

L STREETS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Serving our Lake Highlands community since 1994

3rd Quarter

Spring Fling 2010

Despite reports of possible rain the L Streets hosted a fantastic spring event in May providing lots of family fun, free food, and beautiful weather. Those in attendance, approximately 100 L Streets residents, enjoyed hot dogs, bounce house, face painting, cotton candy, watermelon eating contest, Dallas Police and Fire departments complete with a DPD helicopter fly-by, and the company of good neighbors. We would like to thank everyone who attended for coming out and making it such a great event and a special thanks to those who helped make it all happen through donating their time and resources.

Jennifer Wilcox, State Farm Insurance
 TWFG – Reed Wilcox Insurance
 Tony's Pizza & Pasta
 Destiny Photos
 Lake Highlands High School National Honor Society



ANNOUNCEMENTS

General Meeting Cancelled

We will not be having a general meeting for August in exchange for a special National Night Out planning committee meeting. If you would like to help with the planning of this event please email president@lstreets.org.

Board of Directors

President: Philip Brewer
 Vice Pres: Kyle Salzman
 Secretary: Tom Glasson
 Treasurer: Kristy Brewer

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Volunteers in Patrol

Don't be afraid or frustrated by crime, get involved. Become a "Volunteer in Patrol" by completing an upcoming one day class. You will learn how the 911 system operates and how to report crime in a non-confrontational manner. You can set your own schedule to patrol the neighborhood with your friend or spouse who completes the class. Applicants must pass a background check.

Applications and waivers of liability can be downloaded from the www.dallaspolice.net web site. They must be on file the Wednesday before the class.

For more information, contact Corporal Ron Carpenter, #3311 Northeast Division, Patrol Bureau ronald.carpenter@spd. dallascityhall.com.



We are still in need of block captains for the following streets.

10400 Lanshire
8800 Larchwood
9000 Longmont
10200-10300 Lynford

The role of the block captain is to deliver newsletters and flyers, be a current member, and inform the board of new residents or concerns on the street. You do not have to live on a given street to volunteer as a block captain, it would be ideal to live on the street you serve, but it is not a requirement. If you are interested in volunteering for

A Message From the Vice President

I looked back at my five years of homeownership in the L Streets and wondered "What have I done to involve myself or contribute to the neighborhood in which I live and have my largest investment?" I answer the question easily with a resounding "Nothing"! I resolved to make a change.

Hello, my name is Kyle Salzman and I am the newest Board Member of the L Streets N.A. as elected at the April Board Meeting. With Donna Peebles resignation from her role as President and Philip Brewer graciously stepping up to fill that big void, I saw an opportunity to act on my resolution to contribute and I am looking forward to working with everyone in our neighborhood and community.

Like I said, I have been in the wonderful L Streets for over 5 years and for the majority of time I have focused on work alone and have placed community service on the back burner. With my recent nuptials to my wonderful wife, Kristen, and a renewed focus on making our home and neighborhood the best it can be for us, our future children, and our neighbors, my focus changed.

The L Streets have been a great place to call home and yet there are many great opportunities for improvement, increased involvement and participation. It starts with each of us making the effort to get outside and meet the neighbors, renewing our memberships to fund the worthwhile efforts of YOUR Association, and taking pride of and care in our properties by properly maintaining the homes and yards of our neighborhood. I promise to do my part; please join us!

In closing, I will borrow some words from a famous guy – *Ask not what your Neighborhood Association can do for you – ask what you can do for your Neighborhood Association.*

If you would like to help, you can email Kyle at vice-president@lstreets.org.

ADVERTISE HERE

Whether you are a neighboring business or a small business owner residing in the L Streets we would love for you to consider advertising in our newsletter. For a reasonable rate your advertisement will reach 463 homes four times a year. The revenue generated from advertising allows us to continue to hold community events, publish newsletters, and host the L Streets website. So the next time you are planning your marketing strategies remember the L Streets for you advertising needs.

Newsletter per Issue

- 3"x3" Front Page Color ad - \$50.00 (limited number available)
- 2"x2" Second or Third Page Black & White ad - \$35.00
- 2"x1.5" Second or Third Page Black & White ad - \$30.00
- 3"x3" Back Page Color ad - \$45.00

For more information contact communications@lstreets.org



The L Streets Neighborhood

Association was formed 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. When a community of individuals comes together, great things happen! Your dues and volunteerism supports VIP crime patrols, crime watch voicemail, welcome committee activities, website hosting 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, Kristy Brewer at treasurer@lstreets.org

Membership dues are payable annually and cover January thru December.

You may fill out the new membership form on this page or 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

*Thank you for supporting the
L Streets N.A.!*

Membership expired?

Contact Kristy Brewer
for your membership
status at:
treasurer@lstreets.org

Tips for Tree Care

Spring brings new life to the neighborhood landscape with hues of green contrasted by bright bold blooms of color. With this beauty however comes the time and cost of maintaining those landscapes, especially taking care of the mature trees throughout the L Streets. Trimming and caring for trees can be a monumental task that we often hire out to complete, but when searching for the best financial deal it is important to keep a few tips in mind.

- **OAKS ARE SAFEST IF PRUNED IN THE WINTER OR LATE SUMMER.** Any wound on an oak tree, when the bark beetle is active, is likely to get visited by the beetle. If the wound and the visit occur during the period of early February through May, when the fungus is also active, there is a chance that the tree will be inoculated with the disease. Prune unsafe branches as they occur.
- **COVER ALL WOUNDS ON OAKS WITH PRUNING PAINT.** The period of susceptibility is very short, perhaps only three days after the wound occurs, but it is safest to get in the habit of covering the wounds. Remember that pruning is only one of the ways trees get wounded. Automobile bumps, lawn mowers, string trimmers, wind and ice breakage, and bulldozers on roots are other common examples of wounds.
- **MANAGE FIREWOOD TO AVOID INFECTION.** It is not necessary to reduce the use of the fireplace in order to stop the spread of oak wilt. Smoke from infected wood burning is NOT a threat! The fungus is destroyed by heat and will not even survive in dry firewood. If you utilize red oak firewood, try to purchase wood from trees that have not been infected or killed from oak wilt. Only wood that has been cured for an entire summer should be stored in the vicinity of uninfected red or live oaks. If you bought oak firewood for this winter and are unsure of its age or origins, use it up before spring.
- **DIVERSIFY YOUR SHADE TREE PLANTINGS.** Large blocks of red and live oaks are susceptible to the spread of the disease. Plant cedar elm, chinkapin oak, bur oak, Chinese pistache, and bald cypress in addition to red and live oak. PLANTanswers has a list of outstanding landscape plants for all areas of Texas that suggests other alternatives.

The best way to protect and beautify your trees is to search out a Certified Arborist. An arborist can provide you with the best and most accurate information for maintaining trees which will ensure they remain healthy and beautiful for many years to come.

For more information on the care of trees please visit
<http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/plantanswers/trees/oakwtmaint.html>.

Information provided by Karen Olson Smith. Thank you Karen for your contribution.

If you would like to contribute to the next newsletter, please email your story or idea to president@lstreets.org

Yard of the Month

We believe that this program is a valuable tool to promote beauty and care of homes within the neighborhood and regret to announce that we will no longer continue participating in the Yard of the Month program due to a lack of participation. We have not received a nomination for a yard in over a year and have not received interest from anyone to chair the program. We will continue to include information from Calloway's through the end of October to fulfill our commitment to the program. If you are interested in becoming involved and reinstating this program please email president@lstreets.org.

Calloway's "Timely Tip" for September Gardeners

Fall Lawn Care

A Texas Summer can really take a toll on our lawns! Areas that are thinning from lack of water or too much foot traffic will often sprout up cover, often in the form of weeds. Our cool season weeds will start emerging in September once they receive a little moisture. So, now is the time to prevent weed seeds and to apply our Fall fertilizers.

Fall fertilization is the key to prolonging Fall color and promoting early Spring recovery of lawns. It will also help to promote a thick turf which resists those Winter weeds. **Calloway's Premium Lawn Food** supplies three sources of nitrogen. The first source provides a quick shot of nitrogen to give your lawn a nice greening effect. The other two are control-released to provide a consistent supply of nitrogen over the next several months. The 21-5-10 formula also supplies the needed nutrients to stimulate root development, make your grass hardier for the Winter

months and provide food for next Spring's growth! Apply it this month or the first of October. For those who are organic gardeners, **Calloway's Organic Fertilizer** contains seven food grade meals and can also be applied now.

Because many weeds grow and strengthen while grass is dormant, pre-emergent weed control is important for Texas lawns. A pre-emergent weed control must be done **before** the weeds are growing. So, the best times to treat lawn weeds with a pre-emergent herbicide are September and mid-March.

Visit www.mytexasgarden.com for more gardening tips, information and to become a member of our Garden Club! Success in the garden is made fun and easy at Calloway's Nursery!

Upcoming Events

August 14

White Rock Local Market

Green Spot at Buckner & Northcliff
Local, organic seasonal produce & hand-crafted goods
www.whiterocklocalmarket.com

August 23

2010-'11 School Session Begins

First Day of Classes
RISD

August 28

White Rock Local Market

Green Spot at Buckner & Northcliff
Local, organic seasonal produce
Food only Saturday; no non-food vendor goods
www.whiterocklocalmarket.com

September 11

Fall Work Day

Lake Highlands Community Garden
7901 Goforth Rd. Dallas, TX 75238
www.lhgarden.org

September 18

Fall Lawn Care

All Calloway's Nursery locations

To post other community events or contribute upcoming activities, please email webmaster@lstreets.org to get the event online at www.lstreets.org.