

Coomer Creek is a voluntary Neighborhood Association whose boundaries are Beltline, Naaman School Rd, Glen Canyon and Crst and all are invited to participate! Meet the Coomer Creek Board- call us!

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To join: contact Lee , Linda or Karrie or mail your \$25 yearly dues payable to CoomerCreek to McAlister, 114 E. Ridgeway, Garland TX 75040 .

We thank you for joining with us for our MISSION: to make friends and neighbors, for neighborhood safety , vitality and preservation and to find a stronger voice with the city in order to enhance our area. Dues are voluntary—you can be a member without paying dues.

Next Meeting:

**TUESDAY, JUNE 12 N Garland Library at N Garland and Apollo at 6:30PM— meet our new NPO and bring your ideas, goals and review bylaws, elections**

**EMAIL NEWS UPDATES : GOOD REASONS TO JOIN! YOUR \$25 YEAR SPONSORS THE NEWSLETTER Dues are voluntary, Fill out the on line survey ,just write , call and tell us what you think and what you would like to see.**

## Coomer Creek News

Welcome from the President: Reflections

Dear Neighbors.

Coomer Creek sought new, adjacent meeting sites pending the N. Garland Library reopening. Options fell through due to parking , fees and space. For the latest news and meeting updates, visit our web site. All updates on meetings and general news are posted .We are starting a new season and are enduring an unprecedented drought. Water use will still be limited. Please check the City Of Garland web site for the new stage 3 restrictions.

Certainly no 06 drought occurred in the energy of our community. This energy resulted in meetings with speakers on the new community vitality program, storm watch , weather planning, crime watch, water conservation , drought planning , an author on the area, and more. National Night Out in the park hosted our neighborhood police officers, the canine unit, the chase car unit, the fire station on Beltline , code staff, parks staff and a fencing exhibition. The project to bring gourmet meals to our stations in honor of firefighters in 9-11 was very successful . The following day several volunteers from CC went to station 7 and put up the crosses in memory of 9-11 . CC delivered 2 car loads of gourmet treats to the GPD, NPO unit in recognition of their work. Residents and members closest to the park have advocated for upgrades and now have the stone barriers improved and security issues in the forefront. Many residents volunteer time as advocates for the library, the police, fire, animal rescue and education— to name a few interests. Members attend crime watch and city vitality workshops. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR CC ON JUNE 12!**

There have been many changes , positive and negative , in our 3 developments. Our goal is to make and keep this neighborhood as a desirable, safe place to buy a home. This requires us to work on our street and in the community as a whole. We invite and embrace all homes to participate in the voluntary association activities. Welcome all.

**Graffiti Invasion:** 07 . Graffiti reported to code is to be removed within 48 hours . Contact code at 972 485 6400 or email to [codenfc@ci.garland.tx.us](mailto:codenfc@ci.garland.tx.us) —add the location address and description. Your call prevents gangs from marking territory.

New Councilman Elect District 8: this is an unopposed seat for Darren Lathen at 972 675 6127 or [Darren@darrenlathen.net](mailto:Darren@darrenlathen.net). His web site is [www.darrenlathen.net](http://www.darrenlathen.net). Mr Lathen is a 5 year resident and will take his seat in May.

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**Eye on Crime:** by Linda MacAlister: Please visit our website for monthly updates between newsletters: <http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/garland/coomercreek>. Regular crime watch updates will be posted. If you would like email updates, please contact [leelutz1@tx.rr.com](mailto:leelutz1@tx.rr.com). Any concerns can be sent in confidentiality to either Linda or Lee to forward on to our police department under the Coomer Creek name.



If your experiences would benefit anybody, give them to someone Florence Nightingale 1820-1910



#### HOME TIPS: Courtesy of Doris Moeller of State Farm Insurance

How can I prepare for a natural disaster? A little advance planning can save your life. To prepare for any event, pack a survival kit that includes:

1. Water in portable containers
  2. A first aid kit
  3. Any necessary prescription medication
  4. A portable radio and fresh batteries
  5. Extra clothing
  6. Food packages that can be eaten without cooking and are light weight
  7. Blankets
  8. A tool kit, heavy work gloves, nails, face mask for dust protection
  9. Copies of your records—drivers license, birth certificate, wills, power of attorney especially for health care decisions, social security card, home papers including your insurance agent contact numbers.
- Keep a complete inventory of your home at another safe place. The best place is a bank safe deposit box. Photos and video tapes fade. Please try to put them on a CD and update your records periodically.
10. Have flashlights, candles, a weather radio that runs on batteries.
  11. Have the family select a meeting point away from the house.
  12. Have an emergency contact person outside of the area or state that everyone can call to give their location and status.
  13. Carry extra money and your credit cards
  14. Remember to keep your cell phone charged.
  15. Keep your car gas tank at least half full.
- Hopefully none of us will need to put these tips into serious use. Be Prepared and Stay Safe.

**Water Restrictions:** This year the restrictions on watering 2 times a week will stay in force. Added stage 3 rules are in effect. Visit the City of Garland web site for information.



**Coomer Creek Citizens on Patrol:** This last summer the neighborhood was painted, stickered and damaged. The offenders are being prosecuted thanks to our NPO Officer Duncan and other officers. Many of the young people came from out of the area. The Citizen on Patrol volunteers spent hours on the look out, taking pictures and observing who was out and about. This included noticing some drug related activity. COPS thanks our officers for working with us. If you would like to help keep our area safer, contact Linda or Lee. Join the Citizens on Patrol. There is a short 3 hour course at the GPD after a background check.

### Welcome Officer Rumatz!

**Officer Rumatz is our new Neighborhood Police Officer.** He has been an NPO for 10 years and with the GPD for 13 years. Officer Rumatz is a former Marine, a Dad and experienced in a wide range of service. District 13 goes as far north as Renner and he has the responsibility for a large area. He was recently honored for his work in assisting with a small cul de sac that was being terrorized by some unruly folks. NPO Rumatz dealt with the problem, made numerous felony arrests in this location and helped start a crime watch group in the neighborhood. NPO Rumatz spent countless hours working on homeless complaints in the LBJ/S Garland area and has experience dealings with abatement procedures. These non compliant homes are certainly obvious in our area also. Officer Rumatz is a bicycle unit instructor and also teaches in the GPD police basic academy. **We welcome him as part of the Coomer Creek family!**