

# THE BOCA NEWSLETTER

Membership Edition

A PUBLICATION OF THE **BOULEVARD OAKS CIVIC ASSOCIATION**

**FALL 2019**

## 2019-2020 Membership Drive

Our annual membership drive is underway, and we need your support.

In addition to BOCA's ongoing work to protect the character, greenspaces and historic parts of the neighborhood, BOCA will be taking on some big projects this year including: advocating with METRO for a safe location for a dedicated bus rapid transit route that will serve our area; initiating requests for hand-operated signalized pedestrian crossings on Shepherd/Greenbriar; and working with the city to ensure that telecom providers follow state laws regarding the placement of 5G and minicell towers.

Enclosed in this mailing is the annual membership request for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Please send in your dues using the enclosed envelope. We ask that you join as a member at the level that suits your budget. Visit us online to pay your dues with a credit card.

## Help Fight Bandit Signs

Bandit signs are those pesky signs advertising services for off-premise businesses (eg "I Buy Ugly Houses") that seem to appear overnight along our thoroughfares and are often nailed to telephone poles. These signs create visual clutter and detract from the appearance of our neighborhood and they are a violation of city ordinance. Feel free to take them down. You can also report them to the City's 311 system by phone or via the 311 app.

BOCA's Bandit Sign Committee is in need of a chairman. Duties include organizing volunteers to patrol the neighborhood for bandit signs, and graffiti, and to file reports with the 311 system and Sign Administration.

## November Election & Political Signs

Our District C council member Ellen Cohen's term expires this year and we will have the opportunity to elect a new council member in November. The District office provides important support to Boulevard Oaks. Having a qualified and effective leader in that role is critical. Please familiarize yourself with the candidates for this important citywide election which also includes a contested mayoral race.

City ordinance prohibits placement of signs in public rights-of-way, and State law requires that political signs be removed within 10 days after election.

## Keep Boulevard Oaks Green

*This is the first article in a series about things we can do as a neighborhood to improve our local environment. Ideas for future articles are welcome.*

The plastics crisis, climate crisis and recent series of 500 year flood events in Houston are raising consciousness about our carbon footprint, consumption, and what happens to the things we throw away. These are heavy issues to ponder, but there are things that neighbors and neighborhoods like Boulevard Oaks can do, both individually and collectively, to make a meaningful difference.

***The good news is that Boulevard Oaks has gotten a lot right.***

Our tree program, now in its 38<sup>th</sup> year, has added nearly two thousand trees to our rights-of-way. These trees help prevent heat islands, provide shade, soak up floodwater and sequester carbon. Our arbor of street trees is also an important stop for migratory birds.

The establishment of our historic districts (Boulevard Oaks and Broadacres) encourages preservation of original homes from the 1920s and 1930s, which were designed for Houston's hot and muggy climate. The districts help to maintain smaller building footprints. With more green and permeable space per lot, properties within the Boulevard Oaks' historic districts retain and absorb significant amounts of floodwater during heavy rains.

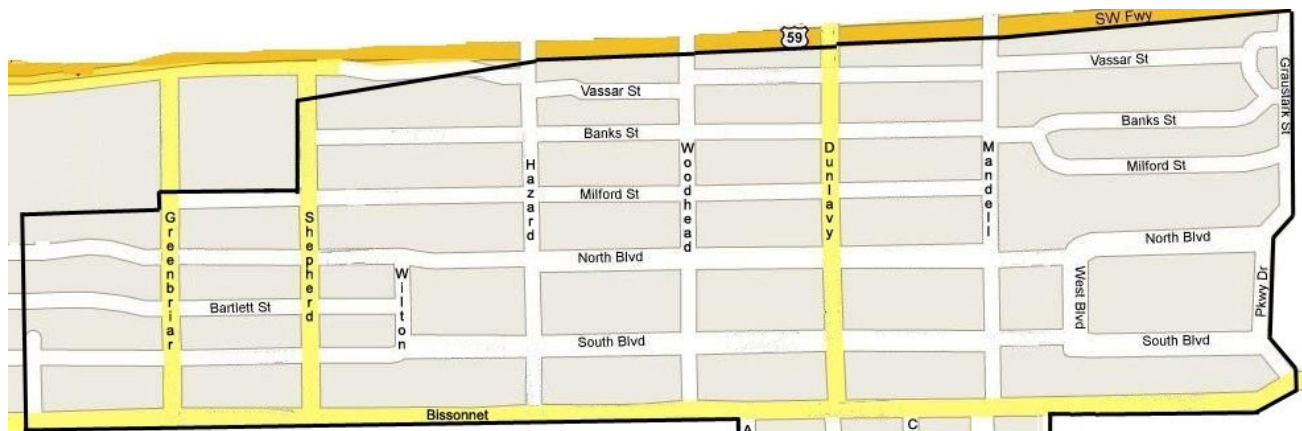
Boulevard Oaks also has some of the highest recycling participation in the city. On recycling days, our bins are overflowing with recyclables, while trash bins are often only half full.

With Fall upon us and our deciduous trees about to lose their leaves, now is a good time to set up a small leaf/grass composting area that will produce big rewards in the form of compost that can be used to enrich our lawns and gardens. There are dozens of websites with instructions for setting up lawn and leaf compost areas that don't involve much effort and that won't break the bank. Composting leaves and grass will not attract rodents as long as food waste is segregated. Start composting now and by spring even the laziest gardeners can have enough compost to dress and improve beds and planters.

We'd love to hear about ways that neighbors are composting. Please share your lawn/leaf composting projects on the Boulevard Oaks Facebook page.

## **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 in 1980 as the umbrella association of civic clubs in the area bounded by the Southwest Freeway, Morningside, Bissonnet and Parkway. BOCA’s original mission was to unite 16 smaller subdivisions, 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, BOCA’s 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.
- Keeping Rick’s Cabaret from opening a new location at Greenbriar and the Southwest Freeway (US59).
- Creating the Gateway US59 Scenic District, which has prevented new billboards from being located on the Southwest Freeway (US59).
- Planting more than 2500 street trees through the past 20 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 included the 5300 blocks of Cherokee and Mandell, the 1700 blocks of Albans, Wroxton, Bolsover and Rice Blvd., and Southampton Estates.

Now more than 20 subdivisions strong, Boulevard Oaks is comprised of approximately 1400 residences ranging from mansions to modest bungalows to duplexes and apartments. 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 to join the Advisory Council please contact Geoffrey Walker, [gwalker@andrewskurth.com](mailto:gwalker@andrewskurth.com).

Thanks to the strength of these neighborhoods and the efforts of our organization and countless volunteer hours spent during the past 30 years, our neighborhood’s original residential character and charm remain intact.

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

**A:** Neighbors are often confused by the variety of financial requests from area neighborhood organizations. Determining which to support, and with what frequency, can be a challenge. Depending on your subdivision, you may receive solicitations throughout the year from the seven groups listed below. While this may seem excessive, all of these organizations are separate entities, and there is no simple way at this time to combine the various fees into one bill.

### 1) Your subdivision's HOA assessments

BOCA is comprised of 20 subdivisions, each with its own deed restrictions. Some subdivisions have mandatory associations and are subject to mandatory annual dues and assessments. Mandatory subdivisions include Broadacres, Cherokee, Cresmere Place, Edgemont, Ormond Place, W. Ormond Place, Southampton Estates, Southampton Place Townhomes and Vassar Place. HOA assessments are used for deed restriction enforcement and may also include fees for private trash service. In the case of Edgemont, Broadacres and Southampton Estates, Patrol dues are included in HOA dues.

### 2) BOCA Dues *(voluntary but important)*

Boulevard Oaks Civic Association, an umbrella organization that deals with the broad issues affecting the 1,300 households and 20 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](http://www.BoulevardOaks.org). *(Note: Regular level (\$50) BOCA dues are included in assessments for Edgemont & Southampton Estates HOAs. Residents of these subdivisions may elect 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 is 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.

### 4) Special Initiatives *(voluntary)*

Stop Ashby High Rise is a joint effort between residents of Boulevard Oaks and Southampton. For more information about the effort to stop the planned 23 story high-rise from being built at Ashby and Bissonnet, visit [www.StopAshbyHighRise.org](http://www.StopAshbyHighRise.org).

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

Special events include the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Party, Easter Egg Hunt, the Spring Mixer and Holiday Caroling Party. Newsletter sponsorship opportunities are available by contacting the BOCA office.

### 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 from the Boulevard Oaks Civic Association (BOCA), although it was co-founded by BOCA and the Southampton Civic Club.

Its name was selected to reflect the area it serves. BOCA appoints two representatives to the Patrol's 5-member governing board and stays in close communication with the Patrol Service Coordinator when crime patterns arise. BOCA also maintains the mailing list used for the Patrol's quarterly contribution requests. BOCA sends crime alerts when there is a pattern of burglaries or other serious crimes. Please see page 6 for instructions about signing up for electronic crime alerts. *[Note: Homeowners in Broadacres, Edgemont and Southampton Estates do not receive a quarterly solicitation because their patrol fees are included in their annual HOA assessment.]*

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

This organization oversees maintenance of Fleming Park located at Sunset & Kent. This city park is in easy walking distance. Donations may be mailed to FFP, c/o Jim Reardon, 2021 Wroxtton 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? I already pay annual dues to my subdivision?

**A:** Working on big-picture items that affect the larger area ensures that all 20+ 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 no way to combine your local civic club dues, BOCA dues, and Patrol fees unless you are part of a mandatory association which assesses for all of these entities. Your suggestions for simplifying neighborhood fundraising activities are welcome.

## Volunteers Needed

*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 assist in a variety of important functions, from serving as liaison for their blocks, to welcoming new neighbors, to organizing block parties and "Night Out" events. They may help notify neighbors about urgent news.*

*Volunteers are needed for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee, Mixers, Graffiti Control, and Beautification. More opportunities are listed on the website.*

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



## Support the Patrol!



**SOUTHAMPTTON/  
BOULEVARD OAKS  
PATROL SERVICE**

Established 36 years ago, the Southamptton / Boulevard Oaks Patrol Service provides patrol coverage to the Boulevard Oaks and Southamptton neighborhoods. 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 our tax dollars pay for police, the city's budget

does not have the resources to provide regular beat patrols, nor are there enough HPD officers to meet the demand in America's fourth largest city. Our Patrol 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.

We strongly encourage you to support the *Southamptton / Boulevard Oaks Patrol* and to call **713-825-5555** whenever you see suspicious activity. Contribution requests are mailed quarterly to all Boulevard Oaks households. The subscription fee is \$110.00 per quarter. 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](http://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 first.

**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 until an officer has checked to ensure that burglars are not inside. Call the Patrol and request that an officer will check the premises for you.

**Beware of Scams** involving thieves posing as workmen for utility companies such as CenterPoint, ATT, or Comcast, are on the rise. 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 Solicitors Sign at your door.** From time to time, groups of solicitors cycle through the neighborhood for causes that are nearly always bogus. Don't give money away to solicitors who are most likely 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 mail boxes. Call the Patrol when in doubt. Deter solicitors by posting a no-solicitor sign at your door. Signs are available at local stores and through the BOCA office.

## 36<sup>th</sup> Fourth of July Party on North Blvd.

The 36<sup>th</sup> annual BOCA 4<sup>th</sup> of July Party was one of the best ever. The event was attended by over 160 friends and neighbor. Great people, great food and great live music filled the evening. Neighbors outdid themselves with the best potluck grub in town, and of course friend chicken and hot dogs (thank to Marsha & Lew Eatherton).

Before it was BOCA's main fundraiser, the 4th of July Party began as an impromptu neighborhood event in the early 1970s on Milford Street, before finding its permanent home on North Boulevard. Families from the 70s return to celebrate year after year.

This year *The Blenders* returned with their foot-tapping mix of rock-country-fold oldies-but-goodies and dance favorites. Parade Marshall *Ted Hirtz* led the line of children with bikes and trikes with aplomb.

The Declaration of Independence was read with passion, and 17 US military veterans lined up to be honored. Patriotic songs were sung and the Pledge was recited before food lines opened. Children enjoyed games and sack races led by *Dena Yanowski*, *Michelle & Nicole Mut* and friends.

### Thank You 4<sup>th</sup> of July Sponsors!

#### Super Stars (\$200+)

Richard Holt & Mark McMasters  
Martha & Demetrius Navarro  
Sue Payne  
Nick R. Rasmussen

#### Continental Congress (\$100+)

Michael Carpenter & Carter Rae Cain  
Brenda & Joseph Cialone II  
Marsha & Lew Eatherton  
Martha & Blake Eskew  
Cece & Mack Fowler  
Doris & John Heard  
Susan & Ted Hirtz  
Marianne & Rob Jones  
Sue & Harry Lawson  
Sharon & Bob Livitz  
Elaine & Alan Mut  
Alma & Edward John Novotny  
Mary Flood Nugent & Paul Nugent  
Nancy O'Connor  
Bette & Richard Pesikoff  
Sue & Norm Rund  
Dr. W. Richard & Jacqueline Schmeal  
Brenda Schroeder  
Annita & Newton Schwartz

H. Irving Schweppe, Jr. MD  
Julie Mirlicourtois & Ryan Scott  
Camille Murphy & Freeman Self  
Harlene Anderson & Dave Shine  
Ellen C. L. Simmons  
Katherine & Justin Smith  
Janice & Richard Stuff  
John J. Toomey  
Frances & Dr. Bradford Urquhart  
Roksan Okan-Vick & James Vick  
Susan & J. Anthony Walter  
Sara L. Willard  
Sallie & Bob Wright

#### Sons/ Daughters of Liberty (\$50+)

Jim F. Avant  
Martha & Sam Bowen  
Irma & Louis Bujnoch  
Marie & R. Hayden Burns  
Nancy & Trey Christensen  
Nancy & Ronald Cook  
The Cornelius - Lough Family  
Bonnie & Dan Cromack  
Stephen Elison & Richard Brown  
Roberta & Dr. Jimmy Howell

This event was possible due a team of dedicated led by 2019 event chairman Sue Payne. That stellar team included *Dena Yanowski*, *Sue Lawson*, *Helen Toombs*, *Dave Shine* and *Donna & Ken Yanowski*. efforts of chairman, her husband *Ken*, and daughter *Dena*. Kudos to *Sue & Harry Lawson* for serving as command central, and for hosting the set-up and take down parties.

Thanks to those who took on other roles: *Richard Holt*, *Mary Nugent*. Special thanks to *Marsha & Lew Eatherton* for housing the band and providing electricity; to *Picnic* for providing food, tables and helpers. Thanks to our setup/takedown crew members: *Michelle*, *Nicole*, *Elaine & Alan Mut*, the *DeLange-Szulc Family*, *Ted Hirtz*, *Doris & John Heard*, *Betty & Jim Key*, *Bob and Sharon Livitz*, the *Murry Family*, *Dave Shine*, *Janice & Richard Stuff* and many more.

Thanks also to *8<sup>th</sup> Wonder* brewery for donating their delicious local craft beer. Thanks to *Richard Holt* and *Sue Payne* for generously donating all other beverages. And special thanks to the University Area Rotary Club for the wonderful patriotic display of US flags! Kudos as always to neighborhood photographer *Elaine Mut* for capturing the event on camera.

#### Minutemen & Women (\$25+)

Mary & David Alderson  
Julie & David Baskin  
Terri & Darden Bourne  
Regina L. Sun & Eric Chiang  
Paula & John Cutler  
Peggy & John Dwyer  
Sarah & Earl Dyke  
Alicia & Stephen Howe  
Katherine & George Howe  
Linda & John Knudsen  
Evalyn & George Krudy  
Mary Julia & Don Macune  
Andrew McCain  
Sheila Keith Owen III  
Erica & Jake Radcliffe  
Dayna & Ronald Sawyer  
Jolyn & Russell Scheirman  
Claudia & Richard Toomey  
Kelo & Ken Waldorf



## Helpful Numbers & Info

**Southampton/BOCA Patrol: 713-825-5555**

The Patrol is a subscription-based organization and can assist with issues including:

- Individuals “camping” on private property
- Home or car burglaries
- Parking violations
- Noisy activities and events
- Vacation Watch
- Investigating suspicious activity in the neighborhood

**NOISE** complaints can also be made directly to the Police Department’s non-emergency line: (713) 884-3131. HPD will dispatch officers to address the complaint. See also this [Helpful Article](https://feldman.law/news/rights-citizens-have-under-the-houston-sound-ordinance/) from a local law firm. (<https://feldman.law/news/rights-citizens-have-under-the-houston-sound-ordinance/>)

**Reporting Other Nuisances: 3-1-1**

or **713-837-0311** from a cell phone, or use the Houston **311 Mobile App**, or [311@houston.tx.gov](mailto:311@houston.tx.gov). Contact 311 to 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 within 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](mailto:DistrictC@HoustonTX.gov).** Our Councilmember is the Honorable Ellen Cohen, who also serves as Mayor Pro-tem.

## Subscribe to eNews & Crime Alerts

All neighbors are invited to subscribe to our electronic news and crime alerts list. To subscribe, send a message with your name and physical address to [info@BoulevardOaks.org](mailto:info@BoulevardOaks.org)

## BOCA Officers for 2019 – 2020

(July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020)

<i>President</i>	Richard Holt
<i>President-elect</i>	James Cogan
<i>Vice president</i>	Sue Lawson
<i>Treasurer</i>	Bob Wright
<i>Secretary</i>	Helen Toombs
<i>Past President</i>	Sue Payne

### Directors

<i>2017 – 2020</i>	Jennifer DeLange Cece Fowler Jean Jenner Geoffrey Walker
<i>2018 – 2021</i>	Trey Christensen Julie Mastroianni Harry Tindall Radu Tutos
<i>2019 – 2020</i>	Joe Cialone Steve Grossman Stefan Murry Melissa Rabalais

### Committees

<i>Deed Restrictions</i>	Geoffrey Walker
<i>Public Works</i>	John Cutler
<i>Trees</i>	Hank Segelke & Wallace Hooker
<i>Website</i>	Dave Shine
<i>Photographer</i>	Elaine Mut
<i>Night Out</i>	James Cogan
<i>Caroling Party</i>	Stephanie Pedigo & Shannon Allen
<i>Mixer</i>	Vacant
<i>Easter Egg Hunt</i>	Bonnie Coffman
<i>4<sup>th</sup> of July Party</i>	Sue Payne
<i>Executive Director</i>	Evalyn Krudy

## Keep Leaves Out of Storm Drains

Please remind yard crews to pick up and bag leaves lying in the gutters and not to blow them into the storm drains. This illegal practice clogs the drainage system and creates the perfect breeding ground for mosquito borne illnesses. Clean gutters allow streets to drain properly and help prevent flooding.



Report violations to police at 713-884-3131 or call the Patrol at 713-825-5555. Report clogged storm drains to city’s 311 operator.

## Neighborly Reminders

Please don't block sidewalks. Keep sidewalks safe for everyone by ensuring cars do not block sidewalks. It is dangerous and difficult for small children, strollers and the elderly to navigate around cars parked across the sidewalk, or worse, to be forced to walk in the street due to illegally parked vehicles. Please be aware that HPD has initiated a citywide crackdown for this violation.

Parking etiquette. Parking is one of the most common neighborhood irritants and while it's not illegal to park in front of another neighbor's home, it is polite to park in front of your own home when possible and to have your contractors and visitors park there too. Your neighbors will appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Pet Reminders. Please obey City pet regulations: (1) Use a leash! Pets running at-large is prohibited in the city limits. When not indoors or in a fenced yard, pets must be on a leash and "under direct physical control of a live human being at all times." (2) Pick up after your pets! Carry a bag or other means of disposal with you when walking your pet and use it. (3) Need a place for Fido to run? Visit the Ervan Chew Dog Park on Dunlavy just across the Southwest Freeway.



## Recycling Etiquette

If you have excess trash that won't fit in your curbside bin, the city offers "Tags for Bags" which are available for purchase at local grocery stores. Tags allow you to place excess household trash in bags at the curb on collection day. Bags filled with heavy trash or construction materials will not be collected except on bi-monthly heavy trash day. To dispose of excess recycling, visit the Westpark Recycling Center near Fountain View where city staff will unload your vehicle. If you would prefer to skip the trip to Westpark, be sure to ask for permission before putting your recyclables in a neighbor's bin. When given permission, be neighborly and leave bins as clean as you found them. Dumping unwashed take-out containers in a neighbor's bin only ensure they will have a nasty smelly mess to clean up.

### Please follow City's Recycling Rules:

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

**Plastics** - place only *CLEAN Plastic Containers* in recycling ins.

**Cardboard** - Only *Flattened* Cardboard is allowed. Unflattened boxes may not be collected.

**No Styrofoam** allowed in the city's green bins. However, Styrofoam can be recycling at the Westpark Recycling Center.

**No Plastic Bags or wrappers** of any kind in the Recycling bin. Plastic grocery bags can be recycled at HEB. Visit [www.Houstontx.gov/solidwaste](http://www.Houstontx.gov/solidwaste) for more information about the City's recycling program.

## City Trash Reminders

- 1) Instruct crews to bag leaves and grass clippings in city approved bags or to haul bags and debris away when servicing your lawn. Loose yard waste should not be dumped into trash or recycling containers.
- 2) Place trash containers and recycling bins at the curb. Maintain 3 feet of width between bins to ensure proper operation of automated arm to help crews empty efficiently and prevent spills.
- 3) If possible, avoid parking on the street on trash collection day. If you must park on the street, leave sufficient space between your vehicle and trash container to ensure city solid waste crews have adequate room to safely collect trash. Cars blocking bins result in missed trash collection.
- 4) Report Missed Collection -- Call 311 (713-837-0311 from a cell phone) on the evening of your regular collection day if your trash has not been picked up. Request a reference number. The city has 5 business days to return to collect it. If you do not call on the same day, the city may not return until the following week. Calling on collection day will help to ensure that crews return within the same week. For updates about city trash collection visit [www.Houstontx.gov/solidwaste](http://www.Houstontx.gov/solidwaste).

## City Trash & Recycling

Questions? Call 311



Automated curbside collection	Tuesday
Yard Waste (bagged) .....	Tuesday
Recycling (Tues. B):.....	every <i>other</i> Tuesday
Oct. 1, 15 & 29	Nov. 11 & 26
Dec. 10 & 26*	Jan. 7 & 21

Bins and yard waste bags may be placed at the curb after 6 p.m. the evening before collection and remove them from the curb by 10 p.m. on collection day.

## City Heavy Trash

Place items on the curb after 6 p.m. the Sunday before pick up. Tree debris is collected every month. **Junk waste** is collected in **even** months only.

Junk Waste/Tree Debris Collection:

Blocks East of Greenbriar: .....	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday
Blocks West of Greenbriar: .....	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday

## Private Trash Schedule

### Edgemont & Broadacres Trash Info

**WCA Waste: 713-526-1536**

Household Trash & Yard Waste.....	Tues. & Fri.
Recycling.....	Friday
Heavy Trash .....	By request

### Cherokee Trash Info

For residents of the 5300 blocks of Cherokee and Mandell trash and recycling collection is provided by Texas Pride Disposal. For more information contact customer service at 713-705-3534.



AN IB WORLD SCHOOL, WHERE EVERYONE'S AN ARTIST

### ***Be a Reading Mentor at Poe!***

Poe Elementary is looking for Reading Mentors to work one-on-one with 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders. Volunteers are matched with 1-2 students that they will meet with once a week during the school day for the 2019-2020 school year. The mentoring focus is reading with your student, teaching skills are not necessary. Volunteers are needed to sign up immediately to allow time for the HISD background check and to attend an orientation. Many neighbors have participated in this program, and it is so meaningful to the students! For more information or to volunteer, email [Mentoring@poepeto.org](mailto:Mentoring@poepeto.org).

### ***Poe Co Preschool Registration Open Now for the 2020-2021 School Year***

If you have a child who will be ready for preschool in the next school year, be sure to tour our neighborhood treasure, Poe Cooperative Nursery School. Founded in 1974 by neighborhood families, Poe Co provides developmentally appropriate early childhood education in a play-based setting. As a parent-run cooperative, participation is key and creates a close community of families. Applicants must take an official tour of the school before they can register, and tours are held on Mondays in October. For more information and to sign up for a tour, visit [www.poeco.org](http://www.poeco.org).

## **BOCA Calendar of Events**

- Oct. 1 **Night Out in Boulevard Oaks**  
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Take to the streets and meet your neighbors. Check the website for party locations.
- Oct. 4 **Pumpkin Patch at Fleming Park**  
4:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. @ Fleming Park.  
Food service by *Toasted* food truck.
- Oct. 31 **Halloween Party @ Fleming Park**  
4:30 - 6:00 p.m. @ Fleming Park. Come in costume for fun and refreshments.
- Nov. 6 **Election Day @ Poe Elementary**  
7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Most of BOCA votes at. Visit [www.HarrisVote.org](http://www.HarrisVote.org) for more info.
- Dec. 15 **Caroling Party** 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
Join us for at the southwest corner of Poe for music, caroling, hayrides, Santa and more! See you Sunday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>.



**Saturday 10/27/19**

**11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**5100 Hazard Street**

Poe's Space Jam Carnival 2019 is blasting off on Saturday, October 26th from 10am-3pm! This year we honor Space City and the anniversary of the Moon Landing, while still serving up all your Carnival favs!

Visit [poepeto.membershiptoolkit.com/carnival](http://poepeto.membershiptoolkit.com/carnival) to purchase a Bazaar Table to promote your business or service, sponsor a game booth or inflatable, and buy your tickets and t-shirts! Buy before October 4 and get Early Bird pricing on All-You-Can-Play wristbands. Don't miss Houston's LONGEST running Fall Carnival and a neighborhood tradition -- it's going to be OUT OF THIS WORLD!

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