

LGNA's most valuable asset

Your Lower Greenville Neighborhood Association has been described as one of the city's most active neighborhood associations. That activity would not be possible without a valuable asset – the scores of volunteers who help LGNA thrive.

Did you know that each issue of your newsletter is produced by volunteers? Articles are contributed by board members and volunteers from the neighborhood. The professional-looking layout is accomplished by volunteer Tim Evans. More than 30 people hand-deliver the newsletter to your doorstep. Hats off to these folks, particularly some long-time deliverers – Glenna Day, Victor Aves, Doug and Calla Havis, Paul and Karen Gautreaux, and Karen Stone.

National Night Out at Tietze Park – how do all those exhibitors, face painters, and hot dogs gather every August? You guessed it – volunteers. Planning, tent and table set-up, the event itself, and clean-up are all accomplished by those who generously donate their time.

Then there's the St. Patrick's block party on Greenville. LGNA is not involved in producing this event but is very much involved in lessening the impact on our neighborhood. The city mandates that no-parking signs be erected on streets most affected. Volunteers construct the signs, erect, and then remove them.

Great examples last year were the Ladymon family who helped construct the signs. Then Kirk Ladymon erected signs on several streets, returning on Sunday after church to remove them. Another example is April McGowan, who recruited a group of friends to erect signs.

One Super Volunteer is Diane Evans. For several years, Diane served as LGNA's secretary. She is newsletter distribution coordinator – maintaining the volunteer roster, distributing the newsletters to the volunteers, and covering a street herself. She wears many hats with NNO, and on the day of the St. Pat's party, Diane is the top salesperson for one of LGNA's major fund raisers, T-shirt sales. Thank you, Diane!

These are but a few examples of LGNA's great volunteers. One thing they all have in common is a desire to give back to their neighborhood and help make it even better. Thank you!

If you'd like to participate, contact Director1@LGNA.net. For more information on helping with LGNA's newsletter, website, crime watch, board, committees, or events – go to www.LGNA.net.

LGNA meeting – be there!

WHEN: Tuesday, Jan. 15, 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Greenland Hills United Methodist Church at 5835 Penrose

TOPIC: Katy Trail and Robert E. Lee

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

Katy Trail update

LGNA's January 15th meeting speaker will be Betsy Edmonds from Friends of Katy Trail. She will discuss the 3.5-mile pedestrian and bicycle path which traces the greenbelt along the former Missouri-Kansas-Texas (MKT or "Katy") Railroad track through Dallas.

Upon completion, the trail will extend almost 4 miles, linking Mockingbird DART station near Central Expy to the American Airlines Center. The impact of the Katy Trail will be felt by the LGNA neighborhood as the trail will connect 125 acres of urban parkland for more than 300,000 residents who live within a mile of the trail.

Robert E. Lee update

LGNA's January 15th meeting will feature Jennifer McSpadden from Robert E. Lee elementary school. She will update us on the exciting developments happening at Robert E. Lee. Go to www.LGNA.net for more details.

Neighborhood patrol update

As of newsletter publication date, close to 100 households have signed up for the LGNA Expanded Neighborhood Patrol (ENP). A minimum of 100 sign-ups are needed

to kick off the patrols, so we are close to being there. Patrols will begin as soon as we reach 100 households.

As a result of resident requests received at National Night Out, LGNA began preparation for Expanded Neighborhood Patrols. 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 neighborhood will benefit by an increased police presence. In addition, the officer will be dedicated to the residential part of the neighborhood and will not be responding to 911 calls outside our neighborhood. The patrol officer will also be able to help identify problem areas for us to work on.

Benefits to those who sign up include:

- An officer will check on your home by walking the perimeter when you are away for an extended period.
- The patrol officer will have your contact information and can call you directly if he sees something awry at your home such as a strange vehicle or if your garage door is open.
- When the officer is patrolling, you will have immediate onsite response to any 911 calls.

Sign up today! A signup form is included in this newsletter. For more information on how ENP can benefit you, go to www.LGNA.net.

Super November meeting

Our November meeting was held at Super Suppers, 1906 Abrams Pkwy. Christine Calhoun welcomed us with wine, fruit, a savory bread and a chocolate dessert that was to die for. She led a hands-on demonstration of how to make a bread braid, and several members took home their pizza bread braid to bake and add to Thanksgiving dinner.

It was a fun event. Our thanks to Super Suppers for hosting us. For more information about Super Suppers and their novel approach to "What's for dinner?", go to www.SuperSuppersLakewood.com.

St. Patrick's early warning

The annual Greenville Avenue St. Patrick's Day block party will take place on Saturday, March 15th on Greenville Avenue between Vanderbilt and Vickery.

The popular block party attracts thousands and significantly impacts our neighborhood. The City will designate "no parking" areas with signs placed on the north side of streets from Morningside through Goliad, the four blocks between Greenville and Skillman. There will be no parking on the west sides of Delmar and Concho within this area as well.

LGNA representatives have been participating in City of Dallas planning meetings, and maps of the affected area will be distributed with your LGNA March newsletter.

Fire station baskets

Many thanks to the generous neighbors who contributed to the Christmas thank-you baskets for Fire Station 17 at Belmont and Skillman. Darren Dattalo reports that baskets for all three shifts were overflowing with everything from homemade trail mix to DVDs. Thanks everyone!

LGNA Crime Watch emails

The LGNA Crime Watch sends a monthly email detailing crime reports for the entire neighborhood. The Dallas Police Dept. also sends a weekly activity report for Lowest Greenville (south of Belmont). If you would like to receive these updates, email CrimeWatch@LGNA.net.

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