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# DID YOU KNOW?

VISIT OUR WEBSITE
FOR UPDATED
CONSERVATION NEWS

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# NOVEMBER MEETING -WHAT CAN WE DO FOR YOU?

Tuesday, November 18, 7:00 p.m., are the date and time. Greenland Hills United Methodist Church, 5835 Penrose, is the place. The LGNA Board of Directors will be hosting an open house to trade information with the residents of our neighborhood.

What you can learn: Why is LGNA important? What are the goals as well as the history of LGNA? What exactly does the board do? What goes on behind the scenes? Does LGNA cooperate with other neighborhood associations? How does LGNA interact with the City of Dallas and other government entities such as the TABC?

How you can help LGNA: What are your neighborhood concerns? What are your ideas for neighborhood events and projects? What suggestions for improvement can you offer? Why don't you come to meetings? What can the Lower Greenville Neighborhood Association do for you?

Remember: You do not have to be a member to attend meetings.

Through its community affairs program, 7-11 Corporation has generously donated a supply of hot drink coupons – good for coffee, hot chocolate, tea, or cappuccino – to LGNA.

All those who attend the November meeting will receive a supply of hot drink coupons. Thanks, 7-11!

# LGNA BOARD GOES TO BOOT CAMP

On August 23, representatives of your LGNA Board attended an intense morning of instruction and encouragement at the Dallas Homeowners League's 6th annual Directors "Boot Camp." Starting at 8:15 a.m., board members heard addresses by Dallas City Council members including a keynote address by our own representative Veletta Forsythe Lill, our State Senator John Carona, and officers of the Dallas Homeowners League.

The message to representatives from neighborhood associations across Dallas was a positive one. Neighborhood associations are important. NAs can be powerful in working for betterment of neighborhoods and can work together with other NAs and the City to improve our quality of life.

Interesting and information-packed presentations included utilizing information resources, effects of the 2003 state legislative session, working with the city council, organizing neighborhood events, and developing city/neighborhood partnerships.

After the general session, Gay
Hopkins, Kathryn Willison, Julia
Alderete, and Patricia Carr attended
workshops on fighting crime, code
enforcement, conservation/historic districts, and the nuts and bolts of a
neighborhood association.

Your Board will be using their newfound and re-honed skills and information to improve the quality of LGNA's services to our neighborhood.

# NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH/ VOLUNTEERS IN PATROL

A key focus group discussion on neighborhood crime watch and volunteers in patrol was held at the DHL meeting. Some Dallas neighborhood associations have formed non-confrontational patrol programs designed to observe, recognize and report suspicious activity which has increased the effectiveness of the DPD patrols.

Dallas is experiencing a rise in non-violent crimes including home burglaries, vandalizing of motor vehicles, auto theft, defacing property with graffiti, and other invasive crimes.

LGNA is asking our residents if they want to establish organized volunteers in patrol group. If you are tired of being a victim and want to become proactive in crime prevention please contact Kathryn Willison at 214 824-3241 to discuss participating in this program.

## CONSERVATION DISTRICT UPDATE

The M Streets East Conservation
District effort was voted to continue
by the City Planning Commission
based on the majority of the residents
voting in favor on the submitted ballots. The next step is for the change in
zoning to establish the Conservation
District to go before the City Council.

Thank you to all the residents that have participated in the process.

# CHRISTMAS YARD-DECORATING CONTEST

Get out the lights! Get out the yard art! It's time to start planning your outdoor Christmas decorations.

LGNA will again sponsor its annual Christmas yard-decorating contest. Judging will be during the week of December 8, so take advantage of the Thanksgiving holidays to get outside and exercise your artistic talents. This year, area merchants have donated some fabulous prizes:

- The Primrose Path, 5732 Richmond gift basket
- Rachel's Floral Shop, 1445 Ross gift basket
- Talulah Belle, 2017 Abrams gift certificate
- 24 Hour Fitness gift certificates
- Blockbuster gift certificates
- 7-11 hot drink coupons
- Whole Foods Market gift certificates
- Anonymous fragrance gift basket

Please visit these fine merchants and let them know you appreciate their support of your neighborhood.

Prizes will be awarded in December, and winners will be announced in the January LGNA newsletter. Good luck!

#### SEPTEMBER MEETING

The September LGNA meeting featured an informative presentation by Michael Johnson and Kate Macaulay of Green Living, located at 1904 Abrams Parkway.

Michael and Kate have made a considerable effort to find everyday home products that are earth-friendly—fairly traded, organic, recyclable, and sustainable. They feel that being cognizant of your choices leads to a reduction of waste and can result in products with less packaging, recyclable materials, and manufacturing processes that are kinder to our Earth.

Green Living sells a variety of products and is a community resource center for those who are interested in finding other "green" businesses, as well as an educational center for those who want to learn how to live a green life. Michael and Kate are also ready to accept "recycling challenges" – how to recycle those items not handled through traditional methods.

Thanks to these neighborhood merchants for hosting our meeting and providing a fascinating program. Their website is www.green-living.com or call (214)821-8444 for more information.

# TO SUPPORT MY NEIGHBORHOOD, ENCLOSED IS MY CHECK PAYABLE TO LGNA

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ANNUAL DUES: REGULAR \$10.00	SENIOR (65+) \$5.00
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EMAIL	

IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD DUES, OUR ASSOCIATION REMAINS ACTIVE WITH NEIGHBORS THAT VOLUNTEER. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP, PLEASE TELL US HOW. IDEAS YOU HAVE FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION: