

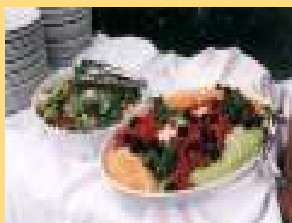
# Crystal Place Connections

## Mark Your Calendar!

You are invited to an informative gathering by the Central Community Alliance on October 20th at 7:00 pm. There will be a November 14th Bond update by Mayor Watts and Councilman Scott Wilson and a special presentation on the history of Central by Vickie Carney.

In November, the CCA will present a Taste Fair. It will be an effort undertaken in conjunction with Central area catering restaurants and Central Students.

This was a very popular event last year and CCA hopes to make it an annual affair.



## MAKING CONNECTIONS

You may have noticed that the name of this publication has changed from Crystal Place Newsletter to Crystal Place Connections. The reason we decided to publish it was to encourage communication between individuals in the neighborhood. The more we interact with one another, the better the quality of life becomes for each of us.

We don't all have the same hobbies and interests, but among us there are many pursuits that can be enjoyed as a group.

Not everyone fitness walks, but many jog or ride bikes. Some push strollers or walk dogs. There are many other hobbies that can be shared. How about gardening, knitting, tinkering with cars, bird watching, painting or reading? A club or group can be formed for just about any specific interest.

Do you enjoy Yoga or Bible study? Do you have a skill or talent you can teach another? Have you always wanted to learn jewelry making, but need someone to show you the basics?

We can use this publication to connect with one another. Just call or email me and we can work to create a relational group or at least make a connection.

Before you know it, Crystal Place could have a baby-sitting club, gardening club and a book exchange. The possibilities are endless. We could even form a contingent to have a presence in the decision making process in the continued development of our city. Let me know what your ideas are.

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## LABYRINTH UPDATE

The 5 circuit classical labyrinth is almost complete. Individuals and small groups are welcome to visit the labyrinth to practice walking meditation. You may arrange a visit by calling Heidi Gill at 225-772-8582 or emailing her through her website [massageandyogaincentral.com](http://massageandyogaincentral.com).



Next month we will be celebrating Thanksgiving. Let's share our gratitude with a list of our top blessings. If I get enough of a response, I will print all the blessings the residents of Crystal Place are grateful for.

**“The hardest arithmetic to master is that which enables us to count our blessings.”**  
**Eric Hoffer**

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*If you have a pear tree, you probably have an abundance of pears in your freezer or canned in your pantry. Here is a delicious way to use them.*



## **Pear Bread**

**3 cups flour**  
**1 tsp. Soda**  
**1/4 tsp. baking powder**  
**1 tsp. cinnamon**  
**1 cup chopped pecans**  
**3/4 cup vegetable oil**  
**3 slightly beaten eggs**  
**2 cups sugar**  
**2 cups peeled and grated pears**  
**2 tsp. vanilla**

**Combine first 5 ingredients in large bowl. Make a well in the center of the mixture. Combine oil, eggs, sugar, pears and vanilla. Add to dry ingredients, stirring just until moistened.**

**Spoon the mixture in to 2 well greased 8 1/2" X4 1/2" X 3" loaf pans. Bake at 325 degrees for 1 hour 15 minutes. Cool 10 minutes in the pan.**

## **U P D A T E S**

### **Mayor's Court**

I spoke with Mayor Watts and found out that many blighted properties have been identified in Central; including some located in Crystal Place. The process in place to enforce compliance with the ordinances.

If you or someone you are aware of in Crystal Place is physically incapable of bringing their property into compliance, please call Kristy Mixon at 938-7113. She will be Crystal Place contact for assistance to the needy in this matter.

Remember, Lewis Wrecker Service (261-2995) will remove junk vehicles in violation free of charge.

### **School Board News**

The Central Community School System Board has chosen the architects to build the new elementary and middle schools. PBK of Houston was selected through a very thorough and detailed process. The contract hopefully will be finalized this week and then the Design Phase will begin.

They are proceeding with analyzing evaluations on sites and hope to have some movement quickly in this area.

They will be opening up for public input beginning Sunday, November 1st at 2:00 P.M. at the Central High School Theater. All interested parties are invited.

### **Crystal Place Contact List**

#### **Neighborhood Watch and Care Team:**

Kristy Mixon—938-7113

OR

#### **Walking Groups:**

David and Diane Thompson- 261-4798

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