

The Hockaday Herald

Official Newsletter of the Hockaday Neighborhood Association Inc.

Spring, 2013

President's Message

Dear Neighbors,

I am writing this on Saturday, March 9 – I know Spring has sprung as tonight we "Spring forward" and set our clocks ahead one hour! Now we have more time to work in our yards, grill out while it is still light, and hopefully enjoy some fun times and lively conversations with our neighbors.



Signs of Spring are everywhere – Bradford pear trees abloom, tulips popping out (ours are doing it one by one), grass growing and greening up slowly but surely. Nature is prepping, with a little help from our own work, for our inaugural "HNA Blooms" event, "Let us Entertain You" on Sunday, May 5, 3-6 p.m.! See the story and entry form in this newsletter – we don't get to see our neighbors' backyards often, so let's take advantage of this fun, new event.

Unfortunately, Spring hasn't deterred the car vandals – several of us (yes our son's VERY old Jaguar sedan is now sporting a side mirror held on by duct tape) have reported thefts, side swipes, etc. to vehicles left on the street. Our ENP reports and 911 calls have led to at least one arrest that I am aware of – however, the best thing we can do for prevention is to park overnight in garages or back driveways, leave NO valuables in vehicles, and of course be cognizant of our surroundings and report anything suspicious. A plug for anyone who has the

time to devote a few hours monthly to our neighborhood VIP Patrol – volunteer! And, it's never too late to join ENP – the more hours of police patrol we fund, the safer our streets are!

Lastly, the HNA Board welcomes any and all suggestions to make our great neighborhood even greater! Feel free to email me at agravseth@sbcglobal.net or contact any board members via the listings in the directory (use the 2012 directory until the new one comes out shortly).

See you in the 'hood!

Ann Gravseth

Upcoming HNA 2013 Events

April 11 (Thursday), 7:00-9:00 p.m.
City Council Dist. 13 Candidate Forum
Withers Elementary Auditorium

May 5 (Sunday), 3:00-6:00 p.m.
Discover Backyard Treasures



July 4 (Thursday morning)
4th of July Parade and Celebration
Details forthcoming.

Fall Family BBQ Picnic
Watch for an October Sunday afternoon date TBD after Cowboys' schedule is set.

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

HNA Announces 1st Annual Discover Backyard Treasures Backyard Tour

2013 Theme:
"Let Us Entertain You"
Sunday, May 5th
3:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Throughout our HNA
Neighborhood



With spring fever on the horizon, what better way to bring neighbors together to enjoy our neighborhood than a progressive tour that provides sneak peeks into exceptional backyard experiences – right in our own backyard! The HNA Board is providing this casual, come & go community event and all neighbors are encouraged to participate. Neighbors will be able to walk, cycle or drive among the 6 to 8 featured backyards. More details to come through the HNA newsletter and Nextdoor.

*** Call for Entries—due March 24! ***

We are seeking entries and nominations for backyards within our HNA neighborhood that reflect our inaugural theme of entertainment. We plan to select 6 to 8 backyards that best reflect our theme and offer a diverse and fun tour experience throughout the neighborhood.

Do you have, or know of a neighbor who has, a thoroughly entertaining backyard? Please submit the following Discover Backyard Treasures entry information to a committee member by March 24.

HNA Backyard Tour Committee:

Connie Campbell,
dallascampbells@sbcglobal.net
Cyd Stevenson, cydandboys@aol.com
Barb Mitchell, barb@mitchellcompany.net

2013 *Discover Backyard Treasures* Entry Information (Entries are due by March 24, 2013)

Please submit all of the following information:

Referred by (if nominating a neighbor's backyard):

Name of Homeowner:

Address:

Phone:

Backyard Treasure Description:

What you like best about this entertaining backyard:

Photo (if available)

Send to Connie Campbell,
dallascampbells@sbcglobal.net,
or drop at 4541 Alta Vista Lane.



All entries will receive confirmation.

Welcome New Neighbors!

Mandy and David Mikula
4616 Hallmark

Dana Harrah and Bill Palzkill
4449 Cedarbrush

Janelle and Adam Hickey
4534 College Park

Jennifer and Corey Lothamer
4508 Cedarbrush

Katy and Seamus Lonergan
4547 Cedarbrush

Veronica Meneses and Jason Fish
4422 Shady Hill

Ji Yang and Daniel Siegwart
4330 Hallmark

HNA Membership— It's Not Too Late to Renew!

Joan Boddie
Membership Director



Your \$35 annual HNA membership (\$25 for seniors over 65) is a great value and offers an array of benefits. Membership brings you our annual directory and newsletters, our fabulous Fall Family BBQ Picnic and our traditional 4th of July Parade all at no charge to member families.

Dues also support our voluntary crime patrol and other safety, upkeep and beautification initiatives. These include our alley signs and 24 Hour warning signs for most blocks, and most recently, street sign toppers and wall repair at our northern entrance.

Two web sites are supported: a public website at HNAVIP.org and our private site, hockaday.nextdoor.com (see related article).

The HNA officers welcome your suggestions for projects that could be considered for the betterment of our neighborhood.

Member listings for the 2013 directory will be finalized shortly so please get your dues in without delay to our treasurer **Don Thomas** at 4666 Hallmark.

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Extra Crime Watch in the 'Hood! Our Cindy Sands (standing left) and Kerry Salatino with mounted police recently patrolling our neighborhood!



ENP Update

Connie Campbell
ENP Liaison

Hats off to the 152 participating households within the Hockaday

neighborhood who contribute \$300 per year to provide 66 hours of police patrol per week. If you are not currently an Extended Neighborhood Patrol (ENP) member, we hope you will consider joining us so we can increase our patrol hours. Membership benefits include cell phone access to the patrolling officers, informative and timely security updates sent to your email address, reflective yard sign designating your home as a member to the patrolling officers. Contact Connie Campbell at dallascampbells@sbcglobal.net for membership information.

VIP Update

Clif Nixon
VIP Director



Our neighborhood enjoys a low crime rate. We can feel confident that multiple efforts are attributable to this condition. Our Volunteers In Patrol (VIP) has a long history as the eyes and ears of the streets and alleys. Perhaps you have seen the VIP cars on patrol or received a call from a patroller about your garage door being left open. VIP is also responsible for alley signage of addresses and 24-hour patrol warnings. The VIP reminds you that safety and vigilance are everyone's job. In that regard, VIP announces openings for trainees that are interested in assisting law enforcement by volunteering as little as one hour and 15 minutes per patrol. Call Clif Nixon (214-352-6639) or John Boddie (214-352-6454) for details, or email joanboddie@sbcglobal.net.

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Private Nextdoor Hockaday Website a Growing Success



Hanne Sagalowsky
Webmaster, Nextdoor Hockaday

162 of your neighbors have joined Nextdoor Hockaday! This **private website** is available only to Hockaday Neighborhood residents, for exchanging ideas and information, posting babysitter listings, contractor recommendations, classified ads, items lost and found, etc. Contact me at Hanne@Ebby.com if you would like to join and I will set you up. Call me with questions and I will be happy to help or walk you through: 214-402-8200.

City Council District 13 Candidate Forum Nearby

HNA and neighboring associations are invited to attend the Northaven Park Neighborhood Association-sponsored candidate forum to hear from the candidates vying for our outgoing Dallas City Councilwoman Ann Margolin's District 13 seat. **Thursday, April 11, 7:00-9:00 p.m.** at **Withers Elementary Auditorium**. Watch for flyer via Nextdoor Hockaday and HNA's email distribution for more details.



Voter Registration Applications



Anyone needing a Voter Registration application may contact Marty Forte' (martyforte@sbcglobal.net) and she will drop one by to you.

Teenagers can apply when they turn 17 and 10 months, and may vote if they will turn 18 by Election Day. Applications must be mailed to the County Registrar at least 30 days prior to Election Day in order to vote in a particular election.

Update from Our Outgoing Councilwoman Ann Margolin

First, since I may not have another chance to write in your newsletter again as a city council member, I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve in this capacity for four years. I have gotten to know the Hockaday Neighborhood Association and you are a wonderful group of people who care deeply about your neighborhood and your city. It has been a great honor to represent you.



I also thought you might want to know about an upcoming project that will result in great improvements in Dallas traffic but tie us up on knots for 4-5 years. In summer of 2013 TxDOT is ready to start construction on the "Horseshoe" project which will include the IH30 Bridge (the Margaret McDermott Bridge), IH35 Bridge and the mixmaster (the interchange between IH30 and IH35.) The Margaret McDermott Bridge will be a second Calatrava-designed bridge and will include pedestrian and bicycle facilities. All funding has been identified for this \$800 million project, the large majority being federal funding with a small amount of state, private donations (for the Calatrava component) and about \$3million in local funding.

Ann Margolin
214-696-4591, annmargolin@gmail.com

Thank you for your service, Ann!

Election Reminder: The Joint Election (including City Council races) is **Saturday, May 11, 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.** Complete information on Early Voting and Election Day locations will be posted at www.dallascountyvotes.org.

ONCOR – Our Electric Power Service Provider



Many within HNA have voiced concern regarding perceived frequent **power outages and surges** in our area. **Connie Campbell** met with two Oncor supervisors in January, and following is the outcome of that meeting:

1. Our Hockaday neighborhood consists of 4 separate electric grids. So the homes within our boundaries will experience different power outages and surges, unless there is a total power outage in the area. At least 2 of the grids divide streets down the middle.
2. The Hockaday School is on its own grid.
3. The electric lines are the highest lines you see on the utility poles. They run along the top portion of the poles, they are level with the large grey vertical canisters. Those lower lines are telephone and cable. So when our power goes out, look to the top lines to determine if a tree branch is pulling the line and causing outage.
4. Inclement weather is the leading cause of power outages: storms, high winds, lightning strikes, ice, extreme heat (summer heat will cause lines to sag, which can cause outage). Car accidents are another cause (car hits utility poles, lines pull, loss of power). Our neighborhood has many mature trees; therefore, we have increased chance for loss of power due to tree branches and squirrels tripping the transformer.
5. Individual homeowners are responsible for keeping the line from the utility pole to their home “free of disturbance” (it is your responsibility to trim those branches that might touch the line spanning from the alley into your home). Oncor’s tree trimming contractors are responsible for the limbs from utility pole to utility pole.
6. The majority of our homes were built in the late 50’s and early 60’s, and many originally had less square footage than they do now. The original power grids were designed to provide electricity to homes of that era and square footage. Now we have many remodels and home additions, some new construction, and LOTS more electronics throughout. Oncor can come to your home (at your request) and perform a voltage study.

7. Oncor performed an overall “capacity study” of our neighborhood, and determined that there is currently ample power being delivered to our homes via the 4 grids.

8. Surge Protectors are important for your televisions, recorders, cable boxes and computers.

9. Use the Oncor website to submit service request orders for tree trimming if you see a potential problem with branches they may have missed. Oncor performed an extensive tree trimming service in our neighborhood this past Fall.

10. If you have medical hardships that require electric power (oxygen or CPAP machines), you qualify for special status (Chronic Condition or Critical Care Residential Customer Status) through the Public Utility Commission of Texas. You can access the application via the Oncor website, have your doctor sign the form. Of course, Oncor cannot guarantee that you will never have a power outage, but you will receive special attention if your power will be out for an extended period. Here is the link to that form: [http://www.oncor.com/EN/Documents/About%20Oncor/Programs%20\(Community%20Services\)/Application%20for%20Chronic%20Condition.pdf](http://www.oncor.com/EN/Documents/About%20Oncor/Programs%20(Community%20Services)/Application%20for%20Chronic%20Condition.pdf)

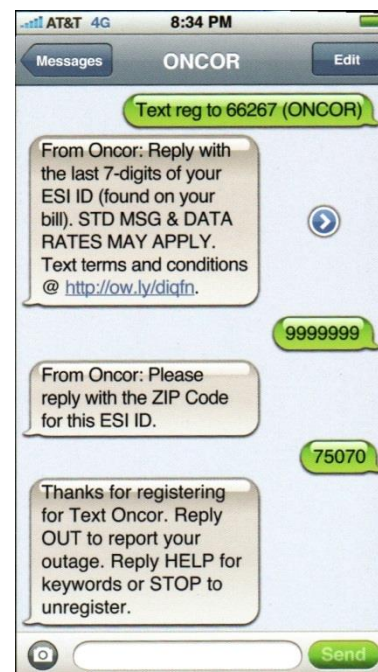
To report a power outage:

Online:
www.oncor.com
TEXT ONCOR:
Register first by sending **REG** to **66267**. You will then be registered to report your outages via text by sending **OUT** to **66267**

Telephone:
1-888-313-4747

Outage updates are also available at:
www.stormcenter.oncor.com

Service request: **1-888-313-6862**
Facebook: www.facebook.com/oncor
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HNA Third Annual Holiday Food Drive Exceeds Goal!

Maureen Kirgis
Community Service Director



Our 2012 Holiday Food Drive goal was 2012 pounds of food or dollars. On final count, the donations collected were 1022 pounds of food and \$2290—totaling 3312 units! Amazing! Below are pictures of Girl Scout Troop 2504 (Good Shepherd 4th graders) helping sort the donations.



Thank you Maureen, Troop 2504 & HNA!

Resolve Neighbor Squabbles

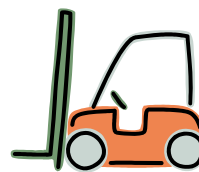
Some have contacted HNA officers to request that the Association mediate issues with neighbors, such as barking dogs, heavy trash put out too early, issues with fences or overgrowth of lawns or shrubs, watering lawns on off days, etc. HNA encourages you to work out these issues directly with your neighbor. Usually there will be cooperation. If a problem sadly persists, you may report it to the City through its website, dallascityhall.com; click the tab "311 Info & Services."

The Hockaday School Proceeds with Centennial Plans

The Hockaday School is ever thoughtful to keep us informed on its Centennial Campaign, which among other advancements will bring facilities upgrades visible to us. Below is a south elevation rendering of the improved Metzger Plaza. Sketches are not yet finalized for the new Centennial Center, a three-story state-of-the-art science and arts facility to include an enhanced auditorium and planetarium. We are grateful to The Hockaday School for its efforts to keep us informed, and for its faithfully gracious hospitality in our use of the grounds for our special events.



HNA Construction Zones



If you are building or remodeling your home, please note that HNA requires **all vehicles associated with a construction project to park on the same side of the street as the project.** This alleviates congestion for traffic flow down the streets and is much safer. Vehicles also should be parked in the correct direction (the City issues tickets for cars parked facing the wrong direction).

Neighborhood Baby, Kid, 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. If you or your child would like to be added to the list, or if you would like a copy of the list emailed to you, please email **Janice Henderson** at jyhendo@sbcglobal.net. To be added to the list, please include the following information: **name, age, phone, email and specific services offered.**


The list is also posted online for Hockaday Neighborhood members only on our private website hockaday.nextdoor.com, under "Recommendations" (see article on page 4 if you have not yet joined).

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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.

Gloria Jack (January 2013)
Vi McDonald (December 2012)
Larry Trammel (February 2013)

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

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 **Clif Nixon** at 214-352-6639 or **c.nixon@subfloorsystems.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.

HNA Officers & Directors ~ 2013

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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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