



Cherryhurst Civic Club Newsletter

October 2001

October Civic Club Meeting Features 'Candidate's Forum'

The October meeting of the Cherryhurst Civic Club will be held Tuesday, October 2, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Cherryhurst Park Center.

November 6th is election time for candidates of special interest to Cherryhurst residents. This election appears to be shaping up very interestingly.

Mayor Brown is being challenged by two strong candidates for his third term as mayor. Candidate for Mayor, Chris Bell, has asked to speak to us.

Our District D city council race is also generating more interest than usual. Three candidates running for District D and open council seats include Gerald Womack and Darryl Carter of District D. Andrew Burks is running for 3rd open council position.

All have asked to speak to us.

Depending on time constraints, we will hear from these and other candidates about their ideas and be able to express our interests to them.

Concern about street drainage at corner properties is high on our list. Come join us, hear what the candidates and your fellow residents have to say and state your own views -- get involved in politics the American way.

Townhomes Planned for Mandell

by Ian Gordon

Construction of new townhomes will begin on the empty lots at 2412 and 2414 Mandell (near Fairview) next week. The four townhouses are priced at \$499,000.

The lots, empty for over a year since the razing of an apartment complex of aqua-colored concrete block apartments, will reach completion in nine to ten months. Architect Preston Scott Wood designed the three story units with 13-foot

high first floor ceilings.

Each unit will have four bedrooms and be 3,800 square feet in size. They will be in the French stucco style with wrought iron balconies, compatible with the stucco condos across the street and the two-story French stucco residence one property to the South on the same side of the street.

The addition of these upscale units will further increase the value of all our properties.

Mexican Restaurant Construction Continues

by Ian Gordon

The new Mexican restaurant at the corner of Westheimer and Mandell is in the midst of extensive exterior construction. Graffiti has slowed down on adjacent building walls. New wood framed windows will soon be added to the building.

The parking lot on Mandell was poured this weekend. Textured paving will be located at the Westheimer sidewalk and the parking area off Mandell will have trees along the street as well as within the parking area, as required by the City.

The Imperial Plumbing Company's storage yard formerly at this site reduced adjacent residential property values by \$30,000. The remodeling will bring values up to normal or beyond.

We give our condolences to Tracy Vaught of Backstreet Restaurant on the passing of her uncle Jack Blalock. Blalock was one of the partners with Vaught at Backstreet and the new restaurant. Financ-

October Yard of the Month

by Lynn Pannill

October Yard of the Month goes to Tom Moen of 1719 Fairview. This neat front yard, with topiaries and small shrubs, is surrounded by decking, a wide front porch, and colorful exterior.

Congratulations!



ing remains in place and construction will be completed for a December opening.

Westheimer Teahouse in Planning Stage

by Ian Gordon

Land is cleared for the proposed Teahouse at the corner of Westheimer and Yupon. Design drawings are complete and construction drawings are in progress.

Owner Patrick Lam will share drawing information with Cherryhurst residents although it is not expected that the new building along the "Curve" at Westheimer will be done in the Cherryhurst bungalow style. Anyone interested in reviewing drawings, please contact Ian Gordon. New construction is expected to be complete by mid January to February.

Election of Officers for 2002

Anyone interested in serving as an officer of the Cherryhurst Civic Club in the upcoming year please contact Ian Gor-

don. All positions are open for consideration.

Also consider chairing or joining the following committees: Cherryhurst Park, Yard of the Month, Care of Properties, Crime Watch, Social (including golf and vacations), Streets and Sidewalks, and others to be discussed at the upcoming meeting. Your involvement will be greatly appreciated.

Please consider volunteering if you have the time and interest.

Then and now

by Lynn Pannill

The more things change, the more they stay the same. After the City of Houston acquired Cherryhurst Park from the developer, Mr. D.B. Cherry (of the Nichols-Rice-Cherry house in Heritage Park Downtown), the neighbors founded the Cherryhurst Civic Club in 1930. Its original name was the Cherryhurst Park Playground Association. Over the years, the park has remained the center of neighborhood activity and interest. Just think what happened last year--when clubhouse and park renovations prevented us meeting there, and we had only 1 or 2 meetings all year.

During World War II, when gas rationing prevented unnecessary driving, neighbors gathered in the clubhouse to watch movies. In the 1970's, we had dances on the tennis courts. In the 1980's, we had problems with drug activity centering around the basketball area behind the backboard. When the City failed to respond, two neighbors removed the hoop, and the problems went away.

A look at the revised subdivision map of Cherryhurst, dating from around World War I, shows the area that is now the park as residential lots to be developed. What a difference it would have made had that happened! Other changes were made to the street names. Cherryhurst Street was to have been Kensington Avenue. Mandell was to have been Dodgeford. Fairview was to be named Minnesota. We had streetcar service. The streetcar line ran down Fairview and turned on Mandell--the turnaround was at the corner of Mandell and Fairview.

More than 70 years later, our Civic Club remains focused on the Park and neighborhood quality of life and preservation issues. We reinstated deed restric-

Fairview Townhomes Progress

Construction of the new townhomes located at Fairview and Yupon continues. While the homes are not of the same style as the homes in the neighborhood, they are a marked improvement to the commercial building and parking lot previously on this site. For more information about the project see <http://www.parradesigngroup.com/forsale.cfm>



tions, began a park renovation in concert with the Parks Board, and were accepted in Neighborhoods to Standard and Parks to Standard under Mayor Lanier. Neighborhoods to Standard brought new lighting, streets and alleys. The Park renovation begun in 1989 is finally complete. We have worked hard as a group to preserve this small gem of a neighborhood. We are lucky to have it, and to have Cherryhurst Park.

Newsletter on the Web

Newsletter Editor Mark Johnson has set up a website for online distribution of the Civic Club Newsletter.

The site has been established quickly, to distribute this month's Newsletter. The site address is www.cherryhurst.com/home.html. The October Newsletter can be retrieved from www.cherryhurst.com/newsletter.pdf (requiring the free Adobe Acrobat Reader). It is also available in rudimentary HTML format for viewing directly in your web browser at <http://www.cherryhurst.com/Newsletter.html>. Please direct your comments about the site to editor@cherryhurst.com.

Trash Collection

The three categories of collection and their pickup times are as follows:

1. Garbage: kitchen, glass and miscellaneous paper are placed in black two wheeler supplied by the City and is picked up at the front curb every Tuesday

of the month. Separately bagged lawn and leaf debris (temporarily suspended) is also picked up at this time.

2. Recyclables: plastic and metal, not glass (put in garbage), are put in paper bags. Non-glossy newspaper stock (glossy in garbage) is put in green plastic container supplied by the City. These items are picked up at the front curb on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month.

3. Heavy trash: tree limbs appliances, etc. are picked up at the front curb on the second Tuesday of the month.

Call Trash Collection at (713) 837-9100 or 9200 for further information.

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Fall NearTown Association Garage Sale to be Held October 27

The Fall Neartown Garage Sale will be on Saturday, October 27, starting at 7 a.m.

It costs nothing for residents to participate. Neartown will run the ads (in both the Chronicle and the Greensheet) on behalf of all of the neighborhoods. Maps will be made available to garage sale-goers, at a charge of \$1 per map - this money will go to reimburse Neartown's expenses.

Garage sales can be done individually, at each person's home/residence, or the neighborhood could gather together at a central location - it does not matter. Each location that informs the Garage Sale Committee will be placed on the map, and balloons will be brought to the location at the beginning of the day to help make these homes/locations stand out. If your neighborhood is in need of a fund-raiser, a garage sale could be the way.

When it is all said and done, there will be a BRIEF feedback questionnaire for all participants, so that we can help

Neartown Association Garage Sale Individual Cherryhurst Resident Participation Form

I wish to participate in the October 27 Neartown Garage Sale at the location below:

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____

Email _____

Please mail your application to be received by October 15, to:

**Amy Barnes
604 West Drew St.
Houston, TX 77006**

make this a better event next Spring.

It is meant to be a fun day, as well as an opportunity to clean out and hopefully clean up!

For more information, contact Amy Barnes, President East Montrose Civic Association, at (713) 807-7910 or email her at barnesfamilyus@prodigy.net.

Cherryhurst has notified the Neartown Association that it will participate in the garage sale. If you wish to participate individually, please fill out the form on this page--please return this application no later than October 15 by

mail to: Amy Barnes, 604 West Drew Street, Houston, Texas 77006

Note: if you want to participate, but do not have the space at your home, Cherryhurst has volunteered Cherryhurst Park for use. If this is your preference, you do not need to complete this application -- just call Civic Club President Ian Gordon at 713-520-1641.

Cherryhurst Civic Club 2001 Dues Payment Form

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Home Fax _____

Cell Phone _____

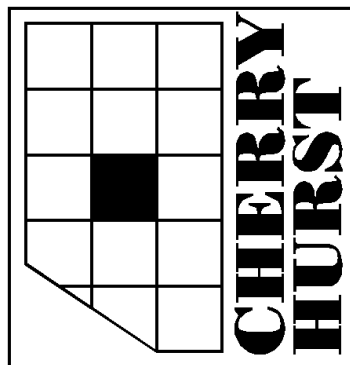
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Please mail your dues of \$20 payable to the "Cherryhurst Civic Club" to:

**Treasurer
Cherryhurst Civic Club
P.O. Box 541641
Houston, TX 77254**

You may also bring this form with your dues to any Civic Club meeting. Please do not mail cash. This information will also be used for the Cherryhurst Directory.



Become a Member of the Cherryhurst Civic Club

The Cherryhurst Civic Club would appreciate your support and participation. Please join us in making friends, enhancing the beauty and safety of the Cherryhurst Subdivision and maintaining and increasing property values.

Annual dues of are \$20 and should be made by check payable to the "Cherryhurst Civic Club." Please use the form below for your dues and mail to:

**Cherryhurst Civic Club
Post Office Box 541641
Houston, TX 77254.**

Alleyscape of the Month

by Beth Johnstone

1813 Cherryhurst is up for sale and the owners have recently upgraded their alleyscape landscaping as a selling feature. Weeds have been cleared and the ground mulched around existing ground cover. It makes a difference. Their alleyscape looks clean and respectable and is a tribute to the esteem in which they hold their fellow neighbors who use the two-block connected alleyway in common.

Newsletter Notes:

Thanks to Ian Gordon, Lynn Pannill and Beth Johnstone for the articles in this month's Newsletter. Photographs by Mark Johnson. Your comments and letters about the Newsletter are welcome! To send articles or letters to the Newsletter Editor, contact:

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