

## New school opens its doors this year

*Those were the newspaper headlines in the fall of 1931.*

*The article went on to say the new \$130,000 Robert E. Lee elementary school located at Delmar and Vanderbilt would be ready for occupancy when the school opened on September 14.*

*The original school building contained twenty classrooms, an auditorium, and a lunchroom. There have been two additions over the years to increase the lunchroom and auditorium size and add new classrooms. Recent years have also seen the development of an award-winning butterfly-and-bird garden.*

*Academically, Lee is now a Recognized school, the same distinction as Lakewood and Stonewall Jackson. The Parents of Lee group, enthusiastic boosters of Lee, won an award for their float in this year's Upper Greenville St. Patrick's Day parade.*

*This year, the school will celebrate its 75th anniversary May 14-19. Events during the week will highlight "dress the decades" with period clothing and vintage hallway decorations. Classes will be responsible for decorating in the style of decades – the 1930s, 1940s, 1950s, etc. The kids will be introduced to games such as hokey-pokey, limbo, cake walks, and hula hoops.*

*On Saturday morning, May 19, red and white (the school's colors) balloons will be released. The balloons will contain messages, and students are hoping they'll hear from people who eventually find the balloons. Lee's choir and drill team will entertain, and a tour of the gardens will be offered.*

*Your Lower Greenville Neighborhood Association has donated \$500 in appreciation of the school's contribution to the neighborhood and to help the PTA and school purchase refreshments and supplies for the week-long celebration.*

*For more information about Robert E. Lee, see [www.LGNA.net](http://www.LGNA.net) or [www.ParentsofLee.com](http://www.ParentsofLee.com), or call Angela Brown at the Robert E. Lee library, 214-749-7411.*

## LGNA meeting – be there!

**WHEN:** Tuesday, May 15, 7:00 p.m.

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

**TOPIC:** Residential Property Tax Appraisals (see below)

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

## Property tax appraisals

You've made it through income-tax season. Now it's residential appraisal notice time!

Come hear about how to appeal the appraised value on your home, learn how that value was determined, and see what's new from the State Legislature on taxation – all from a Dallas Central Appraisal District expert.

Tuesday, May 15, 7:00 p.m. at Greenland Hills UMC, 5835 Penrose.

Note: This meeting is informational only. DCAD representatives cannot discuss details of specific cases.

## Annual meeting

The May 15 LGNA meeting includes the election of board members.

LGNA board members are elected by membership to a three-year term.

Ballots have been mailed to LGNA members, and the election will take place at the May 15 meeting. At least one-third of the membership must vote, so every vote is important. Have you marked your ballot and returned it to PO Box 720067, Dallas 75372?

Two director positions will be elected this year. Gay Hopkins and Lisa Gala have been nominated for the posts.

Gay Hopkins has served as an LGNA director for many years, including a term as president. She is currently vice president. Lisa Gala has lived in the neighborhood for several years. She has been active in conservation, code compliance, and zoning issues.

Rotating off the board this year will be Diane Evans. Diane has been invaluable to LGNA. She currently serves as secretary.

Diane has also supervised the smooth distribution of your newsletters, acting as volunteer coordinator and delivering more than a few streets herself when volunteers were unavailable. She has also provided enthusiastic aid with National Night Out and St. Patrick's Day T-shirt fund-raisers.

Diane will be concentrating on other volunteer activities, and we wish her good fortune. She will be missed.

## Household hazardous chemical collection

As residents begin their spring cleaning, many will find old paint cans or yard chemicals that have been sitting around for too many years.

LGNA will again sponsor its popular household hazardous chemical drop-off at the May meeting. Collection will include oil filters, used motor oil, antifreeze, batteries, paint products, and yard chemicals. These items will be taken to the Home Chemical Collection Center (HC3).

Home chemicals will be accepted from 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the church parking lot on May 15 only. Please do not bring items inside the church or leave items at any other time.

## Tips from Building Inspection

At the March meeting of the LGNA, City Zoning Inspector Sherie Williams answered questions and gave information regarding remodeling and new construction issues in our LGNA neighborhood.

Construction requires a building permit. The City places restrictions on construction activity, and the Inspection Services Division is responsible for ensuring new construction meets all applicable City codes and regulations. This involves inspecting work in progress in the field for conformity with approved plans and codes.

The City's hotline number for citizen comments and concerns is 214-948-4300, available 24/7. Ms. Williams' number is 214-671-1335. She urges residents to call and voice their comments and concerns.

## St. Pat's recap

For several years, the Greenville Avenue St. Patrick's party has been an annual event. Traffic is blocked off between Vanderbilt and Vickery for the block party sponsored by the Greenville Commerce Association.

Many residents attend the event. Some even add to the festivities with private parties at their homes.

The police department reported that, while there were crowds and noise, St. Patrick's Day went off without any major incidents.

Three neighborhood associations – Lower Greenville, Vickery Place, and Greenland Hills – have worked with the city and GCA to lessen the event's impact on residents. Police patrol is stepped up, and parking is limited to one side of streets between Morningside and Goliad to decrease congestion and allow passage of emergency vehicles.

This year, first reminder to LGNA-area residents was in our January newsletter. Details were in the March newsletter, and a flyer with map and emergency phone numbers was distributed on the affected streets. LGNA volunteers also participated in the city's planning meeting and constructed, posted, and removed no-parking signs on streets on the east side of Greenville.

Thanks to neighborhood volunteers Patricia Carr, Darren Dattalo, Diane Evans, Karen Ferguson, Gay Hopkins, Phillip Kingston, Janie Kizer, Curtis and Jessica Kizer, Blane and Bonnie Ladymon, Kirk Ladymon, April McGowan and her crew, Ray Phelps, and Ryan Trimble from Rep. Dan Branch's office.

## Magazine sellers

From the Lower Greenville Crime Watch, the magazine sellers are out in force. Many of these are unscrupulous businesses, but the kids doing the selling are not necessarily in on it. They are paid to sell, but the company that hires them never fills the orders.

Two local companies to look out for are "FNT" and "Lone Star Subscriptions." There have also been reports of teenagers or young adults purporting to sell magazines as school fund-raisers.

If someone representing a school comes by, check first with the school before giving them money. If someone with one of the subscription companies knocks on your door, let the kid know that Crime Watch has put the word out.

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