



LOWER GREENVILLE

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THEA TEMPLE - THE WRITERS GARRET

Thea Temple, the Founder and Executive Director of The Writers Garret, will be the speaker at the next LGNA meeting. The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2003 at the Greenland Hills United Methodist Church, 5835 Penrose.

The Writers Garret is located upstairs at Paperbacks Plus, 6115 La Vista (one block northeast of the intersection of Skillman and Live Oak across the street from the Tipperary Inn). It is the only full-service literary center in North Texas. The Writers Garret offers live readings, classes, writing workshops, educational programs, panels, salons and special events – with nearly all in our neighborhood. If you haven't had a chance to take advantage of the Writers Garret programming, Ms. Temple will provide an overview. For those LGNA members who are familiar with The Writers Garret, upcoming events and classes will be highlighted. You can learn more about The Writers Garret at www.writersgarret.org.

LGNA IS ALIVE AND WELL!

A recent article in the Dallas Morning News reported the existence of a new neighborhood association in the area between Belmont and Ross, within the boundaries of the area served by the Lower Greenville Neighborhood Association. LGNA board members

subsequently received calls and email messages expressing confusion generated by the article. For nearly two decades, the Lower Greenville Neighborhood Association has served as the voice of the residents living between Greenville and Skillman from Mockingbird to Ross Avenue. Rest assured that there is no intention by LGNA to amend our association boundaries to exclude our southern neighbors.

Over the last twenty years, LGNA has fought inappropriate zoning and non-compliant businesses in this particular area with great success. In addition, we have worked with our southernmost neighbors on issues ranging from traffic management, tree planting, parking, city code compliance and crime. The increasing number of townhouse developments in the multifamily zoned area south of Oram is a tangible example of the Association's long range plan to lower the density and increase the percentage of home ownership in that portion of the neighborhood because we believe that long term stability is a direct result of owner occupancy. We encourage residents who live in the area from Belmont to Ross to continue their support for LGNA and to remain a part of the entire Lower Greenville community. Let's continue to work together to make Lower Greenville an even better place to live.

LANDSCAPING TIPS

Spring is rapidly approaching and many of us have started to either plan or begin working on our lawns and gardens. Finding the right location in the yard and knowing the right time to plant certain items can be tricky in Dallas. For those of us who may be new to the area or are planting landscaping materials for the first time, there are a number of resources available.

Both Neil Sperry and Howard Garrett broadcast programs on local radio and TV stations. Neil Sperry's show is on KRLD AM1080 at 7:00 am to 10:00 am Saturdays and 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Sundays. Howard Garrett's radio show is from 11:00 a.m. to noon Saturdays and 8:00 a.m. to noon Sundays on WBAP AM820. You can watch "Garrett's Organic Garden" on WFAA Channel 8. (check listings for times). Both expert gardeners also have web sites and have published many articles, books and calendars with helpful information on local landscaping. Garrett's web site is at <http://www.dirtdoctor.com> and Sperry's is at <http://www.neilsperry.com>.

The Texas Cooperative Extension <http://tce.tamu.edu> website is loaded with inexpensive publications and web links regarding North Texas landscaping. The Hunt County division of

this organization has many web links that focus on our area at <http://county.tamu.edu/Hunt/spring.htm>. Some of the information that can be found at this site includes "Recommended Landscape Materials for North Central Texas," "Recommended Ornamentals for Texas" (including grasses, shrubs and trees), "Proper Pruning Techniques," "Use of Fertilizers," and a "What to Plant by Month" guide.

HISTORICAL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

As many of you know, there are two efforts active in our LGNA area to establish historical conservation districts. One is the Greenville Crest District, which includes the streets Monticello, Mercedes, Morningside, Marquita, and Vanderbilt. The Greenville Crest District had its first public meeting on Monday February 24th at R. E. Lee school. At the meeting, the city planning staff outlined the process and proposed time line toward drafting and enacting an ordinance. Residents will be notified again before each of the remaining four or five public meetings. The city is also notifying residents of adjacent streets of the meetings as required by city ordinance. That is why some residents receive notices when they do not actually live on a street within the conservation district.

The second conservation district effort is the Belmont Addition District, which includes the streets Belmont, Goliad, Palo Pinto, Velasco, and Llano. Public meetings for Belmont Addition District can be expected to start in late March or April. As above, residents of those streets will be notified by mail prior to each meeting. Residents of adjacent streets will also be notified.

The groups who have been working on these efforts have spent a great deal of time and effort and should be commended. They would really appreciate your support. One of the best ways to support them would be to attend the public meetings. The city wants as much public input as possible. When you get your meeting notices, please mark your calendar.

ATTENTION, BARGAIN HUNTERS!

LGNA is scheduling a neighborhood garage sale to be held at the end of May. We are sponsoring this for a very good reason, to keep the cost of the LGNA newsletter down! The next newsletter will confirm a firm date, time and location. Additionally, we will have a contact person, phone number and a drop off location, including pick up for large items. Please remember us when doing your spring cleaning!

TO SUPPORT MY NEIGHBORHOOD, ENCLOSED IS MY CHECK PAYABLE TO LGNA

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SENIOR (65+) \$5.00

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