



LGNA

LOWER
GREENVILLE
NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION

JUL / AUG 2009

MOCKINGBIRD TO ROSS / GREENVILLE TO SKILLMAN

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COME JOIN US *at DiTerra's*

You're in for a treat when you attend LGNA's May meeting on May 19. LGNA and DiTerra's Urban Italian Restaurant will provide an opportunity to meet your neighbors as well as try out a sampler buffet.

DiTerra's is located at 1928 Greenville, on the east side of the street between Oram Street and LaVista Court, a half block south of Lula B's. New to Lowest Greenville, DiTerra's has been getting rave reviews from neighbors and visitors alike. Parking is available in the lot behind DiTerra's. Enter the lot from Oram. In case of overflow, parking is available for this one time only in Keller-Williams spaces in CityVille, 1811 Greenville. Enter the City Center parking lot from Lewis and tell the night guard you are with LGNA.

You'll hear a brief update on current and recent zoning cases. The May 19 Lower Greenville Neighborhood Association annual meeting also includes election of two posts on the LGNA Board of Directors. LGNA board members are elected by membership to a three-year term.

Two director positions are open this year. The nominating committee has named Patricia Carr and Peter Loh for the posts. Pat Carr has been an LGNA board member for six years, serving for three years as treasurer and currently serving as president. Peter Loh shows his concern for our neighborhood by being active in LGNA Crime Watch. He's also served as a newsletter volunteer for several years. Ballots have been mailed to LGNA members. At least one-third of the membership must vote, so every vote is important. Promptly marking and returning your ballot to PO Box 720067, Dallas 75372 will be appreciated.

After the board election, use the time to meet new neighbors, chat with friends, and sample the buffet. If you like what you see on the buffet and menu, we encourage you to stay and order dinner with other friends from the area.

LGNA RECYCLING DATES

Residents living on Lewis and Ross:
May 7, May 21, Jun 4, Jun 18, Jul 2, Jul 16, Jul 30

All Other Streets:
May 14, May 28, Jun 11, Jun 25, Jul 9, Jul 23

LGNA BULK TRASH DATES

All Streets
May 11-15, June 8-12, July 13-17, August 10-14
Earliest Set-Out Dates: May 7, June 5, July 10, August 7

CLIP AND SAVE

NEXT LGNA MEETING

WHEN Tues. May 19 7pm

WHERE DiTerra's Urban Italian
1928 Greenville Ave

TOPIC Annual Election of
Board Members

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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:
*How often do you patronize
retail establishments on
Greenville Ave?*

LGNA PICNIC & SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

April saw LGNA chillin' and grillin' for the benefit of R.E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson elementary schools. The volunteer team set up a charcoal grill in the R.E. Lee yard and sold low-cost hamburgers, hot dogs, large dill pickles, and soft drinks. Four cases of soft drinks and over 150 hamburgers and hot dogs were sold to neighbors, students and families, and Lee staff and teachers. We had three goals for this event:

Raise Funds for School Supplies. It's not commonly known, but many teachers buy school supplies out of their personal funds. As well as donating proceeds from sales, LGNA also invited residents to bring items such as pencils, crayons, markers, and file folders, and a large box of supplies was collected. Thanks to the generosity of customers such as the four-year-old young man who instructed the cashier to "keep the change." Special thanks to Joan Jackson, Karen Ferguson, and Ray Phelps for their very generous contributions.

Meet Your Neighbors. Many families made this Saturday a family day and walked the long distance from such streets as Penrose, Prospect, and Oram. They brought blankets and chairs, provided cookies and chips to share with others, and engaged in pick-up ball games.

Crime Update. ENP officer Keith Allen was present and talked to folks about recent crime activity in the area.



KNOW your NEIGHBORS



If you walk into the Day home, there would be no question that Glenna Day is a neighbor to meet. Soft spoken, with a twinkle in her eye, she will show you souvenirs from biking and ski trips which adorn the walls. She has taken trips to Europe, Asia, and Canada on several occasions. She also enjoys skiing and scuba diving. Glenna is a lady who is up for just about anything.

Glenna grew up on a dairy farm in the Texas panhandle and began a career with "Ma Bell" and later with Midas International. She is a long-time resident of our neighborhood, and her family is important to her. The Day grandchildren number four. Glenna is the first to admit that while "life has its bumps in the road, she's slain a few dragons along the way."

She has been volunteering for ten years at the Wednesday-night dinners at the Skillman Church of Christ and is also an Ambassador at DFW Airport. You will need to say hi when Glenna delivers LGNA newsletters, which she has done for quite some time, as well as having an interest in the LGNA crime watch. Whether she is walking, biking, scuba diving, skiing or just working in her yard, Glenna is really a fascinating neighbor to meet.

MARCIE SCHONBORN—ELLSWORTH



ST PATRICK'S DAY TALLY

This year's Lower Greenville St. Patrick's event resulted in 43 public intoxication arrests and 68 vehicles towed, but no grave problems occurred. Although attendance at the official merchant-sponsored event was down slightly due to weather, police estimate at least 45+ private parties were held that day. LGNA collected suggestions from area residents for improving next year's event and forwarded them to city staff. Those suggestions were mainly related to trash collection and the "No Parking" coverage.

STONEWALL AUCTION BASKET

In April, LGNA was one of the sponsors of Stonewall Jackson's "Dreams of Green" silent auction benefiting the school's garden and outdoor learning center. LGNA purchased merchandise and gift certificates from several neighborhood-friendly merchants in the area, and several merchants generously donated items. Total value of the basket exceeded \$275.

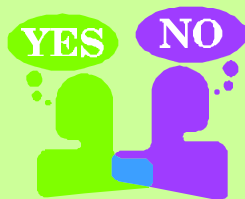
Special thanks for generous donations from the Granada Theater, Earth Blooms Floral and Gifts, DiTerra's Restaurant, Wine Therapist, Colonial Bank, Quesa-D-Ya's, and FTLOTL. The basket also contained gift certificates or merchandise from Niru Boutique, Corner Market, Lula B's, Stony's Fine Wines, and HD's Company.

Thanks to volunteers Claudia Worme and Alan Schonborn for their hard work obtaining donations.

QUARTERLY CRIME SUMMIT

The DPD Central Division hosts a quarterly crime summit with neighborhood leaders where the area commanders discuss the problems and opportunities in various parts of town. Members of the LGNA board attend these meetings regularly. At the last Summit, the LGNA Crime Watch Coordinator, Darren Dattalo, was asked to speak to the group about the successful partnership we have created with the DPD Explorer Scouts. If you are interested in attending these crime summit meetings, please drop us an email at crimewatch@LGNA.net.

Find some time this week to say hello to a new neighbor! And if you know of someone you'd like to see profiled in this column, let us know.



**CITY OF DALLAS
ELECTION
SATURDAY—MAY 9
Don't forget to vote!!**

ST. PATRICK'S DAY WORKING TOGETHER



On Saturday, March 7, over a dozen LGNA volunteers showed up at the Dallas Police Department Bryan Street storefront to help construct no-parking signs for the following Saturday's Greenville Ave. St. Patrick's block party. DPD-sponsored Boy Scout Troop 245, Explorer Post 3196, and their adult volunteers enthusiastically teamed with a dozen LGNA volunteers to construct signs for the LGNA area from McCommas through Ross as well as the Lowest Greenville West Neighborhood Association area. LGNA provided pizza and soft drinks for the Scouts, and Blue Goose Cantina generously provided nachos.

Several pickup truckloads of signs were transported to the LGNA area for storage, and on Thursday evening the Scouts and LGNA volunteers again teamed up to post the 1,000+ signs. LGNA provided quesadillas, and Blue Goose provided chips, dips, and nachos.



LGNA made generous donations to Troop 245 and Post 3196 in recognition of their hard-working community-service efforts. These young people and their leaders are an inspiration.

Special thanks to DPD Sgt. Bridget Wilson for coordinating the Scout effort, for patrolling the LGWNA area and the LGNA area Ross to McCommas to verify proper sign placement, and supervising sign removal after the event.



2009 City of Dallas Watering Guidelines

- From April 1 to October 31, water your yard only before 10am or after 6pm.
- Don't water during any form of precipitation.
- Don't allow your sprinkler system to water driveways, sidewalks, or streets.
- Don't waste water by allowing runoff onto a street or other drainage area.
- All automatic sprinkler system owners are required to have rain and freeze sensors.
- Soaker hoses and hand watering are permitted at any time.

If you use more than 15,000 gallons of water a month, you will pay a surcharge on the amount above 15,000.

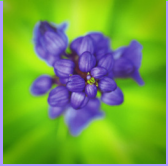
Violations of the City's outdoor watering guidelines can result in fines of \$250 to \$2,000 per incident. First offenses will be issued a warning.

If you give your lawn one inch of water every 5 to 7 days, the water will sink in and encourage the roots to grow stronger. Deep and frequent watering is key to keeping your lawn healthy and your water costs under control.



Q&A Dig This!

Notes from a Neighborhood Gardener



SPRING IS HERE!

Tulip bulbs have been excavated and summer "color" inserted into the garden palette. I enjoy the weekly transitions in my East Dallas yard. Tulips wane, iris predominates, oxeye daisy weaves in the wind, roses cover the landscape with their spent petals, buds begin to appear on daylilies and cone flowers. It's an array of color and emerging life to behold the eye. Neighbors are coming out of their winter hibernation to begin digging in the dirt. In chatting with a gardening neighbor the other day, the conversation turned to "Gardening for Dummies".

My advice to those of you drawn to local garden centers: BEWARE of green house grown plants not proven in the great outdoors. Certain colorful specimens will rapidly disappoint as their garden center blooms fade and the struggle with nature begins. Lillies, gerber daisies, foxglove serve you better if purchased in a cut bouquet. Instead, spend those precious \$\$ on salvias, daylilies, iris, old garden roses, coneflower, rudbeckia, hostas, turks cap and other perennials which will satisfy over and over again for years.

For that splash of summer color, select time-proven impatiens or begonias for shade, zinnias, marigolds or wave petunias for sun. Nipping spent blooms and cutting back annuals when they start looking leggy will keep them at their best for months. Now get outside and enjoy this wonderful spring and start digging in the dirt.

Send your gardening questions to Sara by email at:

digthislgna@yahoo.com.

**SARA WICK
PALO PINTO**



CRIME WATCH UPDATE

Burglars and Car Jackers Can Go Straight to Jail

We've had quite a bit of excitement here in Lower Greenville since our last newsletter. At least 40,000 people came for a visit on St. Patrick's Day, we had a string of car jackings along Mockingbird and we had a serious string of home break-ins in the southern part of the neighborhood between Goodwin and Ross. I counted 12 home break-ins in 14 days after having only seen seven in the last three months. In several of these incidents, the residents were at home asleep or in the shower when the burglar struck.

About the time that these trends were noticed and crime alerts were sent out, our fine officers at DPD managed to apprehend a string of bad guys. The car jacker, a major story in the local media, was caught after a high speed chase across Dallas highways ending in South Dallas. (You really should see the video of this chase, it showcases just how good our beat officers are at their jobs.) Within days of this arrest, two burglars were arrested in association with the string of home break-ins. With these two arrested, the string was broken. Although these two were not responsible for all 12 of those break-ins, the increased police presence in the area certainly made an impact: the break-ins stopped cold. Then, about ten days later, yet another suspect was arrested for burglary in the area. As I write this, there has not been a single burglary in that part of the neighborhood in 3 weeks.

Oh, and St. Patrick's Day? Thanks to a lot of hard work from DPD and Dallas City staff, the event went on and for the most part was safer and smoother than ever. We collected suggestions for next year's event and those have been forwarded to DPD. We really appreciate all the neighborhood volunteers who help with No Parking signs.

For more information on our ENP program or to be added to our crime watch email distribution list, email us at crimewatch@LGNA.net.

DARREN DATTALO—GOLIAD

	Residential Incidents	Car Break-Ins	Other Res. Thefts & Break-ins	Violent Crime**	Auto Theft
Feb 2009	25	17	2	9	0
Mar 2009	33	9	15	4	0
Typical	29	17	8	4	4

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



Expanded Neighborhood Patrol Update

SUMMERTIME SAFETY

As the weather turns warm, for good, it is important to note all the great things going on in your neighborhood. Garage sales are quite noticeable. Kids are outside playing into the evening. Dog walks seem to be a little longer. Tietze Park is even more popular. Unfortunately there is the down side of landscaping. No, not the incredible amount of back-breaking work that you and your neighbors put into it. The downside is that the theft of tools, planters, and plants reach their peak this time of year. That wonderful plant, tree, flower set, even the sod itself are prime targets for thieves. It is also time to remind everyone of how quickly thieves can strike. Going inside to get a glass of tea, water, or to check your email, make that short phone call all provide the bad guys more than enough time to take what you have worked so hard for. Those few minutes are an eternity to the thieves. Many of you hire professionals to take care of the maintenance of your yards. Please remind them not to leave their tools unsecured in the back of their truck, trailer, or van. Try a little test yourself sometime. Watch the workers with their eyes focused on the job and hearing protection in place. Note how easy it would be for you if you were a bad guy (or girl) to sneak up, steal something, place it in the back of a vehicle, and drive off. Sadly most victims of these types of theft start by telling the officer who responds "I was only gone for a couple of minutes and..." I know we sound redundant, but please try to obtain -SAFELY- any license plate information on any suspicious or suspect vehicle. Unique descriptions of the suspects are helpful, but average weight and height aren't as important as information on the vehicle they were driving. Enjoy the weather!

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 seniors)
- ☐ Join ENP (\$200/yr, \$150 for seniors)
- ☐ 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).