

## L STREETS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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### Board of Directors

President: Donna Peebles

Vice Pres: Robey Canaday

Secretary: Tom Glasson

Treasurer: Ken Adams

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Quarterly Meeting

Due to the success of National Night Out, instead of our usual quarterly meeting we are planning a holiday gathering. Details will follow soon.

#### Membership expired?

Contact Ken Adams for your membership status at [treasurer@lstreets.org](mailto:treasurer@lstreets.org).

#### As close as your Inbox

Are you missing the latest neighborhood information? From lost dogs to crime reports, sign up for the L Streets N.A. email list: [lstreets.org/emaillist.html](http://lstreets.org/emaillist.html).

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

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## NNO A Huge Success

The L Streets National Night Out was a huge success! Approximately 300 people enjoyed hot dogs and cotton candy, and children of all ages had a great time in the bounce house. City Councilman Jerry Allen made an appearance, along with the Dallas Police Department, and City of Dallas Northeast Service Area Coordinator, Staci Thrasher.

Thanks to all of you who came and enjoyed the beautiful weather and our wonderful neighbors. Special thanks to Robey and Amy Canady, Tom Glasson, and Ken Adams for coordinating the event and hosting NNO in the L Streets.

## Crime Watch News

The L Streets Crime Watch mission is to help provide a safe, secure environment for our residents through proactive efforts to reduce crime in our neighborhood.

Al Ortiz has volunteered to serve as our VIP Chairperson. Along with VIP H. C. Drummond, Al will oversee the operation of the crime watch program, including VIP—Volunteers in Patrol—and CIP—Code in Patrol. We encourage you to take part in the L Streets Crime Watch Program to help make the L Streets one of the safest neighborhoods in Dallas. *(continued on back page)*



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## Volunteers Needed

The L Streets N.A. has volunteer opportunities for the following positions:

- Block Captains: Plano Rd., 8800 Larchwood
- Historical Committee

For more information, contact Donna Peebles at 214-340-7371, or via e-mail at:

[president@lstreets.org](mailto:president@lstreets.org).

For more information on the Volunteers in Patrol program, visit the VIP website at:

[www.northeastcrimewatch.org/30.html](http://www.northeastcrimewatch.org/30.html).

## A Word about "The Briefing"

If residents do not wish to receive *The Briefing*, the free Dallas Morning News daily, cancel delivery online at [www.dallasnews.com/briefing](http://www.dallasnews.com/briefing), or call 214-877-8333.

## THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS!

Support our generous sponsors who help fund this newsletter and many of our neighborhood initiatives.

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## Take a Home Inventory

It is impossible to predict when disaster will strike your home. That is why it is very important to keep a list of everything that you own, in case your possessions should be lost or destroyed. The CPCU Society urges you to follow these tips for maintaining a personal inventory of your home.

- Keep a detailed list of each room, including a description of each item, date of purchase and cost (with sales slips, if possible).
- Supplement a written inventory with photographs. Use a camera that date-stamps, or write the date on the back of each photo.
- Consider recording your possessions with a video camera. Let the person who is most familiar with the room describe each item while someone else does the recording.
- Pay particular attention to financial records.
- Make a list of all your bank accounts, brokerage accounts, insurance policies, etc., noting where the pertinent documents for each are located. Make at least two copies of the inventory. Leave one in a fireproof box and another in a safe-deposit box. If you have a third, give it to someone you trust in another city.
- Don't forget to take inventory of your basement, attic, garage, and storage shed. Include all patio furniture and recreational equipment.
- Update the inventory every time you redecorate or make a new purchase. Don't cheat yourself out of what is entitled to you. Keep a detailed inventory, and keep it up-to-date.

This Public Service Announcement is provided by the Dallas Chapter of the Society of CPCU. The CPCU Society is a community of credentialed insurance professionals who promote excellence through ethical behavior and continuing education. The Society's 26,000 members hold the Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU®) designation.

## 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](http://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: Al Ortiz

VIP: HC Drummond

Crime Watch: Nancy Willis

National Night Out: Amy Canaday

Welcoming committee: Beth Arnold, Amy Canaday

Yard of the Month: *Open*

Events Coordinator & Seniors' Support Group: Brandi Stringer

**L Streets N.A. Block Captains** (as of 11/2008)

Lanarkshire  
Philip & Kristy Brewer

Lanshire - 10200 & 10300 Block  
Karen Gatman

Lanshire - 10400 Block  
Robey & Amy Canaday

Larchwood - 8800 Block  
*OPEN*

Larchwood - 8900 & 9000 Block  
John & Condly Salling

Leaside  
Mike McQuinn

LeMans - 10500 Block  
Anne Hufstetler

LeMans - 10600 Block  
Howard Plough

Linkwood  
Jorge & Dawn Chavez

Liptonshire  
Amy Chester

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Amy and Ebrahim Ghoreishi

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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

**Thank you, Block Captains!**

## *A Message from the Police Chief*

Ever wonder how a Dallas Police officer is trained? At the Citizen Police Academy, you will have the opportunity to see and hear firsthand the overwhelming curriculum recruits must master before they can wear the uniform of the Dallas Police department. Your instructors will be real police officers. They will take you on an accelerated overview of the various operations of the Dallas Police Department. It's our goal to increase understanding of police work and to develop effective police/community partnerships.

Join us, and be part of this important effort. The only investment on your part is three hours of your time for 10 weeks. What you'll learn in turn will not only benefit you, but if shared with your family, friends, neighbors and coworkers, could have a significant impact on police/community relations.

### *What is the Citizen Police Academy?*

The Citizen Police Academy meets once a week for 10 weeks at the Dallas Police academy. Classes consist of an overview of the Dallas Police Department, patrol functions, tour of the Communications Division, demonstration and ride on vehicle training course, internal affairs, family violence, DWI enforcement procedures, explanation of the use of deadly force, pursuit policies, crime prevention, personal safety and investigation techniques.

### *Purpose*

The Citizen Police Academy shows citizens how the Dallas Police Department operates. We hope a better understanding of how your police department works will improve the relationship between citizens and officers.

### *Who May Attend?*

You must be at least 21 years of age and live or work in the City of Dallas. Those selected to attend are expected to participate in at least 70% of the sessions. The academy is free!

For an application or for more information, call 214-671-4020 or email [DPDCrimepreventionunit@dpd.dallascityhall.com](mailto:DPDCrimepreventionunit@dpd.dallascityhall.com).

## **Citizens Police Academy**

The next Citizens Police Academy will start on January 14, 2009. It will be 8 consecutive Wednesday evenings from 6 pm until 8 pm.

If you are interested, call 214-671-4020. If you have any questions, contact Sgt. Cheryl Cornish at [cheryl.cornish@dpd.ci.dallas.tx](mailto:cheryl.cornish@dpd.ci.dallas.tx).

### Yard of the Month

**Nominate a yard today!**

Simply email your nomination to [yom@lstreets.org](mailto:yom@lstreets.org).

Nominations must be received by the 27<sup>th</sup> of each month, March through September. View past Yards of the Month at [www.lstreets.org/yom.html](http://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.

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### HELP FIGHT CRIME

Please join Al, H.C., the Block Captains, and the L Streets N.A. Board members in becoming actively involved in our neighborhood watch efforts.

For more information, contact Al at [VIP@lstreets.org](mailto:VIP@lstreets.org) or Nancy Willis at: [crimewatch@lstreets.org](mailto:crimewatch@lstreets.org).

## Calloway's Timely Tips for November Gardeners

Transform the appearance of your landscape with fresh, colorful blooms. Pansies are by far the most popular winter color. The new 'Matrix' Pansy was bred to grow out, not up. This compact grower offers shorter, sturdier stems to support large, colorful blooms. Dianthus (also known as "Pinks"), Snapdragons, Cyclamen, Violas and the fragrant Alyssum are also good choices for cold tolerant annuals. Ornamental Cabbage and Kale provide striking foliage forms in the landscape as well as color. For best effect, limit your planting to two or three colors per bed.

The key to growing beautiful annual flowers is soil preparation. Select a well drained flowerbed and add lots of organic matter. Our new "Flower Bed Mix", contains compost plus a boost of fertilizer, water-management crystals and a wetting agent. Add either Calloway's Flower Food or Blood and Bone Meal to the soil at planting to provide the extra nutrients for growth and blooms. Mulch well to reduce moisture loss and to insulate the soil.

These same annuals can be used in patio containers. Fill your containers with fresh potting soil and plant food. Keep them watered as necessary. Pinching off faded blooms will encourage repeat blooming.

Enjoy this instant transformation to your landscape as you start planning for Christmas!

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**Neighborhood Watch program is:**

1. Residents in the community working with the police department to reduce crime and to improve the quality of life.
2. Residents in the community taking on a leadership role and accepting responsibility for their community.
3. Residents coming together to discuss their concerns which lead to developing a plan of action that addresses those concerns.

**Neighborhood Watch program is NOT:**

1. A vigilante force working outside the normal procedures of law enforcement.
2. A program designed for participants to take personal risks to prevent crime.
3. A 100% guarantee that crime will not occur in your neighborhood.

**Successful Neighborhood Watch programs:**

1. Have strong leadership.
2. Have strong community involvement.
3. Have clear and concise goals which are not always crime prevention.

**Responsibilities of Neighborhood Watch members:**

1. Chairperson – Liaison between the community and the police department.
2. Block Captains – Facilitates the flow of information between their neighbors and the Chairperson.
3. Residents – Actively observe their surroundings and notify their neighbors and Block Captain when they notice something suspicious.