

Greenville Avenue old-timers

For decades people have been attracted to the Greenville Avenue area by its neighborhood feel: the distinct architecture and historical value of the homes, the large trees, and the shops clustered along the avenue, so distinct from the typical suburban segregation of homes and shopping center. Many of the shops remain, and with them, much of the original interest and texture they have always lent the neighborhood.

As with all vital things, the new emerges as the established continue to prosper. Several new businesses along Lower Greenville, among them, Corner Market and Floyd's Barbershop, are only a few months old. While other places, having already set the gold standard in their respective fields, are celebrating silver-plus anniversaries in October: The Ole Moon, 28 years, The Grape, 34 years. Moreno Printing moved to their present location in 1972. Other long-time merchants are Nick's Café, Whole Foods, and Frank's Keys.

As divergent in age and category as these businesses are, they share more than they diverge. Most of the owners and principals and many employees reside in the Lower Greenville area. They all derive the majority of their customers from our neighborhood. And appreciating the importance of customer loyalty, these merchants and entrepreneurs all give back to our community in a variety of ways.

The Grape lends monetary support to the contiguous neighborhood associations, to local schools, and civic concerns. Moreno Printing, donating their expertise to Stampede Dallas, helps raise funding for Children's Medical Center. The Ole Moon, Corner Market, and Floyd's Barbershop, all support a broad collection of local schools, churches, and neighborhood initiatives.

If one reaps what one sows, then Lower Greenville residents should feel that they reside in a fertile field, indeed. We are all in walking or cycling distance to many businesses, all offering goods and services used on a continuing basis. They are right here. For us.

Please patronize these and all Greenville Avenue merchants. For additional cool and interesting stuff about Greenville Ave. merchants, go to WWW.LGNA.NET

LGNA meeting – be there!

WHEN: Tuesday, Nov. 21, 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Greenland Hills United Methodist Church at 5835 Penrose.

TOPIC: Holiday fire safety and hazardous chemical collection

LGNA meetings are held the third Tuesday of odd-numbered months. The final meeting of 2006 will be on November 21.

Holiday fire safety warnings

Thinking of sitting by the fireplace this winter? Planning on putting up decorative lights for the holidays? Fire safety officials warn that we are still in a drought in Texas and conditions are dangerously dry.

Come to the November 21 LGNA membership meeting at 7 p.m. at Greenland Hills UMC, Penrose and Delmont. Representatives of Dallas Fire Rescue will let you know how to obtain free smoke detectors for your home and give tips on protecting your family this holiday season.

Another hazardous chemical collection

Kudos to the many residents who brought hazardous household chemicals for disposal at LGNA's September meeting. The response was so positive that we had to turn away some folks because the truck was filled.

To accommodate everyone, LGNA will again accept materials for disposal at the November meeting – oil filters, used motor oil, antifreeze, batteries, paint products, and yard chemicals. Materials will be taken to the county's Home Chemical Collection Center. HC3 does not accept business/medical

waste, electronics, explosive/shock-sensitive materials, containers larger than five (5) gallons, smoke detectors or other radioactive materials, and common recyclables (plastic, glass, aluminium).

We will be accepting home chemicals from 6:45 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. in the church parking lot on November 21 only. Please do not bring items inside the church or leave items at any other time.

The HC3, located at 11234 Plano Road, has extended hours on Tuesdays and is open on two Saturdays per month if you are not able to attend on November 21.

Marathon alert

The White Rock Marathon benefiting Scottish Rite hospital will be held on Sunday, December 10, and will impact the Lower Greenville neighborhood.

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

The course for the full marathon runs along Greenville to Ellsworth through the Lakewood neighborhood to the lake. The half-marathoners run up Greenville to Martel, south on Matilda to Belmont and Richmond, then south on Skillman to Swiss Avenue. Traffic will be affected in our neighborhood for most of the morning. Allow extra time if you're out and about.

Come out to enjoy the day and cheer on the elite athletes and weekend athletes alike! It's a great race for a great cause. Route maps are available at http://www.runtherock.com/race_info/courseinfo.html

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, fudge or any other holiday treats to 5911 Goliad on Saturday December 16th 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. Contact Darren Dattalo at mydallashome@hotmail.com for more information.

Newsletter volunteers needed

Many, many thanks to those who have offered their time to distribute newsletters. But more help is needed. Four streets are still seeking volunteers. The LGNA newsletter is distributed door-to-door 6 times a year and takes about an hour per street.

If you can help by delivering at least one street, contact Director1@LGNA.net or call 214-821-2562.

Graffiti abatement

The City of Dallas organized a graffiti wipe-out event on October 14. A large portion of East Dallas, including the Lower Greenville area, was targeted. Members of the Lower Greenville Crime Watch joined with city staff, City Councilmember Angela Hunt, and other volunteers to abate about 50 sites along public and private property.

The city divided volunteers into teams of 5 or 6 and provided each team with a list of five sites to abate. They provided all supplies and even served lunch afterward.

To quote one volunteer, "As we drove around with paint brushes in hand, we could not help but notice the overwhelming amount of graffiti in the area." Although the teams made a good dent, it's up to all of us to keep our neighborhood free of graffiti. When it's removed promptly, it's far less likely to come back.

Councilmember Hunt has worked to include a graffiti-abatement plan in the new city budget. The new program would provide a city crew to clean up graffiti on private property.

Before, if a vandal spray-painted graffiti on private property, the property owner might get a notice from the city telling them to clean up the graffiti or be fined. With the new program, the property owner would have the option of the city's cleaning up the graffiti for no charge. For more information, visit Councilmember Hunt's site, www.AngelaHunt.com.

Until a city program is implemented, you can do your part by keeping your property graffiti-free. For more information on Crime Watch or to be added to the Crime Watch e-mail list, drop a note to crimewatch@LGNA.net.

Robert E. Lee anniversary

Celebrations in May of 2007 will mark the 75th anniversary of Robert E. Lee School. School librarian Angela Brown has been seeking memorabilia and needs neighborhood help. If you have memories, anecdotes, pictures, or any other materials from Robert E. Lee's history, particularly the early years, please e-mail her at Aabrown@Dallasisd.org. Or call 972-749-7400 and ask for Angela Brown or Santos Cortez.

If you appreciate the contribution Robert E. Lee has made to our neighborhood for 75 years, offer your assistance as a volunteer.

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