



# Cherryhurst Civic Club Newsletter

August 2001

## August Club Meeting: National Night Out

The 18th Annual National Night Out (NNO), a unique crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW), has been scheduled for August 7, 2001.

The Cherryhurst Civic Club will participate in NNO by hosting a neighborhood "Meet Your Neighbors Night" at the Cherryhurst Park Building from 6 to 8 p.m. Residents are asked to leave their porch lights on to show their support for NNO.

"Meet Your Neighbors Night" will take the place of our regular monthly meeting. The Civic Club has arranged with several local restaurants to provide sample trays of their offerings. At press time the Blue Agave, Cafe Montrose, Empire Cafe, Gyro Gyros, Harry's Restaurant and Katz's Delicatessen have offered to provide sample food trays from their menus. Beverages will be supplied by the Civic Club.

Last year's National Night Out campaign involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from 9,500 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide. In all, 32 million people participated in NNO 2000.

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

## Candidates to Mingle and Speak at NNO Event

by Ian Gordon

The November city election for mayor and city council approaches with more

## August Yard of the Month

by Lynn Pannill

Yard of the month for August goes to Tim Beeson and Mike Harrison of 1705 Haver.

Cheerful yellow sunflowers make this well-kept yard a summer treat!



interest than in recent memory. Mayor Brown may get a serious challenge for his third and final term of office. Our city council seat, District D, presently held by councilman Jew Don Boney, Jr. is generating more interest than usual.

Efforts at redrawing the Texas House of Representatives district 137, held by State Rep. Debra Danberg for the past 20 years, is also generating much interest. Redistricting may put us in a weakened position to voice our needs at the state level.

Mayoral candidate Chris Bell; District D candidates Gerald Womack and Darryl Carter and City Council At-Large Position 3 candidate Andrew Burks have all requested to speak to the Civic Club, and are expected to be present at the NNO event.

## Cherryhurst Park Landscaping

By Ian Gordon

The City of Houston Parks Department, through the efforts of Cherryhurst Park Supervisor Marshall Broadway, has donated 60 giant loriapae ground cover plants to the park.

Marshall, along with Cherryhurst residents Dr. Dick Evans, Patrick O'Brien, Hampton Burt and Ian Gordon, completed the planting of the giant loriapae.

The new planting is at the Northwest corner of the park. A special Cherryhurst tee shirt is being designed to award volunteers and anyone interested in purchasing one.

## New Townhouses Going Up in Cherryhurst

by Mark Johnson

Two new townhouses are being built in the Cherryhurst Annex, at Fairview and Yupon Streets. They replace a former run-down commercial building and parking lot



at this noticeable lot across from the Woodrow Wilson Elementary School playing field.

The townhomes, a development of the Parra Design Group of 1639 Dunlavy St., are similar in design to those built on Commonwealth and California, just outside of Cherryhurst. They are the first townhomes to be built within the Cherryhurst subdivision since 2706, 2708 and 2710 Ridgewood were built in 1998.

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## 'All Politics are Local...'

by Lynn Pannill

We are all familiar with that quote by the late Speaker of the House Thomas P. O'Neill. Tip was right. And we will see it in action over the next three months.

This is an election year for City and County officials. Since we expect to have a hotly-contested Mayoral race, a contested race for a new District D council member, and races for At-Large council member positions, we can expect visitors to the Neighborhood Night Out dinner in August, as well as requests to speak at upcoming Civic Club meetings.

In the past, we have always been accommodating to those who want to see us. Since there is no business meeting at Neighborhood Night Out, candidates usually just mingle with the neighbors and hand out information.

At regular Civic Club meetings in September and October, candidates may ask to speak. Depending on the number of folks who ask to address the club, we usually allow them 3 to 5 minutes to let us know about their plans. But we don't endorse anyone. That can be a very divisive practice, and we need to concentrate on what unites us.

But it is important to remember that the Cherryhurst Civic Club is not a political organization. We have never endorsed candidates for office. We have supported big neighborhood issues--such as zoning--in the past. But not specific candidates.

So let's enjoy the political season as a warm up for 2002, when legislative district boundaries change and we can expect another flurry of visitors!

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Lynn Pannill is a past President of the Cherryhurst Civic Club  
--Editor

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## Email Delivery of the Newsletter Now Available

by Mark Johnson

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## Email to the Editor

My name is Julie Hall, I live on Ridgewood, overlooking the park, and would like to share a story with you that you may find newsworthy, at least I hope so. It was a Thursday evening, I had been home from work for a short period of time, and decided to water my plants upstairs and downstairs. I went out the front door, took down my hanging fern & put it on the sidewalk, walked back in to get my watering can upstairs, and thought, well, I'll just water the plants hanging upstairs before going back down to water the one outside. I proceeded to go out to the deck, overlooking the park & watered my hanging plants, then turned around to go back in and my door handle on the outside came off and the door would not open, no matter how I pushed, pulled and jimmied it! I was stuck out on the deck, with no way in or down! My husband would normally be home about now, but he happened to be out of town for a few days, and needless to say, I began to panic. About five minutes later, I spot Marshall Broadway, the park supervisor, whom I barely know, walking way across the park. I began yelling, Marshall! Marshall! He was looking around, walking slowly toward my side of the park, but couldn't quite figure out who was yelling at him, because I was up on the outside deck. Finally, he sees me. I said, Marshall, I'm stuck out on the deck because the outside handle came off the door when I tried to go back in, and my husband is out of town,

can you please come through the front door (normally ALL my doors would be locked, but I had left it open for a few moments to get my watering can), and come upstairs and let me in the house? He said, "something just led me to walk to this side of the park." Well, Marshall SAVED MY DAY, rescuing me off the deck, and I will be forever grateful for his kindness. We haven't lived in the neighborhood long, and it makes me feel so good to have such nice neighbors and a park supervisor who is always around to help when someone needs it. THANK YOU, Marshall, I don't know what I would have done had you not been in the park at that time!

--Julie Hall

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## Alleyway of the Month

by Ian Gordon and Beth Johnstone

Our new neighbors at 1710 Cherryhurst, the Wanders, have added to their landscaping at front, sides and rear yard. Their alleyway is not fenced and so the whole backyard becomes the alleyway view. All can see the beautiful improvements, including a new riverstone patio to the East side with a fountain and pond and Carolina Jasmine vines along the fence.

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## Newsletter Notes:

Thanks to Ian Gordon, Lynn Pannill and Beth Johnson for the articles in this month's Newsletter. Photographs by Mark Johnson.

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