

Garland/Gaston/East Grand Intersection = 3G

Casa Linda Estates– Call to Action

HERE'S THE SITUATION:

The intersection at Garland/Gaston/Grand is acknowledged to be a very dangerous intersection. With the cooperation of two (2) State Representative districts, three (3) Dallas City Council districts, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (“NCTCOG”), and the Dallas County Commissioner’s office, TxDOT is planning to redesign the intersection into something more appropriate for today’s commuters (the existing design has been relatively unchanged since before the 1950’s).

To accomplish this, TxDOT held 4 public input meetings beginning in May of 2016. During those meetings, the public selected “Option 2” as their preferred choice. From there, TxDOT performed engineering and traffic analysis on the Option 2 design and presented it at the public input meetings. TxDOT followed their defined process for projects of this type, notified affected stakeholders, and operated in a transparent manner throughout the process to ensure that the desires of the public were incorporated into the designs.

SUPPORTERS OF THE PROCESS THAT LED TO OPTION 2 BEING SELECTED

- City of Dallas
- State Representative Eric Johnson
- City Councilman Mark Clayton (all council voted to fund this project through bond program)
- Greater East Dallas Chamber of Commerce
- Friends of Santa Fe Trail
- White Rock Partnership
- Greater Casa View Alliance
- Hollywood Santa Monica Neighborhood Association
- President of Lochwood Neighborhood Association

Since that point, a group of very vocal individuals has hired a PR company and created yard signs trying to get people to oppose the publicly selected Option 2 plan. This group (which has formerly been called “East Dallas Coalition of Neighborhoods” and “Friends of Gaston”) originally wanted a single right turn lane from Garland Rd onto Gaston (right by the Raising Canes). TxDOT told them that this was not a realistic request, so after a number of revisions (that were also deemed not viable), they have adopted “Option 1” as their preferred option. Option 1 was one of the 5 options presented during the public input meetings, but it was not selected. Since that point, they have rallied their neighbors by misstating key information.

For individuals who live in Casa Linda and other points East of White Rock Lake, Option 2 is the best solution for us. Option 2 will actually reduce the traffic delays in getting through the intersection, while providing a safer path to cross for pedestrians and cyclists. The project will also include the removal of the

abutments on the Santa Fe Trail (no longer needed to support the weight of a train), include the widening of sidewalks on both sides of Garland Road and provide additional trail access points. Option 1 would drastically increase the delay that each vehicle faces while trying to navigate the intersection, seeks to widen the intersection (more concrete) and creates “islands” where pedestrians/cyclists could be stuck waiting for traffic while attempting to cross.

TRAFFIC DELAY TIMES:

- CURRENT: **8.1 seconds per vehicle** to get through 3G intersection
- OPTION 2 (selected by public, supported by City of Dallas): **5.3 seconds per vehicle**
- OPTION 1 (Yard Sign option): **30.5 seconds per vehicle**

SO WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

TxDOT is trying to hold their final (5th) public input meeting about this project on November 13th. They have stated that the only way that the project will not move forward is if they receive “overwhelming opposition” to the project. The Yard Sign People (“YSP”) have already secured over 300 letters of opposition and are planning to stack the room in an effort to kill the project. If enough people do not show up to support Option 2, it will appear that the YSP and their followers are the majority (which they are not — Option 2 is critical in its impact for all of us who live east of the 3G intersection, and our numbers FAR outnumber the YSP). If ever there is a time, now is the time for us to show up and be counted!

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

There is no official vote coming up on this and this was not on the ballot on Nov 6th. The best thing that you can do is to show up to the meeting on **November 13th** and request to speak (each speaker will be given 3 minutes to speak) to show your support for the process and Option 2. If you can’t speak, please show up and show your support for Option 2 by completing a comment card. If you can’t attend the meeting (and even if you can), please show your support by **sending the letter of support** (insert). You can send it directly to TxDOT via email at Lani.Marshall@txdot.gov, you can mail it to the TxDOT Dallas District Office (4777 East Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150). Remember, public comments can be received by TxDOT as late as November 28th.

Again, this project is something that will impact our area for decades, so we’re asking for your support. Please share this information with your neighbors, friends, and anyone else that you think might be impacted. We will need all of the letters of support that we can get to ensure that this project doesn’t get derailed.

Questions? Contact:

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November 2018

Hello Casa Linda Estates Neighbors,

We hope this finds you well, enjoying the fall weather and happy to be a part of Casa Linda Estates. Many new things have been happening around East Dallas – this is the place to be, but of course we’ve known that for years!

In the last year or so there have been several changes to the CLENA board including how we communicate with you. It has been a while since we’ve sent a paper newsletter, we are trying to go green and plan to only have a printed newsletter come out once a year. If you have not signed up to receive CLENA updates via email, please do so now by emailing jennifer.hoesterey@sbcglobal.net to be added to the distribution list.

At the annual meeting and chili cook off last month we held the election for next year’s CLENA Officers, these people volunteer their time to make our neighborhood a great place to live so thank them next time you see them!

President : **Ethan Boothe**, Executive VP - **Debbie Van Zant**, Treasurer - **Jeanette Bronaugh**, Secretary - **Carmen Parra Rogriguez**, Social Activities - **Angie Northcutt**, **Katie Hartz**, Membership - **Alex Sullivan**, Development - **Kristen Boothe**, Volunteer Coordinator - **Missy Quintana**, Communications - **Jennifer Hoesterey**, **Julie Campbell**, Community Awareness - **Jaime Rodriguez**, Beautification - **Eileen Pennington**.

This time of year brings Casa Linda Lights, a tradition going into its 4th year that brings neighbors together and helps raise funds for those in need. Please see more information on how to volunteer and donate on the next page and visit www.casalindaestates.com.

Definitely Save The Date – Dec. 1 for lights placement and CLENA holiday party! We hope to see you there and at the **Casa Linda Annual Tree Lighting which is back this year on Nov. 28th, 6:30-8:00pm.**

– Your Neighbors, The CLENA Board



Headquarters: 1501 Verano
Battery Prep & Breakfast
Dec.1st. 7-9am

Lights Install & Breakfast
Dec.1st. 9:00am

Holiday Celebration
Dec. 1st: 12:30

Hay Rides
Dec. 1st: 6-8pm

Bulk Trash Collection Dates

(2nd Monday of each month)

November 12
December 10
January 14

If you have a suggestion or item you would like included in the CLENA newsletter, please send to Jennifer.Hoesterey@sbcglobal.net

Casa Linda Estates Annual Chili Cook Off & Annual Meeting was a Great Time

The rain stopped just in time for the CLENA annual chili cook off and meeting to be a huge success. Many thanks to the social committee especially, **Katie Hartz** and **Angie Northcutt** for getting all the food and party supplies and thanks to **Oak Highlands Brewery** for donating the beer! Thanks to the **Parra Rodriguez** and **Van Zant** families for donating their yards for the party. Many neighbors came with their favorite chili, but only three could win. The winners of the 2018 chili contest are in **First Place, Ethan Boothe, Second Place, Jaime Rodriguez** and **3rd Place, Katie Hartz**. You can recreate their winning chili with the recipes listed below.



Chili Cook-off Winners: Katie Hartz, Jaime Rodriguez and Ethan Boothe

First Place, Ethan Boothe Recipe:

- 1 large onion (red/white/yellow - depending on preference)
- 1 bell pepper
- 1tbsp minced garlic
- 1tsp cumin
- 1tsp oregano or favorite Italian seasoning
- 1/2 cup chili powder
- 1tsp paprika pepper ground
- 1tsp red pepper ground (or season to taste - omit if mild chili is preferred)
- 1tsp salt (more or less - season to taste)
- 2 8 oz cans tomato sauce
- 2 8 oz cans petite chopped tomatoes (I use chipotle / fired fine chopped)
- 2 lbs of favorite meat (can be chicken, brisket, ground rounds 80/20)
- 6 oz beer (I use shiner bock)
- chop pretty fine and sauté the onions and bell pepper together until cooked very soft
- cook preferred meat until fully cooked and drain
- combine sautéed vegetables and meat along with all other ingredients and cook on low or simmer for an hour or so - add beer (or water) as needed and stir occasionally so that the chili doesn't burn on the bottom of the pan.
- Enjoy.
- Nothing better than Texas chili in the Fall!
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2nd Place Winner, Jaime Rodriguez Recipe:

- 1 Onion
- 1 Green Pepper
- 1 Medium Tomato
- 3 stalks of celery
- 1 Medium Carrot
- 1 Potato
- 3 Cloves of Garlic
- 3 lbs Chauck
- 1 can of Red Kidney Beans
- Chili Powder to taste (1-3 Tbs)
- Salt to Taste
- Pepper to Taste
- 1 tsp cumin powder
- 1 15oz can of tomato sauce
- 1/3 cup of beef or chicken
- Yellow mustard
- Olive Oil
- 1. Cube the Chuck steak and add salt, pepper and cover with thin coat of mustard. Let marinate for at least 30 mins. 2. Chop the onion, tomato, celery stalk, carrot, potato and green pepper(remove seeds and white ribs) 3. Sear the beef in Instapot on high heat with a little bit of olive oil. 4. Remove Browned beef. Add chopped vegetables and and pressed garlic. Sauté until vegetables are soft. 5. Add Beef back beef, Chili Powder, Cumin and add broth. Pressure cook for 30 mins. 6. All items should be tender after 30 mins. Add Tomato sauce, red kidney bean and allow to boil and reduce for 15-20 mins to a sauce. 7. Once all incorporated test for salt and pepper and adjust as needed. Also add cayenne pepper to taste.

3rd Place Winner, Katie Hartz Recipe:

- 2 1/2 lb Ground beef
- 1/2 large Onion (chopped)
- 8 cloves Garlic (minced)
- 2 15-oz can Diced tomatoes (with liquid)
- 1 6-oz can Tomato paste
- 1 4-oz can Green chiles (with liquid)
- 2 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 cup Chili powder
- 2 tbsp Cumin
- 1 tbsp Dried oregano
- 2 tsp Sea salt
- 1 tsp Black pepper
- 1 medium Bay leaf (optional)



Let's get back to the basics of lights! Since 2014 we have been eight thousand luminaries bright and have raised nearly \$30,000 for the families of fallen police officers and firefighters. Together we will make 2018 another year of fun community connection and giving back. Many thanks to those of you who contribute your time, money, and spirit. Let's celebrate the season by showing we care and making our neighborhood a little brighter.

JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION!

*LUMINARIES will line the streets of CASA LINDA ESTATES neighborhood on the evenings of Dec. 1st & 2nd, weather permitting. We invite you to share in the spirit of the season and show your support for our police officers and firefighters.

lights, drivers with pick-up trucks, check-in table greeters, and help with hospitality. Simply visit **casalindaestates.com** click on "volunteer" to sign up OR contact Missy Quintana 512-228-7314 missyq1972@gmail.com

*GUNS & HOSES

Is the fundraiser RECEIPT of the event. As a North Texas organization that honors fallen firefighters and police officers, GUNS & HOSES assists their family members and those who have been significantly impacted by injury or loss. These funds provide crucial help to those who are always first to help us. *All PROCEEDS go directly to Guns & Hoses after the cost of the lighting has been covered.

*PLEASE VOLUNTEER!

There is a place for you no matter your ability or time constraints on Dec. 1 Volunteer as an individual or organize a team to be a part of the big event on Dec. 1st. We need lots of folks to help place

7-9am: Breakfast Served & Battery Installation
9am-12pm: Luminary Placement

***HOLIDAY PARTY!**
Dec. 1, 12:30pm
Immediately following light placement we will gather at the Boothe Residence, 1501 Verano Dr, for lunch, drinks & Santa!

HAY RIDES AROUND CASA LINDA TO SEE THE LIGHTS!
Dec. 1, 6:00-8:00pm

***LUMINARY PICK-UP**
Will happen on Monday, Dec. 3rd. You can assist by picking up your luminaries. Simply scatter sand in your grass and dispose of the paper bags. Please leave the tea lights in a little pile close to the street or bring them to 1501 Verano Dr. and place in the front porch bins.

CASA LINDA



2018 CLENA Membership Dues 
Casa Linda Lights Order Form

Address.....
Name.....
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Name.....
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Membership Dues

Members receive a discount by combining their dues and lights donation

Membership	Amount
Basic Dues + Lights	\$45
Senior Dues + Lights	\$30 <i>(ages 60 and up)</i>
Basic Dues Only	\$25
Senior Dues Only	\$15 <i>(ages 60 and up)</i>

CASA LINDA LIGHTS
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Level of Participation	Amount
Lights Participant Only	\$25
Senior Lights Participant Only	\$20 <i>(ages 60 and up)</i>

**** Become a Resident Sponsor ****

Show your extra support in a big way, and receive a Casa Linda Lights yard sign to help spread the spirit.

Magenta	\$50
Silver	\$100
Gold	\$200
Platinum	\$500



TOTAL

Mail your donation with the order form included to:
CLENA P.O. Box 180817 Dallas, TX 75218