

# HSMNA January 2020 NEWSLETTER



COMPLIMENTS OF HOLLYWOOD/SANTA MONICA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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### **AGENDA**

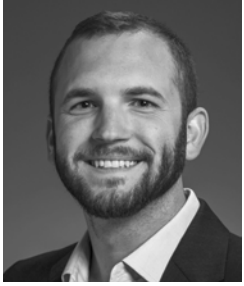
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**Welcome and Introductions** – Travis Mayberry, President  
**Real Estate Report** – Joe Kacynski, Allie Beth Allman & Associates  
**ENP Report** – Anne Tudhope  
**Home Tour** – Sara Ramos  
**Bylaws Revision** – Travis Mayberry, President  
**2020 HSMNA Board of Directors Voting** – Chris Ball  
**Closing Remarks** – Travis Mayberry, President  
**Adjourn**

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## STATE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD



Hello neighbors - I hope everyone was able to enjoy some time off with your family and friends over the holiday and finished your year strong with loads of holiday food and football. I saw several of you out at our HSMNA Holiday Block Party in December where we had choice weather, Santa for the kids (and for

some adults), loads of tamales, lights strewn above the street, and plenty of holiday cheer to go around.

As the New Year gets underway, I want you to know that the board members of your HSM Neighborhood Association have been hard at work setting our organization and neighborhood up for success in the coming year. As I'm writing this, I realize I could write a few sentences on the impact each person on the board and several others in the neighborhood are making every day, but also realize that it could take up this whole newsletter. This is a season to give thanks, and I want to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who has invested time outside of their busy lives into this neighborhood.

When reflecting on my first year as President, it's really no surprise to say that I've learned a lot. In this role, you are responsible for leading a group of volunteers who have the time to give back to a place they care deeply for, and it is immediately apparent that every person is a blessing. The notion that it takes all types to have a successful organization also could not have been made more clear. You need people who want to make the organization run well internally, people who care about the public perception, people who are interested in keeping it light and having fun, people who want to attract new members to the group, people who are interested in raising funds, people who are interested in supporting philanthropic causes, people who want to be leaders and people who want to be supporters. You always hear that having the right people makes all the difference, but it's another thing to witness so many self-motivated people make an impact first hand. It has been awe-inspiring to see all of these different groups and personalities interact to create things that no single person could create on their own, and it has been one of the most human experiences I've been a part of.

All the while I can't help but wonder why do people do this - why do I do this? What motivates people to give so much of their free time and feel so passionately about this neighborhood? I can understand how groups of people at a company may be motivated to work together like this for pay or because they believe in a common cause, but to see it happen with so many people who simply live next to each other is, at the very least, interesting. My guess for what motivates us to participate is having been affected by some aspect of the warm culture of this neighborhood, and then realizing there are several ways to show your appreciation and give back. It may not be immediately

obvious that this culture didn't come about overnight - rather it sprouted from those who have lived here and been active for a long time, and it has been nurtured and passed down to others along the line. This has resulted in one of the most empowering aspects of our neighborhood - an established and active forum to get involved and enrich the place we call home. I can assure you that what we have here is unique from many other neighborhoods and organizations, and it is in thanks to those who have come before us.

Looking forward, I am positively excited for what the new year will bring, and am eager to build on our successes and see the impact of the changes we're making. Your contributions mean everything, in the form of your participation and in the form of your membership. I encourage you to join or renew your membership today by visiting [hsmna.org](http://hsmna.org), and I encourage you to come to our upcoming HSMNA Quarterly Membership Meeting on January 21st at 7pm at Times Ten Too (Annex) to see what we're doing for our community and how you can make a difference. It takes all types to have a successful organization, so we hope you can contribute toward making this an even brighter place to call home in 2020.

Travis Mayberry - *President, HSMNA*

### Come Vote for Your Board of Directors



At the January Quarterly we will present a slate of candidates for the 2020 HSMNA Board of Directors. This team of volunteers help with all the aspects of keeping our association and neighborhood thriving. Come meet, visit with, and vote for your 2020 Board of Directors.

Only current members of the association are eligible to vote, so if you haven't yet signed up, or renewed, please join us at the meeting and do so!

### HSMNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Travis Mayberry - *President*

Jamie Johnson & Chris Ball - *Co Vice Presidents*

Steve Peggs - *Treasurer*

John Fancher - *Secretary*

Alicia Gerte - *Budget & ENP*

Anne Tudhope - *ENP Chair*

Hooman Shamsa - *Digital Communications*

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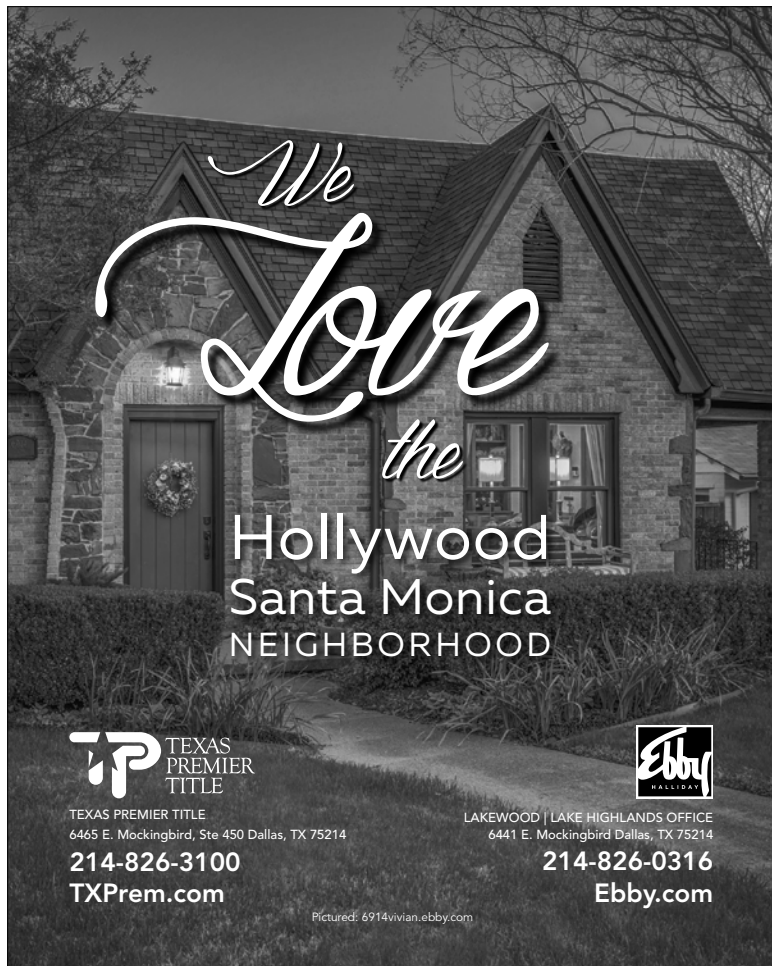
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Norm Alston - *Zoning/CD*

Sara Ramos - *Home Tour Chair*

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 and  
 Expanded Neighborhood Patrol (ENP)  
 MEMBERSHIPS**

**HSMNA AND ENP MEMBERSHIPS FORM**

\_\_\_\_\_ **YES! I WANT TO BE A MEMBER OF THE HSMNA!**

(NOTE: HSMNA is a Neighborhood Association - anyone who lives in the 'hood is encouraged to join - it is not limited to homeowners.)

\_\_\_\_\_ **YES! I WANT TO BE A MEMBER OF THE ENP!**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL HOUSEHOLD MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

**HSMNA ANNUAL DUES**

- ☐ Individual..... \$60  
☐ Couple.....\$120  
☐ Emeritus (76+).....FREE

**ENP ANNUAL DUES**

- ☐ Annual: \$200 (Jan - Dec.)  
☐ Additional Contribution of  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE SELECT ONE**

- ☐ New Member  
☐ Renewal

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL REMITTED**

Please go to [HSMNA.org](http://HSMNA.org) to join and pay online. Or, mail this form with a check payable to HSMNA to: HSMNA, PO Box 140763, Dallas, Texas 75214. Upon receipt, we will send your HSMNA membership card and/or ENP member-only police officer contact instructions. Please direct questions to: [treasurer@hsmna.org](mailto:treasurer@hsmna.org)

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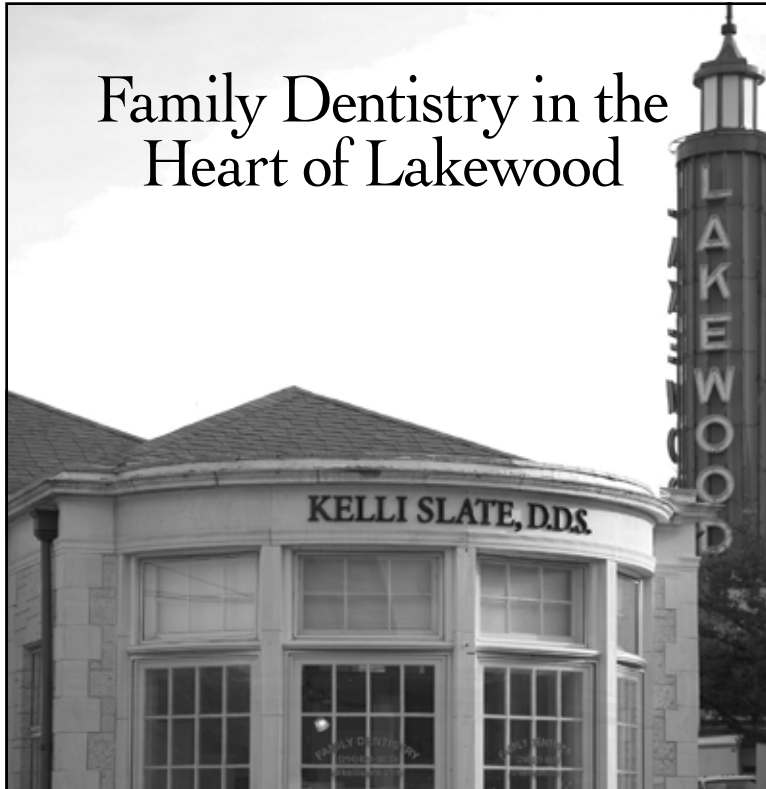


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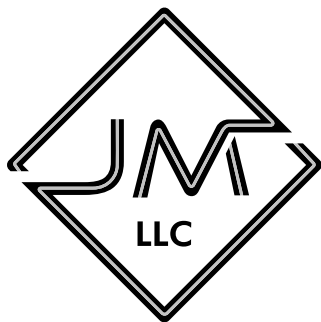


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## Lindsley Park Renovation



In order to make the playground at Lindsley Park "All Accessible", The City of Dallas Park & Recreation Department has presented a plan that replaces the existing playground equipment, builds new basketball courts, develops a new lighting plan, builds a steel-enclosed Lavatory, corrects drainage issues and adds a recycled rubber playground material that replaces sand. The HSMNA Board of Directors is working with the Park Department and will forward the final development plans and timeline as they come available.

## MY PET IS STRESSED OUT!

**Kathryn Junkins Sarpong, DVM DABVP**

*Monte Vistian and Vet at Metro Paws Animal Hospital*

The holidays may have made you realize that your pet is stressed. Maybe it was the change in the house with decorations a new pet, house guests, or travel? But you found yourself dealing with a pacing furry friend that was excessively needy or hiding. Maybe your cat started acting aggressively or urinating in the living room. Maybe your dog who has been good for a long time started destroying the house.

What can be done? There is hope. We will outline a few steps to try at home that may solve the issue and you can call your veterinarian for any additional help.

What do we try first?

**Make certain your pet has a safe and secure area.** (dog crate, bedding, high space to hide for a cat, baby gate away from small children). Expecting your pet to be a part of every changing social dynamic is not realistic or healthy for most pets. They may prefer to be alone than be with your cousins 2 year old triplets for the gift opening festivities! Many pets suffer from spending too much close time with their owners. I know it is hard to hear, but your pet is better psychologically if they are NOT by your side 24 hours a day. Too much time together may create a pet that cannot be left alone ever. So even if you work from home, allow your pet to be in a different room or crated for at least 2 hours a day.

**Keep food and water and toilet routines the same.** This is important to your cat and dog's sense of security. Your cat may

not want you to buy the latest litter box with the special hood. The mechanical action or new smell may terrify them and result in your carpet being the new favorite litter box. Your dog may become food aggressive if the feeding times are sporadic and they do not feel they can eat securely and in peace.

**Use pheromone collars, sprays and plug ins.** Pheromones are scent hormones that animals can smell (we can't) and they signal to them to be calm, or like each other. Get a brand your veterinarian recommends. I like Feliway for cats and Adaptil for dogs – these can be purchased at many retailers and on-line without a prescription. We have some of the plug-ins at the clinics that stressed cats will snuggle up next to when they want comfort.

**See your vet** to rule out medical problems or pain. Sometimes what looks like a stress behavior is a sign of a medical condition or arthritis pain. Make a plan to see your vet if the above remedies are not working.

**Consider Medication.** Talk to your veterinarian about the training and behavioral steps you have made and the stress symptoms your pet is displaying at home. Your pet's doctor will likely make some other suggestions, maybe recommend a pet trainer for you and may offer medications to make a transition to a better state of mind or help a pet suffering from severe stress.



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## EXPANDED NEIGHBORHOOD PATROL (ENP) UPDATE

**If a crime occurs, report it. This sounds easy doesn't it?**

**H**SMNA has had a year with low crime numbers reported. The main crime events registered have been burglaries of a motor vehicle. It is estimated that only half of all crime is ever reported. Law enforcement agencies are unable to do anything about crime if they don't know about it. Let's continue to keep our neighborhood safe. If you are a victim of a crime, it is **ESSENTIAL** that you report it.

If you are a witness to a crime, it is just as important to report the crime as well. Eyewitness information is the key to solving most crimes. If you report a crime or suspicious activity, you do **NOT** have to be contacted by the responding police officer. If you choose to be contacted, it can be in person or the officer can contact you via telephone from their patrol vehicle. Our ENP officers are listening for crime reports while patrolling our neighborhood and when they are working their DPD shifts.

The purpose of reporting suspicious activity is to prevent crime from occurring. Remember these tips for reporting suspicious or criminal activity.

Call 911 immediately and report the suspicious activity or crime. Tell the 911 operator all that you remember about the incident. No fact is too trivial. In many cases, it is the information provided by the victim or witness that leads to the offender being apprehended.

### **Information to provide to the 911 Operator includes but is not limited to:**

- What is the reason you are calling?
- What is the address where the incident occurred?
- How many suspects are there?
- What do they look like as in ethnicity, height, weight, approximate age?
- What clothing are they wearing?
- Are weapons involved or have any been seen?
- Has the suspect left the scene?
- Which direction did they go?
- Are they on foot or driving a vehicle?

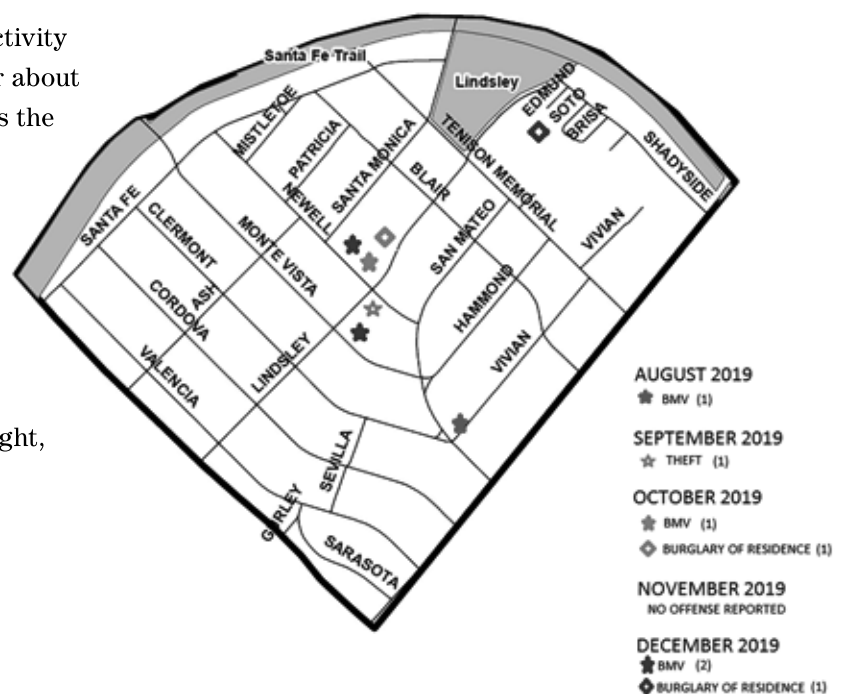
- What model and make of vehicle? Any damage on vehicle, license plate number?
- Are witnesses still at the location?

### **Response Timing & Prioritization**

Depending on the nature and urgency of the 911 call, the dispatcher will make a determination as to when the officer's actually receive the information. If resources are limited and the call is not of an urgent life-threatening situation, the call may take longer before it is dispatched to ensure that all urgent calls are handled first. If our ENP officer is on duty for the neighborhood they will be able to respond immediately when they hear the call.

DPD operates a 5-tier call prioritization system to ensure response to the most serious 911 calls first. Visit [hsmna.org](http://hsmna.org) to see the projected maximum response times and the types of calls that are classified within each tier.

Anne Tudhope - *ENP Chair*



## Being A Block Captain Has Great Benefits!

**B**lock Captains have a great opportunity to meet all the neighbors on their block, welcome new ones and establish greater safety and communication for our entire community, one block at a time.

Here's how it works:

- Block Captains maintain an accurate, up to date Contact Roster for families within their block(s).
- Send new homeowner information to HSMNA Block Captain Board Representative so a Welcome Basket can be prepared and delivered by either the Block Captain or HSMNA Board Representative.
- On occasion, help alert/remind Homeowners of special events or urgent crime issues.

If you'd like to get involved, send an email to [Jamie.darbyjohnson@gmail.com](mailto:Jamie.darbyjohnson@gmail.com) and volunteer today!

## HSMNA Bylaws Update

We are excited to announce that we are updating our Bylaws to improve the way our organization operates. We welcome you to review the original Bylaws, proposed Bylaws, and summary of the changes by going to <https://hsmna.org/board-and-bylaws>. If you have any questions about these changes, please email [info@hsmna.org](mailto:info@hsmna.org). We will also be holding a brief forum for questions at our upcoming January Quarterly Membership Meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at 7:00pm at Times Ten Too.

## Need a Recommendation for a Reliable Contractor?

HSMNA has a list of contractors/tradesmen who have worked for and are recommended by many of our neighbors completing Design, Plumbing, Electrical, Renovation, Painting, Landscaping, Irrigation, Fencing, Masonry and Handyman projects. Contact Kathy Zahra at [kathyzahra@yahoo.com](mailto:kathyzahra@yahoo.com) if you need a referral or would like to add a name.



## Reporting Crime in our Neighborhood



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Ordinance No. 21608 Adopted March 9, 1993.

ANY construction or remodeling of the outside of your  
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Form from the City of Dallas. This form is in addition  
to any other permits (such as building permits)  
required by the city.

### GET YOUR CONSERVATION DISTRICT WORK REVIEW FORM **BEFORE** YOU BEGIN EXTERIOR REMODELING, REPAIRING, OR IMPROVEMENTS TO YOUR HOME.

In a Conservation District, the guidelines are city  
law, and violations result in the city enforcing the  
Conservation District Ordinance with work stoppage  
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### TOP TEN RESTRICTED LIST:

1. Improper Porch Enclosures
2. Painting of Exterior Brick Veneer  
and Paint Colors
3. Installation of Skylights
4. Asphalt, Gravel, or Circular  
Driveways
5. Front/Side Yard Fence Height and  
Required Setback
6. Carports not in Backyard
7. Removal of Original Stained Glass
8. Metal Roof Materials
9. Window and Door Replacement
10. Retaining Walls

## CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

The documentation listed below must be submitted with a completed Conservation District Work Review Form Application. By checking each requirement you are stating that you have supplied correct and complete information. In the event that the required information is not contained in the submitted documents, you will be notified. Failure to supply the requested information will result in the review of your application being delayed.

### REMODELING/ADDITIONS AND NEW CONSTRUCTION

TWO Sets of plan drawings including:

- **Elevations.** (labeled north, south, east, & west as applicable) and plan drawings to scale indicating proposed alterations or additions, clearly delineating existing and proposed work. Note: until further notice, an 11" by 17" set of plans must be provided in addition to the full-sets.
- **Site plan.** Provide a site plan that shows the location and dimensions of any additions and/or new construction and all setbacks.
- **Survey.** Provide a copy of the survey of the lot that shows: 1) dimensions of lot, 2) location and dimensions of existing structures; and 3) all setbacks.
- **Photographs.** Provide photographs of house and/or other structures on property where work is to be done. Photos should clearly show existing conditions (where work is proposed) from all relevant sides.
- **Grading plan.** If the existing slope of the lot is being altered, provide a grading plan.
- A scalable detail drawing of the proposed foundation at a min. scale of 1/2-inch = 1-foot. Foundation detail should indicate location of finished grade.



### WINDOWS

- Photographs of all windows to be replaced.
- Manufacturers' image(s) of proposed new windows. Image should clearly show the dimensions of the windows, the number of lites/divisions, whether muntins are expressed outside of the glass, window material and window types (double hung, casement, etc.)

- Indicate on elevations if window openings will be enlarged or reduced in size



### ROOFING (Work Review Form must specify):

- Type of roofing material on the structure currently. (e.g., clay tile, comp. shingles)
- Proposed roofing material (e.g., clay tile, comp. shingles)
- Brand name of proposed roofing material and the color (e.g., GAF, Timberline in Weathered Wood)



### PAINTING

- Paint color chip required. Color chip should show brand, color number and name (e.g., Sherwin-Williams. SW 6359, Beige).



### POOLS/SPAS

- A section through the length and the width of the pool/spa showing the height (in inches) above grade for any element of the pool and/or spa above grade.
- An 8.5 by 11 color image of how the finished pool/spa will look.



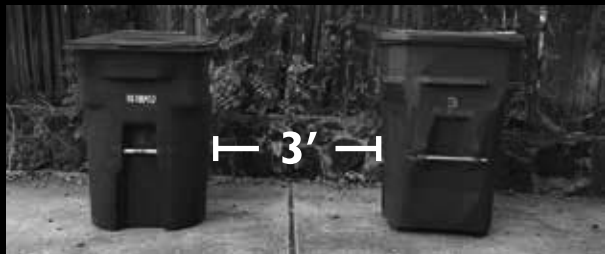
### FENCES

- A property survey clearly showing the locations of existing/proposed fencing, existing/proposed materials and existing/proposed fence heights.

*NOTE: Submittal requirements for fences may vary according to Conservation District regulations additional drawings and information may be required to complete project review.*

*NOTE: Minimum scale of 1/8"=1'0" on all plans and elevations, unless otherwise approved by a Conservation District Planner. Plans should not be reduced and must be to scale to verify measurements. Section and/or detail drawings if required should have a minimum scale of 1/2" =1'.*

# IMPORTANT NOTE



Allow 3' feet of space on the left and right side of the Roll Cart.

**GARBAGE & RECYCLING** containers may be placed out at the street curb for collection **no earlier** than 6:00 PM the day before pickup.

Since our pickup is on Fridays, containers may be placed out **AFTER 6:00 PM ON THURSDAY EVENINGS.**

The containers may not be placed in the street, on the sidewalk, or in any manner that will interfere with vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

Garbage and recycling containers must be removed to the side yard or the rear of the structure (no containers in front of houses), preferably out of sight,

**BEFORE 8:00 AM THE DAY AFTER COLLECTION DAY**

(for us, by 8:00 AM on Saturdays).

**BULKY TRASH PICKUP** is on the **MONDAY** of third full week.

Violations are punishable by fines between \$50 - \$2000 for the 1st citation, and \$100 - \$2000 for the 2nd in a 24-month period. Anyone can report code violations to 311.

## JOIN OR RENEW YOUR HSMNA MEMBERSHIP TODAY

**What does your contribution of \$60/individual or \$120/family per year do?**

- Enhance and maintain the landscape at the entrance and triangles in the neighborhood
- Support our annual HSMNA Home Tour
- Support our neighborhood events – Easter Parade, Christmas Block Party, Spooktakular Chili Cook-off, Movie Night in the park, and more!
- Supply Welcome Baskets for the new neighbors
- Print and distribute our Quarterly Newsletter to 800+ homes in the neighborhood
- Provide wine and food at quarterly neighborhood meetings
- Fund capital neighborhood improvement projects
- Fund our HSMNA website <https://hsmna.org>

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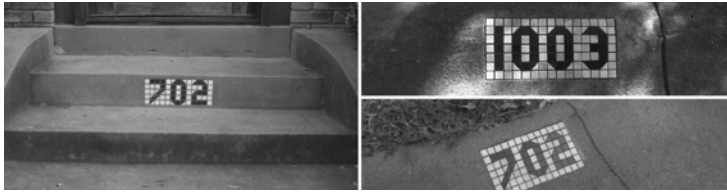
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**2. COST:** If you are a 2018 HSMNA member, the cost is \$150; if you are not a member, the cost is \$160. Pay Arthur directly for his service after completion.

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## Do your dogs bark A LOT?

Dogs bark. That's what they do. But please try to be considerate of your neighbors and keep unnecessary barking to a minimum.

If you hear your dog barking in the night, please do what you can to make them stop. And please be aware of your neighbors who are home all day – either working or with their children. Check with your neighbors to see if your dogs are barking all day and then do what you can to fix the problem.

**Happy neighbors make a happy neighborhood!**



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*29th Annual*  
**HOLLYWOOD  
 HOME TOUR**  
*May 1, 2, 3, 2020*

# WELCOME TO THE 2020 HOME TOUR

**H**appy 2020! The Home Tour and Auction Party committees are very excited about the changes for this year's 29th Home Tour! We are moving the Home Tour dates to May 1st, May 2nd and May 3rd. The change will allow for more blooming plants for the homes and not be in conflict with White Rock Home Tour and Artscape at Dallas Arboretum.

We are expanding the Candlelight Tour & Wine Walk to 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm and adding snacks for the visitors! The Auction Party will be Saturday night May 2nd from 7 pm – Midnight at Bowlski's in Lakewood! Food, drinks and bowling will be included in the ticket prices!

Thank you!  
 Sara Ramos  
*Home Tour Chair*



**Kid's Fest will be Sunday May 3rd, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm**

## HOME TOUR & AUCTION PARTY TICKET PRICES

Date	Time	Event	HSMNA Member Price**	Non-Member Price	Home Tour Volunteer Price
Friday May 1st	5:30 pm - 8 pm	Candlelight Tour & Wine Walk	<b>\$25.00</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
Saturday May 2nd & Sunday May 3rd	12 Noon - 5 pm	Home Tour	<b>\$20.00</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>	
Saturday May 2nd	7 pm - Midnight	Auction Party at Bowlski's	<b>\$60 until April 15th*</b>	<b>\$80.00</b>	

\*After April 15th all ticket prices move to \$80.00

\*\*HSMNA Members can purchase up to 4 tickets at the member price



## YARD *OF THE* MONTH



*Congratulations*  
 NOVEMBER 2019 winner!  
**607 Monte Vista**



*Congratulations*  
 JANUARY 2020 winner!  
**7006 Santa Monica**

# Tenison Park Pollinator Garden



Sponsored by Hollywood/Santa Monica Neighborhood Association  
Established January 2017

**January 2020 marks the beginning of the garden's 4th year!**

## CHEERS TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS!

We are proud of this neighborhood 6th grader who chose our garden as his independent project. Hayden worked hard in September and October to make room for a new tree - *Zanthoxylum clava-herculis*. Commonly called Toothache Tree, Native Americans chewed its bark, causing a numbness to relieve toothaches. This is a host plant for the giant swallowtail, North America's largest butterfly!

Our Park Board representative, Amanda Schultz, wrote about it on the new *Parks and Rec in D14* Facebook page.

Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.

- Helen Keller



And a special thank you to our neighbor, Belynda Ortiz (seated right), for bringing a few of her team members for a fall volunteer date planting bluebonnet seeds.



So much is possible because of these guys: (left to right) Greg White, Alan Garrison, and Jeff Ferrand.

Thank you all!



**Our garden is common ground where everyone is welcomed.**

MONTHLY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE  
2nd and 4th Saturdays, weather permitting  
For more info, email [karen.albracht@att.net](mailto:karen.albracht@att.net).

MISSION STATEMENT  
To protect and promote pollinator populations by establishing a certified Monarch Butterfly Waystation and highly diversified native plant garden in an under-utilized and non-irrigated urban park in our neighborhood.

# 2019 HSMNA HOLIDAY BLOCK PARTY

The 2019 HSMNA Holiday Block Party was described as “magical” by many people who attended the event, and we couldn’t agree more! The overheard string lights, the fires, the giant snowman, unicorn, and other creatures, the tamales and drinks, the s’mores and cookies, the kids activities, the live music, the surprise gnome visitors, and Santa visiting in a vintage camper trailer photo booth!

Thanks to all who came out and a special thank you to the board members, volunteers, Newell neighbor hosts, and our two generous sponsors- Pegasus City Brewery and Outdoor Home Living - who gave us the gift of alcohol and ambiance! We hope you enjoyed it and that you will consider joining the HSMNA for 2020 to help keep the parties like this one going strong and staying “Hollywood magical”!

Kerri Bohan  
*Social Chair*





## Ho-Hos

### Ingredients

1 box Ritz Crackers  
Creamy Peanut Butter  
48 oz Vanilla Candy Coating (2 packages)  
Sprinkles

### How-to

1. Begin melting candy coating
2. Spread a small dollop of peanut butter on a ritz cracker and place a second cracker on top creating a sandwich. Make sure the peanut butter does not "ooze" out of the sandwich.
3. Place Ritz sandwiches on a cooling rack with wax paper on top.
4. Once candy coating is melted, use two forks to dip the sandwich into the coating, using the forks to remove excess, place finished cookie on wax paper covered cooling rack.
5. As soon as each sandwich is coated, have fun with the sprinkles.
6. That is it! Let the coating dry and enjoy the cookies. You can make as many or as few as you want.

Meet the winner of the **2019 HSMNA COOKIE BAKE-OFF**: Stephanie Dodds (and her fabulous helper Emma)! Check out the recipe for these simple but delicious peanut butter Ho-Hos. They were a clear winner for taste and putting everyone into the Christmas spirit.



# 2019 HSMNA CHILI COOK-OFF

Spoontacular & Chili Cook-off had another good year. Chili Town was busy. Thanks to the nine teams for their enthusiasm and creativity. Fielding a chili team is fun but takes effort plus a special kind of person to cook a bunch of chili and then give it all away. Thanks also to all the neighbors and volunteers who make it all possible.

For me, the Chili cook-off is primarily a fundraiser for Animal Allies of Texas. The irony of serving meat to raise money for animal rescue is not lost on me so we introduced free style to make a place for vegetarians to express their chili selves. This year's People's Choice Chili was vegetarian chili, beating the traditional bowl of red by a small margin.

Entry fees help, but the real money is the raffle. Thanks to the following raffle prize contributors including: *Metro Paws Animal Hospitals, Pegasus City Brewery, MOMO Italian Kitchen, Hollywood Feed, Poor David's Pub, LDU Coffee, Sprint, Medieval Times, Studio Movie Grill* and *anonymous donations*.

**Thanks Again, Mellen**

*Chili Town Mayor*



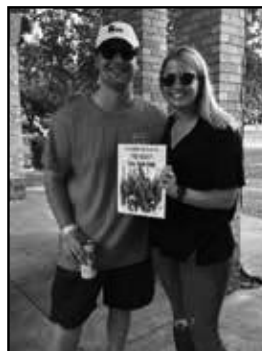
## The Winners of the 2019 HSMNA Chili Cook-off



**Peoples Choice:**  
*Blessed be the Jackfruit*



**Texas Traditional:**  
*Warthog Chili*



**Free-Style Chili:**  
*Spooky Spice*



**Critter's Choice  
(top raffle ticket sales):**  
*6th Floor Chili*



**Showmanship:**  
*Blessed be the Jackfruit*