

St. Patrick's on Lower Greenville

The annual Greenville Avenue St. Patrick's Day block party takes place on Saturday, March 15. The event will be located on Greenville Avenue between Vanderbilt and Llano.

The party attracts thousands and significantly impacts our neighborhood. This year, the Dallas Police Department has worked with neighborhood groups to lessen the impact on our residential area and increase safety. DPD will increase the number of officers in neighborhood patrols as well as many other safety enhancements. For updates and a full description of this year's additions, go to www.LGNA.net.

"No parking" signs will be placed on the north side of streets from Lewis through Morningside, between Greenville and Skillman. The no-parking designation is new this year for Belmont, Richmond, Prospect, Oram, and Lewis. There will be no parking on the west sides of Delmar and Concho. Signs will be placed by 10:00 a.m. Friday to accommodate the City ordinance requiring 24 hours' notice.

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 impact on residents. These three neighborhood associations work with the City and the Greenville Commerce Association which hosts the event.

DPD has arranged to stage tow trucks to remove vehicles that violate no-parking signs and block driveways. DPD instructs that parking violations should be reported by calling 911. A dedicated dispatcher will dispatch those calls to parking enforcement officers.

For those hosting private parties, Dallas Code Compliance inspectors will be patrolling to issue citations and/or tow vehicles parked on lawns or blocking sidewalks at private parties.

The 5700 blocks of Goodwin and Vickery will be barricaded and access limited to residents only. Anyone seeking access to these blocks must show IDs for address verification.

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.

No-parking signs will be assembled, posted, and removed by volunteers. Your LGNA urgently needs volunteers for these tasks. If you can help, please email Director1@LGNA.net or call 214-821-2562.

LGNA meeting – be there!

WHEN: Tuesday, March 18, 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Greenland Hills United Methodist Church at 5835 Penrose

TOPIC: ENP and St. Pat's updates

LGNA meetings are held the third Tuesday of all odd-numbered months.

Police updates

Have you heard the term "target hardening"? In Crime Watch, this refers to the measures we take to prevent criminals from preying on us. Does your block have enough alley lighting? Is there a suspected drug house on your street?

At LGNA's March 18 meeting, DPD Officer Keith Allen will talk to us about target hardening to prevent crime in the neighborhood. After launching our Expanded Neighborhood Patrol, our patrolling officers will have already gotten a good handle on where trouble can be found. From open garage doors to dark alleys, we will get a professional opinion on where to focus our attention to protect the neighborhood from criminals.

In addition, Lt. Barbara Hobbs will give us a recap of the St. Patrick's party. This is Central Division's first year to manage the event, and Lt. Hobbs will talk with us about improvements in management and control.

The Katy Trail

January's LGNA meeting featured news of progress on The Katy Trail, the 3.5-mile trail which follows the old MKT railroad track. The Katy will have a long-lasting positive impact on our neighborhood, offering access for

cyclists, skaters, runners, and walkers. It will link Mockingbird DART station between Central Expy and Greenville Ave. to the American Airlines Center near downtown.

Betsy Edmond, Associate Director of Friends of The Katy Trail, let us know about future plans. For more info on her presentation and The Katy Trail, go to www.LGNA.net or www.KatyTrailDallas.org.

DPD success story

In early February, police arrested two BMV (burglary of motor vehicle) suspects. According to the DPD, these were the same suspects reported by an LGNA Crime Watch member in December. DPD researched the tag number at that time and identified a car and possible suspects.

On February 1, DPD patrol officers observed suspects on Lewis and apprehended the same suspects previously identified. They are also suspected of being daytime residential burglars, and detectives are following through with this information.

According to DPD Lt. Barbara Hobbs, "Team work and passing along information led to this Great Arrest! Keep up the good work on both ends." Stay alert, folks, and notify 911 of any suspicious activity.

New LGNA board member

LGNA Board members are elected by a membership vote to a three-year term. If part of that term is unfilled, a replacement is elected by the board. Board member Paul Wehrle resigned

last year, and the remainder of his term will be filled by Alan Schonborn.

Alan feels that taking care of your neighborhood is important. He has been a longtime -LGNA member, is an active participant at LGNA meetings, and volunteers to deliver newsletters. Welcome aboard, Alan!

Sad news

With sadness we report the passing on February 1, of Jimmie "J.R." Hopkins, the husband of long-time LGNA board member Gay Hopkins.

J.R. was proud to serve in the Dallas Police Reserve for 27 years. His oral history of the events of November 1963 is included in the archive of the Sixth Floor Museum. He served as part of the Presidential Parade Security and in the dispatchers' office. Later he was part of the team which guarded Lee Harvey Oswald and Jack Ruby.

J.R. served on a destroyer during WWII and was present during the Normandy Invasion. He was a tireless volunteer for many charities and service organizations.

Our condolences to Gay, their children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

T-shirt sales

In need of a great St. Pat's T-shirt? Busy volunteers will again be visiting neighborhood parties on Saturday, March 15, selling T-shirts as an LGNA fund-raiser. Funds will help support National Night Out and other

activities. You support your neighborhood association by buying T-shirts for a mere \$10. To buy T-shirts in advance, email Director1@LGNA.net or call 214-821-2562.

Scam alert

Scam artists are still active in our neighborhood. Beware of clean-cut young people who claim to live "in the neighborhood" and/or who claim to be representing an athletic team or raising money for a school. They may try to sell you magazines which you'll never see or attempt to gain your identity information.

Before you place an order, contact the school first. Or contact 911 with a description and the direction they are headed, and a patrol car will respond.

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