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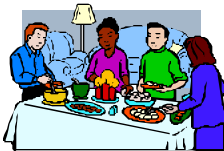
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ANNUAL SUMMER POTLUCK JULY 20th

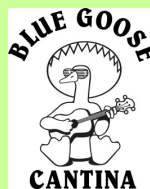


The Lower Greenville Neighborhood Association will hold its July meeting on July 20 at 7p.m. The meeting will be held at Greenland Hills United Methodist Church and is open to all LGNA members. The church is located at the corner of Penrose and Delmar. Families with children are welcome. Bring your appetites. Blue Goose and Aw Shucks restaurants are providing fajitas and assorted fixings. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share with your fellow LGNA members. There will also be a salsa and dip (non-salsa) contest for those interested in showing off their recipes.

The agenda for the meeting includes introduction to your LGNA board members, discussion of upcoming LGNA events, and what LGNA is doing for you. City officials and representatives from Dallas Police Department have also been invited to attend.

This is a great event every summer. It's especially a good chance to meet your neighbors. We look forward to seeing you there.

*The next time you dine at
Blue Goose or AwShucks,
be sure to thank them for
supporting your neighborhood.*



NEXT LGNA MEETING

WHEN Tues. July 20 7pm

WHERE Greenland Hills
United Methodist
5835 Penrose

TOPIC Annual Pot Luck
& Fajita Fest

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now on the web

Log on to www.LGNA.net to take our poll and tell us what you think.



This month's poll: What infrastructure improvements would you like to see done to Greenville Avenue?

MAY MEETING RECAP

LGNA's annual May membership meeting, followed by the regular meeting, was held at Watel's World Piece Café, Greenville at Lewis. The meeting included reelection of several board members as well as an update from Crime Watch chair Darren Dattalo on the proposed Lowest Greenville planned development district. Members had a chance to ask questions or make comments.

Throughout the meeting, Chef René Peeters and his staff served samplings of his menu that reflect his world travels. Several members assured us that they would return to visit Chef René soon.

LGNA BULK TRASH DATES

Pick Up: Jul 12-16

Earliest Set Out: Jul 8

Pick Up: Aug 9-13

Earliest Set Out: Aug 5

Pick Up: Sept 13-17

Earliest Set Out: Sept 9

CLIP AND SAVE

IMPORTANT NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Councilmembers Angela Hunt and Pauline Medrano will bring their proposed Lowest Greenville planned development (PD) district to residents of the Lower Greenville area on Thursday, July 29. At the community meeting, scheduled for 7:00 p.m. at Vickery Towers (on the corner of Greenville and Belmont), the two councilmembers, city representatives, and area neighborhood associations will outline the strategy for making Lowest Greenville (Belmont to Bryan) more neighborhood friendly and reduce crime in the area.

The intent of the strategy is simple – create a PD district running along Greenville Avenue south of Belmont. The PD would require any business operating after a certain hour –midnight, for example – to obtain an SUP (Special Use Permit) from the City in order to remain open.

Concerns about safety, coupled with a crippling drain on the City's enforcement budgets, spurred the initiative. The plan is to turn Lowest Greenville back into an area devoted to responsible, neighborhood- and family-friendly business such as restaurants, retailers, neighborhood pubs and other businesses that have patrons visiting throughout the day, not just late at night on weekends.

The boards of Lower Greenville-area neighborhood associations met in April with Councilmember Hunt and representatives from the Dallas Police Department, Development Services Department, City Attorney's Office, and the City Plan Commission. The board of your Lower Greenville Neighborhood Association unanimously approved the plan and pledged to support the effort. LGNA urges our area's residents to attend the community meeting, ask questions and learn more.

Councilmembers Hunt (left, District 14) and Medrano (right, District 2)

PAT CARR—VANDERBILT

KNOW your NEIGHBORS



When you meet LGNA neighbor Claudia Worme, you are immediately impressed by her energy, creativity, and passion for life and community. Originally from Long Island, NY, the family moved to Dallas in the late 60s. She lived near White Rock as well other parts of Dallas but was ultimately drawn back to the East Dallas area. Chancing upon a for sale sign on Palo Pinto, she immediately fell in love with what would become her dream home for now 10 years. "I love the mentality and diversity of an older neighborhood – a place where you can live, shop and play locally", Claudia says.

Her "How can I help?" attitude serves her well as an active and generous volunteer in numerous organizations, including Preservation Dallas, where her passion for architecture and historic preservation guides her tenure on the Board. As a Board member of For the Love of the Lake, she has served as Parks Department liaison and manager of the Adopt a Shore project. Her involvement in the Belmont Addition Conservation District is a passion for Claudia and her neighbors as they work together to preserve indicative architectural home styles on their streets. She would love to see greater adherence to conservation ordinances, with more home expansions and less tear downs.

Look for her in the next area holiday parade as the "White Rock Trash Queens", a group of volunteers who don trash bags, wigs, and tiaras while riding on the back of a 1974 Cadillac, promoting involvement in lake shore trash abatement.

When she's not loving the lake or preserving Dallas, you'll most likely find her somewhere in Europe, where she's traveled extensively. Favorite places include Prague, all of Italy, and after her most recent trip, Croatia. An enthusiast of good wine, movies and music, she's been known to burst into song, à la Ethel Merman, at the drop of a hat.

After a 24-year career with Warner Brothers National Sales Division and Executive Director of the East Dallas Chamber of Commerce, she now looks forward to following her dreams by pursuing other creative and entrepreneurial endeavors. Claudia adds, "I wish that residents would learn to appreciate the history of their home and neighborhood, and get actively involved with neighborhood activities."

Find some time this week to say hello to a new neighbor!



Mark Your Calendar

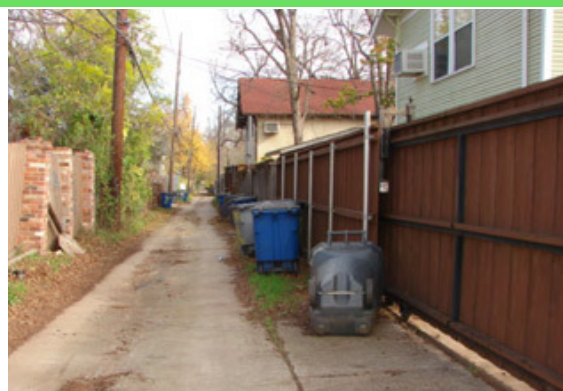
Downing Hill Garden Studio, the amazing garden shop at 3016 Greenville, will host LGNA's September membership meeting on Thursday, September 16. Owner Tom Henderson dedicates one evening each month to benefit a local non-profit, and September's event will spotlight the LGNA Crime Watch. Ten percent of all sales between 6:00 and 9:00 p.m. will be donated back to the Crime Watch. Attendees will be treated to refreshments and live music. Downing Hill sets up story boards featuring "small scapes" which show how to use featured items. The LGNA meeting will be a good opportunity to purchase items for your yard and garden, as well as inspiration pieces for indoor plantings and living areas.



Tietze Splash

Tietze Park will be the site for the second annual Tietze Splash Pool Party. Plan to come to the free, family-friendly event on the evening of Saturday, July 24, between 7:00 and 8:30. The Friends of Tietze Park Foundation is co-sponsoring the party with three neighborhood associations – Lower Greenville, Lakewood Heights, and Wilshire Heights. Hot dogs and refreshments will be offered, and lifeguards will be at the pool. It's a good opportunity for your family's last splash before school begins.

Tired of Rolling Those Sanitation Bins to the Front Curb???



If the answer is yes, then you're in luck! The Dallas Sanitation Services Department is working with neighborhoods on a case-by-case basis to return collection of garbage and recyclables back to alleys. That means keeping streets free from those 96-gallon roll carts, plus the added convenience of once again disposing of garbage and recyclables in the alleys. (Residents would still use the roll carts but they would be placed in the alleys for collection instead of the front curb).

So what can be done? Sanitation Services has established an evaluation process which is summarized as follows: 1) Interested residents select a point of contact to act as their block representative; 2) At least 75% of residents (per block of houses abutting the alley in question) sign a downloadable petition and return it to their block representative; 3) Sanitation Services works with each block representative to inspect the alleys for appropriate clearances (see general requirements below); and 4) Any problem areas or obstructions must be resolved before service can return to the alley.

The following are general specifications for alley conditions to accommodate the City's Sanitation Service:

Clearance

Must be sufficient to allow room for both roll carts and collection vehicles.

Clearance dimensions are: width of 12-feet and a height of 15-feet.

Alleys must be clear of vegetation including limbs and stumps, fencing, curbing, structures (garages, sheds, etc), or any other obstacles.

Utility poles may impede residents' efforts to provide the required clearance – Sanitation Services will work with neighborhoods wherever possible to adapt service despite utility poles.

Provision for cart placement

Residents must provide a cart collection area at each residence capable of holding at least two 96-gallon roll carts on the resident's property.

Roll cart collection area must be beyond the 12-foot-wide access zone.

Roll cart collection area must be of a size no less than 8-feet wide by 3-feet deep.

Multiple block submittals

Clearance as described above must be provided for multiple blocks, so as to afford efficiency in the collection process.

Please provide submittals of areas no less than 3 blocks in any direction for consideration. The Director may require more or allow for less than 3 blocks, depending upon department review.

For more information, including the downloadable petition with details on how to move trash pickup back to your alley, please visit www.dallascityhall.com/sanitation/sanitation.html and click on *Alley Service Evaluation Petition and Procedures*.

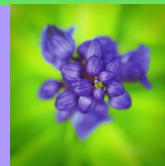
Our alleys comprise valuable land and help to distinguish the neighborhood from so many others, so why not use them to their full potential – to keep our streets looking attractive and clean!

Requests or questions can be directed to the Sanitation Department's Special Projects Coordinator, Judy Pate, at judy.pate@dallascityhall.com or 214-671-8136.

BRANDON BOLIO, LLANO RESIDENT

Q&A Dig This!

Notes from a Neighborhood Gardener



The Sport of Gardening

Consider this, "Gardening a competitive sport?" Did you know that an hour of gardening, while burning a whopping 300 calories, also reduces stress, boosts bone density and challenges muscles as much as any competitive sport? With that in mind it's a good idea to be in shape for gardening. Bending, stooping, straining, reaching takes its toll on your knees, back and shoulders. Advil, Epsom salt and a massage therapist are a gardener's best friends.

Remember leg muscles are stronger than your back so use them for lifting. Squat rather than bend when gardening at lower levels. A couple of exercises can help strengthen your hamstrings, glutes and quads-increasing endurance and preventing injury. For a gardener's workout, practice doing "chair squats". With feet shoulder-width apart and arms out in front, bend your knees and slowly squat lowering yourself almost to sitting in a chair then stand up slowly only using your legs (repeat 10 times). The "Bird Dog" finds you on all fours and while tightening your abs, you simultaneously raise your right arm and straighten your left leg, hold for 6 seconds, return to all fours and switch sides (repeat 10 times).

When clipping and trimming it's a good idea to straighten up periodically to relieve the strain on your lower back. Back extension exercises can help strengthen these muscles. Lying on your stomach, lift your head and shoulders about 6 inches off the floor and hold for 6 seconds (repeat 10 times).

Even though gold medals for competitive gardening might not be realistic, your rewards will be many: a bouquet of fresh flowers, tasty herbs for your kitchen, butterflies, hummingbirds and happier muscles after a day of digging in the dirt.

Send your gardening questions to Sara by email at:

digthislga@yahoo.com.

**SARA WICK
PALO PINTO**



CRIME WATCH UPDATE

GETTING SERIOUS ABOUT LOWEST GREENVILLE

Those of you who receive our regular crime watch reports and crime alerts via email know that I've frequently cautioned residents about how dangerous Greenville Ave south of Belmont has become on very late nights 2-3am. Please try to attend the public meeting on July 29th to discuss the proposed Planned Development idea that we are working on. This is the most significant effort in years to improve what has become a dire situation. And it could not come at a better time... In the span of three weeks, the area saw two murders on Lowest Greenville. One was a dispute between patrons; police have arrested a suspect in this case. The other murder involved the fatal beating of a homeless man; this incident is as yet unsolved.

With spring has come the usual seasonal increase in property crimes. In our area, most of this increase has come in the way of BMVs, car break-ins. There has been a rash of these, mostly in the area south of Vickery to Ross. When we start delving into these cases, it's a little disheartening to read case after case of "door unlocked, valuables in plain sight". The most popular items stolen in BMVs are iPods, laptops and GPS units. Protect yourself by parking off the street when possible, hiding or taking valuables, and locking your car.

Finally, while most of the home burglaries in our area have been daytime affairs, lately we have had an increasing number of nighttime burglaries occurring when people are more likely to be home. Please be sure to keep doors and windows locked securely. Like with the car break-ins, more often than not, something as simple as a locked door will cause the burglar to move on. If you encounter a burglar in your home, don't engage them. Look for the quickest way possible out of the house.

And thank you to those who have submitted tips to us recently on topics from possible drug dealing to burglary suspects. These tips are invaluable to DPD and our ENP officer.

DARREN DATTALO, CRIME WATCH COORDINATOR

	Residential Incidents	Car Break-Ins	Other Res. Thefts & Break-ins	Violent Crime**	Auto Theft
Apr 2010	56	29	12	2	2
May 2010	33	18	7	7	1
Typical	30	15	9	3	2

** Violent crime includes murder, rape, robbery or aggravated assault.



Expanded Neighborhood Patrol Update

SUMMERTIME CRIME

Most of you are aware of the nighttime residential burglaries that have occurred in the past few months. The awareness has resulted in an increase in the number of suspicious person and prowler calls to 911. The heightened sense of awareness is a good thing and much appreciated by us. As always, please be focused on data items (license plates, bumper stickers for vehicles, tattoos or scars for persons) when noting suspicious activity, but never place yourself in jeopardy. It is also that time of year to focus on those property crimes that don't involve burglary. Gardening and yard work are tough this time of year. Taking breaks from the heat is to be expected, but leaving items unattended in the yard or driveway only makes it easier for the bad guys. Speaking of driveways, I know returning from the store, dry cleaners, or any other errand with items that need to be brought inside can sometimes make us wish we had more than two hands to carry everything. It is too common to leave the vehicle unlocked, open with items that you couldn't carry inside in your first trip. We all know it will only take a minute to drop off that first load. Then the phone rings, your smart phone lets you know of another urgent email that needs to be tended to, the house seems warmer than it should so the thermostat needs to be checked, the mail or a package was delivered and it needs to be perused, or any other issue that requires your attention. Meanwhile, your vehicle and other items are exposed to the bad guys. Vehicle exposure is also more common this time of year and not just at home. Leaving the air conditioning on (i.e. car running) while "just being gone for a second" is another too common practice. It is a challenge to keep up with everything on beautiful fall day; it is a bigger challenge to remember safety tips in the heat of the summer. Please remind yourself to safeguard your property whenever possible.

Thank you for the invitations to the street parties last month. I enjoyed stopping by and visiting. I wouldn't have known how big the bounce house industry has become. If you have any questions, please contact me so we can help. Stay cool and enjoy your summer.

KEITH ALLEN—DALLAS POLICE

JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION!

LGNA & LGNA EXPANDED NEIGHBORHOOD PATROL SIGN-UP FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

CELL: _____

EMAIL: _____

COMMENTS:

Please choose all that apply:

- ☐ Join LGNA (\$10/yr, \$5 for 65+)
- ☐ Join ENP (\$200/yr, \$150 for 65+)
- ☐ Add me to the Crime Watch email list
- ☐ Please contact me about volunteering

Please print clearly! Email addresses are required to receive neighborhood alerts. Personal information is not shared with any outside group or used for any other purpose. Receipts will be furnished upon request. Checks for LGNA membership should be made out to LGNA. For Extended Neighborhood Patrol membership, checks should be made out to LGNA-ENP. Please provide separate checks if possible.

Mail this form and check payable to LGNA or LGNA-ENP to: PO Box 720067, Dallas, TX 75372 (or bring it to the next LGNA meeting).