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L Streets Neighborhood Association

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* Quarterly Meeting *

Tuesday, Aug 8th 7 – 8:30pm

Congratulations! To Our newest VIP Trainee: Mike Robinson

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, NW Terrace Apartment update, street sign topper update and National Night Out prize distributions

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

The meetings have moved from the N.E. Police substation to the **Lake Highlands United Methodist Church** on the S.E. 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: **November 6, 7, and 9th**

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

Saturday, September 16th

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

\$\$ Put Your Money Where Your Home Is \$\$

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.

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 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.

Attend National Night Out!

Tuesday, August 1st 6 – 7:30pm

Meet your neighbors, learn about crime prevention, and beat the heat with food, refreshments and fun! See the invitation with this newsletter for host locations and a list of raffle prizes! Also, there's more info at lstreets.blogspot.com



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Aug 1st – National Night Out.

Aug 8th – LSNA – 3rd Quarterly Meeting

Sept 16th – Full Day VIP training Course



Update: Street Sign Toppers

By Douglas Perkins

The sign topper committee has been hard at work over the past several months narrowing down the designs for much anticipated street sign toppers. They've been collecting quotes from vendors and studying city regulations. The committee settled on two design options. Both options will welcome visitors and reflect the character of the neighborhood. Both designs will be presented to the general membership at the 3rd quarter meeting on August 8th. Voting will commence the following week and run through August 31st. Votes will be conducted via Printed ballots distributed to Block captains.

The board would like to remind everyone that voting will only be open to those residents with a current membership. If you aren't sure if your membership is up to date, or would like to join, please contact your block captain (listed at www.lstreets.org/contacts) or contact treasurer Ken Adams at treasurer@lstreets.org. Once the votes have been tallied, the winning design will be announced and the signs will be installed by the end of the year.

At this time, the association is only going to pay for signs installed around the perimeter of the neighborhood. However, if you or some of your neighbors would like to sponsor an interior sign on your street, please let Ken Adams know by August 31, 2006. This will allow you to receive the discounted cost of \$130 per location.



Responsible Recycling

By Mike Robinson



One definition of the word "recycle" in The American Heritage Dictionary is: "To start a different cycle in." This is appropriate because each of us needs to approach living and consuming resources in a different and more responsible way. We need to go from "buy it, use it, throw it away" to "buy it, use it, recycle it."

Let's get acquainted with the City of Dallas' new recycling program:

In our neighborhood, the city will pick up recyclables **every Thursday** along with regular garbage pick up. There is **no need to separate items** – glass, aluminum, paper and plastic can all go in the same bag! Recyclable materials include aluminum cans, glass bottles, newspapers, magazines, and plastic bottles, just to name a few. For a complete list of items call 311 or go to www.timetorecycle.com

Free blue recycling bags are available at Dallas recreation centers and libraries. For more information call **(214) 670-4475** or 311. Free bags are subject to availability. Translucent blue bags for recycling can also be purchased at area retail stores.

Also, if you change your own oil, O'Reilly Auto Parts will recycle your old oil filter.

Remember, there is no such thing as an infinite resource. Let's all do our part!

CRIME WATCH SUMMIT REPORT

By Jorge Chavez

I attended the Northeast Division Crime Watch Summit earlier this month. It was the third meeting of the year that I attended. Chief Jan Easterling initiated these meetings to foster cooperation between neighborhood crime watch heads and the police.

The L Streets are located in sector 234 bordered on the north by Walnut Hill, east by Plano road, south by NW Highway, and west by Audelia. There were 234 home burglaries so far this year and 60 burglaries of a motor vehicle. Crime across all categories has declined for this area by 11% compared to last year. Crime in our sector is down 12% when you compare the first quarter of 2006 to the second quarter of 2006. This is good news, but of course we have to remain vigilant as criminals are always looking for their next opportunity.

We decided as a group to focus on reducing home burglaries.

We made a list of things residents can do to help reduce the chance they will become victims:

1. Put your house number on your fence facing the alley
2. Install flood lights and motion detectors on all sides of your home
3. Get neighbors to look out for each other. Join the neighborhood association or join VIP – or both!
4. Engrave your driver's license # on your property to help identify it if it is stolen.
5. Share information with your neighbors. Sign up for the crime watch email at www.lstreets.org (click on 'join email list') or call crime watch voicemail at 214-967-5092

Also, please don't be shy about calling 911. If you witness anything suspicious or possible criminal activity of any kind, pick up the phone! Even if it's a false alarm, the police track these calls carefully to determine allocation of resources. Please consider becoming active in the L Streets neighborhood association and/or becoming a Volunteer in Patrol.

Yard Of The Month



By Pamela Lehr,
YOM Chair

The Yard of the month Committee wants to congratulate our most recent YOM winners:

April

Brian & Julie Barnes
Larchwood

May

Richard & Pat Landis
Liptonshire

June

Scott & Ayron Self
LeMans

Calloway's offers clinics/tips to keep your garden colorful and watered through the hot days of summer. Fall is around the corner. Please see www.Calloways.com for dates and tips.

Garden Reminders

Fertilize- Feed container plants regularly and watch for insect and disease problems.

Water- Water deeply when you water your lawn. Use Miracle Grow Moisture Control to retain water in the soil for container plants.

Disease Control- Spray Nem Oil or potassium bicarbonate for control of black spot, powdery mildew and other fungal disease. To control slugs and snails use beer traps. Here's how: Sink tuna can into soil and pour beer into can. The critters are attracted to the aroma. They will fall into the can and drown.

Nominate one of your neighbors for Yard of the Month at www.lstreets.org Or email: yom@lstreets.org Nominations due by the 23rd of The month.