

Chase Oaks Homeowners Association Newsletter

September-
October
2009

CHASE OAKS FUN FEST

Saturday, October 24th

3:00 – 7:00 PM

Post Oak Drive

(Post Oak Drive runs east to west between Oak Ridge Drive and Stoney Point Drive)

Come one; come all to our second annual Chase Oaks FUN FEST! A top-notch talent show, games for all ages, safety demonstrations, music, and great food all combine to make for a great afternoon to meet your neighbors. Throw in great raffle door prizes donated by local merchants totaling over \$5,000 for an exciting Saturday. And psst - if you can volunteer to help on the 24th, please let us know!

Buy your ticket for the entire family now to get a great deal on the ticket price (\$10 now for COHA members, \$20 at the door on the day of the event) and get entered into the drawing for three great door prizes. This year the main door prizes have been expanded to include a \$ 250 Best Buy gift card, a \$ 150 Target gift card, and a \$ 100 mystery door prize. The ticket registration form is on page three of this issue and is also online.

1:00	Set up – volunteers welcomed!
3:00	GRAND OPENING (Find the street map online or in your 2009 Directory)
3:20	Little Kids (6-10) Potato Sack race, eggs on a spoon race, cake walk start
3:30	Smoked Brisket from " <u>Love & War in Texas</u> " available for purchase
4:15	Pre Teens (11-15) Hula Hoop Contest, Free Throws, and other games
4:30	Age 16 to Adults Games – Football Toss, Basketball Free Throw Contest
5:00	"Chase Oaks's Got Talent" Show
6:30	Winner of the "Got Talent" Show chosen by Audience Applause
6:45	Final Raffle Prize Drawings***
6:55	Final Grand Prize Drawing for the \$ 250 Best Buy Gift Card***
7:00	End of Event Clean up – volunteers welcomed!

Bring a lawn chair or a blanket for seating. Parking is limited, so try to walk or ride your bike to Post Oak.

Did we mention that we need volunteers? Please let us know on the registration form if you can help out.

***Must be present to win prizes.

All FUN FEST information is at www.chaseoaksplano.com

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CHASE OAKS FUN FEST October 24th REGISTRATION FORM

Participant	Early Registration by October 20th Per FAMILY / HOUSE	Late Registration October 21st or later Per FAMILY / HOUSE
Dues-Paid Chase Oaks Home Association Member	\$10	\$20
Non-Dues-Paid Chase Oaks Resident	\$15	\$20
Non-Chase Oaks Guests**	\$15	\$20
*Early registration automatically enters your family in the drawing for the three grand prizes, which are a \$250 Best Buy gift card, a second drawing for a \$150 Target Gift Card, and a third \$100 mystery prize		
** Everyone is welcome to purchase raffle tickets for just \$3 each or five for \$10 at the FUN FEST event to increase your chances of winning the remaining donated door prizes with a total value of over \$5,000.		

Please list the names of everyone attending on the 24th. Please list separately your children who will be participating in Chase Oaks's Got Talent contest. Entry to the event will require a name badge given at the event which will be available at the registration tables on Post Oak on the 24th. Please print clearly.

	Last Name & Family Member Names	Age of Child	If participating in "Got Talent, indicate type of performance	Musical instrument or song bringing / performing
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				

Family: _____ Early Registration - 1 Family @ \$10 / Total Family Members Attending: _____

Address: _____ Late Registration - 1 Family @ \$20 / Total Family Members Attending: _____

Early Registration - Non-COHA-Dues-Paying Family @ \$15 / Total Attending: _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED:\$

Make check or money order payable to C.O.H.A.

Early register by October 20, 2009, place registration form and check or money order in an envelope and drop into BOX located on the front porch any one of these convenient addresses:

7701 Watson Dr. • 7121 Oakbrook Dr. • 720 January Dr. • 640 Water Oak Dr.

The boxes will be cleared daily. Please DO NOT place envelope in the residents' mailbox.

If you would like to volunteer for an hour on the 24th, please contact Steven Dennis at steven__dennis@verizon.net or Eric Chamberlain at eechamberlain@digichamber.com.

From the Welcoming / Membership Committee

We have been updating our Welcome Packets for new Chase Oaks Residents! I am looking forward to meeting all of you, when they are ready after October 1st. In the mean time, a warm welcome to the new residents at:

7604 Watson Drive
732 Player Drive
752 Baxter
736 Baxter
641 Mossycup Oak
649 Oakdale Drive
721 Pine Lakes Drive

Janet Osorio, Welcoming / Membership Committee Chair
Feel free to call me or send an email or visit www.chaseoaksplano.com
972-517-7047 jeosorio114@yahoo.com



ARE YOU IN THE LOOP?

We'd love to keep you informed on all the Chase Oaks news announcements, upcoming neighborhood events, and crime watch alerts by having these items sent directly to your email inbox. In January of 2010, our community newsletter will be moved online with bi-monthly email alerts for each online issue throughout the year.

Register your email address at www.chaseoaksplano.com

That's it – just enter in your email address and we will keep you up to date on all the latest news and events going on in our neighborhood.

Important Note: All email addresses will be treated as strictly private and confidential information. Your email address will not be sold or loaned to any organization outside of the Chase Oaks Homeowners Association (COHA).

**** *Jose Osorio & Eric Chamberlain / COHA Board*

Chase Oaks's Got Talent

\$ 100 Immediate Cash Prize to our First Place Winner! \$ 25 Cash to both Second and Third Place Finalists!

The centerpiece of the upcoming **Chase Oaks FUN FEST** to be held on Post Oak Drive on **Saturday, October 24th**, will be the “**Chase Oaks Got Talent**” competition. Chase Oaks Homeowners Association dues paying members with children ages 6 to 17 are encouraged to showcase their individual (or group) talents such as singing, playing an instrument, dancing, gymnastics, twirling, or delivering a stand up comedy routine. The winner of the talent show will be chosen by audience applause.

Rules for the “Chase Oaks Got Talent” Show

- 1. Competition is limited the first 15 children whose parents are dues paying members of COHA.** If you would like to pay the 2009 COHA dues of \$ 75, please email Susan Chamberlain at schamberlain@accudatasystems.com to make your 2009 dues payment to COHA.
- 2. The age limit** for qualified contestants is six to seventeen years old who register by email to **Ashley Funk** at ashleyrose.funk@yahoo.com or by phone at 214-497-8830 by October 20th.
- 3. The type of acts allowed are a 3-4 minute routine** for a family entertainment setting include Singing, Karaoke performances, Dance, Gymnastics, Musical Instruments, Twirling, and “G” Rated Comedy.
- 4. The order of performance** will be determined by a simple blind drawing of numbers by each contestant before the start of the event.
- 5. Electricity, CD player, speakers, a microphone,** and a limited number of **karaoke songs** will be provided **free of charge**. Song sheets and musical instruments will not be provided to contestants.
- 6. Automatic Disqualifications** will result if an act displays any form of “**PG 13 or R**” **rated language** (or theme) in their performance. This is not limited to stand up comedy, but also is not acceptable in any other acts such as singing, dance, skimpy inappropriate costumes, or offensive song selections.
- 7. The Cash Prizes for first, second, and third place finalists** will be determined by who receives the most audience applause. If the winner is a group of performers or band, then the group will be awarded the cash prize to be split among the group members.
- 8. Email your questions to Ashley Rose** at ashleyrose.funk@yahoo.com or call at **214-497-8830**. Please let us know if you have any special instrument connection requirements for the speaker system at the event.
- 9. You can register by email.** Or by completing the registration form that can be found online at www.chaseoaksplano.com and in the October newsletter issue delivered to your home. Your registration form can also be dropped off at one of the four homes throughout the neighborhood accepting ticket sale orders. The **list of residences** is on the registration form and in the October 8th newsletter.

We are looking forward to seeing your talents on October 24th on Post Oak Drive.



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How to have those sidewalks and street lights repaired! City of Plano Contacts

Many homeowners have asked how they can help with keeping our neighborhood beautiful. Susan Chamberlain worked with the City in June to have 21 sidewalks repaired by the City Street Department. Susan is working on the next part of the neighborhood to get their sidewalks on the City's schedule.

The Chase Oaks Homeowners Association (COHA) is a voluntary organization without the normally associated HOA deed restrictions or restrictive covenants that contain often harsh mandatory regulations. We rely on common sense cooperation between all neighbors to look out for the safety of others and to maintain our homes to promote higher property values for all. Although there are no COHA covenants and thus no COHA deputies to write tickets for violations, we do adhere to the City of Plano's code for residential standards and zoning laws and fully cooperate with the City to enforce those standards.

To help all of us know what we can do to diligently keep our neighborhood in compliance with city code, we have listed the websites for reporting broken sidewalks, repairing street lights, street pot holes, fallen fences, and reporting overgrown trees as well as the web sites to answer your general questions. The site is informative and has a wealth of additional information.

The main web site address is <http://www.plano.gov/Departments/Pages/default.aspx>.

To report property maintenance concerns (i.e.: grass /weeds over twelve inches tall, accumulated trash, fence maintenance repairs, inoperable and / or junked vehicles, etc.) at properties west of Custer Road, please contact the JUF office as indicated above. Concerns may also be reported by e-mail to psdsupport@plano.gov or submitted by an online request to <http://www.plano.gov/Departments/PrpoertyStandards>. Any of these concerns can be reported without providing your name or contact information.

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New Business Association for COHA Members

It is time to move forward with the Chase Oaks Business Association. The purpose of COBA is for dues paying members to be able to save money and make money. Let me explain.

Save Money - As a group, we can save money by pooling our buying power. If you are a paid member of COHA, you can be included in special discounts that we work out with service providers. For example, many of us use lawn services. Most of us pay around \$25 per week. Would it be beneficial to the group if we could receive the same service for less, let's say \$20 per week? Of course it would. This savings alone provides return on investment of your Homeowner dues in less than 4 months. And by doing the same thing with pool service, plumbing service, HVAC service, we can all save a lot of money.

Make Money – If you look at the demographics of our Chase Oaks Community, you will find that we have many homeowners who work for many companies that you may or not be aware of. Some may own or manage businesses that you already use. Some may work, own or manage companies that you may want to use. Some may be individuals who are interested in providing you with information on their specific skill set. If you needed a product, service or solution, wouldn't it be nice to know if any of your neighbors are in that business? And if so, be able to call one of your neighbors and work with them? At the very least, you would think that since you are a neighbor, you would be well taken care of. You may even get special considerations because you are a neighbor.

There are only two rules for the Chase Oaks Business Association (COBA). First of all, you must be a dues paying member. COBA is open only to Homeowner Dues paying members. COBA's goal is to provide great value to the families who care enough to participate (And this should be everyone!!!). And COBA does that. The second rule is really a soft rule as compared to a hard rule. It is that you are interested in saving money wherever possible and that you are open to the possibility of potentially working together for the common good. By paying your annual COHA Homeowners dues and joining COBA, you will be pleased with your return on investment and the no additional fees from COBA.

If you are interested in participating, please e-mail Neil Medwed and CiCi Thomas at coba@chaseoaksplano.com. Once we get your name and verify that you have paid your homeowners dues, you will be able to take advantage of all that COBA has to offer. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Neil Medwed at 972-898-2620 or e-mail him at neil.medwed@preferredtechnology.com.

******Neil Medwed / COHA Board**

Ways you can lower your utility bills

With rising fuel costs, higher electric bills, lack of power generation capacity, and unseasonably warmer summers, we face new challenges to living comfortably while efficiently conserving our natural resources. Using today's technologies, it is very cost effective to retrofit existing homes with improvements that pay for themselves in a short period of time and continue to save money each month.

By adding radiant barrier, insulation, weather stripping, energy efficient windows, proper ventilation, maintaining your air conditioner, you will reduce your utility bills by 12 – 20%.

With the government wanting us all to conserve our energy usage, they are providing a tax credit up to \$1500.00 when you improve your home with energy efficient products.

There are many options out there for each homeowner to assist them in saving money on their energy bills. Call me with questions, and I would be happy to help.

CiCi Thomas 214-497-9920

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City of Plano Property Standards

Grass and Weeds

Weeds/grass over 12 inches high is a violation of Plano City Code. Property owners and tenants are responsible for keeping their lawns mowed and clippings mulched or cleared.

Tree Limbs and Branches

We have a beautiful city filled with diverse landscapes. Many of our residential areas have large, established trees and we can appreciate our resident's desires for attractive looking yards. However, trees overhanging streets and alleys can cause damage to large vehicles like emergency equipment, delivery trucks and school buses. Low tree branches can make it difficult to walk along sidewalks or to see around corners when driving. For these reasons there are height requirements to keep in mind when planting and maintaining landscapes.

Trees along streets and alleys must be trimmed to above 14 feet over these surfaces. In addition, branches of trees and bushes planted along alleys must be trimmed one foot back from the concrete surface, into the easement. Trees overhanging sidewalks must be trimmed to a height that is seven (7) feet above the concrete surface. It is important that trees and bushes planted at intersections, alley entrances and in public right of ways, be trimmed so that foliage does not block the view between 2 1/2 feet and 9 feet above street grade.

Trash and Debris

The homeowner and / or tenant is responsible for maintaining the area between the curb in front of the house to the middle of the alley (or the back property line if there is no rear alley) free of litter, weeds, trash and debris

Fence Maintenance

Property owners are required to maintain their fence so that:

1. The fence shall not be out of vertical alignment more than one (1) foot from the vertical measured at the top of the fence. Except, however, for fencing four (4) feet or less in height, the vertical alignment shall not be more than six (6) inches from the vertical measured at the top of the fence. Fences may not be higher than eight (8) foot tall.
2. Any and all broken, loose, damaged, insect damaged, or missing parts (i.e., slats, posts, wood rails, bricks, panels) having a combined total area of twenty (20) square feet or more of said fences shall be replaced or repaired within sixty (60) days of notification of non-compliance. Fences enclosing swimming pools or spas must be repaired immediately.

The main web site address is <http://www.plano.gov/Departments/Pages/default.aspx>.

Concerns may also be reported by e-mail to psdsupport@plano.gov or submitted by an online request to <http://www.plano.gov/Departments/PropertyStandards> .

*****Nancy Householder and Susan Chamberlain, COHA Directors**

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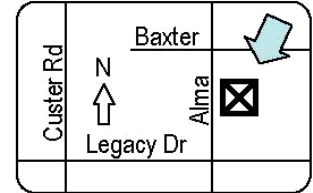
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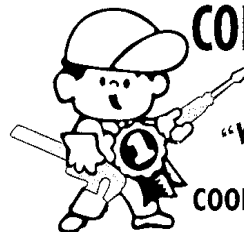
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