



NEWSLETTER

Paid Police Patrol to be Topic at June Meeting

*Come Hear About Latest Crime Prevention Effort
on June 26th, 7:00 PM, at the
Walnut Hill Recreation Center*

Over the past few years we have seen an uptick in crime in our neighborhood, from simple vandalism to major home burglaries. Statistics show that we are still safer than many other parts of the city, but that is little comfort when one has been victimized, and is no reason to stand by and do nothing while criminals pick out "ripe targets" in our neighborhood.

To combat their crime problem, some neighborhoods close to ours have implemented Enhanced Neighborhood Patrol (ENP) programs, in which uniformed, off-duty Dallas police officers patrol the neighborhood in Dallas police cars. The results have been amazing. Sparkman (the neighborhood immediately west of ours across Marsh Lane) had a 50% reduction in crime the first year after implementing its ENP program, and another 25% crime reduction the second year.

At our June association meeting, representatives from Sparkman and the Dallas Police Department will discuss the ENP program and present why it may be a very good option for our neighborhood. Implementing an ENP program will require a big fundraising effort to raise the money necessary to pay off-duty police, but given the experience of other neighborhoods, the money will certainly be well spent.

If you cannot make it to the meeting but would be willing to help in the fundraising effort, please let us know. We want to do all we can to make our neighborhood as safe as possible, and look forward to hearing your thoughts at our meeting.

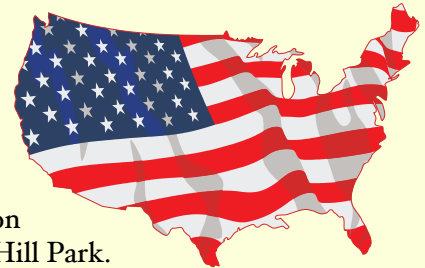
At the June meeting, we will also discuss plans for the 4th of July parade and picnic.

4th of July Parade and Picnic!!

Our biggest annual event will take place on Wednesday, July 4th from 9:30 am - 12:00 noon. Come display your patriotic fervor--or just marvel at your neighbor's! Decorate your bikes, strollers, wagons, dogs, kids and yourself in your finest red, white and blue

and then march in the parade from Cary Middle School along Killion to Walnut Hill Park.

Floats, antique cars and golf carts are especially welcome!



We will gather in front of Cary Middle School at 9:30 and then begin the march to the park, escorted by a fire truck and police cars, at 9:45. Once at the park, we'll enjoy lots of great food and drinks, games and good neighborly conversation. Prizes will be bountiful--for both the kids games and decorations.

Bring your favorite dish to share and your flags to wave (you may drop off your food at the park before the parade).

We can still use volunteers, so if you would like to help with setup, or to run some errands prior to the parade and picnic, please call Ross Coulter at (214) 366-0090 or email him at ross@coultergroup.com



The Walnut Hill Homeowners Association thanks Print Team for its continued support printing our newsletters. If you have a printing related need, contact Scott Moore at 214-496-0505, or 214-882-3848.

YARD OF THE MONTH BLOOMS ONCE AGAIN



The bountiful spring rains have helped keep our landscapes well-watered so far this year, resulting in many nice yards. However, we had to pick just one Yard of the Month winner for June/July, and it was 3908 Princess Circle, seen in the photo here. If you know of a deserving yard, please submit a nomination at (214) 352-6300 or ross@coultergroup.com.

3908 Princess Circle

NEIGHBORHOOD GARDEN IMPROVEMENTS COMING

Recently, several interested neighbors met with city of Dallas Parks Department officials to discuss ways to improve the neighborhood garden at the southeast corner of Marsh and Merrell. Over the past several years these neighbors and several others have spent a lot of time working on this corner, and would like to see it improved even more.

The WHHA will dedicate some of our dues to an additional cleanup and installation of new plants and landscaping items, but we can always use more ideas, "sweat equity" and funding to make this project even better. If you are interested in assisting with this effort, please send us a note or give us a call. This entrance to our neighborhood can become even nicer, and we hope that you will help make it happen.



Recent picture of neighborhood garden.

DALLAS FIRE-RESCUE CITIZENS' ACADEMY

Did you grow up watching *Emergency* and wish that you could be a paramedic like John and Roy? Or perhaps you thought about changing careers after seeing the movie *Backdraft*. If so, then you might be interested in an exciting new program by Dallas Fire-Rescue. The Dallas Fire-Rescue Citizens' Fire Academy is designed to give citizens an overview of the services that Dallas Fire-Rescue provides, increase



fire and life safety awareness, and deliver information on various facets of their operations. The ten-week program meets one night per week on Thursdays at the Dallas Fire-Rescue Training Center located at 5000 Dolphin Road in Dallas. Topics include Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Fire Suppression, Urban Search & Rescue (USAR), Fire Dispatch Operations, Fire Prevention and Education, and many others.



Participants will also receive CPR certification training. The last week of the program will involve a full day on Saturday of live demonstrations to include high-angle rescue, rappelling, automobile extrication, and live fires. At the conclusion of the academy, Dallas Fire-Rescue will host a formal graduation ceremony.

The first academy has already begun, but for future programs you can download the application at www.dallasfirerescue.com or call (214) 670-0231.

ODDS AND ENDS

2007 Bulky Trash Pickup

Bulky trash pickup for our neighborhood is the week of the third Monday each month. Do not set your trash out prior to the Thursday before our collection week. Collection days for the rest of this year are as follows: June 18; July 16; August 20; September 17; October 15; November 19; December 17

Residential Recycling - Now its Easier than Ever

For those who have wanted to recycle but didn't want to spend the time separating everything, the City has made it easier than ever with its Big Blue Recycling Roll-carts. Now you can simply dump all your recycling items into the cart and then roll it out next to your regular garbage can. For our neighborhood, recycling pickup is every other Thursday. Pickup days for the rest of the year are as follows: June 21, July 5 and 19, August 2 and 16, September 13 and 27, October 11 and 25, November 8 and 22, December 6 and 20. If you don't have a Big Blue Cart and want one, call 3-1-1.

Section Leaders/Block Captains Needed

We depend on the efforts of many residents to deliver our newsletter to your door. Currently, we have a need for a few block captains and a section leader. All that is required is approximately 30 minutes, two or three times per year. If you would like to help and live on one of the following streets, please contact Ross Coulter at (214) 352-6300 or ross@coultergroup.com:

- Cox, Duchess, Princess or Royal Cove west of the creek
- Beaver Brook
- Gooding, north of Merrell
- Merrell, from Marsh to Rosser
- Montwood

NEW FIRE STATION COMING SOON

The fire station that currently serves our neighborhood is, to put it mildly, old and decrepit. Aside from a building that is long overdue for replacement, the station is not optimum size for serving the area.

Last year the City of Dallas reached an agreement to purchase the property at 3839 Walnut Hill as the location for a new fire station.

The City has recently begun work on the site, tearing down the previous owner's home and prepping the lot. Actual construction may be several months off, but within a year to a year and a half we should have a beautiful new station with the most modern fire equipment.

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Crime Watch and VIP News

VIPs NEEDED

Though we might institute a paid police patrol, there is an immediate way to help be part of the solution in reducing crime in our neighborhood--join the Volunteers In Patrol (VIP). These dedicated folks spend about 3 hours per patrolling month our



neighborhood to help keep it safe. There are no fees or charges to join VIP--just a willingness to dedicate a little time each month to patrol the area.

Even if a paid patrol is implemented, more VIP members would enable us to increase the number of hours our neighborhood is patrolled, keeping all of us safer.

VIP members receive training from the Dallas Police Department before they join the patrol.

If you would like to join these dedicated people, please contact Bill Marx at (214) 358-5855, or Bill Fay at (214) 353-0110.

You can also go to www.whha75229.net to download the volunteer form.

Resources

The WHHA website contains crime watch news and other neighborhood information, including monthly VIP meeting minutes. Should you have information to forward regarding crime in our neighborhood, please send it to crimewatch@whha75229.net.

The Internet gateway to most City of Dallas resources can be found at www.dallascityhall.com. Here you can find links to most city departments, city news, park and recreation center events, and just about anything else run by the city.

2007 Membership Information and Dues - WHHA and Crime Watch/VIP

Help us reach our highest paid membership ever by filling out the form, writing a check and mailing it today! With your help, we'll make this a great year in the neighborhood, with even better communications, better events, and more improvements. With the new automatic emailing system we have, it is even more important than ever for us to have your current email address, so please complete that section if you have an email and would like to receive periodic notices from the association. All emails are kept in the strictest confidence and never shared with any third party.



Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Enclosed: _____ \$5.00 WHHA _____ \$5.00 CRIME WATCH

One check for \$10.00 made payable to WHHA is fine. Please mail to:

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