

## St. Patrick's Day on Lower Greenville

*The 27th Annual Greenville Avenue St. Patrick's Day block party will take place on Saturday, March 11. The Block Party will be located on Greenville Avenue between Vanderbilt and Vickery. It will start at 1:00 p.m. and run until 6:00 p.m.*

*The popular block party attracts thousands and significantly impacts our neighborhood. "No parking" areas will be designated with signs placed on the north side of streets from Morningside through Goliad, the four blocks from Greenville to Skillman. There will be no parking on the west sides of Delmar and Concho within this area as well. No parking will be strictly enforced between 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. However, signs will be placed by 10:00 a.m. Friday to accommodate the City ordinance requiring 24 hours' notice.*

*The City has provided a map showing no-parking zones, street closures, barricades, and directional traffic flow. That map is distributed with this newsletter on streets impacted by no-parking signs – Morningside through Goliad. So that information is distributed to residents on a timely basis, you are receiving your newsletter earlier than usual this month.*

*The no-parking signs were initiated by the City several years ago at the request of both the fire department to allow passage of fire trucks and by the neighborhood associations involved – Lower Greenville, Vickery Place, and Greenland Hills – to lessen the event's impact on residents. These three neighborhood associations work with the City and the Greenville Commerce Association, and volunteer help is appreciated.*

*All signs will be assembled and posted by LGNA volunteers. LGNA will again raise funds for August's National Night Out by selling St. Patrick's T-shirts to party-goers. You can also support your neighborhood association by buying T-shirts.*

*LGNA urgently needs volunteers for these tasks. If you can help, please contact [Director1@LGNA.net](mailto:Director1@LGNA.net) or call Patricia Carr at 214-821-2562.*

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### Did you know?

Our area includes two Conservation Districts – M Streets East ([www.MStreetsEast.org](http://www.MStreetsEast.org)) and Belmont ([www.BelmontConservation.com](http://www.BelmontConservation.com)). But did you know that our area also includes a Historic District – a designation shared by such well-known areas as Swiss Avenue, State-Thomas, and Fair Park? In 1989, the City created the Edison-LaVista Court HD, comprised of LaVista Court between Matilda and Hubert Streets.

The city's website ([www.dallascity-hall.com](http://www.dallascity-hall.com)) describes the area as "A small district of 15 brick and stone veneer duplexes constructed on what was originally Edison Court, in 1929-30 as rental duplexes by Parks Development Company. The district's narrow street with narrow front and side yard setbacks gives it an urban feel that makes the district a unique example of the English Tudor Revival style in Dallas."

### LGNA meeting – be there!

**WHEN:** Tuesday, March 21, 7:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Greenland Hills United Methodist Church at 5835 Penrose.

**TOPIC:** Gardening Tips

LGNA meetings are held the third Tuesday of odd-numbered months. Dates for this year are March 21, May 16, July 18, September 19, and November 21. Mark your calendar.

### How does your garden grow?

Would you like to know how the unseasonal weather is affecting your trees and shrubs? Are you interested in learning about organic gardening so you can stop using chemicals? Do you have the desire to spend time in the garden, but feel your yard is too small for vegetable growing?

Mark Painter from Stonewall Jackson Elementary School can help guide you in gardening and answer your questions about planning a vegetable or perennial flower oasis. In addition to hearing pointers for your home, you also can learn how to support the garden at the school.

Bring a friend and join us Tuesday, March 21, at 7:00 p.m. for the next meeting at Greenland Hills United Methodist Church.

### Bulk trash pick up

Our area's bulk-trash pick-up dates are the second full week of the month. For the next six months the schedule includes the weeks of March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12, July 10 and August 14. Trash may be set out after 7:00 a.m. the Thursday before pick-up week.

## City services reach out

Thanks to Yasmin Barnes, City of Dallas Service Coordinator (northeast area), who invited representatives from the Code Compliance, Street Services, Public Works and “311” departments to speak at LGNA’s January meeting.

Ms Barnes is one of six service coordinators for the City of Dallas – a new position designated to work with citizens, neighborhood associations, and crime-watch organizations. Contact information for her and other departments is on [www.LGNA.net](http://www.LGNA.net).

For most service requests and reports of possible code violations, citizens are encouraged to use the “311” system by phone or through [www.dallascityhall.com](http://www.dallascityhall.com). See link under “frequently used services”.

An overview of the online 311 system and its many convenient features was provided. A dropdown menu includes over 80 types of service requests such as stray animals, potholes, and missed garbage collection. You can also search by keyword, which provides descriptions of each service type.

The City continues to improve the 311 system and welcomes input on ways to do this.

We also heard from the Street Services and Public Works departments. Street Services handles repairs on most residential streets and alleys, while Public Works is responsible for projects on major roads and the storm water sewer system.

Information on upcoming projects in our neighborhood will be posted on LGNA’s website. The City also notifies residents on individual streets before construction projects begin.

The City of Dallas is striving to improve customer service and is publishing detailed performance reports on its website. Folks such Yasmin Barnes and her colleagues confirm the City’s commitment!

## Lower Greenville crime watch

At 2006’s first meeting of the Lower Greenville Area Crime Watch, members of several Lower Greenville-area neighborhood associations discussed plans for raising awareness of crime prevention methods.

Participants began organizing an Alley Clean-Up Day to take place in the spring. When brush and bulk trash accumulate in the alley, burglars have a place to hide and police cars have less access to back yards.

Another area of concern is graffiti clean-up. Graffiti is not only unsightly, it can possibly signify gang activity. Leaving graffiti unchecked encourages more of it and has been shown to encourage other forms of crime. Several residents at the meeting volunteered to start a graffiti-reporting committee.

DPD Officer Keith Allen explained the procedures for a Security Assessment Survey. With an SAS, a Dallas police officer will survey a home and yard and recommend security upgrades such as improved outdoor lighting or trimming bushes. To contact Officer Allen for an SAS, call 214-670-0659 or e-mail [Keith.Allen@dpd.dallascityhall.com](mailto:Keith.Allen@dpd.dallascityhall.com).

For more information on the Lower Greenville Area Crime Watch, go to [www.LGNA.net](http://www.LGNA.net) or e-mail [CrimeWatch@LGNA.net](mailto:CrimeWatch@LGNA.net).

## What to do about greasy dishes

Most of us don’t think about the City of Dallas’ sewer system on a regular basis (if ever). But it is important to consider what you are rinsing down the kitchen sink.

Cooking oil and grease can build up in pipes and sewer lines. Also, wastewater treatment is more efficient when less food waste is sent down the drain.

There are some simple actions to help prevent costly repairs at your house and save the City’s resources:

- Place a bowl or plastic bag in the sink before peeling vegetables and toss in the trash.
- Scrape plates into the trashcan rather than the garbage disposal.
- Pour used oil or grease from skillets into an empty soup can and throw in the trashcan when solid.
- Wipe off grease from plates with a paper towel before washing.
- Freshen your garbage disposal with a little baking soda, rather than with orange or lemon peels.

## LGNA – It’s your organization

LGNA is an organization of volunteers. Become a member, attend meetings, and participate. Your ideas and help are valuable.

Annual household dues are \$10. Seniors 65+ are \$5. Mail to LGNA, P.O. Box 720067, Dallas, TX 75372.

Your neighborhood association can remain active and grow only with resident participation. If you can give of your time, drop an e-mail to [Director1@LGNA.net](mailto:Director1@LGNA.net).

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For information on joining LGNA or renewing your dues, go to [www.LGNA.net](http://www.LGNA.net).

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