



## Castner Heights Neighborhood Association Newsletter March 2013

**President-Joe Molinar**  
**Vice President-Mark-Thomas Bray**  
**Secretary-Mike Bearce**

**Treasurer-Kendra Bray**  
**Membership Officer-Ozzie Matamoros**  
**Member at Large-Maurean Simmons**

### I'm Back



**Next General Membership Meeting** will be at:  
Northeast Regional Command Center, 9600  
Dyer Street, Thursday, April 18th.

**Webmaster or Facebook Master Needed** If you would be interested in developing and maintaining a website or Facebook page for CHNA, please contact any of the officers.

**New Association E-mail Address**-You can use one address to contact all the Board members, even when we elect new members. New e-mail address is [chna.elp.tx@gmail.com](mailto:chna.elp.tx@gmail.com). Please accept the address on your computers.

### We're Back



### Two New Officers

**Membership Officer:** Osvaldo G. Matamoros (Ozzie) is a Desert Storm Veteran, served in the US Army 4 years and stayed here in El Paso after separating from the Military with an Honorable Discharge. Holds Bachelor's degree

in Business Administration with some credit hours toward a Master's Degree in International Logistics. Professional background includes: manufacturing, materials, and logistics. Happily married, coming up on 21st anniversary, two lovely daughters. Enjoy Bible Study, church events, and family time.

### Los Tres Amigos



**Member at Large:** Maurean C Simmons was born in Sanford, North Carolina, obtained her Nursing degree in 1971 and worked at University Of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Medical center until 1974. Joined the US Army in May 1974 retiring after serving twenty years in June 1994. While in the military she worked as a Nurse, EEO representative, Med / Surg Supervisor/ NCOIC and Leadership Instructor. Attended El Paso Community College, received an Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts. Graduated Park University with a degree in Healthcare Management. After graduating Park University worked as a Nurse at the VA Healthcare Center, until retiring in 2006. Maurean was the Mayor for William Beaumont Army Medical Center Housing area for six years, assisting and as needed, planning and coordinating community service and community activities for the

residents and kids. After retiring she continued to provide community services by volunteering at the VA Healthcare Center, WBAMC, H.E Charles School, The Delta Academy, and Mayor Cook's Thanksgiving Dinner Program. She is a member of the NAACP, Black Nurses Association, Northgate Optimist Club, Women's Advisory Committee (helping female soldiers transitioning from active duty to civilian life), El Paso Women's Dept of The Greater El Paso Chamber Of Commerce, Past President/ Worthy Matron Order Of The Eastern Stars Masonic Organization, District Deputy Grand Matron & Regional Director Norris Wright Cuney Grand Chapter of The Eastern Stars, Past Illustrious Commandress ORO Court NO 20 Daughters Of Isis, and El Paso Conference for Women Planning Coalition Committee. Recipient of numerous awards for Excellence in Nursing, Outstanding President/Worthy Matron, most recently awarded The Star of Excellence Award for community services provided in the community. Hobbies are reading, listening to music, and watching old movies. I volunteered to serve because as you can see that is what I have always done, that is what I like to do. I like getting involved, working together to accomplish the mission, making things happen, meeting new people, assisting and serving in my community to help make it a great place to live and be a part of. My goal is to be instrumental in helping to increase membership, getting more residents involved in CHNA, being a team player, managing and assisting area coordinators/block captains in disseminating pertinent information and fulfilling all the recruitment goals of the CHNA. "Working together really works, and it makes a difference."

## Final Four Season



**Diana Drive Clean-up-** The Castner Heights Neighborhood Association conducted a "clean-up" along Diana Drive (from Dyer Street to Gateway North) on Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, one day prior to the Susan G. Komen Race For The Cure. We asked for your participation in taking pride in our neighborhood and the following residents pitched in: Mike Bearce, Kendra Bray, Mark-Thomas Bray, Richard Chase, Gerry Hayes, Patrick Hayes, Fernie Luevano, Bill Medrano, Gina Meigel, Joe Molinar, Richard Teschner, Gary Walford, and Carletta Wright. Mr. Richard Satterlee graciously donated six pickers or grabbers for this clean-up as well.

As you know, the Susan G. Komen Race For The Cure attracted thousands of runners, walkers, spectators, guests, etc. and they were in our backyard. We salute everyone who participated in the Diana Drive clean-up. A grand salute to Mark-Thomas and Kendra Bray for doing a huge favor to the citizens of this community and to the Susan G. Komen RFTC organization. They cleaned up an entire section of Diana Drive (embankment) which looks immaculate! This was over eight hours of work. See the before and after pictures on page 3.

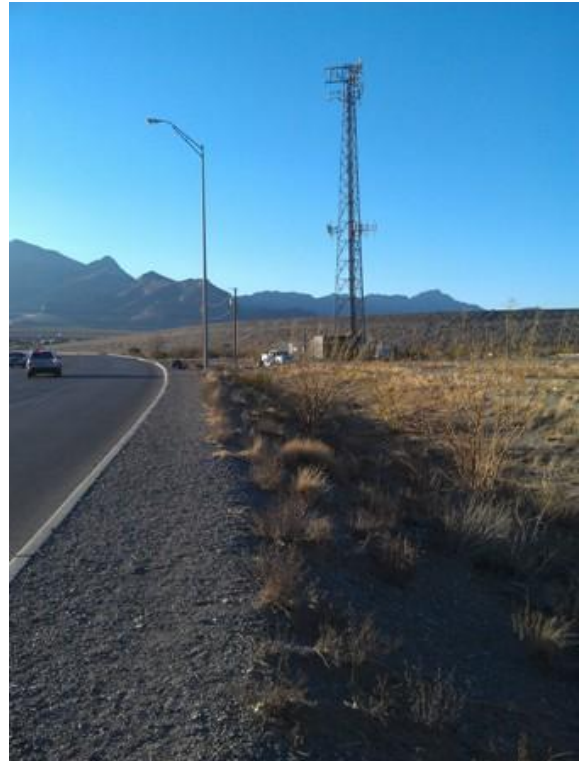
## Fab Five



**Before the Clean-up**



**After the Clean-up**



**Annual Castner Heights Neighborhood Garage Sale** On Friday and/or Saturday, March 22nd & 23rd from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Poppies Fest** The Franklin Mountains Poppies Fest will take place on Saturday, March 23rd at the El Paso Museum of Archaeology. Featuring a full program of live music and dance, food & art vendors, nature talks & walks, educational exhibits, a live wolf, Houdini the Harris Hawk, children's activity center. Everyone is welcome to come out and enjoy the beauty of the mountains and the poppies during this free educational family fun event.

FREE Parking at EPCC Transmountain Campus  
FREE Shuttle service between EPCC and the Museum provided from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm  
No parking at the Archeology Museum.

**Sensational Six**



## Business and Selected Honorary Members



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## Heaven Sent



## Treasures

### Thrift Shop and Consignment

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Mike Bearce, Editor