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# L Streets Neighborhood Association

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## \* Quarterly Meeting \*

**Tuesday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> 7 – 8:30pm**

### **Become a VIP**

Don't be afraid or frustrated by crime, help prevent crime by joining the L Streets Volunteers in Patrol. You can set your own schedule to patrol the neighborhood in a non-confrontational manner. Applicants must first complete volunteer training and pass a background check. For more information, contact [crimecrusher@hotmail.com](mailto:crimecrusher@hotmail.com)

### **2007 VIP Class Schedule**

March 26, 27, and 29

May 12 (Saturday) 10 am till 4 pm

July 23, 24, and 26

Please attend the L Streets 1st Quarter General Meeting at the **Elks Lodge #71 on the corner of Lullwater Dr. and Ryker Dr. The address is: 8550 Lullwater Dr. Enter through the main doors and take an immediate right to the room at the end of the hall.**

Please note that the meeting location has changed this time from the LH United Methodist Church to the **Elks Lodge** that is located adjacent to the Kroger shopping center on Lullwater Drive.

The Dallas Elks Lodge are encouraging new memberships. The Elks are a charitable and social organization. They help young people, veterans, law enforcement, the disabled and the homeless. Social events include dances, trips, dinners, and games. For more information call Dick Reed (972 231-6689) or email [dickreed@swbell.net](mailto:dickreed@swbell.net).

## **Join the Masses and \$\$ Put Your Money Where Your Home Is \$\$**

We're please to report that membership in our L Streets Neighborhood Association is up since February 2006. During this same period, the number of members past due on their membership dues has gone down. Thank you for your continued support!!

Your dues support everything our association does including VIP crime patrols, crime watch voicemail, welcome committee activities, website domain fees, yard of the month, sign toppers, LHAIA membership, and more! If you're not sure whether you're current on your dues, you may contact our Treasurer, Ken Adams at [treasurer@lstreets.org](mailto:treasurer@lstreets.org)

Membership dues are payable annually on the anniversary of the first payment. You may fill out the new membership form on the website at [www.lstreets.org](http://www.lstreets.org) and make your check payable to:  
L Streets N.A., P.O. Box 38361, Dallas, TX 75238-8361

Single memberships are \$15 a year and family memberships are \$25 per year.

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### **NE Division Crime Watch Summit - By Jorge Chávez**

I recently attended the first Crime Watch Summit for 2007. Chief Easterling initiated these meetings to build a greater partnership between the police and local crime watch groups. The meetings have been a fantastic opportunity to share ideas and learn from other crime watch group leaders across northeast Dallas. Chief Easterling was proud to report a drop in crime of 12% across the Division. Also, the police response time for emergency calls is now 7.86 minutes. This is better than the overall city response time of 8.32 minutes.

The L Streets is located in Crime Watch 1089. Along with four other crime watch areas, it comprises Beat 234, so we met with other groups from the 230's. We have ongoing challenges particularly with car break-ins as well as the occasional residential burglary. Although down for the year, residential burglaries spiked in our sector for the fourth quarter of 2006. There is usually a surge in crime around the holidays at the end of the year. One theme that ran throughout the meeting is the importance of knowing your neighbors and getting involved with your local crime watch group. If you get to know those around you, you will more likely spot when something is suspicious.

To find out how you can get involved in your neighborhood, go to [www.lstreets.org](http://www.lstreets.org) and click on "crime watch" or send an Email to [vip@lstreets.org](mailto:vip@lstreets.org).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

**Feb 13<sup>th</sup>** – LSNA – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly meeting.

**March 26<sup>th</sup>** – 3 day VIP training Course begins

**April 28<sup>th</sup>** – 3rd annual Run the Highlands 5K Fun Run and 1 Mile Family Walk

### Curb and Alley Number Initiative

By Douglas Perkins

Easily readable curb and alley numbers provide many benefits. The most important of these benefits is to allow the police and fire departments to locate your house quickly and easily both during the day and at night. Also, curb and alley numbering will help to keep our neighborhood safer by allowing VIPs to give more accurate information to the 911 operators in the case they see suspicious activity. It is for these reasons that the board has made it a goal for this year to repaint old and faded curb numbers as well as place numbers in the alleys for those members of the L Streets Neighborhood association who request this service. Currently we are in the initial phases of this project and will have more information on the L Streets blog as it becomes available.

### 3rd Annual Run the Highlands 5K/ 1 Mile Family Walk Saturday, April 28, 2007

Benefiting Lake Highlands North Recreation Center's future trail system and continued spray ground amenities

Registration will begin March 1, online at [www.lhjn.org](http://www.lhjn.org) and [www.runontexas.com](http://www.runontexas.com) Brochures will be available by mid-March at area businesses.

Registration fees:  
\$15 before April 15  
\$20 after April 15, \$25 day of race  
\$10 for children 3 to 12 (no deadline)  
Family Package (2 adults and kids under 12) \$45 before April 28, \$50 day of race



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## Dallas Recycles

By Tom Glasson



The City of Dallas has made it easier than ever to participate in their city-wide recycling program. "Big Blue" dumpsters were delivered to the neighborhood early in December. If you would like a recycling dumpster and don't have one, simply call 311 and request one. Dumpsters are emptied every other Thursday. For those of you familiar with the former blue bag program and don't want to convert to the "Big Blue" dumpsters, the City will continue to collect blue bags on a bi-weekly basis as well.

### L Street Landscape Plans

Donated by former BloomSmith owner and resident,  
Karen Olson-Smith

Are you looking to revamp your yard? New landscaping can create a fresh look for your property plus provide the water saving benefit of Texas native plants. This will also attract birds and wildlife. If you want to do the work yourself, but could use the help of a professional plan to ensure your efforts improve your property value, this is an opportunity for you.

Karen Olson-Smith, trained in Horticulture and Landscape Design at the Richland College Horticulture program, and former owner of BloomSmith, is offering to provide a **one-hour consultation and landscape design** complete with materials list to current members of the L Street Association who **donate \$50 dollars** to association. In addition, she will give you installation tips and source suggestions for your materials that will save you money.

Your fifty dollars will help the association fund ongoing projects and expenses such as: Curb Numbers, Landscaping in the common area between NW highway and L Streets, L Streets Neighborhood signage - part of LHAIA project, National Night Out Volunteer Appreciation Program, VIP Patrol Program: phone and supplies, Crimewatch Voice Mail, Newsletter printing, PO Box fees, Web site hosting fees, Registration fees for LHAIA and Secretary of State, Welcome Committee Baskets, Yard of the Month signs and awards.

Spots are limited the first 15 members and must be submitted by March 1, 2007 so if you would like to take advantage of this offer, contact Karen via [springpromo@lstreets.org](mailto:springpromo@lstreets.org) and enter "**Landscape Design**" in the subject of your note. *Checks should be made out to L Streets Neighborhood Association*

### Don't let this be your last newsletter!

The L Streets Neighborhood Association is looking for a newsletter editor. If you have writing or desktop publishing skills, we need you!

This newsletter is an important communication piece for many of our residents who are not online.

Time involved is about 4 hours, four times a year when the newsletters come out.

Please contact [communications@lstreets.org](mailto:communications@lstreets.org) if you can help.



### Timely Tips for February Gardeners:

#### Pruning Your Landscape

Pruning is both an art and a necessary maintenance function. Most trees and shrubs can be lightly pruned at any time but, mid-winter is generally the best time for major pruning.

Plants that flower in the spring produce flower buds the previous growing season. They should be pruned immediately after flowering. Examples include Azalea, Carolina Jessamine and Wisteria.

Summer flowering plants generally bloom on new growth so they can be pruned mid-winter to early spring. Examples are Crape Myrtle, Butterfly Bush, Spiraea and Honeysuckle. Never top a Crape Myrtle. Prune to remove seed heads, thin out or remove damaged branches or ones that are rubbing together.

Shade trees, evergreen shrubs and groundcovers should be pruned mid-winter. The flush of new growth in spring will cover where cuts were made. Pruning paint isn't necessary unless you're pruning Oak trees during growing season.

February is the best time for pruning most Roses. Remove any old and diseased canes then cut remaining canes back by 50 percent. Make your cuts above a bud that faces away from the center of the plant. Remove spent blooms on bush roses for more flowers later in the season. Prune climbing roses after they finish blooming in the spring.

Trim back perennials and ornamental grasses before the new growth appears in spring. Clean up around the plants and mulch well to protect them.