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Message From The President

A winter of sometimes bitter cold temperatures and plenty of rainfall is starting to give way to milder weather. We are thankful for the work of the Beautification Committee and its chair Marilyn Waisanen for all they do to maintain the District's lovely appearance. The Committee is constantly coordinating with the City Park Staff to address mowing, weeding, fertilizing, sodding, irrigation, and other maintenance matters for the Swiss Avenue median. We also very much appreciate the efforts of our neighbor Gary Ahr, who has volunteered his time to organize and supervise the tree trimming throughout the District. Gary and other neighbors recently trimmed trees over the better part of a rainy Sunday in front of District homes along Live Oak.

The annual Mother's Day Home Tour is, of course, the highlight of spring time in the District. Christine Reagan Loh is this year's Tour chair. Our 45th Tour will take place May 12-13 and feature 8 historic homes—five on Swiss Avenue and 3 on Bryan Parkway. This year's Tour committee is working on a kid's area full of activities, entertainment in Savage Park all weekend including music acts with District residents, food and drink from Matt's Mexican restaurant, and more. A focus of this year's Tour will also be community outreach in the form of promoting the efforts of students from one of our neighborhood schools. Stay tuned for further details on these efforts.

The Home Tour serves as the District's only fundraiser allowing us to continue beautification efforts in the public spaces in the District, fund crime prevention, and to support neighborhood schools and other charitable organizations that make this a better place to live.

District residents may purchase up to ten tickets for \$15 each, a significant discount from the regular ticket price of \$25 in advance and the \$30 ticket price at the Tour. As in prior years, District homes will receive hand delivery of a packet containing ten Tour tickets. We ask that each homeowner then support the Tour by paying \$150 (i.e., \$15 for each ticket) to the District. We hope that you will support the Home Tour and the District again this year by buying your full complement of ten tickets.

It also takes a lot of volunteers and support from the neighborhood to put on a successful Home Tour, and volunteering is a great way to meet many of the neighbors that you may not have a chance to interact with otherwise. If you would be interested in volunteering, please contact christinereaganloh@yahoo.com or Larry Waisanen at ljwaisanen@sbcglobal.net. Even a 3 hour shift as a docent at one of the homes on tour would be very much appreciated.

Unfortunately, we have been seeing an increase in reports of criminal activity in the District recently. As we know, the Dallas Police has a manpower shortage and we may not be able to count on the number of patrols in the neighborhood as in the past. The

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Dallas natives Jordan and Natasha August recently bought their new home at 4937 Swiss Avenue. Natasha and Jordan met while they were both working in San Francisco. Since returning to Dallas about 5 years ago, the couple has been living in Vickrey Place. In July 2017 they were married in Charleston, SC, a city they both love.

The couple have two friendly Bull Mastifs, Yogi (4 years old) and Congo (2 years old). Yogi is quite popular on Instagram and has 14,000 followers!

Jordan works in real estate with his family. The family business owns Centre Living Homes and they are currently building townhomes at Live Oak and Praire. They are also in the process of acquiring the Continental Gin building which was the original home of Robert Munger's cotton business in Deep Ellum.

Jordan loves to cook and is anxious to work in the recently updated kitchen in their new home. While living in San Francisco Jordan used to host pizza parties with pizzas

made from scratch. The pizzas were so popular that he turned them into a small business. Natasha is a walker and you can expect to see her walking their dogs in the neighborhood. She works in high tech and is associated with 5 Miles, a highly rated buying and selling app.



After living in Munger Place for 8 years, Ann and Brad Stoltz decided it was time to find a larger home to accommodate their family of 4. They have friends who recently moved to SAHD and old family friends who are long time residents of the District. Their new home, at 5822 Swiss seemed perfect for their young family.

Ann grew up in San Antonio, where her

family lived in an historic home. She attended Southwestern University in Georgetown and Boston College. While in college, she also had the opportunity to study abroad in Valencia and Barcelona, Spain. Ann is a stay at home mom and community volunteer. She has been a member of the Lakewood Service league for 6 years and served as President for 1 year. Brad grew up in Boiling Springs, PA, a small town west of Harrisburg. He is a graduate of West Point and the Harvard Business School and played basketball in high school and college. Brad works for U.S. Renal Care where he runs the business in the western half of the US.

Brad and Ann are the parents of 2 sons, Colin, 6 1/2 and Grayson, 4. The boys attend Spanish House at Skillman and Mockingbird and both are fluent Spanish speakers. Both boys love to play under the magnificent Magnolia tree in the front yard of their new home.

Prior to buying their new home, Ann and Brad had been looking for a new house for a year. Having lived in Munger Place for 8 years, they knew they wanted to stay in East Dallas. The entire family is excited to join the SAHD family and look forward to participating in all that the District has to offer.

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From their first visit to 6317 Bryan Parkway, Greg and Susan Sommers knew that they had found their new home. After having lived in 3 rental homes that were each torn down, they knew that buying a home in an historic district meant that their home would never be torn down!

The Sommers both grew up in California. Susan and Greg, who has a PHD in accounting, moved to Dallas in 2002 for Greg's one year assignment at SMU. The rest, as they say, is history. Greg is now in charge of SMU's Master in Professional Accounting program and enjoys teaching both undergrads and grad students and he also writes text books. Susan is full time homemaker. The couple have 3 sons, Christian, 22 has a master's degree in accounting from SMU. Peter, 20, is studying technical theater at Centenary in Shreveport and Philip, 18, is leaning towards Electrical Engineering and plans to study at SMU.

The Sommers bought their Bryan Parkway home in December, 2016. The home needed quite a lot of work, but they could see the potential of the floor plan and the bones of the house. They spent several months making the renovations that needed to be done before they moved in and in September 17 they became residents of the District. They still have a lot that they want to do in the house, including redoing the fireplace in the living area with Rookwood. As is the case with many of their Bryan Parkway neighbors, the Sommers love their front porch and are enjoying the neighborly front porch camaraderie that Bryan Parkway is known for.

Let's cook up your dream kitchen.

Don't put off enjoying that new kitchen you've always wanted. Bella Vista's design and construction teams will ensure you get the layout, cabinets, countertops and other features to make yours more functional for cooking and fun for entertaining. From kitchens to bathrooms to cabanas, a Bella Vista renovation makes your home dreamy.



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Message From The President, (from page 1)

Dallas Police has a manpower shortage and we may not be able to count on the number of patrols in the neighborhood as in the past. The SAHDA Alliance Against Crime Committee coordinates with off-duty City of Dallas police officers who are engaged through the Extended Neighborhood Patrol (ENP) program, whereby neighborhoods can pay for extra patrols.

Each year the District contributes a substantial amount of funds to these crime-prevention efforts. Those funds, however, are often times not enough to provide for the level of services we would like. Please consider a yearly donation of \$600 or \$50 a month to help fund the ENP. You can make these contributions through the District website (<http://www.sahd.org/content/support-alliance-against-crime-online>) or through the mail to PO Box 140998, Dallas, TX 75214. Please make your checks out to Alliance Against Crime. If you have any questions, please contact our AAC Committee chair Todd McCavit at Todd.McCavit@protiviti.com.

Our other SAHDA committees have all been busy. Our Planning and Zoning Committee, headed by Nancy Phillips, has been addressing various possible code violations involving projects adjacent to the district and providing proposed courses of action for the Board's consideration. Our Outreach Committee chair Robyn Schaub advises that the Committee has been reviewing charitable donation requests and will be making their recommendations to the SAHDA Board. The Outreach Committee is also considering for the second year in a row a neighborhood garage sale in order to raise additional funds to support their funding efforts.

Please visit our website at SAHD.org for information about the district and if you have not done so, please sign up for the residents only section of the website. Bob Cox continues to do an excellent job in maintaining the site for us.

Our monthly Board meetings are open to all residents, and I would encourage you to attend in order to keep up with what is going on the District. The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 17 at 7 p.m. at St. Matthew's Cathedral on Ross. You will be receiving a meeting notice with the details.

I am grateful for the beauty of our neighborhood and the warmth and goodness of our neighbors on a daily basis. I hope you feel the same way. I look forward to seeing each of you around the District.

Peter L. Loh

President, SAHDA

Message from the Editor

As many of you know, Marilyn and I will soon be moving to our new home in Museum Tower. It has been my pleasure to publish the SAHD Occasional for the past 8 years. Serving as the Editor has afforded me the opportunity to meet many of our new neighbors and to stay abreast of what is happening in this beautiful neighborhood that we all call home. We have thoroughly enjoyed being the caretakers of 5105 Swiss Avenue and helping to preserve it for generations to come. While we will miss our grand, old house, we are looking forward to our new adventure in high rise living in the heart of the Dallas Arts District.

If anyone has a yearning to become the publisher/editor of the Occasional, please contact Peter Loh.

A Childhood Dream Comes True

My name is Elizabeth Kaiser. My parents bought an old house on Bryan Parkway in 1981 and I was born in the midst of the renovation of the house. Our neighbors were constantly in and out doing carpentry work, putting up sheetrock, replacing windows, painting, and all the other do it yourself work that was needed to recreate a sense of what a home was like at the beginning of the century. This was my first exposure to what a real community is. One of my best friends is Adrian Thomas who also grew up on Bryan Parkway. We wandered back and forth between each other's house, put on 'Spice Girl' concerts and roamed the neighborhood. The Aldredge House was always magical to us and as we played in the back garden we made up fantastical stories about the Prince and Princesses who lived there, along with the ogres, evil witches and monsters who also haunted the house. I knew early on, I wanted to be married in this 'magical' place surrounded by all of my neighbors in the SAHD who helped raise me. Adrian also promised to be my Maid of Honor and protect me from any dragons who might swoop down.

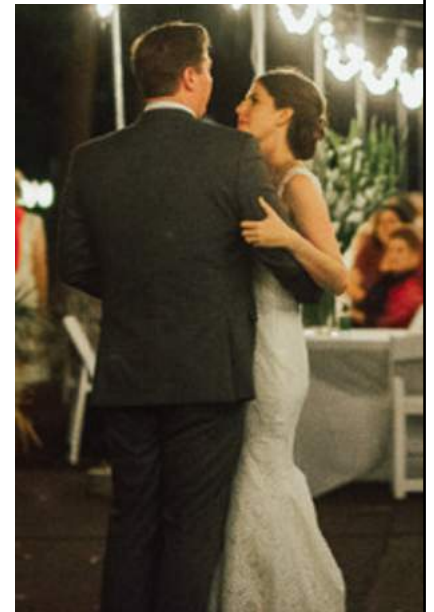
On October 21st, my dream came true and I married my Prince at the Aldredge House. Adrian was of course my maid of honor and our childhood dream had come true. After an incredibly beautiful ceremony in the Aldredge House garden, we walked back to my home. A dixieland band led the way, and started playing once we reached the North side of Beacon and all the way up Bryan Parkway to where the reception was laid out. My dad acquired the City permit to close our block off and set up lights and tables for our event in the street. He needed to get 90% of the block to sign off on the permit, but as soon as word got out about the reception, he got 100% of the block residents to sign the petition to the city. Since the permit only allowed the street to be closed at noon, a huge outpouring of help from our neighbors helped set up tables and chairs, PA systems, bars, pop ups, and lights for the 250 people who were invited.

Incredibly, they pulled all this off in four and a half hours. Again, I was reminded about how lucky I was to be raised in such a loving neighborhood.

My husband's family came in from Washington and New York state and were incredulous of the hospitality, sense of community, and graciousness that greeted them in our neighborhood.

They made frequent comments about how there was no way they could pull something like this off where they came from. We ate and danced till 9:30 when we had to clear the street.

Thanks to our wonderful neighbors, my wedding was a dream come true and an absolutely magical event.



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2018 Mother's Day Home Tour

PUBLIC NOTICE

Swiss Avenue Mother's Day Home Tour and Art Fair

Saturday, May 12, 2018 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
 Sunday, May 13, 2018 12 Noon--8:00 PM

Home at 6005 Bryan Parkway

Home at 6110 Bryan Parkway

Home at 6114 Bryan Parkway

Home at 5007 Swiss Avenue

Home at 5017 Swiss Avenue

Home at 5112 Swiss Avenue

Home at 5124 Swiss Avenue

Home at 5412 Swiss Avenue

*Art Fair, Children's Activities and Car Show during tour hours across from
 Savage Park*

Refreshments and live entertainment during tour hours in Savage Park

Ticket Prices

Advance Purchase: \$25

Day of Tour: \$30 Children 12 and under: Free

For more information: www.sahd.org

An application has been filed for a Special Event Permit. Interested persons may contact the
 Office of Special Events at 650 S. Griffin St., Dallas, TX 75202, (214) 939-2701.

The 45th annual Mother's Day Home Tour is approaching. This year's tour features 8 beautiful homes - 3 homes on Bryan Parkway (6005, 6110, 6114) and 5 homes on Swiss Avenue (5007, 5017, 5112, 5124, 5412). We would not have a home tour with the generosity of these homeowners. Thank you!

How can you be involved in this year's Tour?

- Invite friends/family to join in the neighborhood celebration all weekend long
- Buy your pack of 10 neighborhood tickets
- Become a sponsor of the tour! Lots of opportunities big and small to contribute to the tour
- Honor your wife, mother or someone special with a personal 1/8 page ad in the Tour brochure
- Volunteer to work a shift in one of the beautiful homes or in Savage Park selling tickets
- Visit the park for Sunday brunch and other food and drinks provided by Matt's and food trucks throughout the weekend, live entertainment, and fun kids' area
- Listen to a speaker at the Aldredge House through their lecture series
- Attend the pre-party on Friday night, May 11
- Attend the post party on Sunday night in Savage Park
- Stop by the art fair vendors at Savage Park
- Bid on our 2 pieces of art by the Lipscomb Art Program (100% of proceeds go to the Lipscomb Arts Program)

Please check our website (www.sahd.org) regularly to see who

Neighborhood Block Party



On November 12, 2017, Virginia Bonifield and Elizabeth Mast hosted a block party for the 5700 Block of Swiss and the 6100 Block of Bryan Parkway. A southern fried chicken supper was served and four new neighbors were welcomed: Joanie and Rob Dickson, Katherine and Dean Brown, Ariba Kamal and Rob and Lynn Drawbridge. Pictured above are Bob Bracken and Harryette Earhardt.



our sponsors are. Make sure to thank them for their support when visiting their places of business.

If you want to get involved, or have any questions about the home tour, please contact Christine Reagan Loh at 214-732-7227 or christinereaganlo@yahoo.com.

Look forward to seeing everyone on Swiss!

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St. Matthew's Cathedral Spring Arts Events

Friday, April 13, 7:30 pm: Vocal Chamber Music Concert.
Reception following in Sundermann Gallery

Sunday, April 15, 4 pm: Choral Evensong

**Sunday, May 20, 4 pm: Final Choral Evensong of the
season. Reception following in Sundermann Gallery**

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