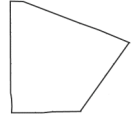




Southgate News



May 2008

- **Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 27th at 7:30 at Rice Temple Baptist Church, 6409 Greenbriar at McClendon.**

Civic Club Membership

If you have not paid your Civic Club dues for 2008, please do so. There is a membership form at the end of this Newsletter. The cost is \$50 per household. Please consider joining the Civic Club. Small, single-

family inner-loop neighborhoods like Southgate are under tremendous pressure from many interests. Please become part of the effort to develop a positive vision for the future of our neighborhood.

Highlights from the April General Meeting

Treasurer's Report (John Boom)

The Civic club currently has about \$87,000 cash on hand. There are 123 paid members for 2008. This is about 50% of the participation level at the same time last year.

Deed Restriction Committee (Catherine Leachman)

The language describing proposed updates to Section 1 and Section 2 deed restrictions is being formalized. Additional information will be available on this continuing effort in the near future.

Medistar Tower Update

About 12 residents attended the Planning Commission hearing on March 12 and expressed neighborhood concerns about the proposed 40-story tower at Dryden and Travis. The purpose of the hearing was to consider Medistar's request to build canopies, balconies and architectural features closer to Main Street than the current 25-foot set back. This permission was granted. The project has now gone to public works for permitting. The Civic Club will continue to work with the City and the developer to minimize the effects of this project on the neighborhood. Residents interested in working on this effort should contact any member of the Civic Club Executive Committee.



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Architectural Review Committee

Thinking about remodeling? If you have plans to remodel your house or garage and it involves the exterior, you should have your plans reviewed by the architectural review committee. This committee will look at your plans and make sure that they conform to the deed restrictions of the neighborhood. Having your plans reviewed will avoid the possibility that you get half way through a project only to discover that there is a violation of some kind

requiring a costly change in plans. You may not know that Southgate as a whole is made up of four separate sections, each with different deed restriction language. So just because you see something in one part of Southgate, or even across the street, it doesn't necessarily mean that it conforms to the restrictions in your section. **Contact Roger M. Cooner at (713) 822-4270, to arrange for the committee to review your plans.**

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Ice Cream Social

Thank you to **Natalie Smith** for organizing another successful ice cream social. We gratefully acknowledge our sponsors for their support of this event. The ice cream was provided through the generosity of **Christie Rogers** with **Suzanne Anderson Properties**. **Dr. Wolens** with **V.I.P. Pediatrics** and **Earl and Meg Jou** with **Delta Realty Group** sponsored face painting and balloon making by **Starlette** the clown. Funds from **Mary Ann Edwards** with **Greenwood King**, **Natalie Smith** with **Organize Wise** and a private

donation from a Southgate resident helped cover additional expenses.

Thanks to **Marla Nicksch** for arranging the RACS police car and officer to be present as well as helping arrange for the Houston Fire Department to be at the event.

Thank you also to **Principal Linda Smith** at Roberts Elementary and **Roberts Facility Manager, Gloria Altamirano**.

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Southgate Website

Previous editions of the *Southgate News* and other community information are available at www.houstonsouthgate.org.

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Southgate Civic Club Dues for 2008 are Now Due! PLEASE JOIN

Please take a minute to complete the Resident Information Form below and mail it with your dues of \$50.00 per residence, to Southgate Civic Club, Attn. John Boom, Treasurer, 2260 Holcombe Blvd., Box 162, Houston, Texas 77030, in the attached envelope.

How Are Your Southgate Dues Used?

\$10 to the Neighborhood Deed Restriction Enforcement Fund

\$40 to support activities such as:

- Membership in University Place Association
- Membership in South Main Center Alliance, Houston Homeowners Ass'n, & others
- Publishing the Southgate Newsletter and other notices
- Publishing the Southgate Residents Directory
- Annual Ice Cream Social
- Maintenance of the Dryden Triangle
- Special Projects and Neighborhood Beautification as funds allow.

What Does the Southgate Civic Club Do for You?

- **Protects your interests as a homeowner** by monitoring and fighting deed restriction violations
- Answers your questions
- Represents you and the neighborhood at City Hall
- Represents you and the neighborhood in local civic associations
- Interfaces with Rice University and the local community
- Hosts neighborhood meetings, forums, and events
- Informs you of important happenings in the neighborhood
- Advises you of City issues affecting or impacting Southgate
- Works to maintain the common areas of the neighborhood

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Clip and Return with Your Dues Payment

SOUTHGATE RESIDENT INFORMATION

Names of Adult Residents: _____

Names of Any Children: _____

Address (Number & Street): _____

Telephone Number(s): _____ E-Mail Address: _____

May We Use Your E-Mail Address to Contact You About Critical News and Activities? _____

Check as Applicable: Own ___ Rent ___ Amount of Dues Enclosed: \$50 ___

Include my information in the upcoming Southgate Directory Yes _____ No _____

Any information to exclude from directory? _____

