

## Stray animal control

*January's Lower Greenville Neighborhood Association meeting featured Marcialyn Banks from Dallas Animal Services.*

***How it works:** Animal-related calls to 311 are treated by priority. Cruelty to animals or suspected rabies cases are given high priority. Individual stray animal reports are given lower priority because the animal is usually gone from the site by the time an investigator responds. The city has only seven officers in the field during the day and fewer officers at night.*

***Stray dogs:** If you see a stray dog, call 311 and report the exact location. A report of a specific address or block is most helpful, and it is important that you report the animals even if nothing can be done immediately. Animal Services conducts "sweeps" on a regular basis. If there are several reports of stray dogs in one area, they can map a pattern and make a "sweep" in areas with a large number of calls.*

***Stray cats:** For stray cats, the city provides traps. Since there are only 40 traps, there is usually a waiting list. The wait is generally short because traps stay at one location for no more than two weeks. Animals will learn to avoid a trap after that length of time. Call 311 to request a trap. An officer will deliver the trap and instruct how to set it. The only thing required of you is to call Animal Services when an animal is trapped. Such calls take highest priority.*

***Opossums/raccoons:** The trap program is applicable to wild creatures as well as stray pets. Call 311 if you trap such an animal.*

***Do it yourself:** You can buy your own trap at feed stores or home improvement stores. If you trap an animal, call 311 for a priority pickup. Do not attempt to remove the animal yourself.*

***Injured animals:** If you see an injured animal, do not try to help it yourself. Call 311. Animal Services will respond on a high-priority basis.*

***Spay/neuter assistance:** Dallas offers free spay and neuter services for pets owned by low-income residents. Most applicants will be approved for the program if they already receive some type of public assistance such as food stamps or Medicaid. Low-income pet owners not receiving public assistance may still qualify for the program and are encouraged to apply. For more information, call 214-670-8246.*

*For more information on Dallas Animal Services, visit [WWW.LGNA.NET](http://WWW.LGNA.NET).*

## LGNA meeting – be there!

**WHEN:** Tuesday, March 20, 7:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Greenland Hills United Methodist Church at 5835 Penrose.

**TOPIC:** Code Compliance (see below)

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

## The compliance code

Construction violations? CD violations?  
Sidewalk obstructions? Garage sale signs? Got questions on what to do?  
Who to complain to?

A representation of the city's Code Compliance Department will be at the LGNA meeting on Tuesday, March 20 to explain the department's responsibilities and how the city can help us. Bring your questions.

## St. Pat's Reminder

The annual Lower Greenville St. Patrick's block party will be on Saturday, March 17. The City's map showing no-parking zones, street closures, barricades, etc. is distributed with this newsletter on streets impacted by no-parking signs – Morningside through Goliad. (This newsletter has been distributed earlier than usual to provide the information in advance.)

The city requires that these signs be posted, and it is against the law to remove them before or during the event. If you see someone removing the signs or parking illegally, call 911.

LGNA is responsible for constructing, erecting, and removing the no-parking signs. If you can volunteer time for these tasks, please call 214-821-2562 or e-mail [Director1@LGNA.net](mailto:Director1@LGNA.net)

Robert E. Lee news

Robert E. Lee elementary school celebrates its 75th birthday May 14-19. During that week, students and teachers will dress in period clothing. The hallways will feature decorations of the decades. Saturday, May 19, will feature a celebration between 9:00 and noon. Volunteers are welcome. Call Angela Brown at 972-749-7411 for more information or to volunteer.

Vagrants and vacancies

Police have had reports of vagrants living in abandoned houses and apartments in the area. With cold weather, they are often looking for a place to stay. There has also been a higher level of break-ins and thefts in some of these areas. Our neighborhood Crime Watch urges you to keep an eye out and call 911 if you see anything of concern. Also report any suspicious activity in your alley.

Watch your car

Crime Watch reports a string of motor vehicle burglaries in the area. While some of the vehicles being hit are parked on the street, thieves are also coming up into driveways.

The Police Department recommends you park vehicles off the street if possible, remove valuables from vehicles or at least hide them, and keep your porch light on at night. If you hear a car alarm, don't assume it's a false alarm. Check it out and report any useful information to 911.

Remember: Crime watch works best when we look out for each other.

Pre-school reading club

Robert E. Lee hosts the Cougar Cub Reading Club on Friday mornings in the library, 8:15-9:00. All children 3-5 years old are welcome to come and enjoy stories and activities.

Brush and bulk trash pick-up

Area brush and bulk trash pick-up in our neighborhood is the second full week of the month. Mark your calendars for the weeks of 3/12, 4/9, 5/14, 6/11, 7/9, 8/13, 9/10, 10/8, 11/12, and 12/10.

The city assesses substantial fines for placing items—including tree limbs and brush—at times other than the scheduled weeks. Violation for putting bulk trash out too early or too late will result in a citation, no warnings, with a fine amount plus court costs totaling \$250. You may place trash out front after 7:00 a.m. on the Thursday preceding pick-up.

Once-a-month collection from the front curb includes large limbs, shrubbery, bagged leaves (in sealed bags with a maximum 50 gallon capacity), furniture, appliances, mattresses and box springs. The city will not pick up grass clippings, new construction or remodeling materials such as lumber or roofing materials, bricks, concrete, rocks, dirt, paint, oil and hazardous containers.

If your trash is separate from tree limbs and brush, the city will usually make separate pick-ups. Tree limbs and brush are then mulched.

Also, bagged grass clippings and leaves (free of household wastes) can be delivered to the McCommas Bluff Landfill or the three transfer stations. Yard waste brush can be delivered to the McCommas Bluff Landfill or the Northwest Transfer station. Go to [www.DallasCityHall.org](http://www.DallasCityHall.org) for addresses of the landfill and transfer stations.

When available, shredded/mixed yard waste material may be obtained in small quantities and free of charge.

Smoke detectors

Remember, free smoke detectors are available and will be installed by Dallas Fire-Rescue personnel for low income, elderly, or disabled citizens. Call 214-670-4319 or select “Smoke Detector Request” through the city’s 311 website.

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Action Center		214-670-5111 or 311
Sanitation/Bulk Trash		214-670-3555
Code Compliance		214-670-5708
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TO SUPPORT MY NEIGHBORHOOD, ENCLOSED IS MY CHECK PAYABLE TO LGNA

ANNUAL DUES: REGULAR \$10.00

SENIOR (65+) \$5.00

MAIL TO LGNA, INC., P.O. BOX 720067, DALLAS, TEXAS 75372

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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 OR GET MORE INVOLVED, PLEASE TELL US HOW. OR SHARE YOUR COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION: