

# HANDLEY HAPPENINGS

March, 2009

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NEWSLETTER OF THE HISTORIC HANDLEY  
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Handley, Texas February 13, 2009



## BIRTHDAYS

Lori Dugdale; 3/3/1966  
Jim Kimsey; 3-4-40  
Jackie Huff; 3/5  
Betty Blackburn; 03/06  
Gene Pirtle; 3/8  
Kitty Simpson; 3/10  
Billie Polk; 3/14/1933  
Bob Storey; 3/15/1926  
Kelly Brandt; 3/15  
Lisa Culbertson; 3/15  
Nancy Langdon; 3/15/1946  
Charlie Langdon; 3/16/1944  
Brenda Pepper; 3/16/1945  
Judy Taylor; 3-26-41  
Wanda Knight; 3/27

## ANNIVERSARIES

Lee & Betty Blackburn; 3/6  
Kathy & Jim Read; 3/9/1986  
Will & Nedra Dryden; 3/14  
Rick & Maria Reyero; 3/20/1964  
Greg & Christa Hall; 3/21  
Tommy & Margarette VanNoy; 3/25/1951  
Javier & Shelley Ruiz; 3-30-87

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citizens can  
change the  
world. Indeed, it  
is the only thing  
that ever has.”  
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Next  
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March  
9  
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# Photos from the February meeting



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# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy St. Patrick's Day and may the luck of the Irish be with you.

Our February meeting was very informative. Our speakers included Frank Moss, Councilman for District 5 who gave an overview of city and Handley information. Mabi Ramirez, Neighborhood Education Specialist, who can assist us in programs and problems in our area. Her number is 817-392-7667 if you have any questions. James Turnage, Sons of Confederate Veterans, who is searching for any veterans in our Handley Cemetery.

If you are interested in receiving information from the city regarding events in local government, our community, public meetings or city programs you can subscribe at [www.fortworthgov.org/crd](http://www.fortworthgov.org/crd). List your name, phone number, association (HNA), and e-mail address.

Make plans to join us in the Cowtown Clean-up on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 9 A.M. to 12 noon. Lloyd Jones will give more information at our March meeting.

If you are interested in a part time job working the 2010 census, call the job hot line at 866-861-2010. Hundreds of workers will be hired to ensure a complete and accurate count.

Our speaker for March will be Captain Bryan Sudan, East Field Operation Division of the police department. Bring your questions and concerns regarding crime in our community.

As usual we will serve supper and desserts. And a thank you to all that bring food for the meeting.

Hope to see you March 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. at the Handley United Methodist Church. Come and bring your family or friends.

Joann Ehlers



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# HANDLEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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FEBRUARY 9, 2009

The Handley Neighborhood Association met on Monday, February 9, 2009 at the Handley United Methodist Church. President Joann Ehlers called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Will Dryden opened the meeting with a prayer. The minutes were read and approved as read. The Treasurer's report was also read and approved. The following announcements were made:

- Cowtown Cleanup to be held on March 28 from 9:00 AM until noon. There will be food and entertainment at Trinity Park at noon until 2:00PM. Lloyd Jones is coordinator and asked everyone to think about whether to join the city group or have our own at Dixie House as we will decide at the next meeting.
- AARP is doing tax returns at the Library.
- "Cell phone numbers will be released to the public" is an urban legend.
- Botanic Gardens is needing volunteers.
- Part time jobs are available to help with Census.
- New restaurant "Sandwich Shop" is now open from 10:00AM until 4:00PM.
- The church wants to have a community garden and is asking if anyone has space available.

A report was given by Code Enforcement Officer Stephanie Menefee that a permit is now needed for large animals. Call 817-392-2222 for questions on getting a permit. NPO Kim Garner gave crime report. Betty Coomer gave a report on Code Blue. James Turnage announced that he is doing a survey and looking for confederate veterans buried at the Handley Cemetery.

HNA speaker was Councilmember Frank Moss which was a question and answer session. Mr. Moss stated that his main concerns are dealing with rapid bus and rail transportation for Handley / Lancaster (Handley Urban Village). Redevelopment is still a major area of concern for Craig, Stark and Lancaster Streets and should be correlated to the old town at Handley Dr. and Lancaster and making it a viable center. Also, Handley needs a place to put the history and heritage of Handley. We need to work to make this a safe and appealing community to attract younger people with children.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted by  
Shirley Collins, Secretary

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# TREASURER'S ISLAND



Hello---"Happy Belated Valentine's Day." We hope everyone had a great day. St. Patrick's Day is just around the corner, sooo, "A very Happy St. Patty's Day" too. Don't forget to wear your green.

Now, to some Handley goings on, for your information. First, we have a new chiropractor in our midst now.

He is Dr. Dazzle B. Shrestha and his office, "Eastside Chiropractic", is located at 3117 Handley Dr. and his phone # is 817-457-4441. Go by and welcome him to the area. I have already been to him for a treatment. He is very nice. I had the privilege of meeting with Dr. Shrestha and his family at an open house recently at his office.

We now have another place to eat at in the Historic Handley area. It's called "Handley Antique Mall and Handley Station Sandwich Shoppe. The food is delicious and made fresh, when you order it, not ahead of time, so the wait is well worth the time you spend waiting for the food. They serve much more than sandwiches. Go by and pay them a visit and eat lunch. The hot or warm chicken-cranberry salad is something to die for as is the warm apple, bacon and cheese sandwich. We wish them much success. We needed another place to eat in Handley.

Mike Fletcher's Income Tax Service is up and running in our Historic Handley District. Mike moved to Historic Handley from his East Lancaster-Canton Drive office. His office is located at 6517 East Lancaster Avenue. They have been my tax people for many years.

Our 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Historic Handley Street Fest & Car Show will be October 10, 2009. Please mark your calendars for this special event. We have tried to have this event scheduled every year at the same time for a number of years, so our Handley Alumni Association members could attend when they came to our Alumni Luncheon; but, it seems as though this will not be possi-

ble this year, because the Lion's Club rented out the building to someone else in the time slot we have had the last several years. Many of our alumni members come from out of town and I know it will be a disappointment for some of them to not be able to attend both functions on the same day.

We need some more Code Blue members. The next training session will be April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Saturday 8:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. There is a possibility, if enough people are interested in taking the training, that a class can be offered earlier and taught at the East Sector Base on East Lancaster or at the store front at the school on Weiler. If you are interested, please call or e-mail-Shirley Wilkinson at East Sector Base or go by and talk to her. She is at the front desk until 12:00 every day, five days a week. She is the Code Blue Coordinator. Her number is 817-392-4800 and her e-mail is: [shirlee.wilkinson@fortworthgov.org](mailto:shirlee.wilkinson@fortworthgov.org).

Our Captain's Meeting is held at the East Lancaster Police Sector the last Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. You can call 817-392-4800 for more information. Our next meeting is on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 and is open to everyone. If you have any concerns, by all means please come.

Our next CAC 5 meeting will be held on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Handley Rec. Center on Beaty St. at 6:00 p.m. This gathering is also open to everyone and a light meal is served before the meeting, prepared and served by the police NPO's. This is always a very informative meeting with our police department.

There is a very "Special" 10<sup>th</sup> Annual S.A.L.T. Fraud Conference coming up on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. This is SENIORS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT TOGETHER-Council of Tarrant County. This conference is designed to assist senior citizens in avoiding victimization from criminal activities. All ages are encouraged to participate; seniors, children of seniors & grandchildren of seniors.

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You get a free breakfast & a free lunch and a chance to win a door prize. It's to be held at the Masonic Temple on Henderson Street. You must make reservations to attend by calling SALT Council of Tarrant County at 817-503-1231 or visit their website at [www.saltoftarrant.org](http://www.saltoftarrant.org). It is limited to First 500 to RSVP.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Fort Worth Prairie Fest will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2009. 10AM-8PM. This is free and open to the public. E-Mail [www.tandyhills.org](http://www.tandyhills.org) for more information. It's one of the most distinctive outdoor festivals in North Texas. They will have music, art, hybrid vehicles, entertainment, food and wildflower tours and lots of fun.

Our 2009 Code Blue Seminar will be held at the Fort Worth Convention Center on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. That is on Memorial Day weekend.

The Great American Cleanup will take place on March 28<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to noon. We will vote on where we will celebrate after the job is completed. In the past we have gone to Dixie House for eats sponsored by the Handley Neighborhood Association and Handley Code Blue. We are now being offered a free lunch and entertainment at a park in west Fort Worth. If you have any questions you can call 817-392-5151.

A good rule of thumb is: Anything that isn't nailed down should be stored out of sight. Keep your garage doors closed, both night & day. Try to prevent being a victim. If you see a gathering of individuals or someone out of place, dial 911 or the emergency number 817-335-4222 and let the police department check them out. Remember, it's better to be safe than sorry. Do not give the panhandlers money. You start giving them money—they'll come back—again and again—just like stray cats and dogs—you feed them and they keep a coming back for more.

Do not—do not—give out any information over the telephone about your credit or check cards to anyone who calls you. Do not give them your number or the 3 letters or numbers on back of your cards.

If you are having high electric bills—better check to see if you have enough insulation in your attic and walls. I almost had a heart attack when I received my electric bill last month. Moving into a two story home I

knew my bills would run more than I had previously paid, but I wasn't expecting a \$1069.00 bill the first month after I moved in. I'm afraid to get this month's bill. Needless to say I will be checking around to have everything checked out.

There is another eating place in the area. It's Corporate Kitchen & Catering. They are located at 5418 Brentwood Stair Rd. The phone # is 817-451-2322. The food is delicious. Go by and have lunch with Patti & Cindy. They are open Monday through Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Their menu changes daily, but Patti's Famous Chicken Salad is always available—even to take home in pints.

Oh- gee—how I do miss being able to eat. It's been worth it though—I've now lost 70 pounds in 3 ½ Months with the gastric bypass surgery. The beauty of it is I don't get hungry and when I do eat—it's very small portions. As the saying goes, you can't teach an old dog new tricks. I like to have never learned to chew, chew, chew---eat slow, slow, slow and don't over fill that egg shaped stomach. When you do over fill or get something caught and it won't come up or go down—you get to frothing or bubbling at the mouth—you get afraid you're gonna die and then you get afraid you aren't going to die. It's a pretty bad feeling. My 3 dog babies sure like it when I eat out—they get the leftovers mixed in their food—then I get paid back by having to get up all during the night to let them out for a few minutes. Now Toby, my little dog from Hell, she's afraid she's not going to get her share of the food so she gobbles it up as fast as she can and then goes around belching. She's a mess.

Here is another eating place in Handley. The FLY'N Pig— Pies & Pints—they took over Charlie's Pizza at 2220 Handley Drive right off Meadowbrook. This is another good place to eat. They are open 7 days a week. The food is delicious. They have free delivery for orders over \$20.00. Right now with all the construction going on Handley Dr. & Meadowbrook, you have to go around through Wal-Mart Grocery Store parking lot to get to The FLY'N Pig, but it's well worth the inconvenience. Go by and have a pizza or etc. with them.

Seventeen members attended our Handley

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Code Blue meeting this month. Thanks to Doris Harrison & Joann Ehlers for helping prepare the lasagna meal and Joann Wells for the delicious banana pudding. A thank you also goes to Tyrone Wells for cleaning up after the meeting. It was all greatly appreciated. Kim Gardner our NPO (Neighborhood Police Officer) attended and discussed all the crimes going on in the area. She discussed the crime trends & offences. The Subway on East Chase was robbed. There has been a lot of car thefts. Do not leave your keys in the car or leave anything in sight. Anything visible is enticing to a burglar.

Another antique store will be going in next door to the Handley Antique Mall on Handley Drive. They will have mostly antique furniture and maybe some smaller items. We will have more information on this at a later time.

Please be with our sick and bereaved families and keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Chuck Robbins is doing better and is off the ventilator now. Archie Smith is recovering from his burns. June Grubb, our long time member lost her husband of 65 years, LeRoy. Our sympathy, love and prayers are with June. Betty Dawson, Captain of Poly Cops, is on life support following a stroke.

The Historic Handley Development Corp. met at the Handley Antique Mall on the 11<sup>th</sup> of February. Frank Moss our city councilman attended. There will be more on this meeting and the upcoming meeting later. The discussions were on the grant money we have and what can and can't be done with it. A rail system to come through Handley was discussed.

Frank Moss also attended the Handley Neighborhood Assoc. meeting on February 9th and was the guest speaker. The meeting was held at the Handley United Methodist Church on Forest Ave.

One of our Handley High School alumni members passed away. Bobby Osborn was one of the schools favorite football players many years ago. He will be greatly missed. We extend to LaWanda, his wife, our heart felt sympathy, prayers and love in her loss.

People, be sure to check your bank statements when they arrive each month to make sure you have authorized all deductions from your account. I have been going through a fraud on my checking account.

I authorized a \$4.99 and a \$1.00 charge for some tooth brightening gook trial package to be sent to me. Due to my moving and my surgery I got a number of months behind on checking out my statements. I discovered months later down the line that the company had taken \$88.97 out of my checking account for 4 different months—I did not authorize this. I went to the bank & was told they couldn't stop a draft, but could have stopped a check and my only alternative was to close my account and open a new one. I didn't want to do this—I had had the account over 30 years. I was referred to the fraud department of the bank. They put a temporary credit back on my account until they could check the records and etc., but since I had waited for so long they couldn't give me credit back for the first payment. Check your statements or you might be going through what I am going through. You live and learn—I hope.

I hope you will get your calendars marked for these dates and attend some of these meetings so you can keep informed about the things happening in your part of town. We need you to take part & help us keep our city free of crime.

Your dues are past due. This will be the last newsletter you will receive until you are paid current.

Take care until next time,  
Betty "Drinkard" Coomer  
March 2009 newsletter

The Handley High School Alumni Luncheon will be held on April 25, 2009, at the Handley Lion's Club Building on Craig St. 9:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m.





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## HISTORY OF HANDLEY BY DAVID DUNNETT

The Interurban operated from 1901 until 1934. Speeds of 80 miles per hour were achieved at Chalk Hill. The cars were very plush and even had swivel seats. One of the most luxurious of the cars was known as the Crimson Limited. Stops from Fort Worth to Dallas were Cleburne Junction (located at Riverside and East Lancaster), Sycamore Heights, Sycamore Creek, College Hill (TWC), Tandy Lake, Oakland, Sagamore Hill, Stop Six, Haynie, Durringer, Point Breeze (now Tierney Rd.), Canton, Handley, East Handley, Oakridge (the farm that included the now Rose Hill Cemetery), Bethel, Waples, Cloverdale, Siding Eleven, Fruitvale, Bower, and Keystone, which was the infamous death crossing. Six people were killed in a covered wagon accident here in 1913. The next stop was Summitt and then Arlington. One wonders just how long the trip took if all stops were made.

By this time Handley was growing. Many railroad employees took advantage of low rents, the fact that you could have a cow, garden and the respectable reputation of the community. Front Street (now East Lancaster) boasted a few crude buildings. Truly Handley was moving from across the T&P tracks and perhaps more in an Eastward direction.

Now that we have Handley established, let us go back to 1876, the year of the coming of the railroad. About this time we find a church being built known as the Union Church, used by the Methodist two Sundays a month, the Baptist one and the Presbyterians the other. One wonders if on the fifth Sundays perhaps there was not an all day singing and dinner on the grounds.

The Tidwell family donated land for a cemetery, a Public Burial Ground, called the Old Handley Cemetery. This is the small one you see by the Power Plant. Much of the time this is an eyesore. One man said he moved to Fort Worth in 1899 and it had always been overgrown with weeds as long as he could remember. Periodically some civic minded group will go in and clean it up, as a scout troop did last year, but this is a much needed project that needs to be tended to on a regular basis. Ophelia White, recently retired principal of East Handley, whose father was the chief engineer of the Power Plant in the early 1900's, tells us that her mother would organize cemetery workings each spring, furnishing tools and ice water.

Few know of another cemetery located a few hundred yards eastward. This was for the Blacks and they too had their church known as Ebenezer Baptist Church. The burial ground is in sad shape, many stones toppling and some broken and untended. You can see this cemetery if you look quickly as you are passing the Wrights green house coming into Handley from Arlington. It cannot be seen in the summer when leaves and grass are green.

The need for schools too came and in 1877 in the summer a small building was built that was to

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be ready for fall opening. It was located on the corner of Daggett (now Forest) and Main (now Hart) south of the T&P tracks. Mr. J. C. Cannifax was in charge. He too served as the Methodist minister receiving 25 cents a Sunday for his services. One wonders how many students he had and his salary there.

By 1898, the need for a new and larger school led to the erection of a building at the corner of Forest and Church Streets. It had two rooms that could be divided or put together by the raising or lowering of a partition. A part of this building is said still to exist next to the old Masonic Hall.

The third school building was completed in 1910. It was opened by Superintendent H. G. Read and Mr. Robert L. Huff. This building, constructed of red brick and trimmed with white stone, was located at 3127 Chilton Street. It had a half basement and two other stories, and the campus covered about four acres of land. By 1922 extensive remodeling was done.

Also, in 1922, a new high school was built at 2925 Haynie. At the time that planning for the new high school was going on, a part of the trustees, headed by Dr. Foster, wished to build it south of the tracks near the Interurban power house and the others of whom Mr. A. G. Rosser was a leader, wished to build it on the hill north of the tracks so that anyone coming into the town would first see the school and know that the community was most interested in the education of its children. The hill became its home.

Continued in the April 2009 newsletter.

Betty Coomer March 2009 Newsletter

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**CELEBRATION AT THE HANDLEY ANTIQUE MALL  
SATURDAY APRIL 11, 2009  
1-4 AT 3129 HANDLEY DRIVE**

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**Beverages**  
Iced Tea.....1.50  
Soft Drinks (Coke, Diet Coke, or Sprite).....90 (no refills)  
Coffee (Regular, Decaf, or Flavored Snickerdoodle).....1.50  
Homemade Hot Spiced Tea or Hot Tea.....1.50

A \$3.50 charge will be added to guests wishing to split meals (not including desserts)  
We will be happy to split checks at your table, but please inform your server before beginning to order to better accommodate you.  
A 20% percent gratuity may be added to your final bill with six or more people (including split checks)

*Thank you so much for coming to eat with us!*

## HELP THE NEWSLETTER GROW.

Tell us of your days growing up in Handley, send in your old family photos of the Handley area (they will be returned).

Just get your items in by the 15th of the month to be included in the next newsletter.

Send in your favorite stories and pictures to:

Handley Happenings

P. O. Box 8037  
Fort Worth, Texas  
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Or e-mail them to:  
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# Membership Enrollment Form



*Have a voice in your community.  
Help shape and improve your  
Handley Neighborhood today and for the future. Join the  
Historic Handley Neighborhood Association and make a difference.*

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date/s \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_

**Dues are \$12.00 per household a year  
Please make checks payable to the Handley Neighborhood Association  
And mail to P O Box 8037, Fort Worth, Texas, 76124-8037**

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