



# Cherryhurst Civic Club Newsletter

May 2001

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## *Next Civic Club Meeting Tuesday May 1st*

The next meeting of the Cherryhurst Civic Club will be Tuesday, May 1st at 7 p.m. in the Cherryhurst Park Clubhouse.

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## *Area Development Continues*

by Ian Gordon

Increased residential building activity in the neartown area, including many \$300,000-plus townhouses, have forced the value of our quaint remodeled homes up dramatically.

We will discuss recent appraisals and how to keep property taxes under control. Resident real estate agent Patrick O'Neil will report on Cherryhurst listings, sales and prices.

Other activity will be discussed including progress of the upscale Mexican restaurant at the corner of Westheimer and Mandell, the razed 1717 Haver property and care and appearance control of our neighborhood.

Another restaurant is being proposed bordering our neighborhood, this one at the east entrance to Cherryhurst at Westheimer and Yupon. 1401 Westheimer, formerly a classic car dealership, has been purchased for the use of an upscale asian restaurant or tea house. Property owner Patrick Lam will speak about his plans at the upcoming civic club meeting.

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## *Crime Watch*

A robbery took place at Cherryhurst Street near Mandell. William Treash of the 2400 block of Mandell was robbed of his wallet on April 12th at 8:30 p.m. by an individual using a

plastic gun. He will speak at the upcoming meeting to tell us about his experience, several other incidents he is aware of and give us his insights on how we can best report and avoid events.

Resident Mark Johnson noted there were at least five tire slashings in Cherryhurst in the last month, including his. Johnson reported this to the Westheimer police storefront. "Two vehicles had their tires slashed on Haver, two on Cherryhurst and one on Missouri," Johnson said.

Please join the newly forming Security/Block Watch Committee. Brenda Gordon will update us on Police Interaction Committee and how they can work with us.

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## *Variance Requested for 1600 Westheimer*

by Mark Johnson

Andrew Kaldis, developer of the 1600 Westheimer storefront, slated for an upscale Mexican restaurant, has applied for a variance from the Houston Planning Commission.

The specific request is "to allow the existing building at the northwest corner of Mandell Street and Westheimer Road to encroach into the proposed 10 foot building line of Mandell Street subject to establishing a dual building line for the life of the existing structure only," according to the "Variance Request Information Form" provided by the City of Houston.

The variance will be considered this Thursday, May 3rd at 2:30 p.m., when the City Planning Commission meets in the City Council Chamber on the public level of the City Hall Annex Building, 900 Bagby Street. For more information, contact the Planning Department at 713-837-7730 or Andrew Kaldis/Karen Rose Engineer-

ing & Survey at 713-522-1197.

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## *Take Note*

by Ian Gordon

Marshall Broadway, Cherryhurst Parks Department Supervisor Marshall Broadway will speak at the meeting about recent activities and uses of Cherryhurst Park and the newly remodeled park building.

Most of the park building's activities are devoted to children at this time. A television is needed for the building at this time--if you have one you can donate please contact Marshall by phone at 713-284-1992, fax 713-284-1992 or pager 713-720-1742.

The Cherryhurst Park Cleanup Committee met at the park Easter Saturday morning. Leaves were cleared from gutters along the Ridgewood and Missouri Street park boundaries and sappers were trimmed around Live Oaks at Missouri. The committee meets Saturday mornings for an hour or two of cleanup work--it's good exercise, join us.

"Dance & Diet" continues at the park building Thursday evenings, 6:30 - 8 p.m., free of charge. Wear shorts, tennis shoes and bring a towel and bottle of water or Gatorade. Call Ian Gordon at 713-520-1641 for weekly verification of both activities.

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## *Historic Trinity Episcopal Church Holds Benefit Sale*

by Lynn Pannill

Trinity Church, 3415 Main at Holman, will have its annual Trash and Treasure Rummage Sale on May 18 and 19. Jointly sponsored by the Women of Trinity and the ANGLES Young Adults Group, proceeds benefit Trinity's Millennium Capital Campaign.

Trinity is accepting donations of furniture, small appliances and other household items for this sale. For pickup of large items, please call Stephen McCormick at 713-526-1460.

Trinity Church was founded in 1893. Its current sanctuary, dedicated in 1919, was designed by the foremost gothic architect of his time, Ralph Adams Cram, who also designed the initial buildings of Rice Institute and the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York. The project architect was William Ward Watkin, who became the first Dean of the School of Architecture at Rice. Trinity has undertaken a major renovation and restoration of its buildings and grounds.

For more information about Trinity Church, please contact Marilyn Dyess, Parish Secretary, at 713-528-4100.

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## May Yard of the Month

by Lynn Pannill

Yard of the Month for May is awarded to Mrs. Giovanni Perossa, of 1606 California. Mrs. Perossa has a consistently maintained yard, with blooming flowers and shrubs.

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## Roberts Rules of Order

by Hampton Burt

Henry Robert had recently graduated from West Point and was a lieutenant in the U.S. Army when someone appointed him to preside at a church meeting. The meeting fell apart because of heated controversy. So he decided he needed to learn how to conduct meetings. What he found out was that there was no generally accepted method. Instead of giving up though, he undertook to study the entire problem. Twenty years later he had compiled a set of procedures which were the best of the many different ones he had discovered. By then, he was a Brigadier General.

He could have called his work any of a thousand titles, but he called them rules because he knew that for a group to accomplish its work, it is necessary to restrain individuals to some degree,

for the right of individuals to do whatever they please is incompatible with the interests of the whole. Because order is produced by use of the rules, he called them rules of order.

They facilitate the airing of all sides of an issue before a decision is made. They prevent vagueness about what is being discussed and how it is decided and when. They are capable of converting a fragmented gathering into an effective cause, because people with dissimilar views can be led to conduct themselves within a standard of behavior which increases the likelihood of success for the group, without infringing on the rights of any individual, in terms of fairness of procedure or freedom in the expression of relevant ideas. Where these rules are practiced, process can be swift, discussion productive, and outcomes clear, and more members support the group and its decisions, because more are involved in its proceedings.

The rules are easy to understand.

During discussions, every person wanting to speak is recognized in turn by the presiding officer and is given the floor. Forceful interjections and other interruptions are not allowed. Every person who wants to speak is heard. Desired actions are stated by the members in the form of motions so that all members present can hear them, and there is no uncertainty about whether a proposal is being made, or about the nature of its substance. If a motion is likely to gain acceptance, someone will second it. If not, it will be dropped, and the meeting can move on. If a motion is seconded, then it is discussed. Ideas in favor, or against, tend to be stated only a few times, even when many people hold the same opinion. Discussions often end without having to be stopped. A vote of members present is taken, and if the majority approve, the idea is adopted. Ideas not adopted remain dormant, usually until there is a change in prevailing conditions.

Robert's rules, therefore, are not a dehumanizing conglomeration of arbitrary and dictatorial laws but a collection of behavioral and procedural tools

that can be used in effectively overcoming problems characteristically occurring in meetings. All that is needed is two or three people trying to make them work. It is nobody's job to do this for us, but is what each of us needs to do for the sake of his or her own benefit.

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