

# White Lake Hills

# **News Splash**

#### Yard of the Month in White Lake Hills

The Yard of the Month for June has a stone- scape with ornamental grasses and contrasting shrubs for a back drop. This is a new design implemented in the last year by Georgiann and Richard Eder. They also have perennials, ferns, and shade loving plants arranged alongside larger stones that blend with the shady surround of the house. An eye- catching pathway adds further interest to the yard at 505 Willow Ridge Road.

Nominate by sending a p.m.(private message) or calling 817-446-7273 before the first of each month from April to September

#### Save the Date

#### **Summer Meeting**

July 10<sup>th,</sup> 7:00pm Nolan Catholic High School

# TCEQ Community Forum

July 13<sup>3h,</sup> 6pm-8:pm Nolan Catholic High School

#### Fall Festival

October 7<sup>th</sup>,

#### Fall Meeting

October 9<sup>th,</sup> 7:00pm Nolan Catholic High School

### Send Comments to TCEQ about the Rock Crusher

1. Go to: <a href="http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/">http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/</a>

2. list permit number: 146263

3. Add your comments

#### **President's Letter** by Fred Fernandez

#### It's been a great first half of the year here in White Lake Hills!

I want to thank our planning committee for all their work and efforts in coordinating and manning our White Lake Hills July 4<sup>th</sup> parade and picnic, and continuing the tradition that makes this community such a vibrant, welcoming, and strong neighborhood for all of our families.

Second, I want to thank all the volunteers that contribute in so many ways helping with activities, beautification, security, and being the good citizens you are.

Now, perhaps more than ever, our WLH neighborhood, along with other East Fort Worth communities, need to stay vigilant against incompatible developments. Specifically, at this time, we need to work against the proposed permanent concrete crushing operation.

Many of you remember our opposition to last year's zoning change application which was ultimately denied with prejudice. That prohibited a return for the same permit application for one year.

That deadline is near. This time the applicant, under a different company name, has filed with the **Texas Commission on Environmental Quality** for a Standard Permit to allow for a **permanent concrete crushing operation**. This is the same type of operation that was applied for a zoning change on the exact same property last year.

- 1. Please plan on attending our WLHNA quarterly meeting this July 10th at Nolan Catholic High school in the auditorium at 7:00 pm, if you can.
- 2. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is holding an open, informational, public meeting at 6 pm on this July 13<sup>th,</sup> at Nolan Catholic High School in the auditorium.

I believe Mr. Wallace Hall has prepared well for this project and will not be deterred if he gets his TCEQ permit. We need strong a presence from our citizens if we have any hope of preventing a permanent concrete operation moving forward in this East Fort Worth area.

Let's not take anything for granted!

So spread the word to all of your east side friends and neighbors. There is strength in numbers!



#### You are Invited to the

### **TCEQ Community Forum**

Join Representative Collier and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to learn more about the application process for an Air Quality Standard Permit.

Nolan Catholic High School Auditorium 4501 Bridge St Fort Worth, TX 76103

Thursday July 13, 2017 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

If you have any questions or concerns contact Josselynn.thomas@house.texas.gov or call (817) 332-1180

#### Picnic and Parade Pictures







laleen Cole, REALTOR UNITED REAL ESTATE Phone: 817-507-8812 Fax: 817-496-2199 Email:: ialeencole@yahoo.com Market Update for WLH 2017 We are having another busy Summer already. Here is my updated report on neighborhood sales in the past 90 days. I do not identify individual home sale prices, out of respect for the owner's privacy. We have three active listings, from \$92.96--\$108.60 SqFt.; four listings are Pending with an average list price of \$102.52 SqFt.; eleven homes sold for the average price of \$86.85 SqFt., with homes selling at a range of \$48.20-\$99.65 SqFt. Best prices and fastest sales, are well-maintained with modest updates, and good yards. Ask a Texas Realtor about keeping up your home value!

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Time for summer changes in temperature and moisture, Texas style! Make sure your home is protected against potential moisture and pest damage, by checking seals around doors and windows. Clear debris, trim trees and bushes away from your home and the roof, that can be a pathway for ants and other



the Hot Season

insects. Be on the look out for standing water, where mosquitos breed. Talk to an expert at a garden center, or nursery for advice on adding native, drought resistant plants to your yard.

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#### **Meeting Minutes, White Lake Hills Neighborhood Association** April 10, 2017 by Terri Bailey

President Fred Fernandez called the meeting to order at 7:03pm in the Nolan Catholic Auditorium.

The previous meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Curtis gave the Treasurer's Report for the guarter ending March 31, 2017. We had dues of \$125 and expenses of \$160. (The expenses included \$134 for water bills and \$26 for admin. exp.) There were no COPS transactions for the guarter. The transactions resulted in a total cash balance of \$10,312, a COPS fuel reimbursement fund of \$5,428 and a net cash balance of \$4,884 for the neighborhood association.

Officer Dowdy's crime report: All good in this area. Property crimes are very low. No forced entry of house/vehicle recently in White Lake Hills. East Division crime is up elsewhere including violent crime. Even the apartments in Woodhaven are doing well. He attributes our low crime to our active Code Blue program. Fred asked if homelessness is an issue with the crime uptick. The answer was no, most violent crime is not related to the homeless. Most of the crime issues regarding the homeless involve drugs and sometimes crimes of opportunity such as burglary. Violent crime by the homeless is typically against each other and is rarely reported. Illegal gaming establishments are a problem which is why they're illegal. The ones on his current beat are very selective though and aren't a problem. Linda thanked him for his crime reports.

Officer Phil Woodward addressed the crowd next. He has been a police officer in the area since 1988 and is soon to retire. He is the coordinator for CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) which started back in 1993. They prepare people in the community to assist in case of a natural or manmade disaster. The training is the same nationwide. There are monthly meetings held both during the week and on a Saturday so that participants can choose which works better with their schedule. A meeting is held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm and the following Saturday from 10am to noon. Both meetings cover the same material. Currently attendance is around 80 participants. His goal is about 300-400 participants. A specific level of physical fitness is not required as there are many positions to be filled. There are three levels of membership: level one is completion of basic training, level two is training plus attending 75% of meetings and participating in a call back list, level three is open to people who have been level 2 for at least a year and are expected to commit to a high level of participation including at least 3 CERT events per quarter. More information is available online. Background checks are performed on applicants and members. New applicants take a 24 hour training course offered 3 times per year. The next class is in late August on 4 Saturdays at the new Police Academy. A later class will be offered on week nights.

#### Meeting Minutes, CONTINUED

Terri Bailey discussed the Directory and took comments. We have a total of 584 homes in this neighborhood. Creating a directory has turned out to be guite complicated. Some homes are used as rental properties and others are unoccupied for various reasons. This makes it challenging to determine who to contact for each address. Also, residents and home owners have a variety of telephone numbers instead of a single house line, plus several email addresses. There are now privacy issues, with some people not wanting their names or contact information listed for fear of identity theft.. Residents who might not mind their established neighbors having their information may feel differently about giving it to someone who lives at an address for a few months before moving elsewhere. The conclusion is that it is no longer practical or desirable to publish a neighborhood directory for distribution to the residents of the neighborhood.

Fred Fernandez - discussion of the homeless. He met with Flora Brewer who bought a foreclosed apartment complex on Race Street for use as a non-profit to address the homeless problem. She hired a case manager to run the facility. Linda provided additional background. Flora's father ran a business on Lancaster. After Flora left Lockheed, she worked at the business and because very aware of the homeless population in that area. She also owned 2 other buildings in that area and was active in trying to improve the community. She had great hopes for Directions Home but the city focused on temporary transitional housing. Her goal with the apartments on Race Street was to provide permanent long term housing.

Neighborhood garage sale in May per Terri Bailey, on the same weekend as Eastern Hills garage sale. She described Garage Sale sign options. Metal signs were approved with a \$350 sign budget. Bob Curtis suggested \$25 for a newspaper ad which was also approved.

**Gun locks** are available donated by Jim Oakerson per Fred Fernandez. Fred spoke also about adopting schools. He suggested finding members of our community who might want to form a committee to help with tutoring young students. We may discuss this in more depth later.

Sgt Andrew Nolan introduced himself, the NPO of the East Division, extension 4841. The Easter Egg Hunt needs volunteers, Saturday at 10:30am-11:30am, decorations and cleanup. Fred purchased candy and eggs but needs help.

Beautification Committee – regarding WLH history plaques to be set in sidewalk. One would have the dairy history, the other would have the neighborhood history. They would be flush with the sidewalk but off to the side. Aluminum anodized at \$750 each for the Blue Lake and Willow Ridge entrances. After discussion, \$1500 to \$2000 was approved. New flowers have been installed at the Blue Lake entrance. The entrance at Willow Ridge needs volunteers. An appreciation stipend has been proposed for mowing - \$200 per entrance per year, \$600 per year total to be paid in January. Approved.

#### **Meeting Minutes, CONTINUED**

**T-Shirts**: \$500 approved for t-shirts. \$7.53 each, sell them for \$10 each with the surplus going to the neighborhood fund. Order from Suburban Screenprinting. Will be listed on NextDoor.

4th of July Picnic – 96 year old baseball player, Eddie Robinson, should be invited to be in our parade. Daniel Leal's suggestion. .

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43pm.

#### More Parade and Picnic Pictures





