



The Hockaday Herald

Official Newsletter of Hockaday Neighborhood Association Inc.

Fall, 2015

President's Message



Dear Neighbors,

Boy has summer just flown by! It seems we were just recovering from over-flowing spring rains and watching neighbors parade down the street on July 4th. Now, we are wrapping up a hot, dry

summer and already back to school. Through it all, it has been invigorating to see so many out walking and biking and talking throughout the 'hood.

I am excited about this fall issue of our newsletter. It is packed with great updates about the many activities and developments going on in and around our neighborhood. You'll also find ways to stay updated on those topics most important to you.

Among all the activities, this neighborhood continues to be a very sought-out place to live. Did you know we had 37 new residents move into our neighborhood in the past 24 months?! I encourage us all to welcome these new neighbors. When someone moves in on your block, it is a great opportunity to introduce yourself and you both complete your Know Your Neighbor form. This handy form, found in the center of your directory, helps each of us to know those folks living right around our home.

The board is in the midst of planning 2016. Part of this includes the Annual Meeting of Members, which keeps all residents informed on the prior year activities and budgets, as well as the election of next year's board members. As we did last year, we will hold a "virtual meeting," meaning a meeting by email. It will be opened by delivery of an email with materials on November 2, and votes will be due by

November 13. The virtual meeting was well-received last year and makes participation easy for all when there are not major discussions required.

Part of our job in fulfilling the HNA mission is to keep you informed and provide valuable resources – please reach out to me or any one of our board members with questions, ideas or topics that would be of interest.

I hope to see all of you at our upcoming Fall Picnic on Sunday, October 18. Reach out to a neighbor, new or old, and walk on over together. Good friends, food and fellowship are guaranteed!!!

Best,

Susan Parker
susan@separker.com
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Upcoming 2015 Events

September 28 (Monday) 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Legislative Update w/ Rep. Villalba,
4309 Alta Vista (see page 2)



October 18 (Sunday) 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Annual Fall Picnic (see page 2)



November 2 – 13
(Virtual) Annual Meeting
of the Members (see page 8)



December 1 – 19 (ends Saturday before Christmas)
Annual Holiday Food Drive
(see page 2)



Welcome New Neighbors!

Alta Vista

4414 – **Caroline & Steve Braskamp***
4656 – **Carolyn Cooper**

College Park

4445 – **Brian Martel**

Goodfellow

4507 – **Kerri & Peter Lai**

Hallmark

4510 – **Kadee Sweeney & Matthew Lopez***

Hockaday

4508 – **Leann Chen & Bing Hu***

Northview

4212 – **Teresa & Ken Whitten***

We look forward to getting to know you!

Submitted by Cindy Sands, Welcome Director

*New HNA Member ☺

Annual Fall Picnic Coming Up!

HNA's popular Fall Picnic is set for **Sunday afternoon, October 18**, 4:00 - 6:00 on The Hockaday School grounds. (No worries, it's a bye weekend for the Cowboys!)

Enjoy our traditional BBQ fare, catered by Bakers Ribs. Yum.



This year's event will boast a **new activity station** for the kids, sponsored by the Town North YMCA!



This event is **free for HNA member households**.

Guests are welcome (\$20 per person; \$5 for children under 10). Or you may join HNA at the picnic! Please RSVP to Hanne Sagalowsky at hanne@Ebby.com.

Mark calendars and watch for our flyer with full details on this well-loved tradition.

Holiday Food Drive Scheduled

HNA will host its 5th Annual Holiday Food Drive benefiting the North Texas Food Bank (NTFB) from **December 1 - 19**. The drive will enable the NTFB to provide food to families and area pantries during its busiest holiday/post-holiday season. Both non-perishable foods and checks will be very welcomed. Closer to the drive, we will email you a list of most needed food items. Please mark calendars and make plans to participate in HNA's effort to support our community.



HNA Food Drive drop-off location:
Home of David & Maureen Kirgis, 4724 Alta Vista.
Contact: maureen_kirgis@hotmail.com.

Let's Be Sociable!

Please contact Social Chairman **Suzanne Horne** at thasuz@sbcglobal.net or **214-906-3307** if you can help with an HNA event or if you have ideas for new future events.

HNA to Enjoy Private Visit with State Representative Villalba

Come take advantage of a rare opportunity for HNA members to visit privately with our neighborhood's District 114 **State Representative Jason Villalba**.

Monday, September 28

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

4309 Alta Vista



5:30 – 6:00 Greet Jason, grab a soda, beer or wine;

6:00 – 7:00 Hear a brief recap of the 84th Legislature;
Let Jason field your questions;
Share your insights with Jason.

Please plan to attend!
(Hosted by Robin and Marty Forte')

Spotlight on our ENP Coordinator John Hazelton



HNA was delighted to visit recently with RNA-HNA-LJE's ENP Coordinator (and RNA President) John Hazelton. Below are excerpts from our conversation.

HNA: John, thank you so much for your time. **Connie Campbell** is an outstanding ENP liaison

but we also want to know you personally, and about your interface with DPD on behalf of HNA's ENP subscribers.

John: Personally, Subie and I have lived in the Royal Northaven Neighborhood since 1978. We love the people and the volunteerism, and we have no plans to leave. In fact, we're about to do some remodeling.

HNA: Good to know you're staying put! How did you get involved in crime watch?

John: I worked in the crime watch program in our neighborhood back in 1979. Some of the area north of Northaven participated, with Bill Cox on point—there's some history to RNA and HNA working together on crime watch. We were registered with DPD and communicated crime alerts to neighbors. We had hotline and signage, but limited patrolling.

HNA: Tell us about starting the ENP program.

John: We established it in 2007, when crime had started escalating, lots of vehicle burglaries and shed thefts in particular. We had to get multiple DPD approvals. DPD required us to designate a volunteer ENP coordinator from the neighborhood, and a DPD officer coordinator from our division. We were very fortunate to get **Sergeant Jeff Price's** commitment to our ENP program. Incidentally, DPD restricts its officers from coordinating more than one ENP program, although the officers under them may work multiple ENP areas. We are fortunate Jeff has stayed with us.

HNA: How did Hockaday Neighborhood join you?

John: We were very happy when HNA came on board in 2008, early in the year after we formed. That was largely through discussions between **John Moore** and **Renee Cameron**, our two presidents at that time. Then we brought in Les Jardins Estates [LJE], a small contiguous area, where Representative Villalba lives, incidentally. With HNA and LJE joining us, our police coverage immediately doubled from 20 to 40 patrol hours per week. Currently we have 72 hours, with coverage seven days a week, every day and every night, and we want to keep growing those hours.

HNA: We know other neighborhoods have asked to join our ENP program as well. What do you think?

John: Indeed, several area neighborhoods have asked to join us, but we say, "No." The key to our successful program is service. Our area—Hockaday Neighborhood, Royal Northaven and Les Jardins—is just the right size to support a strong program and preserve the quick response time we enjoy, maximum three minutes when an officer is on duty. However, I have helped several other neighborhoods get their own ENP programs established, and am happy to do that.



HNA: We are proud to have Dallas' ENP guru heading our program! Can you help us understand the interface with DPD and accountability of the program?

John: I'm in touch with Sergeant Price all the time. I look to him to schedule and supervise our officers. We have eight to twelve officers working for us every month. Along with the cellphone, we maintain an officer notebook for logging of his activity and Jeff checks those against their timesheets.

The City sends me detailed monthly invoices showing each officer's actual car patrol hours. A computer has recorded the time each officer

*"No other ENP program has been so successful in joining three neighborhoods that work so well together."
— Former City Councilwoman **Ann Margolin***

signs out the patrol car and signs it back in, and the officers have logged their hours. I scrutinize every bill and call any questions to Jeff's attention. **Anita Rednick**, RNA's Treasurer, manages our ENP accounting. She cuts and delivers biweekly checks to each officer after Sergeant Price and I approve the timesheets.

HNA: Aside from just your experience working with Sergeant Price, we know that you are personally credentialed as well. Would you share about that?

John: I have taken several training courses and am a licensed DPD volunteer. Through the COPS program I have a license to offer citizen support to DPD Divisions—detectives, undercover, etc., and through CHIPS, a license to write handicap parking citations. I have VIP training that I think is valuable even though RNA has no current volunteer patrols. I'm also an appointee with the Office of Emergency Management as a ham radio operator, and am a member of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), which is connected to FEMA/DHS. Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) is part of this, and as a ham operator I'm involved with this, on air during severe weather or other emergencies for which we are activated.

HNA: We're in great hands! Do you think more of us should pursue any of those programs?

John: Yes, particularly CERT. It's 27 hours of training but would be useful for people to take. It covers what to do in case of terrorism, quakes, wildfires, tornadoes, flash floods. One thing I want to do is offer "neighborhood tabletop exercises" giving highlights of this training, to educate ENP subscribers on emergency resources and facilities, and the whole incident command structure for responding.

HNA: What other ideas do you have for ENP?

John: We want to encourage subscribers to take advantage of ENP service. For example, a subscriber recently got a call from ADT that their alarm was going off. The subscriber was away, so immediately texted ENP. Within a minute the officer was there and found the front door knocked open by the wind and the dog. Our ENP officer walked through the

house and was able to call and reassure the ENP member all was well.

HNA: What can you tell us about Sergeant Price?

John: I know Jeff and other ENP coordinating officers as well, and trust me, we are blessed to have the best. Jeff is an experienced, committed, highly regarded, no-nonsense leader. We enjoy his competence within our ENP boundaries and also beyond. For instance it was one of Jeff's officers from his Deployment Unit (he is the daytime Supervisor of the Undercover/Deployment Team) that arrested the Sprouts robber in July. Also, through Jeff we have strong bait car coverage in our area. These are cars that people donate, with donated computers or iPhones planted inside in plain sight to lure and catch thieves. Because of Jeff we've also enjoyed bicycle and horseback patrols in our area, additional police presence, which is key. Also he runs a good team. One of our ENP team officers received the DPD ethics award, **Officer Andrew Gregorich**, which shows the respect he has among peers!

HNA: Does Sergeant Price have particular goals within our ENP boundaries?

John: Yes, our goals are really aligned. Jeff wants increased police presence for deterring crime, which will require more ENP sub-scribers within RNA, HNA and LJE. He wants us to know the personal benefits of subscribing. *See ENP Benefits box, page 6.*

HNA: John, thanks for the enlightening conversation! We are indebted to you and Connie for your tireless work for the safety of our neighborhood.



Dynamic duo: ENP Coordinator John Hazelton with HNA Safety Director & ENP Liaison Connie Campbell

Please see the bottom of page 6.

Construction Update

Construction Etiquette in the 'Hood

Home renovations and new construction projects continue at a brisk pace within Hockaday Neighborhood. Our wide streets are a favorite amenity and promote neighborhood activities of walking, jogging, strolling and cycling. To this end, HNA asks that all construction vehicles park on the same side of the street as the construction site. This is a safety precaution for our residents and it also helps with the flow of motor traffic. Note: Download our **Construction Ordinance** flyer under "Publications" at hockadayneighborhoodassociation.org for something you can leave under a windshield.

Please direct your contractor to place its portable toilet to the back of the site and access it via the alley for cleaning. This is standard procedure in upper-end home construction, and your contractor should be willing to comply. Please request it!

City ordinance states that construction workers in a residential area may not commence work until 7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday, and 8:00 a.m. on Saturday. If you know of a violation, please call 311.

Development Around the 'Hood

The Hockaday School's Centennial construction project is on schedule to be complete in August 2016.



Construction equipment you may have noticed at **The Lamplighter**

School is for a piping and restructure project that is near completion. The Hockaday School has graciously allowed neighbor Lamplighter to use some of its grounds as a staging area.



The **LBJ Express** highway reconstruction project will open and be fully operational **September 10!**

The new **Sam's** and **Walmart** complex opened in August in the southwest quadrant of Midway and LBJ, including a gas station and Subway sandwich shop, just in case you hadn't noticed!



Forestwood Development Proposal

There is much buzz around the residential/retail development proposed for the northwest quadrant of Forest and Inwood, many in favor of the project and many opposed. The property owners (Daniel family), developers (Greystar and Regency) and Jesuit (which would gain six acres for a field) are meeting with individuals and neighborhoods to hear concerns and to adjust models in response. Project size and scale have been reduced, with townhomes close to the creek limited to two stories, the largest retail space (designed for a boutique grocer) under 25,000 square feet, and the total retail limited to 80,000 square feet.

An official zoning case has not been yet filed with the City. However, Councilmember Jennifer Gates, in response to opposition concentrated in the residential area immediately adjacent to the development, has expressed her intention to oppose the inclusion of any retail on the west side of Inwood.

As a neighborhood association, HNA remains neutral on this proposal. We encourage you to express your personal support or opposition by contacting **Councilmember Gates** at 214-670-3816 or jennifer.gates@dallascityhall.com.

For detailed information and renderings of the project, visit www.forestwoodFAQ.com.



Current rendering of future street view at Inwood & Forest



Current project rendering

HNA Best Friends Forever Excel



Our own **Alexander Eggers** (Alta Vista) was named the Class of 2015 Valedictorian of the Episcopal School of Dallas. Alexander has attended ESD since he was three years old. He is an Eagle Scout, a National Merit Finalist and was also a member of the ESD Crew

team, rowing bow for the Men's Varsity Quad that won State and Regionals this past spring and placed 13th at the USRowing Youth National Championships in Sarasota in June. This was out of 26 boats that qualified in this event from across the country.

Alexander is looking forward to becoming a Longhorn and will attend UT Austin this fall where he received an Honors Engineering Scholarship and will be studying aerospace engineering. Having a childhood that allowed a vast amount of exploration, trips to the Y diving board, and creative play in this safe, friendly, and family-oriented neighborhood with his best friend and neighbor, fellow Eagle Scout, 2015 Jesuit Honor Grad, and future Aggie engineer **Adam Bartlett**, would be one of the key factors of their success. ***Congratulations Alex and Adam!***



BFFs Alex and Adam, 2007



Alex and Adam, heading to college, August 2015

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If you are not yet a member of our Extended Neighborhood Patrol and would like to participate in and support this important program, please contact our Safety Director Connie Campbell at dallascampbells@sbcblg.net. We urge your support and note of these important benefits →

Personal ENP Benefits

- Fast response to calls for police service when ENP officers are on duty;
- In addition to 911, call or text the private ENP phone for police response when ENP is on duty;
- Regular drive-bys when subscribers are out of town;
- A home security survey which may enhance home safety and security and lower insurance rates;
- A direct information source when city services are needed or law questions arise;
- DPD officers whom we can know by name and who focus on the needs of our neighborhood.

If you would like to receive newsletters and time-sensitive updates directly from our City Councilmember **Jennifer Gates**, please contact district13@dallascityhall.com. This account is accessed by Beth Pazar, Assistant to Councilmember Jennifer Gates, and Alexa Relayze, Secretary to Councilmember Gates.



HNA Savors July 4

A long-standing tradition, HNA's July 4 Parade and Celebration gets better every year. If we have your email address, you saw some photos right after the event, but here are a few others to give you a taste:



Many took advantage of the pre-parade "decoration station," a fun feature initiated just last year that is already improving with "age"!



President Susan Parker introduced the ceremony and participants at the start of our celebration on The Hockaday School grounds. If you missed it this year, plan to attend in 2016 to join in the fun!

Thanks to event co-chairs **Courtney Joyner** and **Courtney Johnson** for a fabulous July 4th!

HNA Emails & Hockaday Nextdoor - The Perfect Combo

HNA urges you to connect with both Hockaday Nextdoor and HNA's official email distribution. These communications systems have entirely different functions. Each supports HNA's purpose—**your** better enjoyment of this fabulous Hockaday Neighborhood, but in different ways.



HNA Emails via Constant Contact: Official (branded) emails from "Hockaday

Neighborhood Association" provide timely information that is directly germane to the entire neighborhood or to a cross section of the entire neighborhood. We use our private Constant Contact system account to send these emails. We are judicious in sending information only about HNA-sponsored or supported events and meetings, and other matters that specifically affect our neighborhood. These emails are our best way to communicate with you on time-sensitive matters. If you are not receiving our emails, please email our Membership Director at CourtneyJoyner@sbcglobal.net to be added.



Nextdoor Hockaday is a private, neighbor-to-neighbor social-network forum for individual neighbors to spontaneously share alerts, needs and referrals in a blog format. Presently, 269 Hockaday Neighborhood residents (out of roughly 400 households) are members. Participants share contractor needs and recommendations, post alerts concerning lost and found pets, find babysitters, post "classified ads," share info on projects and fundraisers they or their kids support, etc. While HNA does not use its official email system for such communications, these nevertheless are very useful to many, and this system has greatly helped neighbors help neighbors.

You must live within Hockaday Neighborhood to be a member. You can control whether you want other neighborhoods to see your posts, and whether you wish to see posts from neighborhood(s) outside ours.

Nextdoor Hockaday is managed by HNA as a service to our residents. To become a member, please email **Hanne Sagalowsky** at Hanne@Ebby.com.

A Remembrance of Tom Brown -- Former HNA President

by Bill Crutcher

Thomas O. Brown

Born May 13, 1929 - Died May 18, 2015

Tom lived down the street from me in the same block. I can't remember how we became friends. I remember almost buying a shotgun during a garage sale he was having. He never missed an estate sale. We had several things in common, but we golfed every week for several years until his health would not let him play anymore. He loved his dogs. He would call his wife Jean and she had the dogs ready to greet him in the front yard when he arrived back home from one of our golf outings.

Tom was an active believer and loyal member of the Schreiber Memorial Methodist Church that was in our neighborhood. I never heard him say a bad word, even on the golf course.

Tom was very proud of being a soldier. He loved to tell stories about the reunions he attended, especially one that had been held in Dallas. He had a grave side service and taps was played.

I feel badly that I had lost contact with him after he moved to be close to where one of his sons lived. Our friend Lee White had kept up faithfully visiting him in the retirement center often.

He will be missed by all who knew him. I don't think there will be any estate sales in heaven!

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HNA Plans 2nd Virtual Annual Meeting



With no unusual business anticipated, the HNA Board plans to hold the Annual Meeting of Members "virtually" again this year to offer ease of participation. You will be able to vote electronically on the business items required by our bylaws, i.e. approval of last year's minutes and next year's budget and leadership slate. The internal review and report on our financial status will also be posted for your review. Watch for meeting details via email on or about November 2 if you have given us an email address. Hard copies will be distributed to those without email.

HNA Officers & Directors ~ 2015

President	Susan Parker
Vice President	Hanne Sagalowsky
Secretary	Karen Wiese
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Director Communications	Marty Forte'
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Director-at-Large	Kara Heckel
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In Memoriam

Thomas O. Brown, May 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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