



Cherryhurst Civic Club Newsletter

November 2001

November Civic Club Meeting

by Ian Gordon

The next meeting of the Cherryhurst Civic Club will be held at the Cherryhurst Park Building Tuesday November 6th, from 7 to 8 p.m.

Fairview resident James Engel is president of the Cherryhurst PAC, one of many throughout the city, and will tell us about park development ideas at this Tuesday's civic club meeting. Marshall Broadway, Cherryhurst Parks Department Supervisor, will also talk about recent activities in Cherryhurst Park and current uses of the Cherryhurst Community Center.

Cherryhurst resident and Realtor Patrick O'Neil will present the latest information on development and residential listings for the Cherryhurst and Neartown area.

Cherryhurst Website

Cherryhurst has a website thanks to Newsletter editor Mark Johnson. Show your friends and relatives where you live through the Cherryhurst website. It presently contains our current newsletter in color and a listing of contacts for officers and committee heads. The website is one of six entered in the Neartown Association website of 22 civic clubs. See it at www.cherryhurst.com.

Cherryhurst Park Advisory Council

The Cherryhurst Park Advisory Council (PAC) meets the first Monday of the month in the Cherryhurst Community Center. The city owns

Cherryhurst Park and the Center, contrary to the perception that is our park. The city, through the auspices of the Parks Department and the PAC, develops ideas and grants funding for park improvements.

Cherryhurst resident park care has generated little interest. The civic club's offer of tee shirts, constructive exercise and a friendly breakfast gathering Saturday morning at Harry's Restaurant has gone more or less unheeded. A new and improved offer is now being made - "coop-volunteer

care". Be compensated for volunteer work with work on your own yard or home that you can't handle. Perhaps you need help with heavy trash, lawn care or a simple plumbing problem. Call Ian Gordon at (713) 520-1641 to sign up.

This & That

by Ian Gordon

Thanks to Realtor Patrick O'Neil of 2608 Ridgewood Realty for the donation of the 100+ American flags

November Yard of the Month

by Lynn Pannill

November Yard of the Month goes to 1802 Cherryhurst. This corner lot now has a wonderful seating area, with bench, blooming plants and a fountain--ideal for enjoying the view of Cherryhurst Park across the street.



Get out those extension cords!

As in past years, the December Yard of the Month will be suspended for our Holiday Decorating Contest. We will have three awards: Best Overall (lights and decorations), Best Lighting, and Best Decorations.

Judging will take place on December 17, so get out those lights, wreaths, and decorations and let's have the most fabulous and festive Cherryhurst ever!

November Alleyscape of the Month

by Beth Johnstone

November's Alleyscape of the Month is the formally landscaped alleyway at 1607

Haver. Landscaping was done as part of a total landscape plan when the house took on major, two story remodeling several years ago. Alleyway bushes have matured and now provide a



soft border to the high wood fence enclosing a rear swimming pool. A new "Alleyscape of the Month" sign will be placed at this month's winner and future winners. Walk your alleys; see their improving upkeep; keep them safe!

that adorn our neighborhood since September 11. Shirley Wallace, Beth & Edwin Johnstone, James Engel, Ian Gordon and Patrick placed them throughout the subdivision. The flags were a perfect neighborhood response to the events of September 11 and received many compliments, both within and outside the neighborhood.

The Cherryhurst Community Center is hosting a meditation class hosted by Megan Doherty every Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30 pm, free of charge. Check with Cherryhurst Community Center Supervisor Marshall Broadway at (713) 284-1992 on this and other activities of interest.

The Neartown Garage Sale was successful. Cherryhurst had four participants. Red balloons were placed at the homes of participants and site maps for the 30-some locations were available at the HPD storefront. This Neartown garage sale was organized by nearby civic club president Amy Barnes and administered with the help of former Cherryhurst civic club president Scott Howard. It provided a real shot in the arm for local garage sale addicts.

A Message from the President

by Ian Gordon

My campaign pledges for 2001 have only been partially met - like most politicians, less was done than promised. The promise of concluding monthly civic club meetings at by 8 pm sharp was religiously adhered to, but implementing a Cherryhurst Park Landscape Plan bogged down. The same old political excuses include lack of citizen participation, broken utilities (sprinkler system), and "personalities & politics". But there is hope for the future. With a better understanding of the relationship of the PAC and the involvement again of Peter Begin with the park he so loves, we hope to maintain an ongoing effort in the face of city government bureaucracy and lack of resident support. Peter, who headed the park beautification effort for many years and has recovered from a major illness, is back on board with his own vitriol and way of getting things done.

As my term of office concludes, I

can say that the friendships I have made and strengthened, and the cross-fertilization of ideas that has energized my efforts, have been as rewarding an experience as I could have hoped for. Being an officer of the civic club has brought interest and revitalization to my life. If any of you are interested in serving as a civic club officer and enjoying the enervation of the civic spirit, please offer your name up for nomination at the January 2002 meeting.

Our closely bounded Cherryhurst subdivision has the unique opportunity to provide for a community of neighbors. Please consider adding to the value of your work/television bound modern lives by joining in the old timey neighborly atmosphere of sharing and caring. Please join us at a meeting to increase the enjoyment you take in the place you live. Get with a sense of community in a wonderful place to be.

December Meeting Will be a Potluck Christmas Party

by Ian Gordon

The annual Christmas Party will be at the Cherryhurst Park Center Tuesday December 4 at 7 p.m..

The party will be potluck, with the Civic Club providing ham and roast turkey, and residents contributing a side dish, dessert or beverage. Report your interest and side dish contribution to Ian Gordon. The Civic Club will also provide ten Poinsettia plants for table decoration and raffle off the plants, free, during the party.

The "Yard of the Month" award for December will be for best Christmas decorations - lets make this a bright neighborhood at Christmas time!

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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. We have received approximately 15

Annual dues of are \$20 and should be made by check payable to the "Cherryhurst Civic Club." Please use the form on page 4 of the Newsletter for your dues and mail to:

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Construction Continues in Neighborhood

by Ian Gordon

The completely new house being built 1717 Haver is the first in the Cherryhurst subdivision since its inception in the early 1920s. Roofing, weatherproofing, underlayment and windows and doors are almost complete. Interior work will soon commence for the winter. The owner, a business consultant, is doing the construction himself, under limited time constraints. Walk by and have a look before the structure is fully secured to see an example of a well thought out design with proper construction materials.



1717 Haver Street

The two-story building front, while more massive than adjacent houses, is softened by three mature Live Oaks in the front yard. The two-story gabled entrance harmoniously replicates the single story gabled entrance of the adjacent house to the east. A third story attic/master bedroom with bath and walk in closet to the rear rises above adjacent structures, giving a grand view of the downtown skyline.

Construction of four \$500,000 town houses at 2412 and 2414 Mandell has begun. Below grade utilities are in place and concrete foundation work is now proceeding.

A paved parking lot has been completed for the upscale Mexican restaurant at Westheimer and Mandell. It will hold 55 cars. An investment banker now owns the adjacent building, formerly used for storage by Imperial Plumbing. He has begun interior remodeling for a business office, living quarters and storage facility. The exterior will be repainted a dark gray and reroofed.

Election of Officers for 2002

Anyone interested in serving as an officer of the Cherryhurst Civic Club in the upcoming year please contact Ian Gordon at (713) 520-1641. 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.

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.

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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.

