

The
One News
Hearthstone Place Section One



HOA Annual Meeting Held

Our HOA Annual Meeting for 2009 was held Saturday February 28 at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. Reports were presented on various projects by current board members.

DENA

Dena proposed the establishment of a Garden Club, which would maintain the proposed new entry plantings, determine winner of the Yard of the Month Award, and have occasional meetings with guest speakers. She also floated the concept of a community garage sale which many thought was a good idea. You can see by the enclosed flyer that this plan is moving forward!



Verna

Poor **Verna** was under the weather that day and unable to attend, but she filed a written report praising the entire neighborhood for the great attendance and participation exhibited at our events in 2008. The Neighborhood Night Out party was a rousing success with many folks coming out to meet their neighbors and enjoy some good hotdogs and chili! She suggested more of that kind of thing, including block parties and cook outs, and those present at the meeting voiced their interest and support.

GORDON

Gordon is a trained professional horticulturalist, so in his report he discussed some thoughts regarding the entrances to our community. He's been researching the possibility of putting up some signs and then planting a garden area around them, as well as around the existing sign at the corner of Huffmeister and Hearthstone Place. He displayed some beautiful photos of some of the options he's checking into, and also had some answers to questions regarding recycling, which you will find elsewhere in this publication.

Randy

In my presentation I commended the hard work of all the board members during the past year. There were several special projects undertaken which caused us to have discussions with a great many homeowners. That provided a perfect opportunity to get to know one another better, even if we didn't all agree on every issue we faced. That's what being a community is really about; and we live in a terrific one! While canvassing the neighborhood to collect votes on the perimeter fencing we heard comments and complaints from various individuals, and we've tried to address each one. Some are still on-going and have not yet been resolved, but they haven't been forgotten. I also shared my desire to improve communication within our community, and proposed three ideas. First, we're going to try to put out a Newsletter with a little

more frequency. Second, we're in the process of creating a website (more about that in Mary's article). Thirdly I asked for input on the creation of a Neighborhood Directory. Would it be helpful to you to have a list of all the residents with their name, address, phone number, and email? Would you allow YOUR contact information to be published for other members of the neighborhood to have? It would enable you to contact someone if you saw something unusual going on in the area, if you wanted to plan an event, or needed some neighborly assistance. And email is the fastest and easiest way for us to get information out to a lot of people at the same time, so at the very least can the board have your email address to send out community news?

NEW BOARD MEMBER

Following these reports a new board member was elected. Her name is Mary Martin, and we welcome her aboard! She has already been a great addition and we look forward to working together.



MARY MARTIN

A Community website is being developed: The domain "hearthstoneplaceone.com" has been obtained and is under development. The site is being developed and maintained by a community resident at no charge.

We would like to see resident suggestions as to what can be included on the site

Examples could be:

- Contact directory to include VIP phones numbers / email addresses of community agencies.
- RESIDENT AWARENESS LIST with permission from current residents whom choose to be included. That would be contact information phone number/email to be used for emergency contact for occurrences at their home when they are gone or for you to contact someone if you fall ill and are in need of assistance.
- SUPPORT YOUR NEIGHBOR LIST to aide neighbors/friends in times of need due to illness and death of a love one.
 - Yard of the Month information
 - Resident's blog if you see activity in the neighborhood that is of concern.
 - Garden Club news
 - For Sale By Owner Postings
 - Recycling news to include new sites to bring your recycle goods to, for disposal.
 - Upcoming Community events--Calendar.



Contact your Board of Directors

You can contact you Board of Directors at the following:

Dena Lawrence <dena.lawrence@chevron.com>
 Randy Ballard <randyballard@sbcglobal.net>
 Verna Noack <vnoack@comcast.net>
 Gordon Rendell <can-texg.rendell@earthlink.net>
 Mary Martin <marysuzi@me.com>

OPEN FORUM

We had an Open Forum allowing those present to ask questions and voice concerns. Several items were discussed, such as trash pickup, recycling, incidents of crime, and modification of the by-laws of the association.

ISSUES RAISED

One issue that has been raised in various forums is the fact that several properties in the neighborhood are not as well maintained as the rest. Some have frequent issues with lawn care. Others have glaring problems like porch lights or gutters or screens hanging off. In the past there was a lengthy process requiring multiple letters and attorney fees, and seldom were the desired results achieved. It's been frustrating but we are working with the management company in an effort to streamline that process and help the offending properties become more presentable. If you see a pile of trash left sitting for a long period of time or a poorly maintained home that decreases the attractiveness of our community, please report that

to JDH Property Management Company. If you do not get a response let one of the board members know and we'll follow up.



Comments, Questions & Suggestions

We always welcome any comments, questions, or suggestions any of you may have. Please feel free to call any of us, or the management company, or send us an email. We may not be able to do anything about your particular issue but we'll certainly listen and give it our best effort



RECYCLING INFORMATION



The nearest depot is just 16 minutes away or approximately 10 miles on Brittmoore just before you get I-10. They take glass, paper, flattened cardboard, plastic #1 & 2, and sometimes a bin for steel.

Name and Address:

Greenstar Recycling Co.
1200 Brittmoore Rd.
Houston, TX. 77043
Ph. (713) 461-9933

Your Community News



GARDEN CLUB

Are you interested in gardening or improving your property or just sharing plant information. We want to hear from you. Hearthstone Place, (Section One) will be setting up a Garden Club and want you to be a member.

Inviting guest speakers and taking field trips will also be on the agenda. The Club will also be responsible for planting and maintaining beds around our new entrance signs. Your input is important. Get involved by calling Gordon Rendell @ (281) 463-4143 or e-mail him at:

can-texg.rendell@earthlink.net

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COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, SUGGESTIONS:

Please send your comments, questions or suggestions to:

rodj@me.com

30th of May 2009

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Summer is here and it's time to clean out the closets and garage. Please join your neighbors for Hearthstone Place Section one's first community garage sale on May 30 from 8am to 1pm. The HOA will provide the signs to draw shoppers into the neighborhood and down every street. They will provide a sign for your yard so it will be easily visible from the street, which homes are participating in the sale.



Please consider the following tips
to maximize your efforts

Please stop by one of the following homes
to pick up a sign for your yard:

Dena Lawrence
6811 Hollow Hearth

Randy Ballard
14811 Shadway

Gordon Rendell
14911 Willow Hearth

Mary Martin
14822 Willow Hearth

- Start saving those pesky, plastic grocery bags to put people's purchases in and newspapers to wrap fragile items.
- Make sure you have plenty of change. Don't keep all of it outside with you. Keep some locked up in your house for use later.
- Organize your junk. If you put a little time into organizing and sprucing up your junk you will sell more and make more per item.
- Be prepared for shoppers to arrive earlier than then hours advertised.
- Don't allow people to come inside your home. Some customers may ask to use the bathroom, phone, or try on clothes. Be prepared for this, and be ready to tell them no.
- Consider giving your left over goodies to charity. Some of them will give you a tax write off form for your donations. A new Goodwill Donation dropoff center is located in the Texas Gulf Plaza shopping center at 13225 FM 529.



**If you have any questions or concerns,
Please contact Dena Lawrence at 713-516-4179.**