

The Cedar Creek **CURRENT**



Cedar Creek Neighborhood Association

October 2006

Nighborhood Cook-Out Success!

We missed you at the neighborhood cook-out, unless of course, you were there! If you were there, then you know what a great success the event was and what a good time was enjoyed.

Over 100 neighbors gathered in the lawn of Jimmy & Kathy Ellison on Thursday, September 14 for an evening cook-out. Young families, elderly residents, college students and others met new neighbors and reunited with old. Thanks to the Ellisons for opening their yard to us.

The U-Crew Volunteer Team from our neighborhood United Supermarket (1095 N. Judge Ely Blvd) provided all the food and drinks at no-cost. U-Crew members brought out the food and cooked for our neighbors as well.



Many great door prizes, from grills ready for another cook-out to lawn furniture and kitchen supplies were awarded to college student attendees. These prizes were provided in part by our local Citibank branch (1101 N. Judge Ely; next to United).

We also need to thank ACU Neighborhood Relations for the great support given in planning and taking care of details for the cook-out as well as much financial support in making it a success.

Thanks to all those who made the evening a great time. Many of you have commented, "That was great! Let's do it again!" Sounds good.

The Cedar Creek Neighborhood Association is now online

www.neighborhoodlink.com/abilene/cedarcreek

Find the proposed changes to by-laws, super neighborhood survey results; position papers; links to community information and resources; and participate in online forums



MEETINGS

Second
Tuesdays

7:00 p.m.

University Church of Christ
Family Room

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CCNA Officer, By-Laws Election in October

October is a time for scarecrows and pumpkins (and the Cedar Creek Pumpkin Patch at 1399 Austin Street), the inauguration of fall, and elections at the Cedar Creek Neighborhood Association monthly meeting. As usual, we will elect officers (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer) to lead our association in 2007. This year, as proposed at the September monthly meeting, we will also vote on some changes to the CCNA by-laws.

This year, your elected officers include Brad Carter (1633 Cedar Crest Drive) as president; Marianna Rasco (602 EN 19th Street) as vice president; Gayna Johnson (1399 Austin Street) as secretary; and J.C. McCurdy (602 EN 20th Street) as treasurer. With the exception of Mr. McCurdy, who served as CCNA secretary in prior years, these were all first-year Cedar Creek officers. According to our current by-laws, the executive officers serve one-year terms and must be elected each year.

Changes to the by-laws of the association are mainly for clarity with a few meaningful changes that reflect our actual practice. This includes clarity of boundaries and addition of some areas considered CCNA properties that were left out of the by-laws. It also includes more flexibility on when monthly meetings are held, removal of dues, and the change to "residents" from "property owners" as members of the association. The old and new by-laws can be reviewed before the meeting by requesting printed copies (please contact members of the Executive Board, contact information on reverse) or by downloading copies from our website (www.neighborhoodlink.com/abilene/cedarcreek). Members are encouraged to review these changes before our

October 10 meeting.

A slate of nominees will be presented at the October 10 meeting in the University Church of Christ Family Room at 7:00 p.m. Additional nominations will be taken from the floor (please contact potential nominees about service before nominating).

The proposed by-laws will be available for voting and additional amendments and changes can be proposed from the floor.

Please plan to attend and participate in the election of these matters on October 10. Again, to review the by-laws changes, please contact the Executive Board or download on our website.

Proposed Changes to CCNA By-Laws

- ◆ Boundaries clarified to include all properties between Judge Ely, Ambler, Treadaway & EN 10th.
- ◆ "Residents" considered members of the association rather than only "property owners".
- ◆ Monthly meetings changed to "monthly basis" rather than a set time each month.
- ◆ Past President added to the Executive Board.
- ◆ Removal of membership dues (possibly could be reinstated once able to collect dues tax-free).

Mark Your Calendar

- ⇒ **Weekends in October:** Cedar Creek Pumpkin Patch (1399 Austin)
- ⇒ **October 10: CCNA monthly meeting and annual election of officers** (University Church of Christ Family Rm)
- ⇒ **October 23:** Early Voting begins for November 7 General Election
- ⇒ **October 31:** Halloween



- ⇒ **November 7:** Election Day for numerous state and national officeholders representing Abilene; and for Abilene Special Election including Smoking Ban Proposition and Tax Freeze for Seniors and Disabled.

Voting Locations for East of railroad:

- North of EN 16th: vote at Hillcrest Church of Christ
- South of EN 16th: vote at University Church of Christ

- ⇒ **November 14: CCNA monthly meeting** (University Church of Christ)
- ⇒ **November 23:** Thanksgiving Day

Next CCNA Meeting: Tuesday, October 10, 7:00 pm

University Church of Christ Family Room (entrance off Avenue E)

On Agenda: Elections (Officers & By-Laws) // **Door Prize:** 2 Tickets to Singing in the Rain