



# Cherryhurst Civic Club Newsletter

December 1999

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## *Holiday Season Dinner Thursday December 9th*

The Cherryhurst Civic Club will host its annual Holiday Dinner this next Thursday in the Park Community Center beginning at 6:30 p.m..

Our Holiday Dinner is always a welcome event to wrap up the year with good food and a chance to visit with neighbors. This is an especially important event this year as it will be the last time to use the center for a neighborhood gathering before Parks to Standard construction on the Center begins in January.

We will have to conduct a little business to get 2000 started off on the right foot with the election of new Civic Club Officers. We will also have a representative from Parks and Recreation to make a formal dedication of the beautiful granite bench generously given by George Ernst before his death this past November.

Syd Moen is organizing the event this year. As in the past, the Civic Club provides the meats and beverages and residents are asked to bring a side dish, salad, bread or dessert of their choice to share with their neighbors. We'll start eating around 7 p.m.. Everybody come and help make this the biggest holiday dinner ever!

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## *Cherryhurst Issues for 2000*

What will be the neighborhood issues for the coming year?

Renovation and construction of the Community Center, installation of the new park lighting and the general inconvenience caused by all of the work will require close communication with the City and the prime contractor, Bryant Construction to make sure that completion of the project comes about as soon as possible.

Most likely, a continuation of the effort to protect the prevailing building line setback of our homes will be important as developers aggressively seek out lots to build as many townhomes on a lot as allowed by city ordinance. In the case of Cherryhurst this means using up as much of the lot as possible by extending the front of the new structure to within five feet of the property line when there is an alley in the rear.

And then there are the standard concerns of security, new bars and night clubs in the area, neighborhood appearance and the Westheimer Street Festival.

As Cherryhurst residents will not have access to the Community Center for monthly meetings in 2000 and into 2001 it will most likely take the generosity of residents to open their homes for these meetings. Organizing the annual alley cleanup and National Night Out efforts are also important. It may sound like a lot, but Cherry-

hurst residents have always been willing to work together to promote the welfare of our special neighborhood.

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## *Positive Interaction Program*

Brenda Gordon reports that the recent PIP meeting with Houston Police focused on the expansion plans for Covenant House surrounded by Yokum and Lovett.

A new three story residential building is to be constructed and will include housing for older participants between the age of 18 and 25. There is considerable concern among area residents about expanding the Covenant House programs to the older "clients".

Area Civic associations, Neartown Association and Houston Police have held numerous meetings with the organization to go over planning and operations details.

Covenant House has been open to viewpoints and concerns from the community and this communication will continue.

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## *New Residents*

Welcome to some new residents in Cherryhurst. Alice Melott at 1809 Missouri, Anton Pal Montano at 1617 Cherryhurst and Leonard Rutan at 1806 Haver.

Probably there are others as recently there has been a lot of activity in home sales and properties put on the rental market. The Cherryhurst Civic Club publishes a directory of all residents at the beginning of each year. Soon our annual membership drive will begin which allows the Club to produce the directory and Newsletters, host functions during the year and pay for expenses for Cherryhurst projects. A membership form with addressed and stamped envelope will accompany the January 2000 Newsletter.

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## *New Police Substation to be Dedicated December 7th*

On Tuesday December 7th at 6:30 p.m. the City will dedicate the new Police Storefront at 802 Westheimer. As many of you know, Sia Ravari, owner of The Plant House, has built for the City a new building to house the Storefront substation.

Neartown residents all agree that the Police presence at the Storefront since the mid-80's has made a huge difference in the heightened security of the area. It was time however to provide a new facility because of serious problems with the old building.

There had been talk of the substation moving to another area but support local residents, the Museum District Business Alliance, Neartown Association and the generosity of Mr. Ravari has

kept the substation in Neartown.

Mayor Brown will dedicate the building and area residents will enjoy good jazz music and lots of food and drink. Everyone is welcome.

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## *Hearing Regarding the May 2000 Westheimer Street Festival*

On Wednesday night at 6 p.m. in the City Hall Annex, there will be a hearing to review the street closure application by the promoters of the Westheimer Street Festival slated for May 6-7, 2000. A recent revision of the Street Closure Ordinance requires that the city notify area residents of nearby street closures (Cherryhurst Civic Club has put in the request for notification) and that a hearing be conducted for all those who want to voice support or opposition to the closure.

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## *Yard of the Month*

The December Yard of the Month goes to new resident Leonard Rutan at 1806 Haver. Leonard has done a beautiful job planting fall flowers and really sprucing up his new home.

Apologies from the Editor on not being able to provide a photograph this month, due to computer problems.

This is the time of year when most of us (and our yards) go into hibernation but this yard is truly an exception. As in the past we will make four awards to residents for Best Holiday Decorations and Best Holiday Lighting and honorable mention in each category. Winners will be announced in the January Newsletter. Let's make the neighborhood Merry.

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