

Expanded Neighborhood Patrol coming soon

As a result of resident requests received at National Night Out, your Lower Greenville Neighborhood Association has begun preparation for Expanded Neighborhood Patrol (ENP). The program, offered by the Dallas Police Department, involves hiring an off-duty officer to patrol neighborhood streets and alleys a set number of hours per week.

The LGNA Crime Watch team drafted an implementation plan for ENP and presented it at LGNA's September meeting. Carrie Funderburk of Hollywood/Santa Monica NA and DPD Officer Keith Allen explained how ENP works and described the success it has shown.

In addition to neighborhood crime control, benefits for ENP members include:

- The officer walks the perimeter of your home when you are on vacation.*
- The officer has your contact info and will contact you if he sees something awry at your home.*
- When the officer is on duty, response times for 911 calls are reduced to seconds.*

Ms. Funderburk told us that Hollywood/Santa Monica has seen an 85% reduction in crime since the program began a few years ago. Over 40% of their neighborhood supports ENP by each household paying about \$180 per year.

While this program is effective in reducing crime, it is not cheap. For our neighborhood, the cost for patrols of 20 hours per week will be in excess of \$40,000. In order to implement ENP, we need subscriptions from about 250 households.

LGNA will organize and operate this program along the most ethical lines possible. A separate flyer accompanies this newsletter. It contains more details about ENP as well as a sign-up form for those wishing to participate. The cost will be \$200 per year per household, \$150 per year for seniors 65+.

The goal is to begin patrols in January 2008, but patrols will not begin until 6 months of reserves are gathered. Please review the program on the attached flyer and consider signing up for Expanded Neighborhood Patrol. For more information, go to www.lgna.net.

November's LGNA meeting at new location!

WHEN: Tuesday, Nov. 20, 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Super Suppers, 1906 Abrams Parkway (near Dixie House)

TOPIC: Holiday food ideas.

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

Holiday tips

November and December bring our favorite holidays with plenty of gatherings with family and friends. Join your LGNA family and friends at Super Suppers, on Abrams Parkway between Gaston and LaVista (near Dixie House), for November's membership meeting.

Super Suppers owner and chef Christine Calhoun will demonstrate a recipe for the holidays, give us an opportunity to learn more about her company, and perhaps provide samples. Plan to attend this unique event.

A smashing success

On Saturday, October 20, Pumpkins in the Park, an event co-sponsored by LHNA and Lakewood Heights NA, was held in the beautifully restored Tietze Park Pavilion.

There were Big Pumpkins for the Big Kids to carve. There were little pumpkins for the little kids to decorate. There were also a chili cook-off and cookie contest, both judged by those who attended the event. Finishing it all off was a raffle of items from area merchants, plus a very special Halloween quilt handmade by neighbor Pat Galvin of LHNA.

Marathon alert

The White Rock Marathon benefiting Scottish Rite Hospital will be held on Sunday, December 9, and will impact the Lower Greenville neighborhood.

The race starts at American Airlines Center at 8 a.m. The fastest runners will cross Greenville around 8:30 a.m. The courses will likely involve Greenville, Matilda, Skillman, Martel, Ellsworth, Belmont, and Richmond.

The course for the full marathon runs along Greenville to Ellsworth through Lakewood to the lake. In 2006, the half-marathoners ran up Greenville to Martel, south on Matilda to Belmont and Richmond, then south on Skillman to Swiss. However, the 2007 half-marathon course may be modified. Route maps are available at www.runtherock.com/race_info.

Traffic will be affected in our neighborhood for most of the morning. So allow extra time to come and go.

Fire station gift basket:

Once again, LGNA will be collecting holiday treats for the firefighters and paramedics at Station 17. It's our small way of saying "Thanks for watching out for us."

Bring your cookies, brownies, or any other holiday treats to 5911 Goliad on Saturday, December 15, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. We'll assemble a basket for each of the three shifts and deliver the baskets that evening.

To learn more, contact Darren Dattalo at Director3@LGNA.net.

Greenland Hills UMC Christmas outreach

The church family at Greenland Hills United Methodist Church believes in giving to the community. The church provides meeting facilities for many neighborhood organizations, including LGNA, and participates in numerous charities. This year volunteers will fulfill gift wishes for needy children.

If you are looking for your 2007 Christmas charity, consider participating in this wonderful program. It entails contacting Greenland Hills UMC to obtain a child's name, as well as a list of his or her "wants" and "needs." You then fill "your" child's list. This can be a project for one family or a group of neighbors.

Church volunteers will deliver the gifts to the Center in time for Christmas – a Christmas many of these children may not otherwise have. If you are interested in helping, please contact Dawn McMullan (dmcnullan@sbcglobal.net or 214-824-3265). For more information, go to www.wilkinsoncenter.org or to www.LGNA.net.

Resident feedback

At August's National Night Out in Tietze Park, many area residents participated in a neighborhood association feedback survey. The survey contained a variety of questions – such concerns as how well is your NA serving you, what should be your NA's priorities, and what are your crime and neighborhood concerns?

A large majority (91%) of LGNA-area residents gave LGNA Excellent or Good scores for service to the neighborhood. When asked what LGNA's priorities should be, half of the LGNA residents said it should include "crime prevention and crime watch activities." "Home and/or garage break-ins" were cited as a top crime concern by two-thirds of LGNA respondents.

This information was valuable to the LGNA Crime Watch committee in initiating the ENP program. Thank you for your assistance!

Green is a Christmas color

Recycle your Christmas tree and, after New Year's, get all the Christmas tree mulch you want.

From December 26 until January 11, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., bring your live

Christmas tree (flocked is okay, but no ornaments, lights, or stands) to Flagpole Hill (Buckner @ NW Hwy) or Fair Oaks Transfer Station (7677 Fair Oaks Ave.).

Then rest on your laurels. And pick up FREE mulch at the Fair Oaks Transfer Station after January 1. Load up your vehicle (BYO shovel), and bring a driver's license or water bill to prove yourself a true blue (green?) citizen of the City of Dallas. For more information, go to www.LGNA.net.

Grease disposal

Enjoying a fried turkey for the holidays? Cleaning up the gallons of cooking oil can present a problem. Pouring it down the drain clogs pipes, and dumping it in the storm drain is illegal. There is an easy solution.

The City of Dallas will recycle your used cooking oil. First put it in sturdy plastic containers with screw top lids. Then take it to the Fair Oaks Transfer Station, 7677 Fair Oaks Ave. 214-670-6126.

For more information, contact Dallas Water Utilities at 214-671-0411, or go to www.LGNA.net.

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