

The Hockaday Herald

Official Newsletter of the Hockaday Neighborhood Association Inc.

Fall, 2013

President's Message

Texas in August—what can I say except that we were lucky in July! Seriously, our neighborhood is active and beautiful even in this heat. I am sitting here on



August 3 looking out on our back yard—two redbirds are circling the putting green while two squirrels are dancing on the fence. Out front there are two walkers ambling by and four—yes four—baby kittens playing under the bushes (maybe some of you will have adopted a new pet by the time you read this)!

We have already enjoyed two of our three HNA Social Events for 2013, and a great time was had by all who participated! The inaugural spring "Discover Backyard Treasures" garden tour was a rousing success (hold the date for 2014—April 13), and I understand that the 4th of July parade (we were OOT) was as patriotic as ever. Don't miss the Fall Family Picnic on Sunday, Oct. 20. The HNA Event Year culminates with our 3rd annual "Christmas Food Drive"—details to come!

These events cannot happen without volunteers—and more importantly they cannot grow and evolve without NEW volunteers bringing ideas and sweat equity. I am reminded of the anonymous quote, "Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer." Please call or email any of your officers/directors to get involved. It can be helping set out chairs for the picnic, volunteering for VIP Patrol, or coming up with a new event idea for next year!

See you in the 'hood—be sure to welcome any new neighbors and ask them to join HNA and ENP—and tell them that volunteers are welcome!!

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P.S. I had the privilege of attending a welcome brunch for our City Council rep, Jennifer S. Gates. She is delightful—open, questioning, and eager to tackle both neighborhood and city issues now. She is involved with noise issues at Love Field, and is working to see that the Northaven Bike Trail comes West sooner rather than later! Other District 13 neighborhood association leaders also attended; I got lots of positive comments about our neighborhood—its look and its safety! Get involved to help keep our Hockaday Neighborhood a great place to live.

Upcoming Events

September 12 (Thursday), 5:00 / 6:30
Rep. Villalba Open House/Town Hall
10210 N. Central Expy, Suite 220

September 28 (Saturday), 6:00 p.m.
The Hockaday School Open House

October 20 (Sunday), 4:00-6:00 p.m.
HNA Annual BBQ Picnic
The Hockaday School grounds

December 3 (Tuesday), 7:00-8:15 p.m.
HNA Annual Meeting
Parish Hall, Good Shepherd Episcopal

April 13, 2014 (Sunday) — *Save the date!*
HNA Discover Backyard Treasures

Welcome New Neighbors!

Heather & Chad Alexander
11717 Welch

Brittney & Todd Barton
4422 Alta Vista

Beth & Rick Davis
4447 Alta Vista

Laurel & Kris Fitzgerald
4548 Alta Vista

Janice Haney
4340 Northview

Rong Zeng & David Hong
4550 Hallmark

Michelle & Jan Kuehnemann
4502 College Park

Shannon & Jim Nadalini
4628 College Park

Anne & Mark Robinson
4351 Hallmark

Ruth & Mark Talkington
4748 Hallmark

Steve Thompson
4340 Hallmark

*We are thrilled to have you in the 'hood
and look forward to getting to know you!*

ENP Update

By Connie Campbell



Currently, 155 of our neighbors within the Hockaday Neighborhood are ENP members. Along with RNA and Les Jardins neighbors to our south, we now have 66 hours of police coverage per week! Each new household we can add as a member will afford us additional patrol hours for our three neighborhoods.

The crime statistics at our recent City Council District 13 Crime Watch meeting showed an increase in home burglaries in District 13. **Chief Pughes** reiterated the following points:

- Keep garage doors closed at all times.
- Lock doors at all times and secure sliding glass doors.
- Install motion detection lights, especially in back of home.

Several of our neighboring associations are having a terrible time with "fencing operations"—organized groups of thieves sent into areas to steal rear seats and tires from SUVs and trucks. Please continue to burn your porch and perimeter lights from dark 'til dawn, and park your cars as far up your driveway as possible. Always avoid parking cars on the street at night!

For ENP membership information, please contact HNA's ENP liaison, **Connie Campbell**: dallascampbells@sbcglobal.net.

HNA Construction Site Ordinance for Issuance

If you are building or remodeling your home, please remember HNA requires **all vehicles associated with a construction project to park on the same side of the street as the project**. A "flyer" version of HNA's Ordinance is posted on our website (www.hnavip.org). Homeowners or

their respective HNA Block Captains should download, print, and place the Ordinance on the windshield of any violators. The requirements of this Ordinance are necessary as a safety precaution and for the flow of motor traffic.



It Must Be in the Water!

By Julie Eggers

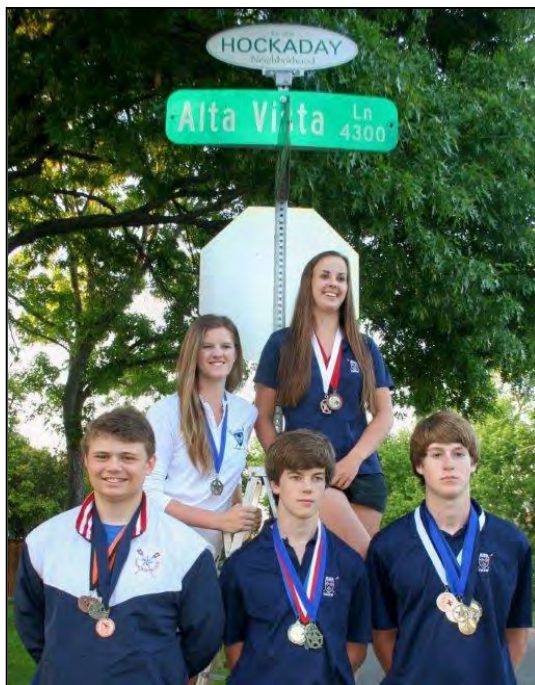
With about 350 high school rowers in the Dallas area, what's the probability that five of these athletes not only live in the Hockaday Neighborhood but also live on the same block of Alta Vista Lane? **Aidan Brockie, Laura Lynn DeLoache, Amanda & Alexander Eggers,** and **Michael McCrory** are these five rowers and have lots of medals to show for their hard work this past year. Aidan is a Junior at The Shelton School and rows for the Dallas Rowing Club, Laura Lynn is a senior at The Episcopal School of Dallas and rows for Founders Rowing Club, and Amanda, recent graduate, Alexander, junior, and Michael, senior, are all members of Episcopal School of Dallas Crew. These talented student athletes row at Bachman Lake where they practice sculling. Sculling is a form of rowing in which a boat is propelled by one or more rowers, each of whom operates two oars, one held in the fingers of each hand.

Scullers compete in singles, doubles and quads. Bachman Lake is the home to two rowing clubs, Dallas Rowing Club and Founders Rowing Club and five local high school teams, Cambridge Crew, ESD Crew, Hockaday Crew, St. Mark's Crew, and Ursuline Crew. White Rock Lake hosts the larger teams of Dallas United Crew, White Rock Rowing and Jesuit Crew. The larger teams at White Rock compete mainly in sweeping events in which each rower uses both hands to operate a single oar on either the port or starboard of the boat. Sweep rowers compete in 2's, 4's or 8's with or without coxswains. Rowing clubs not affiliated

with a specific high school are open to any area high school student and provide the opportunity for all interested students to participate in this rewarding sport.

Rowing is a sport requiring skill, synchrony, mental toughness, physical fitness and endurance. Similar to running sports of cross country and track, Crew is a two-season competitive sport with long distance 4000-5000

meter head races in the fall and 1000-2000 meter sprint races in the spring. Dallas teams compete mainly in Austin and Oklahoma City in both fall and spring. This year culminated with the Texas State Championships in Austin in April, the Central Youth Regional Championships in Oklahoma City in May and the US Rowing Youth National Championships in Oakridge, TN in June.



Back (left to right): **Laura Lynn DeLoache** and **Amanda Eggers**
Front (left to right): **Aidan Brockie, Alexander Eggers, Michael McCrory**

Included in the numerous medals sported by these successful athletes are three Texas State Championships, Laura Lynn (Varsity Women's Quad), Michael (Varsity Men's Quad), and Alexander (Men's JV Double); two Regional Championship, Michael (Varsity Men's Quad)

Alexander (Men's U-17 Single), and two respectable showings at US Nationals, Michael (Varsity Men's Quad—14th) and Amanda (Women's Varsity Double—12th). If you live on Alta Vista, it just might be time to consider rowing since success is obviously in the water!

For more information on how your son or daughter could participate in crew, you are welcome to email Julie Eggers at julieeggers@sbcglobal.net.

Mark Calendars to Attend HNA's Annual Meeting

We are pleased to announce that our district's new State Representative **Jason Villalba** will speak to HNA members at our Annual Meeting on Tuesday, December 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Please plan to invest in Hockaday Neighborhood by participating in this meeting!

Bat Houses Available to Mitigate West Nile Risk in the 'Hood

By Meghan Harshaw



My name is **Meghan Harshaw**. I'm from Girl Scout Troop 306 and I'm working on my Gold Award project. I decided to build bat houses to put up in our neighborhood as a means of preventing West Nile Virus. West Nile Virus is transmitted by a bite from an infected mosquito. It's especially a problem here in Dallas. In 2012, there were nearly 700 confirmed cases in the United States, 25% of these cases reported from Dallas County. Our city started spraying harsh chemicals that kill mosquitoes, but also kill good bugs. I wanted to find a green and sustainable way to combat the mosquitoes. I found that a single bat will eat up to 3,000 mosquitoes per night, and a bat house can hold up to 50 bats. With 10 bat houses in our neighborhood, almost 1,000,000 mosquitoes could be eaten each night!

I have 8 bat houses left to give away, free of charge. Each bat house comes with installation instructions and tips on how to prevent West Nile Virus. If you would like a bat house, please contact me at 214-368-0453 or by email at aharshaw@sbcglobal.net.

Thank you!
Meghan

Further notes from Meghan:

Bat houses should be installed on a building or on a fence, but not in trees, because bats wouldn't see them. The bat houses would do well anywhere in our neighborhood. Something to keep in mind is that the bats will drop their waste out of the house, so one wouldn't want to put their house over a seating area, for example. These and other notes are mentioned in the installation instructions that come with each house.

Meghan Harshaw lives in the Hockaday Neighborhood with parents Rob and Ana. She attends Ursuline Academy.

Representative Villalba to host Open House and Town Hall



Celebrating the conclusion of the 83rd Legislative Session and the opening of his District Office, State Representative **Jason Villalba** invites you to an **Open House and Town Hall**:

Thursday, September 12

5:00 p.m.—Open House with refreshments

6:30 p.m.—Town Hall with brief remarks

10210 North Central Expressway, Suite 220
(northbound, between Meadow and Walnut Hill)

HNA Invited to Hockaday School's Centennial Kick-off

Our thanks to **Kim Wargo** (Headmistress of The Hockaday School and HNA member) for keeping HNA updated on progress of the School's Centennial facility improvements. You should have received the recent update letter, which invited Hockaday Neighborhood residents to the project's kick-off event. We hope many from the 'hood can attend to show support and to learn about the facility renovations and additions:



Centennial Kickoff Parade & Concert
6:00 p.m., Saturday, September 28
Fireworks, parade and food trucks!

We also appreciate the School's actions to mitigate traffic issues inevitably associated with construction. Likewise the School leadership appreciates the cooperation our residents are showing them in the course of this major construction project. The Hockaday School is a generous and gracious neighbor and we are grateful for the cooperative relationship between it and our residents.

Neighbors Relish Inaugural *Discover Backyard Treasures* Tour



Hockaday Neighborhood was alive and atwitter on May 5th. Many walked or biked the backyard tour, visiting with neighbors along the way and amidst the gracious hospitality of our six host families who opened their backyards that lovely afternoon. The event was a huge success with a resounding call to establish a tradition.

Left: Backyard host **Ann Gravseth** (third from left) with the Paul Heard family, on the Gravseth's backyard putting green!



Backyard hosts:
Left—**Connie Campbell** (left) with Susan Parker
Above—**Cyd Stevenson**
Right—**Don and Karen Thomas**

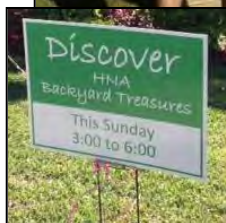


Above left: Backyard host **Mignon Jones**.

Above right: Neighbors **Dottie Fanoni** and **Jack Roper** enjoy the tour.

"This is the most time I've been able to spend with my neighbors in four years! I'm loving this! And now I know more neighbors than I did this morning!"

--HNA member *Michelle Mew, on tour*



Hosts **John and Kristen Seely**, by their waterfall!

HNA-RNA Enjoy Long-Time July 4 Tradition



Left—**Knox and Brooklyn Hickey** do a little business at the parade line-up point. Above center—**Matt Slay** (RNA) enters the parade driving his 1964 Comet. Above right—**Bob Bowie** prepares to enter parade driving his 1957 Ford Skyliner. Immediately below—Scenes from the parade. Below the fire truck—Many line up at the Hockaday entrance to watch parade arrive!



Immediately above left—Spectators **Jane Mulberry** and daughter & son-in-law Lynn & Jim Stroud.

Above that and right—Part of the set-up crew, L-R: **Marty Forte**, **Susan Parker**, **Hanne Sagalowsky**, **Courtney Joyner**, **Mary Beth Callahan**, **John Wellik**, **Joan Boddie**, and **Kathy Zibilich** (RNA President).

Immediate left—Young scouts **Vivian Quinby**, **Sidney Garcia** and **Evan Graeme** lead pledges and anthem on Hockaday grounds post-parade.

Right and immediately above—Neighbors enjoy games and refreshments at the Sno-to-Go stand!



Stay tuned and plan to participate in July 4, 2015! Surprises are in store!

**HNA's Private Website
Useful for Referrals**



Many of your neighbors take advantage of HNA's private website, hockaday.nextdoor.com, for all sorts of referrals. Under "Recommendations," you will find a list of neighborhood folks available for baby sitting, child sitting, house checking, pet care, errands and other chores, plus recommendations of a large variety of contractors with whom Hockaday neighbors have been pleased.

If you are not yet a member of Hockaday Nextdoor, you may contact **Hanne Sagalowsky** at hanne@ebby.com or 214-402-8200 and she will help you with access. Thank you, Hanne!

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
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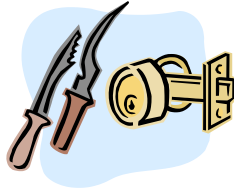
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Kwikset Smartkey Locks Vulnerable?

Contributed by Tom Comerford

FYI, according to a science blog, WIRED, self-styled "researchers" claim that certain Kwikset Smartkey Locks™ can be easily opened with such basic tools as a screwdriver, a hammer, a wrench, and a wire in 15 to 30 seconds. The article indicates that:



→ These locks were introduced in 2008 and are "certified Grade 1 security for residential use by the Builders Hardware Manufacturers Association and ... advertised by Kwikset as... invulnerable to being hacked with wires, screwdrivers, or anything else inserted in the keyway," and

→ Kwikset did not respond to WIRED's requests for comment, but one "researcher" claims that a Kwikset representative told him that the locks were impervious to screwdrivers or wires, and a screwdriver would not even fit in the keyway.

HNA has not attempted to duplicate this test and, accordingly, takes no position on this matter. We're simply passing the information along. We report, you decide! The full presentation with details may be found at <http://www.wired.com/threatlevel/2013/08/kwikset-smarkey-lock-vulns/>.

Consider Self-Starting "Neighborhood Night Out"

Texas will celebrate **National Night Out** this year on **Tuesday, October 1**. Although HNA does not plan a neighborhood-wide event, we urge you to consider organizing a simple outdoor get-together for **your block** and inviting your neighbors. Consider an ice cream gathering, simple snacks and drinks, or whatever you're inspired to do! Issue invitations however easiest for you—call, or create and distribute an invitation flyer or postcard.

Please take a photo of the gathering and send us a brief write-up for the next newsletter! (Email to martyforte@sbcglobal.net).

In Memoriam

Harold Miller (July 2013)

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