



THE BOCA NEWSLETTER

A PUBLICATION OF THE BOULEVARD OAKS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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Save The Date!

33rd Annual

Boulevard Oaks Civic Association

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 19th, 2025

10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Broadacres Park

(North/South Blvd. @ Parkway)

VOLUNTEERS & SPONSORS NEEDED!

For more information contact us at info@boulevardoaks.org

or visit www.BoulevardOaks.org

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REMINDERS

Hunt begins promptly at 10 a.m. Don't be late!

Children 0-8 years old are invited to hunt for eggs!

Children 9 to 13 can take a swing at a candy-filled piñata!

Letter From the President

Hello all, and greetings! We enjoyed seeing so many neighbors out in the community and admiring the serenity of the rare snowfall just over a month ago, and we look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events soon.

Although the snow was temporary, one constant is the challenge posed by developers and home builders encroaching on our beautiful neighborhood. Houston does not have zoning, and the only thing that protects the character of our neighborhood is our deed restrictions, and for only a few blocks of North Blvd. and South Blvd., Houston's Historic Preservation Ordinance further helps to protect the neighborhood character. It is crucial for all of the subdivisions in Boulevard Oaks, 25 in total, to have clear and enforceable deed restrictions. Our goal is to help ensure that all of the subdivisions enjoy strengthened restrictions where the parameters are clear, and where single-family use cannot be challenged. The process of drafting or updating a subdivision's deed restrictions generally requires legal assistance and can be quite costly. In an effort to jumpstart this process, the BOCA Board recently approved a grant program for subdivisions within Boulevard Oaks to help defray the cost of such an undertaking. The terms of the grant program and form of grant application can be found on our website.

Two Boulevard Oaks subdivisions, Edgemont (Rick Jenner, President) and West Edgemont (Ace Factor, President), are in the process of creating and/or updating their deed restrictions. With the assistance of legal counsel, they have crafted deed restrictions in each case for their unique neighborhoods. They are currently in the process of collecting signatures, which sometimes involves hosted neighborhood gatherings or walking door-to-door with a notary in tow. Representatives of these subdivisions have offered to share drafts of their new deed restrictions and walk through their process with representatives of other subdivisions that are interested in pursuing their own deed restrictions project. You can reach them by sending a message to the office or looking them up on the

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subdivisions contact list under the Deed Restrictions tab on the website.

We are hopeful that the availability of these deed restriction grants will help encourage other subdivisions to initiate the process. If your subdivision is interested in updating its deed restrictions, please reach out to us at 713-528-2622, info@BoulevardOaks.org or President@BoulevardOaks.org and we will provide more information about the grant program and help get you started.

Best,

Jean Jenner, President
Boulevard Oaks Civic Association

Patrol Service Reminder for the Second Quarter of 2025

In addition to maintaining your home, perhaps the most important thing you can do to preserve property values is to support the Patrol Service (SBPS). The Patrol operates on quarterly voluntary subscription from neighbors in Boulevard Oaks, Southampton, and the Extension. Without your participation, the patrol will be unable to continue to provide its invaluable service. If you are new to the neighborhood, you may be unaware that you can call the Patrol to report suspicious persons or have them serve as the first responder for alarm calls, rather than HPD. Patrol officers are nearly always nearby and will arrive much faster than the police. April is the beginning of a new patrol quarter and bills will be sent out soon. Please respond with your subscription. To pay online visit the <https://sbps.memberclicks.net>.



If you are not receiving quarterly reminders, visit the website, or contact the administrative office at 713-825-4558 or SouthamptonBocaPatrol@yahoo.com or. To reach the Patrol officer on duty, call 713-825-5555.

Seeking Fun-Loving Neighbors to Help with 4th of July Party

Special thanks to Allison Brooks and Vicky Wight for throwing such a fun 4th Fundraiser in 2024. This year we are looking for a new chairperson or pair of chairpersons for this year's celebration on July 4 at 6 p.m. A location in the 1700 block of North Blvd. has been locked down. A team of volunteers has signed up to help with many roles including set-up and take-down.



Please consider serving on the committee or in a leadership role to help with this event, BOCA's most important fundraiser, apart from annual dues. For more information, contact us at 713-528-2622, or info@BoulevardOaks.org.

Streetlights on the US59 Bridges to be Turned on Soon



The streetlights on the six bridges over US59/I-69 (Hazard, Woodhead, Dunlavy, Mandell, Graustark and Montrose) have been dark for many months, but through a joint effort between BOCA and neighboring MAMA to our east, and with the help of District C Council Member Abbie Kamin, the bridge streetlights should be turned on very soon. Special thanks to the dozens of BOCA residents who wrote to the Mayor and City Council about this issue. Your voices were heard!

After months of lobbying, neighbors from Boulevard Oaks, along with nearby MAMA and Richwood Place, spoke before City Council in February and asked that the streetlights be turned back on for public safety reasons. At that meeting, Council Member Sallie Alcorn (At-Large 1) mentioned that a solution for the bridge streetlights could be found in the new agreement with Metro to use some of its Police Division funding to restore the streetlights on the bridges. The bridge streetlights had not been on their radar before the meeting.

Although the distinctive color-changing arched lights on the sides of the bridges have been out for years, there is no plan in place to restore them. Last Fall, funding for the restoration of the arched lights was taken from the Houston First budget by City Council and will be used instead to help end homelessness in our city. Hopefully, funding can be located to restore the arched lights in advance of the World Cup in 2026.

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 at least 3 ft. between vehicles and bins to allow automated trucks to collect trash.
- 4) Report Missed Collection to 311 by calling 713-837-0311 as soon as possible. The city has 5 business days to return to collect missed trash once a report is made. It's best to make a report on the same day as missed collection to ensure crews return within the same week.
- 5) Do you have excess trash that won't fit in your bin? "Tags for Bags" stickers can be purchased at local stores.
- 6) Visit www.Houstontx.gov/solidwaste for more information about the city trash and recycling collection.

City Trash & Recycling Schedule

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

Mar. 11 & 25 April 8 & 22
 May 6 & 20 June 3 & 17



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

Private Trash Schedule

Edgemont & Broadacres is 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

Subscribe to the BOCA Listserve

All neighbors are invited to subscribe to our electronic news and crime alerts listserve. Send your name and address in a message to info@BoulevardOaks.org.

Membership Reminder

There's still time to renew your 2024-2025 membership, The FY ends 6/30/25. Visit us at BoulevardOaks.org and click the blue "Join" button or mail a check to BOCA, PO Box 540331, Houston, TX 77254. A proof-sheet of the member listing will be sent in mid-June.

Save the Date
BOCA Annual Meeting
6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Thursday
June 5, 2025
@ Poe Elementary
in the Cafeteria
Everyone Welcome!

BOCA Officers & Directors

(July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025)

<i>President</i>	Jean Jenner
<i>President-Elect</i>	Allison Brooks
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<i>Website</i>	Dave Shine
<i>Photographer</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
<i>Patrol Reps</i>	Mark Arnold & Trey Christensen
	<i>Vacant</i>
<i>Caroling Party</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
<i>Mixer</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
<i>Easter Egg Hunt</i>	Jean Jenner & Maria Metoyer
	<i>Vacant</i>
<i>4th of July Party</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
<i>Executive Director</i>	Evalyn Krudy

BOCA, Site of the Largest Protest of 2025

On Ground Hog Day, February 2nd, an estimated 20,000 people made their way through the streets of Boulevard Oaks to the bridges over freeway in protest over Trump administration immigration and deportation policies. This event came as a huge surprise to the neighborhood and the Patrol, as it had only been publicized on Spanish language stations and social media.

Despite the incredible turnout for the protest, it remained peaceful, with no arrests reported during the 6.5 hours from 3:00 p.m. to 9:30 pm. Crowds trying to access the bridges closed down traffic on Bissonnet as protesters marched from Hermann Park to Ervan Chew Park on the north side of 59 at Dunlavy. The crowd soon spread to the six bridges and closed down traffic on Bissonnet and Richmond for a while, and it also shutdown the Southwest Freeway main lanes when protesters scalded the embankments at Hazard. Traffic was at a standstill for hours, with cars parked wall-to-wall on BOCA's streets from Graustark to Shepherd.



Thankfully, no one was injured or arrested at the protest, and no one in Boulevard Oaks needed to call for an ambulance or the Fire Department. City officials said they were surprised by the large crowd, and therefore police were understaffed. Other agencies such as Sheriffs and State Highway division came to the aid of HPD units in addition to its entire mounted division. It is unknown whether future protests will be held on the bridges or nearby, but police agencies understand that more officers will be needed to direct traffic at events of a similar magnitude.

BOCA has asked the city to provide notification for future events that involve the bridges or a path through the neighborhood so that we can advise neighbors in advance.

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