

LGNA

LOWER
GREENVILLE
NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION



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MOCKINGBIRD TO ROSS / GREENVILLE TO SKILLMAN

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MAY MEETING LIVING CLEAN AND GREEN

The Lower Greenville Neighborhood Association's May 29 meeting will be at the newly opened Green Grocer, 3614 Greenville Avenue. The meeting will be outside with limited seating, so if you're able, please bring a lawn chair.

Featured will be Dallas Sanitation Department's Danielle McClelland with green-living information on recycling, composting, and other good habits. The department's director, Kelly High, will field questions about blue- and gray-bin sanitation pickup.

Green Grocer will provide light refreshments and coupons for neighbors who attend the meeting. The store's philosophy is to provide not only healthy foods, but foods that have the least negative impacts on our environment.



Come to Green Grocer at seven o'clock on May 29 to get some tips & inspiration for living clean and green.



LGNA ANNUAL MEETING

As well as being clean and green, the May 29 meeting will be LGNA's annual meeting which includes election of three posts on the LGNA board of directors. All three candidates are nominated for reelection to the board.

Debbie Daniel was elected to the LGNA board in 2010. She is the hard-working treasurer and membership chair. Debbie initiated the Welcome Wagon packet which is delivered to 125+ new homeowners per year.

David Jones is LGNA vice president and has been on the board since 2010. He is newsletter distribution chair, coordinating and recruiting the volunteers who deliver 2,700 newsletters per issue.

Gay Hopkins has been an LGNA board member since 1998. A former president, she is now vice president. Gay also acts as corresponding secretary and is knowledgeable of the history of the LGNA area.

Ballots have been mailed to LGNA voting members. At least one-third of the membership must vote, so each ballot is important. Promptly marking and returning your ballot to PO Box 720067, Dallas 75372 will be appreciated.

NEXT MEETING

WHEN Wed., May 29,
7:00pm

WHERE Green Grocer
3614 Greenville Ave

TOPIC Sanitation and
Green Living

BULK TRASH DATE

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

PICK UP: June 10-14
EARLIEST SET-OUT: June 6

PICK UP: July 8-12
EARLIEST SET-OUT: July 4

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.

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and updates.



LOOKING BACK AT ST. PATRICK'S

Beginning in December 2012, LGNA volunteers worked closely with the Dallas Police Department, Dallas Office of Special Events, other City departments, fellow neighborhood associations, and local businesses to ease the impact of tens of thousands of visitors to our area on March 16, the day of St. Patrick's festivities.

A major effort was the construction and posting of 750+ temporary no-parking signs to allow passage of emergency vehicles and increased traffic on our residential streets. Neighborhood volunteers met with DPD Explorer Posts at Tietze Park on the morning of Saturday, March 9, to construct and store the signs.

On March 14, the Thursday before St. Patrick's, Explorers and countless volunteers again converged to post the signs. Teams with mallets and hammers loaded vehicles with signs and went to every street in the LGNA area, Ross to Mockingbird and Greenville to Skillman, as well as streets west of Greenville south of Belmont.



Erica Martin and Elisa Attaway load signs as their stroller brigade prepares to post no-parking signs.



Neighborhood volunteers, Explorers, and DPD sponsors proudly display their sign-construction abilities.

Volunteers included family groups, stroller moms, senior couples, and individuals who carried Explorers in their vehicles. The neighborhood participation of folks willing to help was gratifying. Thank you!

After St. Patrick's, LGNA asked for positive and negative feedback from residents. The responses were tabulated, and a report was presented to DPD and the Office of Special Events.

The majority of complaints came from residents on streets Morningside to Belmont. They focused on intoxicated pedestrians and improper behavior of revelers.

Positive responses outnumbered negatives three-to-one and were about equal from residents Mockingbird-McCommas, Morningside-Belmont, and Richmond-Ross. Kudos and specific compliments included efficient trash pickup, prompt police response, and appreciation of the no-parking signs.

Our thanks to Blue Goose Cantina and Dubliner Pub for providing generous donations of Saturday breakfast and Thursday dinner for the Explorer Scouts and volunteers.

DISTRICT 14 CANDIDATE FORUM

An overflow crowd of 200+ area residents attended the District 14 Candidate Forum on April 11 at Vickery Towers, Belmont at Greenville. The forum was sponsored by LGNA and ten other neighborhood groups. The groups represent in excess of 7,000 households.

Councilmember Angela Hunt is term-limited and stepping down after her eight-year stint as District 14 councilmember. At the forum, the seven candidates for her seat on City Council provided a lively discussion on topics including drilling/fracking, City Hall ethics, zoning and historical conservation, crime, and the 2012 bond program.

For more details and video of the Neighborhood Candidate Forum, go to www.LGNA.net



TOYS FOR COPS

Save your gently used stuffed toys. DPD patrol cars carry stuffed toys for distribution to children who are distressed by traumatic events such as domestic violence or traffic accidents. LGNA residents were generous last Christmas and donated 200 stuffed toys.

When LGNA collected and delivered the toys to DPD Central Patrol in December, Major Gary Tittle told us that the 200 toys would last perhaps six months. To supplement the supply, LGNA will be collecting stuffed toys at the May and July membership meetings.

For more information, contact Director1@LGNA.net

STONEWALL JACKSON SHINES ON

Stonewall Jackson, the elementary school at the corner of Mockingbird and Matilda, continues to be a shining star in our community.

Many of you are familiar with Stonewall Gardens, the non-profit that supports Stonewall Jackson's award-winning outdoor science lab. You have probably driven by the Garden and have seen Mark Painter and his students harvesting vegetables. Many of you contribute year after year to the Stonewall Gardens Neighborhood Campaign. Thank you! We are able to continue this program because of your help.

In spite of DISD budget cuts, Stonewall remains an exceptional school with an outstanding staff. Our dedicated parents spend many volunteer hours raising funds that go directly back to our students through computer instruction, the outdoor science lab, school supplies, the ballroom dancing program, field trips, and much more.

From the Fall Carnival to the Coop Tour and everything in between, Stonewall has a lot going on during the year. Visit the school websites at www.StonewallJacksonPTA.org and www.StonewallGardens.org for more information about Stonewall. Then, stop by and support your local public elementary school.

Thank you to all our neighbors who have been generous to Stonewall in the past by attending our Fall Carnival, contributing to the Garden Neighborhood Campaign, or volunteering your time.

Melissa Brewer, Stonewall Jackson PTA President



BIKE FRIENDLY TOUR

On Sunday, April 7th, the neighbors of Bike Friendly Greenville Ave met at Randall Park for a Bicycle Tour of District 14 with the candidates running for Dallas City Council District 14. Riding with the group was David Blewett, Kevin Curley, Philip Kingston, Chuck Kobdich, Judy Liimatainen, and Jim Rodgers. Bobby Abtahi was unable to ride but did arrive at the starting line to meet the neighbors. City council woman Angela Hunt also joined the riders.

The group left from Randall Park and rode through many examples of bicycling infrastructure, including the Santa Fe Trail, sharrows on Main Street, bike lanes through downtown, McKinney Ave., and through several neighborhood streets of East Dallas. Along the way, the riders stopped at various locations to discuss the safety of the riders during the various stages of the trip.

Bike Friendly Greenville Ave would like to thank the candidates that took an afternoon off from their campaigns to learn more about bicycling and discuss how the city can help make biking safer for everyone.

Stay safe, and happy riding! Dallas May, Penrose Avenue

TRADER JOE'S UPDATE

Karen Campbell, Captain (Store Manager) of the future Trader Joe's on Lowest Greenville, tells us that they are shooting for an August opening. The company expects to take possession of the new building in late April with a 16-week build-out.



DIG THIS!

notes from a
neighborhood gardener

TX State Flower WOWs in Springtime

If you have the time, take a drive along a Texas highway in spring and enjoy the greatest roadside attraction—Texas Wildflowers.

Topping the list of Wildflower attractions is the Bluebonnet (*Lupinus texensis*), named for its color and, it is said, the resemblance of its petals to a woman's sunbonnet. The Bluebonnet was officially adopted as the Texas state flower in 1901.

I was under the assumption that Lady Bird Johnson was responsible for all the roadside color every spring but, come to find out, this splendor started long before Lady Bird was spreading the seeds of wildflowers along Texas highways.

Shortly after the Texas Highway Department was organized in 1917, officials noted that wildflowers were among the first vegetation to reappear at roadside cuts and fills. In 1932, Jac Gubbels was hired as the first landscape architect to maintain, preserve and encourage wildflowers and other native plants along rights of way.

Today over 5,000 species of wildflowers and native grasses flourish along Texas highways. TxDOT buys and sows about 30,000 pounds of wildflower seed each year. They are also responsible for the nurturing and planned mowing policies of 800,000 acres of state roadsides to bring us this display each year.

The wildflower and native grasses are not only for show but to help conserve water, control erosion and provide a habitat for wildlife. If you do decide to take a drive in the country to witness this picturesque display, TxDOT discourages picture-taking that damages the wildflowers.

If too many wildflowers are trampled, they will die and not go to seed. Since many of these flowers are annuals, this means they have to go to seed to come back the next year. Naturally, picking the flowers is discouraged for the same reason.

For more information, call 800-452-9292.

Springtime in Texas, you've got to love it. It truly is an awakening.

sara wick



Send your gardening questions to Sara by email at: digthislgn@yahoo.com



CRIME WATCH UPDATE

Reporting Suspicious Behavior

DARREN DATTALO,
CRIME WATCH COORDINATOR

A few weeks ago, I emailed the neighborhood about a suspicious person lurking around in the 58xx/59xx block of Monticello and going into back yards.

Several people responded to say they'd had similar incidents or seen someone in their yards as well. In a couple of cases, people had found their security lights unscrewed, lawn furniture moved, or gates opened.

A vigilant neighbor with a video system caught the guy on camera lurking about the alley at 2:30 in the morning wearing gloves and seemingly looking for unlocked gates. Although at the time we haven't had any burglaries, it's pretty clear what he is up to. His photo has been circulated to the police and we hope to identify him, but please let the police know if you see him. To read more and view the picture of the suspect, go to www.LGNA.net.

Along these lines, I want to remind you that if you see someone exhibiting suspicious behavior, call 911 right away. I have written about this before, but it bears repeating.

Call 911 immediately. Don't email LGNA the next day, and don't try to call our ENP officer. Our best chance is for DPD to respond immediately. As much as I appreciate getting email tips, please call 911 FIRST.

On another note, we survived another St. Patrick's Day with little harm thanks to the good planning of Dallas PD. For the day, there were only 55 calls into 911. There were 36 public intoxication citations but only one DWI. On the parking side of things, there were 19 vehicles towed and 243 parking citations written. Once again there were no major incidents to contend with.

	Car Break-ins	Thefts & Break-ins	Other Res. Violent Crime*	Auto Theft
Jan 2013	16	10	2	1
Feb 2013	7	7	0	0
Mar 2013	11	8	0	2
Typical	12	6	2	2

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



IMPROVED LIGHTING

KEITH ALLEN—DALLAS POLICE



With reports of prowlers in back yards and alleys, this is a good time to assess the view of your property. As most of you are aware, lighting reduces crime. The best part about a lighting project is how easy it is to remove it from the "to do list." Replacing bulbs with higher efficiency, environmental friendly ones is something even I can do.

This is a good time to trim away

branches and brush from around light fixtures. Once the "basic" maintenance is completed, walk around your property after dark and determine if brush and tree limbs are obscuring light fixtures. Also determine if there is a need for additional fixtures.

Your walk around your property should be critical (after you congratulate yourself for a job well done). It should assess if a

neighbor or police officer would be able to see a prowler from the street, sidewalk, or alley.

Alleys provide the perfect location for many thieves to hide. I encourage you to spend some time in yours and determine how much landscaping needs to be done in order to make it less "prowler friendly."

Thirty years of studies have shown that, in residential neighborhoods, increased lighting steps such as these have reduced crime by an average of 20%. Criminals will choose the target that provides them the greatest anonymity. Lighting and improved visibility make your property less of a target.

Please let me know if you have any questions. 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).

