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# L Streets Neighborhood Association

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## \* Quarterly Meeting \*

**Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 7 – 8:30pm**

**Congratulations!**  
**To Our newest VIP Trainee:**  
Harry Lehr

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend our quarterly meeting. Many exciting things are taking place in our neighborhood. Among the topics to be discussed are the treasury report, crime update, street sign topper committee update, and the Northwest Terrace Apartments redevelopment update.

### **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)

### Please note:

The meetings have moved from the N.E. Police substation to the **Lake Highlands United Methodist Church** on the S.W. corner of McCree Rd. and Plano Rd.

To locate the meeting room, park on the McCree Road side of the church and enter the doors that face McCree Rd. These doors are marked "Family Life Center." Once inside the doors, take a left at the first hallway toward the sanctuary. The room is the first door on the left, room #F101.

### **2006 VIP Class Schedule:**

**July 17, 18, and 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**November 6, 7, and 9<sup>th</sup>**

\* Three-day classes include two nights At NE substation from 7-9pm, and one night downtown at 911 office from 7-9pm

**Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**

\* One-day class is a full day at the downtown 911 office from 10am to 4pm.

### **Northwest Terrace Apts. Redevelopment Plan**

A new gated Community will soon be joining the L Streets to replace the Northwest Terrace apartment complex. Construction is scheduled to begin this summer with the first phase west of Lullwater. There will be 144 two and three story Philadelphia brownstone town homes. 26 units will have rear entry garages, and 118 units will have a front entry garage. Prices will range from \$250,000 to \$325,000 per home. Stay tuned for a public hearing within the next month and attend the May 9<sup>th</sup> L Streets N.A. meeting for more details.



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Have you paid your 2006 membership dues yet? 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 can contact 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 just \$15 a year and family memberships are only \$25 per year.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

**May 6<sup>th</sup>** – Safety Fair, N.E. Substation, 10am – 2pm

**May 9<sup>th</sup>** – L Streets N.A. 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter meeting, Lake Highlands United Methodist Church 7-8:30pm.

**July 17, 18, 20<sup>th</sup>** – VIP Crime Patrol training classes, N.E. Substation.



### Update: Street Sign Toppers

The sign toppers committee met in April and are currently collecting designs for the sign toppers. This summer, they'll narrow it down to 3 designs and begin getting quotes from contractors. Voting members will be helping us choose the final design. Be sure to pay your membership dues so you can vote!



### CRIME PREVENTION FAIR

The DPD Northeast Operations Division is proudly hosting the 2006 Crime Prevention Fair at the N.E. substation on **Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm.**

Displays and demonstrations will include: DPD helicopter, Careflite helicopter, mobile storefront, police motorcycles and squad cars, fire truck and ambulance, SWAT unit, and bomb squad – plus free hotdogs and soda!

For more information call Sergeant Eric Larsen at 214-670-4762 or Officer Bervin Smith at 214- 670-7747

#### PET WATCH

Report lost/found pets to any officer or block captain and we'll post the info on the blog site [www.lstreets.blogspot.com](http://www.lstreets.blogspot.com)

## What's this "Listserv" I Keep Hearing About??

Effective April 15th, we have officially migrated from our former hotmail email list to the new ListServ. As of press time, we have 94 individual email accounts that have joined the ListServ through our website. Needless to say, we are very excited by the participation of our L Streets Neighbors! Here are some FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) that will hopefully educate everyone on the new ListServ:

### What is ListServ?

In it's most basic form, a ListServ is more or less an email distribution list.

### What are the benefits?

In January of this year, we switched to a webhosting company, which allows us greater flexibility and efficiency to manage and customize the information on [www.lstreets.org](http://www.lstreets.org). Our webhosting plan provides us the ListServ software. ListServ allows the end user (you!) to enter your information at anytime and be added to the distribution list. This adds convenience and eliminates the possibility of human error. It also eliminates unwanted emails (spam) from being sent to anyone on the distribution list.

### How does this affect me?

If you haven't already entered your information on the website, and wish to continue receiving L Streets email communication, you must follow these steps: Visit [www.lstreets.org/emaillist.html](http://www.lstreets.org/emaillist.html), Enter your name, your physical address and your email address and submit. You will receive an email to validate the email address you entered and you must click the link provided in the email to be added to the distribution list.

## It's Time to go into the Garden!

By Pamela Lehr, YOM Chair

A well-designed yard provides many benefits to the homeowner and the environment. Using Texas native plants and drought tolerant plants reduces the need for watering, fertilizing, maintenance and applying herbicides and pesticides. It also makes the best use of local soil and water conditions. When considering plants, evaluate the soil, moisture and other conditions of the space.

With additional planning, you can create a habitat for butterflies, hummingbirds and other feathered friends. Butterflies and hummingbirds are among the most attractive visitors to our garden. All it takes is a little knowledge and forethought to create an area where nature provides the entertainment.

For more information including pictures, migratory paths of butterflies and hummingbirds, Texas Natives and drought tolerant plants, check [DirtDoctor.com](http://DirtDoctor.com), [Texas Discovery Gardens.com](http://Texas Discovery Gardens.com), [Dallasarboretum.org](http://Dallasarboretum.org), [dallasbutterflies.com](http://dallasbutterflies.com), [hummingbirds.net](http://hummingbirds.net), [Texasstar.org](http://Texasstar.org), [highcountrtygardens.com](http://highcountrtygardens.com) and [ktb.org](http://ktb.org).

**Gardening Tip!** When planting annuals place a tablespoon of organic fertilizer in the planting hole, loosen the roots, water and mulch.

**Remember- Yard of the Month Nominations begin in April**

## Yard Of The Month



It's time to nominate one of your neighbors for Yard of the Month!

### Here's How:

Go to [www.lstreets.org](http://www.lstreets.org) and click on the "yard of the month" link and complete the form. You may also email your nomination to the YOM chair at [yom@lstreets.org](mailto:yom@lstreets.org). Nominations must be received by the 23<sup>rd</sup> of each month except for June and July due to the holidays. The committee must receive nominations by the 17<sup>th</sup> for these months. The winner will be notified and, with their permission, be featured on the L-Streets website and named in the quarterly newsletter.

The "Yard of the Month" sign is displayed in the winners yard for one month. When the next month's winner is chosen, the sign will be moved to the next winning yard.



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