## Chase Oaks Homeowners Association Newsletter

July-August 2010

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Be on the lookout for the new Yard Sign to be delivered to all households who have paid their 2010 COHA membership dues of \$ 75.00. Go to page 13 to find an invoice for you to pay the COHA dues or go to <a href="https://www.chaseoaksplano.com">www.chaseoaksplano.com</a> to pay 2010 dues via PayPal.

Thank you very much for your valued support of COHA.

### Thank You Sharon Cobb!

We have a genuine Unsung Heroine in our neighborhood who has quietly (and deservedly!) retired.

Sharon singlehandedly published the Chase Oaks Newsletter for several years before I began to work with her, to offload some of the many responsibilities that come along with this important task. We set a new schedule of bi-monthly publication of the Newsletter and, for the next five years, she and I collaborated closely together to keep to that schedule. With Sharon's help and encouragement, we never missed an issue. Sharon sold and collected money for the advertising space that helped to defray much of the cost of Newsletter publication, and I handled the content and printing. She also contributed dozens of articles over the years, usually covering two of her passions: nutrition and organic gardening.

She also served as Crime Watch / Block Captains Chair in addition to Newsletter Chair.

Lastly, she and very-supportive husband Cary were the initial driving forces behind the renovation of our beautiful Front Entrance after the windstorm damage of a few years ago. Without Sharon and Cary pushing it along, this project would have been far more expensive and probably not as successful.

From all of us, Sharon: Chase Oaks is a great neighborhood, because caring people like you live here.

THANK YOU!!!

— John Reilly

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## FRONT ENTRANCE UPDATE

New low-voltage lighting has been added for the four wall niches for the Magnolia trees and to light the Chase Oaks sign on the wall.

New flowers, Cora Periwinkles, were planted in June. You can also enjoy the same flowers in all the landscaping at Watters Crossing in Allen.

New decorations were purchased and installed for the Fourth of July. These decorations will be reused for other select holidays throughout the year. Thank you for all the kind words and congratulatory emails.

Our landscaping company is aggressively going after the Johnson grass and other weeds throughout the front. In October, they will be replacing the last Foster Holly and the magnolia tree closest to the stop sign which was planted right before a seven week dry spell.

The sprinkler system will be upgraded and expanded in August to allow us to use less water.

Plans are in the works for further improvements to the front this fall.

COHA reached a legal settlement receiving monetary compensation from RA Landscaping for the 12 Foster Holly plantings that failed in 2009.

Go to the front page of this issue to see the new COHA yard signs which are being delivered to all COHA members in August.

#### **COMPASS CORNER**

In the last issue of COMPASS CORNER I wrote about "The Importance of Relationships."

This issue I will briefly reflect on the "The Essence of Good Relationships."

Years ago I was counseling a man who was having marriage difficulties. I asked him if he loved his wife. He said "yes." I asked him if his wife knew that he loved her. He said "he thought so." I then asked him how she would know that he loved her. He said, "I told her that I loved her." I then asked, other than telling her, how would she know? He said he didn't understand the question.

Sometimes we get caught in the idea that love is just a feeling or maybe just a few words proclaiming love. However, in a class I teach I have been teaching a passage on love from the Bible. Actually, this passage is a whole chapter (1 Corinthians 13). It called the great love chapter.

I have noticed that we use the word love to mean many diverse things. We say "I love my dog". We say, "I love my boat, my car, a certain food, the mountains or beach, my job, my wife or husband, and even sometimes our idea of God." Does the word love mean the same thing in each expression? Hardly. If it does, then we are obviously in trouble, or at least our wife or husband is in trouble. What does the word love actually mean, particularly in a relationship with a person?

Interestingly, The ancient Greeks had at least four different words we translate **love**. It is important to understand the difference between the words, and why the writer of the great love chapter chose the Greek word *agape*.

**Eros** was one word for love. It described, as we might guess from the word itself, *erotic* love. It refers to sexual love.

**Storge** was the second word for love. It refers to family love, the kind of love there is between a parent and child, or between family members in general.

**Philia** is the third word for love. It speaks of a brotherly friendship and affection. It is the love of deep friendship and partnership. It might be described as the highest love of which man, without God's help, is capable of.

**Agape** is the fourth word for love. It is implied that this kind of love is only experienced with God's help. It is a self-giving love that gives without demanding or expecting re-payment. It is love so great that it can be given to the unlovable or unappealing. It is love that loves even when it is rejected. It can be defined as a sacrificial, giving, absorbing, love. The word has little to do with emotion; it has much to do with willful, intentional self-denial for the sake of another.

Please go to www.chaseoaksplano.com to read the remainder of this article.

Dave Fortune / Compass Corner / 972-527-3215



## **Garage Sale Wrap-Up**

Nancy Householder deserves a big hand from all of us for coordinating our efforts with the American Kidney Fund who picked up four large truck loads of much needed furniture, goods, and clothes for their Dallas resale charity store.

Thanks to **Sandy and James Bobo** as well as all the residents of Homewood Drive for their cooperation with the large dumpster provided free by the City of Plano. The dumpster was filled in less than twenty four hours. Best wishes to **Sandy Bobo** as she is expecting twins in October.

**John Reilly** stepped up once again for the neighborhood by publishing the largest newsletter in a number of years for the Garage Sale issue. John also secured the services of The Shred Master which a number of families benefitted from cleaning out their old documents.

While we did not have not have a Lemon Aid stand winner on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, we did have great weather with 111 families who had successful Garage Sales due to the free publicity throughout a ten mile radius (and on craigslist.com).

SEE YOU NEXT MAY for the 3RD ANNUAL COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE.

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From: nancyquilts [mailto:nancyquilts@verizon.net]

Sent: Saturday, May 22, 2010 3:32 PM

To: Eric Chamberlain

Subject: Re: 612 Homewood is the address for the Free Dumpster --- Spread the world / Chase Oaks

email blast to 330 working email addresses out of 516 households

We used this community garage sale opportunity to raise money for our Prayer Quilt Ministry fund and had fantastic results! We started selling items at 6:30 am and we placed the unsold items at the curb by 2:00 pm and within 5 minutes the Kidney Foundation truck had picked up everything and left the receipt. Thanks for the great organization and publicity. We will definitely make this an annual fundraiser for our ministry!

Nancy LaVerdure / 665 Water Oak Drive

## <u>COHA is pleased to recommend the legal expertise and talents of</u> the Alexander Legal Group.

We were fortunate to have worked with Mark Alexander earlier this year. COHA had been injured in October of 2009 when the landscaping company walked off the job leaving us with dead Foster Holly bushes and a distressed front entrance. Mark was able to forge a monetary settlement with the opposing party's legal team to our likening which allowed us to avoid a lengthy court trial.

Attorney Mark Alexander has earned our highest recommendation. Special thanks go out to Neil Medwed of 7701 Watson for his referral of Mark to us.

Please read the following executive summary or follow the link on <a href="https://www.chaseoaksplano.com">www.chaseoaksplano.com</a> to learn more of the many services available to you from the Alexander Legal Team.

Eric & Susan Chamberlain COHA Co-Presidents

## The Alexander Legal Group

As a business owner seeking legal assistance, you may have been told to see a commercial litigator. So how do you find the right one?

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When interviewing lawyers, you should feel like they answer your questions openly and honestly without become defensive or evasive. They should show compassion and speak to you in understandable terms. An experienced commercial litigator is your advocate and also your advisor. It's important to put your emotions aside and try to understand what the attorney is advising. Our Law Firm works hard to meet those goals.

**The Alexander Legal Group** provides tough and tested litigation experience to our clients. We approach each client's litigation issue with a focus on cost-effective resolution, and if required, an aggressive approach in the court room. We earn our clients' loyalty by placing the highest priority on their interests and acting in concert with them to achieve their goals.

Mark Alexander is the principal of **The Alexander Legal Group**. He received his undergraduate degree from Wayne State University in 1979 and his law degree from Thomas M. Cooley, Lansing, Michigan, in 1985 (*Academic Dean's List*).

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Mr. Alexander is licensed to practice law by the Supreme Courts of the States of Texas (1985) and Michigan (1988), and holds licenses before the following courts: United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth and Sixth Circuits; United States District Courts for the Northern, Southern, and Western Districts of Texas, and the Eastern and Western Districts of Michigan. In addition he has been admitted in Federal Courts in several states, in addition to Texas, to represent significant Texas clients, who have had litigation in those jurisdictions.

Courts have appointed Mr. Alexander to serve as a receiver, mediator and facilitator in complex litigation lawsuits. He has also served as a court-appointed arbitrator. Additionally he has been a frequent lecturer to organizations on a variety of business law matters. Mr. Alexander has also served as an Adjunct Professor of Business Law. Significantly, Mr. Alexander is AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell, *the highest rating any attorney can receive*.

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### **2010 Chase Oaks Homeowner Association Members**

We would like to thank the following Chase Oaks residents for their membership in the Chase Oaks Homeowners Association. Member's dues contribute to the vibrancy of our community through promoting safety and high property values. It is not too late to join COHA in 2010 by the enclosed invoice or online by PayPal at www.chaseoaskplano.com.

#### **Baxter Drive**

700 - The Slobodkin family

701 - The Walls family

712 - The Ho family

713 – The Clay family

716 – The Dang family

724 – The Steinbaugh family

725 – The Shelton family

728 - The Maden family

729 - The Dinka family

732 – The Smith family

733 – The Brockman family

736 – The Nichols family

738 – The Li/Zhang family

740 - The Cortinas-Barrientos family

741 – The Irwin family

744 - The Kahle family

752 - The Bilbas family

756 – The Pfeffer family

760 – The Amoyo family

#### **Casper Drive**

7400 - The Sartin family

7405 – The Funk family

7408 – The Phelps family

7416 – The Duc family

7420 – The Ekukanju family

7424 – The Rajan family

#### Crenshaw Drive

7300 – The Engeran family

7301 – The Acker family

7304 – The Asmar family

7308 – The Chou family

7309 - The Jackson family

7313 – The Metersky family

7317 – The Broughton family

7405 – The Clews family

7412 – The Howard family

#### **Edgewood Drive**

7309 – The Babl family

#### **Forest Bend Drive**

601 – The Ferris family

604 - The Andries family

605 - The Dismuke family

608 - The See family

609 - The Shire family

612 - The Shapiro family

616 – The Carpenter/McElroy family

625 – The Waltman family

628 - The Walton family

629 - The Carlson family

640 – The Bireley family

641 - The Olinger family

644 – The Lesjak family

645 – The Venagas family

649 – The Dearman family

660 – The Spickler family

700 – The Copeland family

704 – The Walder family

708 – The Sokolowsky family

713 – The Gunn family

717 - The Kampf family

720 - The Layer family 721 – The Wickes family

724 – The Downs family

725 - The Croft family

728 - The Breaud family

733 – The Patel family

737 – The Hunsinger family

740 – The Pletschett family

741 – The Lin family

744 – The Nieson family

745 – The West family

749 – The Patel family

752 – The Beran family

#### **Homewood Drive**

600 – The Battista family

601 - The Briley family

605 - The Mayo family

608 - The Dunbar family

612 - The Bobo family

616 - The Born family

617 - The Hendricks family

620 – The Metcalfe family

621 - The Reilly family

#### January Drive

700 - The Taylor family

704 - The Helms family

705 – The Brown family

708 – The Childs family

709 – The Armstrong family

712 – The Voyles family

716 – The Gallagher family

720 - The Lane family

721 – The Evans/Moore family

729 – The Arguello/Proctor family

737 - The Wacker family

#### **Kite Court**

600 – The Pattni family

608 - The Okerson family

#### **Mid Pines Drive**

700 – The Attner family

704 – The Rogers family

705 - The Meharbanzad family

709 - The Neal family

#### **Mossycup Oaks Drive**

605 – The Hall family

608 - The Purser family

609 - The Holden family

612 – The Hellman family

616 - The Scott family

617 – The Wakefield family

620 - The Riley family

621 – The Korbish family

624 – The Eccles family

625 – The Schmidt family

628 – The Dawson family

629 – The Wilson family

633 – The Valentine family

637 - The Chou family

641 - The He family

#### **Nelson Court**

600 – The Shim family

612 - The Arceneaux family

616 - The Nagy family

#### Nicklaus Drive

746 - The Carter family

749 – The Jackson family

757 – The Havala family

761 - The Woodchek family

#### Oak Ridge Drive

7401 – The Laureano family

7409 – The Fink family

7421 – The Thomas family

#### Oakbrook Drive

7101 – The McElroy family

7104 – The Williams family

7105 - The O'Donoghue family

7109 – The Samadi family

7112 - The Higgs family

7113 – The Mehta family

7117 - The Marin family

7121 – The Montgomery family

7125 - The McMillen family

7129 - The Johnson family

7141 – The Baker family

#### **Oakdale Drive**

633 - The Kranz family

637 – The Phillips family

640 – The Osorio family

644 – The Chow family

645 - The Raman/Khullar family

652 – The Mitchell/Jones family

653 - The Pham family

657 - The Barnett/Corley family

661 - The Scheuneman/Hofstetter family

665 - The Bell family

673 – The Swank family

681 - The Kofsky family

#### **Pine Lakes Drive**

701 – The Watts family

733 - The Camacho family

#### **Player Drive**

713 – The Kemp family

716 – The Dennis family

724 - The Khan/Chumki family

729 - The Lee/Park family

736 – The Perez family

741 – The Alfonso family

744 – The Gogna family

745 – The Wu family

748 – The Li/Ha family

752 – The Ray family

**Post Oak Drive** 

604 – The Snodgrass family

612 - The Rausch family

616 – The Lingle family

617 – The Arsenych family

621 – The Smith family

625 – The Apt family

628 - The Counts family

636 - The Briscoe family

637 - The Cianeli family

640 – The Clouser family

641 – The Reaves family

648 – The Dunham family

649 – The Toth family

652 - The Weiser family

656 – The Gotses family

**Shallow Creek Lane** 

701 – The Tatum family

704 – The Tsai family

708 - The Rush family

709 – The Purvis family

716 - The Wainerdi family

**Snead Drive** 

604 – The Stiegler family

609 - The Lacy family

612 - The Sriskandarajah family

**Stoney Point Drive** 

7308 – The Cascio family

7316 – The Rogers family

7320 – The Nandu family

7400 – The Jeongdai/Liu family

7401 – The Lehman family

7404 – The McManus family

7405 – The Bhat family

7408 – The Shanahan family

7409 - The Crum family

7412 - The Devillier family

7424 - The Heelis family

7428 – The Graves family

7432 - The Moore family

7436 - The Mikkelsen family

7440 - The Contreras family

7444 – The Hamilton family

7452 - The Barsky family

7500 – The Saha family

7504 - The Householder family

7508 – The Wang family

7600 – The Stone family

7604 – The Howard family

7608 – The Matz family

7612 – The Chamberlain family

7700 – The Fortune family

7708 – The Cowens family

7712 – The Brown family

**Sunkist Lane** 

701 – The Auyeung family

704 – The Patel family

709 - The Pena family

712 - The Wu family

713 - The Trout family

716 – The Yu/Chia family

717 - The Puzon family

721 - The Robinson family

724 – The Bareis family

737 – The Rahman family

745 – The Abel family

749 – The Manning family

753 – The Phou family

#### **Trevino Drive**

7504 - The Johnson family

7512 - The Syverson family

7513 – The Raj family

7517 – The Stephenson family

7525 – The Saeed family

7601 – The Chumbley family

7604 – The Schlamowitz family

7608 - The Wilson family

7609 - The Rojas family

7612 - The Hernandez family

7621 - The Cobb family

#### Vineyard Drive

7312 – The Walker family

7316 – The Wellborn family

7320 – The Moore family

7404 – The Rahamim family

7420 – The Delapaz family

7516 – The Hansen family 7520 – The Nivsarkar family

7604 - The McGovern family

#### Water Oak Drive

601 – The Duboc family

608 - The Caudie family

609 - The Mitchell family

612 – The Gegg family

613 - The Person/Leask family

616 – The Siebenmann family

617 - The Nemazie family

620 - The Santiago family

621 - The Chang family

629 - The Slagle family

636 - The Forward family

640 - The Carter family

644 – The Hsu family

648 – The Resmer family

660 – The Glass family

664 – The Good/Krendick family

665 – The Laverdure family

668 - The Tung family

673 - The Jamshidi Nouri family

704 – The Chimel family

709 - The Dillard family

#### Water Oak Drive

720 – The Walker family
724 – The Gohlke family
728 – The Foster family
729 – The Liu family
732 – The Perrin family
740 – The Childress family
744 – The Bullock family
748 – The Keller family
752 – The Ling family
756 – The Batts family

760 – The Bahmani family

#### Watson Drive

7604 – The Li/Ho family 7701 – The Medwed family 7704 – The Hayward family 7705 – The Burton family 7708 – The Afanador family 7712 – The Cook family 7713 – The Quintero family 7717 – The Kuypers family 7721 – The Bell/Bracken family 7725 – The Nelson family

This report is based on payments received by COHA as

of July

20, 2010. We apologize for any omissions and will make corrections immediately. Please contact Eric Chamberlain by email at <a href="mailto:eechamberlain@digichamber.com">eechamberlain@digichamber.com</a>.

## **Yard of the Month In**



There have been five winners so far this year:

APRIL --- Oscar & Roschelle Pena 709 Sunkist Lane
MAY --- Monica & Cedric Cascio 7308 Stoney Point Drive
JUNE --- Mukund & Daxa Patel 704 Sunkist Lane
JULY ---- Bridgette & Frank Laureano 7401 Oak Ridge Drive
AUGUST --- Ed & Sharon McElroy 7101 Oakbrook Drive

COHA members who are chosen as winners get the coveted Yard sign, recognition online at our Web site and dinner for two at Gregory's Bistro in downtown McKinney.

There are many great yards within Chase Oaks who deserve recognition, such as the **Att-ners** at 700 Mid Pines, the **Chumbleys** at 7610 Trevino, the **Rajans** at 7424 Casper, and the **Lesjaks** at 644 Forest Bend, to mention just a few.

COHA is seeking another business or restaurant sponsor so we can reward and recognize two Yards of the Month. Please contact Eric Chamberlain at 214-460-5975 or at <u>eechamberlain@digichamber.com</u> if your company has an interest in becoming a sponsor for this CO-HA program.

Now if we can get a little rain (and a few days of lower temperatures) in August, then everyone's yard and garden can thrive during the rest of our summer days!

# Finding Lost Pets In Chase

We continue to have a high success rate finding Lost Pets in the neighborhood thanks to the attention neighbors have paid to the email blast announcements. Thanks to an idea from **Neil Medwed**, a new section called the "Chase Oaks Pet Hall of Fame" is now on the web site where you can submit a picture of your pet along with your contact information.

Combined with the email blasts, the new "Chase Oaks Pet Hall of Fame" will help us to get the pet that has wandered away from the back yard, or escaped off of your leash, back to you. Plus, your pet will be able to tell all of their friends that they are now online showing off their "best side".

Do not forget to register your email at <a href="www.chaseoaksplano.com">www.chaseoaksplano.com</a> to receive community news and to place your pet's picture online. Your spam / junk folder on your email may be catching our email blasts from the address of <a href="mailto:eechamber-dechamber.com">eechamber-dechamber.com</a> if you have opted in and are not receiving our emails yet.

\*\*\* COYOTES have actually been sighted on the streets of the neighborhood looking for a meal of rabbit or other small animals.

## 2010 Chase Oaks Dues Invoice

Due Date: January 1, 2010 Invoice # 2010

Please complete and return your 2010 Annual Homeowner Membership Dues Payment of \$ 75.00 to the address below.

Do we have the wrong name(s) at your address, or the right one(s) but spelled incorrectly? Sending in your payment along with this dues invoice to the address below will enable us to fix any errors in our database. Thank you!

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LAST NAME(s):	
First name(s) of residing children:	
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Phone #	
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