



L Streets Neighborhood Association

~ Serving Our Lake Highlands Community Since 1994 ~

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A Very Special "Thank You" to **Tom Glasson** on Lanshire for printing our August newsletter & NNO flyer / map.

New VIP Trainees

Insert YOUR NAME Here!
MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

The next VIP training class is scheduled for **Saturday, October 8, 2005** from 9 a.m.—4 p.m. @ the **Central Police Station / 911 Call Center @ City Hall.**

To receive a Volunteer In Patrol (VIP) application, please call our Crime Watch Voice Mail at **214.967.5092** or simply email us @ CrimeCrusher@hotmail.com.

Statistics show neighborhood patrol groups have a definite impact on crime reduction. We've all seen it happening in the L Streets **thanks to our VIP team's extra efforts every day.** We love to see those **flashing yellow lights** as VIP patrols our streets daily.

Pet Watch Alert: Have you lost or found a pet? Will you be a temporary foster parent? Let us know & we'll try to help it find its way home. Contact us at either **214.967.5092** or at Crime-Crusher@hotmail.com

Lake Highlands and our very own L Streets are two of Dallas' best kept secrets!

Membership & Street Toppers Update

By **Robin Wells, Treasurer, L Streets**

Hello Neighbors! We're well into the summer and your Board of Directors hopes this finds you well and cool. We have been very successful this year & we are 71% of our total membership goal. If you have not already paid your 2005 membership dues (\$15 single/\$25 family), please do so ASAP & encourage your neighbors to do the same. Your dues help pay for expenses such as our email & voice mail systems, Crime Watch cell phone & equipment our VIPs use, the information signs around the neighborhood, and many other items & services that benefit you. Without all of our financial support, we may be forced to cut back on these means of communication and crime reduction.

This year, we would like to raise funds to purchase Street Toppers for our area. The Street Toppers will designate our area of LH as the "L Streets." We already have \$137 in the Special Account designated for the Street Toppers, which covers the cost of one street topper + city installation. We are excited about this new project and hope you are too and will help support it.

Did you notice the RW&B 4th of July holiday street sign decorations a la your annual dues?



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Crime Watch's Nat'l Night Out is Aug. 2

By **Michelle Smith & Jorge Chavez, Co-Chairmen of Crime Watch 1089**



To All L Streets Neighbors — Please show your support for the city's & L Streets volunteers' efforts to reduce crime by attending the FREE 22nd annual **National Night Out, Tuesday, Aug. 2, 7 to 8:30 p.m.** For details, read the NNO flyer / map delivered w/ this newsletter or visit our **new** Neighborhood News blog @ www.lstreets.blogspot.com.

Petition Against Drug Paraphernalia

Neighbors, we need your immediate attention to this matter to sign the petition (by 8/20/05) located on the following six L Streets porches. The L Streets will deliver its signatures en masse to LHAIA on 8/23/05.

1. **8945 Lockhaven**
2. **8843 Larchwood**
3. **10665 Le Mans**
4. **9034 Lydgate**
5. **9017 Livenshire**
6. **10208 Linkwood**

Please take time to drop by & sign--*no need to ring the bell or schedule a time.* Thanks to those of you who have already signed it. Let's show our united voice to illegal drug dealers & users—& stores selling drug paraphernalia—they are not welcome in Lake Highlands! **For more info about this project, please visit <http://www.lhaia.org>.**

L Streets' Membership Meeting Aug. 9

All of you are invited to attend our **general membership meeting on Tuesday, August 9, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. @ the NE Police Station on NW Highway.** **Speakers** from the city council, police, LHAIA & L Streets N. A. will **discuss** CW 1089 crime stats & safety tips; LH Town Project; What's Going On @ City Hall; LHAIA beautification initiatives & monument project, TX DOT's proposed 635 overpass plans; L Streets' projects for speed bumps, street toppers, code enforcement, crime watch & VIP, August Yard of the Month winner's presentation, etc.. Please support YOUR association's efforts w/ your interest, contributions & attendance. With 1,500 people in our L Streets—&and only 50 +/- (3%) showing up at "quarterly" mtgs.—it *appears you're not interested.* Please **PROVE US WRONG** & join us Aug. 9!

5 Great Ways to Save Water Indoors

1. Turn off the water while scrubbing vegetables. Clean them in a partially filled pan or sink.
2. If you wash dishes or pans by hand, don't leave the water running to rinse them. Rinse in the sink, a pot or a dish pan.
3. Train your toilet to use less water. Simply fill a plastic jug w/ water & weight it down with a few stones. Place it inside the tank in an area that does not interfere with the operation of the moving parts. Each time you flush, you will save as much water as is displaced by the jug. Caution: Never use bricks as a displacement device. They will erode & the particles will clog your drainage system. *(I've done this; it's working to save me! ~RH)*
4. Turn off the water while brushing your teeth or shaving. Wet your toothbrush, then fill a glass with the water you need for rinsing.
5. Wash only full loads in your washing machine & dishwasher. Each washing machine run uses 30 to 40 gallons of water. If you have a setting for smaller loads, be sure to use it when you are washing just a few things. Wait until the dishwasher is full before you run a load. Dishwashers use about 15 gallons of water each time they are run.

8 Great Ways to Save Water Outdoors

1. Use the principles of xeriscape (quality landscaping that conserves water & prevents water pollution) in your yard.
2. Plant native, drought-tolerant or adapted plants in your yard.
3. Water only in the morning, when evaporation rates are at their lowest.
4. Use sprinklers that throw big drops of water close to the ground. Smaller drops & mist often evaporate before they hit the ground.
5. Water only when your grass begins to show signs of stress -- when it begins to wilt or discolor or when footprints are visible after you've walked on it.
6. When you do water, do it deeply & infrequently to promote good root growth & healthy plants.
7. Use a broom to wash your driveway -- not a hose.
8. Don't water the pavement.

DO YOU FEEL SAFE? Give us your email address TODAY to receive INSTANT Crime Watch BULLETINS & Neighborhood News. If you don't have email, please CALL our Crime Watch HOTLINE to hear weekly crime updates. By being passive and not participating in our Crime Watch program, you may only hear critical news from a neighbor or via our "quarterly" general meetings or newsletters about recent crimes or tips on how to protect your property and family. In CW 1089, we have 475 households (est. 1,500 residents) but only 200 households participate in the L Streets' "private / non-published" Crime Watch email system. Instant communication is the key! Are your home and car vulnerable? Do you have time to help us now? Will you have time to help us after you or your family are victims? These are immediate precautionary actions you can take: **1)** Join VIP to be extra eyes & ears for police; **2)** Call 911 on any suspicious activity; **3)** Always lock your house & car and take your keys & valuables inside; **4)** Sign up for Crime Watch emails at CrimeCrusher@hotmail.com; **5)** Regularly call our Crime Watch Hot Line at **214.967.5092**; and, **6)** Watch out for each other.

Law Passed by Keffer & Corona Against Strip Clubs Is Upheld by Federal Court

By Bill Keffer, Representative of District 107, State of Texas
 Without any advance warning, **Federal Judge Jane Boyle** upheld the law passed during one of the 2003 legislative special sessions by State Representative Bill Keffer & State Senator John Carona dealing with sexually-oriented businesses. Specifically, when PT's Gold Club announced its intention to build a new strip club at Miller & Plano Roads near Lake Highlands, the community kicked into high gear. Sunbelt Pool owner Rob Morgan led a petition drive to persuade the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission to refuse the Gold Club's application for a private club permit to sell alcohol. Over 5000 sworn petitions were collected. Nevertheless, the TABC would still have had the discretion to grant the permit, notwithstanding the overwhelming community opposition. More was necessary. With the leadership of Senator Carona & the help of Gov. Perry, we were able to take advantage of the legislature being in special session & **passed a law that would prohibit any sexually-oriented business from being able to sell alcohol in a dry area - period. The law went into effect in January 2004,** & almost immediately the Gold Club & similarly situated strip clubs filed suit in Dallas federal court, challenging the constitutionality of the new law. In the meantime, the Gold Club opened its doors, operates as a totally nude club where patrons must bring their own alcohol {BYOB}, & has routinely had a full parking lot, presumably planning eventually to have the law struck down so they can sell alcohol as originally planned. On July 13, Federal Judge Jane Boyle issued an order upholding the law & finding it constitutional. It is likely that the strip clubs will appeal the decision. **But, for now, District 107 & the citizens of Lake Highlands have realized a significant victory in our effort to shut down an unwanted business in our community.**



Dallas City Services

If you're having trouble with any of your City of Dallas services or need to know your Bulky Trash schedule, please dial **3-1-1** or go to www.dallascityhall.com. Note: A bulky trash fine (no warning) is \$250 + \$40 court

CW 1089 BULKY TRASH SCHEDULE:
 * **Set Out Bulky Trash** on Thursdays—
 Aug 11, Sept. 15 & Oct 13.
 * **Bulky Trash Pick Up** by Friday week of—
 Aug. 15, Sept. 19 & Oct 17.

Calendar of Events

- Aug. 2: L Streets National Night Out—Walk to Support Crime Reduction & Efforts,** 7 to 8:30 p.m., L Streets (see separate flyer & map for walk route & refreshment stops)
- Aug. 9: L Streets NA Open General Membership Meeting** — at NE Police Station on NW Hwy, 7 — 8:30 p.m..
- Aug. 16: (Tentative) City Councilman Bill Blaydes' Town Hall Meeting** — LH High School Cafeteria, 7 p.m., call 214.670.4068 for more info or to ensure it's confirmed.
- Aug. 23: LHAIA General Membership Meeting** — LH Rec Center on White Rock Trail @ Church Rd, 7 p.m.
- *Aug. 23: YOM Nominations Due**
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- October 8&VIP Training** — Downtown Police Station & City Hall, 9 a.m.—4 p.m.
- *Oct. 23: YOM Nominations Due**
- * The L Streets N.A. must receive your written YOM nominations—w/ nominee's address—by the 23rd calendar day of ea. Month (Apr—Oct). Please mail them to P. O. Box 38361, Dallas, TX 75238-8361 or email to CrimeCrusher@hotmail.com.

Do you know a new neighbor who has recently moved in on your street? Email **Julie Barnes**, L Streets Secretary/Welcome Cmte. Chairman, @ CrimeCrusher@hotmail.com or leave a VM @ **214.967.5092** to have a complimentary **Welcome Basket** delivered from the L Streets.

2005 Yard of the Mo. Winners
May—10323 Lanshire, The Williams
June—8629 Lockhaven, The Simmons
July—9023 Liptonshire, The Balthrops
August Winner TBA @ 8.9.05 Qtly. Mtng.

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