

Did someone call the police?

This year's National Night Out Against Crime was a roaring success! More than a score of police officers and firefighters joined 800 neighbors, making the Tietze Park NNO one of the largest in the city.

Since cooperating with other neighborhoods is key to addressing crime and quality of life in our own neighborhood, Lower Greenville Neighborhood Association again partnered in this event with Lakewood Heights NA and Lowest Greenville West NA.

Although this was a family friendly event with face painters, hot dogs, ice cream and cotton candy, NNO offered a great opportunity for neighbors to meet and mingle with Dallas' finest including our new Central Division Chief Vince Golbeck and Lowest Greenville Squad Commander Barbara Hobbs. Also in attendance were several elected officials including City Councilmembers Angela Hunt and Pauline Medrano and State Reps Allen Vaught and Dan Branch.

As well as plenty of fun, food and prizes, there were a number of exhibits as well. Exhibitors included companies working in crime prevention and safety, several City of Dallas departments, and local non-profit groups.

We had the chance to learn about topics as diverse as how storm water is channeled, how to protect your valuables with hidden safes, or how to get involved with your local elementary school. During the evening, onlookers enjoyed and appreciated self-defense demonstrations.

Residents also had opportunities to learn about organizations like Genesis Women's Shelter and Habitat for Humanity. Carter Blood Care brought their mobile unit and provided folks with a chance to give back.

National Night Out was also a chance for LGNA to hear from you. A team of volunteers collected feedback on crime and other neighborhood concerns. Watch www.LGNA.net for the results of that survey.

Such information helps your neighborhood association make decisions which reflect what the residents of our area consider important. For example, several neighbors suggested a need for additional police patrols in the neighborhood. LGNA is already at work on a plan to make that happen soon. Watch www.LGNA.net for information.

Although volunteers, exhibitors, and sponsors are too numerous to mention, LGNA wants to send a big "THANK YOU" to everyone who made 2007's National Night Out a success.

LGNA meeting – be there!

WHEN: Tuesday, Sept. 18, 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Greenland Hills United Methodist Church at 5835 Penrose.

TOPIC: Extended Neighborhood Patrol

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

Extended neighborhood patrol

How would you like a uniformed police officer to check your house daily when you are on vacation? Better yet, would you like to help reduce crime in our neighborhood by half or better?

At the next Lower Greenville Neighborhood Association meeting, Keith Allen, our Interactive Community Policing officer from the Dallas Police, will speak to us about Extended Neighborhood Patrol (ENP). ENP is a program where the neighborhood hires an off-duty police officer to patrol in a police vehicle for a prescribed number of hours per week.

Vickery Place and Greenland Hills have implemented this program recently and are already seeing results. The LGNA Crime Watch is putting together a plan to implement ENP and will go over a preliminary plan at the meeting.

We would like as much neighborhood input as possible before we kick off the project so please try to attend the meeting and make your voice heard.

Tuesday, September 18, 7:00 p.m.
at Greenland Hills United Methodist Church, Penrose and Delmar.

Another hazardous chemical pickup

You gave feedback, both at NNO and by your past participation. The hazardous chemical pickup is very popular. So there will be another pickup at the September 18 meeting.

Collectables include oil filters, used motor oil, antifreeze, batteries, paint products, and yard chemicals. LGNA will transport these items to the Home Chemical Collection Center (HC3).

Home chemicals will be accepted from 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the church parking lot on September 18 only. Please do not bring items inside or at any other time.

A word of explanation: The LGNA pickup is literally a mid-sized pickup. At past events, we’ve had to turn away folks that brought their own pickup-full loads. If you have more than 2-3 cartons of materials, please plan to take them yourself to the HC3 site. It’s not that far a drive.

HC3 is located at 11234 Plano Road. It has extended hours on Tuesdays and is open on two Saturdays per month. HC3 does not accept business or medical waste, electronics, explosive or shock sensitive materials, containers larger than five gallons, smoke detectors or other radioactive material, or common recyclables (plastic, glass, aluminium). This hazardous chemical disposal program is for Dallas County residents only.

July potluck

The dictionary defines “panoply” as “a complete and impressive array.” That word definitely describes the delicious foods provided by neighbors at LGNA’s annual potluck dinner. LGNA provided fried chicken while members and visitors brought a wide range of delicious green salads, potato salads, breads, munchies, and desserts. Great cooks had a chance to shine, and super-busy folks brought store-bought goodies.

It’s been a long-standing tradition for LGNA’s July membership meeting to feature a potluck dinner. City employees and elected officials are honored guests, and Lower Greenville residents get a chance to break bread and chat with the folks who serve and represent them.

Feeling a little green?

We’re not referring to your own illness, but the need to help heal the earth for a better future. Now is your chance to help improve the condition of our environment by participating in the revised Dallas Recycle Program. Effective August 2007, our recycling pickup schedule has been modified based on the recent mail survey taken of LGNA residents.

Mockingbird to Morningside – weekly Thursday pickup in alley (blue bags)Mercedes to Ross–every other Thursday–pickup on front curb (roll carts, blue bags, or combination bags/carts)

For residents on Mercedes through Ross, if you have not yet ordered your Big Blue roll cart, you can do so by calling 311 or going online at www.DallasCityHall.com. The City will deliver your cart in 10-14 days.

To verify your day of service, go to www.DallasCityHall.com and click on “311 & Services.” Or call 311.

You may continue to use your free recycling blue bags with or without the cart. The City provides bags at no charge at City of Dallas libraries and recreation centers. If you have further questions, call John Barlow, who oversees the city's recycling program, at 214-670-3555. Reduce the garbage in the landfills and our alleys–recycle all that you can.

Pumpkins in the park

Charlie Brown may not show up at this great pumpkin patch, but there will be pumpkins supplied for the neighborhood kids to decorate or carve just in time for Halloween.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 20, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. LGNA and Lakewood Heights Neighborhood Association plan a day of fun for area residents at the Tietze Park Pavilion (south end of the park).

In addition to events for the kids, there will be a chili cook-off and a cookie-baking contest. Come vote for Best Chili, Best Treat, and Most Creative in both categories!

City Councilmember Angela Hunt will be the head judge. All wanna-be chefs, bring your prepared entry to the park, ready to eat. If you have a hot plate or crock pot, bring it along. Set up by 11 a.m. Judging by 2 p.m.

There also will be a great money-raising raffle and additional pumpkins for sale to take home! Wear your Halloween costumes or just come as your spooky self.

We could use volunteers 9-11 a.m. the morning of the event to help hollow out the pumpkins in preparation for carving, and to help decorate and set up the food tables. Please contact Kathryn at President@LGNA.net if you can help.

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