



# NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER | OCTOBER 2020

---

KEEP UP WITH JUNIUS HEIGHTS HAPPENINGS AT [JUNIUSHEIGHTS.ORG](http://JUNIUSHEIGHTS.ORG) AND [FACEBOOK.COM/JUNIUSHEIGHTS](https://FACEBOOK.COM/JUNIUSHEIGHTS)

---

## JUNIUS HEIGHTS ANNUAL MEETING TUE, OCTOBER 27 AT 7 PM

The annual Junius Heights Historic District Neighborhood Meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 27 at 7 p.m. We usually meet at the Lakewood Library but due to the pandemic, we will be hosting the meeting on Zoom. To register, please email [JHHDmeeting@gmail.com](mailto:JHHDmeeting@gmail.com). You will receive an email invitation to join Zoom with the ID number. If you would like to stand for a position on the Board, please email [reneschmidt@att.net](mailto:reneschmidt@att.net). We welcome and invite your participation!

We have many projects in the neighborhood that we undertake. We support the food pantries at Lipscomb Elementary, Woodrow Wilson High School, and J. L. Long. JHHD provides gifts, classroom materials, and faculty lunches at Lipscomb. We are installing new street sign toppers, affirming our civic pride. (In fact, the city is installing the new toppers at the time of this printing!) We fund the landscaping and maintenance of the Column Parks. Our annual Home Tour promotes our homes, the people who live in them, and the businesses that support us. Our three neighborhood parties are the happy glue holding us all together: Spring Fling, Summer Sizzler, and Holiday Party.

(Due to COVID-19, we have had to cancel our Spring Fling, Summer Sizzler, and Home Tour this year.)

---

### THE “UNTOUR” 2020 HOME TOUR: SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS!

Because of Covid-19 concerns, the Junius Heights Board of Directors voted not to have the Home Tour this fall. Throughout the years, we have featured over 80 homes in Junius Heights on our tours. Many sponsors have supported us. This is the year we need to support them!

With this newsletter, we are giving you a complimentary tour booklet from years past. Please reach out and patronize our sponsors who have advertised with us in the past.

Our first home tour was in 2007. We look forward to restarting this tradition that spotlights Junius Heights in 2021.

### HALLOWEEN FRONT YARD DECORATING CONTEST

Junius Heights will sponsor a Halloween Front Yard Decorating Contest. Through the generosity of an anonymous donor, a \$250 prize will be given to the winner. There will also be five Honorable Mentions. Criteria for the contest includes originality, visual impact, and spirit of the season! You don't need to fill out an application to enter. Simply have your decorations up by the last week in October!

Many residents have expressed concerns about Trick-or-Treating during the pandemic. If you do not wish to participate in Trick-or-Treating this year, simply turn your porch lights off on October 31.

---

### PRUNING RED OAK AND LIVE OAK TREES

Red Oak and Live Oak trees are among the most beautiful trees in North Texas. With their popularity, however, another problem has emerged: oak wilt. Oak wilt can be particularly problematic for Red Oaks (oaks with pointed leaves) and Live Oaks. Symptoms include brown discoloration on the leaves that starts at the edge and works its way in, and entire branches turning brown, usually beginning at the crown.

The disease is caused by a fungus and spread by bark beetles, usually through a fresh wound in the tree (i.e., pruning). The best time to get your Red Oak pruned is in the summer, fall, or early winter. The worst time is late winter and spring when the sap is rising and the tree is more susceptible. Any wound from pruning should be dressed to discourage beetles.

It is estimated that Live Oaks and Red Oaks make up 30% of the tree canopy in Dallas. Oak wilt was first recognized in Dallas around 50 years ago.

### THANKS TO OUR BLOCK CAPTAINS!

Our Block Captains are the hearty volunteers who deliver the Junius Heights newspapers to your doorstep. We thank them! Block captains at the time of this printing are Rudy Gonzalez, Aaron and Libby Trecartin, Dan and Dominique Glanville, Amy and Jim Tate, Ted and Megan Howard, Rob and Sarah Freele, Matt Woods, Mark Reeves, Nancy Sanford, Darla and Mark Roden, Craig Smith, Bill and Marsue Williams, Anita Stevenson, Sally and Bob Ackerman, Juan Carlos Galaviz, Martha Heimberg, Craig King, Andrea Loubier, Kelly and Quinton Matthews, Barbara Cohen, Lori Haskell, Liz Wally, Tanya Barron, Mary Mesh, Richard Gallager, René Schmidt, Mara Rothman, John Starski, Juliette Bouchard, Michael Karnowski, Noel Aveton, George and Rosanne Cloy, and Becky and Andre Savino.

You are appreciated! If you would like to volunteer to be a block captain, please contact [reneschmidt@att.net](mailto:reneschmidt@att.net).

## JUNIUS HEIGHTS HOLIDAY IN THE COLUMN PARK

Each year we host a holiday party for the neighborhood. This year, so we can practice social distancing and be safe, we will have it outside. Plans are to have it at the Column Park so we can view and enjoy the improvements. There will be activities for kids and adults. It is rumored that Santa will visit!

We are currently negotiating with the city to see what is possible. Be watching for a flyer in early December!

## NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY A SUCCESS

Thanks to everybody who contributed to North Texas Giving Day. This was the second year that we were part of North Texas Giving Day and we raised over \$1,000! All monies raised are spent on neighborhood projects.

We look forward to this being an annual event for Junius Heights Historic District.

---

---

### JUNIUS HEIGHTS HISTORY

## THE SCHOOL THAT WAS NOT BUILT – REIGER AVENUE SCHOOL

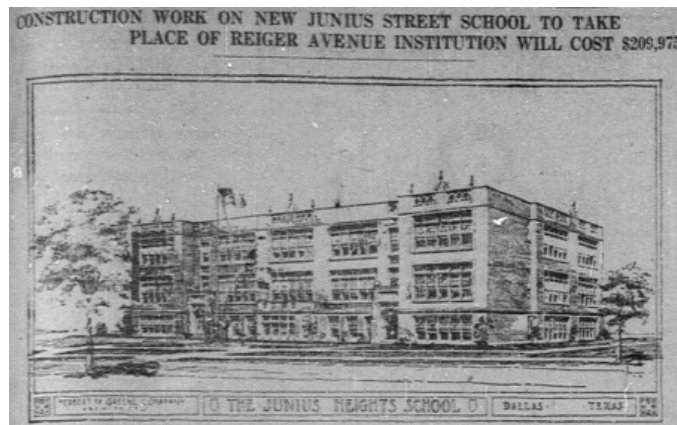
Fred Appel, the developer of the Appel and Harper addition, sold eight lots on the north side of Reiger at Henderson to the City of Dallas for a school in 1911. The cost was \$10,516.50.

In 1915, five portable buildings were erected and used as classrooms to accommodate the overflow from the Crockett School on Carroll Avenue. Virginia Lipscomb was the principal.

In 1919 a debate started over where to build a permanent school. The residents of Munger Place wanted the school built at this site and gathered over a thousand signatures in an effort to convince the school board but they were unsuccessful and a decision was made to build at Lowell and Junius in Junius Heights.

Architect Herbert Miller Greene was awarded the design contract for a twenty-classroom building in the Gothic style. The lots of Reiger were eventually sold to home builders.

—Eric Graham



---

---

## JOIN THE FUN – BECOME A MEMBER OF THE JUNIUS HEIGHTS HISTORIC DISTRICT!

### A GREAT WAY TO MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS AND GET INVOLVED

Junius Heights Historic District Membership dues are \$25.00 per year, per household.

#### There are two easy ways to join:

1. Pay your dues at our website [juniusheights.org](http://juniusheights.org)
2. Send a check payable to "Junius Heights Historic District" and provide the following information  
Mail to: Treasurer, Junius Heights Historic District, 715 Parkmont, Dallas, TX 75214

Name/Names: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Call or text Lori Haspel at 214-842-0402