



NEWS FROM THE HILLS

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POTLUCK DINNER and HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

November 16, 2010, at 6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Hosted by Saintsville Cathedral at 2200 Oak Hill Road

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This meeting will be the combined potluck dinner and celebration for the beginning of the winter holiday season.

The potluck dinner event will be held at the Saintsville Cathedral at the corner of Oak Hill Road and Meadowbrook Drive. The Eastern Hills High School Choir will entertain the residents with some musical numbers especially selected for the evening of fun. Additionally, the Rev. Milton Pace, his wife Shirley, and members of the talented Saintsville's choir will surprise the residents with some entertaining features.



Saintsville Cathedral has a nice accommodating community room and wonderfully equipped kitchen. So, mark your calendar and make plans now to attend and to start the holiday season with a festive mood.

In an effort to assist those who are less fortunate during this holiday season, the residents are encouraged to bring canned goods or a non-perishable food item as a donation to the Eastside Ministries that is located on East Lancaster Avenue. There will be a convenient collection corner or table for the donated items.

Each household is asked to please bring its favorite covered-dish-to-tote for sharing. It is suggested that it be a vegetable, salad or dessert. The association will provide the meats, fried chicken and barbeque brisket, beverage, and the dinnerware.

All gatherings of EHHA are open to every resident of the neighborhood, young and old alike, as well as guests. Attendance is greatly encouraged. Potluck dinners are exceptional and fun for all, and a lot of effort has been put forth to make this one a most special occasion.

If a ride is needed, please contact a member of the board and plans will be coordinated to ferry persons to the festivities. No one should be overlooked. Hope to see you there, so mark calendars and make a decision now to attend.

It is suggested that parking be in the Shelton Street side parking lot.

DECEMBER'S HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST

The neighborhood always looks festive for the holiday season. When decorating, some residents prefer to use their classic standbys year after year, but others may attempt new and innovative approaches. Whatever one desires is most welcomed and definitely provides Eastern Hills with a beautiful ambiance that is eclectic, unique, and befitting of the season.

The lighting and decorating of the homes and streets encourages pride in the neighborhood. The holiday lighting contest will be judged on or about the weekend of December 11-12, per John Roach, Beautification Chairman. Signs will be placed for Grand Champion, First, Second and Third Place Prizes.



Judges from outside the area will be solicited to assist with selecting the prizewinners

When selecting the theme, be creative, but above all else exercise caution and use good safety habits when using ladders and stringing lights. If one needs assistance in placement of some simple decorations, don't worry, just call a board member and help will be on the way. Oftentimes, just knowing that others are interested in sharing the true spirit lifts the morale and makes the effort worthwhile while building friendships.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY OCTOBER 19, 2010**

Vice-President Ben Loya brought called meeting to order at 7:10 PM. Approximately 48 members in attendance.

** Debra Parker spoke about the meeting food preparation and asked for input regarding our preferences for snacks. We have lots of leftovers so we are hoping to provide food everyone wants to snack on during the monthly general meetings and not have too much go to waste. Or waist.

** Pat Major-Harris informed the group that a lot of the success for NNO goes to Freddie and Alyssa.

** Minutes from last meeting were changed to delete the line item about meeting at Grace Church with the Saints-ville Choir as far as our Holiday Party is concerned. The motion was made by Greg Hesel and seconded by Neil Bobbett and passed by a landslide. Minutes were approved after that.

** Eastern Hills Park discussion: Alyssa gave a presentation and informed the group that the money needed for playground improvements WAS found by the August 20, 2010 deadline. This is a city park and not a private neighborhood park. Lights have been budgeted. FW Parks Dept waiting on locations to be determined for lighting as well as the additional benches.

** 2011 election nominations committee is comprised of Jean Carol (chairman) and Debra. More information will be in the November newsletter. There are 5 voted Board positions and the balance are appointed.

** NNO went well with BOHN being involved with EHHA as well. Vice President Ben Loya pointed out all those neighbors involved that made it such a success.

** Discussion on food plans for Holiday Party on Nov 16. Suggestions were Italian pasta dishes, Mexican cuisine, and down home style chicken and brisket rather than traditional ham and turkey. Down home style won the popular vote. Pat Major Harris shared some of her family secret fried chicken shortcuts with the group.

** Holiday Party program (7 PM Nov 16) will be at Saintsville Church with the EHHS choir among the entertainment. Suggestion was made to bring donations of canned goods to help stock Eastside Ministries that will enable neighbors to be helped during the upcoming holidays.

** Greg Hesel presented the revised by-laws which are a work in process.

1. Lots of discussion on the 1 house = 2 votes idea.

2. Change to authorizing a \$350 check written with only 1 signature by treasurer discussed.

3. Removal of officer by 2/3 majority discussed.

4. Financial obligations incurred only by a 2/3 vote discussed.

These changes will be presented 2 more times and then a vote will be held.

** New Business

1. John Roach encouraged everyone to attend the Carter Riverside game at Handley Field the upcoming Thursday.

2. Richard Green's recent removal as President by the board was discussed. Several spoke and opinions were as varied as the speakers themselves, so it made for a lively discussion.

** Ben Loya adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Jim McKinney, Secretary EHHA

----- Please note these General Assembly minutes as submitted from the secretary have not yet been voted approval.

**FOR OUR MILITARY SERVICEMEN**

As the holiday season approaches, don't forget to remember, honor, and hold dear in your hearts, thoughts and prayers all the many dedicated men and women who unselfishly and proudly serve in the many branches of today's military services in myriad locations throughout the world. We hope that all military service personnel return home safely to our soil and in good spirit. May they have godspeed as they serve and represent our country in its quest for world peace.

AUTUMN PHOTOS FROM THE GIFTED LENS



FUND RAISER FOR HUMANE SOCIETY

West Meadowbrook Neighborhood Association is sponsoring a fund raiser for the Humane Society of North Texas (HSNT). This group has tentatively set a goal of collecting \$2010 for the year of 2010, and it is requesting assistance from the eastside community.

Mike Phipps and Eddie Sakerka state, "We are down to the wire for making our 2010 Humane Society Fund Raiser of 2010 dollars. While utilizing the adoption center one recent afternoon, we noticed there were signs posted about asking for gift cards to Home Depot and Lowes so they could give the center a face-lift. They have been in the same location for several years and have never updated. When we left I said that was going to be our November Thanksgiving Fund Raiser Project. We are going to need a lot of help to reach our goal but we have a lot of good friends who we know will make it happen. Last year we collected TONS of great things, we had a goal of 1 TON of pet food and with the help of you we exceeded our goal with 2,500 pounds. YOU ROCK! I know we can make this goal..... THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HAS ALREADY DONATED, we still have a long way to go, but dollar by dollar we will make our goal."

The details of the fund raiser are as following:

This year, 2010, is West Meadowbrook Neighborhood Association's 5th Annual Humane Society of North Texas (HSNT) Fund Raiser. WMNA will be presenting all donations to the Humane Society on Monday, November 15, 2010, at its next General Meeting, as all the donations will be a Thanksgiving gift to HSNT.

Please make all checks payable to the HSNT (Humane Society of North Texas) subject: WMNA Fund Raiser mail to Michael Phipps c/o WMNA HSNT 4451 Normandy Road, Fort Worth, TX 76103. Any questions, call 817-535-6689 or 817-713-3179.

Following is a list of most needed items. All types of pet foods, from Alligators to Zebras, just kidding but you get the idea. Mostly needed wet and dry foods for kittens, puppies, cats and dogs. The needs extend beyond cats and dogs; it is literally from A-Z.

Other items are towels and wash cloths, paper towels, cleaning supplies (bleach/liquid soap), stainless steel food bowls, kennels, and so forth.

If everyone who is in receipt of this information donates we WILL make our GOAL!

Please help those who are not able to help themselves. In a perfect world, every dog would have a home and every home would have a dog!

This is the time of year HSNT receives kittens and puppies by the box-full, along with their mothers, so the shelter is always in need of those items listed above, plus the types of foods, listed below.

Purina Puppy Chow
Purina Kitten Chow
Canned Cat Food (Ground or Pate' style)
Good quality adult dog food (Purina, Iams, Pedigree, Max, etc.)

Peggy Brown of the Humane Society of North Texas is the Community Outreach and Education Director. So feel free to contact her, too, at 1840 East Lancaster Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76021 (817) 332-4768 ext 118).



I-30 GATEWAY MONUMENT

On Wednesday, November 10, a meeting was held in the East Regional Library, 6301 Bridge Street, to provide an overview of the I-30 Gateway Monument Project by Anne Allen, who is Public Art Project Manager. The conceptual design artist, Susan Sitzes, also, gave a presentation. Richard Schiller, Director of Maintenance, TxDot, was in attendance. Debbie Branch presented the Governor's Community Achievement Award at this meeting.

COWBOY SANTAS

The Cowboy Santa Program began in 1981 at several Fort Worth Community Centers with a group of community leaders to help provide area families with toys for the holidays. Over the last two decades and through the support of city and community leaders, the program has grown to cover all of Tarrant County. Cowboy Santas Program is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501 C(3) charitable organization with headquarters in the City of Fort Worth Parks and Community Services Department.

Cowboy Santas Program, Inc., serves the entire Tarrant County area, including the cities of Fort Worth, Arlington, Bedford, Mansfield, Hurst, North Richland Hills, Forest Hill, etc. In 2009, through the kindness of our community, the sponsors and volunteers and individual donations, distribution of toys were made to 12,323 children, while serving more than 5,000 families.

Families must have income at or below 150% of the Federal Income guidelines and children must be below 12 years of age. The organization has a wish list of items that people may contribute.

To discover how to volunteer or to donate for the Cowboy Santas Program, Inc., contact the Fort Worth Parks and Community Services Department at 817-392-5780 or e-mail CowboysSantas@fortworthgov.org.

Cowboy Santas held a Recycling Roundup, benefiting the program on Saturday, November 6, at the La Gran Plaza, 4200 South Freeway, Fort Worth, Texas. On this date, unwanted electronics were donated and donors received receipts for tax purposes.

ADVERTISERS

News from the Hills would like to give thanks to all the individuals who pay for advertisements in the newsletter. Please take note of the ads, and utilize and patronize these businesses whenever possible. This month there is one new ad and during the last several months there have been several added. To all, we are grateful of your support for the Eastern Hills Homeowners' Association.

CODE BLUE REPORT

The east side of Ft. Worth is improving all the time; throughout the entire area crime is down. There are just a couple of trouble spots in Woodhaven. Pawn brokers are buying stolen goods, so they are under the gun. Recently, there were ten (10) robberies and ten (10) actors were caught.

No crime is too small or unimportant. Please call 911. It is not necessary for the individual calling in a report to the police department to reveal his or her name unless so desired. So, remember, you don't have to give your name if you don't want to, but do call and make a report when it is needed.

It is illegal to stand on a street corner holding a sign for any reason. Call 911, give the street name, intersection, description of person.

Following are a couple of safety tips. The scenarios presented are not necessarily representative of any situation that has occurred in our area.

TIP #1. Be on your guard when out cleaning up and doing yard work. There have been cases when someone walked up to the person and requested money. When none was given, a gun was pulled and the unsuspecting homeowner was forced into the house for credit cards, money, and etc. Be mindful of your neighborhood and the people in it.

TIP #2. Another case resulted with a useful good idea being shared. Keep your car keys beside your bed at night. If an unusual or frightening noise is heard outside the perimeters, just hit the panic button on your keys. If that does not scare away the perpetrator, it will help alert the neighbors to something that is out of the norm.

If you have a tip to help prevent crime, e-mail me and I will get it in the newsletter.

Dub Holcomb

Captain, EH Code Blue

TURKEY AND DRESSING

With Thanksgiving just around the corner, questions are already popping up about how to prepare the two stars of the Thanksgiving feast: the turkey and stuffing.



If you have purchased a frozen turkey, be sure to thaw the bird adequately before cooking. There are three ways to thaw your turkey safely:

In the refrigerator (40 degrees Fahrenheit or below): Allow approximately 24 hours for every four to five pounds of bird. For example, a 12- to 16-pound turkey would require three to four days and a 16- to 20-pound bird would take four to five days to thaw.

In cold water: Allow approximately 30 minutes per pound. A 12- to 16- pound turkey will take about six to eight hours and a 16- to 20-pound bird needs eight to 10 hours. Seal the turkey securely in plastic to make sure no water leaks in and use only cold water. Change the water every 30 minutes and cook the turkey immediately after thawing.

In the microwave: Before buying a turkey, check your microwave owner's manual for the size turkey that will fit in your oven, minutes per pound and power level to use for thawing. Remove all outside wrapping from the turkey, including the wire that holds the legs together. Place on a microwave-safe dish to catch any juices. Cook the turkey immediately after thawing and do not refreeze or refrigerate a raw turkey after thawing in the microwave.

Always wash hands, utensils, surfaces and anything else that comes into contact with raw turkey and its juices with soap and water.

Stuffing:

Stuffing can be made with everything from bread crumbs and rice to apples and cranberries. To make sure your stuffing is safe and cooked to a proper temperature, stuffing a turkey is NOT recommended. For more even heating, cook the stuffing separately and use a meat thermometer to ensure the center of the stuffing reaches 165 degrees Fahrenheit before removing from the oven.

If you do stuff your turkey, do it just before roasting and stuff it loosely. Turkey and stuffing are safe to eat when they reach a minimum internal temperature of 165 degrees Fahrenheit.

- Refrigerate leftover poultry and stuffing separately.

- Throw away any food that has been UNREFRIGERATED for more than two hours.
- Use refrigerated turkey and stuffing within three to four days.
- If you freeze leftovers, use them within two to six months.

For more information on food safety and your Thanksgiving meal visit www.homefoodsafety.org

Adapted from American Dietetic Association, www.eatright.org
Submitted by Sharon Hill, Registered Dietitian

EASTERN HILLS PARK

The playground equipment, the brightly painted yellow set with slide, at Eastern Hills Park now has some mulch cushioning added with a rim that should prevent the cushioning from being washed away. The purpose of the added materials is to soften the impact of the landing from the slide and so forth.

The walking trails to the Eastern Hills Park have proven to be a nice additions. One set of trails is of a crushed granite surface and the other set is mulched trails. Many from the neighborhood have been enjoying the benefits of the added trails and the benches.

With the recent rains, some portions of the mulched trails have seen some effects of erosion. Perhaps, the city's Parks Department, should receive a request to examine the mulched trail and assess the damage and possibly have an easy remedy to prevent further damage to the work that has been accomplished.

Hopefully, the drainage issues in the neighborhood park, as well as those within the neighborhood, will be resolved sometime within the near future. A contract for drainage work has been let, but the details are not known.

MOMS' GROUP



Ideas for activities and outings are perpetually being sought. There are a number of local holiday activities that are free or very affordable that would mesh with the youngsters' ages. Please telephone with suggestions of activities and please understand that other dates and times can be considered. New faces, new friends and new activities are always anticipated and encouraged.

Not every planned outing will be convenient with every family's schedule, so that is why it is important to be flexible, creative, and alert to all possibilities. The holidays can be exciting and fun-filled, even with simple things like decorating homemade sugar cookies.

For more information or questions call Hathaway Roche at 817-905-4065 or Allyssa Wheaton-Rodriguez at 817-714-8012.



At the Japanese Garden's Fall Festival pictured from left to right are:

Gabe Villarreal, Harper Roche, and Bennett Rodriguez.

EASTERN HILLS HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

The Eastern Hills Girl's Volleyball team played Aledo in the first round of the state playoffs on November 2, 2010, at 6:30 PM. The game was played at Wilkerson-Greines Activity Center

The Eastern Hills Boy's Football team played OD Wyatt on Thursday night November 4, 2010. With a victory, they will advance to the state playoffs for the third consecutive year.

The Eastern Hills Band received a Two Rating at the UIL competition.

Chad E. McCarty
Assistant Principal
Fort Worth Eastern Hills High School
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Fax# 817-815-4050

*Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass.
It is about learning to dance in the rain.*

BEN'S THOUGHTS

The holidays are fast approaching and so is the end of 2010. In that spirit, let's begin the merriment.

HOLIDAY PARTY: The date for our holiday party is November 16 at Saintsville Baptist Church, 2200 Oak Hill. Be sure to bring a dish to share, and possibly add an extra serving or two for our guests. The EHHS chorus and Saintsville Choir will entertain.

See you there at 6:30 PM. The parking lot on the corner of Shelton Drive is most convenient to where we shall be.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS COMPETITION: With all of the other activities at Christmas time, please remember to decorate your house by December 11th. The judging will be soon afterward.

MEMBERSHIP FORM (2011): An application for membership for 2011 is enclosed in this newsletter. Please **do not** bring this form to the holiday potluck party; the treasurer will not be prepared to transact any financial business that night. Instead, it may be mailed to EHHA, PO Box 8294, Fort Worth, TX 76124-0294, or bring the completed form to the meeting in January.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The proposed slate for elected officers for 2011 is published elsewhere in this newsletter. Please be advised that nominations will be accepted from the floor during the nomination/election process. This should be viewed as a way to bring about positive change for those members unhappy with some current officers. Please feel free to nominate yourself or anyone else who is eligible to hold an office.

The Committee did not furnish a name for the Secretary position (due to lack of time). Please volunteer, or think of someone for this important position. Please review the by-laws for the duties of the Secretary.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: I want to take this opportunity to thank the members of the executive committee (elected officers) who have put in many hours with meetings and e-mails to help EHHA through the leadership challenges. Very special thanks to Robert Vick for his work on National Night Out and picking up the slack on other projects.

Also, this is a perfect opportunity to wish you and yours the best for the approaching holiday season. 2011 will be a great year for EHHA.

Blessings and Peace,

Ben Loya,
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THEATRE WESLEYAN

Theatre Wesleyan presents "*Crimes of the Heart*" by Beth Henley. This Pulitzer Prize-winner is a deeply touching and funny play about three eccentric sisters from a small Southern town rocked by scandal when Babe, the youngest, shoots her husband. Humor and pathos abound as the sisters deal with their conflicted present and overcome their family's painful past.

"*Crimes of the Heart*" is currently scheduled to be onstage in the Thad Smotherman Theatre located in the Law Sone Fine Arts Center on the Texas Wesleyan University campus. November 11-13, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. November 18-20, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday, November 21, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. Admission is \$8.00 for general admission and \$4.00 for all students with ID. Contact the box office at 817.531.4211 to make your reservations.



For additional questions, contact, Erica Maroney, Assistant Production Manager-Theatre Department, Dan Waggoner Annex #100A, Texas Wesleyan University, 1201 Wesleyan St., Fort Worth, TX 76105, Office: (817) 531-5867

Become a Theatre Wesleyan Fan and receive special benefits by having membership. This may very well be a program in which you and your family would thoroughly enjoy participation.

EASTSIDE MINISTRIES

Doug Rife, President, Board of Trustees for Eastside Ministries wants to inform the general public about Thanksgiving turkeys.

The Eastside Ministries is currently in the process of collecting funds for the purchase of the turkeys for the holiday meals. Amidst the collection procedure, it was informed that the General Baptist Convention of Texas has agreed to match every penny raised for the Thanksgiving Turkey fund. Please assist Eastside Ministries in getting the word out that each dollar donated is actually two dollars.

With continued support and generosity of the community, Eastside Ministries will be able to serve the needy during the approaching holiday season.

For additional information, contact Doug Rife, associate pastor, Temple Baptist Church, 6824 Randol Mill Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76120, telephone 817-496-4011, cell 817-933-3532 or FAX 817-496-0012.

PUBLIC ART GROUPS AWARDED FOR 2010

The Fort Worth Art Commission has approved the selection of the East Regional Library nominated by Eastside Arts Collective (Council District 4) and the open space at 5900 East Rosedale Street nominated by Historic Carver Heights Neighborhood Association (Council District 5) to receive Community ID projects. Congratulations to both groups! For more information on the Community ID initiative, please visit the website for Public Art in Fort Worth.

WORTH GOING .COM

Calling all Artists: local actors, choreographers, composers, dancers, directors, filmmakers, musicians, singers, visual artists, writers, etc.

The Arts Council of Fort Worth has launched a dynamic new website listing all local arts & entertainment "go to" resources in Fort

Worth. WorthGoing.com will not only feature a calendar and ticketing function, but will also be home to an online directory of local artists! Please help us build this rich community of artists in Fort Worth by creating an artist profile for yourself.

Create an Artist Profile:

Go to WorthGoing.com and create a user account today. Include as much or as little of a bio as you like and link yourself to existing events on the calendar with which you are associated. Once you save your profile, it will not display until reviewed by staff, but we promise not to lag too far behind ya!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Many thanks for the diligent work that the Nominating Committee performed in making available a slate of officers to be presented for Eastern Hills Homeowners' Association in preparation for its election of the executive officers for the year of 2011, which will be voted at the annual meeting in January 17, 2011.

Please be advised, none of the candidates that are offered on this slate being presented received a unanimous vote by the Nominating Committee members. Lack of time prevented the committee members from having a completed slate of officers by the deadline for the publication of the newsletter. However, the Nominating Committee is continually working towards obtaining a complete and viable ballot for the election process.

The Nominating Committee members are: Jean McClung, 817-446-3741, Jeanmclung@att.net; Carol Eicher, 817-429-3263, carolre@prodigy.net; Debra Parker, 1-817-933-5440, 4everdei@att.net

The ballot as presented is as following:

President: Ben Loya
 Vice President: Greg Helsel
 Secretary:
 Treasurer: Debra Parker
 Parliamentarian: Robert Vick

GET WELL WISHES TO:

Elaine Owen
Dub Holcomb
George Parker
Charles Ferguson
Joe Pendley

WELCOME TO:

Emma & Michael Murphy
and son, Preston, age 2
5700 Blue Ridge Drive

Nazeli & Juan Munoz
5505 Aspen Lane

John Patusky
1510 Weiler Blvd.

CONDOLENCES TO:

Sylvia Smith and the family upon the death of her dear husband, KENNETH SMITH.

Freddie Holcomb, upon the loss of a relative.

Pat and Bob Harris upon the death of a cousin, who loss his life while serving his country in the military in Afghanistan.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Allyssa Wheaton-Rodriquez, Arty Rodriquez upon the arrival of their son, Lachlan. Big brother Bennett could not be happier. Baby Lachlan, who joined the Wheaton-Rodriguez clan on Thursday, November 4th at 3:23PM., arrived in a whirlwind of activity with paramedics delivering Lachlan in the ambulance in front of their home. Both mom and baby are doing great. Lachlan weighed in at 7lbs 10oz and measured in at 19 3/4 inches long.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, November 15
Fundraiser of HSNT
sponsored by WMNA
call 817-535-6689

Thurs., November 16 6:30 PM
EHHA's
Holliday Potluck Dinner
2200 Oak Hill Road
Saintsville Cathedral

November 11-21
Threatre Wesleyan
"Crimes of the Heart"
various performances
scheduled
call 817-531-5867

Thursday, November 25
Thanksgiving Day

November 26-28
Home for the Holidays
FWSO at Bass Hall
call 817-665-6000

Monday, November 29 1 PM
Out to Lunch Bunch
Luby's Cafeteria on
Bridgewood
All ladies of neighborhood
and guests welcome

Thursday, Dec. 2
Chanukah

December 11-12
EHHA's Judging of
Holiday Lighting Contest

2nd Tuesday, Dec. 14 7 PM
Men's Club Social at
Meet at Smokey's
telephone 817-451-4040
All men of neighborhood and
guest welcome

Saturday, December 25
Christmas Day

Monday, December 27 1 PM
Out to Lunch Bunch
Luby's Cafeteria on
Bridgewood
All ladies of neighborhood and
guests welcome

Friday, December 31
New Year's Eve Tribute
Ole Blue Eyes
FWSO at Bass Hall

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

NPO LLOYD COOK, FWPDP, #3188, Fort Worth Police Department, East Division NPD/#5 , 5050 East Lancaster Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76112 telephone: 817-871-5200 mobile 817-994-8479 FAX 817-871-5208 e-mail contact is d.cook@fortworthgov.org

CODE COMPLIANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER E 210 is TERRI BOCK, Code Compliance Department Field Operations/East District, City of Fort Worth, 818 Missouri Avenue, FW, TX 76104, telephone 817-392-5092 mobile 817-944-7058 FAX 817-832-2249 e-mail is Terri.Bock@fortworthgov.org

CITY COUNCILMAN DANNY SCARTH, District 4, 1000 Throckmorton Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102 Telephone 817-392-8804 Fax: 817-392-6187 e-mail District4@fortworthgov.org

***Council meetings at City Hall in Council Chambers are open to public, 7PM on first and second Tuesdays of month, and 10 AM on remaining Tuesdays.

MAYOR OF FORT WORTH, Mike Moncrief, telephone: 817-392-6118 FAX: 817-392-6187 e-mail mike.moncrief@fortworthgov.org

RUBEN OLMOS, COMMUNITY RELATIONS DEPT., city of Fort Worth, Hazel Harvey Peace Center for Neighborhoods, 818 Missouri Ave, 817-871-7255

FWISD, DISTRICT 2 REPRESENTATIVE, Tobi Jackson, M.S., 2108 Yosemite Court, FW, TX 76112-3945, HM- 817-457-7816, e-mail - tobj@sbcbglobal.net

ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL: 817-392-3737.

TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS: 817-392-8100

TEXAS GOV. Rick Perry, 512-463-2000
TEXAS LT. GOV. David Dewhurst, 512-463-0001
SPEAKER Joe Straus, 512-463-1000
ATTORNEY GENERAL Greg Abbott, 512-463-2100

*** Public information & assistance telephone number of the Attorney General's office is 1-800-806-2092.

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BULK TRASH PICK-UP CALENDAR

"Bulk Trash" can be put out to the curb no earlier than Friday 7 PM before the 2nd Monday of each month. and should not be placed out any later than 7 AM of the second Monday.

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Many thanks to all the households and individuals who participated in treating the many children who trick-or-treated on Halloween evening. The children of the neighborhood enjoyed your generosity tremendously.

SPECIAL GRATITUDE

A special thank you to the Eastern Hills High School Honors ROTC and Lt. Colonel Keris for all their wonderful help during the recent elections. The assistance and attention to the fine details made the process go so much smoother. Reserved parking for voters made it easier for them to get in and out, plus it was a much safer situation for those individuals with handicapping needs.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT GIVEN

The family of Vada Marlowe would like to extend gratefulness to Carol Eicher and the Diane Rabon Pet Fund for assistance in successfully placing Vada's pets in some wonderful homes and facilities. Our hats are off to you for all the efforts you put forth to rescue and for your placement services that are provided.

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100th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

It is not often that someone in our neighborhood reaches the milestone of celebrating the 100th year of birth. One of our very own, long-timed residents, Jim Lovett, will have been living a century when his birthday rolls around on December 27, 2010.

Since, Mr. Lovett, will soon be one hundred-years-old, would it not be fantastic if he could receive at the very least one hundred (100) birthday cards, if not more, with special greetings for this very significant achievement. The cards do not need to all arrive on the same day, spreading them out, is a nice gesture, too, possibly something similar to "One hundred Days of Celebrating for One Hundred Years of Living." Polly Lovett states, "Jim really enjoys reading and looking at cards. It would be nice for him to receive them directly and not all at once."

Please consider participating in this exciting commemoration event, by writing a note, purchasing or making a festive card befitting the occasion, and mailing it to the home address, as follows:

Mr. Jim Lovett
5809 Monterrey Drive
Fort Worth, Texas 76112

Some type of simple birthday party with cake and ice cream and the singing of "Happy Birthday" is being planned to honor Mr. Lovett on this occasion. If the day is scheduled before Christmas, some Christmas carols will be sung. Whenever the date and time is selected and the arrangements are finalized, the neighborhood will be informed about the festivities.

In the meantime, send special greetings and wishes to one who has had a lifetime filled with innovative and progressive experiences. Let's make this event especially meaningful.

SHRED DAY

Fort Worth's annual Shred Day is scheduled from 9 AM to 12 noon on November 13, 2010, at Greenstar North America, 1100 N.E. 23rd Street, Fort Worth, Texas. The event will be held rain or shine. Residents can take up to five boxes, weighing no more than forty (40) pounds each to be shredded. Business waste is not allowed. A certificate of destruction will be provided. For inquiries, call 817-392-3279.

JOURNALISTS OFFER WORKSHOP FOR CITIZENS

If you are a citizen who cares about public accountability, open government, and ethics and the role of the press, this workshop is for you.

This half-day event is being co-sponsored by the Society of Professional Journalists, FW chapter and Texas Watchdog, the online investigative news organization based in Houston.

The event will consist of a panel discussion followed by two break-out sessions. Leaders of The Dallas Morning News, Pegasus News, Fort Worth Star-Telegram, and Texas Watchdog will discuss media ethics in the cyber age -- what are the rules on taking information from social networking sites, on the tensions inherent in reporters being asked to blog about the topics they cover, on vetting sources, and the pressure that the web puts on news organizations to feed a 24-7 news cycle.

Following that will be two (2) work sessions, one on open government -- how-tos and strategies on obtaining public records and dealing with open meetings; and the other on identifying public officials' conflicts of interest and other ethical problems.

The session is at UTA on the morning of Nov. 20, 9 AM-12:30 PM. Maverick Activities Bldg., 500 W. Nedderman Dr. It is free (although a small donation to a local charity is optional). RSVPs are required for the event. mkpirtle@yahoo.com or 817-272-7039.

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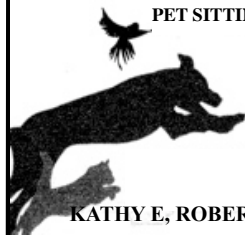
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