



Neighborhood clean-up set for April 21

Yard sale to benefit Chase St. School May 5

The Boulevard Neighborhood Association will hold it's annual neighborhood clean-up on Saturday, April 21 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Working in conjunction with various ACC departments and anchored at the Salvation Army Church at the corner of Chase and Boulevard, we will offer the opportunity to recycle metals, tire disposal, leaf and limb collection,

streetlight replacement, yellow curb repainting and storm drain cleaning. If you have an area near your home that needs attention or would like to volunteer, please contact Russ Foster at girorwf@hotmail.com or 706- 227-0173. We only have access to ONE rollaway dumpster with no refills so please keep in mind that we are trying clean up the neighborhood, not your garage.

On Saturday May 5, from 9:00 a.m to noon, the BNA will host our neighborhood yard sale. Participating households agree to donate at least 20% of sales and 100% of sales from our main location - the renovated Sunday School at Chase and Boulevard - all benefit the newly formed Chase St. School PTCO (see below). Anyone who wants to participate, either as a private sale or by donating to or volunteering for the central sale please contact Tony Eubanks at ec2studio@yahoo.com or 706-548-1748. Donations may be dropped off at the Sunday School Friday, May 4 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. or contact a Steering Committee member to make other arrangements.

Chase Street School *Parent Teacher Community Organization*

WAIT, don't stop reading yet! I know that everyone is busy and one more organization sounds like the click of the key in the ignition on the trip to crazy. However, Chase Street Elementary School is one of the anchors of our community and recent activity has shown that there is a large group interested in supporting the school. I am working on organizing a Parent Teacher Community Organization (PTCO) to direct this support and facilitate communication between the school and the community. The objective is to create an organization that will make it easier for those who would like to help out at Chase to do so and to build support for the school. My hope is that the PTCO will host events that are fun for the community and the school.

I am following the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) model to simplify things by reactivating Chase Street Elementary's former PTO. Being a PTO would allow the organization to operate independently of the obligations and the political agenda of a national organization. The name Parent Teacher Community Organization
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Crime Prevention

On February 26th the BNA sponsored a Crime Prevention meeting in conjunction with ACC PD and Commissioner David Lynn. Also in attendance were Sgt. Gary Epps, Lt. Hunsinger, Capt. Greene and neighborhood zone officers.

The meeting was opened with discussion about recent car break-ins within the neighborhood. Sgt. Epps explained that there had been more than a dozen sequential car break-ins at that time, all of which were unlocked. The ACCPD has responded to the rash of break-ins by placing a bait car in the area and increasing patrol. The officers suggested that residents make a point of locking their cars. Neighbors said that this has helped but that they were primarily concerned with because the perpetrators in some cases entered backyards.

The Reverse 911 system was also discussed at the meeting. Residents expressed dissatisfaction with the system citing the fact that it was not longer working. Commissioner Lynn said that he would look into the problem. Residents explained that they felt the listserv has served as a more efficient means of supplying information about criminal activity in the area. Since the meeting, residents have reported restoration of the service. Several residents

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The purpose of our neighborhood association is to provide a social and informational network for those who wish to participate. We welcome all to engage in festivities and/or dialogue to the degree they feel comfortable.

The primary communication mechanisms for those interested in Boulevard Neighborhood Association (BNA) activities are our website (www.historicboulevard.com) and the neighborhood listserv (join via the link at our website. Please include your name and address in your request to join).

We realize that the reach of web-based communication is less than 100% and have established a system of Block Captains to get written notices to our neighbors who so desire. Contact any Steering Committee member if you don't have or would like to become a Block Captain.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name(s):

Address:

Phone:

Email Address of each member:

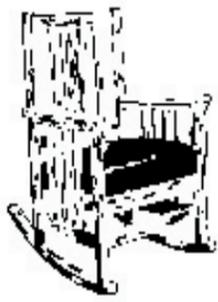
Please indicate: New Member Renewing Member
Would you be interested in participating in: Neighborhood Crime Watch, Block Captain,
Membership Committee, or Other Volunteer Duties (flyer distribution, etc.)?

Note: Your email address is for the exclusive use of communicating BNA news and events. Your name, address, telephone number and e-mail address will not be shared with or sold to third parties.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE:
\$10 PER HOUSEHOLD /\$25 PER 3 Year Membership
(\$5/\$15 for Student Households)
\$25 Commercial Membership

Please make checks payable to Boulevard Neighborhood Association and mail to:

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From the Chair...

neigh-bor-hood: n. the people living near one another
b : a section lived in by neighbors and usually having distinguishing characteristics.

Awhile back an individual outlined a problem on the Boulevard Listserv and ended the post with something to the effect of "I hope the BNA can address this issue."

The post was helpful as no one on the Steering Committee was aware of the problem.

The interesting part was that the person asking the BNA to "do something" isn't a member of the BNA. Which isn't surprising given that two thirds of the listserv subscribers aren't BNA members either. But it leaves me wondering what people think the BNA is and why more folks don't get involved. I know there are some developers who think we sit around looking for things to oppose, afraid of any change. I know there's at least one person in Five Points who thinks we took a bribe to support Mazelle's rezoning request. So here's a little primer on the BNA and/or the Steering Committee (SC).

The SC is currently comprised of 14 volunteers from within the boundaries of the Boulevard neighborhood (Pulaski to Pound, Prince to the railroad tracks). We are as diverse in our interests, opinions and incomes as our street addresses. Many are raising or have raised kids. We have careers or at least jobs. We are interested in maintaining a pretty cool, diverse neighborhood – one of Athens' oldest, some of which is considered an historic district, some of which is not. This overriding goal manifests itself in various ways: through voicing our opinion on development matters, hosting social events and lending a hand for our neighbors to name a few. Sometimes we lead, other times we simply lend support to projects our neighbors have undertaken. Our Association is open to everyone; membership is as simple as writing a check.

We believe that our neighborhood is much more than the definitions above. We operate according to Bylaws which are available at historicboulevard.com. We don't always agree. We discuss issues pretty candidly, usually via email as it's very hard to get everyone together. We do our best to keep everyone abreast of what we're doing and actively seek input (SC phone #'s are listed on page 1). We operate on a 24-hour day with many demands on our time.

We need your help and encourage your participation – from the neighborhood clean-up to the yard sale to the Chase Street School activities to your attendance at some of our functions.

We hope to see you soon because we can do much more with you than we can without.

And if you want to join the BNA, so much the better.

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signifies our effort to include parents, teachers, school staff, businesses, community organizations and neighbors that support Chase Street. The school's attendance zone is dominated by several communities with strong neighborhood associations that have similar goals to the PTCO. An organization that could draw on this support would be very effective in achieving these common objectives. A great school is one of the things that makes a great neighborhood.

The plan for the organization is to integrate into school and community events to avoid adding onto everyone's already busy calendar. Chase Street Elementary is doing a lot of good work and a PTCO can free the staff up to do even more if we can take up the duties of a traditional PTO.

The 3rd Annual Fun Run will take place from 2 to 4 PM on Sunday April 22nd at Chase Street East, for this event we need donations of cut oranges and bananas, baked goods, and door prizes. The Poetry Picnic will take place in the evening on April 26th and we can use volunteers to set-up in the afternoon and to serve food that evening. We are planning a Kindergarten Hello for next year's new students for May and will most likely need volunteers to help with snacks, set-up and clean up. These are great events to get to know Chase Street Elementary while helping out the school. If you are interested in being even more involved we are looking for a nominating committee, officers for the 2007-08 school year, and help applying for incorporation and non-profit status.



The organization is just starting out. By staying informed and making your voice heard, you can help create an organization that is responsive to your needs. Look for the PTCO at upcoming neighborhood events as we try to raise funds for, and awareness of, our organization. Also watch the Clarke-County School District website and our list-serve at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/chaseneighborhood/>.

Thanks in advance.

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Busy Season for Blvd. Gardening Club

The Boulevard Gardening Club recently celebrated its second anniversary. The past year has been a busy one and many exciting projects are in the works. October's first annual Scarecrow Contest was a great success with over thirty entries and prizes going out for Scariest, Funniest, and Best Traditional Scarecrow. The Boulevard Gardening Club continued the tradition of fall bulb-planting and the flowers of their labor could be seen all over the neighborhood as bright yellow daffodils popped up as early as December this year.

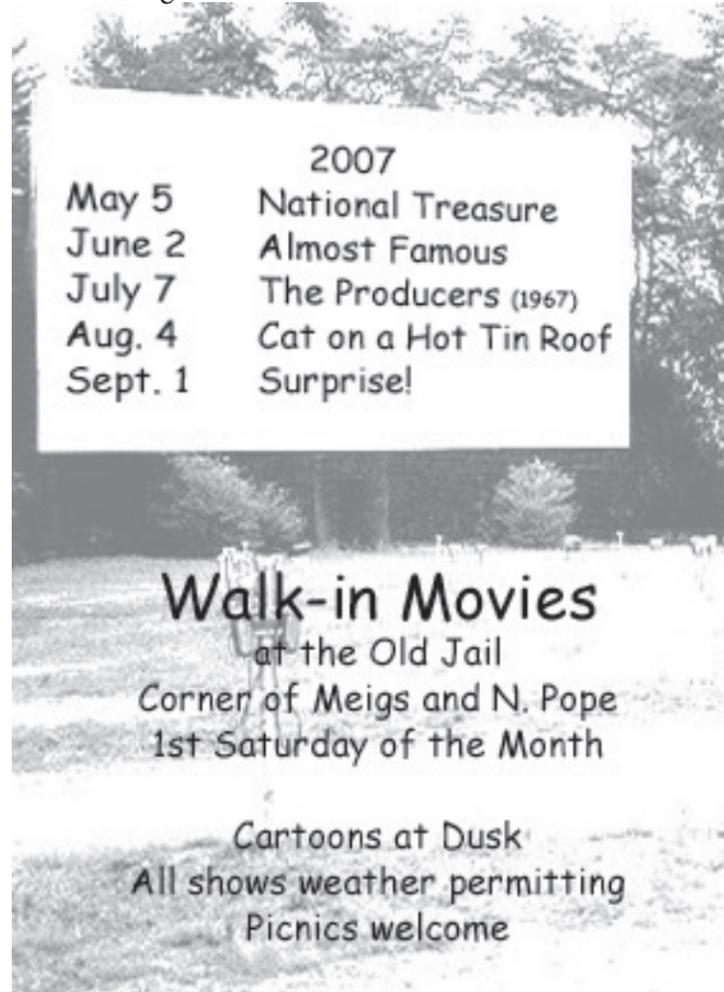
Gardening club members enjoyed fun social events as well as presentations throughout the year on traditional African-American gardens, backyard ponds, home composting, and native flowers, while the third annual Plant Swap is scheduled for April 22. This year, the Boulevard Gardening Club is hosting what we hope to be the first annual Boulevard Garden Tour. This casual event takes place on Sunday, May 20, when club members and their guests will enjoy refreshments in the gardens at four different west Boulevard homes. Our neighbors throughout Boulevard are invited to join us. Please contact boulevardgarden@yahoo.com by May 6 for more information.

As the whole neighborhood anxiously awaits the return of the Chase Street students and staff to their new digs, gardening club members are carefully fostering many plants until they can be returned to the grounds next spring. We also are working on plans for additional plantings in the traffic circle. The Boulevard Gardening Club is open to everyone, regardless of what neighborhood they live in, although our community projects focus on the Boulevard area. Our mission is to educate, beautify, and build community through a love of plants and gardening.

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explained that their calls to 911 were often responded to by contentious attitudes by operators. Capt. Greene explained that if this happens again to simply request that an officer meet with you immediately. Sgt. Epps and Lt. Epps now have access to the Neighborhood listserv in order to post information and monitor postings regarding criminal activity.

The discussion then turned to the ongoing problem with prostitution in neighborhood. Neighbors sited particular houses, in the Boulevard neighborhood as well as New Town, at which activity has been observed for many years. Sgt. Epps explained that they are aware of the problem and have stepped up efforts to apprehend the transient "johns" and prostitutes in the area. Since the meeting, an arrest was made at 395 Barber and the house was sited as a house of prostitution. ACCPD has also continued to conduct prostitution stings in the area. Sgt. Epps asked residents to continue to contact the police department when observing suspicious activity.



2007
May 5 National Treasure
June 2 Almost Famous
July 7 The Producers (1967)
Aug. 4 Cat on a Hot Tin Roof
Sept. 1 Surprise!

Walk-in Movies
at the Old Jail
Corner of Meigs and N. Pope
1st Saturday of the Month

Cartoons at Dusk
All shows weather permitting
Picnics welcome