

# The Hockaday Herald

Official Newsletter of the Hockaday Neighborhood Association Inc.

Fall, 2011

## President's Message

Hello  
Neighbors,

I always say this is Dallas and therefore when it's summer, it's hot. This year it was a little hotter than hot, but it's over and soon we will have frost on the pumpkins—followed by north wind and perhaps an ice storm. But this is not a weather report, at least not any more.



Since our last visit we have had our Independence Day parade, complete with inspiring patriotism, three-legged races, hula hoop contests and snow cones galore. We just had our fall picnic replete with a bounce house, a bounce slide and barbeque galore.

Besides the fun (which by the way is work for the likes of Hanne Sagalowsky and Joan Boddie), we have done some semi-serious business: Thanks to Connie Campbell's leadership, we have begun a clean-up of our dilapidated, falling-down brick entrance things. And we have a good looking Hockaday sign topper for you to vote on at the annual meeting.

We are looking at liability insurance for the Association.

Our VIP patrollers are faithful and the ENP police patrol keeps growing stronger.

What else have we done? Not much—approximately nothing.

After such a successful year, I have decided to run for president of the Association again. We have a finance committee, are preparing for debates, writing speeches and ask you for your vote. Marty will continue to do the work.

This is a great neighborhood.

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## Upcoming 2011 Events

**November 29 (Tuesday), 7:00-8:15 p.m.**  
**HNA Annual Meeting**  
Parish Hall, Good Shepherd Episcopal

**December 1 – 24**  
**HNA Holiday Food Drive**  
Drop-off @ Florez home, 4439 Alta Vista

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## Want to Get More Involved in Our Special Neighborhood?

The slate of 2012 HNA leaders is under construction. If you are interested in serving on the board or a committee, or wish to nominate someone, please contact Joan Boddie at [joanboddie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:joanboddie@sbcglobal.net) or 214-352-6454. HNA members will vote on the slate at the Annual Meeting.

## HNA Begins Brick Entrance Repair By Connie Campbell

HNA has embarked on step #1 of a phased maintenance program to address the decaying brick work in the common areas of our neighborhood. The wall that runs the length of Forest from Welch to Midway, along with the street endcaps along Welch, were installed circa 1960. Fifty plus years later, we have some wear and tear issues. We started repair work at perhaps the most visible and unsightly site—the planter and wall section at the corner of Forest and Welch. The Board was unanimous in approving funds for this first repair. as it also allows us to observe the work of the contractor who offered the most reasonable quote. The Board is discussing further repairs of the wall section further down Forest Lane where the Goodfellow alley intersects. Much of the decay along Forest is (thankfully) hidden behind the screen of shrubs and trees. **See photos at right →**

Forest and Welch "Before":



Forest and Welch "After":



### Constitutional Amendment Election November 8, 2011

Last day to apply  
for ballot by mail: **Tuesday, November 1**  
(application must be *received*  
by Dallas County Elections)

Early Voting  
by personal  
appearance: **Monday, October 24 –  
Friday, November 4**  
(Vote at any Early Voting location  
The closest location to HNA is  
Marsh Lane Baptist,  
10716 Marsh @ Royal.)

ELECTION DAY: **Tuesday, November 8**  
(Precinct 1115's official polling  
location is scheduled to be open at  
John Calvin Presbyterian)

\*Download a mail ballot application and find a sample ballot and a listing of Early Voting locations on [www.dalcoelections.org](http://www.dalcoelections.org). Find links to various analyses of the proposed amendments, go to the Secretary of State's website at [www.sos.state.tx.us](http://www.sos.state.tx.us).

Further Forest Lane repair to be considered:



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## Board Urges Attendance at HNA Annual Meeting

### Sign toppers up for vote by membership

The HNA Board urges you to attend the Annual Meeting from 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. Tuesday, November 29, in the Parish Hall at Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd (Midway at Northaven).

Our Councilwoman **Ann Margolin** will be there to field questions.

Also prominent on the agenda will be a vote on the proposed sign toppers.

All who attended the fall picnic saw a mock-up, and feedback was without exception very positive. The HNA Board has overwhelmingly approved the following motion to be voted on at this meeting:

*Recommend to the membership a \$6,000 appropriation to cover production of 40 sign toppers (35 for initial installation and 5 extras) and installation at each of 35 intersections within the traditional HNA boundaries, designed per mock-up displayed at October 2, 2011 picnic.*

Note: "Traditional HNA boundaries" are Forest to Northaven and Strait to Midway. This is consistent with the area commonly associated with the Hockaday "neighborhood."

If you missed the related article in the spring issue of the *Hockaday Herald* and would like more background on this proposal, please contact Marty Forte' at 214-350-0789.



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## HNA Plans Second Annual Holiday Food Drive

The HNA will host its second annual Holiday Food Drive benefiting the North Texas Food Bank (NTFB) from December 1—24.



Based on last year's tremendous success, we want to join together once again to reach our goal of 1,500 pounds—the equivalent of 1,500 cans of food!

This three-week food drive will enable the NTFB to provide food to families and area pantries during the New Year's holiday and throughout January when the NTFB experiences a significant shortage.

**The drop-off location is 4439 Alta Vista Lane at the home of Heidi and James Florez.**

Please leave food items in bags on the front porch. Pre-paid credit card gift cards, grocery store gift cards and checks made out to the North Texas Food Bank are welcome – every dollar provides three meals and goes towards the 1,500 pound goal. If the monetary option is more convenient during the busy holiday season, please put the item in an envelope in the mailbox slot next to the front door.

The food will be packed in NTFB boxes and the organization will receive the boxed food and monetary collection the week of December 26.

### THE TOP 10 MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

1. Canned meats/tuna/chicken/ham
2. Soups/stew/chili
3. Dried/canned beans
4. Nuts/peanut butter
5. Hot/dry cereals/cereal bars
6. Canned vegetables/vegetable soup/juice
7. Canned/dried fruits/100% fruit juices
8. Healthy snack items (crackers, pretzels, pudding)
9. Evaporated/powdered milk
10. Baby food/infant formula

*(Food Drive...continued on page 7)*

## Dallas City Budget – Arts, Libraries & Swimming Pools Increase Funding

By Councilwoman Ann Margolin



When I last wrote, the City Council had completed most of its work on the city budget for fiscal year 2012, which began October 1st. As I said then, it is a no-tax-increase budget that is fairly austere while covering basic services.

**Public Safety:** The budget will add 200 police recruits to cover attrition and get us closer to 3 officers per thousand residents. It will add 200 fire recruits to reduce overtime and improve response time; refurbish 19 ambulances and replace 2 fire trucks and five engines.

We have been able to make some adjustments to the preliminary budget in areas that were of great concern to city residents due to increases in funds that are anticipated from certain fees. These adjustments are as follows:

**Libraries:** The materials budget has been increased by \$140,000. Before this increase the budget was at 20% over the current year. This brings it up to about 30% above the current year to \$2.14 million which is still very low by historical standards. Libraries will remain open 40 hours per week.

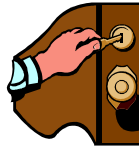
**Arts:** Funding for arts organizations had been cut by 10%. By adding \$296,000 it is now at the funding level of the current year. In addition, \$153,500 was added to the city's payment to the AT&T Performing Arts Center which brings it to \$1,653,000. This brings it closer to the \$2.5 million originally agreed upon (given availability of funding).

**Sustainable Development:** This department handles building inspection and other functions that have been extremely understaffed. It is critical that this be properly funded to handle permits and inspections for developers. An additional \$175,000 will add two positions to this department.

**Swimming Pools:** An additional 5 swimming pools will be open part time that were not funded under the preliminary budget.

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## Help Fight Crime



### Lock doors, get to know neighbors

**Be careful** to keep front and back doors, gates and garages closed and

locked, and exterior lights on. Open gates and garages have resulted in a string of recent burglaries in our area.



North Dallas neighborhood crime watch leaders have initiated quarterly meetings to discuss how to fight crime together. During the first meeting on October 17, 2011, much discussion centered around activities that help neighbors get to know one another—as one of our best crime deterrents is watching out for our neighbors. Anyone can take initiative and organize a social for neighbors on his or her block or street. Various crime watch leaders noted successful wine & cheese get-togethers, dog 'n dessert nights, chili cook-offs, and pot luck dinners where a host provides hamburgers and neighbors bring favorite sides. **Great ideas!**

**Beware of scammers:** Solicitors have recently made rounds in our neighborhood claiming to work for "Justenergy" and proposing people lock in a good energy rate by signing contracts with them. This has been found to be a scam in signing people to five-year contracts at rates higher than any other energy company (TXU, Atmos, Reliant, etc.) Another example of scammer tactics. **Be careful!**

**Join the ENP:** We are seeing more home break-ins of late. Extended Neighborhood Patrol (ENP)'s police patrols are on duty 66 hours per week, but that still leaves 100 unpatrolled hours. Please consider joining the ENP so we can increase our police patrol hours. 2012 invoices will be mailed in mid-November. Contact Connie Campbell for details: [dallascampbells@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dallascampbells@sbcglobal.net) or 214-358-3462.

### Congratulations to Walt Durham

HNA congratulates immediate past HNA president Walt Durham on his marriage to Linda Myers on June 11<sup>th</sup>. We are sad to see him move out of the 'hood. But Walt and Linda, please come back for all our special events! We wish you many years of healthy, happy, blessed married life!

## HNA Enjoys Tradition of July 4 Parade and Celebration



Thanks to the Dallas Fire Department and Boy Scout Troop 577 for leading our parade!



Participants and spectators enjoy patriotic music and all the contests, led by our beloved DJ Bill Cody.



The sno-cone stand—back by popular demand, with even more flavors!



The Darren Smith family can nearly constitute its own parade!

## HNA Congratulates its 2011 Eagle Scouts



**Jeffrey Bartlett**, son of Terry and Tricia Bartlett, who raised money for and built wooden benches and shelves for Community Partners of Dallas for their service to abused and neglected children.



**Conner Glogowski**, son of Paul and Elizabeth Glogowski, who designed, built, stained and installed eight six-foot bookshelves for the children and faculty of St. Mary of Carmel elementary school.



**Christopher Harshaw**, son of Rob & Ana Harshaw, who created the plan for, cleared and landscaped the front yard of a convent owned by St. Rita Catholic Community.

# HNA Families Love the Fall Picnic

October 2 brings perfect weather



Bounce slide endures a steady stream of sliders of all ages!

One at a time, please!!

No way--all together now!!



Below: HNA president Robin Forte' & Marty

Above Top: HNA Secretary Mary Beth Callahan and "original homeowner" Jo Mynett greet neighbors

Middle: HNA past presidents Walt Durham (far left) and Tom Brown (2<sup>nd</sup> from right) reminisce with Tom Comerford and Jean Brown.

Bottom: HNA Director/Auditor John Wellik & wife Susan dine with Karen & Tom Wiese.



A good time was had by all...to the very end ☺

## Neighborhood Baby, Pet and House Sitters Available



HNA keeps a list of neighborhood young people (and adults) who are available for baby/child sitting, house checking, pet care, errands and other chores:



<b>Jeffrey Bartlett, 17</b>	214-357-6026	Baby sit; house check; Pet care; chores
<b>Adam Bartlett, 15</b>	214-357-6026	Baby sit; house check; Pet care; chores
<b>Leah Bartlett, 13</b>	214-357-6026	Baby sit; house check; Pet care; chores
<b>Chandler Burke, 16</b>	214-373-9550	Baby sit; house check; pet care
<b>Meredith Burke, 14</b>	214-373-9550	Baby sit; house check; pet care
<b>Alex Eggers, 14</b>	214-350-4301	House check; pet care
<b>Amanda Eggers, 16</b>	214-350-4301	Baby sit; house check; pet care
<b>Meghan Harshaw, 14</b>	214-368-0453	Baby sit; house check; pet care
<b>Pete Henderson, 13</b>	214-358-2668	Baby sit; house check; chores
<b>Kendra Wiese, 21</b> (summers, holidays only)	214-537-2535	Elder, child, pet, house sitting; plants, errands
<b>Kevin Wiese, 18</b> (summers, holidays only)	214-352-8751	Pets; chores; lawns; errands; plants; baby sit
<b>Allen Wiese, 14</b>	214-352-8751	Pets; chores; lawns; plants; baby sit



If you or your child would like to be added to the list, or if you would like a copy of the up-to-date list, please email **Janice Henderson** ([jyhendo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jyhendo@sbcglobal.net)). To be added, please include the

following information: **name, age, phone, email and specific services offered.**

The list will be available by email to HNA members only, and an updated list will be included in the next issue of the *Herald*.

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*(Food Drive...continued from page 3)*

We hope everyone will help put food on the tables of many families in need. Thank you for your participation and support! After the food drive, we'll let you know how many pounds of food the HNA donated.

## HNA Member Professional Listings

**J. Scott Quinby, MD** — 214-820-7010

Baylor Dallas Orthopaedic Surgeon  
(Co-Director, Baylor Sports Care Cartilage Restoration Center)

Specializing in: Shoulder and knee arthroscopic surgery/replacement; sports medicine; cartilage restoration of the knee; fracture care for adults and kids.



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(no charge)

## In Memoriam

HNA mourns the loss of precious neighbors since our last newsletter was issued. The listing below includes those of whom we are aware.

**Jim Riddle** (April)

**Liz Dodd** (June)

**Joe Kiran** (August)

*If you are aware of omissions, please advise:  
martyforte@sbcglobal.net.*

## HNA Officers and Directors ~ 2011

Office	Office Holder
President	Robin Forte'
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**Watch for 2012 Membership Renewal form to be distributed with hard copy of this newsletter. This newsletter is being e-mailed early to those who have given us an e-mail address.**

## Crime Watch Contacts



For information on HNA's VIP (Volunteers-in-Patrol) Crime Watch operation, please contact **John Boddie** at 214-352-6454 or **weldon\_B@sbcglobal.net**; or **Charlie Kirgis** at 214-904-9107 or **charleskirgis@hotmail.com**.



For information on the Extended Neighborhood Patrol operation in the Hockaday Neighborhood-Royal Northaven-Les Jardins Estates area, contact **Connie Campbell** at **dallascampbells@sbcglobal.net** or 214-358-3462.

## Newsletter Guidelines

Submit material for *The Hockaday Herald* to **martyforte@sbcglobal.net**. We invite member news!

HNA members also may submit listings or ads for:

- Professional services of an HNA member;
- Member child's money-making endeavor (e.g., baby sitting, pet or house care);
- Member child's service project;
- Philanthropic endeavor of HNA member or child.

Ads and listings must be approved by the Board. Advertisers must be HNA members; the Board may approve exceptions. Business-card-sized camera-ready ads are \$20 apiece.

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