

THNA Neighborhood Meeting

9.16.13

Mt. Sinai

Attendance: Lauren, Jessica, Liz, Stephen, Neisia, Courtney, Lindsay, Bruce

Welcome & Introductions (Courtney)

We are dedicated to improving the quality of life, sense of community, and pride in our urban neighborhood by: Enhancing safety and security, Building community by joining together in a common cause, Promoting neighborhood beautification, Collaborating with city and civic organizations

Habitat for Humanity (Lauren Knott)

There are six lots on the Haywood St & E. Martin St. block that the city recently sold. Three are now owned by Habitat and the other three will be owned by R.D. Construction. Habitat plans to break ground spring of next year. They are not sure what families will be there yet. The process takes 18 months from application to move-in. There are income requirements (min & max) and needs requirements. There are several differences between Habitat & conventional homes. Habitat and the family share equity in the home but family owns equity after 20 years, which is around \$90-110K. The homes are suited to fit the size of the selected family. They are all energy efficient. There will be opportunities for neighbors to help and receive updates from Lauren. If you are interested in helping to build these homes in our very own neighborhood, email info@thompson-hunter.org and we can connect with you next Spring when Habitat breaks ground. Interested applicants for the homes can attend sessions in the next three months. Click [here](#) for more information.

Fall Festival & BBQ Cook-Off (Jessica)

Please join us for our neighborhood Fall Festival! It will be Oct 5th 4-7pm on the Haywood St block in between E. Hargett St and E. Martin St. There will be a bouncy house, DJ, corn hole, basketball hoops, sidewalk chalk, and a raffle. Most importantly, it will be a casual evening for neighbors to spend time together! We'll provide lemonade, tea, water, sides, and buns. There will be a hot dog stand selling hot dogs and snow cones. And the main event....

- **BBQ Cook-Off!** Neighbors can sign up to cook either chopped pork or chicken (6lb starting wt), bring it to the competition, put it in sample cups we will provide and have neighbors sample and vote! Neighbors will get a ticket when they enter and will vote for their favorite BBQ. Each winner in the chicken and pork category will receive prizes generously donated from downtown businesses (Busy Bee/Trophy, Marbles Kids Museum, Pogo, Bojangles, Taco Bell, and KFC). Please consider signing up [here!](#)

- **Neighbors should bring:** dessert to share if possible, a chair to sit in, non-perishable food items for our Thanksgiving Basket Project, cooler if they want to BYOB, and money for hot dogs/snow cones.
- **Want to contribute?**
 - Biggest need is for competitors! Sign up or convince a neighbor to sign up. Show off your cooking and share with your neighbors.
 - Help at the festival
 - Contribute/lend needed items
 - Donate to help cover costs [here](#).
 - Email info@thompson-hunter.org if you are interested in helping in any capacity.
 - Magnet distribution. Click [here](#) to sign up to help pass out our magnets advertising Thompson-Hunter Neighborhood events. Email info@thompson-hunter.org to get magnets delivered to your house for distribution.

Thanksgiving Basket Project (Lindsay)

Hunter Elementary School runs a great program to provide baskets of food to families within the school who are unable to provide Thanksgiving dinner for their family. Last year, through your generous donations, the neighborhood was able to provide dinner for several families. Bring non-perishable food items to the Fall Festival and be on lookout for more information in October.

Next CAC Meeting

If anyone attends the next CAC meeting this Monday, September 23, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at Roberts Park, take notes and email to info@thompson-hunter.org and we'll email them to the neighborhood.