

Chase Oaks Homeowners Association Newsletter

November-
December
2009

www.chaseoaksplano.com

What's New on Our Web Site?

New Content — By January, Jose Osorio will have set up a Chase Oaks Freecycle group which will have our community joining the existing network of over 4000 local chapters and over six million members world wide. Freecycle encourages its members to offer online or exchange free items for reuse or recycling, promoting the decline of dumping of unwanted household items into our ever shrinking land fills. Jose will serve as one of the first moderators spreading tips on how to best use Freecycle and educating our neighbors on the many benefits of Freecycle throughout 2010.

New Content — How many times have you helped out a neighbor by recommending a service contractor? How many times have you wished you knew someone who could give you an honest recommendation instead of playing contractor roulette through the yellow pages or online to find someone? By mid December, we will have "I Gotta Guy" set up on our web site where you can recommend contractors that have done a great job at your house. Another feature will allow you to seek input from the neighborhood when you have a new problem and do not know an appropriate contractor. We all have "Gotta Guy" experiences which will benefit a neighbor and prevent costly mistakes.

New capability— Pay Pal will be set up to allow everyone the option of electronically paying their 2010 Chase Oaks Homeowners Dues of \$ 75 (No dues increase). Please see page seven for the many services of COHA and a Dues Invoice to make your payment by mail. Your annual one time dues payment of \$ 75, which breaks down to \$ 6.25 per month, allows the Association to promote community safety and work to keep property values high for all residents of Chase Oaks.

Email Opt In — Please take time to go to the Web site and register your email address to receive news in a timely fashion. Recent email blasts alerted those registered about two recent home break ins, missing pets, and the possible rezoning of Clarke High School by the Plano School District. There are only two more issues of this newsletter planned as we move it online to reduce expensive printing costs.

Front Entrance — We are not pleased with the Front Entrance and are taking legal action against the landscaping contractor to resolve the obvious problems. A formal announcement was not complete as we went to press for this issue but one will be online before the end of the year and then sent via an email blast to registered residents.

New Winners — Go to the site to see our November Yard of the Month Winners, Bob and Linda Foster of 728 Water Oak, and see the winner of the Best Holiday Decorations for the month of December.

On behalf of the COHA Board and all COHA Block Captains, we wish you and your families a Joyous Holiday Season and a Wonderful and Safe New Year!

***** Eric and Susan Chamberlain, COHA Presidents**

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- **Richard Wilson**, Chase Oaks block captain on Mossycup, represented Civilians on Patrol for the Plano Police Department. Thanks for their participation to the City of Plano Police Department and the Plano Fire Department.
- Post Oak neighbors the **Gotses** family, the **Counts** family, the **Grills** family, the **Apt** family, the **Smith** family, and the **Miller** family generously donated space and electricity helping us to have a safe and exciting event.
- **Ted and Tammy Cianelli** of 637 Post Oak were especially accommodating in allowing us to use their front yard and home as the center stage on Post Oak for FUN FEST. Thank you very much for your family's cooperation.

Despite all the hard work from so many valued contributors, the only negative from FUN FEST was the attendance of 300 which matched the previous year. FUN FEST is set up to be self funding from family ticket sales, advertising revenue, business sponsorships, and raffle ticket sales. FUN FEST 2008 turned a small profit which was returned to the general COHA budget. Our 2009 event covered 90% of all expenses requiring \$ 236 from the allotted COHA social budget for this year.

As the FUN FEST tradition grows in the future, we hope to improve on our community's participation and involvement as we hit October on the calendar. Those in attendance the last two years will surely attest that this event is worth all the efforts to make it a great opportunity to meet and socialize with your neighbors. An involved community, neighborhood safety and higher home values are three of the main objectives of our Chase Oaks Homeowner's Association.

As always we encourage your feedback and ideas on how to make the event an even bigger success from the date, the format, available entertainment, to the diversity of FUN FEST. See you in October of 2010.

Thank you very much.

Eric E. Chamberlain @ eechamberlain@digichamber.com



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FUN FEST 2009

After experiencing weeks of rainy weather, October 24th turned out to be a beautiful Texas fall afternoon for our second annual community wide **FUN FEST & Talent Show II**. Chase Oaks neighbors enjoyed spirited games and contests, great food from Love & War in Texas, three bounce houses, and a top-notch talent show.

Putting on a four hour event requires a lot of planning, preparation, and attention to detail to pull off a safe and fun afternoon for the neighborhood. Thanks to so many of our outstanding neighbors who selflessly gave of their talents and gave many hours of their free time, we would like to acknowledge their valuable contributions.

First, we must acknowledge the exceptional job **Barbara Cowens** did in 2008 taking on the very difficult task of putting on the first FUN FEST last year. Going first is never easy, but Barbara's event was such a success that we simply expanded the foot print from 2008 and implemented her working plans for this year. Barbara contributed her time and talents again by heading up the solicitations for business donations for door prizes and sponsorships. Working with **Geneva Hamilton** and **Swede Syverson**, they were successful in collecting \$ 5,000 in donations that were awarded this year despite the tough difficult economic climate. Barbara's husband, **Marvin Cowens**, did an excellent performance as McGruff the crime dog for a second year in a row.

Steven Dennis was our Co-Chairman this year handling many important details for the event. He has major skills as our Master of Ceremonies as all in attendance will acknowledge. Steven also deserves a medal for donating his entire Saturday working from 9:00 AM until about 8:30 PM setting up his sound system for the event and then tearing it down to bring it back to his house. **Zoe Dennis** helped with publicity by being a watchful editor and helping with all of the lay outs for the flyers. Other key contributors who deserve Chase Oaks Medals and everyone's thanks are:

- **Nancy Householder** led a wonderful group of volunteers who put on twelve contests from Hula Hoop to basketball throughout the afternoon. Nancy benefited from the help of her two sons, **CJ and Hayden**, as well as all the help from **Susan and Matt McManus, Neil Medwed**, and twelve volunteers from the Eighth Grade National Honor Society of Hendrick Middle School. One of the National Honor Society hardest working members was **JJ Delapaz**, son of **James and Janice Delapaz** of 7420 Vineyard, who deserves recognition for working and filling in wherever he was needed as he was onsite from 1:30 to closing at 7:00 PM.
- **Julie and Billy Lane** coordinated the three bounce houses that we used from Plano's Mr. Bounce House. They also took on the important task of keeping all the fired up children bouncing safely along with their son, **Sam Lane**.
- **Ashley Funk**, daughter of **Steve and Rose Funk**, played an important role in coordinating the talent participants and insuring a smooth Talent Show.
- **Steve and Daryl Eccles** handled the many details of registration and ticket sales working with **Susan Chamberlain** and event volunteers **Ann McGovern, John Reilly, Elizabeth Trimmer** and **Jeffrey Trimmer**.
- **Norm Grills** lent his truck and muscle in helping us with the logistics of setting up on October 24th.
- Serving as our Treasurer as well as helping with ticket sales and registration was **Diane Medwed**.
- An important contribution came from **Jimmy Dismuke** who donated 2000 copies of the flyers used in promoting FUN FEST. **Jose Osorio**, our web master for www.chaseoaksplano.com also deserves recognition for all of the timely content made available in the weeks leading up to October 24th.
- **Swede Syverson** took on the task of securing the Lime Green T-Shirts worn by all the committee members.
- The new Chase Oaks Business Association (COBA) was presented for the first time to the community by **Neil Medwed** and **CiCi Thomas**, whose son, **Austin Thomas**, also worked hard during the set up and closing of the event.
- Serving as our imbedded FUN FEST reporter recording all the day's winners was **Janet Osorio**.
- **John Reilly** secured our street closure and event permit from the City of Plano.
- Chase Oaks residents and photographers **Scott Chow** and **Michael Hua** took excellent photos of the event that were displayed on our web site.
- **Love & War in Texas**, owned by Chase Oaks residents **Tye and Kim Phelps**, served wonderful brisket, quail kabobs, and venison sausage with the help of their hard working children, **Zoe and Wyatt**. We appreciate their sponsorship and participation of FUN FEST 2009 and encourage everyone to drop by **Love & War** for a wonderful dinner or lunch.
- Other business sponsors and advertisers include **Scentsy Candles, Costco, LA Fitness, Alma Animal Hospital**, and **Rocket Garage Door Service**.

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2009 WINNERS By Janet Osorio



Chase Oaks "Got Talent Show"

- 1st Place \$100 The Helms Family, Karli Weber & Cole Helms**
- 2nd Place \$25 Ani Mayo**
- 3rd Place \$25 Delaney Walker**

Raffle Winners

Diane Medwed, C.J. Householder, Joslin Sansom, Yasunori Baba, Jose Osorio, Narva Smith, Glenna Hardrick, Tami Cianelli, Ted Cianelli, Eric Chamberlain, Denim Sansom, Susan McManus, Ashley Funk, Elizabeth Trimmer, Ray Hernandez, Charles Brockman, Marvin Cowens, Nancy Householder, Austin Thomas, Jeff Trimmer, and Marietha Williamson

\$100 Third Prize Gregory's Bistro Prize - Ed and Sharon McElroy

\$150 Second Prize Target Gift Card – Jane Dismuke

\$250 Grand prize Best Buy Gift Card – Jose Osorio & Family

FUN FEST CONTEST WINNERS

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| Potato on the Spoon | Charles Brockman and Thomas Cianelli |
| Hula Hoop I | Sarah Bibb, Jia Hua |
| Hula Hoop II | Charles Brockman & Sunny Hua |
| Basketball Free Throw | Hayden Householder and Reggie Howard |
| Football Toss | Kevin Hatch |

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A Time to Give Thanks and a Time to Give Back from All of Us

Do you have the financial resources to feed your family daily?

If you answered yes, then you have much to be thankful for.

The face of hunger is not just the fringes of society; it is now a middle-income person who does not have a job due to factors beyond their control. Many families are finding themselves having to make a choice between paying bills and eating. Our local food pantries have seen a 36% increase in people seeking food assistance for the first time, many who never thought that they would ever be in this position.

In the spirit of giving back and starting a new tradition within Chase Oaks, we'd like to join the North Texas Food Bank's holiday awareness campaign and fight hunger within our own community. We will be supporting two of our local food pantries, God's Food Pantry (www.godsfoodpantry.com) and Minnie's Food Pantry (www.thegivingmovement.org), both of Plano. We will be collecting food to fill baskets that will feed a family for the holiday weekend. You can purchase as few or as many of the items to make a complete basket:

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| Macaroni & Cheese (2 boxes) | Tuna (1 large can) |
| Instant Potatoes | Dry Rice (2 lb bag) |
| Stuffing Mix | Dry Pinto Beans (2 lb bag) |
| Cake Mix | Canned Vegetables (misc 4 cans) |
| Cake Frosting | Canned Fruit |
| Corn Bread | Canned Pie Filling |
| Peanut Butter | Mustard (1 plastic container) |
| Jelly | Mayonnaise (1 plastic container) |
| Cereal (1 box) | Snack Crackers |
| Canned Milk | Jello or Pudding |
| Biscuit Mix – (1 pouch 5 ½ - 8 oz) | Kool-aid (5 packages) |
| Pancake Mix | Tea Bags (1 box for iced tea) |
| Pancake Syrup (1 bottle) | Coffee |
| Cooking Oil (1 plastic container) | Salt & Pepper |

Food Collection Dates and Sites

Food will be collected on December 19th and 20th between 10 AM and 3 PM at 7612 Stoney Point Drive or one of the additional addresses for collection sites that can be found at www.chaseoaksplano.com.

Contact Susan Chamberlain @ 214-797-5803 or schamberlain@accusys.com for more information.

Below is an announcement published by COHA as a public service to the Chase Oaks neighborhood. The evaluation, and then the replacement or installation of weather stripping on windows and doors, insulation in light switch plates and outlets, and sealing of air ducts and furnaces, are all **free of charge** to the homeowner.



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Chase Oaks Business Association

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Let's save money on common maintenance items such as:

- Lawn Service**
- Pool Service**
- Air Conditioning and Heating Service**
- Landscaping**
- Plumbing**

The fact is that by pooling our buying power, we can drive deeper discounts with the providers.

Example: Let's say you use a lawn service (as I do) and you currently pay \$25 per week (as I do). If we can pool our buying power, we may be able to get the same service for \$18 per week. If so, on lawn service alone, 40 weeks of savings amount to \$280 per year.

Another area for pooling buying power would be to work together (network) with two or three neighbors who are remodeling to team up to buy hard wood floors, new windows, or new roofs from a qualified remodeling contractor.

How do you let us know that you are interested?

Simply e-mail us at coba@chaseoaksplano.com.

***You must be a current dues paying member of COHA to participate in 2010.

*** Neil Medwed and CiCi Thomas / COBA

Welcome New Neighbors!

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

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| Georgia and David Nichols | 736 Baxter |
| Bakhtiyar Bilbas | 752 Baxter |
| Amy Ho and Chi Shing Li | 7604 Watson |
| Shikha and Arjun Saksena | 748 Nicklaus |
| Judy and Gary Runner | 704 Player |
| Ling Li, Bin He and Wendy and Dustin Ho | 641 Mossycup Oak |
| Boo Bradberry | 664 Oakdale |
| Wendy and Mike Moran | 649 Oakdale |

You have chosen a wonderful neighborhood and we are glad that you are here! If you are a new resident and have not received a Chase Oaks Welcome Packet or you have a brand new neighbor, please call or email me.

Thank you,
 Janet Osorio
 972-517-7047
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HOMEOWNERS' SERVICE COMMITTEES

Learn the advantages of participating while meeting neighbors at the same time!

BEAUTIFICATION: Active in enhancing the appearance of our community with seasonal planting and special beautification projects. This committee picks our Yard of the Month winners. If you're handy, willing and don't mind a little dirt under your fingernails, call **Susan Chamberlain** at 972-517-8852 or **Nancy Householder** at 972-527-7069.

CRIME WATCH/BLOCK CAPTAINS: Working with the Plano Police, these folks help maintain a safe and secure neighborhood. They distribute Crime Watch Bulletins and prevention tips via the bi-monthly COHA newsletter to their block of homes and they notify the Membership/Welcoming Chair of any new residents on their block. Call **Susan or Eric Chamberlain** at 972-517-8852 to learn more or to volunteer for your block.

WELCOMING/MEMBERSHIP: These nice people welcome new residents to our community and provide a Welcome Packet full of helpful, useful information. This committee also insures the names and addresses of the new residents are announced in the newsletter. To join the committee or to let us know about a new resident, call **Janet Osorio** at 972-517-7047.

NEWSLETTER: Publishes and distributes our bi-monthly newsletter. Advertising space is sold to local businesses to help cover publishing expenses. Articles are contributed by committees, board members or residents. Have an idea for a piece or an article? Contact **John Reilly** at 972-398-8948. For further information on business partner advertising on our Web site or in the newsletter contact **Eric Chamberlain** at eechamberlain@digichamber.com.

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

SOCIAL: The fun group. These folks implement ideas to produce social events to create opportunities to meet your neighbors, develop closer community relationships and generally have fun in our community. Is this you? The position is currently OPEN! Call **Steven Dennis** at 972-517-5917 if you're interested!

Want to meet your neighbors and contribute? Why not join us?

COHA MEMBERSHIP DUES for 2010

The Chase Oaks Homeowners Association (COHA) invites you to become an active member! Our annual dues are \$75 per owner occupied or rented household, renewable each January 1st.

Here's some of what COHA does:

- o Beautifies our community through flowers, trees, lighting, mowing and watering of our impressive front entrance. Some 60% of COHA's annual budgeted expenses are spent on this weekly maintenance of common areas.
- o Operates www.chaseoakspiano.com for keeping the entire community informed about news and events
- o Publishes the bi-monthly Newsletters for all homeowners
- o Publishes and distributes an annual Directory with contact information of all residents for dues paying COHA members
- o Sponsors social events such as the Fun Fest in October which is a block party full of activities and entertainment
- o Distributes new-neighbor welcome baskets.
- o A community Garage Sale is held in May along with a Meet Your Neighbor event at the Golf Course in June
- o A Business Association (COBA) is pursuing group discounts and other business networking opportunities
- o Supports neighborhood crime-watch reporting and safety education.
- o Monitors City of Plano Planning and Zoning updates as well as traffic-control news.

Please note that COHA Board Members, Officers, and Committee Members serve voluntarily and without pay. No homeowners' dues are spent for meals, appetizers, or beverages at any COHA meetings. Your contribution through payment of COHA dues will help us to accomplish our goals of keeping property values high, promoting neighborhood safety, and providing activities for the entire community to enjoy participating in.

We encourage you to become a member or renew your membership of your Homeowners Association and make a difference! Please call us with your questions, Co-Presidents **Eric** (214-460-5975) and **Susan** (214-797-5803) **Chamberlain**. Email us at eechamberlain@digichamber.com.

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 your 2010 - \$75 COHA Dues 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 the sole use of Chase Oaks residents (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.*

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