



Cherryhurst Civic Club Newsletter

September 2003

September Club Meeting Thursday, Sept. 18th

The Cherryhurst Civic Club will meet this Thursday, from 7-8 p.m. in the Cherryhurst Park Recreation Center, 1700 Missouri.

Thomas McWhorter, director of the Historic Neighborhoods Council of the Greater Houston Preservation Alliance, will visit with us this evening and let us know what the GHPA has to offer.

The GHPA's mission is to promote the "preservation and appreciation of Houston's architectural and cultural historic resources through education, advocacy and committed action, thereby creating economic value, developing a stronger sense of community, and improving the quality of life for all Houstonians."

You can find out more information about GHPA by visiting their web site, www.ghpa.org.

National Night Out a Success

Approximately 30 individuals attended last month's National Night Out event, held at the park recreation center.

Residents enjoyed hot dogs and pot-luck dishes, along with a discussion of neighborhood issues and visits from representatives of the various council and mayoral races.

City Council Designates Residential Parking for Cherryhurst

The Residential Permit Parking areas on the 1700 and 1800 blocks of Missouri and the 2700 block of Ridgewood were approved by City Council on August 5th.

Residents in the areas should already have received a "Letter of Notification" from the City of Houston Planning &

Development Department, along with the necessary forms to obtain the permits.

Permits can be purchased by mail, or by visiting the

Parking Management Division offices at 601 Sawyer, 6th Floor, near Memorial Drive.

Parking permits are \$20 per vehicle per year, with two visitor permits available at \$2 each. These

permits will have to be renewed each year.

Vehicles not displaying valid permits between the hours of 6 p.m. and midnight Monday through Sunday, will receive a parking ticket, but will not be towed. Visitors must display "hang tags" during these times to avoid ticketing.

The city has already installed the signs on Missouri and Ridgewood streets, prompting Hugo's valets to use parking elsewhere. The effect for Missouri street has been to return the neighborhood to pre-Hugo's days, when parking was limited primarily to neighborhood residents and their guests.

If other blocks in Cherryhurst begin to see an unmanageable increase in street parking, they can apply for additional designations by the City.

A link to the Planning & Development Department's "Frequently Asked Questions" page about the Residential Permit Parking Program is available on the cherryhurst.com web page

New Neartown Web Site

I am pleased to let you know that I have taken on the job of the webmaster for the Neartown Association, of which Cherryhurst is a member.

The redesigned web-site is



located at neartown.org, and includes a link to Cherryhurst's own site, cherryhurst.com.

Neartown has also created its own Yahoo group. Cherryhurst residents are welcome to join the group to keep up on issues affecting all neighborhoods in the Neartown area. A link is available on the Neartown web site to the new Yahoo Group.

--Mark Johnson

Republic Square Bistro Opens at 1402 Westheimer

The Republic Square Bistro opened last month at 1402 Westheimer, at the northern corner of the Cherryhurst subdivision.

Their menu offers coffee drinks, salads, "tapas", po-boys and desserts. Hours are 10 a.m. - 1.m. Monday through Saturday,



and 11 am to 1 am Sundays.

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'Summer Enrichment Program' Creates Murals for Cherryhurst Park Recreation Center

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Four murals depicting summertime activities were recently installed on the Cherryhurst Park building.

The murals were created as part of the Summer Enrichment Program held each year at the Park building, according to Kay Joshua, Administrative Manager for the City of Houston Recreation Department.

The murals are done with the help of the Museum of Fine Arts, as part of the museum's Mural Art Project. "This is the seventh year of collaboration with the museum, with 30-plus murals installed so far," said Kay.

The summer enrichment program is for children 6-13 years of age, and is held weekdays in June, July and August.

Participants in the Mural Art Project are assigned a professional artist to supervise the work, and are given a field trip to the Museum of Fine Arts.

The teaching artist for Cherryhurst was Rickey Donato of Houston, who also supervised the children as they painted the murals, and worked with the City to complete the installation.



Cherryhurst Yahoo Group

Residents are reminded to join the Cherryhurst Civic Club Yahoo Group as an easy way to receive information about Cherryhurst Civic Club Meetings. Anyone who is a resident or has an interest in Cherryhurst is welcome to join--group membership is free.

To join, visit the cherryhurst.com web page, where a link is available to the group. Group membership is free.

Members receive the Newsletter electronically each month.

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