

# CASA MIA NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

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**H**ello Friends and Residents of Casa Mia. This month has brought both good and bad things in our neighborhood. As you look up and down our streets, they are much cleaner as residents continue to pick up their front yards. Whether because of complaints or just because they care, all that matters is that it's happening. Not only that, but perhaps the nicer weather has gotten neighbors involved in making improvements to their homes again. And they are looking wonderful. I think it's important to recognize those who bring about positive changes in our neighborhood. Please commend them when you see them on the street. Please say hi when you pass them by. Little by little those improvements stimulate others to do the same. If that riptide continues, we will see a beautiful new subdivision emerge and increased property values will follow. I have also noticed a second curbside on S 80th was dressed with lantana. Beautiful. Thank you to whoever worked on that corner. It's a small gesture that does so much for the look of our neighborhood. That one corner will see less trash because it is being cared for. I, once again, encourage others to help out with planting on curbsides. There are still so many in need of work. Wouldn't you love to drive down the street and see lush landscaping at every turn? The other subdivisions have that beauty. Why shouldn't we? All it will take is a little work and very little money. I spent less than \$20.00. Will you please join me in making this project complete? If there is anyone who would like to donate money to the cause, but would not be able to do the work themselves, please contact me. The committee has a crew of people willing to do the work.

The bad news is that there have been several crimes committed in the neighborhood over the last month. There was a burglary on Juanita, a few trespassing issues on Jan and I was a victim of destruction of property. Someone removed a large landscaping rock from my front yard and threw it at my new SUV. I

have also seen an extensive amount of graffiti on S 82nd. I don't know where all of this recent activity is coming from, but I am certain that we do not want it in our neighborhood. Last month when we met we discussed neighborhood watch and all that was involved. It takes a minimal amount of residents per block to get started. We have to get together on each street and institute it. Being pro-active is the only way to deal with these bad apples. Let's not wait until they have hurt us to act.

## CLEAN SWEEP

Unfortunately, we did not beat out the hundreds of other applications submitted for the dumpsters. Because of this we are trying to get a group of residents together who have vehicles that they are willing to use to transport large items to the dump. We will get together and have our own Dumpster Day. The next Hazardous Waste Day is coming up on December 9th. Let's discuss organizing on this day to clean up our excess junk.

## EAST BASELINE ROAD

We are still working on the proposal to improve this entrance. The city is getting estimates to submit for funding to do gravel and landscape with plants and trees. We might even get irrigation since they are covering the cost. The waiting game is tough, but we are getting what we want. I saw a gentleman cleaning up a small section of Baseline near S 82nd. Thank you for that. I put in a request for cleanup from the city, SINCE IT IS THEIR PROPERTY. I will follow up on this request. If they do not comply in a timely manner, residents at the last meeting stated that they would get together and clean this area up. We are able to borrow tools from the city including garbage bags, rakes etc. The city will also come pick up the trash and weeds once we are done. Let me see first if they will do it themselves. If not, let's talk about it at the meeting.

## TRAFFIC COP

At each meeting, and thru e-mails I've received, I've compiled a list of email addresses from concerned residents who have joined our committee. Their information makes it easy to

keep in contact with them when I need a forum. One such forum was a discussion on the best two hours to post a motorcycle cop on our street to track speeders. Since the cop is only available for two hours a day, I asked residents what they felt the busiest two hours of the day were for the speeders. I submitted those hours to the Traffic Department and they will be giving us a policeman. They have not given me an exact day that this will begin. As soon as I know, I will pass it on.

## SPEED BUMPS

Don Brown has submitted an application for a speed counter. The cost to begin this process was \$133.00. Don and his wife Pattie paid this price in full. Thank you goes to them for the generous gift to our neighborhood. Once the speed counter proves that we have a legitimate claim, the next move is the installation of our speed bumps. Yeah!

## SPANISH SPEAKING RESIDENTS

We were lucky enough to have a Spanish speaking resident attend our last meeting. He was very happy to get involved and also very discouraged that he was the only Latino in attendance. He spoke to several other friends and neighbors in Casa Mia who either didn't or couldn't read our newsletters. He told them about the progress in the neighborhood and found that there is a huge interest in our committee. He welcomed them to attend our next meeting and is willing to translate the meeting to them. Our meetings are open to all, residents and their friends and family. If you can translate this letter to a loved one who would like to get involved, that would be great. Our neighborhood is diverse and our committee should reflect all of its people. If you are not able to bring your own translator, Tomas will be happy to assist you at our next meeting. Thank you Tomas.

## AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> MEETING

1. All of the above issues
2. A member from the Solid Waste Commission
3. Resident's Issues

**Light In The Desert Church**  
**7930 E Baseline Rd**  
**12-7-2006, 6:30 PM**  
**Refreshments will be served.**

