

University Oaks Newsletter

December 2004

Message from the President

Greetings,

Wishing each of you a happy holiday season and a prosperous new year!

Thanking you for the opportunity to serve,

Larry N. Bahn
President

Community Concerns

Christmas Eve Street Illumination

Every Christmas Eve for almost 40 years now, the residents of University Oaks have lined our streets with more than 1,200 luminarias that add a festive glow to our neighborhood. The lighted candles burn in their translucent sacks until late in the night, adding visually to the spirit of the season.

Before this could happen, though, many of your neighbors did a lot of work to prepare for the celebration.

FIRST, someone had to buy the materials including paper sacks, sand, and candles. (See below.)

THEN, the sacks had to be cuffed so the bags stay open. Some of your neighbors did this at home, maybe while watching TV!

NEXT, workers gathered at a sheltered work site (usually someone's garage) to load each of the sacks with a charge of sand and a candle. The sand gives weight to the sack and provides a fireproof pad for the candle to rest on while it burns through the night. The workers include

parents and kids as young as five or six. Some say that handling the clean sand is FUN! Therapeutic, even. Better than a session with a shrink!

ON DECEMBER 24, crews distributed the sacks throughout the neighborhood, spotting them along the curbs where they are ready for lighting at twilight.

AT TWILIGHT, you (like all your neighbors) lit the candles in front of your home. Someone is always willing to light the candles in front of vacant lots or in front of homes whose families are away for the holiday.

Walk out in front of your house on Christmas Eve night and you'll experience one of the things that makes our neighborhood special. If you want to help make it happen, you're more than welcome.

Materials needed:

- 1 12 to 15 bags of play sand
- 2 1,200 votive candles
- 3 1,200 white paper sacks

Vehicles needed to transport sand and luminarias

Work Days

- 1 Saturday December 18th, 10am until we finish
- 2 Sunday December 19th, 2pm (only if needed)
- 3 December 24th, 10 am, distribute luminarias

Work Place: The Webbs' garage, 4396 Fiesta Lane.

It's a great family activity. Come out and join us. And have a wonderful holiday!

UOBC

Book Club schedule for 12/04 through 7/05

Dec 15, Movie and cookie exchange

Host: Janice Albright

Jan. 5, The Known World, by Edward Jones

Host: Sheryl McCurdy

Feb. 2, Angels and Insects, by A.S. Byatt

Host: Pat Wycliff

March 2, Desert Flower by Waris Dirie

Host: Susan Wegner

April 6, Dollars and Cents

Host: Deborah Thompson

May 4, The Kite Runner

Host: Robyn Webb

June 1 or 3, TBA

Some outside activity

July 6, Possession by AS Byatt

Host: Linda Goldstein

University Oaks Resident

Available to Pet- or Baby-sit for UOaks Families; Evenings, and Weekends available.

HSPVA Junior, Red Cross Certified

Contact Merisa at (713) 741-1318 for more information.

“POOPER-SCOOPER” LAW

Here is the wording of the new city ordinance applying to all pet owners:

Sec. 6-24. Defecation by dogs or cats.

- (a) It is the duty of each person in control of a dog or cat to promptly remove and dispose of, in a sanitary manner, feces left by such dog or cat.
- (b) It shall be the duty of each person in control of a dog or cat to be in possession of materials to remove feces left by such dog or cat.
- (c) It is an affirmative defense to prosecution under this section that the person in control of the dog or cat is the owner of the premises, or the owner's agent of the premises, where the dog or cat deposits feces.
- (d) Violation of this section is unlawful and any violation shall be punishable upon conviction by a fine of not less than \$75.00 or more than \$500.00. Each act in contravention of this section is a separate offence.

(Ord. No. 03-1275, § 1, 12-17-03)

Community Calendar

- Newsletter Deadline: Friday of the last week of the previous month.
- Civic Club meeting: 2nd Wednesday of each month (except June-Aug).
- Recycling: every other Tues. (pickups Dec. 7th and 21st)
- Trash pickup: every Tuesday
- Heavy trash pickup: **The “You call we haul” program has ended.** Heavy Trash pickup is back to the 2nd Tuesday of every month. The next pickup will be the 14th. **PLEASE** do not put your heavy trash out to the curb until the weekend before pickup.

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