

Chase Oaks Homeowners Association Newsletter

The New Chase Oaks

March-
April
2009

2009 COHA Annual Meeting Report

The New Chase Oaks Campaign announced its fundraising conclusion. As reported in the January-February 2009 Newsletter, the Steering Committee has come up with a plan to spend the remainder of the approximately \$46,000 it raised, starting with a facelift for the six houses along Chase Oaks Boulevard that are closest to the front entrance at Oak Ridge Drive. The photinea hedge will be taken out, the back fence at 704 Sunkist will be replaced, and the back fences at the next four houses will have trim pieces added to the Chase Oaks Boulevard side and the tops to bring their appearance up to that of a board-on-board fence, similar to the one the Campaign installed at 700 Sunkist. The new and spruced-up fences will then be stained with the same coating as at 700 Sunkist. Finally, much-hardier Nellie R. Stevens holly bushes will be planted in place of the photineas. They will be spaced at approximately 8-foot centers, so there will be a lot of room between them for the first few years, but landscaping experts recommend taking the long-term view which is to plant them far enough apart so that they will have space to grow big and strong. Eventually, the fences will fade from view behind a flourishing hedge that will stay green and healthy — and we will all benefit from this investment in a nice-looking final approach to the main entrance to our neighborhood.

The Steering Committee is currently considering using any funds remaining after this work is completed to paint the Oak Ridge bridge over the golf course, and also to plant some new landscaping in the circles at the corner of Baxter and Trevino Drives. The Committee will keep you posted.

Lastly, from among the contributors to the Campaign, we drew the winner of the weekend suite at the Embassy Suites Dallas generously contributed by neighbors David and Terry Rijos: Mohammad and Gita Kiani Samadi at 7109 Oakbrook Drive. **Time to take down your “Our Family Contributed to the New Chase Oaks” yard signs!**

The 2009 Budget was approved. There is not sufficient room to print this in the Newsletter this year, but it is available by request to any Chase Oaks resident. Simply e-mail me at jreilly410@aol.com and I will send it to you.

Officers and Directors were (re-)elected. The new roster is on Page 4. COHA has new Co-Presidents, Eric and Susan Chamberlain, and a greatly-expanded Board of Directors. The larger Board represents a wonderful cross-section of our neighborhood and will accomplish great things under Eric and Susan’s leadership. **Please give them your support, in terms of your time and your 2009 Dues (see Page 5). 2009 will be another very busy year at Chase Oaks!**

— John Reilly, COHA Vice President



FUN FEST and Talent Show II

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for this Annual Neighborhood Festival.
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We are actively seeking talented persons to help design and bring our new web site to life.

The new web site will be easy to use while allowing the community the ability to better communicate, share vital crime prevention strategies, and to share tips on how to build higher property values.

So are you experienced, creative, and have "Mad" IT skills that you want to show off?

Contact Eric Chamberlain at eechamberlain@digichamber.com or by phone 214-460-5975.



See how much fun living green can be!

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 9am – 5pm
Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway

FEATURING Keynote Speaker Ed Begley, Jr... On the heels of the successful HGTV show "Living with Ed," Ed will deliver the keynote address during our *Live Green Expo* and provide his step-by-step approach to practical green living. Learn how to live green in Plano!

Exhibitors *Food Alley* *Hybrid Ride & Drive* *Compost Fair and Sale* *Presentations*
Children's Activities *Kite Flying* *Hands-on Demos* *Eco Fashion Event* *Recycling Collection Drop Off* *Much More*!!!!

SEE WHO'S COMING... (www.livegreenexpo.net)

The Live Green Expo offers a broad spectrum of information addressing many environmental considerations such as education, energy, food & agriculture, green building & remodeling, indoor air quality, lifestyle & recreation, transportation, waste reduction, water and yard & garden.

— Sharon Cobb, Newsletter Chair

COHA SERVICES – GROUPS – COMMITTEES

BEAUTIFICATION: Active in enhancing the appearance of our community with seasonal planting, maintaining utilities, and special beautification projects. This position is currently open. Call Susan Chamberlain at 214 797 5803 if you're interested!

CRIME WATCH / BLOCK CAPTAINS: Works with Plano Police to maintain a safe and secure neighborhood. Distributes Crime Watch bulletins and prevention tips via the bi-monthly COHA Newsletter to their block of homes and notifies Membership / Welcoming Chair of any new residents on their block. Call Sharon Cobb at 972 527 6950 for more information or to volunteer for your block.

WELCOMING / MEMBERSHIP: Welcomes new residents to the neighborhood and provides a Welcome Packet of helpful information. The committee also forwards names of new residents for announcement in the Newsletter. To join the committee or to advise of a new resident, call Janet Osorio 972 517 7047.

NEWSLETTER: Publishes and distributes our bi-monthly neighborhood newsletter. Advertising space is sold to local businesses to help cover publishing expenses. Articles are submitted by Committees, Board members, or residents. For more information call Sharon Cobb at 972 527 6950.

PLANNING & ZONING / TRAFFIC SAFETY: Monitors zoning and traffic-safety issues through involvement in City planning and acts as liaison between the City and our neighborhood. Glenn Carter chairs this committee and can be reached at 214 445 7125.

SOCIAL: Forms and implements ideas for social events and gatherings to create opportunities to meet your neighbors and develop closer community relationships. This position is currently open. Call Susan Chamberlain at 214 797 5803 if you're interested!

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED AND APPRECIATED! TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE CALL THE COMMITTEE CHAIR!

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COHA NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

Circulation is to over 500 homes!

Full Page	\$100 / bi-monthly issue	20 cents per home
Half Page	\$50 / bi-monthly issue	10 cents per home
Quarter Page	\$25 / bi-monthly issue	5 cents per home
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For further information, contact Sharon Cobb at 972 527 6950



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COHA MEMBERSHIP DUES

The Chase Oaks Homeowners Association (COHA) invites you to become an active member! Our annual dues are \$75 per household, renewable each January 1st. Here's some of what COHA does:

- o Beautifies our community through flowers, trees, lighting, mowing and watering our impressive front entrance. Some 60% of COHA's annual budgeted expenses are spent on this -- but it's worth it.
- o Sponsors Holiday decorations of the front entrance and homeowners' mailboxes.
- o Publishes the bi-monthly Newsletters for all homeowners, and the annual Directory for all dues-paying-member homeowners.
- o Sponsors social events: golf league, Meet-Your-Neighbor nights, the Fun Fest block party, Halloween parties for children.
- o Distributes new-neighbor welcome packets.
- o Supports neighborhood crime-watch reporting and education.
- o Monitors City of Plano planning and zoning / traffic-control updates.

These are the major benefits provided to all of us by COHA. All of them are significant contributors to what we all want -- **high property values**. Just as an example, imagine what would be the impact of a run-down front entrance, or a reputation as a neighborhood with a crime problem; your membership, **for the equivalent of \$6.25 per month**, helps prevent problems like these and makes Chase Oaks such a great place to live! Where else can you get more bang for your buck?

We encourage you to become a member or renew your membership of your Homeowners Association and make a difference! Any questions? Call Co-Presidents Eric (214 460 5975) and Susan (214 797 5803) Chamberlain.

Listed below are the Homeowners Association committees; we welcome your participation. If you would like to be involved in any of the committee(s), please check the appropriate line and the Committee Chairperson will contact you with more information.

Please complete the following form and return with \$75 payment.

I would like to volunteer for the following committee(s): Planning & Zoning / Traffic Safety Crime Watch / Block Captain
 Beautification Newsletter Social Activities Welcoming / Membership Children's Playtime Group

In addition, please take a few moments to complete the form below for our Neighborhood Directory, printed for Chase Oaks residents sole use (NOT for sale, commercial use, or solicitation purposes). Directories will be delivered to all dues-paying members at no charge. *Information not given below — such as telephone numbers and e-mail addresses — will not appear in the Directory. Please Print.*

Last Name(s) _____ First Name(s) _____

First names of residing children _____

Address _____ Plano, Texas 75025

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

COMPLETE AND RETURN WITH \$75 PAYMENT

To: C.O.H.A. / P.O. Box 260728 / Plano, TX 75026-0728

Master Renovation Plan Developed for Chase Oaks Golf Course

In a recent workshop, the Allen City Council was presented with a final master plan for the renovation of the Chase Oaks golf course by the Allen Parks & Recreation department and Weibring – Wolfard Golf Design.

The \$6.7mm – \$8.0mm plan, if approved, will allow for major renovations to be made, making the facility a more family-friendly course. Specific recommendations include restoring the 18-hole Blackjack course to a championship level course that is playable for all skill levels, as well as renovating the 9-hole Sawtooth course to create a more junior, family-friendly course with few bunkers and the elimination of the current forced over-water carries.

Additional design considerations include relocating/re-designing specific holes to improve the ease of course operation and reduce current safety issues that exist to residents living on the course. “Green” elements, including native plants and grasses, have been recommended for both course renovations to reduce the current water and maintenance requirements. Finally, recommendations regarding the updating/replacement of existing infrastructure (irrigation system/lakes, pump stations, bridge/creek crossings, cart paths and drainage system) are addressed, bringing these elements up to date, greatly improving their efficiency.

It is anticipated that the Chase Oaks golf course master plan will be put before the Allen City Council as an agenda item within the next few weeks.

— Glenn Carter, Planning & Zoning / Traffic Safety Chair

Chase Oaks Community Garage Sale to be advertised in Local Print Media

Join all your neighbors on Saturday May 30th (8:00 AM to 4:00 PM) To Sell Your Unwanted Items and Stuff

Get your individual family Garage Sale Permit online at www.plano.gov (permit is free, but required)

More Details to Follow before May 30, 2009

Springtime Adventures at Connemara Conservancy

Saturday, April 4... Connemara joins Montgomery Farm in hosting a festival on healthy and sustainable living. The public is invited to join community organizations and businesses from across Allen and throughout North Texas who will gather April 4 at Watters Creek at Montgomery Farm and the Connemara Conservancy Meadow for a day-long celebration of healthy and sustainable living. “Seeding a Healthy Community - A Festival for Healthy Living” will offer adults and children a chance to learn about more healthy ways of living while spending a day enjoying the great outdoors.

Sunday April 5 at 8 am... Birdwatching with Gailon Brehm

Sunday, April 19, 2:00 - 4:00 pm... Tracking Families in Nature

Sunday, May 17, 2:00 - 4:00 pm... Exploring a Different Habitat

For more INFORMATION, to make a tax-deductible DONATION, or VOLUNTEER visit www.connemaraconservancy.org.

— Sharon Cobb, Newsletter Chair

New Construction Across from Chase Oaks Golf Course Entrance

Tuscany Villas, a multi-unit housing complex is being planned for the 7200 block of Chase Oaks Blvd.

The project, similar to The Plaza, will be a 3-story complex specifically designed for senior living. In fact, the architect and the developer are the same individuals/firms that were responsible for developing The Plaza. This new development will feature a similar design/style, controlled access (gated), sit on approximately 6 acres and include a mix of 90 1 & 2 bedroom units. Residents must meet limited-income restrictions to reside in the community.

According to Clifton Phillips, a spokesperson for Roundstone Development, the property is currently zoned for office buildings or special use and will not require rezoning by the City of Plano. Clifton also advised that the Plaza sits on approx 9 acres, and has just under 200 units with an occupancy rate of 100%. Currently, the Plaza has a 1-year waiting list for 1-bedroom units.

A public hearing is scheduled to allow for public comment on this and several other properties being developed in the Dallas / Collin county areas. The hearing will be conducted by the Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs on Tuesday April 7th, 6:00 pm at J. Erik Johnson Central Library, 1515 Young St, Dallas 75201.

Additional information on this proposed development can be obtained by contacting Clifton Phillips at Roundstone Development, 972 243-4205 ext 305.

— Glenn Carter, Planning & Zoning / Traffic Safety Chair

Welcome New Neighbors!

As your new Welcoming / Membership Committee Chair, I would like to extend a warm welcome to new Chase Oaks residents:

Mark, Sally and Paul Resmer	648 Water Oak Drive	972 575 8822	resmer@earthlink.net
YaSai Ida and family	737 Pine Lakes Drive	972 943 1728	idayasai@yahoo.com
Raman, Deepti and Diya Khullar	645 Oakdale Drive	469 360 5678	ramankhullar@lycos.com
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Barbara and Jimmie Dearman	649 Forest Bend Drive	469 467 0234	bjdearman@att.net
James Li and family	737 Baxter Drive	972 517 6831	

You have chosen a wonderful neighborhood and we are glad that you are here!

A special Thank You to Kim Chow, Jeanne Williams and Gloria Kahle, for providing baked goodies. And as always, we are looking for new ways to keep track of new residents moving in. Your thoughts and suggestions are encouraged. In the meantime, if you are new or someone new has moved in on your street, please call or email and we will deliver a Chase Oaks Welcome Packet.

Thank you,
Janet Osorio
972 517 7047
jeosorio114@yahoo.com

E-Mail Announcements / Crime Alerts

COHA has a system for communicating special Neighborhood Announcements / Crime Alerts. If you would like to be included, send an e-mail to: coha.sharon@gmail.com to get on the distribution list!



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