



NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER | FALL 2023

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Board of Directors

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SUPPORT JHHD ON NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 | EARLY GIVING IN ANY AMOUNT IS NOW OPEN ONLINE!

North Texas Giving Day is an 18-hour online event that helps people support their community by contributing to non-profits. You can give right now, but the deadline is midnight September 21. Last year, over \$62 million was raised to support more than 3,000 local non-profits. This is the largest community fundraising event in the nation, and we're part of it. Help Junius Heights Historic District continue improving the beauty and quality of life of our neighborhood, the largest historic district in Dallas, comprised of 190 acres and over 700 structures.

JHHD supports our neighborhood schools' food pantries, community gardens, and PTA activities. We fund the landscaping and maintenance of our Column Parks and coordinate volunteer planting and cleanup days. Our Beautification Committee works closely with the Park Department and Park Board Member Rudy Karimi to make improvements like our new drinking fountain for people and pets. Our annual Home Tour raises awareness of our historic properties, our first-rate schools, and our friendly Front Porch Community. Everybody is welcome at our annual Spring Fling, East Dallas Games, and Holiday Party. Think "close to home" when you plan your donations!

JHHD Board Member Kendall Scudder is heading up this year's North Texas Giving Day effort for JHHD. "We're excited about the things we can continue to do for our neighborhood by taking part in this important fund-raising effort. We're making big plans to close out 2023 and to build upon in 2024, but we can't do it without your help. Please chip in today to support Junius Heights," he said. For info on sponsorship opportunities or to place a sign in your yard, contact Kendall at 903-243-2555 or KendallScudder@gmail.com

This year, every \$10 you donate to JHHD for North Texas Giving Day will enter your name into a drawing to win a State Fair of Texas Bundle, consisting of two season passes to the State Fair and \$50 in coupons. The winner will be chosen in a drawing at Third Thursday on September 21 at Garden Cafe. Must be present to win.

How to give: Go to NorthTexasGivingDay.org/JuniusHeights and click the Donate button to make your tax-deductible donation of any amount. Then spread the word. Tell your friends you gave with the hashtags #NTXGD and #JHHD!

— Martha Heimberg

JUNIUS HEIGHTS 15TH ANNUAL HOME TOUR AND ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR | SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

We need you – volunteers and sponsors! We are seeking volunteers for planning and day-of festivities. We can't pull off the tour without our sponsors, and we have opportunities that will reach 700+ Junius Heights homes. Email our Home Tour Co-Chairs Tam Pham at TPham@steeltoestiletollc.com or René Schmidt at ReneSchmidt@att.net

Calling all neighborhood artisans and musicians! We want to show off our talented community. If you are interested in participating in this year's Arts & Crafts Fair with a booth or by being a part of our entertainment lineup, email our Arts & Crafts Fair Co-Chairs Jen Szklarski or Tiffani Cornell at JHHDFair@gmail.com

JHHD SEEKS GRANT TO APPLY TO NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

JHHD is seeking a grant to help us complete the survey of homes required for our application to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places, a huge database of the nation's historic places worthy of preservation. With over 700 structures, we are the largest historic district in Texas. Most of our houses are Craftsman, followed by Tudor and other architectural styles built at the turn of the century. We are recognized as historic by the City of Dallas and the State of Texas. Our next step is writing an application for a listing on the National Register.

To be listed, photos of each structure must be submitted, along with a detailed architectural description. JHHD President Noel Aveton has already taken many of the photographs. JHHD Board Member Eric Graham and JHHD

VP René Schmidt, along with other volunteers, have begun writing the descriptions. It's a truly daunting task, both time-consuming and challenging in terms of recognizing changes to the original structure, and using the correct term to describe a roof or a column if you're not an architect.

Thanks to Architect and JHHD Secretary Aaron Trecartin, we have identified local firms who offer such documenting services. Now we are seeking a grant to fund descriptions of the homes and structures of our early 20th century streetcar community. For more information on our National Register application, contact Eric Graham at 469-733-4573 or email him at EricGraham2@me.com

— Martha Heimberg

SAVE THESE
Dates

SEPTEMBER Third Thursday/North Texas Giving Day 9.21 | Beautification Work Day 9.16
OCTOBER National Night Out 10.03 | Annual General Membership Meeting 10.10 | East Dallas Games 10.14 | Third Thursday 10.19 | Beautification Work Day 10.21 | Fall Yard Decorating Contest 10.30
NOVEMBER Home Tour and Arts & Crafts Fair 11.04 | Third Thursday 11.16 | Beautification Work Day 11.18
DECEMBER Holiday Party 12.10 | Third Thursday 12.21

EAST DALLAS GAMES | SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 | HELP JUNIUS HEIGHTS BRING HOME THE GOLD

Join us on Saturday, October 14 at the Second Annual East Dallas Games. The event will take place at Buckner Park from 11:00am-3:00pm. The historic neighborhood districts of Junius Heights, Peak's Addition, Swiss Avenue, and Munger Place will compete in fun family games to see which neighborhood is the East Dallas Champion!

There will be a food truck, sack races, three-legged races, cornhole, giant jenga, a tug of war, egg spoon races, a water balloon toss, and more! Bring your skills to support Junius Heights. It's free and a good way to get to know

our neighbors and build community camaraderie.

To help make this event special, we need volunteers to set-up/clean-up, help with the sign-in table, keep score, watch the kids, and judge the games. You can still be a contestant, just volunteer for a time that doesn't conflict.

Want to volunteer or be a sponsor and community partner? Email Noel Aveton at Noel.Aveton@gmail.com

— *René Schmidt*

GET INVOLVED IN ONE (OR ALL!) OF THESE JUNIUS HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS

Junius Heights Brew Club

The Brew Club is a popular group for beer drinkers who want to learn about different types of beer and how to pair them with food. The group meets on the second Tuesday of each month. You can join by going to Junius Heights Brew Club on Facebook.

Junius Heights Cycling Club

For those who enjoy cycling at any level, join this family-friendly group to share tips, routes, pictures, goals and progress to help inspire each other to get and stay healthy. If enough cyclists join, structured group rides can be organized. For more information email Noel Aveton at Noel.Aveton@gmail.com or visit the Facebook page.

Lipscomb Little Lions

Lipscomb Little Lions welcomes all expectant parents and families with children ages 0-5 who reside in the Lipscomb Elementary attendance zone. The group hosts playdates and parent nights. To join, email them at LipscombLittleLions@gmail.com or visit their Facebook page. The next planned event is Parents' Night at Desert Racer on September 28 at 7:00pm.

Friends of Munger Park

A group of dedicated volunteers meets at Munger Park to weed, water, and plant a Native Grass Prairie Garden that beautifies the space and educates the neighborhood about the importance of native prairie ecosystems. Email Michael Blair at FriendsofMungerPark@gmail.com to help.

Friends of Willis Winters Park

This organization preserves and protects a treasured green space and its historic structures. The board meets monthly, working with the Dallas Park and Recreation Department to restore and preserve this historic park for the whole neighborhood to enjoy. Volunteer Day is the last Sunday of every month from 9am until noon. Visit the Facebook page or email WillisWintersParkFriends@gmail.com to join.

Junius Heights and Friends Garden Club

Get friendly, expert advice for plants, lawns, or gardens by posting queries or photos on our Facebook page. Or join us at the Lakewood Library parking lot where novices and experts alike meet to bring and exchange plants.

— *Eleanor Graham*

SUBMIT YOUR NOMS FOR 2024 JHHD BOARD

The Annual JHHD General Membership Meeting will be on Tuesday, October 10. Member households will have the opportunity to vote on the 2024 Board and Officers. We are currently seeking nominations for neighbors who have the time and enthusiasm to jump in and get involved with next year's board. Email any nominations to us at JuniusHeightsHD@gmail.com

FALL YARD DECORATING CONTEST IS COMING

Halloween is approaching — one of our favorite times of the year! JHHD is looking for the spookiest and most original yards in Junius Heights. Jason Cohen, owner and curious curator of Curiosities, will be judging this year's contest on Monday, October 30, so start prepping now!

BIG THANKS TO OUR CAPTAINS & SPONSORS

This newsletter was hand-delivered to you by one of your neighbors who volunteers as a JHHD Block Captain. The JHHD Board depends on Block Captains to distribute important information to their assigned blocks and keep us informed of any new neighbors. Your Block Captain is a great resource for information on what's happening in Junius Heights, so if you don't know them by name, email us at JuniusHeightsHD@gmail.com and we'll put you in touch. And if you do know them, tell them thanks!

We would also like to give a shout out to our fantastic Yard of the Month Sponsors, Jason Cohen of Curiosities (GetCuriosities.com) and Mark Wootton of Garden Cafe (GardenCafe.net), who also hosts our monthly Third Thursday Junius Heights Hangouts. Thank you, Sponsors!

JOIN JHHD TODAY TO HELP US KEEP JUNIUS HEIGHTS BEAUTIFUL, HISTORIC, INFORMED & FUN!



Have you noticed these "Join JHHD" signs throughout the neighborhood? Junius Heights Historic District membership is voluntary and open to all Junius Heights residents. Dues are only \$35 per year per household.

Member households receive free entrance to Spring Fling and Holiday Party and are able to vote on board elections at our Annual General Membership Meeting on October 10.

Membership dues are used for events and activities

(Yard of the Month, Spring Fling, East Dallas Games, Fall Yard Decorating Contest, Home Tour, Holiday Party), beautification efforts (planting and maintenance at parks, alley cleanups, street sign toppers), communication (website, newsletters, emails, social media), and support of our neighborhood schools.

Your involvement allows us to support the District in many ways including historic preservation and zoning efforts, acting as a liaison between Junius Heights and the city, and promotion of Junius Heights as a great place to live.

Join JHHD today at JuniusHeights.org/Join-Us