

## National Night Out, August 7th

*Every year, on the first Tuesday in August, over 10,000 neighborhoods across the country participate in talking about safety, crime awareness, and public services in a fun and social environment. The goal of NNO is to allow neighbors to meet and mingle while learning valuable information to improve the quality of life in their neighborhood.*

*Tuesday, August 7, 6-8:30 p.m., marks the date for the fourth annual National Night Out at Tietze Park. This year's event is again sponsored jointly by Lower Greenville Neighborhood Association, Lakewood Heights NA, and Lowest Greenville West NA.*

*This year's event promises to be larger than last year when over 800 residents of the Lower Greenville area joined together to meet public safety and service representatives. This year, fire trucks, police SWAT teams and a helicopter flyover are again expected, along with the DPD equestrian and K-9 units. Also, a roving team of "ninjas" will be teaching self-defense techniques to children and adults in addition to holding scheduled personal safety exhibitions throughout the evening.*

*Also attending this year's event will be elected public officials and many exhibitors with ideas on increasing the safety of your home and work areas. There will be children's activities including face painters, and professional masseuses will provide relaxing massages for adults. Last year's blood drive was a success, so Carter Blood Care's mobile unit will again be accepting blood donations.*

*And don't forget to bring your appetite; there will be snow cones, hot dogs, soft drinks, and plenty of chips and salsa to go around!*

*But alas, help is needed! LGNA needs volunteers to deliver flyers, to help set up the park from noon to 5:00, to man neighborhood booths, and to help clean up. If you can give an hour (or more) to help your neighborhood, e-mail [CrimeWatch@LGNA.net](mailto:CrimeWatch@LGNA.net) or call 214-476-8023.*

*We will distribute a National Night Out flyer the end of July detailing the event, or visit [www.LGNA.net](http://www.LGNA.net) for more information.*

LGNA meeting – be there!

WHEN: Tuesday, July 17, 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Greenland Hills United Methodist Church at 5835 Penrose.

TOPIC: Annual Potluck Dinner

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

## Good food and good friends

LGNA's Annual Potluck Dinner is Tuesday, July 17, at 7:00 p.m. at Greenland Hills UMC. LGNA will furnish fried chicken and iced tea. Bring a side dish or dessert, whether homemade or take-out.

This is your chance to meet your neighbors and your city officials. Representatives from the Police Department and City Services have been invited, as well as elected representatives.

## Property appraisals

A good crowd attended the LGNA May meeting to hear Cheryl Jordan and Shane Docherty from the Dallas Central Appraisal District.

Ms. Jordan and Mr. Docherty presented an overview of DCAD's structure and obligations, their guidelines for appraising properties, current legislation and its impact on property values, and guidelines for your protest process.

The LGNA neighborhood is a residential area with a variety of property values and considerable sales activity. Values have been driven up by sales within the last several years. DCAD

looks at real-estate sales figures and works with MLS to determine recent sales values, doing mass appraisals.

Ms. Jordan explained they cannot do appraisals on an individual-property basis, but can only "paint with a broad brush." She stressed that you know your own property, and you can protest the appraisal by bringing to DCAD's attention how your property is different from your neighbors.

For more information on planning a protest, go to [www.LGNA.net](http://www.LGNA.net) or [www.DallasCAD.org](http://www.DallasCAD.org)

### LGNA board elects officers for 2007

LGNA Board members have elected officers to serve for 2006-2007.

In accordance with LGNA by-laws, Board members are elected by the membership each year in May, and the Board then elects officers for the next twelve months.

Re-elected to the post of President is Kathryn Willison, a longtime community-advocate and spark-plug for LGNA's annual National Night Out. Returning as Vice-President is Gay Hopkins, a former LGNA President and on-going neighborhood champion. Patricia Carr is our present and in-coming Treasurer. Pat has served ably in this and many other Board responsibilities.

LGNA has a new Secretary, Lisa Gala, also our newest board member, elected to the Board by the May membership vote. Lisa's community-

interest resume includes work as a proponent in neighborhood conservation, zoning and code issues.

Rounding out the Board are Directors Elise Pullman and Darren Dattalo. Elise has provided refreshing insight into neighborhood issues, and Darren is at the core of the Lower Greenville Crime Watch.

Sadly, there is a board resignation to report: Paul Wehrle has indicated his desire to spend more time in efforts closer to home. The Board is accepting suggestions for new Board members and, as designated in LGNA by-laws, will select a replacement to fill the balance of Paul's term.

### Home invasion reminder

Despite a relatively low level of violent crime in our area compared to others, a recent home invasion in the 5400 block of Richmond reminds us that we must always stay alert to potentially dangerous situations.

Perpetrators knocked at the door and forced their way in when the resident opened the door. They tied up the resident and looted the house before escaping in the resident's truck with the loot. The truck was recovered, and police are searching for evidence.

Here are a few tips for basic safety:

- Do not open the door if you don't know who it is, especially at night. If they can't identify themselves to your satisfaction, tell them to leave. If they are suspicious, call 911 and report a prowler.

- Use your peep-hole. If you don't have one on your door, they are inexpensive and easy to install.
- Keep your door dead-bolted, even if you're at home.
- Never engage a suspicious person, even if it's on your front porch. Call 911 immediately.

To be added to our email list for crime alerts and a monthly mailing of crime reports, drop us a note at [CrimeWatch@LGNA.net](mailto:CrimeWatch@LGNA.net).

### E-mailed newsletter?

Would you like your LGNA newsletter delivered by e-mail? We're compiling a mailing list. If you'd like to learn more, contact [Director3@LGNA.net](mailto:Director3@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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