

## *A Letter from the President* by Susan Froehly Teich

There was a Special Meeting of the POA at my house on January 12 to provide a forum for ideas to expand neighborhood patrol coverage. Such ideas are needed so long as patrol subscriptions remain voluntary. It was gratifying to see that so many attended in support of a secure neighborhood.

The most obvious option expressed was for those now supporting the patrol to voluntarily pay a greater amount.

The amount of coverage we can buy varies. We buy however many hours of coverage our funds allow. We currently buy 56 hours per week, but need donations to sustain that. **At the current rate of \$30 per hour, we receive 3.3 hours of coverage for every \$100 you donate.**

Other ideas were also generated. There was a call for more information both about crime in the neighborhood and about the Patrol's (SEAL's) impact. There were suggestions that Block Captains bring residents and Patrol officers together for exchanges of information. There was a suggestion that those paying subscriptions be publicly acknowledged more visibly. There also was a request that those not paying for patrol service previously (a total of 80 households) be asked directly to consider making contributions so that the cost is shared more equitably.

Significantly, some residents voiced the opinion that they would have supported the ballot last year if it had been worded differently. Specifically, they wanted a ballot stipulating how mandatory payments would be applied to the neighborhood patrol. Those residents intend to present such a ballot to Old Braeswood this year. Those interested in joining them should contact Marcella Watkins at [dritte@gmail.com](mailto:dritte@gmail.com).

While the focus for the last year has been on whether dues and/or the patrol subscription should be mandatory, there has been activity in other areas. Both the Garden Club and Book Club have grown their memberships and are effective in integrating new residents into Old Braeswood life. The park is a child's delight and used more than ever. Our events held at the park were well attended. Three historically significant houses were saved and renovated. Deed restrictions were protected at no expense to residents other than those making permit applications. Enhanced communication between ARC and applicants is a priority. The newsletter published five issues last year. The Old Braeswood sign toppers went up and now we have new pillars joining those already in place. Soon, the new green signs will be added to the new pillars and the existing pillars will be cleaned. We have much to celebrate!

Finally, I urge you to use the form and envelope enclosed in this newsletter to pay your 2016 dues and patrol subscription. Please also consider making an additional donation to help pay for extra hours of patrol coverage. The neighborhood Patrol is a visible benefit and so the need for a patrol subscription is obvious. The need for POA dues may be less obvious, but equally important. Every year, the POA Board members and committee chairs volunteer many hundreds of hours of their time to serve you. I estimate that I personally donated over 300 hours last year. In addition, the same people donate food to POA gatherings, pay their dues and donate generously to the Park Corporation and Trees for Old Braeswood. Yet, there still are costs for keeping Old Braeswood a "neighborhood" and not just a collection of houses next to the Medical Center. Dues make it possible to be that neighborhood.

### **Patrol Funding Committee**

#### **Idea people needed!**

Are you interested in helping with an initiative to explore options for funding of our neighborhood patrol? Residents interested in serving on an ad hoc committee for this purpose should contact Marcella Watkins at [dritte@gmail.com](mailto:dritte@gmail.com).

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Two historic Old Braeswood houses standing side by side on the 2100-2200 block of Glen Haven are simultaneously undergoing restoration under the guidance of the same preservation minded architects. The owners of the Hobby House (2115 Glen Haven) and the owners of the Earthman House (2215 Glen Haven) followed word of mouth and found the same firm, GSMA (Glassman Shoemake Maldonado Architects), located in the Museum District and decorated as the 2013 AIA Houston Firm of the Year.

[Earthman House history was featured in the Old Braeswood June/July 2014 newsletter. The Hobby House history will be featured in the next newsletter.]

One prominent example of work by GSMA is passed often by Old Braeswood genealogists. The firm designed the renovation of Clayton House, the Texas Historic Landmark nearby on Caroline. For that, they won a Gold Brick Award, one among many awards for the project. Now part of Clayton Genealogical Library, it was the home of Will Clayton, a prominent cotton trader who was called to public service by two presidents, Harry Truman and John Kennedy.

GSMA's other awards are too numerous to list, but they include a Gold Brick Award for the Blue Bonnet house of Courtney and Fred Steves and an AIA Houston Design Award for the same house.

Founding partner Carrie Shoemake knows old houses. She grew up in one in Shadyside and studied architecture at the University of Texas-Austin. Now a Fellow of the AIA, her project teams on the Glen Haven projects included two other GSMA architects. They were Kristen Schuster (Project Architect on Hobby House) and Katie Ormond (Project Architect on Earthman House). Kristin also grew up in an old house, in River Oaks, and has a graduate degree in architecture from Rice. Katie, originally from Cypress, loves old houses even though she didn't grow up in one. She studied architecture at UT-Austin.

In each project, one goal was to make use of the original materials. With the Earthman House, it was necessary to remove the exterior brick to work on the vapor barrier. The brick was neatly stacked so that it could be returned to the house, but some bricks could not be reused. Finding the same kind of bricks to replace them was a challenge because of their characteristic "defects" identifying them as "Bridgeport Common Brick." In 1920s-1930s, the Bridgeport Brick Company, operating in the Dallas area, produced

red bricks with black spots from particulate matter in the clay. Many now historic houses of that vintage in Houston have Bridgeport bricks, and, over time, the bricks and their "defects" have become desirable, iconic and sought after. Also, setting them apart from other bricks, Bridgeport bricks are 11" long instead of the standard 8". The architects found them at a salvage company, rescued from the demolition of old buildings. The Hobby House also needed some replacement bricks. Since those bricks had been painted, it is unknown whether or not they are Bridgeport bricks, but they are the longer Bridgeport size.

Replacements again came from salvage.

Both houses had been remodeled by earlier owners. Hobby House was remodeled twice by its original owners, the Hobbys.

None of the earlier remodelings had given either house a functioning kitchen by today's standards. At a time when the lady of the house did not do her own cooking, the kitchen sat as a small utilitarian room that was a virtual dead end. What each house needed, and got, was a kitchen that could serve as a gathering place and that flowed out

of and into the rest of the house. Carrie says, "The kitchen was the heart of the house that was missing."

Both houses have extraordinary wood, mellowed by age. Downstairs in the Earthman House, there is original fir trim that was never marred by paint. The doors have rich paneling, different on each side. In Hobby House, the original paneling in the Governor's office remains intact.

Frequent windows are another feature of old houses. Before air conditioning, cross ventilation was a necessity. Besides being a source of air, windows also were a source of light. "Our city doesn't have a lot of seasons, with their changes of light. What we can get instead is light from different directions as the day progresses." Modern buildings dependent on mechanical air systems and made energy efficient with minimal windows don't have that.

In each instance, it was the owners' "willingness to honor the house" that allowed for the success of the project. "You want to give your client a house that is his dream come true. When you restore an old house, it is the house's dream come true too."

*[This is the 39th article in a continuing series on houses and people in Old Braeswood. Suggestions for future columns are welcome.]*



*Restoration architects Kristen Schuster, Katie Ormond, and Carrie Glassman-Shoemake from GSMA Architects.*

As of this writing, five new pillars are in place and three more are about to go up. They are beautiful, even without the Old Braeswood signage that will soon be installed. By the time you receive this newsletter, the final four will also be in place.

Check them out at:

- Main @Glen Haven
- Morningside @Main
- Kelving @ N. Braeswood Blvd.
- Kirby @ Maroneal
- Kirby @Bellefontaine

Final 4 to be installed at:

- Maroneal @Greenbriar
- Maroneal @ Main
- Kirby @Blue Bonnet
- Morningside @ Dorrington



## *Annual Membership & Patrol Subscription Drive Underway*

The Membership Drive and request for your Patrol Subscriptions is underway for 2016! Please renew using the enclosed form and reply envelope.

This year we are excited to offer you three different payment options: 1) by check, (2) with a Paypal account, or (3) using a major credit card. If mailing a check, please use the envelope with this newsletter, or send payments to OBPOA, PO Box 541346, Houston, TX 7725.-1346.

To pay securely online, visit [www.OldBraeswood.com](http://www.OldBraeswood.com) and select the "Join" button at the top. There you can pay securely using PayPal or a credit card. You do not need a PayPal account to pay by credit card. However, please note that Old Braeswood incurs a 2.9% (plus 30 cents) charge from PayPal for all online payments. For the typical regular membership with Patrol, PayPal will deduct \$11.90. We hope that the convenience of online payments will increase participation this year and will offset the cost of this service.



### **Old Braeswood Membership Options**

Regular dues for Old Braeswood are \$100 annually, but each year we ask those who are able to join at the Sustaining or Patron levels. This additional income is essential to the financial health of our association given that only 65% of neighbors typically participate. Dues levels for other neighborhoods with patrol are included below for comparison.

<i>Regular Dues + Patrol</i>	<i>\$400</i>
<i>Sustaining Dues + Patrol</i>	<i>\$500</i>
<i>Patron Dues + Patrol</i>	<i>\$550</i>
<i>Patrol Only</i>	<i>\$300</i>

### **2016 Annual HOA Dues Rates for Nearby Neighborhoods of Similar Size with Patrol**

Southampton	\$500	Avalon Place*	\$865
Lynn Park	\$550	Oak Estates*	\$1200
Afton Oaks	\$700	Royden Oaks**	\$1220
Glendower Ct*	\$650	River Oaks**	\$1700

\* 2 constable shifts  
\*\* 3+ shifts

## *Board Member Spotlight: Andrea Lapsley*

The Board member being introduced in this issue is Andrea Lapsley, serving in the At-Large Position #2. Andrea grew up in Bunker Hill Village in Memorial, and moved to Old Braeswood with her husband in 1990 from West University. They wanted a larger house "without having to cut down trees." Within a year or two of arriving in Old Braeswood, Andrea was elected president of the POA. She has remained loyal to the neighborhood. When she left the Houston Public Library System after 20 years as its Assistant Director to take a job as director of the library at Colorado State University, she commuted from Old Braeswood, returning each weekend for seven years to be with her husband, Bob, an illustrator and teacher at the Art Institute of Houston. Now, Bob is retired and Andrea is semi-retired, working part time at Colorado State heading an Author Program that requires only an occasional trip. Andrea's interest in libraries has spilled over into her volunteerism. She raised funds to build a library in South Africa after a visit there as a tourist. The library occupies its own building next to a school of 1400 students (grades first through and eighth) and serves the public as well as the school. Andrea opened it with an initial donation of 9,000 books, an inventory that she continually enlarges. We are fortunate to have her energy and expertise back on the Board!



# Thank you 2015 Members & Patrol Subscribers!

## Patron

### (\$250 Dues & \$300 Patrol)

Jean & Eugene Boisaubin  
Keiko & Pierre Chevray  
Coan Investments, Inc.  
Julie Cohn & John Connor  
Eileen Brewer & Joseph Corriere Jr  
Helen & Tony Davenport  
JoAnne & Andy Doyle  
Nancy & Ken Eisenmenger  
Annette & John Eldridge  
Vicky & Anthony Estrera  
Dawn & Richard Gervais  
G.G. Hsieh & Mark Hausknecht  
Edens Houston  
Nancy Beren  
Meredith & Ryan Maierson  
Carla Giannoni & Bill Marchbank  
Deborah McCoy & Robert Keenan  
Elizabeth & David Micheletti  
Sally & David Miller  
Nicolas Petit  
Jay Plotkin  
Mollie & Randy Schaffer  
Barbie & Don Schaffer  
Jordan & Dylan Seff  
Nicole & David Singer  
Courtney & Fred Steves  
Rowena Young & Buddy Steves  
Susan & Leonard Teich  
Janet Horn & Don Treat  
Melissa & Kevin Wilcox  
Cynthia & Mark Wood

## Sustaining

### (\$150 Dues & \$300 Patrol Sub.)

Tina Melicoff-Portillo &  
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Rouhieh Ahmadi &  
ShiShi Amadi Anya  
Lisa Mann & Brad Bingham  
Monica McGrann &  
Yoram Borodaty  
Annette & Arthur Bracey  
Joanne & Donald Brodsky  
John Coale & Kristi Posey  
LaVerl & Louis Daily  
Mary & Bruce Ehni  
Fran & Mike Feltovich  
Kathy & Lee Gunner  
Christine & Jeff Hollinden  
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Jeff Munoz  
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Matthew Nicklos &  
Kristin Roshelli  
Sharon Plon & Jed Nuchtern  
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Maria Isabel Reuter  
Janet & Paul Sanders  
Rita & Bal Sareen  
Erin Furr & Chris Stimming

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### (\$100 Dues & \$300 Patrol Sub.)

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David Corry  
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Laurie & David Eckman  
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Ford Frost  
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Latifa & Idris Gharbaoui  
Milvia Pleitez de Gidley &  
Paul Gidley  
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Leonard Goldberg  
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Louis Green  
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Elayne & Demo Kouzounis  
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Pam & John Strasburger  
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 Marcella & Dan Watkins  
 Lyn Weyer  
 Laura Pang & Bill Wheeler  
 Linda Williams  
 Mayda Salgado & Michael Williams  
 Maureen Glancy &  
 Syed Wamique Yusuf  
 Shao Yun Zhang & Yong Gin

## Burglary Prevention Tips

Spring is coming and warmer weather brings increased vacation travel and also an increase in household burglary rates.\* Signing up for vacation watch checks from S.E.A.L. Security Solutions is a great start when you plan your time away from home. Just call 713-422-2770. Here are some additional steps you can take to decrease the chances of being burglarized:



- Invest in an alarm system and use it each time you leave the house.
- Make your home look occupied even if you're going for a short trip. Turn on lights & invest in automatic timers to turn lights on and off at programmed intervals. Ask a friend or neighbor to pick up flyers & deliveries daily and have the Post Office hold your mail.
- Trim bushes under windows to eliminate hiding spaces for burglars.
- Get the best locks you can afford. Never 'hide' keys under mats or flower pots.
- Don't tempt a thief by displaying valuables in plain view from the sidewalk. Consider using privacy curtains (sheer curtains that let in light but block the view) for all windows.
- Always lock garden sheds and your garage door, and keep lawn mowers, barbecues & bicycles locked out of sight.
- Don't advertise your absence on social media.
- Back up computers and laptops in case those items are ever stolen. Hide portable hard drives.
- Take pictures or create a video of your valuables. Have the model numbers & purchase prices of your most expensive items and mark them by engraving your license number on them.

### 2015 Regular Mbr. (\$100)

Anonymous (2300 Dorr.)  
 Anonymous (N. Braeswood)  
 Janet & Walid Attisha  
 Norma & Michael Frachtman  
 Mary Hipp  
 Patricia & Michael Inselmann  
 Zhandong Liu & Nan Wu  
 Laurie & Todd Lonergan  
 Michael Mann  
 Jennifer & Joseph Naples  
 Luz & Jaime Nino  
 Emily & Josh Schaffer  
 Sa Wang  
 Fred Worth  
 Qi Wu  
 Christine & Hanson Yates

### 2015 Sustaining Mbr (\$150)

Annette Brown & Paul Duplechain

### 2015 Patrol Subscript. (\$300)

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 Lydia Bilton & Anthony Pizzitola  
 Ginger Cathey & Carlos Ramos  
 Mark Schnee  
 Lisa & Roy Sheinbaum  
 Ron & Sheena Stubbers  
 Elizabeth & Jeffrey Vanover

### **If your house looks like it's been violated --**

- Don't go into the house. If you've already walked in, leave immediately. The thieves may still be inside, and it's not worth your life to find out.
- Call law enforcement and S.E.A.L. Security from your cell phone or from a neighbor's house.
- Don't touch or clean up anything until officers inspect for evidence.
- Take down license plate numbers of any suspicious vehicles and note the descriptions of any suspicious persons. (\* *Seasonal Patterns in Criminal Victimization Trends*, June 2014, U.S. Dept. of Justice.)

*Thank You*

### **Go Fly a Kite on April 1st @ Hermann Park**

Fly a kite or watch others do it - at Hermann Park between Miller Theater and the Reflecting Pool on April 1 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. It's the *Hermann Park Kite Festival!* Some kites for sale. Music and more!



## Kathy Lord Honored with Lifetime Achievement Award

Old Braeswood resident Kathy Lord, Executive Director of Bayou Preservation Association (BPA), received the Houston Area Urban Forestry Council's Lifetime Achievement Award on January 12<sup>th</sup>. This was a huge honor for Kathy and well deserved. She has been a friend and protector of Houston's trees for all of a long "Green" career. In 1991, she became Director of Administration and Development for The Park People. "Parks" equals "trees." Then, from 1994 through 2008, she served as Executive Director of Trees for Houston, overseeing the planting of 164,000 trees and earning numerous awards for her efforts. Since she joined BPA, the organization has planted over 4,000 trees along the banks of bayous and streams.

Here in Old Braeswood, Kathy served as president in the 1980s and helped spearhead the development of Old Braeswood Park with play equipment, irrigation and a master plan. In recent years Kathy has served as the liaison with University Place Association and the Brays Bayou Association.



## Attention Book Lovers

The Old Braeswood Book Club welcomes new members. The women meet on the second Tuesday of each month. Here are the next two dates:



February 9<sup>th</sup> at 2428 Gramercy (home of Janet Sanders) to discuss *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich* by Alexander Solzhenitsyn (182 pages).

March 8<sup>th</sup> at 2329 Blue Bonnet (home of Kathy Lord) to meet author Katherine Center.

This is a great way to share books and meet neighbors. Questions may be directed to Nancy Eisenmenger at [nancyeisenmenger@gmail.com](mailto:nancyeisenmenger@gmail.com).

## Old Braeswood Real Estate Report — Feb. 1, 2016

by Dawn Gervais, Realtor ® Consultant \* Greenwood King Properties

Houston's Real Estate market ended the year with the second highest sales volume of all time, behind 2014. We may be facing a challenge in 2016 with dropping oil prices and limited inventory. But the good news is that our local economy is vastly more diversified than it was during the oil bust of the 1980's, so it's going to come down to consumer confidence in the coming months.

December single-family home sales slid 9.7 % versus December 2014 while total property sales dropped 9.9 %. The latest monthly report prepared by the Houston Association of Realtors (HAR) shows a total of 5,879 single-family home sales compared to 6,507 a year earlier. Homes priced between \$150,000 and \$500,000 saw flat year-over-year sales, while homes below \$150,000 and above \$500,000 experienced declines.

The Texas Workforce Commission reports that the Houston metro area added just 4,800 jobs in November, making it the third weakest November in 25 years, according to the Greater Houston Partnership, which notes that the region typically adds 10,000 to 12,000 jobs in the month.

July 2015 holds the record for the greatest sales volume with 7,895 homes sold in Houston. By contrast, the lightest sales volume was in January 2015 with 4,109 homes sold.

### Old Braeswood Real Estate Statistics: January 2015— January 2016 (13 months)

	Active	Sold
Home Inventory	3	14
Minimum List/Sales Price	\$599,000	\$560,000
Maximum List/Sales Price	\$1,886,500	\$2,249,000
Avg. sales price /sq ft	\$353.00	\$258.00
Lot Inventory	0	3
Lot Avg. sales price /sq ft		\$48.76

All statistics are based on properties listed on MLS and Houston Association of Realtors.



## Block Captains: Volunteers Needed

Old Braeswood Block Captain Committee was reactivated this past summer. We are still looking for volunteers for many blocks! Duties include facilitating communications between the Old Braeswood POA Board and the residents of your block. Block Captains are also encouraged to organize occasional social events such as block parties or get-togethers. If you are interested in serving as a Block Captain and your block is not listed below, or if you have served as a Captain in past years and would like to "re-enlist," please contact your neighbor, Christine Manca, at [christine.manca@att.net](mailto:christine.manca@att.net).

Thanks go to those who have already stepped forward to serve as Block Captains in response to the recent request.

<u>Block</u>	<u>Volunteer</u>
2300 Bluebonnet	Annette Eldridge
N. Braeswood/Morningside	Sally Miller
2200 Glen Haven	Susan Teich
2300 Glen Haven	Fran Callahan
2400-2500 Glen Haven	Suzanne Edwards
2400-2500 Gramercy	Margo Elgohary
2200 Maroneal	Annette Brown Duplechain
2300 Maroneal	GG Hsieh
2400-2500 Maroneal	Dee Murray
2300 Underwood	Dorry Shaddock

Captains needed on these blocks:

2400-2500 Bellefontaine  
 2400-2500 Bluebonnet Blvd.  
 2300-2400 Dorrington  
 2300-2500 Bellefontaine  
 2300 (W) Underwood  
 2400-2500 Underwood



## Trash & Recycling Schedule

**Recycling** Every other Tuesday

**Dates** Feb. 9 & 23 Mar. 8 & 22  
 April 5, & 19 May 10 & 24

**Household Trash** Tuesdays (in city provided bins)

**Yard Waste** Tuesdays (in biodegradable bags)

**Tree Limbs & Debris** 3rd Monday (in **Odd** months)

**Junk Waste** 3rd Monday (in **Even** months) 2/15/2016

Place your household garbage in the city provided automated bin or recycling containers, and set them on the curb no earlier than 6 p.m. the evening preceding pick up and no later than 7 a.m. the day of pick up, and remove it no later than 10 p.m. on collection day. Bins left on the street beyond these times are subject to city fines. Bins must be accessible to the automated collection truck (not blocked by vehicles, trees, etc).

Yard waste must be bagged in city approved biodegradable bags, weighing no more than 50 pounds, and placed at the curb at least 3' away from automated bins. Yard waste mixed with paper, plastic or any other type of waste will not be collected. Small branches may be put in bundles (no more than 4 ft. x 18 inches in diameter).



## **2016 OBPOA Officers & Chairpersons**

President	Susan Teich
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Vice Pres.	Joe Manca
Vice Pres.	Buddy Steves
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Past President	John Eldridge
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Block Captains	Christine Manca
Enforcement	John Eldridge
Flood Control	Kathy Lord & Len Teich
Garden Club	Annette Duplechain
Newsletter	Zack Liu / E. Krudy
Park	Annette Eldridge
Plan Review	Marilyn Archer
Preservation	Joe Manca
Patrol	Dee Murray
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Social Events	GG Hsieh
Trees	Carroll Shaddock
University Place	Susan Teich
Welcome	Dawn Gervais
Manager	Evalyn Krudy

## **Garden Club Meets on Feb. 16**

The next Old Braeswood Garden Club meeting will be at 10 a.m. on February 16<sup>th</sup> at the home of Dee Murray, 2402 Maroneal.

Dee is an accomplished artist, so, not surprisingly the program will be about art. Not art that someone else makes, but art that we make. Dee won't tell us any more. It's a surprise. She promises to supply the art materials needed for our projects and that it will be a lot of fun. The only way to find out what she's up to is to come.



**PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION**

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

*Old Braeswood POA*

***New Neighbor Coffee***

*9 a.m.—11 a.m.*

*Saturday*

*April 2, 2016*

*2322 Maroneal Blvd*



**Meet Our New Neighbors!** G.G. Hsieh and Dawn Gervais are doing it again! They are hosting a Newcomers Coffee at G.G.'s house (2322 Maroneal) on Saturday, April 2nd, from 9 am to 11 am. Neighbors old and new are welcome to attend. We have a lot of new neighbors since the last coffee and this is our chance to meet and welcome them. Come by and show them Old Braeswood hospitality!



**OY, We're Back!**

**It's going to be a "souper" day  
at Congregation Emanu El**

1500 Sunset Blvd 77005  
Sunday February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016

**11:00 AM to 2:30 PM**

**Annual Chicken Soup Cookoff** -- This event benefits the Houston Food Bank and Emergency Aid Coalition.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5 for children. All-you-can-eat soup with admission. Caterers include many favorite local restaurants.

67 Houston area restaurants will participate in the cookoff. To ensure your spot, register at [www.emanuelhouston.org](http://www.emanuelhouston.org).