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Special Point of Interest:

- **Ann Margolin to address the LBJ Expressway Project, Thursday, January 20th at 7:00 pm. - Walnut Hill Recreation Center, 10011 Midway Road**

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A Note from Our President - Crime Watch Awards Dinner

At the recent awards dinner for the Crime Watch from the city of Dallas here are some of the topics that Dallas Chief of Police, David Brown talked about:

- He was born and raised here in Dallas. He is the 28th/ Chief of the DPD in the 129 years existence. He has been with the DPD for 27 years.
- Dallas has had seven years of crime reduction. The only other time was from 1989 to 1995, here in Dallas, when we had 3 chiefs and 3 interim chiefs.
- Neighborhoods with the most active Crime Watch group, have the lowest crime rate.
- He urged us all to be "nosy neighbors". Meaning we should get to know not only the two neighbors on either side of us, but also the across the street, and the ones behind us.
- Get the young, ages 25-35, adults to volunteer in their own public safety, because what is important for the neighborhood is safety, and they are the future of our city.
- For us all to leave a legacy.
- Safety in the neighborhood,

report any suspicious activity.

- Create a phone list/e-mail list: communicate with each other. One of the best ways to stop crime is to let your neighbor know what you've seen. Report it to 9-1-1.
- The Police are the community, and the community is part of the police. As of September 14, 2010, Dallas crime was down 8.5% for this year.

We are very lucky to have, as one of our Enhanced Patrol Officers one who was awarded the honor of Community Police Officer of the year, Steve Fuentes. But we need more help. Crime Watch groups in the city of Dallas saved the Police Dept. almost \$1.6 million with the volunteer hours our VIP/Crime Watch groups patrol the streets of Dallas. That was money saved because of these volunteers. Our own VIP/Crime Watch group had several members who were honored that evening with years of service awards. They were for 5 years: Art & Linda Befort, Heather Glenn,

Bill Marx and Bob & Monica Noyes. For 10 years: Margaret & Mike Conlin, Gary Patton, Claire Litton and Edna Wolford. For 15 years: Gennie & Paul Figel, Art Neaubauer, Joyce Tepley and Phil Hughes. Our congratulations go out to these volunteers. Thank you for what you do for our neighborhood. So come and join us to help keep our neighborhood safe for our children and grand children to run and play. I grew up in this neighborhood. We played in our street, we were at one or the others house at anytime of the day. Of course, we had 63 kids on our street under the age of 18. Where my grand kids live, they don't play out front. They don't go to friends homes without an adult watching them. They call home to tell their parents that they are leaving to come home. Why is this? Because maybe there are people out there who want to do the wrong things. Break into homes, into cars and sheds. Well, **NOT IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD!** And I hope it the same way with you.
Bob Noyes - WHHA President



"Happy Holidays!"

Joy is not in things, it is in us"
- Benjamin Franklin

DART Green Line Opened December 6th!



The Dart Green Line opened on schedule and under budget on December 6th! The 28-mile, 20-station, \$1.8 billion Green Line created new light rail connections for Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) customers from southeast Dallas to the cities of Farmers Branch and Carrollton in the northwest.

"The Green Line changes everything for our customers," DART President/ Executive Director Gary Thomas said. "Customers living in Pleasant Grove now have seamless access to jobs at Baylor, Downtown Dallas, the Market District, UT Southwestern/Parkland, Love Field and Farmers Branch and Carrollton. Business owners all along the corridor can connect with new customers and new pools of prospective employees."

And for our residents in the WHHA neighborhood, this gives us an opportunity to catch the light rail in our neck of the woods. The closest stations to our area are located north of Royal Lane on the east side of Denton Drive and north of Walnut Hill Lane on the east side of Denton Drive.

WHHA Home Sales Stats - 2010*

**33 WHHA Homes Sold by REALTORS® in 2010. Average Days on Market - 81
Average price per square foot - \$149.46**

As of December 17th, 2010 there are 29 homes listed with REALTORS® in our area, and 2 are under contract.

Home Maintenance Tips

Keeping your home in good condition will ensure your family's safety, increase your home's value, and save you money in future home repairs. Here are some things you should check in and around your house.

Roof and Gutters

Clean your gutters and drain pipes of leaves and debris. Your drain pipes should be positioned so that any precipitation drains away from your house. Check your roof for any missing shingles or damage. You also need to check your ceilings indoors for any water damage or leaks around windows, vents and corners that are prone to leakage over time.

Heating System and Hot Water Heater

You should have your heating and air-conditioning system serviced twice per year. And draining your hot water heater and removing the sediment that has gathered at the bottom of the tank over the last year, will not only prolong the life of your water heater, but will ensure that it stays in top condition year round.

Windows and Doors

Check all of your doors and windows for drafts. Replace any seals that seem worn or damaged. Those small cracks that get neglected can be the equivalent of leaving a window open year round, wasting energy and increasing the work of your heating and cooling systems.

Filters and Water Faucets

The filters in your home should be replaced or cleaned once a month or as needed. Remember to check and clean your air conditioner, dryer vent, room fans and stove hood. Always keep furniture and draperies away from heating vents. Check all faucets throughout your home for leaks. Repairing minor leaks prevents larger issues from happening and can lower your water bill. To fix leaky faucets, you may need to replace worn-out washers and gaskets.

Safety Devices

Check and replace batteries in carbon monoxide, and smoke detectors at least twice a year. If you have a fire extinguisher, make sure it is in good working order and kept out of reach of children.

* Information provided by Barbara Stone, REALTOR® - Allie Beth Allman & Associates. All information taken from NTREIS MLS system is deemed reliable but not guaranteed.

Hazardous Waste Recycle

Dallas residents are offered a free disposal service for home chemical waste at the Home Chemical Collection Center or any Home Chemical Collection event provided by the Dallas Area Household Hazardous Waste Network. For information about collections events, call (214) 553-1765.

Both services are free to Dallas residents. Bring proof of residency, driver's license and a water or utility bill showing address.

Home Chemical Collection Center
 11234 Plano Road
 Dallas, Texas 75243
 One mile north of 635
 (214) 553-1765

Hours of Operation:

Open Tuesday-Thursday and 2 Saturdays a month

- Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month:



Do What You Can to Keep Our Environment Clean! Recycle Properly!

Items for the Home Chemical Collection Center

What You Can Bring:

- Paint and home repair products
- Used automotive fluids
- Lawn and garden chemicals
- Aerosol Sprays
- Pool Chemicals
- Household cleaners & Polishes
- Old gasoline
- Automobile fluids & Oil filter
- Fluorescent light tubes

- and CFLs
- Batteries of all kinds
- Personal computers & cell phones
- Monitors
- Printers & Drives
- Circuit boards, Cables and wiring

Do Not Bring:

- Business or commercial waste
- Containers larger than 5 gallons

- Explosives or Ammunition
- Shock sensitive material
- Smoke detectors or other radioactive materials
- Medical Waste/Pharmaceuticals
- Common Trash or recyclables/Tires
- Construction Debris
- Electronics or appliances other than Computers and cell phones

Dallas Trivia:
In 1934, the red Pegasus revolving sign was installed atop the Magnolia Building

WHHA - Yard of the Month Program

We are reinstating the Yard of the Month program to promote goodwill and reward our neighbors that have shown exemplary lawn care. Our Volunteers In Patrol Group will be on the lookout to find that special yard. And if you

see one of your neighbor's yard that you think deserves the award, please contact one of the WHHA officers. We all appreciate everyone's efforts to keep our neighborhood looking so beautiful! Be on the lookout for future

winner announcements on our website: whha75229.net



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We're Looking to Fill 1 Officer Position!

Want to volunteer with a great group of people and help make your community a better place to live?

We have openings for the Vice-President position.

Please contact Bob Noyes at 214-351-6925 to learn more!

Keeping WHHA Safe - Simple Things You Can Do:

This time of year home break-ins increase because burglars know homes will be filled with gifts and are in visible sight. But we can all do something to keep our homes and neighborhoods safer:

- Get to know your neighbor. Keep an eye out for each other's property. Know who is coming and going around your home.
- If you wake up at night for any reason, look out your window to see what is going on. Most crimes will happen at night when criminals suspect everyone is in bed.
- Keep garage doors down at all times! Burglars are quick!
- Light up the outside of your home at night. Install security lights.
- Keep bushes trimmed around your home. They are a perfect place for burglars to hide.
- If you park your vehicle in the driveway or in front of your home, remove all valuables.
- Install a security system that is monitored.
- Stop mail and newspapers when you are away from home.
- Join our neighborhood ENP program! You will have access to our patrol officer if any problems occur. It's easy to join; just follow the instructions below:

Fees for ENP are \$160, or \$110 for seniors 65 and older.

Payment Options:

Pay online on the WHHA Website (<http://whha75229.net>) by Credit Card or PayPal

Pay by check: Please fill out the enclosed form. Mail your payment to:

WHHA Crime Watch
P.O. Box 29643
Dallas, TX 75229

Thank you for your past monetary support!

Advertisements:

Advertise With WHHA:

WHHA is now accepting paid advertisements to run in the quarterly newsletters. Business card format is available, as well as 1/4 page size. We mail to about 1,100 homes.

Please contact Bob Noyes at 214-351-6925 for pricing.



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