

A New Website for LGNA

A whole new look, a whole new neighborhood network. LGNA.net has many new features including a neighborhood bulletin board, story archives, and surveys, to mention a few. You can request electronic newsletter delivery, announcements, and all the latest neighborhood news. Be sure to register. Subscription information will be kept in the strictest confidence.

As a registered user, you can post to the neighborhood bulletin board, chat with neighbors, send out news/announcements, and much more! Soon we will be adding a PayPal feature to give members the ability to pay dues and order trees and bulbs. PayPal is free to use and provides a secure site so that you can make online purchases with a credit card or electronic check. The LGNA.net website is a community portal in which anyone may participate. If you'd like to help develop our online neighborhood, please contact Kenneth Ferguson at (214) 316-6562 or send an email to sysop@RescuNET.com.

City Growth Plan at LGNA November 16th Meeting

Theresa O'Donnell, Director Development Services, has been with the City of Dallas for about one year. She is heading the creation of a long term growth plan that will take a holistic approach to integrating residential and commercial development, and serve as a road map for Dallas.

Citizens can become involved in community meetings that will be held

during the time when the committee discusses topics including:

- Resources – water and air quality
- Inter-relationships of growth and impact on neighbors
- Building design standards
- Flow of transportation thru Dallas and how to be more efficient in use

Join us Tuesday, November 16th, at 7:00 pm, at Greenland Hills United Methodist Church at 5835 Penrose to learn more about the plan for Dallas.

Tree and bulb deadline extended to November 16

LGNA has extended the deadline for ordering trees and bulbs. This annual project has brought nearly 800 new trees and countless bulbs to the Lower Greenville neighborhood -- adding beauty, cleaning the air and providing shade. If you'd like to plant a tree in your parkway, just download an order form at www.lgna.net. If you don't have an internet connection ask a neighbor. Or call Karl Stundins at (214) 632-4117.

Police Chief Kunkle Meets with Neighborhood

Chief David Kunkle met with residents of Lower Greenville in September to discuss the police department's focus on neighborhood issues. His crime reduction plan is to make law enforcement more visible by increasing the number of officers on street patrol, and improve response time for 911 calls.

"By reducing crime in a recognizable way we will improve the image of Dallas as a safe place to live, attracting more homeowners and businesses" Mr. Kunkle said. In addition to formal crime statistics such as burglaries and auto theft, the chief is also committed to reducing drug houses, graffiti, noise and other neighborhood issues.

We can all help improve safety and protect property by becoming more involved in our neighborhood, reporting suspicious activity, keeping gates, windows and doors locked, parking vehicles in your driveway or garage, and lighting the exterior of your house. Be sure to report all vandalism and theft to the police department. Officer patrol is determined by the amount of reported violations in an area.

Lower Greenville Resident Sparks Women's Group

In 2000, Lower Greenville resident Lisa Olson wanted to connect with other women. So she got some friends together and started a book club. As Olson and friends continued to meet monthly for three years, they began talking about the next step. "We knew that the energy and inspiration we received at the book club just wasn't enough to sustain us," says Olson. "We knew there had to be other women out there like us – smart, strong women longing for the loving support of friends to remind them of who they are and what they are capable of."

And so "Spark!" was born – as Lisa puts it – birthed from the desire to bring women together through events, gatherings and workshops. Spark! has over 100 members, from all age groups and walks of life. And many of them Lower Greenville residents.

Events include discussion groups, Girls' Night Out, Crafty Girl Circles, festive Soirees, Support Circles, business-building opportunities, cultural excursions, and empowering and inspiring workshops. "Incredible

things happen when women get together" says Olson. For membership information and upcoming events, visit www.sparkyourpassion.com or call 972-814-6243.

LGNA Board Members attend DHL Boot Camp

LGNA board members Patricia Carr, Gay Hopkins and Kathryn Willison attended the Dallas Homeowners League annual Boot Camp to interact with representatives from other Dallas neighborhood associations. Boot camp offers an opportunity to learn how neighborhood organizations can be effective in areas including:

- Participating in Land Use and Zoning issues with the board of adjustments and city council.
- Building effective communications utilizing local media to publicize and promote neighborhood activities.
- How to create informative communication tools for residents.
- How to utilize code enforcement to eradicate eyesores and organize an effort to reduce neighborhood crime.

Boot camp is held annually in August. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, contact an LGNA officer.

Holiday Yard Decorating

Judging for LGNA's annual Holiday Yard Decorating contest will be the week of December 6, so take advantage of the long Thanksgiving weekend to exercise your artistic talents. Check out www.LGNA.net to see last year's winners and the great prizes that were contributed by area merchants.

No soliciting

Recently one of our members inquired about how to cut down the number of circulars and advertising literature that are left on porches and doorsteps. We checked with Kathleen Davis, Director of the city's Code Compliance Department. Ms. Davis tells us that there actually is an ordinance entitled "Distribution of handbills where posted or indicated as prohibited." This ordinance does not allow placement of commercial or noncommercial handbills upon any private premise if there is a posting near the entrance that states words like No Trespassing, No Advertisement, No Peddlers or Agents, No Soliciting, etc.

Those who use such signs attest that, while they don't totally eliminate handbills, the signs do cut down on the amount of material left. And as with all public notices, it helps if the signs are bilingual.

Note: If you do decide to use such a sign, please add a line – "This does not include LGNA newsletters."

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