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A Message from the President



Happy Spring, Swiss Avenue Historic District! Warmer weather and blooming flowers should be right around the corner. I have a few items to report on which are hopefully of interest to you.

Home Tour: This May 11-12, 2019, we will host and celebrate our 46th annual Mother's Day Tour. The Home Tour Committee is hard at work finalizing a fantastic lineup of homes. We are also planning a kick-off block party on Bryan Parkway on the Friday night before the Tour starts. Several homes on Bryan Parkway are turning 100 years old this year. So, this year's Tour pre-party is meant to commemorate their milestones in the District. If you would like to assist with sponsor solicitation, set up/break down of Savage Park, being a house docent, or something else we have not thought of, please contact me. We can use all the help we can get. Additionally, if your house has not been on Tour in the past 5 or so years or has recently undergone a major renovation and you would like to have the Tour Committee consider it for the Tour, please contact me.

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A Message from the President, continued

Website: The District's website sahd.org is undergoing an overhaul. With upgraded technology, the new site will be easier to use.

Directory: Jean Dean has once again undertaken the mammoth task of updating the District's phone and email directory. Please contact your block captain if you are new to the District or have a change in your contact information you would like neighbors to be aware of.

Alliance Against Crime: Each of you should have received in recent weeks a request to support the Alliance Against Crime. Please consider making the recommended \$50/month donation, which supports the District's hiring of off-duty Dallas Police officers to patrol the neighborhood. The Alliance Against Crime works in reducing crime but only if it receives the necessary financial support.

I am looking forward to a great year ahead and the best Home Tour ever. Please let me know if you are interested in becoming more involved in the District. It is a wonderful way to serve the community. Of course, if you have any questions or other concerns, please let me know. I look forward to seeing you around the District.

Peter Loh
President, Swiss Avenue Historic District Association

New Neighbors Welcome Celebration: Fun for the Whole Family

This year the Social Committee is thrilled to be planning the District's first annual New Neighbors Welcome Celebration. The event is in honor of our new neighbors that have moved into the district within the last three years.

The celebration will be held at the Aldredge House on **Sunday, March 31st from 12:00pm-2:30pm**. SAHDA will provide BBQ sliders, beverages and entertainment for the children. The Social Committee is asking that the neighborhood bring their favorite backyard cookout side dish and will be sending a sign up list closer to the date of the event.

Please come and meet new neighbors, reconnect with old neighbors and help celebrate the community that we all love.

Aldredge House Victorian Tea: A Taste of History

By Mariana Greene

Who knew that high tea is anything but high society? Or that clinking your spoon against the teacup is a sign of questionable etiquette?

Almost 100 ticket holders: parents, grandparents, children and friends – some donning festive hats and gloves - attended the second-annual Afternoon Tea at the Aldredge House on March 10. Guests gleaned such now-discarded rules that governed the upper echelons of society in Victorian America. The tea party, sponsored by Friends of Aldredge House, was educational as well as entertaining. Dr. Evelyn Montgomery, curator at Old Red Courthouse in downtown Dallas, gently guided attendees through the proper etiquette, sharing the dos and don'ts, explained why the afternoon tea party adhered to such strict rules, and clarified how the social customs of the day were code for one's standing -- or not -- in the community. It was fun history in a festive and gloriously beautiful setting.

The taking of tea has enjoyed renewed popularity due to intense interest in the television series "Downton Abbey" and, more recently, "Victoria." Although afternoon tea was invented by an English duchess, the practice crossed the Atlantic to be eagerly adopted by American ladies seeking to cement or enhance their social standing, find husbands for their daughters and benefit their own husband's business interests.

The standard meal, served in three courses, included finger sandwiches, scones with clotted cream and strawberry jam and assorted French pastries. Many of the delicacies were prepared by Friends members, including such neighborhood cooks as Jody Bowers, Michelle Manners, Joanna Hampton and Beth Offutt.

SAHDA volunteers also staffed the event, good-naturedly donning period costumes to serve as butlers and serving maids. Mariana Greene arranged flowers and loaned her mother's hand painted china to tables laden with pink-and-white linens, vintage silver and crystal.

Proceeds from the tea will go toward maintaining the 102-year-old house museum, owned by the Dallas County Medical Alliance Foundation, and funding additional educational programming. The third annual Afternoon Tea will be held in March 2020.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Swiss Avenue Mother's Day
Home Tour and Art Fair

Saturday, May 11, 2019 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
 Sunday, May 12, 2019 12 Noon - 6:00 PM

Home at 5007 Swiss Avenue
 Home at 5125 Swiss Avenue
 Home at 5314 Swiss Avenue
 Home at 5521 Swiss Avenue
 Home at 5622 Swiss Avenue

Art Fair, Children's Activities and Car Show during
 tour hours across from Savage Park

Refreshments and live entertainment during tour
 hours in Savage Park

Ticket Prices:

Advance Purchase: \$30
 Day of Tour: \$35 Children 12 and under: Free

For more information: www.sahd.org

Note: Breakdown in Savage Park and other closing
 activities will conclude by 8:00 PM.

An application has been filed for a Special Event
 Permit. Interested persons may contact the
 Office of Special Events at 650 S. Griffin St., Dallas,
 TX 75202, (214) 939-2701.

Tour Kick-Off: Block Party for the Ages

Elizabeth Mast and Virginia Bonifield, the dynamic duo that brought last year's hit Home Tour Kick-Off Party, are at it again. This year the party's theme will be "Street of Dreams" and will be an old fashioned street party held on the 6100 block of Bryan Parkway on Friday May 10th from 6:30-9:00pm.

This year there are approximately 10 homes celebrating their 100th birthday on Bryan Parkway alone. These homes will be highlighted and celebrated during the party with informational signs outside the homes that attendees can stroll by and read. There will also be a delicious 100th birthday cake to top off the celebration.

The Kick-Off party is a yearly tradition that sets the tone for Home Tour and celebrates all of the homeowners, sponsors, and volunteers that make the Mother's Day Home Tour a success every year. The Kick-Off Party is open to the entire District and all of our sponsors. Mark your calendars, get your babysitters and we hope to see you at this magical celebration!

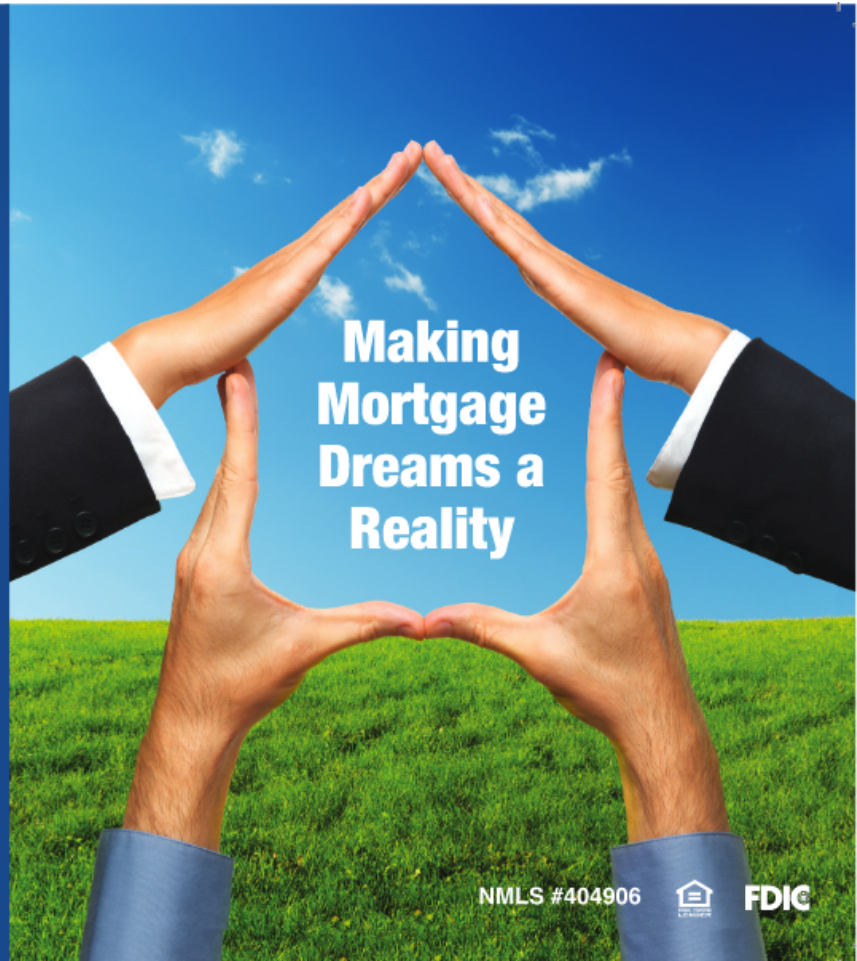


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I am Elizabeth Mast, *your* expert on living, loving and experiencing the Swiss Avenue Historic District.

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