

THE

BOCA NEWSLETTER

Membership Edition

A PUBLICATION OF THE BOULEVARD OAKS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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Letter from the President

Dear Fellow Boulevard Oaks Residents,

This letter comes to you on the heels of our dear friend BERYL who wreaked more havoc on our community than we anticipated. The hardships our neighborhood and city residents endured were unexpected from what was predicted to be a lower-level event. I hope all stayed safe and made it through the days without power or damage to your homes. We as a community need to evaluate what went awry, and I welcome your feedback concerning your personal experience during and after the storm. This will help us best prepare for future events, and hopefully improve on communication and city response. One thing is constant – the resiliency and comradery of neighbors helping neighbors was wonderful to see, and one of the reasons this community is so very special.

The Boulevard Oaks Civic Association (BOCA) was created over 40 years ago to organize the over 1400 households which comprise the area, and to address the issues and challenges that may arise from living in a historic inner-city neighborhood. With the dedicated efforts of our board members and the encouraged feedback and participation of our residents, we strive for one goal – to continue to preserve the beauty and safety of our neighborhoods for years to come.

My husband Rick (who presently serves as the President of Edgemont Civic Association) and I moved to this neighborhood in 2015 into a 1929 Tudor style home at 1660 South Boulevard. During the arduous process of renovation, we wondered "... what have we done?!" We soon realized what a wonderful community of friends we would accumulate and have never looked back. We cannot imagine living anywhere else in Houston and are honored to serve in a leadership capacity.

As my new post begins, I have a few shout-outs. First, I want to thank Evalyn Krudy, (a.k.a. the woman who gets stuff done) for her guidance. Her quick response to all things BOCA whenever issues arise is invaluable and so much appreciated. I would also like to thank and welcome Ace Factor as President of a newly formed West Edgemont Civic Club, which is under the BOCA umbrella of constituent subdivisions. His tireless efforts as well as the generous donations from neighbors successfully staved off the unwanted structure that was to be built at 1701 Banks. Also, kudos to the July 4th Committee

for their efforts in a successful event again. This annual fundraiser is a wonderful tradition, and we look forward to another great party in 2025. Lastly, I am grateful to Stefan Murry, who preceded me as President. His past experience with the workings of a community such as ours, with its challenges like traffic, new construction, safety and the like, will serve as an example to me, and I plan to continue to lean on his advice and wisdom as I strive to serve as best I can. I welcome the new Board members and look forward to working together to address any issues that may arise. Although I have no specific agenda for the coming year, my focus remains on maintaining the safety of our residents, as well as the architectural integrity of our beautiful neighborhood.

In summary, neighborhood associations like BOCA are here to enhance the quality of life of their residents, but cannot do so without continued support from you, both financially and with personal involvement. Please return the membership form with your payment to us in the envelope provided in this mailing, OR visit www.BoulevardOaks.org and click the BLUE "JOIN" button on the homepage to renew or to become a member now. Several levels are available, and we ask that you join at the highest level that your budget allows. Equally as important, if you are not already a Patrol subscriber, PLEASE CONSIDER SUBSCRIBING to the Southampton/Boulevard Oaks Patrol Service (a separate 501c4 organization, with links to the Boulevard Oaks website. Their continued commitment to maintaining safety in our neighborhood is crucial to our well-being and always just a phone call away (713-825-5555).

Lastly, GET INVOLVED on BOCA committees, participate in neighborhood events and meet your neighbors - you won't regret it! I look forward to the privilege of serving you in the coming year.

Best,

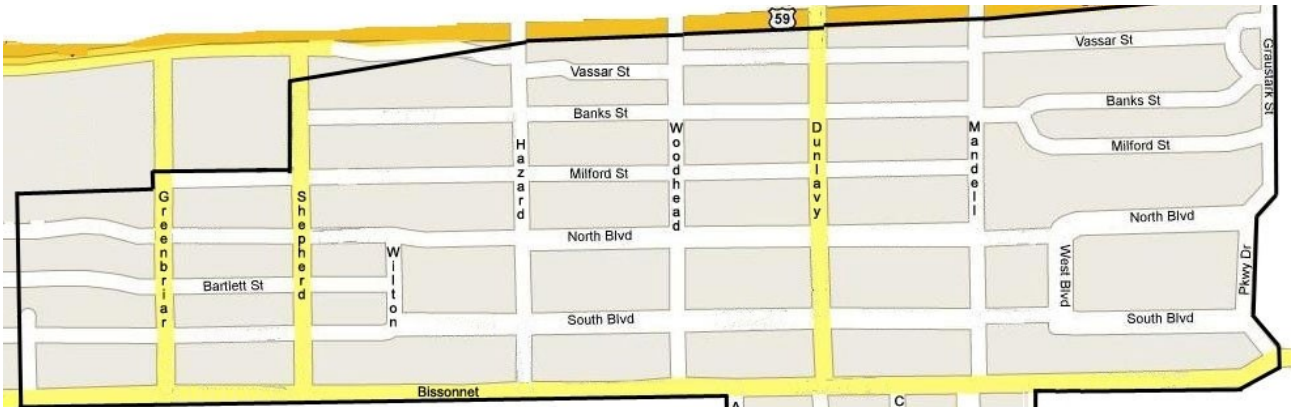
Jean Jenner

Membership Renewal Enclosed

Our fiscal year runs from July 1 until June 30. Please renew your membership, or if new to the neighborhood, we ask that you join at the highest level your budget allows.

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 Boulevard. 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 (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 home to roughly 1400 residences ranging from mansions to modest bungalows, to duplexes and three small

apartment complexes. A handful of commercial establishments now occupy some of the original homes and duplexes on Bissonnet and Sunset. Within BOCA boundaries are two historic districts protected by City ordinances -- the Broadacres Historic District and the Boulevard Oaks Historic District -- 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 about the committee or the Advisory Council, please contact info@BoulevardOaks.org.

Thanks to the strength of these neighborhoods, the efforts of our organization and countless volunteer hours spent during the past 44 years, much of 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. 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 & 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. Most recently there was the effort to prevent a religious dormitory and study center from being built at 1701 Banks St. Other notable efforts included partnering with Southampton to *Stop Ashby High Rise which resulted in a 16-year project delay, fewer stories, and no ground-floor businesses, and left adjacent properties with the right to sue for damages.* the successful effort to implement state legislation to diminish the Texas Medical Center's power of eminent domain. *Prior to those projects, there were efforts to establish city ordinances to minimize impact of cellular towers in neighborhoods, the adoption of the Residential Permit Parking Ordinance, revisions to the Chapter 42 Development Code to allow for the adoption of minimum front setbacks and minimum lot sizes in areas where deed restrictions are silent on these issues, and the formation of the Gateway Houston Scenic District along the Southwest Freeway from 610 to 288, and from Bissonnet to W. Alabama. In the 1990s, the neighborhood also stopped Rick's Cabaret from opening*

a new location on the Southwest Freeway near in the current location of Advantage Storage. In addition, there is ongoing lobbying for area roadway improvements, regular meetings and communication with TxDOT and METRO regarding nearby projects.

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

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

6) Southampton / Boulevard Oaks Patrol

(\$125 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 is a separate entity from BOCA 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 crime. Please see page 6 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)

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 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 assessments for Edgemont and Southampton Estates.]

Q: May I pay for everything at once?

A: At present, there is no way to combine HOA assessments, BOCA dues, and/or Patrol subscription fees unless your home is in a mandatory HOA.

Please Support the Patrol



**SOUTHAMPTON/
BOULEVARD OAKS
PATROL SERVICE**



Established 43 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 provide 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 can make arrests. Many of the Patrol officers are assigned to our area during their regular HPD shifts and know it 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. Contact the Patrol office at 713-825-4558 or submit a request online via the patrol's website at <http://sbps.memberclicks.net>.

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. Subscription requests are mailed quarterly to all Boulevard Oaks households. The fee is \$125 per quarter or \$500 annually.

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.

New 4th of July Party Venue a Sees Record Number of Sponsors

The 4th of July Party took place at 6 p.m. on July 4th in its new venue in the 1600 block of North Boulevard. Over 220 neighbors were in attendance. 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. The organizing team included new co-chairs *Allison Brooks and Vicky Wight, Sue & Harry Lawson, Sue Payne, Kat Robinson, Donna & Ken Yanowski, and Helen Toombs*. Volunteers and helpers included *Susan Allen-Bryan, Stephanie & Brandon Bibby, the Brooks Family, Sonja Bruszaukas (for her stunning rendition of the National Anthem), the DeLange-Szulc Family, Mary Rebecca Dick, Dylan Flores, Dickey Hall, Doris & John Heard, Betty & Jim Key, Hallie Krudy, Sharon & Bob Livitz, Scott Livitz, Linnie & James McInerny, Shirley & Jerry Mills, Adrienne & Stefan Murry, the Nugent Family, Albert Ramos, Janice & Richard Stuff, the Voorhees Family, and the Wight Family*. Declaration readers: *Hallie Krudy, Harrison Lawson, Bob Livitz, Marc Livitz, and Linnie & Jim McInerny*.

Thanks to *Picnic* and owners *Sara & Rob Cromie* for providing food of the Set-Up Party. Thanks also to *Agnes Café/Molly Voorhees* for donating the wine for the party, and to *Eureka Heights Brewery* for the craft beer. And kudos again this year to *Sue Payne* for the flag display in the esplanades, courtesy of the Rotary Club.

Thank You, 4th of July Sponsors!

Founders (\$500)

Meredith & Ace Factor
Cece & Mack Fowler
Marianne & Rob Jones
Sue & Harry Lawson
Sharon & Bob Livitz
Sue E. Payne
Jenny & Hal Perkins
Fran Leighton &
Mark Rothwell

In Kind

Agnes Café & Provision /
Molly & Coert Voorhees
Eureka Heights Brewery
Picnic
Sue Payne

Continental Congress (\$250)

Patti & Jim Bell
Allison & Scott Brooks
Brenda & Joseph Cialone II
Lisa & James H. Cohen
Diane & John Connally
Mary Rebecca & Cody Dick
Tam Huynh & Jeremy Erasmus
Robert Finch
Elaine & Christopher Gibbs
Hannah & Leonard Golub
Linda & Dickey Hall
Richard Holt
Jean & Rick Jenner
State Rep Ann Johnson
Barbara & Larry Lipshultz
Adrienne & Stefan Murry
The North Blvd Nugents
Kelly Apple & Jason Orsak
Jeannette Burg & Tony Riedel
Vicky & Gordon Wight
Sallie & Bob Wright

Sons/Daughters

of Liberty (\$100)
Susan Allen-Bryan
Winnie & Kevin Bonebrake
Mary & Jim Boyles
Marie & Hayden Burns
Susan & Dennis Carlyle
Nancy & Trey Christensen
Dan Cromack
Tom Edens
Patricia & Steve Grossman
Lycht & Adam Gutmann
Sonja Bruszaukas &
Houston Haymon
Betty & Jim Key
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Michelle Ludwig & John Goodrich
Thad & Eric Lueders
Katherine & Brett Mach
Mary Julia & Don Macune
Andrew McCain
Linnie & James McInerny
Elaine & Alan Mut
Clay Neff & Andriena Franceschi
H. Joe Nelson III
Katie & Bob Orr
Judy Penner
Crista & Jonathan Paull
Bette & Richard Pesikoff
Rocky & Carol Revia
Stephanie Reynolds
Laurie & Pat Rigby
Sue Rund
Kaitlyn & Michael Scheurich
The Schneidau Family
Freeman Self & Camille Murphy
Harlene Anderson
& Dave Shine
Janice & Richard Stuff
Roksan & James Vick
Geoffrey Walker
& Ann Kennedy
Mary Jo & Carl Wimberley
Steve & Hillary Ybarra

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Danielle & Justin Amoah
Julie & David Baskin
Terri & Darden Bourne
Mrs. John Flowers
Doris & John Heard
Clare & Guy Jackson
Linda & John Knudsen
Evalyn & George Krudy
Penelope Loughhead
Lillian Nazareth &
Oscar Mascarenhas
Shirley & J. E. Mills
Nan & Bruce Parker
Stanley Price & Clay Hufford
Carol & Andrew Savas
Jolyn & Russell Scheirman
Claudia & Richard Toomey
Karen C. Wilkinson
Donna & Ken Yanowski
Rachel & Will Yao

Patriots (\$25)

Taffi & Joe Bybee
Paula & John Cutler
Dawn Herrington
Julie & Peter Johnson
Jack Meier Gallery
Brenda Schroeder
Kelo & Ken Waldorf



Helpful Numbers & Info

Southampton/BOCA Patrol: 713-825-5555

The Patrol is a subscription-based organization (see page 4) that can assist with issues such as:

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

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 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

<https://www.houstontx.gov/parking>

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

If 311 fails to handle your request, contact the District C City Council office at 832-393-3004 or DistrictC@HoustonTX.gov. Our Councilmember is the Honorable Abbie Kamin, who also chairs City Council’s Labor Committee, and also serves as a member of the Resilience Committee.

Subscribe to BOCA eNews & Alerts

All neighbors are invited to subscribe to our electronic news and crime alerts list. Simply send a message to info@BoulevardOaks.org with your name and address.

City Expands All Plastics Recycling Program

The Houston Solid Waste Management Dept. (SWMD), in partnership with Cyclyx, Exxon Mobil, and LyondellBasell, is excited to announce the expansion of the All-Plastics acceptance program at all six Neighborhood Depositories drop-off centers starting on April 16, 2024. The All-Plastics program was implemented in December 2022 in Kingwood to divert plastic waste from landfills and increase plastic recycling rates. Now the program is available city-wide. Residents are asked to bag all plastics and bring them to a neighborhood depository location, such as the Westpark Recycling Center at Westpark near Fountain View (8am to 5 pm, Monday through Saturday).

This expansion builds on the success of the original pilot program which has already collected roughly 400,000 additional pounds of plastic waste.

“One of the Solid Waste Management Department’s key goals is to be innovative in our approach to diverting waste from landfills,” said Director Mark Wilfalk. “With the expansion of the All-Plastics program, SWMD is continuing our mission to expand opportunities for Houston Residents to increase recycling efforts, including traditionally hard-to-recycle plastics.”



The All-Plastics program will accept all numbered plastics, such as milk jugs, detergent bottles, and shampoo bottles, as well as non-numbered plastics, such as straws, takeout containers, bags and dry cleaner bags, bubble wrap, plastic mailers, polystyrene foam (also known as Styrofoam), packing peanuts and plastic wrap. Other examples include plastic egg cartons, plastic packaging for snacks, cosmetic tubes, bread bags, candy wrappers, chip bags, plastic utensils, plastic fruit cartons, condiment bottles, shower curtains, medicine bottles, shredded cheese bags, Ziploc bags, plastic Tupperware that has reached its end of life, CDs and more.

Labels may be left on, but recyclable plastics should be clean and placed in a large plastic bag. Unbagged items will not be accepted.

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): alternate Tuesdays
- Aug. 13 & 27 Sept. 10 & 24**
Oct. 8 & 22 Nov. 5 & 19



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

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, and/or organize block parties.

Volunteers are also needed for event committees (4th of July, Egg Hunt, Caroling Party, and Mixers. Graffiti Control and Beautification also are in need of volunteers. More opportunities are listed on the Membership form.

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

Neighborhood Calendar

- Aug. 24 **Poe Ice Cream Social, 5:00 pm**
Visit PoePto.org for more info.
- Oct. 1 **Night Out for Boulevard Oaks**
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Outdoor block gatherings are encouraged.
- Oct. 26 **Poe Carnival 10 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 (Poe Elementary)**
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. 21 to Nov. 1
- Dec. 15 **BOCA Holiday Caroling Party**
4:30 – 6:30 p.m. at South Blvd and Hazard. Bring the whole family for fun, Santa and Sleigh Rides.

BOCA Officers & Directors

(July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025)

<i>President</i>	Jean Jenner
<i>President-Elect</i>	Allison Brooks
<i>Vice president</i>	Andrew McCain
<i>Treasurer</i>	Bob Wright
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<i>Historic Districts</i>	Jean Jenner & Geoffrey Walker
<i>Public Works</i>	John Cutler
<i>Trees</i>	Hank Segelke
<i>Website</i>	Dave Shine
<i>Photographer</i>	Vacant
<i>Patrol Reps</i>	Mark Arnold & Trey Christensen
<i>Beautification</i>	Vacant
<i>Caroling Party</i>	Vacant
<i>Mixer</i>	Vacant
<i>Easter Egg Hunt</i>	Bonnie Coffman
<i>4th of July Party</i>	Allison Brooks & Vicky Wight
<i>Executive Director</i>	Evalyn Krudy

Changes to Curbside Yard Waste Collection

Houstonians have new options to make yard waste disposal easier and more convenient. City Council approved the Solid Waste Management Department’s (SWMD) plan to improve the flexibility and convenience for participating residents of the curbside yard waste collection program.

Effective immediately, city-approved biodegradable bags bearing the City seal are no longer required. Residents may now use any 100% biodegradable bag (or compostable bag) that meets the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) D6400 or EN 13432 specifications.

“These programmatic enhancements are a direct reflection of recommendations received from residents and civic groups who support the continued growth of our operations,” said Department Director Mark Wilfalk. Residents may also place curbside yard waste contents in personal reusable refuse containers (excluding city issued 95-gallon refuse carts); or tie and bundle small logs in to 4-foot lengths. Contents in personal reusable containers and bundles of yard waste must not exceed 50 pounds.

The city provides weekly curbside yard waste collection services on the same days as scheduled garbage collection days. Eligible households can participate by placing their materials at least 3-feet away from their regular trash bins or other obstructions on their designated collection days.

As a reminder, service personnel will not collect curbside yard waste mixed with trash, paper, plastic, or any other types of waste. In addition, professional landscaping contractors hired to provide residential services are responsible for hauling away and properly disposing of any debris resulting from work performed.



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Save the Date for Night Out in Texas
Tuesday, October 1, 2024, 6 to 9 pm

Turn on your porch lights and take to the streets on Tuesday, Oct. 1. Neighbors are encouraged to host block gatherings. Please let us know if you are planning an event and we will arrange to have the Patrol and HPD officers visit your gathering.

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