



Cherryhurst Civic Club Newsletter

August 2004

Cherryhurst 'National Night Out' set for Tuesday, August 3, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Our annual 'National Night Out' neighborhood pot-luck takes the place of our August meeting again this year Tuesday, August 3, from 6:30 - 8 p.m. at the Cherryhurst Park Center.

Cherryhurst residents are encouraged to fix their favorite family dish and bring it to the Cherryhurst Park Center for a neighborhood pot-luck.

The Civic Club will be providing hot dogs and hamburgers, soft drinks, chips, plates, utensils and napkins.

National Night Out, sponsored by the National Town Watch Association, is an event observed by millions across the country with neighborhood block parties, cookouts, visits by local law enforcement, and other activities. The objectives are to generate support for local anti-crime programs, heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, and strengthen neighborhood spirit and local police-community partnerships.

Leave your porch light on Tuesday night to show you support National Night Out, and come join your neighbors for our annual get-together!

Cherryhurst Directory

by Tracy Gary

Directory Committee members Flora Moon, Michael Morrison, Brenda Gordon and Tracy Gary have a plan in place for the 2004-2005 Cherryhurst Directory.

Included with this Newsletter (and also available from the Cherryhurst Web Site at <http://www.cherryhurst.com>) is the form to be filled out by every Cherry-

hurst resident wishing to be included in the new Cherryhurst Directory.

If you need another form, we'll have a table set up during National Night Out Tuesday, August 3. You can also email Tracy at tracygary1@aol.com and we will be glad to mail you another. Meanwhile, please take time to fill them in and bring them completed to National Night Out!

Our goal is to use this time to

President's Message:

HPD Officer Sobota speaks at July's Civic Club Meeting

by Mark Johnson

Officer James Sobota from the Houston Police Department's Neartown substation spoke at July's Cherryhurst Civic Club meeting, giving us an update on crime-related topics in the Montrose area.

Issues discussed with the Club were recent Cherryhurst crimes, general safety issues, and graffiti.

Officer Sobota encouraged residents to continue their involvement with their civic club, noting that this was one of the most effective means for combating crime on a neighborhood basis, along with participation in the HPD PIP program.

Many thanks go to Officer Sobota for visiting with us.



August Yard of the Month: 1814 Cherryhurst Street

by Syd Moen

Our August Yard of the Month goes to Kent Ferguson and Landy Bauman of 1814 Cherryhurst Street.

This yard features palms that are nicely positioned with an artistic slant, including good use of perennials and tropical foliage. Slate steps

give an organic feel, while night lighting provides the finishing touch to this beautiful yard.

Congratulations to Kent and Landy for being the first winners in our revived Yard of the Month!



gather emergency information as well, and Cherryhurst membership to the revived Civic Club.

Please check the membership box and forward your \$25 dues, which will give you a completed Directory by the end of October, and a community you can count on! Checks for dues should be payable to the "Cherryhurst Civic Club."

Please mail or drop off your completed forms to Tracy Gary, 1818 Haver Street (at Mandell), Houston, Texas 77006.

The deadline for inclusion in this year's Directory is September 15. Please note that inclusion in the directory is voluntary, and not a requirement for Civic Club membership.

Sheila Mylar and Tracy Gary will also be soliciting ads to help defray Directory printing costs, from neighborhood nonprofit orga-

nizations, businesses and individuals. Ad prices are \$25 for business card size, \$75 for a half page and \$150 for a whole page.

Please email Tracy if you are interested in advertising.

PIP News

by Tori Williams

Positive Interaction Program (PIP) is a monthly meeting organized to provide local civic associations with more information about how the Houston Police Department operates and what citizens can expect should they ever need help from a particular division.

On July 21 Tori Williams and Neal Blanton attended the meeting as representatives of the Cherryhurst Civic Club. HPD Sgt. Bill Sweeney showed several short videos and then gave a demonstra-

tion of a Taser gun. Using electro-muscular disruption, Tasers are an alternative to using a gun or billy club to temporarily detain a suspect.

The videos were fascinating and according to Sgt. Sweeney, can be viewed on the internet at <http://www.taser.com>.

I was able to find lots of information about the weapon on the internet, including instructions on how I, as a private citizen, can purchase a Taser (probably not a good idea).

We should all know more about this new weapon as the Houston City Council and Harris County Commissioners Court are currently looking for the funds necessary to equip local law enforcement officers with this interesting alternative.

PIP will not meet in August as many of our local police officers will be attending National Night Out celebrations, including the one hosted by the Cherryhurst Civic Association scheduled to take place at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, August 3, 2004 in the Cherryhurst Clubhouse.

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