⚙ **Recycling** (Tues. B): every other Tuesday



Aug. 1, 15 & 29 Sept. 12 & 26
Oct. 10 & 24 Nov. 7 & 21

Bins and yard waste may be placed at the curb after 6 p.m. the evening before collection. Remove bins from the street by 10 p.m. on collection day.

- ⚙ **Heavy Trash: *Tree Limbs*** are collected monthly.

Junk waste is collected in **even** months only.

Blocks East of Greenbriar:1st Friday
 Blocks West of Greenbriar:3rd Monday

Private Trash Schedule

Edgemont & Broadacres are collected by

WCA Waste: 281-368-8397

Household Trash & Yard Waste....Tues. & Fri.

Recycling.....Friday

Heavy TrashBy request

Cherokee (5300 blocks of Cherokee & Mandell) is collected by Texas Pride Disposal: 713-705-3534

Neighborhood Calendar

- Oct. 3 **Night Out for Boulevard Oaks**
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Outdoor block gatherings are encouraged.
- Oct. 22 **Poe Carnival 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**
All neighbors are invited to this time-honored tradition. Don't miss the games, fun, prizes, and world-famous spaghetti served in the cafeteria.
- Nov. 7 **Election Day (Locations TBD)**
7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Visit www.HarrisVote.org for info about locations, early voting and ballots by mail. Early Voting is Oct. 23 to Nov. 3.
- Dec. 17 **BOCA Holiday Caroling Party**
4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at South Blvd. and Hazard
Bring the whole family for fun, a visit with Santa Claus and mini-train rides.

BOCA Officers & Directors

(July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)

<i>President</i>	Stefan Murry
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<i>Public Works</i>	John Cutler
<i>Trees</i>	Hank Segelke & Wallace Hooker
<i>Website</i>	Dave Shine
<i>Photographer</i>	Freddy Rogers
<i>Patrol Reps</i>	Mark Arnold & Trey Christensen
<i>Caroling Party</i>	Stephanie Pedigo & Shannon Allen
<i>Mixer</i>	TBD
<i>Easter Egg Hunt</i>	Katherine Mach
<i>4th of July Party</i>	Sue Payne, Sue Lawson, Jennifer DeLange, Donna & Ken Yanowski
<u><i>Executive Director</i></u>	Evalyn Krudy

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Save the Date for Night Out in Texas
Tuesday, October 3, 2023
from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Turn on your porch lights and take to the streets on Oct. 3. Neighbors are encouraged to host block gatherings. Please let us know if you are planning an event and will arrange to have the Patrol and HPD officers visit.

Contact info@BoulevardOaks.org.
Night out is a great opportunity to meet neighbors and stand united against crime!



US59 Bridge Entrance Beautification

Beautification of plans to landscape the entrances to Boulevard Oaks at the four US59 bridges are still the pending. The project estimates to landscape the four bridges entrances at Hazard, Woodhead, Dunlavy, and Mandell is \$35,000. To date, \$1,500 has been raised toward this project.

We invite you to make a donation to the Beautification Fund as part of your annual membership payment. Suggested donation levels are \$50, \$100, \$250 and \$500, but any amount is welcome. Or pay your dues online and make a donation to the Beautification Fund simultaneously at www.BoulevardOaks.org.

On the annual membership form included with this mailing is a space where you can add a donation to the Beautification Fund. We hope to raise the remaining \$33,500 by the end of the fiscal year, to launch the project in the 3rd quarter of 2024. The bridge entrances have become an eyesore ever since the Montrose Management District was dissolved several years ago. The weeds harbor trash and provide cover for the homeless people. are unsightly. Replacing these areas with the gravel and reducing the need for costly maintenance will enhance these key entrances at a lower overall cost than other options.

Keep less. Enjoy more.



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