



Greenland Hills Neighborhood Association GAZETTE

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HOLIDAY WISH LIST: MORE CRIME WATCH MEMBERS!

By Stacy Meadows

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QUICK CALENDAR



First Quarter 2006
Neighborhood Meeting

BULK TRASH



Don't get fined!
Bulk trash may only be
placed on the curb on
these days:

Thurs., Dec. 8 at 7AM—
Monday, Dec. 12 at 7AM

Thurs., Jan. 5 at 7AM—
Monday, Jan. 9 at 7AM

Hello again neighbors!

First, I want to thank all of you who took the time after the last newsletter to join Crime Watch. I really do appreciate your willingness to contribute to your neighborhood to continue to make it a safer place to live.

Unfortunately, not enough residents have joined Crime Watch and in fact our membership levels have decreased year over year. That puts us in the awkward position of reducing patrol hours by 25% for the next few months until the yearly memberships renew. Of course, unless we see an increase in membership we will need to keep our patrol hours down to help ensure that we have consis-

tent coverage throughout the year.

As you can see by reading the crime statistics that crime continues to be a problem in our area. Our statistics are still lower than the other areas in our beat but the list seems to be growing and the severity is increasing.

To help keep the public educated and aware we are adding a new feature to our newsletter this month called "Ask Officer Joe." Please feel free to submit any Crime Watch related question and Joe will answer in upcoming issues.

Finally, for those of you who were not able to attend the neighborhood lawn meeting to discuss recent crimes here

is a recap of some of the safety tips from Officer Joe.

Safety Tips

- Don't park your vehicles on the street
- Be alert to your surroundings
- Be cautious when showing your house to strangers

Remember that even well dressed people can be criminals too

Okay, enough bad news. The holidays are almost upon us with lots of family gatherings and fun. I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season and specifically a safe holiday season too!

See you next year!

Crime Statistics

| Crime | Location |
|----------------------|------------------|
| August | |
| BMV | 5500 Vanderbilt |
| BMV | 5300 Vanderbilt |
| Burglary | 5400 McCommas |
| Sexual Assault Crime | 5500 Ridgedale |
| BMV | 5500 Mercedes |
| BMV | 5300 Merrimac |
| September | |
| Burglary | 5600 McCommas |
| Burglary | 5600 Ridgedale |
| Burglary | 5300 Ridgedale |
| Burglary | 5600 Monticello |
| Robbery | 5600 Morningside |
| BMV | 5600 Ridgedale |
| BMV | 5400 Merrimac |
| BMV | 5200 Monticello |
| BMV | 5300 McCommas |
| BMV (2) | 5400 Morningside |
| Other Theft | 5400 Ridgedale |

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Amy Gaddis

As Fall is finally here, we are excited about the prospects the new season will bring. Everyone who attended the recent Fall Festival visibly had a wonderful time. The petting zoo, horse rides, cake walk, bounce house, and games were just a few of the activities the children enjoyed. We are very fortunate to have the hard dedicated organizers of the event in our neighborhood and we thank them over and over for dedicating their personal time to the event. Organizers included Cindy Whitaker, Molly Smith, Eleanor Oster, Kathleen Seacat, Chera Jackson, and Michelle Stephens. In addition to these ladies, we had many more volunteers man the booths and assist with set-up

and take-down. Our wonderful neighborhood events would not be possible without help. In addition, you are seeing new trees in the neighborhood! Our tree program is running smoothly again this year thanks to Tony Farrer!

With 2006 just around the corner, please remember to renew your GHNA membership and also your CW membership. The GHNA annual dues are only \$25. That \$25 helps pay for the Tree Program, new acorn-style street lights, the Fall Festival, Home Tour, Car stickers, the printing of our wonderful newsletters and many other items. Your support helps make

our neighborhood better! The CW dues are only \$175 for the entire year. Living in the middle of Dallas, the importance of this added protection against crime is extremely important. Please consider this as we welcome the New Year. Membership forms are included in this newsletter for GH and CW.

Lastly, let us know if you have any suggestions or want to help out on a committee or at an upcoming event. Email them to president@mstreets.org

Enjoy the holiday season!

RE-CYCLING UPDATE

By Betsy Katz

In an effort to have our neighborhood comply with Dallas' recycling program, we will be informing the neighborhood of changes as they take place.

Our city is moving to a "single-stream" recycling program, which started October 1, 2005. That means that instead of having to separate glass, cans, paper, and plastics, you can put them all in one container. Our recycling program will be rolled out in two

phases.

Phase I – October 2005

You can now place all recyclables in blue or clear plastic bags. Acceptable recyclables include: glass, newspapers, magazines, junk mail, telephone directories, steel, tin, aluminum cans, chipboard, corrugated cardboard, and plastics (#'s 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7)

Phase II – October 2006

In October 2006, we'll begin a twice-

monthly collection of recyclables in roll-carts or plastic bags that display recycle tags. Trash will continue to be collected twice a week.

Just place your recycling out on Thursday, as you have been doing. The change to twice monthly will not go into effect until October 2006. More information will be sent as it is made available!

BULKY TRASH PICKUP

By Betsy Katz

Bulky trash pickup for our neighborhood is the second FULL week in the month ... or the week of the month with the second Monday. You can begin putting your bulky trash out no earlier than the Thursday prior to our pickup week, and no later than Monday morning at 7am. For the month of December, that means bulky trash should go out STARTING Thursday December 9 and before Monday the 12th at 7am.

You can go to the city's website to learn more. The following links have the calendar and the rules:

<http://www.dallascityhall.com/dallas/eng/pdf/san/BulkTrashCalendar.pdf>

http://www.dallascityhall.com/dallas/eng/html/brush_and_bulky_object_collect.html

We received a number of email responses after the November 9 notice went out to the email list regarding bulky trash pickup, some of which are cited here:

"A friend of mine found out the hard way with a fine for \$300-\$350. She tried to fight the citation because ambiguity of what day constitutes the beginning of the week, Sunday or Monday. The city uses Monday. It has not failed me using the week of the month with the 2nd Monday. I called my neighbors after seeing trash put out Monday night to caution them regarding a citation. The city will write citations. Our neighborhood is week 2."

"I'm so glad that we're not the only ones who know this week is NOT the week. We use the phrase "2nd Monday of the month" to remember which week is correct. It isn't good for our neighborhood to see all that trash for 2 weeks. Hopefully the e-mail will help."

"Just to chime in, we got fined almost \$300 for putting out bulk trash a week early several months ago. City Code Enforcement officers do not issue warnings."

WANT TO KNOW HOW TO REPORT STREETLIGHT OUTAGES?

By Betsy Katz

One way that all of us can help keep our neighborhood safe is to assure that our street lamps are in good repair and functioning properly. If you see one that isn't, note where it's located, then go to this site and report it:

<http://www.txelectricdelivery.com/community/streetlights/>

You will need the exact location of the streetlight and a brief description of the problem. If there is more than one problem with a light or lights, you are given the option to file more than one report.

If you would prefer to report a streetlight outage or repair problem by phone, call **1.888.313.4747**.

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NEIGHBORHOOD FAQs

By Max Hughes

Who do I contact if I have a Neighborhood complaint?

If you have a neighborhood complaint about trash in a yard, animals that shouldn't be in residential areas, or a neighbor's tree hanging over in your yard, you should contact the City of Dallas City Services by calling 311.

Street and Alley Repair

Street/Alley repair, including potholes, is the responsibility of Street Services Department. Maintenance and repair requests should be directed to the City Services Dispatch at 3-1-1 when dialing from inside the city limits, or (214) 670-5111 when dialing from outside the city limits. Please indicate if the repair need is hazardous so an emergency response crew can be immediately dispatched. Routine repairs will be performed as workloads permit. The Department of Street Services will inspect the location and schedule repairs as needed.

Sidewalk or Drive Approach Repairs / Replacements

The adjacent property owner is responsible for all repairs or replacement of sidewalks and drive approaches. Hazardous conditions should be reported to the City Services Dispatch at 3-1-1 when dialing from inside the city limits. Street Services will make temporary repairs with asphalt or barricade the sidewalk to make it safe and notify the property owner(s) of the need to make the necessary repairs.

Permanent repairs made with concrete may be done by the property owner or a private contractor provided a permit is issued by the City of Dallas Permit Center, 320 E. Jefferson (214) 948-4480. The City of Dallas Public Works and Transportation Department has a

cost/share program to assist homeowners with the replacement of sidewalks, curbs and drive approaches. Further information about the program is available by contacting (214) 948-4214.

Curb Repairs / Replacements

Curb repair or replacement is only done where the curb is hazardous or where curb displacement is causing a significant standing water problem. Curb repair concerns should be called in to 3-1-1 when dialing from inside the city limits. The Department of Street Services will make a determination of the need.

Why is Greenland Hills a conservation district?

On November 13, 2002, Greenland Hills became a conservation district. Like historic districts, conservation districts preserve the architectural character of a neighborhood.

All new construction and exterior remodeling undertaken in the district must now adhere to the conservation district guidelines. This means you must get a Conservation District Permit from the City Department of Development Services before starting exterior renovations to your house, in addition to any Building Permits that may also be required. The permit is available online at <http://www.mstreets.org> or you can get it from the Development Services Department or Building Inspection.

I am doing exterior renovations to my home. What types of permits do I need?

Anytime you make changes to the exterior of your home, you'll need to get a Conservation District Permit. You can download the permit form from

<http://www.mstreets.org> or get it from the Development Services Department or Building Inspection. You'll turn the form in to Building Inspection, and they will forward the application to the Development Department.

On the review form, you'll need to provide the property owner's name, address, and phone number, a description of the work to be done, and the name of the conservation district in which the property is located (we are the "M Streets Conservation District"). This allows the Development Department staff to compare the proposed work with the conservation district ordinance and ensure that the work meets all of the requirements.

In addition, if you are making structural changes to your home, you may also need to get a Building Permit. You can get a copy of this form at the Building Inspection Office or online at www.dallascityhall.com. You will return the completed form to the Building Inspection office at the same time you apply for your Conservation District Permit. When you start your project, you must prominently display both the Conservation District Permit and the Building Permit side-by-side in your window.

The bottom line is: When you are making non-structural changes to the exterior of your house, you'll need to get a Conservation District Permit. When you are making structural changes to the exterior of your house, you'll need to get both a Conservation District Permit and a Building Permit.

NEIGHBORHOOD FAQs (CONTINUED)

What do I do if I see construction or alterations without the Conservation District Permit?

You can call Tony Fisher with the City of Dallas Code Enforcement at 214-957-8669.

Where can I find a copy of the ordinance?

You can also find the ordinance at <http://www.mstreetscd.org>.

What type of work requires a Conservation District Permit?

Any work that alters the exterior appearance of your home will require a Conservation District Permit. Some examples include:

- Building a new fence (if visible from the street)
- Altering the "waterfall steps" leading from the sidewalk to the house
- Installing new windows or doors
- Installing a new roof
- Building on vacant lots
- Altering/removing/brick or stonework
- Enclosing or opening a porch
- Demolishing the home
- Installing or altering retaining walls
- Any other exterior modifications

What if a neighbor's tree branches infringe upon my property?

Property owners have air and ground rights and are legally permitted to take limited action with neighbor's trees. If your neighbor's tree branches or roots infringe upon your property, you have the right to trim the branches and roots back to the boundary line, as long as you do not kill the tree.

You can tell your neighbor you will prune the overlapping part of her tree back to the property line. Your rights begin and end at the boundary line. You can give your neighbor polite written notice of your intentions and trim the tree at your expense.

Although you have the right to trim a neighbor's tree branches that extend over your property, you do not have the right to go on your neighbor's property to trim the tree. Such an action would constitute trespassing -- entering another person's property without permission. Of course, rights of trespass go both ways -- you are protected from the illegal actions of neighbors who would cut down, remove or poison trees and vegetation on your property.

What about debris from a neighbor's tree that finds its way to your yard? Acorns, pine cones and leaves falling on your

property from your neighbor's trees are your responsibility.

Obligations and Liabilities for Tree Care...

Property owners are obligated to protect others from negligence and nuisance. If you have a diseased or dying tree, you're responsible for protecting people and property from being damaged if the tree falls or the boughs break. Even if the cause is a windstorm or other act of nature, if you knew your tree was weak or unhealthy, you are still liable.

However, you usually are not held responsible for tree damage to your neighbor's yard and property under the following conditions:

- Your tree was healthy before a storm, "act of God" or other similar catalyst caused the tree to fall.
- Your neighbor never notified you that your tree was a hazard and asked you to remove it. Or
- You had maintained your tree appropriately in good faith.

UPDATE ON PALOMAR DEVELOPMENT (CENTRAL AND MOCKINGBIRD)

By Amy Gaddis

GHNA members were graciously invited to an open forum discussing the new Palomar Project a few weeks ago. The developers of the new Palomar Project, Realty American Group, offered to hold an informal informational meeting and an email notification was sent to all current GHNA members in mid-September. The purpose for the meeting was to present their plans, discuss the project and answer any questions from the neighborhood perspective.

All in all, there were about 15 people in attendance. The Palomar Hotel / Condo/ Retail project is currently in Phase I of construction at the Southeast corner of Mockingbird and 75 at the location of the former Hilton Inn. Realty America Group has submitted an Application for a New Planned Development District with the City of Dallas which will make the project exempt from the residential slope proximity requirement. Given the site constraints of available land, the setbacks, and the existing height of the current structure, this request seemed

reasonable to members who attended the forum.

In Phase I, the current structure (the old hotel is 9 stories and 115' tall) will be converted to retail at the ground level and renovated hotel rooms and condominiums above. Added amenities include restaurants (the rumor includes the return of Trader Vic's), boutique shopping, parking, an extension of the Katy Trail behind the complex, and a full-service luxury spa and fitness center. Phase I also includes a new 9-story tower (128' tall) just south of the existing hotel which will be condominiums starting at a price tag of \$350,000 up to \$2.5 million. A noted concern by the attendees was parking. The developers reviewed the parking counts which they noted as exceeding the code requirements.

Phase II of the project is still being designed. Realty America Group stated at the meeting that Phase II of the construction will include a 9-story condominium tower separate from

the other structures. The height of this new tower was of particular concern to the group. We were pleased to hear from that the new South Tower in Phase II will have a maximum height of 133' which is only 15' taller than the existing tower and only 5' taller than the new North Tower. This height seemed acceptable to the neighborhood members in attendance that evening.

We appreciate the associates of Realty America Group taking the time and energy to discuss the project and ask for feedback from our neighborhood. More information on the project can be found at www.palomardallas.com

TREES & MORE TREES

By Tony Farrer

The Greenland Hills Beautification Committee will have an additional tree planting project in April 2006, again sponsored by the City of Dallas Reforestation Program. There is a variety of trees, they are free (FREE)

and up to 2 ½ inches in diameter. This is an ideal way to enhance the beauty of our neighborhood. Tony Farrer (214.827.0484) is the coordinator of the project and welcomes questions regarding tree

planting and the project. The order form will be included in each newsletter until April, but please plan ahead and return an order form.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A BLOCK CAPTAIN?

If you are interested in becoming the Block Captain for your block please email Marvin Singleton at vicepresident@mstreets.org. Block

Captains will be responsible for distributing neighborhood newsletters, flyers, and Crime Watch magnets. If you are currently responsible for distribution

on your block please let us know if you are interested in being a Block Captain for 2006.

ATTENTION ALL DOG OWNERS!

Just a reminder, Chapter 7 of the Dallas City Ordinance requires all dog owners to keep their pets restrained by a leash, fenced yard, or enclosed structure. Owners are also required to re-

move any feces created by their dog on public property or any private property not owned by them. Violators may be reported to the city by calling 3-1-1, and they are subject to citation and

possible fine if observed by city officers at any time. Please be responsible dog owners and keep our neighborhood beautiful!

CONSERVATION AND HISTORIC DISTRICTS TO GET ZONING COMPLIANCE INSPECTORS

By Juli Roland

In an effort to better monitor architectural changes in the M Streets and other conservation/historic districts, the city will hire two Building Inspectors to specifically oversee zoning compliance issues in CDs and HDs. Previously, there was no single individual dedicated to this task. This re-assignment should help increase response time to complaints and violations in these areas.

In addition, existing building inspectors have received training on matters related to conservation and historic districts, such as architectural styles and features, and how to interpret CD/HD guidelines. An inspector's chief responsibility is to enforce the standard Dallas City Building Code. However, inspectors have increasingly been called upon to answer complaints of CD violations. Because CD code requirements are relatively new to our area, the response was inconsistent. This training will help the building inspectors to better recognize when guidelines are being violated.

Our City Councilmember, Angela Hunt, was successful in also securing funding for three additional city planners. The new city planners will be assigned to review CD applications and conduct feasibility studies in initiating

new CDs. (In the past, such planning duties were handled by just one person.) With an estimated five neighborhoods waiting in line to become conservation districts, the extra personnel will improve the ability of the Development Services department to handle their considerable workload.

The hiring of additional staff and the training of current employees is seen as especially critical right now, due to the increased trend of tearing down and rebuilding in older neighborhoods. According to a recent article in the Dallas Morning News, teardowns in the inner city have risen by nearly 90 percent in the last four years. Since many of the affected neighborhoods are either conservation/historic districts, or waiting in line to become one, it was vital to expand the staff to meet these demands.

While the changes at City Hall should increase the effectiveness of handling potential and real violations in the area, many neighbors still are unsure how to proceed with renovations.

For quick answers to many questions on the type of changes governed by our M Streets Conservation District, visit <http://www.mstreetscd.org/faq.html>.

At this site, you can also download the one-page Work Review Form.

The Work Review should be submitted for exterior changes such as:

Replacing materials (brick, stone, windows) on the front façade and wrap-around

Renovating an older home

New construction on a lot (main home or garage)

Constructing a new roof or replacing roofing material

Enclosing a porch

Demolishing waterfall steps

The Work Review Form is NOT NEEDED for routine exterior changes like:

Re-painting your house

Adding or changing landscaping material (aside from construction of retaining walls)

Changing the front door of the house

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

By Beth Harbin

The GHNA Beautification Committee recently met to identify the projects we'll take on to keep our neighborhood one of the most desirable in the City. There is a reason that people flock to Greenland Hills on these crisp autumn afternoons and dream about owning a home in this area. Greenland Hills is a haven for those who want proximity to all that the City has to offer while providing the lush, peaceful lifestyle we all crave after a hard day's work. To preserve our coveted environment, we talked about adding more historic street lights, designing and installing entry signs at key intersections to the neighborhood, adding crosswalks, working with the City to repair or repave our streets, and encouraging neighbors to maintain yards, alleyways and medians.

The summer tree drive netted some 50 new trees to be planted this month that will help maintain our hallmark tree-lined streets. Neighbors will have another chance this spring to select from a variety of trees for planting in our parkways. Please watch for an insert in a future GHNA newsletter with more details.

While the Beautification Committee continues to meet and plan these projects, there are easy things that you can

do to keep Greenland Hills a desirable location for your family and neighbors.

Keep the Light On:

The historic lighting at each of our intersections is not enough to light our streets as our days continue to shorten. By simply leaving your front lights on, you help fill in the gaps and light the way for your family and neighbors who want to enjoy our neighborhood past dusk. If you're concerned about the rising cost of energy, home improvement centers stock inexpensive light-sensing adapters for most any light socket. These adapters turn your lights on at dusk and off at dawn, or after a desired number of hours. They are rated for outdoor use and can be found with other outdoor lighting supplies.

Mind the Curb:

Fickle rainfall often means that leaves and road debris collect alongside our curbs. Some curbs have become so stressed that a few of our streets are in need of a good mowing! As you perform your regular yard work, take a peek over the curb to make sure you have collected any extra debris. If your neighbor needs a little extra help to keep up, the extra calories you expend on the task are a great reward. (In addi-

tion to the inner reward of knowing you helped a neighbor.)

Welcome to the Jungle:

As you walk and drive down our streets, you'll notice that our neighborhood is criss-crossed with alleyways. These alleyways provide utility and vehicle access to free our streets for our neighbors' use. Since the alley is behind the house, many of us forget that these areas should be included in our regular yard maintenance. If you mow or trim the areas immediately around the house, you also should mow and trim the alley border to your property to keep these areas from going native. (This includes low-hanging tree branches, trash can debris, home improvement materials, and forgotten bulk-trash items.) Take advantage of the cooler weather to give the area immediately behind your house a thorough trim. Your neighbors and meter readers will thank you!

Stay tuned to future beautification tips from the Committee, or share your own! Contact Beth Harbin, beautification chair, at bharbin75206@yahoo.com.

FALL FESTIVAL AND HALLOWEEN PARADE

By Cindy Whitaker

The Fall Festival was a success this year, attendance was great, the weather was good and it is always great to get out with your neighbors and see all the great costumes. New things were added to the festival this year such as the Petting Zoo, Pony Rides and Tattoos and Hair Painting, our goal for next year is to add more games, so if any one has any ideas please e-mail them to Cindy_Whitaker@sbcglobal.net.

The Halloween Parade also had great attendance despite the rain that we had earlier in the day and it being on Monday. We had about 100 or so people that marched up Glencoe from Morningside to Vanderbilt. Everyone was dressed up and ready to trick or treat.

I want to thank the people that worked behind the scene to help make this year successful. I want to thank the Fall Festival Committee, we have an awesome committee that worked to put on the Fall Festival Molly Smith, Kathleen Seacat, Elenor Oster, Michelle Stevens and Chera Jackson. Everyone jumped in and worked hard to make the Fall Festival a success.

Also a special thanks to our volunteers, without you all we wouldn't be able to do things like the Fall Festival : Elizabeth and Brad Bedell, Chris Carter, Amy Chandler, Scott Douglas, Amy and Chris Gaddis, Susan and Joey Guedes, Debra Holt, Steve Iha, Sarah Kanemasu, Gary Kovacs, Andrea Krause, Sherry Lawson, Stacy Meadows, Bob Mcquay, Mike O'Dwyer,

Mela and Rick Perez, Andress and Stephen Pettibone, Elenor Oster, Kathleen Seacats, Jeff Savage, Hui Smith, Dave and Molly Smith, Michelle and John Stephens, Ted Thompson, Keith Tomas, Phillip Luna and Crew and the Avocate Crew. Also thanks to the people who helped delivery the flyers for the Festival and get the word out, I am sorry I am not sure who all helped out with passing out flyers. I hope I didn't forget anyone. If you are interested in being a volunteer for future events please let me know at Cindy_Whitaker@sbcglobal.net and I will add you to the volunteer list for future events.

Lastly thank you to all of those local companies that supported the Fall Festival with donations for the festival and/or our raffle drawings. Your generosity in supporting our neighborhood is greatly appreciated: Campisi's (Pizza Donations), Nero's (Pizza Donations), Dickey's (Barbecue Sandwiches), Look Who's Coming to Dinner (Chili with all the topping and the team to serve it up), Monkey Dough (Cookie Donations), Ridgecrest Baptist Church (Allowing us to borrow chairs), Greenland Hills Methodist Church (Allowing us to borrow tables), Advocate (Brining there Spinning Wheel with lots of prizes and advertising the Festival), Dallas Morning New (Advertising for the Festival), Benchmark Mortgage (Donations of 2 Stars Tickets with Parking Pass), 1st Choice Accommodations (Donation of 4 Stars Tickets), Premier Club (Two -1 Month

Memberships, a One Hour Message, a \$25 Gift Certificate), Whole Foods (Two - \$25 Gift Certificates), Stoney's Wine (\$25 Gift Certificate), Angelica (4 Movie Passes), IOTA (Ugly Doll), Tita's (4 Tickets to a Music or Dance Event), Harry's Custard (\$20 Gift Certificate), Morgan Chocolate (One Pound of Chocolate a \$35 Value), Viking (A Cooking Class a \$50 Value), Central Market (Two Cooking Class a \$50 Value each), The Grape (\$50 Gift Certificate), Texas Discovery Gardens (Family Membership a \$65 Value), Dallas Museum of Natural History (Family Membership a \$75 Value), Dallas Women's Museum (Family Membership a \$70 Value) , Dallas Zoo (4 Passes to the Dallas Zoo), Dallas Arboretum (4 Passes to the Dallas Arboretum), Sixth Floor Museum (4 Admission Tickets with Audio & Guidebook a \$60 Value), Bradford Home Suites (Friday and Saturday Night Stay a \$180 Value), Greenland Hills Neighborhood Association (Garfield Amriton Disney Watch), Ziziki's (\$50 Gift Certificate), Terilli's (\$75 Gift Certificate), Double-Tree Campbell Center (\$100 Gift Certificate for Dinner at their Princeton Grill) and Jerobaum (\$100 Gift Certificate).

Thank You,

Cindy Whitaker
GHNA Activities Comitte Chair

ASK OFFICER JOE

Officer Joe, what should I do when I come up on a crime in progress?

Answer: In the past two months, while off duty and walking my dogs, I have come upon someone breaking into cars. This happened at 8:30am and 6:00pm. I apprehended the one at 8:30am, but the 6p car burglars got away. I got enough information on the suspects and vehicle license plate, color, model, and any outstanding features, that we were able to identify these suspects at a later date. I would advise you as a private citizen **not** to attempt to apprehend the suspects. You should get suspect information and vehicle information, call 911 and then call the crimewatch. When you are getting suspect information, get race, height, weight, hair color, age, clothing and any outstanding physical features. On vehicle information, get license plate, color, make, model, and any outstanding features on the vehicle.


Thanks,

Officer Joe

NOT RECEIVING OUR EMAIL NOTICES?

If you are a member of the Greenland Hills Neighborhood Association and/or the Greenland Hills Crime Watch, we should have your email address in our data base so you can receive notices about neighborhood functions, concerns (such as the recent garage burglaries), missing pets and found animals.

If you are not receiving our emails and would like to, please contact Betsy Katz at betsykatz@sbcglobal.net and she will add you to the data base.



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TED THOMPSON

- Greenland Hills Resident
- 2001 Neighborhood Night Out sponsor
- 2002 M Streets 5k/Fun Run sponsor

EDUCATION BRIEFS

By Judy McMillen

Woodrow Seniors Score in National Merit Competition

Seven Woodrow Wilson High School students have qualified for National Merit Scholarship Program recognition this year, including former Stonewall student and Greenland Hills resident Kelsea Everett. Of the 1.3 million students who took the PSAT in their junior year, some 50,000 with the highest scores qualified for the recognition.

Long Runs for Success

On October 6, runners supported J.L. Long Middle School, as they wound through the beautiful Hollywood Heights/Santa Monica neighborhood adjacent to our historic school. Proceeds from the 5K run and the one mile Fun Run/Walk will help fund programs to ensure a smooth transition of 6th grade to middle school next year. Past years' runs have helped fund cultural arts programs, novels for English classes, teacher appreciation, and Long's award winning math, science, choral and athletic departments. Thanks to the Greenland Hills residents who participated in this fun and worthwhile event.

Stonewall Thanks Greenland Hills

Dear Greenland Hills Neighbors,

Thank you very much for the wonderful gift of \$1000 from the M Streets Home Tour. Our garden is one of the unique features of our school, and we are very proud to

share it with our neighbors. It is no secret that much of Stonewall's success is a direct result of support and contributions from the community at large. We at Stonewall enjoy being part of the Greenland Hills neighborhood and look forward to our continued partnership for educating the children of this area.

Sincerely,

Olivia Henderson

Principal

Tuesdays at Robert E. Lee Elementary

In September 2004 I began volunteering in the library at our neighboring elementary school, Robert E. Lee. Every Tuesday for over a year now, I have had the privilege of entering a wonderful learning environment. The school is spotless. Hallways, bulletin boards and classrooms are brightly decorated with seasonal themes, covered with pictures, children's work, and positive slogans. The office area, library and lunchroom are all warm and welcoming. School spirit items are posted throughout the school. Teachers are creative and dedicated, and most have long tenure at Lee. Students are polite, attentive and engaged in learning. Music and art teacher Joni Singer has 150 students in her choir program, and fabulous art projects cover the walls. Librarian Angela Brown encourages students in reading Bluebonnet, Newberry and Caldecot award book, along with Harry Potter. Lee sponsors Cub Scouts and Girls Scouts, a chess club

and drill team. Every Friday is Spirit Day when the "Cool Cougar" of the week is named. Students are nominated by teachers for this honor. Robert E. Lee's active PTA received the Partners in Education recognition from DISD in May 2005. Only thirteen schools, including William B. Travis School for the Talented and Gifted, received this designation. Robert E. Lee reminds me a lot of Stonewall. More next month...

Greater White Rock Area Early Childhood PTA

The new group, for preschool parents who live primarily in the Stonewall and Robert E. Lee attendance areas, celebrates its one year anniversary in November. They had a great booth at our Greenland Hills Fall Carnival. Their many activities involve their goals to provide socialization activities for children and parents, to provide parents with information about elementary school programs, and to provide an opportunity for children and parents to attend school activities. For more information, visit the yahoo group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/gwra> or contact Paula Turicchi at 214 827-2245.

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