

University Oaks Newsletter April 2005

President's Letter

Greetings,

Spring has arrived in University Oaks. Our wonderful trees have new leaves, the spring flowers are in bloom and many residents are busily sprucing up their homes with new landscaping and other improvements.

Speaking of improvements, MacGregor Park is about to get a face-lift. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has provided a matching \$500,000 grant along with matching funds of \$500,000, secured by Garnet F. Coleman, State Rep. and UO resident, for a total of \$1 million in park improvements. Some of the planned improvements include increased lighting, new playground equipment, and roadway upgrading. Things are looking up for this long neglected park.

With this newsletter, you'll also receive a copy of the new UOCC Directory. A lot of hours went into this publication and we now have a data base that will allow for easy updates and reprints. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the new directory. Special thanks to Clyde Leuchtag for the *many* hours spent on the final stage of the directory.

Wish you the best and I look forward to seeing you at the next civic club meeting.

Yours in service,

*-Larry N. Bahn
President*



Next meeting of the UOCC:

Wednesday, April 13th at 7:30 PM

Location: 

Home of Maggi Blocker, 4377 N.
MacGregor Way

Welcome New Neighbors

Cindy and Justin Cremer, 4380 Fiesta.
A special welcome to Joshua Cremer born
March 31, 2005. Congratulations Cindy and Justin!



Community Concerns

Stray Dogs can be Dangerous: Houston Animal Control can Help

My teenage son spotted a menacing looking stray dog when walking in the neighborhood. As you probably heard in the headlines some years back in March 2001, 10-year-old Rodney McAllister of St. Louis was killed by stray dogs while playing basketball at his neighborhood park. Right here in Houston in November 2003, 58-year-old Fannie Pearl was walking down a southeast street to a bus stop when she was fatally attacked by three dogs.

I found the following advice in an article reproduced on several different web sites: **“When approached by a dog you don’t know, don’t run or scream. Stand still with your hands at your sides and do not make direct eye contact with or speak to the dog.”**

Source: www.drpolosky.com/newsstories.html

Please call **City of Houston Animal Control** to report stray dogs roaming through the neighborhood @ **713-238-9600**. Apparently, it takes a number of complaints before animal control will do a general sweep of the neighborhood for stray dogs. If animal control is not able to catch the dog that you reported, please let me know so we can make arrangements to borrow a dog trap from the City to catch the stray. You can also borrow raccoon and possum traps from the City as needed.

-Clyde Leuchtag

More on Dogs....

A UO resident was recently taking an evening stroll along Varsity, when she was surprised by a large, unrestrained, and very aggressive dog running in her direction. Luckily, the owner of the dog was nearby and prevented an attack. What was intended as a pleasant and relaxing walk, turned into a very frightening experience.

Be a Responsible Pet Owner:

It is against the law for pets to roam loose. Pets must be restrained on a leash or kept behind a fence at all times.

Learn these signs of aggressive and fearful animal behavior:

- Ears are erect or back
- Body is stiff
- Tail is stiff
- Body is crouched with head down
- Tail hangs down or is tucked between legs
- Growling
- Staring straight ahead
- Hair standing on end

Source: Bureau of Animal Regulation and Care (BARC)

Helpful Phone Numbers:

BARC Bureau of Animal Regulation and Care 713-238-9600
Report animal bites, scratches or attacks
Report loose, stray or animal complaints
Kennel
Licenses

Barking Dogs (Houston Police Dept) 713-222-3131

Citizens for Animal Protection 281-497-0591

Dead Animal Pickup (Public Works) 713-699-7900

Harris County Rabies Control 281-999-3191

Rodent and Rat Control (Neighborhood Protection) . 311

University Oaks Book Club Schedule

April 6, *Year of Wonders* by Geraldine Brooks
Host: Deborah Thompson

May 4, *The Kite Runner*
Host: Robyn Webb

June 1 or 3, TBA

July 6, *Crossing Over* by Ruben Martinez
Host: Linda Goldstein

UO Garden Club

We will start meeting at 10:00 AM on a chosen Saturday each month. Please email Gina on Legge_blakemore@sbcglobal.net or call 713-741-8877 to get on the contact list.

UO Little Guys

Come and meet the little people in UO. Join the Mommy & Me playgroup once a month on Monday mornings. Babies to Pre-K. Please email Gina on Legge_blakemore@sbcglobal.net or call 713-741-8877.

Volunteers Needed

A volunteer is needed to organize an HPD neighborhood watch program. Please contact Clyde Leuchtag at: clyde@leuchtag.com

Additional volunteer web masters are needed to help complete upgrade to new UOCC website. Please contact Clyde Leuchtag.

UO Homes for Sale or Lease

The following UO homes are currently for sale or lease:

For Sale:

- 4359 Fiesta (new construction)
- 4376 Fiesta
- 4372 Harvest

For Lease:

- 4361 N. MacGregor Way

Note: This information is based on MLS listings and may not be inclusive.

Reminder

“Pooper-Scooper” Law

Here’s the wording of the 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 owner of the premises, or the owner’s agent of the premises, where the dog or cat deposits the 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)

Classifieds

Baby Sitting & Pet Sitting

Red Cross certified, University Oaks resident
References available.
Ilana (M) 832-439-8107



Community Calendar

Newsletter Deadline: Friday of the last week of the previous month.

Civic Club meeting: 2nd Wednesday of every month. Next meeting is April 13th at the home of Maggi Block, 4377 N. MacGregor Way.

Recycling: every other Tuesday (April 12th & 26th)

Trash pickup: every Tuesday

Heavy trash pickup: 2nd Tuesday of every month (next pickup April 12th)



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