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ST. PATRICK'S VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

On Saturday, March 8, LGNA volunteers will be working with Scouts and Explorers to construct 750+ temporary no-parking signs. We'll meet at the Tietze Park pavilion at 9:00am until approximately noon. Breakfast will be provided by LGNA, Blue Goose Cantina, and US. Foods. Bring a hammer if you have one. After construction, the signs will be transported to storage, so trucks will be appreciated.

On Thursday, March 13, volunteers can arrive any time after 3:00pm until dark to be assigned to sign-posting crews. Crews consist of a driver to carry the signs and 2-3 "installers" to walk along and post the signs. Instructions and some mallets are provided; however, please bring a hammer or mallet if you have one. Depending on the number of volunteers, we'll continue until all signs are posted. Dinner will be provided by LGNA, Blue Goose Cantina, The Dubliner, and US. Foods.

For additional information on either event, email Director1@LGNA.net or call 214-821-2562.

ST. PATRICK'S EVENTS - MARCH 15

Once again the Saturday before St. Patrick's Day will see the St. Pat's parade, a 5K run, and a concert featuring Ludacris north of Mockingbird, parties at businesses at Greenville and McCommas, and the block party between Llano and Vanderbilt. This year it's March 15, and thousands of people are expected to descend upon our neighborhood. Since December, 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 City's St. Pat's no-parking map and information sheet are included in this newsletter. **Additional information from the City of Dallas about the block party and private parties is available at www.LGNA.net.**

Temporary no-parking signs will be posted by neighborhood volunteers on Thursday evening, but enforcement will not begin until Saturday morning. Most 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. Check the map for your street.

Residents on RPO blocks should be aware that on March 15, RPO will be enforced all day. Even residents' vehicles must display an RPO tag all day. To purchase additional RPO tags or guest temporary tags, call 214-670-4024. For more information on RPO, go to www.LGNA.net/events/resident-parking-only.

The 5700 blocks of streets adjacent to the block party will be barricaded. If you are having a house party, let guests know to arrive early. Explain that they can speak with officers at manned posts to enter, but parking may not be available and they may not be allowed past the barricades.

UPCOMING EVENT

WHEN Thursday March 13
4:00pm until
we're done

WHERE 5843 Vanderbilt

WHAT St. Pat's sign-posting

BULK TRASH DATE

PICK UP: Mar. 10-14
EARLIEST SET-OUT: Mar. 6

PICK UP: Apr. 14-18
EARLIEST SET-OUT: Apr. 10

PICK UP: May 12-16
EARLIEST SET-OUT: May 8

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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ST. PATRICK'S EVENTS (CONTINUED)

Call 911 for police, parking, code, etc. problems. From 9:00am-2:00am, police dispatchers will be instructed to forward all calls related to St. Patrick's Day in Lower Greenville to the police command post at Lee Elementary, located on Matilda between Goodwin and Vanderbilt.

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.

TIETZE SHRED

The Friends of Tietze Park will be hosting their seventh annual Document Destruction Event and Fundraiser on Saturday, March 29, from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

Bring your shredding materials to the Skillman Church of Christ parking lot at 3014 Skillman Street (at Monticello). Cost is \$7.00 for up to one standard banker's box (approximately 30 lbs.) and \$5.00 for each additional banker's box. Cost for seniors 65 or older is \$5.00 per box.

Ten percent of proceeds will benefit Skillman Church of Christ's local ministries.

For more information, email TietzeShred@sbcglobal.net or call 214-212-4256.

TOYS FOR COPS

LGNA Board members Michelle Foreman, Gay Hopkins, and David Jones delivered approximately 65 stuffed toys to Dallas Police Department's Central Patrol in January. The toys were generously donated by residents during the Toys for Cops campaign in December.

DPD patrol officers carry toys to give to children in distressing situations. LGNA will again collect toys in July. A win-win situation that clears your house of clutter while comforting children.

Take a second look at the photo and try to find Owen Jones, David Jones' 9-month-old son who helped deliver the toys.



Major John Lawton (left) and Chief Gary Tittle (right) accept toys from LGNA board members.

STONEWALL ANNIVERSARY UPDATE



Spring at Stonewall Jackson Elementary is busy, and it's a special year for the neighborhood school. This is the 75th Anniversary for Stonewall Jackson. The Lower Greenville community has supported this school and kept education as a valuable asset for 75 years! The school is taking this opportunity to reinvigorate the community involvement and teach the children about the importance of supporting the neighborhood where they live.

Lower Greenville friends and neighbors are invited to celebrate the history and future of Stonewall at the annual Spring Auction on May 9th at the Palomar from 7:00-11:00. This event is an adult evening with entertainment as well as a silent and live auction. This fundraiser is the largest of many fundraisers the parents organize for supplemental income to the school, and community support makes a great impact on its success. Lower Greenville businesses have always been very generous in donations and support. Tickets are available for purchase at Stonewall or may be purchased at the door that evening.

Another exciting contribution Stonewall is making to the community is Food Truck Field Day. A sampling of the best food trucks in Dallas as well as a book sale are available to the public on Saturday, March 29th 11:00-3:00. A \$5.00 entry fee will help benefit the beautiful Stonewall Gardens that grace the corner of Mockingbird and Matilda. Join the school in their efforts to educate children on the importance of sustainable living in our urban world.

Congratulations to Lower Greenville for a job well-done. The neighborhood continues to thrive and support public schools in the urban area. Happy 75th Anniversary to Stonewall Jackson!

Kristin Straughan, Stonewall PTA

LGNA MISSION STATEMENT

The Lower Greenville Neighborhood Association (LGNA) is composed of residents dedicated to supporting and promoting a positive quality of life in our neighborhood by,

- Providing a forum where neighbors can communicate on items of mutual interest,
- Identifying, encouraging, and promoting interests and concerns of the neighborhood including but not limited to safety and neighborhood improvements,
- Representing neighborhood interests by acting as liaison to other neighborhood associations, civic entities, and other groups,
- Promoting desirable development within and adjacent to the neighborhood association boundaries,

all in order to protect the residential integrity of the neighborhood.



MARATHON ALERT

Mark your calendar for the return of the Rock 'n' Roll Half Marathon on **Sunday, March 23**. The race will follow the same route as last year and impact our neighborhood from approximately 7:00am to 1:00pm.

LGNA-area streets impacted:

Runners will cross Central Expressway and run along Longview and Martel until reaching Greenville. They will take both lanes of Greenville north to Mockingbird where they will take the eastbound lane to Skillman. One lane of westbound Mockingbird will be used for eastbound traffic between Greenville and Skillman. The course turns south at Skillman and continues to Swiss Avenue. One northbound lane of Skillman will be open to traffic between Mockingbird and Live Oak.

For a complete map, go to <http://runrocknroll.competitor.com/dallas> and click on Course Map at the left.

KINGSTON'S NEWS FOR LOWER GREENVILLE



A small but enthusiastic crowd of Lower Greenville Neighborhood Association neighbors interacted with Councilmember Philip Kingston at Nora Restaurant in January. The group braved the elements to voice concerns, hear Kingston outline future actions of the City, and partake of tasty snacks provided by Nora and LGNA.

How is our neighborhood impacted by actions at City Hall?

- The 2012 bond package included \$3.6M-\$4.4M for construction of the remainder of Lowest Greenville's streetscape improvements. The next phase between Belmont and Richmond is planned to begin before the end of 2014. Kingston will convene a meeting in March with businesses, property owners, and neighborhoods to meet with Public Works to make sure that the City is sensitive to the needs of the stakeholders during construction.
- The City plans to complete the trail system, connecting a system of trails. Currently the various biking/walking trails are not connected.
- District 14 (including the LGNA area) is the most vibrant in Dallas. It contains highly sought-after property and has the highest growth rate. Because of this, District 14 has more zoning cases than most of the other City districts.



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Allene Goldman

Allene Goldman PhD. passed away peacefully after an unexpected, brief illness on December 20, 2013.

Allene was instrumental in the formation and facilitation of the Robert E. Lee Cougar Character Club sponsored by LGNA. For over fifty years Allene dedicated herself to helping and advocating for the betterment of children and their families. She was a forerunner in the fields of child welfare, child development, and domestic violence. Pam Mueller, chair of the Cougar Character Club, said, "She touched so many lives in so many ways. We will miss Allene's guidance and presence."

[Our condolences to Allene's family.](#)

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ADVERTISING IN THE LGNA NEWSLETTER

The LGNA newsletter now features advertising from neighborhood businesses. Our full-color newsletter is delivered to 2,700 households in the LGNA area. If you're interested in showcasing your business at a nominal rate, contact Advertising@LGNA.net

JOIN LGNA Looking for our usual "Show Your Support and Join Now" form? There's just too much information in this issue to include the membership form, but it'll be back in the next issue. In the meantime, go to LGNA.net and click on **Join In**.



FROM DALLAS CITY COUNCILMEMBER PHILIP KINGSTON

INFO FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY – SATURDAY, MARCH 15

This flyer explains the initiatives the City is taking to limit the impact of the St. Patrick's Day parade and party on our Lower Greenville neighborhoods. This is a result of a joint effort of Dallas Police, neighborhood residents, special events office, code, sanitation, parking enforcement, event sponsors, myself, and others. Note that these events are privately sponsored and are not endorsed by the City of Dallas.

Philip Kingston, Dallas City Councilmember
philip.kingston@dallascityhall.com / (214) 670-5415 (weekdays)

5K & PARADE

- 5k Run:** 8:00am-11am
5200 Greenville • Caruth Haven • Southwestern • Skillman • University • Greenville
- Parade:** 11am-3:00pm, from Wellons to SMU Blvd.
Concert at 4925 Greenville from 12:00-8:00 pm.
- Police:** 170 police for traffic and crowd control, 42 for concert. (Primarily paid by sponsors.)
- Traffic:** Southbound Greenville Ave. closes at 9am; other streets close at 10am. Streets will reopen when police decide it's safe. Officers will direct traffic at Greenville and Mockingbird, and on both sides of Central service road from Mockingbird to Blackwell.
- Trash:** The parade route must be cleaned up by 4:00 pm. If not, Code will issue tickets. There will be portalets available.

SPECIAL EVENT PARTY

- Time:** 9am-7pm on Greenville Ave. between Vanderbilt and Vickery. Streets close 7am-8pm. Street sales of alcohol end at 6:30pm or earlier if DPD deems necessary.
- Police:** 8am-8pm: 59 officers at event site and 42 officers conducting neighborhood patrols. 8pm-3am: 22 officers along Greenville north of Belmont and 18 officers patrolling the neighborhood (all paid by sponsor). Add'l on-duty patrol throughout day and evening.
- Shuttles:** Shuttle from Mockingbird Station to Matilda/Greenville. No alcohol or coolers allowed on shuttles. Two DART officers will be at Station to monitor.
- Alcohol:** No alcohol may be brought into event. Police DWI squad will patrol and arrest for DWI. Large "Don't Drink and Drive" signs will be posted. Taxi stands will be on Greenville.
- Other:** Party is 21+ only—IDs will be strictly enforced. City Fire Inspectors will monitor max. crowd size in event and buildings. "Respect Our Neighborhood" signs will be posted. Portalets and trashcans will be available. Code & Parking Enforcement will patrol to cite violators. Clean Zone Task Force will be monitoring violations.

AFTER THE PARTY

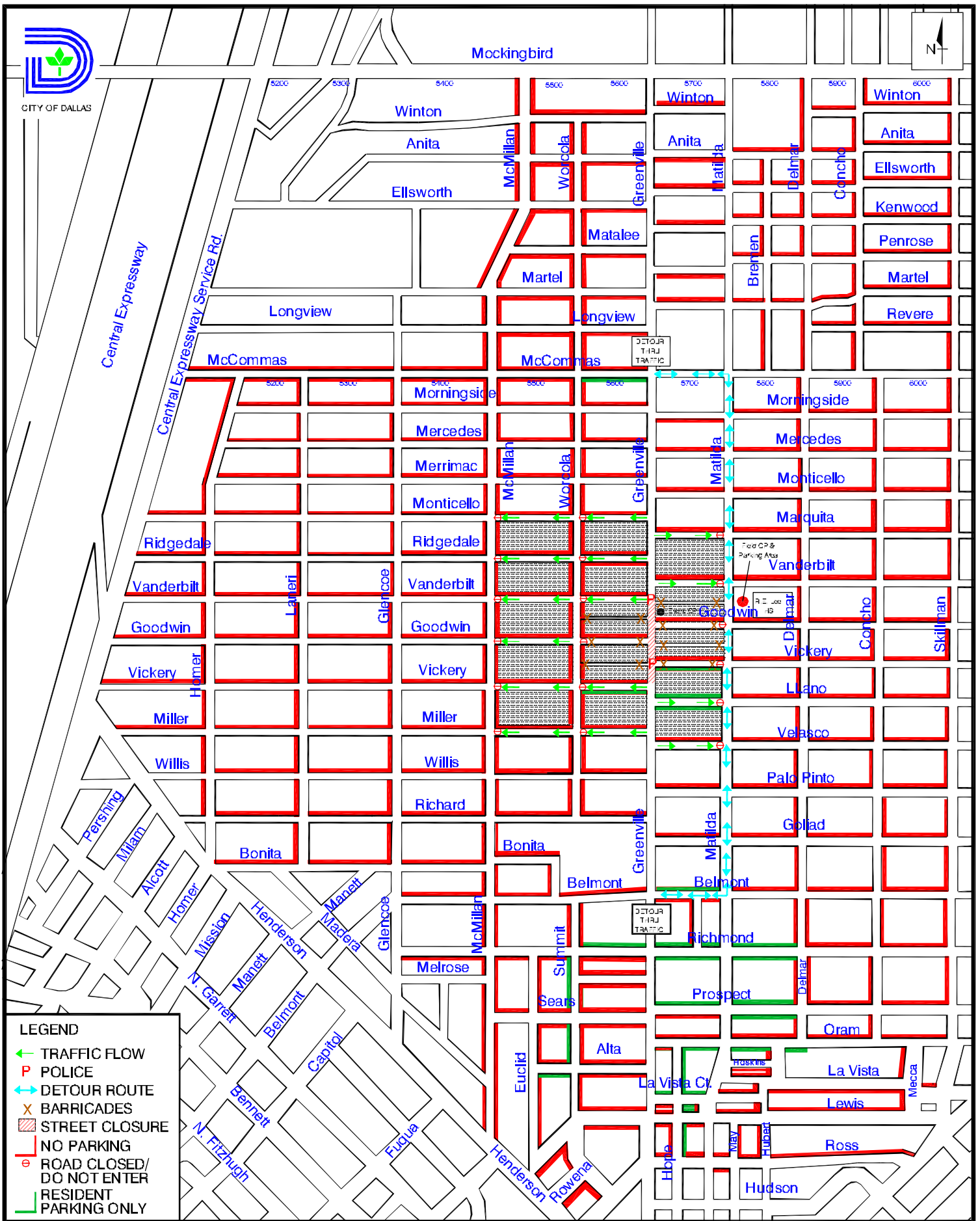
- After the St. Patrick's Day party, party-goers usually go to the bars on Lower Greenville.**
- Police:** There will be 42 on-duty officers along Greenville and Henderson from 8pm to 3am.
- Parking:** Temporary "No Parking" signs will be installed in neighborhoods. On streets with Resident Parking Only (RPO), those with the appropriate RPO placards will be allowed to park any time. Tow trucks will be queued to tow according to the following priority: blocked intersections, blocked driveways, no parking zones.
**Please note that ANY vehicle parked in a No Parking, No Standing zone or one that is creating a safety issue will be subject to towing at owner's expense.

TO REPORT PROBLEMS

Call 911 for police, parking, code, etc. problems. From 9am-2am, police dispatchers will be instructed to forward all calls related to St. Patrick's Day in Lower Greenville to the police command post at Lee Elementary, located at 2911 Delmar Ave.



CITY OF DALLAS



TRAFFIC PLAN

ST. PATRICK'S DAY EVENT



CRIME WATCH UPDATE

DARREN DATTALO,
CRIME WATCH COORDINATOR

Leprechaun Alert!

It's only a matter of days before the annual St. Patrick's Celebration lands on Lower Greenville on March 15th. This is a long-time tradition and one of the largest celebrations in the country. By working with the City of Dallas, the Dallas Police, and the businesses along Greenville, LGNA and its neighboring neighborhood associations have made great strides in managing the impact of the event on the neighborhood.

While I'm sure a great many of you will take this opportunity to take a day trip to the suburbs and avoid the madness, many more will remain home. Personally, I've found St. Pat's to be a great opportunity to walk through the neighborhood and meet people.

Although this is actually one of the lowest crime incident days of the year due to the saturation of police cruisers, there are still quality of life concerns to address. In this newsletter you will see most of the information you need to address any concerns about loud music, illegal parking and other quality of life issues related to the event. It contains details regarding the special parking arrangements for the day and where to call for any event-related problems such as noise, litter, or parking.

Just a reminder, it will be no-tolerance for DWIs and parking violations. If you are hosting a party, make sure your guests are aware of this.

One other thing, we have made this event more neighborhood friendly by listening to your comments and suggestions and relaying them to the organizers. We always want to hear from you with feedback on how we can help make this event run smoothly and how we can make Lower Greenville a better place to live.

You'll find additional information at LGNA.net

	Car Break-ins	Other Res. Thefts & Break-ins	Violent Crime*	Auto Theft
Dec 2013	6	10	1	2
Jan 2014	25	4	1	2
Typical	12	6	2	2

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



KEITH ALLEN—DALLAS POLICE

DOOR-TO-DOOR SALES-THE NEW ORDINANCE

Do not open your door to anyone you don't know. I have written that sentence often in these articles with the hope of reinforcing a key component of crime prevention 101. Unfortunately we are at the time of year when solicitations begin to peak.

On January 22, 2014, the Dallas City Council passed new requirements and provisions relating to soliciting in neighborhoods. Highlights include registration of solicitors with the City of Dallas, issuance of identification badges to those solicitors approved, and the hours are now 9:00am-sundown.

There are exceptions to the ordinance's requirements that cover educational, religious, charitable, and political solicitations. While the ordinance is stronger than in the past, many council members recognize the loopholes that still exist with this ordinance. Our Extended Neighborhood Patrol (ENP) experience is that most solicitors will be able to comply with/are excluded by the ordinance which is why I recommend that you not engage any solicitor.

One of your neighbors wrote me that they don't open the door

to anyone over 4'10" and in the next paragraph complained about the aggressive techniques of those "kids selling candy." If you believe that the cause of any solicitor is worthy, please make other arrangements to contribute/purchase. Do not allow sales techniques such as "It's hot out here—could you give me a glass of water" or "I need to use the phone to call my transportation to pick me up" cause you to open your door.

Never allow anyone to lure you outside of your house. We have had too many scams in the past year that involved the homeowner being shown "the problem" in the back/side yard while an accomplice entered the house and stole property. If anyone refuses to leave your property after being requested to do so, call 911.

If you would like more information or need to discuss a specific incident, please contact me. Take care.



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