



# The Hockaday Herald

Official Newsletter of Hockaday Neighborhood Association Inc.



Year-in-Review, 2017

## President's Message



Dear Neighbors,

The mild temperatures throughout early December made it seem more like the end of summer than the beginning of winter, but cooler weather is finally here, the holiday season is upon us and the end of

2017 fast approaching! Amidst all the busyness of the season I hope you make time to remember good times with friends and family, the passing of loved ones who enriched our lives and the neighborhood, and the blessings we enjoy living in Hockaday.

HNA's large class of "rookie" board members in 2017 brought fresh ideas and new energy to the board, initiating new events and reinvigorating old ones. No longer rookies, many of last year's class, plus some newly elected directors, have stepped up to board leadership roles in 2018 to help perpetuate the vibrancy and strength of community that makes Hockaday neighborhood such a great place to live. This also means several long-serving directors are "retiring" from their positions at the end of 2017. In particular I want to recognize the outstanding contributions of three people: Don Thomas, Treasurer; Marty Forté, Director-Communications; and Ann Gravseth, Director-Civic. Each brought dedication, professionalism, and innovation to their roles, and laid the groundwork for smooth transition to the next generation of leadership. Read about all the leadership changes on page 6.

Several new events and programs are in the works for 2018 including a new family-friendly event in late summer/early fall, funding to help blocks organize

block parties, and the sale of sponsorships in the 2018 Member Directory. Check out details elsewhere in this newsletter.

While you are making resolutions for 2018, I invite you to add "engage more in the neighborhood" to your list. Attend HNA events, get a group of neighbors together to plan a block party, or volunteer to help with HNA activities. And keep a look out for new neighbors, welcome them to the neighborhood and invite them to join you at the next HNA event!

All the best to you and your families for happy New Year!

**Karen Wiese**

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### Welcome New HNA Members!

#### Alta Vista

4748 – Matthew & Christina Soderberg

#### Goodfellow

4329 – Michael & Megan Solis

#### Cedarbrush

4420 – Nicholas & Elisa Iwasko

#### Hockaday

4226 – David & Kelley Tiffany

4421 – John Wu & Vicky Zhou

New members since the printing of the 2017 Membership Directory.

# Annual Events Keep Getting Better!

## Fourth of July Event Prevails

The neighborhood brought its spirit as many neighbors came out to celebrate at Hockaday and along the parade route, with decorated bikes, trikes, and scooters in tow!



Top: Grand Marshall, Honey Maher.  
 Center: Boy Scout Color Guard.  
 Bottom left: Patriotic pooch!  
 Bottom right: Bruce Newsome & State Rep. Jason Villalba

## Fall Picnic with a Twist

For the first time ever, we gathered in the Alta Vista Circle cul-de-sac with neighbors and friends! The event was a huge success as we came together to enjoy BBQ, paint pumpkins, throw bean bags, and have our caricatures drawn!

Big thanks to Marianne Percy (event chair), Amy Scanio and Steve Eggers for coordinating, and to the residents of Alta Vista Circle for allowing us to use their circle and for assisting with the event!



Above: Margot Murphy (far left) assisted with the pumpkin painting



Above: HNA kids wait patiently to get their caricature drawn



Right: Councilwoman Gates and Marianne Percy

Below: Family of Eddie Carter  
 Bottom right: New members Mike & Megan Solis



Thank you to Bruce Newsome for your leadership of this event, to your committee and your family for helping, to The Hockaday School for its faithful generosity in hosting this tradition, and to the 'Hood for participating.

## New in 2017

### First Ever Spring Stroll

On a glorious spring day in May, HNA hosted its first Spring Stroll, an event designed to get people out walking and mingling with old and new neighborhood friends along a designated route.



The stroll started with frozen treats from Kona Ice. Then five homeowners hosted “stops” with each featuring something special – a game or guest experts on topics such as gardening, bicycle safety and the Northaven Trail. Thanks to Tricia Barlett (event chair), Tim Sutherland and Chad Alexander for coordinating, and to our hosts: the Uber, Ordinario, Lichliter, Squires and Sutherland/Perkins families.

### New Website Launch: [www.myHNA.org](http://www.myHNA.org)

This year saw the soft launch of a brand new HNA website by our new Webmaster, Bob Horne. If his name sounds familiar, it is. Bob is the husband of HNA Director-Membership, Suzanne Horne. Since taking over as Webmaster in early 2017, Bob moved the HNA website to a new platform, procured a new, easier-to-remember-and-type website address and added greater functionality.



The website provides digital access to neighborhood information, HNA’s event calendar, Board contact directory and other information such as helpful city and local contacts. If you haven’t already, visit the website at [myHNA.org](http://myHNA.org) to see what it offers!

## Looking Forward to 2018

### NEW in 2018! Block Party Fund!

HNA members approved a 2018 Budget which includes funding to support Block Parties.



Hallmark Block party in May of 2016.

Knowing your neighbors helps promote a safer neighborhood with a stronger sense of community, which translates into Hockaday being a very desirable place to live! To encourage residents to get to know their neighbors better, HNA will provide reimbursement of expenses up to \$175 to blocks that host a block party in 2018. If you have been wanting to get the neighbors on your street together, now’s your chance. Be a catalyst for deeper friendship and good neighborliness on your block. Contact Karen Wiese, President at [tk3aw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tk3aw@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

### New Sponsorship Opportunity for Your Business

As a HNA member, you can now promote your business within our neighborhood in the 2018 Member Directory. What a great way to let our neighbors know about the professional services and companies represented within our own neighborhood. Directory sponsorships are available for \$250 for a half-page space, 5" x 3.75" (WxH). Deadline for inclusion in the 2018 Directory is January 31, 2018.



To confirm your spot or learn more, contact Don Uber, Director-Sponsorships, at 214-679-0135 or [donuber@sbcglobal.net](mailto:donuber@sbcglobal.net).

# Improvements All Around Us!

## The Scoop on Forestwood



Rendering of the new Forestwood Development.

Below are highlights of progress to date:

- Last tenants moved out September 23 with generous move out incentives.
- Trident Response Group (founded by a Navy Seal) were hired to handle security until construction starts. They may conduct training exercises in the empty buildings, but no noticeable impact to neighbors!
- Expecting final plat approvals and funding secured by mid-December to get started as soon as possible.
- Asbestos abatement will begin mid- to late-December. Once abated, demolition will be done by zones through April or May, followed by rough grading of the property.
- They are working to minimize impact to surrounding neighbors including dust mitigation and pest extermination (an inherent issue with teardown of harbors such as walls and foundations)
- May require minimal traffic lane closures on Forest, Inwood or Willow for utility connections on the street, but construction on-site will not require further lane closures.



To learn more and stay up to date on progress of the Forestwood Development, visit the website at <http://www.forestwoodfaq.com>.

Thanks to **Susan Parker** for attending these meetings and providing these updates on the project!

## Breaking new Ground on Northaven Trail

On December 9, Phases 2B & 2C broke ground, with the help of some very cute diggers!



This phase is set to span nearly four miles from Denton Drive to Cinderella Lane. The budget totals \$5.7M,

contributed as follows: \$2.3M from Federal/State, \$2.8M from Dallas County, and \$0.5M from the City of Dallas. Estimated completion for this phase is September 2019.

For more information and updates, follow [Friends of Northaven Trail](#) on Facebook or refer to the [Northaven Trail Website](#).

## Your Real Estate Update

### Hockaday is H-O-T

Given the hotter-than-Texas streak we've been on the past few years, it's hard to imagine North Texas real estate continuing at a steady growth rate for much longer. However, according to Realtor.com, DFW is projected to have an additional +6% growth in 2018, coming in second nationally only to the Las Vegas market.

Hockaday	# Sold	Sold Price (Median)	Sq Footage (Median)	Lot Size (Median)	Days on Market
CY 2017	26	\$ 712,000	3,423	0.382	18
PY 2016	15	\$ 640,000	3,407	0.374	20
YoY Δ	73%	11%	0%	2%	-10%

As for 2017, our Hockaday neighborhood certainly saw a boastful increase in not only the number of homes sold (+73% from PY), but the sold price (+11% from PY). In addition, the houses sold faster, spending 10% fewer days on market, for a median 18 days before selling. That is still record fast!

*Amy Scanio, Communications Director & Realtor*



## How to Keep the “Happy” in Happy Holidays

*Follow these tips from Rebecca Ordinario, Safety Co-Director, to keep our homes and belongings safe over this holiday season.*

**Let everyone know about your fantastic holiday travels AFTER you return!** I am just as guilty as anyone about this, but posting pictures online of your amazing trip while you are gone is not a good idea. It alerts everyone that you are gone. Yes, we would hope that no one we are “friends” with on our social networks wouldn’t help themselves to our belongings while we are away, but you can never be too careful. Show us all your fabulous photos upon your return.

**Stop mail and newspaper delivery while you are gone.** Burglars typically aren’t looking to come into a home when someone is home. If you have newspapers or mail stacked up, it is a green light for the burglars to come on in and see what you have for them. Even if you stop the mail and newspaper, please ask a neighbor to be sure it is not being delivered as a back-up. Sometimes the postman or paper delivery person may not get the notice you are gone.

**Have someone retrieve your packages that are delivered.** Make sure you set up alerts on your phone when items are delivered. I know Amazon and other companies have this option.

**Alert ENP that you will be out of town . . .** that is if you are a member of the Extended Neighborhood Patrol (ENP). Requesting extra ENP patrolling for your home provides added security that someone is actually keeping an eye on your house while you are gone. Not yet an ENP member? Become one in January during membership renewal.

**Make your house look like someone is home.** Lights on timers are good, but it also is not a bad idea to have a neighbor stop by your house and turn on and off outside and interior lights, and show some activity around the house. Don’t want to bother a neighbor? I know this would be a great money-making opportunity for some of our teens in the neighborhood.

**Be a good neighbor.** If you see papers, mail or packages overflowing on your neighbor’s porch, please be kind and collect the items for them (be sure to let them know you took them so they don’t think they’ve been robbed!). If you see something suspicious in the neighborhood, call the police!



I hope these tips will help deter our local burglars from victimizing any of our neighbors this Holiday Season. Have a safe and happy holiday!

*Rebecca Ordinario, Co-Director of Safety*

## WANTED! YOU!

HNA has exciting plans for 2018, but we need your assistance.

Volunteering with HNA (either a lot or a little) is a great, fun way to meet and get to know more of your Hockaday neighbors. Contact

Karen Wiese or any of the directors to volunteer or offer ideas. Board directors are listed in the membership directory and on the website [myHNA.org](http://myHNA.org).



### Following are some of the ways you can help:

- Photographers at HNA events
- Newsletter/Email Update Contributors (material or ideas for articles of community interest)
- Event committee members/set up/take down
- Standing committee members (see director chairpersons on page 7)

## Board Leadership Changes in 2018



### A HUGE THANK YOU!

goes to three long-time board members who have made

major impacts on HNA through their longevity on the board and the breadth of their assignments.

**Don Thomas** (center), long-time Hockaday resident and local realtor, answered the call of then President Joan Boddie to serve as Treasurer. That was 12 years ago! Board directors have come and gone, but Don stayed on as Treasurer, performing his duties with dedication, trustworthiness, humor and grace. HNA's long history of clean audits tell the story. Don is "retiring" from the board this year to focus on his business, family and hobbies. He and new Treasurer, **Ken Gilbert** started working to ensure a smooth turnover of HNA's finances as soon as the votes were tallied for the 2018 Board.

**Ann Gravseth** (left) joined the board many years ago and served in various positions including VP, President and for the past two years in a position she inaugurated: Director-Civic acting as liaison between HNA and city and county entities. Ann retired this year from a career in sales and marketing (most recently with Aflac). She started volunteer teaching English as a Second Language (ESL) to adults once a week this fall through Literacy Achieves. Ann's an avid golfer, something she'll now have more time to do as she rolls off the Board at the end of this year and turns Director-Civic over to **Lee Williams**.

**Marty Forté** (right) has worn many hats as a long-time board member. She was first elected to the board in 2002 and served as President 2003-2004. For many years Marty served as HNA Newsletter Editor, eventually taking HNA into the digital age as the wizard behind the excellent Constant Contact email communications that have kept all of us informed of HNA events, as well as city and county happenings impacting our neighborhood. Marty remains on the

Board as a Director-at-Large in 2018, but is busy transitioning her Director-Communications job over to new Board director, **Amy Scanio**.

### *New Director Assignments in 2018*

2018 will see three new Director assignments. **Bruce Newsome** is our new Vice President, to be nominated as President in 2019. **Steve Eggers** was just elected as our first Director-Logistics to manage and store HNA equipment. And in December the Board appointed **Don Uber** to the new Director-Sponsorships, in charge of selling sponsorships in the Annual HNA Member Directory (see the related story on page 3).

### *More Transitions and Thanks*

Thanks go to Vice President **Sharon Protzmann**, and Directors-at-Large **Gretel Kelly** and **Tim Sutherland** for their service as they roll off the Board at the end of this year.

**Charlie Kirgis** "retired" as HNA Webmaster, turning the job over in early 2017 to **Bob Horne**. The board thanks Charlie for his invaluable service in designing and maintaining the old HNA website.

**Hanne Sagalowski** and **Suzanne Horne**, who coordinated the Annual Fall Picnic for many years, turned over their well-organized files and responsibility for this fall's picnic to **Marianne Percy** and her committee, **Amy Scanio** and **Steve Eggers**, to carry on this much loved HNA tradition.

Thank you to **Maureen** and **David Kirgis** for again sponsoring the annual HNA Holiday Food Drive for North Texas Food Bank.

*Thank You!*

## Greetings from your Incoming HNA Board of Directors



**Karen Wiese,  
President**



**Bruce Newsome,  
Vice President**



**Lane Reed Jensen,  
Director Welcome**



**Steve Eggers,  
Director Logistics**



**Chad Alexander,  
Director-at-Large**



**Tricia Bartlett, Secretary**



**Ken Gilbert, Treasurer**



**Sharon Barbee,  
Director-at-Large**



**Nancy Burke,  
Director-at-Large**



**Marty Forte',  
Director-at-Large**



**Amy Scanio, Director  
Communications**



**Suzanne Horne, Director  
Membership**



**Ana Harshaw,  
Director-at-Large**



**Susan Parker,  
Director-at-Large**



**Marianne Percy,  
Director-at-Large**



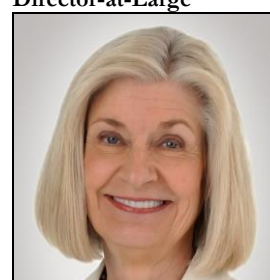
**Chelsea Lichliter,  
Co-Director Safety**



**Rebecca Ordinario,  
Co-Director Safety**



**Peggy Reppe,  
Director-at-Large**



**Hanne Sagalowsky,  
Director-at-Large**



**Eric Shaffer,  
Director-at-Large**



**Don Uber, Director  
Sponsorships**



**Lee Williams,  
Director Civic**



**Gail Vesledahl,  
Director-at-Large**

## Membership Approves All Annual Meeting Agenda Items



Fifty-nine households participated in HNA's 2017 Annual Meeting. All agenda items were approved unanimously—2017 Annual Meeting Minutes, 2018 Budget and 2018 Slate of Officers. The "virtual" meeting format continues to work well for us when there have been no unusual business items to discuss. A higher percentage of member households participate in online voting (about twice as many) versus when annual meetings were held in person. Thanks to all who voted this year!

## Hockaday.Nextdoor.com



Nextdoor Hockaday is a private, interactive website managed by HNA as a service to our residents. Currently close to 400 members in 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@DavePerryMiller.com**.

## Updates from Councilmember Gates



If you are not receiving our Councilmember Jennifer Gates' e-updates directly, you can be added to her distribution by contacting her assistant Carolyn Williamson at

**carolyn.williamson@dallascityhall.com**  
(214-670-3816).



HNA Membership Renewal time is around the corner. Look for a membership packet in your mailbox in early January!

## *In Memoriam*



**Evelyn Osborne – March 2017**

**Mary Gibbons – April 2017**

**John Boddie – April 2017**

**Bill DeWitt – May 2017**

**Herby Keeter – June 2017**

**Pete Protzmann – August 2017**

**Jean Ann Billings – August 2017**

## 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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