

# LGNA

LOWER  
GREENVILLE  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOCIATION



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MOCKINGBIRD TO ROSS / GREENVILLE TO SKILLMAN

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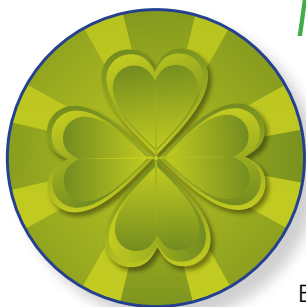
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## MARCH MEETING

### A CHANCE TO HELP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Prior to St. Patrick's events on March 16, the Lower Greenville Neighborhood Association will once again post 750+ temporary no-parking signs in the LGNA area, Greenville to Skillman and Ross to Mockingbird, as well as on several streets west of Greenville. Neighborhood volunteers are needed to assist in sign construction on Saturday, March 9, at Tietze Park pavilion between 9:00 and 11:00am. Dallas Police Explorer posts will help us with the sign-construction. If you have hammers, please bring them.

The sign-posting event takes place on the Thursday evening before St. Pat's, March 14 – beginning at 3:00pm and continuing until we're done – at 5843 Vanderbilt. It will also be the official March LGNA membership meeting. Plan to arrive any time after 3:00 that you're available. We particularly need drivers to transport the teams of Explorers and adult volunteers that will be going out to post signs. Bring hammers and/or mallets if you have them.

A light meal will be available on both Saturday and Thursday.  
For more details, email [Director1@LGNA.net](mailto:Director1@LGNA.net), call 214-821-2562, or go to [www.LGNA.net](http://www.LGNA.net).



Once again the Saturday before St. Patrick's Day will see the St. Pat's parade north of Mockingbird and the block party between Llano and Vanderbilt. This year it's March 16, and thousands of people are expected to descend upon our neighborhood. And once again LGNA volunteers have been working with City staff, the Dallas Police Department, and local businesses to lessen the negative impact on our residential area.

The Dallas Police Department will again set up their command post at Robert E. Lee Elementary on Matilda and Vanderbilt. Several hundred police officers on foot, horseback, bicycles, and marked DPD cars will be patrolling the surrounding neighborhoods.

A copy of the City's St. Pat's no-parking map is included with your newsletter. On the reverse of the map is detailed information about enforcement and steps taken for your protection. The map and information are also available at [www.LGNA.net](http://www.LGNA.net).

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## NEXT MEETING

**WHEN** Thurs, Mar 14,  
4:00-7:00pm  
**WHERE** 5843 Vanderbilt  
**TOPIC** St. Patrick's Sign  
Posting

## BULK TRASH DATE

**PICK UP:** Mar 11-15  
**EARLIEST SET-OUT:** Mar 7

**PICK UP:** Apr 8-12  
**EARLIEST SET-OUT:** Apr 4

**PICK UP:** May 13-17  
**EARLIEST SET-OUT:** May 9

**Remember:** The city has a zero tolerance for placing trash out prior to the earliest set-out date. Don't get stuck with a fine for missing the date.



**LOG ON TO  
WWW.LGNA.NET**  
for information  
and updates.

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Temporary no-parking signs will be posted by neighborhood volunteers on Thursday evening, but enforcement will not begin until Saturday morning.

The only street excepted from no-parking signs is the 5700-6000 blocks of McCommas because McCommas is a major thoroughfare and wide enough to accommodate two-way traffic. All other blocks within the LGNA area—Ross to Mockingbird, Greenville to Skillman—will have either temporary no-parking signs, permanent no-parking, or day-long resident parking only.

Temporary no-parking or RPO signs are generally on the north side of the street for east-west streets and on the west for north-south streets. However, there are a few exceptions because of permanent no-parking or RPO signs or because of bus traffic. Check your map for your street.



Many residents take advantage of the atmosphere to host their own house parties. DPD urges residents to be considerate of their neighbors and surrounding citizens. Police, Fire, and Code Enforcement will be enforcing City ordinances.

Each year has seen incremental improvements to fine-tune control of the huge crowds, heavy traffic, litter, illegal parking, and other issues associated with the several events along Greenville Avenue. These improvements are possible because of the hard work of over 100 volunteers every year. This year will be no different.

## ST. PATRICK'S AND RPO

Many blocks in our neighborhood have Resident Parking Only (RPO). On specific days and during specific hours, RPO restricts on-street parking to residents whose cars display a RPO tag or their guests whose cars display a temporary RPO tag.

**Residents on RPO blocks should be aware that on March 16, RPO will be enforced all day.**

Even residents' vehicles must display an RPO tag all day. For more information on purchasing resident tags or guest temporary tags:

Call 214-670-4020 or go to [www.LGNA.net](http://www.LGNA.net)



## LGNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Longtime LGNA Board member Stacey Davis has unfortunately resigned. Stacey explained that he appreciated the opportunity to serve on the board of LGNA and considers it a growing experience. However, business and family require more of his time. Stacey has been an invaluable source of knowledge and wisdom, and his contributions are much appreciated. Thanks, Stacey!

Adding their considerable energy and talents to the Lower Greenville Neighborhood Association are new board members Pam Mueller and Michelle Foreman. Welcome, Pam and Michelle!



After the retirement of longtime principal Alicia Zapata in January, **Ali Saiyed** is the new Principal of Robert E. Lee Elementary School. Mr. Saiyed was introduced to faculty Friday afternoon, January 25, 2013 and assumed his duties as principal the next week. Says Mr. Saiyed, "As the new Principal of Robert E. Lee Elementary School, I am honored and esteemed to become a part of this great learning community; the best kept secret in Dallas ISD! Our school has proven to be a place of academic Middle School.

Says Mr. Saiyed, "It is my responsibility as the principal of this campus to establish with certainty the unparalleled education of your child, in a safe and nurturing environment. I know the staff of our school shares this same commitment to children and to the pursuit of excellence."

The president of the Lee PTA, Carolina Gonzales, joined in recognizing the hard work by Ms Zapata and welcoming Mr. Saiyed. She said, "With her strong work ethics and diligence, along with some fabulous teachers, Ms. Zapata brought Lee to Exemplary status! She will be missed, especially by the children, and we wish her well in her retirement. As we welcome Mr. Ali Saiyed, we look forward to his vision for Lee and our efforts for continued growth and development for this wonderful school! "

## STONEWALL EVENTS

From the Fall Carnival to the Coop Tour and everything in between, **Stonewall Jackson Elementary** at Mockingbird and Matilda has a lot going on during the year. Here are some of the events coming up at Stonewall this spring:

**Kinder Roundup** – Calling all future Stonewall Stars! Join us on the evening of **February 28th** to learn about what Stonewall has to offer. Future kindergarten students will have a chance to tour the school and visit with the kindergarten teachers.

**Poker Night** – Stonewall's very active Dads' Club will host its annual poker tournament on **March 1st**.

**Food Truck Field Day** – The 2nd annual Food Truck Field Day is **April 6th**, from 11:00-3:00. Eleven food trucks will descend on Stonewall's backfield for a day of food, music and family fun.



◀ Stonewall students Kacey Ferguson (age 8) and Zach Brewer (age 8) show off two stars of the Coop Tour.

**A Peep at the Coops** – Make sure to include the famous East Dallas Chicken Coop tour as part of your Cinco de Mayo plans this year on **May 5th**, from 11:00-5:00. Ten new coops in the area will be open for viewing. Purchase maps at Stonewall Gardens, headquarters for the tour.

**PTA Auction** – Join us for an evening of music and dancing at our Stonewall Blooms Live and Silent Auction at Texas Discovery Gardens on **April 26th**.

**Visit the school websites at [www.StonewallJacksonPTA.org](http://www.StonewallJacksonPTA.org) and [www.StonewallGardens.org](http://www.StonewallGardens.org)** for more information about these events. Then, stop by and support your local public elementary school.

**Melissa Brewer, Stonewall Jackson PTA President**

## MEET THE CANDIDATES

**May 11** will see the election of a new City Council representative for our District 14. Councilmember Angela Hunt is term limited and unable to run for another term. LGNA will repeat the well-received 2011 Candidate Town Hall. In early April LGNA in tandem with other neighborhood associations will host a town-hall format Q&A session with councilmember candidates. All candidates have been alerted, and they're anxious to participate. Watch our website [www.LGNA.net](http://www.LGNA.net), your favorite candidate's website, and the local media for more information on date and location.

## LGNA'S JANUARY MEETING— CRIME UPDATE

At the Lower Greenville Neighborhood Association's January's meeting, Crime Watch chair Darren Dattalo presented an update on crime stats for our area. Bottom line, the news is getting better. You can read a summary of Darren's information in his regular column on the back page of this newsletter.

Our ENP officer, Keith Allen, was joined by Officers Dang Le and Marty Hotchkiss in providing tips and good-practice information. Councilmember Angela Hunt gave us a recent history of positive momentum in our neighborhood, citing improvements on Lowest Greenville. Thanks to our DPD officers and Councilmember Hunt for serving the citizens of Dallas.

Our good friends at My Fit Foods at 5706 E. Mockingbird provided generous samples of their delicious and healthy chili. **Please visit My Fit Foods and thank them for supporting our neighborhood.**

## SANITATION REMINDER

The City of Dallas has a policy of when you can roll your trash and recycling carts out to the street and when you should bring them back to your yard. "Where garbage and recycling materials are collected from the street curb line adjacent to the property, rollcarts must be placed there no earlier than 6:00 pm of the afternoon preceding the collection day and must be removed to a point at the side or rear of the structure no later than 8:00am of the day following collection" In other words, be timely so that Code Compliance doesn't find you in violation. **You may have to pay a fine.**

## MARATHON ALERT

The Rock 'n' Roll Marathon and Half Marathon are scheduled for **Sunday, March 24**. Beginning at 8:00am, the races will run from downtown to Fair Park. As of our press date, the route map has not been published, but in previous years the routes have been along Skillman or Matilda, blocking traffic attempting to leave or enter our neighborhood. **Watch our website [WWW.LGNA.net](http://WWW.LGNA.net) for updates.**

## TIETZE SHRED

The annual document shredding event and fundraiser for Friends of Tietze Park is coming up **Saturday, March 23rd from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm** in the parking lot of Skillman Church of Christ. Prices are \$7 for up to one standard banker's box and \$5 per additional banker's box. Seniors are \$5 for each box. For more information, see [www.TietzePark.org](http://www.TietzePark.org)

## DEVELOPMENT ON LOWER GREENVILLE

**Green Grocer**, the long-awaited specialty market hosted its grand opening party on January 26. The 3,500 square foot store located at 3614 Greenville features local and imported beers and wines, organic and locally grown produce, and a deli featuring on-site prepared foods. Welcome to owners Cassie Green and Gary Stephens.



**Trader Joe's** is coming. It's really coming. Construction has begun at the old Arcadia site, 2001 Greenville. Regional Vice President Greg Pauquet told LGNA that the estimated completion date of construction is mid-June. Trader Joe's generally requires a 16-week build-out, but they hope to shorten the window. "As far as we're concerned," he said, "the sooner it opens, the better." We couldn't agree more!





# CRIME WATCH UPDATE

## BACK TO BASICS

DARREN DATTALO, CRIME WATCH COORDINATOR

At the most recent LGNA meeting, I gave a yearly update on how the neighborhood fared on crime over the last year.

The great news is that Home Burglaries were down by half. This has been our "One Big Thing" for several years, so you all deserve a pat on the back for that. We were also down a good bit on the overall number of incidents. There were big improvements in quality of life issues like vandalism and prank calls as well as improvements in the areas such as assaults.

Although the number of auto thefts was about the same, we saw more auto thefts occur in the neighborhood as opposed to the parking lots on Greenville. Up next, we will be focusing more on car break-ins. Over the next year, we'll be stepping up our efforts to get the word out to TAKE-LOCK-HIDE your valuables.

On another note, the annual St. Patrick's Day celebration is just

around the corner. Tens of thousands of partiers will be descending on the neighborhood after the parade. Most of us enjoy the event, but as always, exercise caution on Saturday March 16th. While no one wants to throw a wet blanket on the party, it will be no-tolerance for DWIs and parking violations. If you're throwing a party, make sure you are not violating TABC laws.

Included with this newsletter is an information form regarding the parking arrangements for the day and where to call for any event-related problems such as noise, litter, or parking.

	2012	2011	Change from 2011
<b>Total Incidents</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>Down 21%</b>
Burglaries	44	89	Down 50%
Car Break-ins	147	148	No Change
Violent	21	20	No Change
Auto Thefts	27	27	No Change



## REWARDING SOLICITORS

KEITH ALLEN—DALLAS POLICE

There have been several discussions about the role solicitors may or may not have related to criminal activity. Setting aside the provisions in the Dallas City Code (Chapters 7a, 42) that regulate solicitation activity for a moment, the fundamental issue is that solicitors are being rewarded for their efforts.

It is important for the neighborhood to understand that if the folks soliciting weren't making money, they would not spend their time visiting the neighborhood. Some folks find benefit in purchasing fresh fruit, some are happy to buy candy to support band trips, some think supporting the individual selling magazines because that individual is trying to "better themselves" is noble.

The worthiness of any sales effort is not for me to judge. The solicitors, and in many cases their companies, know which neighborhood is

most likely to be receptive to their efforts. Certainly location plays a role in door-to-door activities, but the return on the solicitor's investment (time spent) is the key factor.

I don't know of any data that establishes a link between solicitors and crime. I do recommend that our focus remain on suspicious behavior.

If you see some activity that looks suspicious, please call 911 and report it with as much detail (license plate, name on vehicle, name on shirt, description of person and clothing, etc.) as you can safely obtain.

Looking out for your neighbors is a very effective crime deterrent. Thank you.

## SHOW YOUR SUPPORT AND JOIN NOW!

name: \_\_\_\_\_

address: \_\_\_\_\_

phone: \_\_\_\_\_

cell: \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_



Please choose all that apply:

- ☐ Join LGNA (\$10/yr, \$5 for 65+)
- ☐ Join Expanded Neighborhood Patrol (\$200/yr, \$150 for 65+)
- ☐ 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).**

**Pay Pal Now Available:** LGNA has made it a little easier for you to become a member. We've added PayPal to the LGNA website. On the site, you'll see two buttons, one for regular membership and one for seniors (65+). If you have a PayPal account, you can use that directly. If not, you can skip that step and proceed directly to a credit card processing page. LGNA does not receive your credit card information, only the contact information. There is no surcharge added to the regular \$10 per household membership (\$5 for seniors).

