

# THE BOCA NEWSLETTER

Membership Edition

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

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## Letter from the Incoming President

Dear Neighbors:

I consider myself lucky to live in Boulevard Oaks, and I suspect most of you share the sentiment. But as we know, a good neighborhood is not an accident. The quality of life we all enjoy in our neighborhood would not be possible without the continuous dedication of our residents, the commitment of our neighborhood volunteers, and your continued financial support.

No Houston neighborhood can match Boulevard Oaks in what it has to offer. It has beautiful historical architecture, and walkable, oak-shaded streets, some of which are the most photogenic in the country. It offers access to great schools and top cultural attractions, restaurants, entertainment and green space - all within a 15-minute leisurely bike ride. It has friendly, inclusive neighbors who will always offer to help and generously welcome new neighbors on the block.

At the same time, we do face challenges. Houston is a dynamic city that continues to grow, and we want to ensure this growth enhances, not impedes, our neighborhood's appeal and walkability. We need to ensure our infrastructure is well maintained, we must remain vigilant against crime, and we need to ensure that deed restrictions are respected and enforced.

Fortunately, Boulevard Oaks Civic Association (BOCA) is up for the task. BOCA represents and advocates for the interests of all our neighbors - over 1400 households and over 2200 residents. The commitment of BOCA's members and volunteers, its outstanding Executive Director, Evalyn Krudy, and its capable Board of Directors have allowed our neighborhood to live up to those challenges.

Over the next year, BOCA will continue to be your voice in addressing ongoing issues related to development (historic and subdivision restrictions and residential/commercial balance); protection of trees and green space; infrastructure improvements (streets, sewer and drainage, streetlights); safety for people walking and biking, and quality of life (blight, homelessness, graffiti).

BOCA will also continue to promote neighborhood engagement and involvement through social events such as Night Out on October 5, the Holiday Caroling Party on December 12, the Egg Hunt on April 20, the annual Mixer (date tbd) and the 4th of July party

However, we are only able to make all this possible through the continuing participation and enthusiasm of neighbors like you. If you are already participating, thank you. If not, please join us!

Volunteer to serve on a BOCA committee or help with an event, offer your expertise, and provide your generous financial support. Become a BOCA member, and don't forget to renew your membership for the current fiscal year, starting July 1, 2021, at the highest level your budget allows. BOCA membership levels are very affordable at \$50.00 for Regular level dues, \$100 for Sustaining level dues, and \$200 for Patron level dues. A membership form and reply envelope are enclosed in this newsletter. Mail checks payable to BOCA or visit [www.BoulevardOaks.org](http://www.BoulevardOaks.org) to pay your dues online with a credit card or PayPal Account.

Just as important, please contribute to the Southampton/Boulevard Oaks Patrol Service. They do a terrific job looking out for our neighborhood around the clock. You can find more information on the patrol on page 4.

I am honored to serve as BOCA's president this year, and I look forward to working with you on making our neighborhood even better.

***Radu Tufes, President July 2021- June 2022***

## Tree Trimming for Pedestrian Safety

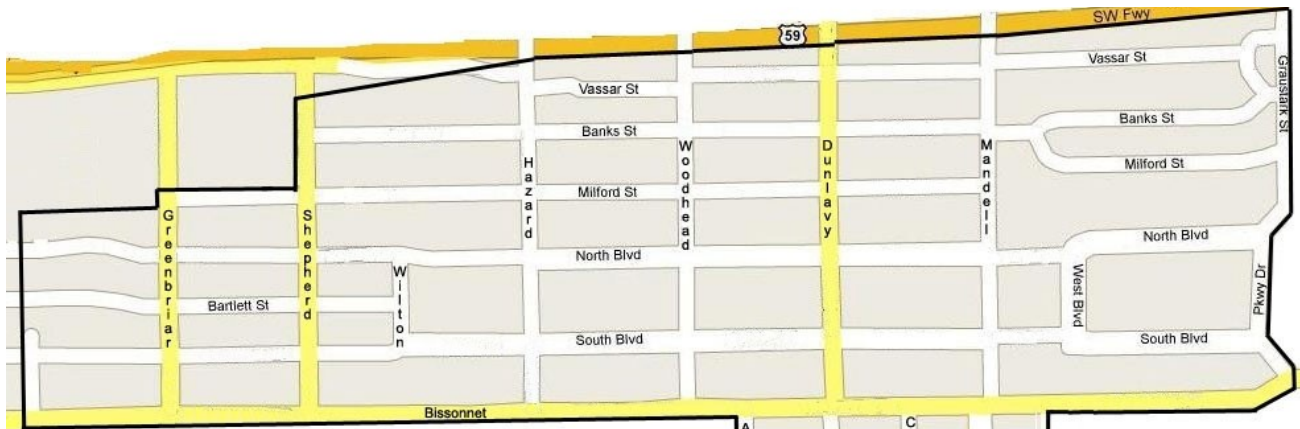


Summer rains have enhanced growth of younger trees throughout the neighborhood and in some instances this growth is now blocking sidewalks. Please check the trees in front of your home for low hanging branches and trim them up at least 7 feet above the sidewalk to ensure safe passage for pedestrians and 7-10 feet above the street to allow for the safe passage of vehicles.

Many Poe Students and their families will soon return to the neighborhood when school resumes on Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> and they will be walking with their children to the school. Please help them get there safely.

## **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.
- 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 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 more information or to join the Advisory Council, please contact us at [info@BoulevardOaks.org](mailto: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. 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](http://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. Most notably, *Stop Ashby High Rise* was founded as a joint effort between residents of Boulevard Oaks and Southampton to prevent construction of a planned 23-story high-rise at Ashby and Bissonnet. This project remains on hold.

**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 also available. Contact us at [info@BoulevardOaks.org](mailto: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 5-member governing board and stays in close communication with the Patrol Service Coordinator when crime patterns arise and sends crime alerts on behalf of the Patrol service 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 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 & Kent and within easy walking distance of Boulevard Oaks. 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 if I already pay annual dues to my subdivision?**

**A:** Working on big-picture items that impact the larger area ensures that all 22 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 HOA assessments, BOCA dues, and/or Patrol subscription fees unless you are part of a mandatory association which assesses for all of these entities. 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 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 (4<sup>th</sup> of July, Easter Egg Hunt, Caroling, Mixers, Graffiti Control, and Beautification. More opportunities are listed on the 2021-22 membership form.*

*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 38 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 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 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.

Neighbors are encouraged to support the *Southamptton / 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 \$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.

**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 Solicitors 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-solicitor sign at your door. Signs are available at local stores and through the BOCA office.

## 4<sup>th</sup> of July Party: Singin' in the Rain!

The annual BOCA 4<sup>th</sup> of July Party went forward despite the light rain on the evening of the 4<sup>th</sup> in the 1700 block of North Boulevard. Neighbors enjoyed the cool temperature, the lovely light breeze, great music, fried chicken, and all of the delicious eats provided by generous and talented neighbors. Revelers danced to the Blenders and sang patriotic songs and danced to our favorites. It was wonderful to see so many neighbors who are new to the neighborhood as well as quite a few who had moved away in recent years.

Not only was the party a success, but this event, which is BOCA's most important fundraiser, brought in record level donations. The new tradition of patriotic yard signs continued this year.

Special thanks to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July team members for their devotion and hard work. This year's organizing team included *Donna, Ken & Dena Yanowski, Helen Toombs, Sue E. Payne, Jennifer DeLange, Sue & Harry Lawson, and Richard Holt*. Volunteers included *Bonnie McMillan & Bruce Coffman, Claire Coffman, Michael Gaydos, Sara Dyke, Doris & John Heard, George Krudy, Sharon & Bob Livitz, Mary & Paul Nugent, Bob Richter, Dave Shine, and Janice & Richard Stuff*. Thanks also to picnic for providing food of the Set-Up Party, and to Sue Payne for arranging the flag display in the esplanades and to Andrew McCain for helping underwrite the band!

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

### Super Stars (\$250 +)

Patricia & Michael Maass  
Richard Holt & Mark McMasters  
Sue E. Payne

### Founders (\$200 & up)

Chuck Bracht & Cheryl Verlander  
Brenda & Joseph Cialone II  
Nancy & Ron Cook  
Sarah & Earl Dyke  
Jeff Finch  
Kerry Galvin  
Marianne & Rob Jones  
Sue & Harry Lawson  
Laura & William Leven  
Sharon & Bob Livitz  
Andrew McCain, N'hood Realtor  
The Nugent Family  
Jenny Mohr & Matthew Parker  
Jenny & Hal Perkins  
Amanda & Dan Pickering  
Jeannette Burg & Tony Riedel  
Sue & Norm Rund  
Maria Sosa  
John J. Toomey  
Rhett & Laura Van Syoc  
Sallie & Bob Wright

### Continental Congress (\$100 & up)

Nancy & Roy N. Aruffo, MD  
Jacque & Kevin Bartol  
Meg & George Basu  
Patti & Jim Bell  
Winnie & Kevin Bonebrake  
Martha & Sam Bowen  
Carolyn Brewer  
David Bryan & Susan Allen-Bryan  
(Allen Brothers Realtors)  
Kristina & Todd Bush  
Susan & Giulio Cattozzo

Nancy & Trey Christensen  
Judy & Bill Crisp  
Bonnie & Dan Cromack  
Richard Brown & Stephen Elison  
Cece & Mack Fowler

Ginsburg Family  
Gary S. Grossman  
Doris & John Heard  
Susan & Ted Hirtz  
Marjorie & Palmer Hutcheson  
Clare & Guy Jackson  
Jean & Rick Jenner  
Pam Higgins & Tom Jones  
Rebecca & Michael Jusbasche  
Betty & Jim Key  
April & Doug Konopka  
Cher & Sam Longoria  
Karen & Mitchell Lukin  
Julie & John Mastroianni  
Sharon & Gregg Mathews  
Diane Morain  
Adrienne & Stefan Murry  
Elaine & Alan Mut  
H. Joe Nelson, III  
Alma & Edward John Novotny  
Brian O'Donnell  
Katie & Bob Orr  
Nan & Bruce Parker  
Bette & Richard Pesikoff  
Brett Pierce & Hannah Smock  
Karen & James Rekieta  
Lauren & Pat Rigby  
Gloria Salazar  
Jolyn & Russell Scheirman  
Calista Schneidau - Schneidau Family  
Camille Murphy & Freeman Self  
Cliff & Michelle Shedd  
Harlene Anderson & Dave Shine  
Ellen Simmons  
Janice & Richard Stuff

Fran & Brad Urquhart  
Roksan Okan-Vick & James Vick  
Vincent Family  
Susan & J. Anthony Walter  
Payton, Ashley, Betsy,  
Maggie & Lucy Wright

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

Heather & Jim F. Avant  
Jennifer Lovric & Omead Adib  
Marci & Mark Arnold  
Nicole Bardoner & Brian Sidle  
Marie & Hayden Burns  
Margaret & Jason Cooper  
Carmen & Calvin Cooper  
Sarah & Daniel Desnyder  
Peggy & John Dwyer  
Brigid & Tom Earthman  
Tarek & Rachel El-Yafi  
Martha & Blake Eskew  
Marion & Gary Globber  
Amy & Hart Goodrich  
Tricia & Steve Grossman  
Sonja Bruszauskas &  
Houston Haymon  
Alicia & Steve Howe  
Linda & John Knudsen  
Evalyn & George Krudy  
Barbara & Larry Lipshultz

The Cornelius - Lough Family  
Katherine & T. Brett Mach  
Shannon & Jamie Mann  
Tonja Martin & Claire Harvey  
Maria & Stephen Metoyer  
Dr. Nora M. Navone  
Bebe Burns & Fred Rhodes  
Robert C. Richeter Jr.  
Emily & Gregg Santoni  
Brenda Schroeder  
Manish N. Shah & Lauren D. Hudson  
Joseph Siff  
Anna Wingfield  
Donna, Ken & Dena Yanowski

### Minute Men/Women (\$25 & Up)

Mary & David Alderson  
Meaghan & Kevin Downs  
Julie & David Baskin  
Terri & Darden Bourne  
Paula & John Cutler  
Lieu Chau & Robert Lee  
Linnie & James McInerny  
Lillian & Oscar Nazareth  
Sheila & Keith Owen, III  
Annita & Newton Schwartz  
Claudia & Richard Toomey  
Kelo & Ken Waldorf  
Lisa Dark & Rick Wilson





## 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 / 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 3-1-1 Helpline**

**or 713-837-0311** from a cell phone, or use the **Houston-311 Mobile App**, or [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](mailto:DistrictC@HoustonTX.gov).** Our Councilmember is the Honorable Abbie Kamin, who also chairs the Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee for City Council.

## 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)

## University Place Association

What is the University Place Association (UPA)? And what does it have to do with Boulevard Oaks?

In 1989 a group of neighboring entities with common interests came together and established UPA Boulevard Oaks is one of those entities and its representatives sit on the UPA Board with reps from other neighborhoods, commercial establishments, and institutions within the boundaries of Kirby Drive, US 59, Main Street, and North Braeswood.

Some of UPA’s goals are:

- Obtain and share information of importance to the University Place community
- Provide advocacy and support for the residents, businesses, civic organizations and institutions in University Place and help them resolve issues of common interest
- Foster coordination and communication between area police and security agencies to keep our community as safe and secure as possible
- Request, monitor and work with the City of Houston, TXDOT and METRO on traffic, transportation, and public works projects
- Maintain close and effective working relationships with city, state and U.S. elected public officials and government agencies on behalf of our community organizations
- Maintain ongoing relationships with city, state and U.S. elected public officials and government agencies and interface with city departments, METRO, the Texas Department of Transportation, H.P.D., T.A.B.C., and other agencies on behalf of community organizations
- Share information and work closely with adjacent entities such as the Museum District, Museum Park Super Neighborhood, Upper Kirby District, Hermann Park Conservancy, and others
- Preserve the character and charm of our unique community

University Place is also a Super Neighborhood and was among the first recognized by the City. It served as the model for the Super Neighborhood program. There are now over 88 Super Neighborhoods in Houston.

UPA board meeting agenda items typically include civic club/neighborhood concerns, Rice Village and Rice University issues, Hermann Park, Texas Medical Center and South Main Alliance plans and projects, traffic, parking, crime and street reconstruction that impacts the area.

For more than 25 years, UPA has hosted Quarterly Security Breakfasts attended by representatives of all neighborhood police forces and private security organizations, Rice University, West U, the TMC, the Constables, HISD, etc. These breakfasts help foster communication and awareness and provide civic clubs and business leaders an opportunity to discuss security concerns that affect the University Place community.

## 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 5 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, the city offers "Tags for Bags" can be purchased at local stores.
- 6) Visit [www.Houstontx.gov/solidwaste](http://www.Houstontx.gov/solidwaste) for more information about the city trash/recycling collection.

## 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, 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. 17 & 31      Sept. 1, 15 & 29**  
**Oct. 12 & 26      Nov. 9 & 23**

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

- ✧ **Heavy Trash: Tree debris** is collected monthly.
- Junk waste** is collected in **even** months only.

Blocks East of Greenbriar: .....1<sup>st</sup> Friday

Blocks West of Greenbriar: .....3<sup>rd</sup> Monday



## Private Trash Schedule

**Edgemont & Broadacres is collected by WCA Waste: 281-368-8397**

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

Recycling.....Friday

Heavy Trash .....By request

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

## BOCA Calendar of Events

- Oct. 5 **Night Out in Boulevard Oaks**  
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Distanced block gatherings are encouraged. Please follow CDC and County guidelines.
- Nov. 2 **Election Day @ Poe Elementary**  
7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Visit [www.HarrisVote.org](http://www.HarrisVote.org) for more information about locations, early voting and ballots by mail.
- Dec. 12 **Caroling Party** 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.  
Tentatively depending on County and CDC recommendations. Please join us for music, caroling, hayrides, Santa and more! See you Sunday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> at the corner of South Blvd. & Hazard.

## BOCA Officers & Directors

(July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022)

<i>President</i>	Radu Tutos
<i>President-elect</i>	Stefan Murry
<i>Vice president</i>	Jennifer DeLange
<i>Treasurer</i>	Bob Wright
<i>Secretary</i>	Helen Toombs
<i>Past President</i>	James Cogan

<i>Directors 2019 – 2022</i>	Joe Cialone Steve Grossman Sue Lawson Julie Mastroianni
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<i>2020 – 2023</i>	Kristina Bush Richard Holt Jean Jenner Sue Payne
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<i>2021 – 2024</i>	Kevin Bonebrake Trey Christensen Katherine Mach Jenny Williams
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### Committees

<i>Deed Restrictions</i>	Julie Mastroianni
<i>Historic Districts</i>	Steve Grossman & 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>	Donna Yanowski
	Sue Payne
	Sue Lawson

<i>Executive Director</i>	Evalyn Krudy
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## Poe SPARK Playground Makeover

This summer, renovations to the Poe SPARK Park Playground included the installation of new playground equipment replacing Poe's 23-year-old structures with slides, climbers, balance beams and more! Funded by the Poe 90th Celebration Campaign and the Spark Park School Program, with in-kind demolition and excavation services from HISD, Poe's Phase 2 playground design allows 123 children to engage with over 30 play activities including sliding, balancing, climbing and spinning events.

Phase 2 installation will be completed with the installation of Poe's Musical Garden, gifted by the Hsieh Family and the Poe PTO Community!



## Help Return Shopping Carts to Area Stores



You may have noticed the proliferation of shopping carts around the neighborhood and on our bridges. Unfortunately, the city does not have an ordinance requiring stores collect their carts. Therefore, BOCA needs help to reunite the carts

with their stores. It's up to neighbors to either report carts to the BOCA office or contact stores directly. The majority of carts found here are from HEB on Dunlavy and from Academy on the freeway. Neighbors are encouraged to reach out to store managers to request that carts are collected. Currently, the City of Houston does not clear carts from streets and rights-of-way, but we have asked Council Member Kamin to consider sponsoring an ordinance to deal with this growing problem.

In the meantime, we have been in communication with management at HEB and Academy about this problem. HEB has been responsive and has agreed to pick up carts every 1-2 weeks. Unfortunately, the response from Academy has been disappointing so far. As a last recourse, carts may be collected by heavy trash.

To report an abandoned cart, please contact our local HEB at [\(713\) 529-2475](tel:7135292475) and ask to be transferred to management to have your request recorded. Or, if the cart is blue, call the Academy store on the Southwest Freeway at [713.874.6020](tel:7138746020) and ask to speak with a manager.

*Recent buyers had to compete with 5 other offers.\**

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