

Colonial Acres Neighborhood Association



Fall 2010 Newsletter

MEETINGS HELD

Every Fourth Thursday of the month
(except November and December)

Colonial Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall
1503 Colonial (at Quince)
7:00 PM

NEXT MEETING

Thursday October 28

**Election of New
CANA Board Members**

CANA MISSION STATEMENT

To maintain and improve the dignity and integrity of the homes in the Colonial Acres neighborhood, to preserve the residential quality of the area, to ensure orderly and compatible land use in the area, to encourage homeowners living in the area to improve their homes, to encourage real estate investors with property in the area to improve their holdings, and to work together on problems and issues of common concern.

CANA Board Member Election

Association Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) and Committee Chairs are supposed to be voted upon during CANA's annual July general meeting. However, this past summer we received no nominations for any of these positions. Currently the CANA Executive Board consists of two overworked committee chairs (Safety and Code Enforcement) and two interim officers, extending their term of service until replacements have been elected.

We have recently received nominations for a couple of board positions, and we will vote on these during the October 2010 general meeting.

We still have many positions for which we have not received nominations. Please review the job descriptions listed at right to see if you might be willing to serve in any of these positions. If you think someone else might be suitable for one of these positions, please contact that person first before nominating him or her for the position.

Remember, this is your neighborhood association, and you should get to decide how we might be able to get things done. Working together, we can all make a difference!

Job Descriptions

President. Preside at all meetings, serve as ex-officio member of all committees, and make executive decisions.

Vice President. Serve in absence of President, create program agenda for general meetings, oversee (with Treasurer) financial activity.

Secretary. Attend all meetings, keep records of votes and meeting minutes, and have available for notice all association records.

Treasurer. Maintain custody of association funds, keep full and accurate records, prepare financial reports for secretary's files, and disburse funds as authorized by CANA.

The board members typically meet two weeks before each general meeting. In addition to the officers, the board consists of chairs of the standing committees: Organization and Membership, Land and Use, Safety, Beautification, Friendship and Hospitality, Publicity, Neighborhood Services, Finance, and Code Enforcement. Please let us know if you would like to serve on any of these committees.

CANA Safety

When we have police officers as guest speakers at our meetings, in addition to discussing Neighborhood Watch they always tell us two main factors we need to remember in fighting crime in our community are 1) reduce opportunities for crime (Stow It, Don't Show It) and 2) code enforcement (see article at right). The best way to invite thieves and gangs to our neighborhoods is to show we don't care, with uncut grass and other signs of neglect. Come to our meetings to find out how you can help in keeping our neighborhood safe.

Important Telephone Numbers

Auto Theft	545-5210
Burglary	543-2710
Robbery	545-3995
Gangs	323-1997
Organized Crime	528-2338
Economic Crime	545-5358
Domestic Violence	545-3052
Homicide	545-5325
Homeland Security	354-5595
Code Enforcement	576-7380
Communications	543-2710
Metro DUI Squad	867-1462

Note: Collection of Membership Dues will resume in January 2011.

Committee Members Needed

Hardly any of our standing committees have more than one active member, and we need volunteers for just about everything. If you think we should maintain a Yard of the Month tradition, then you should be on the Beautification Committee. If you think we should have refreshments during our meetings, you could be on the Friendship and Hospitality Committee. If you think we should welcome new neighbors when they move in, you could be on the Membership Committee. One committee that is always desperately in need of people willing to help out is Code Enforcement.

The Code Enforcement Committee consists of concerned neighbors who work towards the fulfillment of CANA's mission statement, to maintain and improve the integrity and dignity of our homes, to preserve the residential quality of our area (part of which is our "curb appeal," as some refer to it), and to use the courts to make property holders accountable for maintaining and improving their property's appearance.

If any of this is of interest to you, please contact Leigh Jackson, committee chair, at our next meeting, or send an e-mail to the address below. We need everyone working together to help preserve our neighborhood.

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