



# Greenland Hills Neighborhood Association GAZETTE

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April/May 2007

## BUSTED! GHNA CRIME WATCH UPDATE

By Angela Jones

We have success! Earlier this week, I sent out an email detailing three thefts of vehicles in the last week or so. Well, one of our officers busted a guy night before last trying to do the same thing.

Because one of my neighbors contacted me regarding his break in, and I called Crime Watch to let the officers know, and sent out the email to everyone, (which Marvin Singleton then responded

to, letting us know that he was hit on the 5600 block of Vanderbilt), our network worked! It is because we were connected and able to communicate efficiently that the officers knew what to look out for.

This is great work by all involved. Can you imagine how strong we will be when we get THE WHOLE neighborhood connected?

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### QUICK CALENDAR



**May 19th–20th**  
M-Streets Home Tour

**August 7th**  
National Night Out

**October 28th**  
Fall Festival

**October 31st**  
Halloween Parade

### BULK TRASH



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

**Thurs., April 5 at 7 AM —  
Mon., April 9 at 7 AM**

**Thurs., May 10 at 7 AM  
—Mon., May 14 at 7AM**

## NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS

By Cindy Whitaker

Neighbors, in order to have all the activities that we have in our neighborhood we need volunteers. It does not mean that you have to volunteer for every activity but if everyone can at least volunteer for one activity then we should have enough volunteers for all of our activities.

We know everyone is busy but most of the volunteer activities are only for a couple of hours on the weekend. Also it is a great way to really meet your neighbors.

We are in the process of putting together a volunteer e-mail list for those that say they would like to volunteer for things if you are interested on being on the e-mail list, please send an e-mail to:

[Cindy\\_Whitaker@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Cindy_Whitaker@sbcglobal.net).

Activities that we usually need volunteers for and some ideas as to what kind of help we need are:

January: Chili Cook Off – Help in selling drinks and hot dogs.

March: St Patrick's Day – Help to put out No Parking Signs .

May: Home Tour – We need at least 4 people per home to cover all day or half days Saturday and Sunday to sell and mark tickets and to watch the people as they go through the homes.

October: Fall Festival – Help with setup, games, concessions and park clean up.

This list is not all we need help with, but it gives you an idea of the things that you will see e-mails on. Thanks so much for volunteering; being able to do events in our neighborhood is just one of the reasons why people love this neighborhood so much.

## 2007 M-STREETS HOME TOUR

By Judy Liimatainen

The committee for the Spring 2007 "M-Streets" Home Tour is getting started. We are looking for individuals who are interested in helping with the following areas:

- Volunteers: Recruiting, organizing, and training of the people who will actually work the event.
- Houses: People who will review the houses that have been volunteered to be on the Tour.
- Publicity: Getting information out to the various papers and magazines about the event.
- Sponsors: Getting businesses and individuals to help sponsor the event with money or in-kind services.
- Event Day/ After Party: Helping run the overall day and plan the party for all the people involved.
- Graphics: Be in charge of creating all the graphics needed for the event-tickets, programs, and posters.
- Other: To help with any or all things that don't fit in above categories.

We would appreciate any and all help. If you can't be on a committee there are still ways to be involved. Remember this is the big fundraiser for our Home Owners Association and we also give some of the proceeds to Stonewall Jackson Elementary. Please contact Cindy Whitaker at 214 823-3808 or Judy Liimatainen at 214 370-8440. Cindy's email is [Cindy\\_Whitaker@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Cindy_Whitaker@sbcglobal.net) and Judy's is [Liima@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Liima@sbcglobal.net).

## ADVERTISING IN THE GREENLAND HILLS NEWSLETTER

By Cindy Whitaker

Did you know that you can advertise in the Greenland Hills Newsletter? This is an excellent way to let your neighbors know about your business or organizations' activities. Advertising in the neighborhood newsletter not only gets your business attention, but the profits from the advertising go towards funding the newsletter printing and any remaining funds are applied towards your neighborhood.

Advertising can be purchased in different sizes from small to full page. See the chart below for pricing. For more information on advertising you can e-mail [communications@mstreets.org](mailto:communications@mstreets.org) or checkout the M-Street web site at: <http://www.mstreets.org/ads.html>.

| Advertising Prices                          |           |                             |                              |
|---|-----------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Size  | 1 Issue   | 3 Issues SAVE 10%           | 6 Issues SAVE 20%            |
| Small Ad<br>(3 ½ x 2)                       | \$ 45.00  | \$ 120.00<br>(\$15 Savings) | \$ 215.00<br>(\$55 Savings)  |
| Large Ad<br>(3 ½ x 4)                       | \$ 80.00  | \$ 215.00<br>(\$25 Savings) | \$ 380.00<br>(\$100 Savings) |
| Banner Ad<br>(7 ½ x 2)                      | \$ 80.00  | \$ 215.00<br>(\$25 Savings) | \$ 380.00<br>(\$100 Savings) |
| Insert ( Menu's or Flyers that you provide) | \$ 125.00 | \$ 335.00<br>(\$40 Savings) | \$ 600.00<br>(\$150 Savings) |

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**WE'RE ON THE WEB!**

**WWW.MSTREETS.ORG**

**TREES!!! PARKWAY TREE PLANTING THIS FALL**

By Tony Farrer

Our neighborhood will have another PARKWAY tree planting project this fall, sponsored by the City of Dallas Reforestation Program. This is a FREE tree planting project with a variety of trees, 2 to 2 ½ inches in diameter. The trees are specifically for the parkway (the area between the sidewalk and the street) and must have with adequate room for future growth. Please inform and encourage neighbors with no trees to help enhance the beauty of the neighborhood by participating.

Tony Farrer administers the program and welcomes questions and comments. Contact him at 214.827.0484, 5311 Mercedes, or at [tonyfarrer12@tx.rr.com](mailto:tonyfarrer12@tx.rr.com).

An order form is included in this newsletter and is also available on our [mstreets.org](http://mstreets.org) web site under 'Neighborhood Activities'. Submit order forms now and through June 30.

**ARE YOU AWARE OF THIS PARKING VIOLATION?**

By Virginia Holleman

Several weeks ago I parked my car on the street in front of my house, and parked against traffic, not with it. I've lived in the "M" Streets nine years, and have frequently done this. When I walked out, I was very surprised to find a ticket on my car. I do know you can't park against traffic in a business area, but was unaware that it was a violation in a resi-

dential neighborhood. Of course we all know, ignorance of the law is not an acceptable excuse!

As I see many cars in our neighborhood violating this parking rule when I walk in the morning, I thought I would pass along my recent experience.

**BLOCK CAPTAINS STILL NEEDED**

By Cindy Whitaker

We have a great group of block captains this year but we do have some blocks that still need a captain. If your block does not have a block captain and you would like to be one please e-mail [Cindy\\_Whitaker@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Cindy_Whitaker@sbcglobal.net).

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|             |          | 5200       | 5400      | 5200       |
|             |          |            | 5600      |            |

# CHILI COOK OFF 2007

By Cindy Whitaker

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Greenland Hills Chili Cook Off was held on Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at the 5200 block of Ridgedale. For those of you that didn't make it, you missed a good time. We probably had about 125 – 150 people attend the cook off. We had some great Chilis to taste with some teams that really decorated their booths and got into the event. This year we had increased the number of teams participating in the Chili Cook Off from 5 to 8 teams. The teams were definitely into bribery; some booths had homemade cookies, muffins and tortilla's so no matter what your taste you could be bought to vote for a team.

At the Chili Cook Off we had live music from Brent George. Brent put on a great show singing and playing a wide variety of music for most any audience. In addition to the live music and the great chili, we also had a bounce house for the kids and the kids all got to get their bikes and scooters out and ride up and down the street which was a big treat.

**Now to what you really wanted to know.....**

## Who Won the Chili Cook Off?

**Most Wicked Awesome Chili went to:**

Big Daddy's 4 on the Floor Hot Rod Chili – Dave Smith - Ridgedale

**Most Original went to:**

Da Beans – Margaret Muir & Jon Fuhrman – Ridgedale

**Best Showmanship/Booth went to:**

Red Hot Chili Steppers – Emily & Sophia Bartlett, Audrey Hiltibridle, Camille Farrar & Rachel Myers – Ridgedale

## *Honorable Mentions were:*

Big Hair Chili – Garland Hamic & Ted Thompsom – Ridgedale

Rob's New and Improved Award-Winning Roadside Attraction Green Chili – Rob Brunk – Merrimac

Hot TaMolly's Chili – Molly Smith – Ridgedale

Chile: Its Not Just for Breakfast Anymore – Helen & George Erdman – Ridgedale

Desperado Chili Heads – Ralph Sturgeon – Mercedes

A special thanks to Dart Manufacturers for donating taster cups and spoons and to Kraft for donations of the Chili fixings. And thank you to those that helped plan, setup, volunteered during the cook off, and helped cleanup afterwards.

Fun was had by all and from what I heard during the cook off, next year there will be many more participants competing for the Chili titles, as well as this year's attendee's having to defend their titles.

The profits made from the Chili Cook Off's are donated to the Greenland Hills Crime Watch. Please remember January is a new year and is the time for everyone to renew your membership or is a great time to sign up for the Neighborhood Association and Crime Watch for those that have not signed up yet.

For pictures of the event please visit the Greenland Hills website at:

<http://www.mstreets.org/>

# LOCK UP!

By Danielle Crandall

On January 28, 2007 at about 3:30 AM, we were woken by our dog barking. A quick check of the house confirmed it had not been disturbed. However, when we went to our cars early Monday morning, the driver's side doors on both of our cars were

open. Change and a small carrying case with toiletry items were taken. The individual(s) may have hopped over the short fence which separates our neighbors backyard from ours or they may have jumped over our security gate at our driveway (doubtful, as it's

tall). Luckily, nothing of value was left in our cars.

We wanted to pass this along as a reminder for everyone to lock car doors and set alarms and be on the lookout.

## DO YOU LIVE AT A CORNER? IF SO, YOU CAN HELP.

By Cindy Whitaker

Periodically we put signs out in the neighborhood to advertise certain events. We had in the past put these signs on the corners on the cities property; however we have found out that we can not do that. The city will pick up any signs on the city property that are not permitted to be there. We have already lost a few and had to pay for replacements.

So what we are asking for are people in the neighborhood that will allow us to put a sign in their yard off the cities

property when events are going on? Typically we put the signs up a couple of weeks in advance and we take them down within 24 hours or less of the event happening.

In the past, each time we put signs out we have had to ask people if it is okay and try to find people at home. What we would like is to have an open permission to put signs in your yard, most likely no more than 5 or 6 times a year. If you are willing to allow us to put your house down as an area

that we can put signs please e-mail [Cindy\\_Whitaker@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Cindy_Whitaker@sbcglobal.net) or call 214-823-3808 and let us know that it is okay.

Homes on the corners of Glencoe, McMillan, and Greenville are in the greatest need since these are the higher traffic streets.

For all of those that volunteer, we thank you for letting us use your yard and if at any time you would like to be taken off the list please e-mail or call the number above.

## DO YOU OWN A BUSINESS OR HAVE AN ART OR HOBBY THAT YOU WOULD LIKE OTHERS TO KNOW ABOUT?

By Cindy Whitaker

We are thinking about adding another activity to the Greenland Hills Events. We would call this event the M-Streets Market Days. The idea behind M-Streets Market Days is that we know there are a lot of business owners, artists, and hobbyists that live in the neighborhood and we would like to help you promote your business, art or hobby. If people are going to spend money they would like to spend it with someone they know, so what better an opportunity to let your

neighbors know what you are doing and help support you.

What we are thinking is that we will block off a block in the neighborhood and we would charge for each area a nominal charge, most likely \$50, for a space at the M-Streets Market Days. You would be allowed to setup a specified amount of space to display, sell or just hand out business cards to your neighbors and talk to them about your business, art, or hobby. We

would of course advertise this event in the neighborhood through the newsletters, signs, e-mails, etc... and get the permit for blocking the streets and get the needed barricades and organize the event.

If you are interested in doing such and event and have ideas, please e-mail [Cindy\\_Whitaker@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Cindy_Whitaker@sbcglobal.net) or call at 214-823-3808.

## STRAY DOGS MAY BE KILLING NEIGHBORHOOD CATS

By Betsy Katz

I have received several emails recently from neighbors whose cats have been missing. Several neighbors on McCommas have spotted 3 to 4 stray dogs in the neighborhood recently, and their appearance coincides with the discovery of one dead and badly mutilated cat, and the disappearance of several others.

If you let your cat outside, try to bring it in at night, as this is the time of day the dogs have been spotted.

# GHNA JOINS CALLOWAY'S "GOOD NEIGHBOR" PROGRAM

By Meredith Genter

GHNA has teamed up with local garden centers "CALLOWAYS" to help beautify our neighborhood. Calloway's will provide us with helpful and timely garden tips as well as valuable coupons to use at their stores.

In addition, Calloway's is sponsoring a "Yard-of-the-month" program. So starting this spring, a team of GHNA board members will search the neighborhood for beautiful landscapes. The lucky winner will receive a "Yard-of -the-month" sign as well as \$50 gift certificate. So use the coupon found in this newsletter at any Calloway's DFW location and let the spruce up begin!

## TIMELY TIP FOR SPRING GARDENERS: ENJOY A WEED-FREE LAWN

What do you do when the only green going on in your lawn is of the weedy version? First, prevention is the best policy. Apply a preemergent now to prevent the **summer** broadleaf and grassy weeds. Green Light Crabgrass Preventer can be applied using your fertilizer spreader. Its purpose is to prevent grassy weeds from appearing during the summer months. Green Light Portrait can also be applied the same way and will prevent broadleaf

weeds from sprouting. Follow these products up with Calloway's Premium Lawn Food to add that extra punch to green up and enrich the existing turf. Water these products in well. You will need to apply the preemergents again in September to prevent the **winter** grassy and broadleaf weeds.

Now to take care of the existing problem, spray with a broadleaf weed killer to eliminate those pesky weeds

which made it through the winter. A product such as Wipe-Out can be applied with a hose-end sprayer. Follow directions carefully for the best results.

The best method for a lush, green lawn is to develop a routine fertilization and watering program. A thick lawn will squeeze out and prevent weeds from growing. A little discipline now will reap the rewards later!

### Greenland Hills Homeowners Association

CODE #92

Offer good for merchandise only. No cash value. One certificate per person, please. Not good with any other offer.

Offer valid at ANY Dallas/Fort Worth location.

Offer expires: December 31, 2007



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## CORNER MARKET

By Rob Brunk

A recent addition to the neighborhood as of last September, The Corner Market has created a really nice anchor to the corner of McCommas and Greenville in the old Belmont Pharmacy building. Owner Chuck Cole has created an "Eatzi's-meets-Italian sandwich/espresso bar" feel, and the Corner Market brings the best of these together to create a wonderful place to hang out, whatever your desires may be.

Stained woods, terrazzo floors, stamped tin ceilings, and glass cases filled with pastas and salads, as well as the delectable sweets created by Society Bakery next door are hard to resist, and attractively displayed. Large

windows allow you to sit and watch the always interesting traffic at the corner spin by, as well as all of the interesting people that stream into Buffalo Exchange with armloads of clothes to consign. Comfortable seating is available for you to find the right spot to park and fire up the laptop in order to take advantage of the free WiFi. (You don't get that at Starbucks!)

Great sandwiches are the core of the offerings here, but the sides and dinner offerings to take to the house are fantastic as well. Early on, I was a big fan of the breakfast burritos, until I ate so many of them in a row that I burned myself out. Cheesy-egg-ham goodness. (I think that I can start back up on

them next month after a brief hiatus.) The Fireball is a spicy sandwich I recommend, as well as the Mockingbird Turkey and Apple sandwich. On the weekends, you can score Belgian waffles, which my wife likes quite a bit.

Tucked in between the Flower Shop, and Society Bakery, you can knock out several stops at once, picking up something pretty, something warm to eat or drink, and then something sweet to finish it all off, all at the same corner. The Corner Bakery is proving to be a winner, and we are excited to have such a nice spot in the neighborhood!

## MERKOW'S SEAFOOD AND STEAKS

By Rob Brunk

When you have the luck to win over a half a million playing poker, you can afford to take a risk and open up a restaurant! Gregg Merkow's Seafood and Steaks at 2821 Greenville Ave opened up last year after Gregg won a healthy pot of cash in Mississippi, and this explains the décor of Las Vegas memorabilia. The atmosphere is clean and crisp, with white table cloths, and rich library paneled walls. This place feels like the guys from Ocean's 11 could be in the back room planning something.

Because I have a young son, who has the potential to make some noise not appropriate to the setting, I picked up a to go menu, and my wife and I placed an order over the phone. Twenty minutes later, I was picking up our dinner. We chose the Conch Fritters, Mozzarella Heirloom Tomato Salad, the Sashimi Tuna Salad, and the Asian Glazed

Red Fish. Granted, all would have been that much better had we dined at the restaurant, but everything was pretty good nonetheless. The Conch Fritters could use more conch, and be a little crisper, but the chipotle remoulade had great flavor, and overall, we enjoyed them. The salads were really nice. The Sashimi Tuna Salad was great, as the tuna had a mellow flavor, the avocado was perfectly ripened, and then you got a great pop of sweet and exotic flavor from the hunks of mango. We amp'ed up the oriental flavor of the salad with a sprinkle of Annie's Naturals Shiitake and Sesame dressing, and then the salad got really good. (Our family is partial to this dressing though, so we could say that this dressing could improve most anything...) I will order this one again for sure. The Mozzarella Heirloom Tomato Salad was also nice, and the quality of the

mozzarella was a nice surprise. Sometimes mozzarella has a rubber quality to it, but not this mozzarella. Creamy and rich texture was a treat, and the hearty flavor of the tomato was fantastic. All I could ask for here would be more of both!

Finally, we tackled the Red Fish. Because of the size of the salads, we were not really hungry any longer! We found room for this one though. Great fish. I am going fly fishing later this year for red fish in the Gulf, and so I wanted to get excited about that trip, and sure enough, after tasting this, I am excited. The flavors were great.

Another nice addition to the neighborhood, I don't think Gregg Merkow needs luck in his restaurant ventures. I am sure that soon he will have a 'full house'.

## EDUCATION BRIEFS

By Judy McMillen

### Stonewall Kindergarten Round Up for Fall 2007

Prospective students and parents will meet teachers, learn about curriculum, visit classrooms, have story time in the library and enjoy a performance by this year's kindergarten class. The program begins at **6:30 p.m. on Thursday March 22**. For information call the school at 972 749-7200.

### Stonewall Explores the National Parks

Every spring Stonewall Jackson students study a country or culture in depth - history, geography, economics, language, plants, animals, architecture, and the arts. During the final week, the school is transformed to resemble the area studied. Some of you visited the school during last year's study of Italy. This year's study is on the United States National Parks. On **Friday March 9**, the community is invited to tour the school and enjoy lunch. Students and faculty will dress in National Parks related attire and tend a National Parks themed marketplace. Lunch tickets are \$6. Call the school at 972 749-7200 for lunch reservations.

### Stonewall Teacher Is DISD Teacher of the Year

Stonewall Jackson Elementary kindergarten teacher Paula Paulos is the 2006-2007 Dallas Independent School district Teacher of the Year. Principal Olivia Henderson says Paulos represents the ideal teacher. "She has that great combination of talent, commitment, love of children, and a strong desire to be of service to our community."

### Texas Monthly Names Stonewall Jackson Among Best in State

Stonewall Jackson Elementary is among

the best in the state, according to Texas Monthly magazine. The December 2006 issue ranked the state's best schools based on the analysis of the National Center for Educational Accountability, a research arm of The University of Texas.

### J.L. Long Wins State Competition

The J.L. Long science team repeated their victory as state champions at the Texas Math and Science Coaches Association annual meet in San Antonio. Greenland Hills eighth grader Rachel Godat placed third individually. J. L. Long also placed first in 2005.

### J.L. Long Middle School Welcomes 6th Graders

This year DISD 6th graders are attending middle school for the first time. Our neighborhood middle school, J.L. Long, and our elementary, Stonewall Jackson, collaborated with student, parent, and faculty meetings, orientations, and tours to prepare for a smooth transition. A beautiful new wing has been added to our historic school to accommodate the sixth graders.

### Woodrow Seniors Score in National Merit Competition

Four Woodrow Wilson High School students have qualified for National Merit Scholarship Program recognition this year, including former Stonewall student Jared Muston. 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.

### D Magazine Ranks Woodrow a Top High School

D Magazine recently ranked Woodrow Wilson High the top comprehensive

high school in DISD, also finishing above 73 other area urban and suburban high schools. D's rankings were based on achievement in Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) programs, college-level classes in a high school setting for which a student can earn college credits.

### Woodrow Academic Scholars Recognized

Twenty-nine Woodrow Wilson students were recognized at a reception at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center on January 9. To be named an academic scholar, students must pass at least three Advanced Placement exams. Dallas ISD students took more AP exams in 2006 than in any other school district in Texas.

### Woodrow Students Win Dallas Cappie Award

Evan Faram and Matthew George recently won Dallas Cappie Awards for their performances in 2006 Woodrow productions. Cappies is a national program sponsored by the Capitol Steps theater group in Washington, D.C. Faram won for Best Lead Actor in a Musical and George won for Best Actor in a Play.

### Dallas Morning News Star of the Classroom

Greenland Hills' Eric Godat, a Woodrow Wilson junior, was featured as a Dallas Morning News Star of the Classroom. Eric is ranked number one in his class and is a starting pitcher on the Wildcats baseball team. His goals are to attend Stanford and become a college math or physics professor.

**Need DISD info? Check the Dallas Independent School District web site at [dallasisd.org](http://dallasisd.org).**