

L STREETS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Serving our Lake Highlands community since 1994

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Free & Fun Activities

Dallas Farmers Market

Open seven days a week from 7 a.m.- 6 p.m. Local farmers display and sell a mouth watering and eye pleasing selection of fresh fruit and vegetables, herbs and floral plants at the open air market. A perfect place to take a leisurely stroll. 1010 South Pearl Street 214-939-2808

Outdoor Activities

Hiking, biking, walking or running – Dallas offers happy trails for you. The Dallas Parks & Recreation Department maintains a number of bike/hike trails such as the 9.33 mile trail at White Rock Lake, which connects with the 7.3 mile trail at White Rock Creek Park.

Call 214-670-4100 to locate a trail or 214-670-4039 for bike route maps.

The **L Streets N.A. Newsletter** is published quarterly.

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**P.O. Box 38361
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Quarterly Meeting

Tuesday, May 13 at Lake Highlands Elementary School

The L Streets 2nd Quarter General Meeting will be held in the Lake Highlands Elementary School Cafetorium at 9501 Ferndale Rd. from 7:00pm – 8:30pm.

Park in the lot located north of the school on the west side of Ferndale. In addition, limited parking is available in the circle drive and should be reserved for those in need of easy access to

the building.

Enter through the front doors located near the red and white Lake Highlands Elementary marquee sign. A wheel chair ramp and a set of steps lead up to the door.

After entering the building, take a right down the hallway and the Cafetorium will be on your left.



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Volunteers Needed

The L Streets Neighborhood Association has volunteer opportunities for the following positions:

- VIP Chairman
- VIPs (Volunteers in Patrol)
- Block Captains – Plano Road

For more information, contact Joe Hardin at 972-814-5960, or via e-mail at president@lstreets.org.

For more information on the Volunteers in Patrol program, visit the VIP website at: www.northeastcrimewatch.org/30.html.

Meet State Representative Allen Vaught

Allen Vaught was elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 2006. Allen represents District 107, which covers the area in east Dallas surrounding White Rock lake – including Lakewood and part of Lake Highlands, including the L Streets. Allen, his wife Donna, son Jonathan, and Golden Retrievers Scout and Ranger live in Lakewood Heights near White Rock Lake. Allen and his family attend St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church.

Allen is a 1990 graduate of Bridgeport High School. He graduated with a B.B.A in accounting from Baylor University in 1995. Allen obtained his law degree from the South Texas College of Law in 1997. He is the managing attorney of the Dallas office of Franklin, Cardwell, & Jones, P.C.

Allen attended the John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School, graduating in 2001. He was a reserve Captain who was assigned to the U.S. Army Special Operations Command. Allen served in Iraq from April 2003 to March 2004. While transporting two daughters of a local tribal leader to an American hospital, Allen’s convoy was hit by an improvised explosive device and small arms ambush. His back was fractured in the fight. Allen was awarded the Purple Heart for his injuries and was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army Reserve.

Allen has an “open-door policy.” Contact him at the following:
 Capitol Address: Capitol Extension Room E2.404, Austin, Texas, 78711
 Mailing Address: Attn: Rep. Allen Vaught, P. O. Box 910, Austin, Texas, 78768-2910
 Email: allen.vaught@house.state.tx.us

Free & Fun Activities

M-Line All Around

The historic M-Line Streetcar meets the modern new M-Line Trolley Bus to create the M-Line service. Ride the streetcar down McKinney Avenue connecting to the Trolley Bus to St. Paul and Ross, within walking distance of the Dallas Museum of Art. Ride down Main Street to the famous West End to have lunch, shop, or just browse the shops. Whatever your interest maybe the M-Line can get you there for free!

Donations Accepted
 Mon - Fri 7 am - 10 pm
 Sat - Sun 10 am - 10 pm
 Service 7 days a week.

Call for schedule, 214-855-0006

ABOUT THE L STREETS N.A.

The L Streets Neighborhood Association was incorporated February 1, 2004. The neighborhood is comprised of 463 homes located within our boundaries of McCree Rd., Plano Rd., Ferndale and Northwest Hwy.

PURPOSE

- to preserve, protect, and advance the common interests of the neighborhood in which its members reside,
- to disseminate information of interests to those residents, and
- to promote a spirit of community among its members.

BECOME A MEMBER

Membership is open to all residents and authorized representatives of businesses. Applications are available

online at www.lstreets.org. Non-voting members do not pay dues. Dues-paying members are eligible to vote. Dues are \$15 per year for single-family membership with one vote and \$25 per year for family membership with two votes.

OFFICERS (see page 1 sidebar)

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Communications, Blog, & Newsletter:
 Donna Peebles: 214-340-7371

Webmaster, newsletter layout: Bill Rogers

VIP Chair: *Position Open*

Welcoming: Adrienne Hill & Amy Canady

Yard of the Month: Pam Lehr

Crime Watch: Nancy Willis

Events Coordinator & Seniors’ Support Group: Brandi Stringer

L Streets N.A. Block Captains

(current as of May 2008)

Lanarkshire

Brandon Reese

Lanshire - 10200 & 10300 Block

Karen Gatman

Lanshire - 10400 Block

Robey & Amy Canaday

Larchwood - 8800 Block

Brian & Julie Barnes

Larchwood - 8900 & 9000 Block

John & Condy Salling

Leaside

Mike McQuinn

LeMans - 10500 Block

Anne Hufstetler

LeMans - 10600 Block

Howard Plough

Linkwood

Jorge & Dawn Chavez

Liptonshire - 8800 Block

Amy Chester

Liptonshire - 8900 & 9000 Block

Amy Chester

Livenshire

Amy and Ebrahim Ghoreishi

Lockhaven - 8500 Block

Mike & Lawanna Robinson

Lockhaven - 8600 & 8700 Block

Karen Olson

Lockhaven - 8800 & 8900 Block

Mike Medley

Longmont

Maria Owens

Lullwater

Bennie & Paula Haynes

Lydgate

Marilyn Jackson

Lynford

Sharry Evans

Plano Road

Open

San Souci

Matt & Phyllis Ensign

L STREETS DEMOLITION PARTY

Friends and neighbors gathered Saturday, April 12, at Elks Lodge #71 on Lullwater to celebrate the demolition of Northwest Terrace Apartments. About 250 people attended the event sponsored by the L Streets Neighborhood Association, the Elks Lodge, and the Kim Jenson Group. Elks Lodge members and the L Streets N.A. provided free hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, cookies, drinks, and music. Volunteers included L Streets N.A. members Amy Canady, Robey Canady, Adrienne Hill, and Brandon Reese along with L Streets N.A. board members. Special guests included City Councilman Jerry Allen, State Representative Allen Vaught's District Manager Sarah Hauser, and Churchill Residential's Brad Forsland and Tony Sisk. Leadership from L Streets North C.W. 1077, Highland Meadows, Dixon Branch, Lake Ridge Estates North, Lake Ridge Friends and Family, LHAIA, and Old Lake Highlands joined in the celebration. Big and little kids alike enjoyed

seeing the big red fire truck and fire fighters from Fire Station No. 48. Local new reporters from Channel 11 and The Advocate were also on hand to record the event.

The L Streets N.A. especially thanks Dick Reed and the Elks Lodge members for providing great food, music, and an ideal location for the party. The Elks Lodge is a fraternal organization established in 1888 to help others. Members of the local organization visit the V.A. hospital, host Bingo games, provide scholarships, organize and furnish officials for local high school cross-country track meets, provide drug awareness programs, sponsor Lake Highlands baseball tournaments and many other charitable activities. The facilities at Lodge #71 on Lullwater include a ballroom, lounge, dining room, exercise room, swimming pool, conference room, game room, social room, and plenty of secure parking. The pool is open from Memorial to Labor Day. Members pay a single application fee of \$50 and annual dues of \$108.

State Bulb of Texas

On November 30, 2007, Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert joined mayors from Houston, San Antonio, Austin, Fort Worth, El Paso, and Arlington and called on all Texans to replace their old-fashioned light bulbs with energy-saving compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs). The mayors asked their fellow Texans to make the switch and adopt the energy saving "state bulb" of Texas. "It's important for each of us to do our part," said Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert. "Dallas has become an environmental leader, so it's a natural fit for us to join this statewide effort."

CFL benefits include:

- CFLs last up to 10 times as long as regular bulbs.
- Swapping out just one 60-watt incandescent bulb for an equally bright CFL saves more than \$35 over the life of the bulb. Swapping a 100-watt incandescent bulb for a CFL saves more than \$50.
- CFLs use about one-fourth the energy of regular bulbs, which is also good for the environment.

For more information about CFLs, goto www.lightnuptx.org.



Yard of the Month

Nominate a yard today!
Simply email your nomination to yom@lstreets.org.

Nominations must be received by the 27th of each month, March through September. View past Yards of the Month at www.lstreets.org/yom.html

The **Yard of the Month** is generously sponsored by **Calloway's nursery**, who donates a \$50 gift certificate to each month's winner.

Free & Fun Activities

Arts District Stroll

Take a one-hour guided walking tour of the Dallas Arts District where trained docents lead you through the largest arts area in the country. First Saturday each month. Meet at the Crow Collection of Asian Art. 10:30 a.m. Please R.S.V.P.

Arts District Friends
2010 Flora Street
214-953-1977

Calloway's Timely Tips for May Gardeners

Crape Myrtles are one of the most popular summer flowering shrubs. They provide abundant summer blooms and vivid fall foliage while requiring minimum maintenance. Bloom colors range from red and pink to lavender and white.

Crape Myrtles range in height from 3 feet to more than 20 feet tall. They do best planted in full sun. Prepare the soil with organic material such as Calloway's Landscape Mix and dig the hole just as deep as the container and twice as wide. Water well after planting and apply 2 to 3 inches of mulch to the surface.

Hand water at least once a week for the first year. Fertilize in early spring with a high nitrogen, lawn-type fertilizer to stimulate healthy, early season growth. Later in early summer, switch to a flower promoting fertilizer such as Calloway's Professional Crape Myrtle Food.

Prune Crape Myrtles to remove only the seed heads or any branches that rub together. Do not "top" them as it will destroy their natural shape and beauty. Know the space requirements before planting; you do not want to try to control the size of a Crape Myrtle by pruning.

There is no such thing as a perfect plant and the Crape Myrtle is no exception. Crape Myrtles are susceptible to powdery mildew and to aphids, which will lead to sooty mold. We carry both organic and synthetic solutions; choose whichever program best suits your needs.

Increase the value of your landscape and plant a Crape Myrtle. You will enjoy its beauty year round!

Tax-free weekend for Energy Efficient Products

Passage of Texas House Bill 3693 creates a weekend where state and local sales and use taxes are exempt for many energy efficient products. The 2008 Energy Star sales tax holiday occurs on Memorial Day weekend, beginning Saturday, May 24 and ending Monday, May 26.

Products qualifying for the tax exemption are:

- air conditioners priced under \$6,000 (room and central units)
- clothes washers (but not clothes dryers)
- ceiling fans
- dehumidifiers
- dishwashers
- light bulbs (incandescent and fluorescent)
- programmable thermostats
- refrigerators priced under \$2,000

All qualifying products will display the Energy Star logo. A tax exemption certificate is not required and there is no limit on the number of products that can be purchased during this sales tax holiday. Internet and catalog purchases are also eligible. Internet and catalog items must be paid for and delivered, or paid for and immediately shipped, during the exemption period.

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