



NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER | FALL 2024

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READY, SET, GIVE! NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY IS SEPTEMBER 19

On Thursday, September 19, Junius Heights Historic District (JHHD) is participating once more in North Texas Giving Day, an online giving extravaganza for our entire region. Last year, we were part of the success as Communities Foundation of Texas brought together 3,249 local nonprofits to raise \$63.9 million for our communities.

“Thanks to our great neighbors, we raised over \$3,500 in 2023 to improve the quality of life in Junius Heights, the largest historic district in Dallas. It’s that time of year again to come together to continue our community building efforts,” said NTGD Committee Chair Kendall Scudder. Hardworking committee members include Noel Aveton, Shelly Vatzlavick, and Mark Reeves.

JHHD supports our neighborhood schools, beautifies and maintains our column parks and pocket parks, represents our neighborhood to the city of Dallas, informs neighbors

of Junius Heights happenings, and sponsors events throughout the year, including Spring Fling and the Home Tour. “With your help, we hope to raise \$5,000 this North Texas Giving Day,” Scudder added.

Here’s how you can contribute:

Think locally on Third Thursday, September 19! Meet your neighbors at the Garden Café at 6 p.m. to celebrate. For every \$50 given, donors will be entered into a raffle to win a beautiful 11" x 14" house portrait by talented artist and neighbor Suzy Moritz.

Can’t make it September 19? No worries. Make your gift early between September 1 and September 18 at NorthTexasGivingDay.org/JuniusHeights

— Martha Heimberg

16TH ANNUAL JUNIUS HEIGHTS HISTORIC HOME TOUR | SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Join us for the 16th Annual Junius Heights Historic Home Tour on Saturday, November 2, from 1-5 p.m. Pre-sale tickets will be available at JuniusHeights.org for \$25. Day-of-tour tickets will be available for \$30 at Munger Park, located at 5300 Junius Street. JHHD Members will receive a \$5 discount on day-of-tour tickets.

We will be featuring five historic homes and highlighting our neighborhood school which is undergoing exciting renovations. Tour-goers will enjoy seeing eye-popping classic cars at the tour homes, and jamming out to live music and entertainment from our own neighborhood talent at Munger Park.

The heart of any community is its school, and William Lipscomb Elementary School is at the center of ours! Built in 1921, the classrooms were designed to be filled with natural light. Innovative for its time, the school had built-in lockers that replaced the older cloakrooms.

Embracing the old and new history of this school, significant updates are currently underway. Come see the “in progress” renovations scheduled for completion in 2026.

The first Principal at the school was Mrs. Virginia C. Lipscomb, and her home, built a century ago, will be featured on the tour. Come celebrate its 100th Birthday Party!

Sponsorship opportunities are available that will reach over 1,600 Junius Heights residents. Please contact Tam Pham at JHHDtour@gmail.com for details.

We will also need volunteers for the day of the tour. Please contact Tam Pham and René Schmidt at JHHDtour@gmail.com. Volunteers will receive a complimentary Home Tour ticket and an invitation to the post-tour party.

— Tam Pham & René Schmidt

JHHD GIVE BACK PROGRAM | TREES FOR TOMORROW – KEEP JUNIUS HEIGHTS COOL

Anyone notice how hot it was last month? Read on to find out how we can make it a little bit cooler.

The District is showing its age in a few significant ways. Mature street and front yard trees once shading our historic neighborhood are now near the end of their life span, often not replaced when fallen or removed. Less tree canopy stresses our inner-city environment and negatively changes our historic neighborhood character.

Urban tree canopy plays a critical role in the health of all residents. It is important to plant and establish new trees to ensure the quality of life for future generations, hence the Junius Heights Trees for Tomorrow (TFT) initiative.

The JHHD Board is seeking up to 20 owner residents to participate in having a 45-gallon (10'-12' tall) shade tree planted in their front yard or parkway of appropriate

width, compliments of JHHD! This is an approximate \$550 value.

Applicants must be a current JHHD member, or will purchase a \$35 annual household membership upon application. Other requirements include having no existing canopy trees in the front yard or parkway, no utilities where the tree will be located, and commitment to water and maintain the tree once planted. The JHHD Board will make final determination if applications meet the necessary requirements.

Contact JuniusHeightsHD@gmail.com to request an application or to learn more about this multi-generational initiative. **The application deadline is Friday, October 25.** Help us keep Junius Heights cool!

— Noel Aveton & Mark Reeves

SAVE THESE Dates

SEPTEMBER North Texas Giving Day/Third Thursday 9.19 | Beautification Work Day 10.12 | Third Thursday 10.17 | East Dallas Games 10.19 | Trees for Tomorrow Applications Due 10.25 | Fall Yard Decorating Contest 10.27 **NOVEMBER** Home Tour 11.2 | General Membership Meeting 11.12 | Beautification Work Day 11.16 | Third Thursday 11.21 **DECEMBER** Beautification Work Day 12.7 | Holiday Happening 12.8 | Third Thursday 12.19

TAKE AN OUTING TO NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out is an annual event where local organizations and neighborhood groups gather to build camaraderie and promote police-community relationships. JHHD joins the Dallas Police Department and Fire Station #19 along with the Friends of Willis Winters Park and the Juliette Fowler community to host the event. They are joined by neighborhood groups from Hollywood-Santa Monica, Junius Heights, Mount Auburn, Munger Place, and Peak's Addition. The event will be held on Tuesday, October 1 from 5-7 p.m. at Willis Park Pavilion, at the corner of Columbia Avenue and Juliette Fowler Street.

National Night Out offers a fun opportunity for families, friends, and neighbors to mingle and get to know each other. Attractions include a helicopter fly-by, a police car, mounted police, a fire truck, balloon artist, bubble machine, and face painting. A variety of food and drinks will be available. City Council Representatives and Park Officials will also be present. Come join us!

— Eleanor Graham

BRING HOME THE GOLD AT EAST DALLAS GAMES

Join us on Saturday, October 19 for the Third Annual East Dallas Games. The event will take place at Buckner Park from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The historic neighborhood districts of Junius Heights, Peak's Addition, Swiss Avenue, and Munger Place will compete in fun family-friendly games to see which neighborhood is the East Dallas Champion! There will be a food truck, sack races, three-legged races, wheelbarrow races, egg spoon relays, a water balloon toss, tug-o-war, and more!

Bring your skills to support Junius Heights. It's free and a good way to get to know our neighbors and build community togetherness. In addition, to help make this event special, we need volunteers to set-up/clean-up, help with the sign-in table, keep score, watch the kids, and judge the games. You can still be a contestant, just volunteer for a time that doesn't conflict. Want to volunteer or be a sponsor and community partner? Email Noel Aveton at Noel.Aveton@gmail.com

— Eleanor Graham

NATIONAL REGISTER APPLICATION STATUS

The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of the Nation's historic places worthy of preservation, and volunteers are currently working to add the Junius Heights Historic District to the register. They are now nearing the end of documenting the houses in the District. Once completed, and if approved by the Texas Historic Commission, a detailed history of the District will be submitted. When approved, all contributing structures will be added to the National Register. To be included on the list, the structure must have been built before 1941 and should retain its historic architectural character. Listing on the National Register does not restrict what the homeowners can do with their house, but it will allow owners to buy a plaque stating that the house is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

— Eric Graham

SCARE UP A WIN FOR FALL YARD DECORATING

Spooky season is around the corner and we're looking forward to seeing your yard decorations this October! Yes, it's time again for our annual Junius Heights Fall Yard Decorating Contest.

Do you have what it takes to get your neighbors in the festive spirit? Or maybe you are hoping to give trick-or-treaters a friendly fright?

Show off your ghoulish goblins and pumpkin parades! First, second, and third place winners will be awarded. **Judging will take place on Sunday, October 27.** For more information, email us at JuniusHeightsHD@gmail or follow us at facebook.com/JuniusHeights and instagram.com/JuniusHeightsHistoricDistrict

— Zan Farrow

JUNIUS HEIGHTS HISTORIC DISTRICT GIVES BACK TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

JHHD understands that quality neighborhood parks and schools are essential to the fabric of our community.

We recently had the opportunity to play a small part in supporting the Friends of Willis Winters Park in their endeavor to provide high-quality public park facilities with the donation of new pickleball nets.

We have also supported two recent project fundraisers for music teacher Ms. Wright at Lipscomb Elementary.

Thank you to the JHHD Members who make it possible for us to give back to our neighborhood in so many ways!

— Kendall Scudder & Mark Reeves



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