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OLD BRAESWOOD PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

# Old Braeswood News

## *Your house has a history* by Susan Teich, OBPOA Historian

I'm assuming that most residents of Old Braeswood like living in houses that have a history. How much do you know about the people who lived in your house before you? There are clues everywhere.

I found a clue on my back door. Looking very much as though it was, at one time, the front door, there is an outside knocker with the name "Mengden" underneath. I started asking native Houstonians about the name and learned that, between 1971 and 1982 there was a Texas state legislator from Houston known as "Mad Dog Mengden." He served in the Texas House from 1971-1973 and in the Texas Senate from 1973 until his retirement in 1982. Apparently he got his nickname because he had a reputation for opposing almost any bill

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## *Nominations for 2008*

Old Braeswood POA is soliciting recommendations of interested homeowners for the 2008 Board, which consists of nine officers and committee chairmen and which meets several times a year to oversee the operations of our neighborhood.

If you or someone you know would be interested in serving as an officer, a committee chairperson, block captain, community liaison, or simply a member on one of our general committees, please submit your recommendations to the Nominating Committee at [info@oldbraeswood.com](mailto:info@oldbraeswood.com) or 713-807-1787.

Please include your name, phone number and contact info for the person you're nominating. Self nominations are welcome. A full listing of positions are posted on the website. Nominees must own and reside in a home in Old Braeswood and be current with their dues. The Nominating Committee will match nominees and their interests with positions available and submit a slate of nominees for election at the annual meeting in November. Nominations must be received by November 10, 2007.

Members of the Nominating Committee are: Bob Birenbaum, G.G. Hsieh, Agelia Pérez McGowan, Dee Murray and Becky Pivec.

## *November 6<sup>th</sup> election*

Voting for the next general election on November 6, 2007 will be held at 2347 Underwood, in the garage at the home of Joanne and Donald Brodsky. Voting for subsequent city run-off elections will also be at the Brodsky's. Old Braeswood POA is in voting precinct 472.

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### **Save the date for the Old Braeswood Annual Meeting**

Tues., November 27, 2007

7:00 p.m.

2349 Bluebonnet Blvd.

Home of Dr. Ken & Ann Huete

# Thank you new and renewing 2007 Members!

The following list includes dues contributions received through October 1, 2007.

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## *The Old Braeswood Garden Club invites new members*

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Did you know that there is a garden club for the women of Old Braeswood? There is, and has been since 1939.

Once a member, always a member, meaning that women in the Garden Club who move out of Old Braeswood are still included in Club events. Their presence provides a continuous memory of the history of our neighborhood.

Garden Club events vary, but include coffees, lunches, dinner parties that include husbands, outings, an annual Christmas party and the Spring Flower Show.

Actual gardening is not a prerequisite to membership. The club is more about friendship than botany.

Interested? Please email Garden Club President Terese Wagner at [gswagner@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gswagner@sbcglobal.net) or call Ann Huete, New Member Chair, at 713-502-8000.



*Winning floral arrangement from the Garden Club's spring flower show!*

## *Get your construction plans approved!*

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The restrictions applicable to all sections of Old Braeswood require that plans be approved before construction of any improvements, including fences, walls, buildings and other structures, or any other construction or remodeling activity is undertaken that will alter a structure or its outward appearance. Approval is required before the construction activity commences.

The Old Braeswood POA is authorized by its charter and bylaws to review and approve plans for construction on property in Old Braeswood. This review is intended to ensure compliance with the restrictions, and will take into consideration the suitability of the proposed project to the site where it will be built, and its harmony with its surroundings. The review will be conducted by the Architectural Review Committee of

the Association whose chair person and other members are appointed by the President.

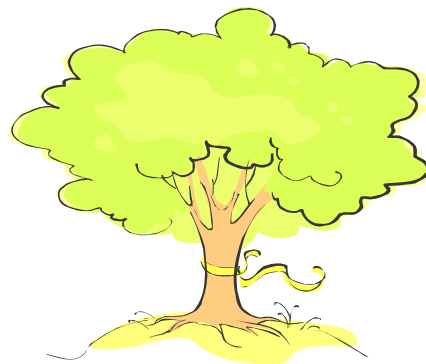
There are a number of specific requirements that projects must satisfy, which vary by section and sometimes by lot. The ARC will help you understand which requirements apply to your project and how they may be satisfied. Early plan review will help avoid last minute changes that can be expensive.

To learn how you can reach the committee, visit the Old Braeswood POA web site at [www.oldbraeswood.com](http://www.oldbraeswood.com) where a current list of officers and committee chairs and their phone numbers can be found.

## *Yellow ribbons on Glen Haven*

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Dozens of trees in the 2300 through 2500 blocks of Glen Haven blvd. are adorned with yellow ribbons in honor and support of Paul Mansfield and Jo Hinds' daughter, Tres, a West Point grad and Blackhawk helicopter pilot stationed in Baghdad for the past 5 and a half months. Jo and Paul are residents of the 2500 block of Glen Haven. We wish Tres a safe journey and speedy return home.





## ***Mystery tri-cycle repair team unveiled***

The identity of the good Samaritan, husband and wife team, who have been keeping Old Braeswood's fleet of tricycles and riding toys in good repair has been discovered. Special thanks to neighbor Jo Clegg for providing ongoing vehicle maintenance of the dozen or so riding toys at Old Braeswood Park. Jo and his wife Margaret walk several times a day around the neighborhood, and often bring their tools with them to make any needed repairs. Margaret serves as assistant to Jo, the Chief Technical Officer of the household.



## ***Social Committee enlivens neighborhood***

The Social Committee, chaired by Maroneal resident **G.G. Hsieh** has been busy this year bringing friends and neighbors together for some great events. Thanks to G.G. and her committee's efforts, all kinds of fun activities have taken place from cooking classes to dog training and everything in between.

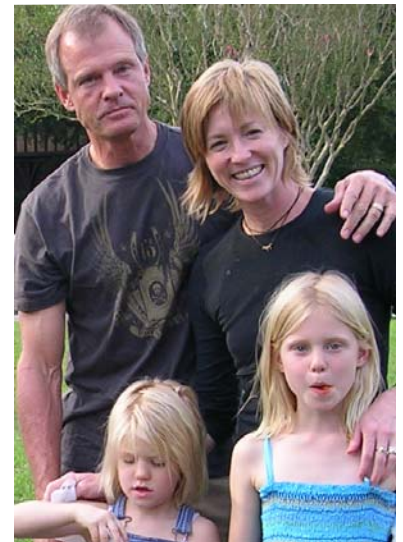


Many thanks to all who attended the Saturday planning meetings and who have helped generate great ideas for social events. A special thanks goes to **Melissa Levin**, **Dee Murray** and **Annette Brown** for their help developing the social survey. Thanks also to **Lorie Westrick** for designing the banner for Tot Time.



A "Dog Lovers" get-together was held on June 14th at the home of **Lisa & Bobby Frederick** which included a lecture and Q&A by **Jim Burwell**, Houston's own "Dog Whisperer." Jim's accomplishments include 20 years of dog training experience, founding Rover Oaks Pet Resort and Jim Burwell's Petiquette. Jim has trained dogs for commercials, theater productions and KPRC-TV ("Radar" the weather dog). Neighbors learned some basic dog training techniques and "pet etiquette." All guests took home a bag of homemade dog biscuits, thanks to the talents and of the nascent Old Braeswood Cooking Club!

National Night Out was held in the Park on August 7 and was well-attended despite searing temperatures. Neighbors kept cool with hundreds of scoops of Amy's ice cream - over 300 were served. Residents received crime prevention information for RACS **Deputy Louis Hillman** and Council Member **Anne Clutterbuck**, District C. Special thanks to **Becky Pivec** and **Christine Robins** for organizing this event.



Ongoing social committee initiatives also include:

**Tot Time in the Park** First Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
**New Families:** this is a great way to get to know others with small children. In case of rain, the group will meet the second Saturday of the month at 8 a.m.

**Neighbors Helping Neighbors.** This is strictly a volunteer list of neighbors who are willing to help others in need for emergency situations, rides to doctor's appointments or helping pick up a car from the auto mechanic. If you need assistance or have ideas for helping neighbors in need, please contact [gghsieh@gmail.com](mailto:gghsieh@gmail.com) or 713 660-9520.

**Top to bottom: 1. Jo & Margaret Clegg 2. Chris Robins and son with Maureen & Fiona Swanson 3. New neighbors Elizabeth & Brian Smith and family 4. Brian & Martha Long and family. (All photos this page courtesy of Kathy Lord.)**

## Garbage reminders

In accordance with Chapter 39 of the city's code of ordinances, trash may not be set on the curb for collection until 6 p.m. of the day preceding pick up. For Old Braeswood, this means that **no trash should be placed on the curb until after 6 p.m. Monday.** Please remind your yard service not to leave trash on the curb during the week or ask them to haul it away.

Please also remind crews not to blow leaves or other debris into the storm sewers, as this clogs the system and creates the perfect conditions for mosquitoes.

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that was introduced. This becomes less surprising knowing that he was a Republican when nearly all Texans were Democrats. I read on one Website that, when Mengden "rose to speak, the rest of the Representatives would start barking and howling."

"Ever heard of Mad Dog Mengden?" is my standard question when mingling at parties. Other bits and drabs of information trickle in. Mad Dog grew up in my house with his brother. When his parents died, his brother took the family ranch and Mad Dog took the house. There is also a colorful story, perhaps apocryphal, that Miss Ima Hogg once confronted Mad Dog in an elevator, and berated him for being a Republican when his parents and grandparents had been Democrats. According to one version, she even gave him a light whack on the leg with her cane.

My house is not mentioned in Stephen Fox's study, *Braeswood: An Architectural History*; so, I went to Stephen himself. He didn't give me any juicy stories about Mad Dog, but he was kind enough to identify the original owner. My house first appears in the 1931-32 edition of the Houston City Directory. The first owner was Dolores Welder Crabb.

Dolores was the daughter of James F. Welder of Victoria, Texas, a cattle rancher and chairman of the board of the Victoria National Bank. Her great-grandfather was James Power, the co-founder of the Power-Hewetson Colony.

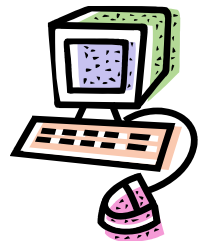
Dolores left Old Braeswood for River Oaks after the death of her father, living with the first of her four husbands in a 1935 house built by John Staub at Pine Valley Drive and Troon Road, "a magnificent Spanish colonial style house demolished in the mid-80s after her death."

I invite you to email me ([steich1@comcast.net](mailto:steich1@comcast.net)) or call me (713-839-7234) with information about your house for this column. Or come by to see my back door knocker at 2240 Glen Haven Blvd.

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