



NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER | SPRING 2022

Courtesy of the Junius Heights Historic District
Board of Directors

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PHASE ONE FUNDED TO SAVE OUR STREETCAR THROW A FUNDRAISER AT GARDEN CAFÉ – AND THEY WILL COME!

The Junius Heights Historic District Board of Directors has been working with members, neighbors and friends to help save an old streetcar that linked early Junius Heights residents to downtown in 1906. Built in the 1920s, it is one of the few remaining streetcars that operated in Dallas until buses took over in 1956. Now, it must be moved from the old Spaghetti Warehouse, where many folks remember dining in its nostalgic shell, to a new location.

Rail Pioneer Dinner Tops First-Phase Goal

The JHHD Streetcar Committee got busy. Working with Committee Co-Chair and enthusiastic Garden Café owner Mark Wootton, the Committee put together the Rail Pioneer Dinner, calling on three Dallas City Council Members as event co-hosts. Paul Ridley (District 14), Jesse Moreno (District 2) and Paula Blackmon (District 9) put the word out to possible donors and guests for the \$500-\$1,000 per-plate dinner, and the rest is great news. The event easily surpassed the Committee's first-phase goal of \$15,000 to get the streetcar moved out of the West End building and into safe storage. More than \$20,000 was raised online and in-person to get the project rolling. The Committee has more pledges in the offing for future phases, which include restoration of the streetcar and finding a final home within Junius Heights where it can be enjoyed and preserved for the future.

Volunteers + Generosity + Savory Meatloaf = \$\$\$

Special thanks to the heroic organizing skills of JHHD Events Chair Mara Rothman! She galvanized neighborhood volunteers who worked with Garden Café staff to serve the delicious 3-course meal, paired with wines from William Chris Vineyards. Over dessert, Rene Schmidt, VP for Zoning and Historic Preservation, gave a talk with historic photos about the streetcar and the history of Junius Heights. Our volunteers then picked up glasses, washed dishes and folded towels. Guests and "waiters" alike talked about how great it was to see neighbors working together to preserve their history. Everybody had a good time — with delicious food, wine and friendly company — for a good cause.

Plans are underway to complete phase one, moving the streetcar to a facility donated by Angela and William Hildeson, owners of Smart Dog Dallas.

Check facebook.com/JuniusHeights for DMN, Advocate and NBC DFW coverage, plus photos of the event. For updates, follow our Facebook or join our mailing list at JuniusHeightsHD@gmail.com. **Want to give to the Streetcar Fund?** Go to juniusheights.org/streetcar-fund

— Martha Heimberg

SAVE THE DATE FOR SPRING FLING: APRIL 24 | 1-5PM | PARKMONT ST

Spring Fling is back, hosted by the Junius Heights Historic District Board of Directors! Please join us on Sunday, April 24, from 1-5PM on Parkmont Street for an afternoon of fun! Get to know your neighbors and see what the JHHD Board has planned for the remainder of 2022. This event is **FREE for JHHD Members or \$25 per household** the day of the event, which includes one year's membership to the JHHD!

Are you ready to participate in our **6th JHHD Chili Cook-Off**? Bring your crock-pot of chili on April 24 by 1:30PM. Tables with extension cords and power strips will be provided. Tape your name to the bottom of your crock-pot. Judging will begin promptly at 1:30PM and Spring Fling goers will be able to enjoy your chili beginning at 2PM. The Best In Show winner will receive a trophy and bragging rights for the year!

Don't have a chili recipe? How about a favorite baked item? Then enter the **4th JHHD Bake-Off**! Please bring enough for our judges to try and to share with your neighbors. Turn in your entry by 2PM. Judging will begin promptly at 2PM and Spring Fling goers will be able to enjoy your baked goods beginning at 2:30PM. The Best In Show winner will also receive a trophy and bragging rights.

What else you can expect? Live local music, a kids craft area, and more!

The **Junius Heights Brew Club** will be sharing samples of their creations. Learn what it takes to make craft beer and how you can join the club.

At our **community engagement tables** we will collect donations for the Lipscomb Peace Pantry and your ideas about what you would like JHHD to accomplish. We will have updates about the Junius Heights Streetcar and info from our Beautification Committee and the Junius Heights and Friends Garden Club. You can also preview our upcoming events, like the East Dallas Olympics coming September 2022!

When you arrive, sign up at the **membership welcome table** where you can renew or purchase your JHHD Annual Membership, grab a goodie bag, and find out how you can get involved in our non-profit organization.

For updates, follow facebook.com/JuniusHeights or join our mailing list at JuniusHeightsHD@gmail.com.

— Mara Rothman

2021 JHHD BOARD HIGHLIGHTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 8 Board Meetings, including the October Annual Meeting
- Several Beautification Work Days
- A major tree pruning effort in February
- 10 trees planted in public spaces
- Plant exchanges in collaboration with Junius Heights and Friends Garden Club
- Save Our Streetcar campaign started
- Lipscomb Teacher Appreciation in July
- Coordination with City of Dallas regarding Abrams bike lanes and major intersection crossings getting installed
- Bylaws overhauled and approved
- 9 Yard of the Month recognitions
- Movie Night in August
- North Texas Giving Day Fundraiser
- Alley Cleanup Day in October
- Fall Yard Decorating Contest
- Holiday lights installed at the Column Parks
- Lipscomb Teacher Appreciation in December
- Winter Wonderland End of Year Event

— Jennifer Szklarski

MEET THE 2022 JHHD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Mark Wootton

THE ARTS AND CRAFTS MOVEMENT AND THE JUNIUS HEIGHTS BUNGALOW

Spread over 190 acres, Junius Heights is the largest historic district in Dallas. It contains the South and the Southwest’s largest collection of houses influenced by the Arts and Craft Movement. At least 45 percent of the contributing structures in the district have been built under Craftsman influence, a movement in Dallas that was most prevalent from the 1910s through the 1920s.

And what was the Arts and Crafts movement?

Craftsman architecture was a reaction against the frilly, excessive ornamentation of the Victorian period. It was supposed to be utilitarian, practical, and invite opportunities to reconnect with nature.

Craftsman bungalows are most generally characterized by their low-pitched gabled roof with a wide eave overhang. Exposed rafter tails were a decorative flourish. The front porches were framed by square or fat columns. Decorative knee braces were placed under the gables. The columns and the window patterns may be asymmetrical, inviting informality and a sense of casualness with the environment. A tall chimney was usually placed on a side elevation.

The Arts and Crafts Movement began in England but in

America the style was modified. From the West Coast, Japanese traditional architecture was quickly married to the Arts and Crafts movement and forged with other international styles. In Junius Heights we can see bungalows with their exposed rafter tails and beckoning front porches that stylistically look like a cross between a Japanese pagoda and a Swiss Chalet.

The architecture was intended to be simple and functional. The front porch was an extension of the living room and encouraged intimacy with nature and neighbors. The interior plan emphasized a useful, coherent flow. Exterior colors favored earth tones of browns and greens.

William Morris, one of the founders of the Arts and Crafts movement in England, had a passion for buildings. Architecture was a form of feeling. Architecture was living well with the world. With our front porches and a plethora of homes inspired by the Arts and Crafts movement, we aspire to achieve that interaction in Junius Heights, a community that lives in harmony with the environment and our neighbors.

— Rene Schmidt

Neighborhood Tips

BULKY TRASH DO’S AND DONT’S

- DO** start putting your items out the 3rd Thursday of the month.
- DON’T** add household trash that goes in your weekly trash container.
- DO** add up to 10 cubic yards of brush and bulky items.
- DON’T** store items in our alley ways.
- DO** donate items that are in good, functional condition to charities like Salvation Army, Goodwill or Habitat for Humanity.

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

Planning repairs, maintenance or improvements to the exterior of your home? **All of these activities require a Certificate of Appropriateness from the city of Dallas.** The CA process is free, and there are tax incentives available. For info on the CA process, go to Junius Heights.com and click on “Resources.” You can also email our city planner Scott Bellen, who can answer your questions and guide you through the CA process, at Daniel.Bellen@DallasCityHall.com

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