



NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER | SPRING 2023

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SPRING FLING IS THE NEXT BIG THING! SATURDAY, APRIL 29 | 1 P.M. TO 5 P.M. | PARKMONT STREET

Mark your calendars, grab your neighbors and head on over to Parkmont Street from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 29 for our annual Spring Fling block party!

Check in at the event table just off Junius. **Entry is FREE to current Junius Heights Historic District (JHHD) members and only \$35 to non-member households. Entry fee includes an annual membership to the JHHD.** Junius Heights shirts, caps and sign toppers will be available for purchase. And don't forget to pick up your raffle tickets!

Once checked in, neighbors can enjoy complimentary Junius Heights Brew Club beer, yummy snacks and live music. Everybody likes to sample the delicious Chili Cook-Off and Bake-Off contest entries.

Family activities include face painting, craft tables and a story-telling circle for youngsters. Michael Blair and his

kids will be hosting a chicken petting station. Gardeners will enjoy the Junius Heights and Friends Garden Club plant exchange. Meet representatives from other non-profit organizations who share our mission of historic preservation and community. Every hour, raffle tickets will be picked to win great prizes. And don't miss a free photo op with a life-size Junius Heights Streetcar photo and a real live smiling conductor!

If you plan to enter the Chili Cook-Off or Bake-Off contests, want to volunteer to help with activities or set-up, or if you would like to donate to the event, email us today at JuniusHeightsHD@gmail.com!

— Martha Heimberg

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VOLUNTEER TO HELP JUNIUS HEIGHTS APPLY TO NATIONAL REGISTRY OF HISTORIC PLACES

Junius Heights Historic District is applying for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Covering over 180 acres, we are the largest historic district in the state. Most of our homes are Craftsman inspired, followed by Tudor and other architectural styles popular at the turn of the last century. We've been recognized by the City of Dallas and the State of Texas. Our next step is a listing on the National Registry of Historic Places, a huge database inclusive of places that shaped our country's heritage. Junius Heights is eligible.

To be listed on the National Registry, photographs of each structure must be submitted along with a detailed

architectural description. Many of the pictures have already been taken (*thank you Noel Aveton and Dylana Wilson!*). The process is daunting, particularly since we are such a large district. Such a database will document the architecture of an early twentieth-century streetcar community and subsequent changes and modifications.

If you are interested in being a volunteer to work on the database, there will be a training session on Tuesday April 18, 7 p.m. at 715 Parkmont Street. Your support and help will be appreciated!

— René Schmidt

JUNIUS HEIGHTS DESIGNATED AN OFFICIAL TEXAS LANDMARK

Junius Heights was designated an official Texas Landmark last year. The final draft of the wording for our plaque has been submitted and we hope to install the plaque in the Column Park by the fall. Be watching for a dedication date.

At the stroke of midnight on September 2, 1906, a pistol sounded and the Junius Heights Land Rush began. Streetcar rails had been built to the edge of the city and prospective buyers were able to ride the streetcars for free to view the properties. The eastern terminus of the Dallas Consolidated Street Railway was at the corner of Columbia and Beacon. To spur development in Junius Heights, a new

terminus had been established at Tremont and Ridgeway. In 45 minutes, most of the lots were sold and it was labeled as "the record real estate sale in Dallas and Texas."

The automobile age arrived after WWII and Junius Heights went into a steep decline as citizens fled the inner city. Today, with the creation of the district and the influx of new people moving into the neighborhood, Junius Heights has become, in the words of the *Dallas Times Herald* in 1906, "the choicest residential section of Dallas."

— René Schmidt

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SAVE THESE GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD DATES

Clear your calendar. We have a great lineup of upcoming events for you to enjoy with your Junius Heights friends!

April 15	Beautification Work Day
April 20	Third Thursday Junius Heights Hangout
April 29	Spring Fling
May 2	General Membership Board Meeting
May 13	Beautification Work Day
May 18	Third Thursday Junius Heights Hangout
June 15	Third Thursday Junius Heights Hangout
June 17	Beautification Work Day
June 24	Streetcar Mixer

RECAPPING THE RESTORATION HOME TOUR

On Saturday, November 11, 2022, we hosted our **14th Annual Home Tour and Arts and Crafts Fair**. After an absence of several years because of the pandemic, the tour was back! This “Restoration Tour” featured five homes, one former church and one current church. In Munger Park, the nose of the original Junius Heights Streetcar was on display. The park also had live entertainment and an Arts and Crafts Fair. We delivered black and white copies of the tour booklet to every Junius Heights household prior to the tour to promote the event. All profits from the tour are used for projects in Junius Heights. Please support our great sponsors!

— René Schmidt

JUNIUS HEIGHTS STREETCAR STATUS

Thanks to the efforts of JD Middleton, Mark Wootton and other volunteers, the major streetcar parts have been disassembled and moved to temporary storage donated by our friends at Orr-Reed Wrecking Co. Tam Pham and her hard-working crew organized and barricaded the parts to keep them secure until restoration work begins.

The Streetcar Committee is writing a request for proposal that will be distributed publicly for anyone who wants to give the streetcar a new home for the neighborhood to enjoy.

Watch for info on a Streetcar Mixer on June 24 at Orr-Reed!

— Zan Farrow & Mark Reeves

HELP OUR JULIETTE FOWLER FRIENDS

Juliette Fowler Communities (JFC) is a faith-based nonprofit serving 600+ aging adults located at 1234 Abrams Road in Junius Heights. Thousands of people of all ages volunteer with JFC each year, interacting with residents and helping the staff with behind-the-scenes projects. There are hundreds of ways to get involved, all of them interesting and rewarding. Whether you're a student looking for service hours, a scout looking for a project, a family looking for a community outreach day or an individual with time to spare, JFC has a volunteer spot with your name on it. **Please email the volunteer coordinator at Volunteer@FowlerCommunities.org or call 214.515.1352 for more information.**

— Ron Sekerak

A GREAT WAY TO SUPPORT LIPSCOMB PTA

The Lipscomb Elementary PTA annual fundraiser will be a Trivia Night on Saturday, April 29 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Dinner and drinks will be provided and lots of fun will be had. Join us to support our neighborhood school! Use the QR code for ticket info. — Tiffani Cornell



JOIN THE LIPSCOMB LITTLE LIONS

Lipscomb Little Lions provides a way for expectant parents and families with children ages 0-5 who reside in the Lipscomb Elementary attendance zone to get to know one another and the school. Join us! Use the QR code to learn more. — Maggie O'Connor Karnowski



HELP US GROW THE GARDEN CLUB

Whether you think you have a brown thumb or can grow plants taller than Jack's beanstalk, you are welcome to join the Junius Heights and Friends Garden Club. We are a friendly and helpful neighborhood group who share tips and plants and host plant swaps. Find us on Facebook as Junius Heights and Friends Garden Club. Take our short survey so we can weed out fake profiles, and you'll be in!

Our next plant swap is scheduled for April 2. To participate, just pot up any surplus plants you'd like to exchange and bring them to the parking lot of the Lakewood Library from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Even if you're a newbie with nothing to share, you are still welcome. We always have surplus plants and would love to help you get started. And we will have a booth at the Spring Fling with giveaways, so be sure to stop by!

— Linda Tomczak

JOIN THE JHHD TODAY!

Wouldn't you like to get involved in the neighborhood and meet some great neighbors? Joining the Junius Heights Historic District (JHHD) is the way to do it! We share at least one common interest... our love for our neighborhood!

JHHD works to maintain and improve our unique historic community by beautifying our parks and streets, representing the interests of Junius Heights residents, informing our neighborhood of important news and events, gathering together for fun and fellowship, honoring our history through thoughtful preservation and touting Junius Heights as a great place to live. We can't accomplish our mission without you!

The JHHD annual membership fee is only \$35 per household. Join at JuniusHeights.org/Join-Us today!

— Shelley Vatzlavick