



The Hockaday Herald

Official Newsletter of Hockaday Neighborhood Association Inc.

Spring, 2016

President's Message



Dear Neighbors,
Spring has definitely sprung in our neighborhood! It is exciting to see our streets full of neighbors out walking and talking. That in mind, please note the street safety tips in this issue!

I am excited to report that our 2016 Annual Campaign wrapped up in early February and we now have more residents as HNA members than ever before! And, we had our greatest increase in Extended Neighborhood Patrol subscribers. We are now up to 77 patrol hours per week, helping to sustain the level of safety we have come to expect and appreciate! Special thanks to Suzanne Horne, our Membership Director, and Connie Campbell, our Safety Director, for such great leadership. All members should have received their 2016 Membership Directory by now. If you have not, please contact Suzanne (thasuz@sbcglobal.net).

For a spring event this year, we are encouraging each block to host an easy gathering to get acquainted with your immediate neighbors, perhaps before the heat kicks in! A safe and friendly block depends on neighbors knowing each other and recognizing each other, our children and even our dogs! Check out ideas on page 4 for ways to get started with little effort or expense and receive great rewards!

As you peruse this issue, you will see our board has been busy as always. To help associate names and faces, check out our 2016 Board of Directors on page 7. When you see these great volunteers out in the 'hood, I am sure they'd appreciate a nice shout out for their countless hours bringing us all the timely news, great events to meet each other and tips on keeping our neighbor safe and special! We also welcome any

and all ideas to improve our neighborhood – so, please contact any one of us with questions and ideas.

Best,
Susan Parker
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Upcoming 2016 Events

May 9 (Monday) 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Private Jesuit Museum Tour (page 3)



July 4 (Monday) 9:30 a.m.
Parade and Celebration
(Important details forthcoming)



October (a Sunday*) 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Annual Fall Picnic (* Date TBD shortly)



Open date ~
Your block's 2016 event!
(see page 4)



Welcome New Neighbors!

Alta Vista

4646 – Tara & Clinton Flume*

Goodfellow

4428 – Melissa & Derek Kramer*

Hallmark

4311 – Amanda & Aaron Brown

4529 – Jane & Tab Haley

Northaven

4227 – Angela Monger & Jorge Gonzales

4301 – Amy & John Scanio

Strait

11484 – Claudia & Tommy Habeeb*

*New HNA Member ☺

Spotlight on Joan Boddie



HNA recently enjoyed visiting with long-time neighborhood backbone Joan Boddie. Below for your inspiration are excerpts from our conversation.



HNA: Joan, profound thanks for all you have invested in the neighborhood over many years, and for sharing thoughts today. Lots of questions, but would you first tell us what got you involved initially?

Joan: Through the VIP [Volunteers in Patrol]. I started patrolling early-on in the program, shortly

after [husband] John joined the VIP, and it got me engaged in the neighborhood. I got to know our other patrollers, what was happening in people's lives, where people lived, which houses were changing hands—it felt like a neighborhood. And I would run into those neighbors in other places and that made Dallas seem smaller and friendlier.

HNA: That's a good plug for getting involved in HNA! Hopefully people will take note. Joan, how do you feel about our crime watch efforts since the VIP isn't currently active?

Joan: The VIP was effective in lowering our crime rate, and the ENP [Extended Neighborhood Patrol] is helping keep it down now. I really think close-by neighbors are more important than anything. Maybe I'm just nosy, but when we know our neighbors, we know what's normal, and we at least can call 911 if we see something out of the ordinary.

HNA: That's being nosy in a good way! Joan, before we leave the subject of the VIP, one of the board members recently noted we need to replace some missing or damaged alley address signs, which the VIP used to manage. What do you suggest?

Joan: The alley signs are very useful. They are a safety feature too. [911/emergency responders rely on alley

address identification.] Over time people replace their fences and aren't careful to save the signs. We need to inventory missing signs and order new ones every once in a while. I would be glad to help.

HNA: Thank you so much! You're hired! Now Joan, people can see your name listed in HNA's directory as a past president, but we know you've directly nurtured our traditional events too. Please tell us about that.

Joan: The fall picnic started as a VIP event honoring the patrollers, and it grew into a neighborhood-wide event. That and the July 4 parade got to where they almost ran themselves once a few things were lined up. I would just make about four phone calls.

HNA: Oh right, we're onto you! Your handprints are all over those traditions. Your grounding has kept them operating smoothly and has let them grow upon a strong foundation under other leaders. Now please tell us about our Membership Directory and your part in that. It is such a coveted benefit of our Association.

Joan: John Moore faithfully produced our Directory for many years before me. I took it on when he was asked to serve as president, and I did it for six or seven years. Since then it has been in good hands with Courtney Joyner and now Bob Horne.

HNA: Would you tell us something most people don't know about you?

Joan: I'm still working fulltime!

HNA: More history on you professionally, please, and details on what you do now!

Joan: I joined UT Southwestern in the '60s as a lab tech and have been there since. I rejoined the faculty full time in 1974 when I finished my PhD. I am Chief of Biostatistics in the Department of Clinical Sciences. We help with research projects. Alzheimer's research is one concentration. My team is the lead data coordinating group for Texas' Alzheimer's Research and Care Consortium. We also do the salary equity research for the University. And I teach grad students and young physicians about statistics.

HNA: This is striking, Dr. Boddie. And John is a doctor too, correct?

Joan: Yes. John and I actually met through our PhD studies back when. We both are statisticians.

HNA: So you're Dr. and Dr. Boddie.

Joan: Yes. There are lots of doctors in our neighborhood actually. People would be surprised how many notable professionals live here.

HNA: We are thankful for both you and John for volunteering your valuable time so freely. Joan, you've clearly been gifted with some special administrative and leadership gifts and we are grateful you've invested them in us in so many ways.

Joan: Well, John has always said I don't just participate in something, I take it on and run it. I think it's just that the things I'm involved in become a part of me. It's hard for me to sit and just be a participant.

HNA: How do you see HNA, now that many faithful leaders are getting old!, and how it's evolving?

Joan: It's all good. We get stuck in our ways. It's always time for innovation. We are lucky our new officers have fresh ideas. They are adding new, good things to neighborhood traditions.

HNA: We've had suggestions for additional HNA activities too, but it's hard to find coordinators.

Joan: People tend to get involved when they're part of something. It's hard to say to someone, here's an idea, now you go do it. But I'm happy we **do** have new people involved on the board who are coming up with good things and taking charge. I think it's good.

HNA: What are you able to give more time to, now that HNA isn't consuming as much of it?

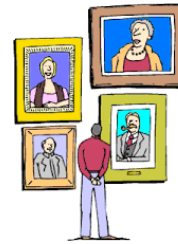
Joan: Working full time takes more energy now. I'm still active with my sorority alum group. John and I like spending time with friends. And I'm the family accountant and financial advisor. I love gourmet cooking and traveling too, but don't do those so much now. I still collect cats and cookbooks—we're cat people and have about 100 cats around the house, although only two are live, Heidi and Harry Potter.



HNA: Thank you, Joan, for sharing with us, for your legacy, for being a great neighbor, and for continuing to serve as a director on the board. We are grateful for your humble wisdom. ◆

Discover Nearby Treasures May 9

Did you know, a literal stone's throw up Inwood from the 'hood, **Jesuit College Preparatory School** hosts an outstanding museum of visual arts?



Find out about it! Join neighbors for a **private tour** with docent and HNA friend Diane Eudy on **May 9**. Meet at **10:30 a.m.** in Jesuit's main lobby (pull in off

Inwood; the main doors are by the flag pole.) You will need to show photo ID at security desk. We've asked for an abbreviated tour to hit just the high points in one hour.

Jesuit Dallas Museum is distinguished by the depth and range of its art collection of over 500 pieces, including works by Salvadore Dali, R.C. Gorman, Robert Rauschenberg, Diego Rivera and Dale Chihuly.

To join us to see these treasures, please email Ann Gravseth: agravseth@sbcglobal.net. If you are interested but this date is not good for you, let Ann know and we'll help you work out an alternative time.

Please Post House Numbers

HNA urges all residents to post their address numbers on or near the house, and/or on the curb. This is a safety feature, and also aids package delivery and helps friends and neighbors find you.



Membership Approves All Annual Meeting Proposals

The **2015 Annual Meeting** Call was emailed on November 2nd and hand delivered to those with no email. A follow-up with all information and attachments was emailed on November 10th. Voting closed at midnight November 14th. The Membership unanimously approved all proposals—2014 Minutes, 2016 Budget, and 2016 Slate of Officers. Thanks to all members who participated!

Host a Meet 'n Greet on Your Block

As the President's message and calendar note, we're encouraging individual blocks to organize their own localized social events this year.

For example, **Hallmark** plans to repeat the easy and successful front-yard gathering it held last year around a circle drive, where everyone chipped in snacks.

Block Party Idea

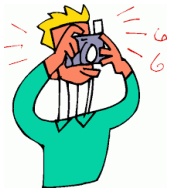


Chips/Dips * Ice Cream on a Stick *
Adult beverages if you like * Water *

Keep it simple, make it fun. Enjoy your neighbors. Check the directory for emails to send out the time that works for you and your block.

Ann Gravseth shares a Cedarbrush tradition:

"On a Sunday evening this past December, **Julia and Stan Denegre** hosted the 25th (at least) annual Cedarbrush Christmas party! The Denegres also hosted back in 2003, when they were new to the 'hood. Forty neighbors attended last December, and were treated to a beautifully "refreshed" home, with much of the work done by son Stanhope's construction/remodeling team and the design work done by the very talented Julia. They welcomed an eclectic mix of folks, much like our wonderful 'hood, with old timers (along with several of their millennial children!) as well as younger families enjoying the festivities. We each brought a favorite appetizer, and there was plenty of food and drink for all! The Denegre "kids" were both there, Stanhope with his bride Katie, and Amelia, who is in medical school, with her fiancé! Another great time was had by all – just another reminder of why we love livin' in our 'hood."



We know of other traditions among Hockaday neighbors. Please send us a short paragraph and photo of your gathering to share and inspire others. (Send to martyforte@sbcglobal.net for future newsletters or e-news.)

With fellowship even once a year, relationships with neighbors take root. Please consider getting something started—on your whole block, part of the block, or just a few neighbors you don't know well enough yet. Every such connection enhances the benefit and enjoyment of this fabulous Hockaday Neighborhood.

Board Shares ENP Anecdotes



Gathering for a recent meeting, HNA Board members chatted about our ENP program. Several shared recent personal experiences that make them ready to continue supporting the program.

Ana Harshaw became concerned observing kids up to no good on the street. She and Rob called ENP. Moments later the kids had cleared out.

Gretel Kelly observed some lurkers and became uncomfortable. She and Robert called ENP. The officer came immediately and the lurkers vanished.

Because of construction workers on site late near their home, **Peggy Reppe** was uneasy when she and Rod were out one night and their daughter was home alone. They called ENP around 10:00 p.m. The ENP officer immediately checked everything out and called them back. It made the family feel much safer.

Thanks to our residents who subscribe to ENP. The more subscribers we add, the more patrol hours afforded member households for quick responses such as noted, and the safer the entire neighborhood.

To subscribe, please contact Safety Director **Connie Campbell** at dallascampbells@sbcglobal.net.

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Good Shepherd Episcopal Church/School community is finalizing plans for a parking lot on the north side of the Church and extensions to the nave, all part of the original plans for the complex. The leadership wishes to build as little as possible, be under construction for as little time as possible, maintain the design aesthetic of the campus and feel of the neighborhood and preserve as many trees as possible. When final plans are approved, Good Shepherd will post them with a construction timeline to their website and Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/GSECdallas>. Look for those around mid-May.

Construction In the 'Hood

No getting around it, there's a lot of construction in our Neighborhood, and construction is messy, noisy, causes traffic congestion and is an irritating nuisance. Below are considerations that could help residents and builders get along.



Expectations of Builders. Builders must:

- Manage their projects consistent with the City of Dallas Development Code—which limits allowable work days and hours, noise, trash containment and debris on the street;
- Post allowed work days and hours on builder signs that are visible from the street;
- Moderate loud music off the job site;
- Contain trash—in a pile, plywood box or metal trash container;
- Prevent or manage and quickly remove excessive trash off the site and trash, debris, concrete, nails and other hazardous materials on the street.

If you live immediately adjacent to a construction site, monitor the exposed side of your house, yard, sprinkler, fence, and trees for damage during the construction period.

- Construction workers should leave your driveway entrance and immediate surrounds free of vehicles that restrict your entry and exit or reduce your safe line of vision to see oncoming traffic.
- Construction vehicles generally should not occupy alleys for more than a few minutes. There are exceptions such as during the plastering of a pool.



Note: Walking construction sites should be off limits for neighbors, as there is a multitude of dangerous conditions that can easily result in serious injury or damage. **Children do not belong on construction sites.** If you wish to see the building, ask the builder for permission or for a tour.

Suggestions for working with Builders

While residents should expect builders to operate consistent with the Code and these guidelines, it is helpful to recognize they are challenged with managing a variety of contractors and suppliers during the course of construction. They would appreciate our giving them some discretion and time to address concerns.

- If you believe an item warrants addressing, start with a phone call to the builder. The Code requires the builder's phone number be posted on the sign in the front yard.
- Feel free to leave your name and number and ask for a follow-up call.
- When you see the builder on the street, you may choose to mention your concern and ask about a corrective action.
- Allow enough time for the concern to be addressed. Most builders can and will respond to your concern and address/correct the item within a day.
- If, after a couple phone calls, a conversation and little time, your concern is not addressed, or there are significant, repeated problems, it would be appropriate to call 311 and report the concern.

It's almost always more effective and pleasant to approach a builder first to address a concern. Keep in mind that construction is a measure of interest in the neighborhood. Building and significant remodeling adds value to our properties and helps to keep the neighborhood vibrant.

Our thanks to HNA's own Jim Nisbet for his vital contribution to this piece.

Construction Around the 'Hood



Construction at **The Lamplighter School**, visible from Forest Lane (immediately east of The Hockaday School), pertains to its first campus expansion in over 20 years—a new barn and an



Innovation (science) Lab. The 10,000 square foot Lab will feature a teaching kitchen, environmental science classroom, robotics lab and woodworking classroom. The 1,625 square foot barn will provide new classrooms and a new chicken coop, designed to support the School's signature "Lamplighter Layers" chicken-raising and egg-selling entrepreneurial business managed by the fourth grade students.

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Top 10 Tips for Fire Safety

By *Connie Campbell, Safety Director*



1. **Watch your cooking.** Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling or broiling food. If you must leave the kitchen, turn off the stove. 50% of house fires start in the kitchen.
2. **Give space heaters space.** At least 3 feet from anything that can burn. Turn off heaters when you leave the room or go to sleep.
3. **Smoke outside.** Better yet, don't smoke!
4. **Keep matches and lighters out of reach of children.**
5. **Inspect electrical cords.** If they are frayed, split or damaged, replace them.
6. **Install smoke alarms.** A minimum of one alarm per level of your home. Inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas are very important. Interconnect them all so that when one sounds, they all sound. It is a myth that the smell of smoke will awaken you. Smoke does not draw you out of your sleep, only an alarm will do that.
7. **Have a home fire escape plan.** Go over with everyone living in your home. Discuss the #1 and #2 exits. Arrange a specific "meeting place" (a particular neighbor's front porch, for example) so that you can communicate to fire fighters who is missing and where they might be in the home. Teach children to crawl low on their belly to an exit, underneath the smoke. It's a great idea to practice this drill in the dark in case a fire occurs in the night.
8. **Be careful when using candles.** They should be one foot from anything that can burn.
9. **Test smoke alarms.** Replace batteries once per year. January 1 is a good date. Smoke alarms that are ten years or older should be replaced. Did you know the fire department will install your smoke alarms for you if you are unable?
10. **Install sprinklers.** If you are building or remodeling your home, install residential fire sprinklers.



Fire extinguishers are effective and affordable. Keep one in your kitchen for grease fires. Many of us were taught that baking soda is effective for extinguishing a small grease fire, but the fire department recommends smothering the fire with a pan lid – but **ONLY** a small fire that you know you can control.

Otherwise, turn off the heat source and call 911, or use your home fire extinguisher if you feel capable of handling the fire.

Following the program, I came home and checked the issue date on my kitchen fire extinguisher which was located in the farthest dark corner under my sink... 1994?! Heading to Lowe's today to buy a new one!

Note: Who could ever imagine that a presentation on Home Fire Safety could be so entertaining? **Ana Harshaw** and I attended the January District 13 Crime Watch Meeting at the Town North Y, where **Dallas Firefighter Anthony Jacobs** gave us the short presentation. If you need to book a speaker for a club, school or any other community gathering, we highly recommend you contact Anthony Jacobs at anthony.jacobs@dallascityhall.com. He is dedicated to community education, and boy did they choose the right guy for the job. Intelligent, articulate and entertaining! You can't believe how hard we laughed while LEARNING.



Emergency Safety Tip: Know your Neighbors!

What if there's an emergency at your house when you aren't home? We recommend you get to know your immediate neighbors, **exchange mobile numbers** with them and be on the lookout for one another.

Suggestion: Download the **Know Your Neighbors** form from the HNA website to record contact information of your adjacent neighbors and keep it accessible—such as in your HNA directory (hockadayneighborhoodassociation.org).

Out for a Walk in the 'Hood? Be safe!



As we have no sidewalks, if you walk in the street, please walk on the side where you are **facing oncoming traffic**—the left side of the road. This gives you the best chance to see approaching vehicles and to take evasive action when needed.

(When bicycling, ride in the same direction as automobile traffic—on the right side.)

Sources: *Texas Transportation Code § 552.006; about.com/health; saferoutesinfo.org.*

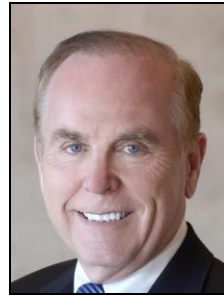
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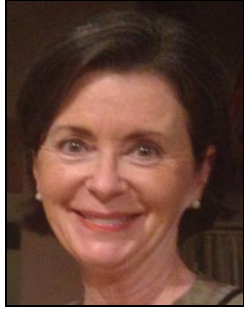
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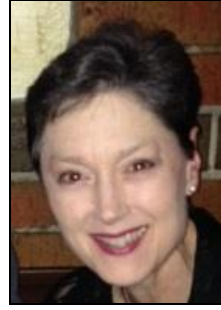
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Update from Councilmember Gates



2016 continues to bring new developments, projects and changes to District 13. In my office we welcomed my new assistant, Carolyn Williamson. Originally from Dayton, Ohio, Carolyn is finishing up her Masters in Public Administration at UNT.

The condition of streets and alleys are a priority to me. Several projects just completed or in progress in the Hockaday area—portions of Inwood, Royal, Walnut Hill and Strait—require partial reconstruction. This includes removal and replacement of large, failed sections and placing new concrete. Please contact us if you would like details about a particular project.

The Northaven Trail expansion is on track to link the trail from White Rock Creek Trail west to Denton Drive. When completed, Northaven Trail will reach over eight miles, connecting multiple neighborhoods in District 13 and beyond. The City is currently confirming alignments with stakeholders.

Recently, the City's Sanitation Services Department has not met expectations for quality of service in the Hockaday Neighborhood. Our office has been in contact with the Director, and corrective actions and verifications are underway and will continue until collection issues are resolved.

Sanitation Services has launched a new mobile app for residents to find their collection schedules and sign up for reminders. The app is free to download on all Apple and Android mobile devices. It allows residents to receive a personalized collection calendar and automatic reminders via email, tweet, voice mail or text. Find it at www.DallasBulkandBrush.com.

Spring brings beautiful weather and lots of opportunities to get outside and enjoy what Dallas has to offer. Find more information about fun outdoor events and more at www.dallasparks.org. Do not hesitate to contact the District 13 office for any issue; our office is happy to help in any way we can.

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Hockaday.Nextdoor.com



Nextdoor Hockaday is a private, interactive website managed by HNA as a service to our residents. Currently 310 residents within the Hockaday Neighborhood have joined. Many are surprised at how useful the site is for contractor recommendations, lost and found pets, info on events of local interest and many other real-time interests. To become a member, email **Hanne Sagalowsky** at Hanne@Ebbby.com.

In Memoriam

Tom Anding, November 2015

Jo Mynett, January 2016

Tom Wiese, January 2016

Former HNA Residents

Dick O'Connor, November 2015

Mary Jo O'Connor, January 2016

Extended Condolences

**Bill and Mary Miller in the loss of their son,
Bill Miller II, December 2015**

HNA Purpose

To promote and advance the common good and general welfare of Hockaday Neighborhood's residents and surrounding community, including the beauty, safety and stability of the Neighborhood, while fostering civic engagement, neighborliness and pride among the residents.

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