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## *Message from our President*

-Melanie Vanlandingham-

**HELLO NEIGHBORS!**

During the passed year, I've had the great pleasure of representing Lakewood Heights in several functions and efforts. I am constantly impressed and thrilled to meet and work with so many of you and with others who have such dedication to and passion for neighborhood vitality and safety! We've worked diligently to make our own LHNA efforts successful in bringing us together, improving our quality of life, and protecting our neighborhood. We've gained valuable knowledge in keeping our neighborhood strong, as well as helping to ensure that Lakewood Heights maintains its influential voice in Dallas! This issue of the **Lakewood Heights Herald** reports on several of these efforts and events, and shares with you what we've learned!!

**Thursday is the FIRST DAY OF SPRING**, the season of renewal and rebirth! We are outside again - walking, strolling, jogging, biking, and working on reviving our yards from winter ravages. Lakewood Hts. is an active, connected neighborhood, so we welcome the warmth and sunshine that brings us out to reconnect with each other! It's perfect timing to spark this reconnection and sense of renewal by joining us all at the **LHNA Annual Membership meeting this coming Thursday evening March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm to 8pm!!** Bring the kids and meet your neighbors. Find your own passion and heart in this year's many LHNA events and programs! Everyone living in Lakewood Heights is invited to join us for this meeting at Lakewood United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall located at 2443 Abrams Rd - between Lakeshore and Palo Pinto (easy parking and entrance behind the church). This will be much more than a meeting of sitting and listening. It will be a fun, informal gathering with info about Lakewood Heights and area offerings, and a chance to meet and mingle with your neighbors while sharing tasty treats, desserts, and beverages! It will be a setting in which you can find your



heart in your neighborhood and find ways to express your interests and talents in Lakewood Heights! Throughout the meeting room, **LHNA committee chairpersons** will have table set-ups with information about all our 2008 services, events, programs, and neighborhood efforts! Great new ideas for neighborhood groups also will be offered for your input and opportunities for involvement. How about a new Lakewood Heights Art Guild? Or a reading program for area school children? How about a neighborhood and/or adult swim night at the Tietze Pool this summer? Come and offer your ideas for getting these going or other ideas you have for activities! Our Dallas Councilmember, **Angela Hunt** will kick-off the meeting with updates on her exciting City activities and projects. **Officer Keith Allen**, our Dallas Police Dep't. Liaison, will be on hand to discuss Dallas' 2008 crime prevention goals, and will have updates and tips about recent home burglaries in our area. **The Friends of Tietze Park Foundation** will be there to get your ideas for additional park improvements for upcoming masterplanning opportunities. **Dallas department reps** for neighborhood services will also have a table and hopefully reps from our two elementary schools will join us. This will be a fun evening with great food and valuable info for both long time residents and those who have recently joined the neighborhood! **We welcome everyone in Lakewood Heights – and if you are reading this newsletter, THAT'S YOU!**

After a bit of mixing and mingling, we'll re-group at 7:15pm to elect our 2008 LHNA officers, Street Reps., and Block Captains. This newsletter includes info about these positions and their very important roles in making Lakewood Heights successful, happy, and safe every year. Our lives can be so full with scheduled obligations. Participation in LHNA is one of the best and easiest ways to know your neighbors, get involved, and develop lasting friendships! We offer so many opportunities – big and small - throughout the year for you and your family to be a part of LHNA!

**Join us all at the March meeting and find your heart in Lakewood Heights!**



## Lakewood Heights Neighborhood Association

Who we are,  
What we do  
& What's in  
it for YOU?

Who are we? Well, **we are you**. Happily, Lakewood Heights is a diverse neighborhood of many backgrounds, talents and interests. LHNA is a voluntary group of great neighbors just like you working together to put all that talent into action!

Lakewood Heights Neighborhood Association (LHNA) is a non-profit association organized in 1984, (though the neighborhood dates to 1914 -depending on what old document you're reading). It encompasses about 1200 households, bounded by Monticello on the north, Richmond on the south, Abrams on the east, and Skillman on the west. As always, LHNA membership is open to ALL households in Lakewood Heights.

The mission of LHNA is to promote a desirable neighborhood environment and character, and take action on common concerns affecting us. First and foremost, LHNA is **YOUR voice and advocate** to activate City and community efforts for the safety, protection, beautification, well-being, and vitality of Lakewood Heights.

LHNA provides a forum - through membership meetings, our newsletters, and events - for discussion of and action on efforts important to you. A primary goal is to inform and bring neighbors together with the belief that strength of neighborhood comes from knowing each other and in supporting common goals and needs. Our many events and programs provide fun and meaningful ways to express our interests and get to know each other. We continually focus on safety & crime watch, zoning & code issues, street conditions, traffic, recycling, property upkeep, tree planting, and Tietze Park. As the neighborhood grows and new neighbors and families join in active participation, new talents and knowledge allows our events and offerings to expand as well.

Your annual dues and fund raising efforts make all this possible. They fund distribution of the quarterly newsletter, fliers, and website. They make all our events possible. They allow us to participate and represent you in City and community organizations. Your membership ensures these efforts continue. Your membership brings you and your family several added benefits for Crime Watch, e-communications, & event notification. To vote on LHNA issues you must be a current paid member. All residents are encouraged to attend quarterly meetings in March, July, and October to bring us fresh ideas and share neighborhood updates. Members can also attend monthly board meetings to discuss whatever local issue concerns you or sparks your imagination.

LHNA celebrates our neighborhood's diversity - and we want to continue the wonderful blend that defines us! We certainly hope you will enjoy and be a part of all of it! Membership in LHNA is only \$20 per year per household, \$40 for Patrons, and still only \$5 for residents 65 years young and over! New and long-time neighbors alike soon learn and live the blessings of Lakewood Heights. It is indeed a wonderful place to live. Please continue your participation and support of LHNA!!



## Marvin & Mary Stelzer celebrate 65 wonderful years together

*In February at Zion Lutheran Church, family and friends helped mark the grand occasion of the 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of these two long-time Lakewood Heights neighbors. Married during WWII, Marvin and Mary raised their children in our neighborhood and always have served as devoted community and church volunteers.*

## DHL & the New Neighborhood Matching Fund

-by Melanie Vanlandingham

As a Board member of the Dallas Homeowners League, and president of Lakewood HTs Neighborhood Association, I've been serving with other community volunteers to develop an exciting new program, the Neighborhood Matching Fund (NMF). This program follows the lead of progressive cities and other national grassroots community organizations who understand the value and power of partnering to maximize local benefits! Jim Diers, a Seattle community organizer and visionary, created the model for the NMF. It has been so successful in making projects happen that he is helping develop similar programs all over the world! He presented his concept and success story during the DHL Boot Camp workshops in August, 2007. (In fact, we are hoping to get him back for this year's Boot Camp!)

He describes the program as one in which the "city provides funding in exchange for the community's match of an equal value in cash, volunteer labor, and/or donated goods and services in support of citizen-initiated projects." Seattle's NMF program has resulted in over 3000 neighborhood-led projects involving tens of thousands of volunteers since 1989, while doubling the city's \$45 million investment.

During our efforts over the passed several months to formulate our own program, we have identified parameters for what might define eligible projects, who can apply (and who can't), project criteria, as well as the basic structure for who decides what projects would get funding for implementation. More work is needed to finalize our proposal for this new program, but we hope to do so soon to begin working with City leaders for support so that we can present it to the Mayor mid-year. Stay tuned!

# LHNA Members Gather for the 2008

## Planning & Appreciation Party

Goals and great ideas emerged for the new year during our LHNA Planning and Appreciation Party recognizing the hard work and dedication of active LHNA members who did so much to make 2007 so very successful!

LHNA President, Melanie Vanlandingham, and Barbara Koegl hosted the event and prepared a fabulous array of tapas and drink to set the festive mood and encourage creativity for new ideas! Barb really outdid herself for this one! About 30 members joined in the fun. Their recommendations for LHNA events and efforts included those listed below. We've even accomplished and planned for several already! Several will definitely need more of you to join in and help us make them happen! If you'd like to add your own ideas and help us set priorities, join us at the March Meeting!

- ➔ Take LHNA on the road by planning events & meetings at area settings and venues.
- ➔ Continue the fun Front Yard Picnics in June
- ➔ Continue Pumpkins in the Park & Chili Cook-off
- ➔ Continue National Night Out at Tietze Park
- ➔ Continue strong connections with City reps
- ➔ Continue/ expand "Green" initiatives
- ➔ Plan evening events at the Tietze Park Pool
- ➔ Expand fund raising efforts
- ➔ Increase participation in Crime Watch Group
- ➔ Consider more frequent newsletters /updates
- ➔ Look for opportunities to help area schools
- ➔ Start softball / soccer / volleyball / croquet Play Days for teens and adults at Tietze Park
- ➔ Expand e-communications & start Web committee
- ➔ Celebrate our talents – get together our local artists, musicians, culinary specialists - teens, adults
- ➔ Re-Start the Lakewood Hts baby-sitting co-op
- ➔ Start Pet of the month, pet ID on membership form
- ➔ Organize a Welcoming Committee

Wow! What a great list! What is your particular talent and interest? Come to the March meeting and help us kick-start new ideas and continue our already popular offerings!



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## 2008 LHNA CALENDAR

### ◆ General Dates: (unless announced otherwise)

**LHNA Board meetings:** every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs., 7pm  
At Lakewood United Methodist Church (LUMC)

### **Friends of Tietze Park Foundation Mtgs:**

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. at Skillman Church of Christ

Monthly winners of **Yard of the Month**

**Bulky Trash Pick-up** - week of 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday each month

**Recycling Pick-up** - alternate Thur. starting w/ March 20

### ◆ THIS WEEK: March 20 - LHNA General Meeting

- 6:30 -8pm pm at LUMC - 2443 Abrams.

◆ April & May - TBD for new event, outing, program?

◆ June - Front Yard Picnics on every street

◆ July 17 - LHNA General Mtg - Fun Location TBD

◆ August - Dallas Home Owners League workshop

◆ August - LHNA Splash Day /Nights at Tietze Pool?

◆ September - New school volunteer program?

◆ October 7 - Texas Night Out Picnic at Tietze Park

◆ Oct. 25 - LHNA Pumpkins in the Park Picnic, Chili Cook-off, & General Meeting - Tietze Park

◆ Nov.25 - Community Thanksgiving Dinner - hosted by LHNA & Skillman Church of Christ

◆ December - Neighborhood Tree Planting Program

*It's time to renew your 2008*

*LHNA Dues*

**GREAT NEWS:** Our popular crime prevention event, National Night Out Picnic (in August), has become **"TEXAS NIGHT OUT" on OCTOBER 7<sup>th</sup> !!**

This makes October crazy busy with both of our biggest picnics in the same month, but we are all very happy with the cooler Fall date!! As the month approaches, we may need to make some adjustments. Please volunteer so that we can schedule and plan for October - we definitely will need your help!

## The LHNA Tree Planting Program

Braving the cold and truck driving antics of the tree crew, Carey Moseley, Palo Pinto neighbor, organized yet another Tree Planting Day in Lakewood Heights. Working closely with the City of Dallas Chief Arborist, Phil Erwin, and LHNA volunteers, another 30 street trees were planted! Thank you Carey for expanding our "Green" Initiatives in Lakewood Hts!



Carey with Chief Arborist Phil Erwin



Carey Moseley, new neighbor Don Clayton, and Melanie Vanlandingham determine the best location for the new tree.



Carey Moseley, the tree crew, and Abrams neighbor, Aaron Navarro place the second street tree for this corner lot.

## Mayor Tom Leppert Presents 2008 Goals at Lakewood Event

In February, our Texas State Representative and LHNA member, the honorable Allen Vaught, invited Chris Moseley, Palo Pinto neighbor and Melanie Vanlandingham, LHNA President, to join him at the Dallas Northeast Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet at the Lakewood Country Club. At the meeting, Congressman Pete Sessions spoke and Mayor Tom Leppert presented his goals for Education, Crime Prevention, and Economic Development for 2008. Here are the highlights:

♦ **Education:** while DISD governs education in Dallas, the City has begun a program of incentives for staying in school, targeted especially toward 9<sup>th</sup> graders. These include scholarships, reading programs at neighborhood libraries, and a new program of mentorship and internships with Dallas businesses.

♦ **Crime Prevention:** Of particular interest for us, the Mayor is committed to hiring more officers to get us more in line with other major cities, and to stronger local policing in neighborhoods.

♦ **Economic Development:** In 2008, focus will be on building opportunities in downtown and Oak Cliff particularly along the Trinity River corridor. Sparked interest for development due to planned park and transportation improvements along the river have already begun. The mayor spoke on keeping and building this momentum. Of interest to neighborhoods are his initiatives for GREENING Dallas, which are linked to the economic and environmental health of Dallas. In January, Dallas launched its GREEN DALLAS website **GREEN DALLAS.NET** with tips on how to save water and energy, recycling, maintaining a "green" lawn and landscape, and improving air quality. The Green Initiatives may also have impact on increased park improvements, tree planting, and walkable community development.

Following the meeting, our Lakewood Heights attendees took the opportunity to discuss with the Mayor the importance of these goals right here in your own neighborhood. We thank Rep. Vaught for his continued focus on neighborhood and community quality of life and for the opportunity to join him in the Chamber event!

### Sara Hickman Family Concert

Benefiting East Dallas Community Schools  
Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 3 PM @ Poor David's Pub  
1313 S Lamar St (214) 565-1295  
Adults \$20, Kids \$10

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## LHNA Officers, Street Representatives, and Committees

Any member wishing to hold an office needs to notify the Secretary, Mark Dressendorfer (214-827-1124), prior to the March 20<sup>th</sup> Membership meeting. Nominations during the meeting also may be made and shall be accepted.

### DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

**The President** shall call and preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the membership, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors. The President shall be a regular member of the Board of Directors and an ex officio member of all permanent committees. The president shall represent the association in its relations with persons and organizations outside the association. The President shall insure that each Committee leader understands their operating responsibilities and the mission of their committee. The president shall be responsible for monitoring and reporting to the membership any activities of the various City Boards and Commissions that affect or potentially affect the Lakewood Heights area.

**The Vice-President** shall perform the duties of the President at the President's request, or whenever the President is absent or unable to perform the duties of that office, and shall perform such other duties as the Board of Directors may prescribe. Upon a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice-President shall assume the Presidency and the Board shall fill the Vice-Presidency. The Vice-President shall serve as Parliamentarian for all Board and Membership meetings of the association.

**The Secretary** shall keep a record of minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors and the General Membership, keep record of all important documents, correspondence and newsletters and shall perform such other duties as the Board of Directors may prescribe. The Board may appoint one or more assistant Secretaries.

**The Treasurer** shall collect dues and have custody of association funds, pay bills within approved budgets, keep an accurate record of all receipts and expenditures, prepare a written financial report to be given at the March membership meeting, and perform such other duties as the Board of Directors may prescribe. The Board may appoint one or more Assistant Treasurers.

**The Street Representatives** shall act as liaison between the Board and residents of their respective streets and shall be ex officio members of the Membership, Events, and Communications committees. Street Representatives deliver the LHNA Heights Herald newsletter and serve on committees as determined by the Board of Directors.

### PERMANENT COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

**The Zoning Committee-** monitoring of any application for rezoning, replatting, or variances from zoning which may be filed within, or may otherwise affect, the neighborhood area.

**The Crimewatch Committee-** organization of "CrimeWatch" areas within LH and cooperating with the Dallas Police Department implementing programs for enhanced neighborhood security.

**The Communications Committee-** shall be responsible for a) establishing and maintaining a phone committee to be used in the rapid notification of the membership of developments of importance

to the association and for b) publishing a newsletter at least quarterly. Includes the LHNA website administration.

**The Membership Committee-** obtaining, retaining of members in the association, assisting the Treasurer in collection of dues.

**The Neighborhood Services Committee-** shall be responsible for overseeing the delivery of neighborhood services to the area including, but not limited to, public transportation, public streets and utilities, street lighting and garbage and refuse collection; and for identifying and assisting in the rehabilitation of properties whose owners, for reasons of ill health or advanced age, are unable to adequately maintain their properties. Coordinates Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness Plan.

Membership in any permanent committee shall be open to any member of the association, without limitation as to the number of committees a member may join.

A Leader for each permanent committee shall be elected by the Board of directors to serve for one operating year.

The Board may establish Special Committees in addition to the Permanent Committees and shall appoint Leader for each such committee.

### SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRS

**The Events Committee** shall plan, organize, and conduct official association events. Officers and Street Reps shall be ex officio members.

**The Fund Raising Committee** shall plan, organize, and conduct fund raising activities as needed and determined by the Board for events, programs, and official business of the association. The Treasurer shall be an ex officio member.

**The Park Committee** shall work with LHNA Board and membership, the City of Dallas, Friends of Tietze Park Foundation, and other organizations to ensure that improvements, maintenance, operations, programming, and events meet the LHNA resident needs. The Crime Watch Committee Chair shall be an ex officio member.

**The Traffic Committee** shall work with the LHNA Board, City of Dallas Police and City Council to report traffic safety and traffic-related issues occurring with Lakewood Heights. The CrimeWatch Committee Chair shall be an ex officio member.

**Rights of Members.** Each member of the association is eligible to serve as an officer or on any committee of the association, to vote on matters as provided in these Articles, to receive a copy of the newsletter, and to attend (with any member of his or her household) any business or social function of the association.

### LHNA Committee Chairpersons (as of Feb 2008) We need more volunteers on each committee

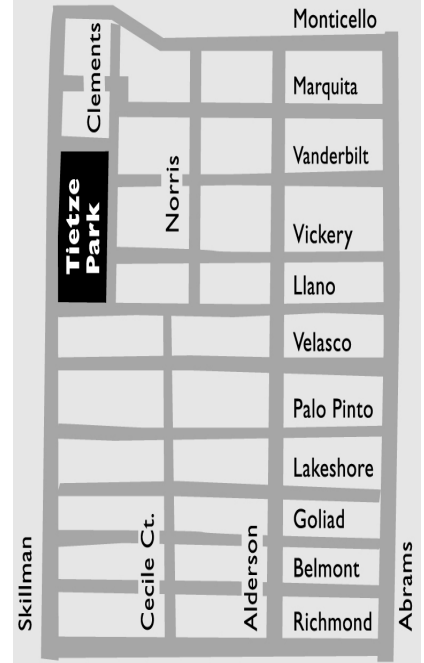
- ◆ **Zoning:** Nominated: Don Wilmarth – 214-827-2786
- ◆ **Crime Watch:** Joe Darlak - 214-887-6180
- ◆ **Membership:** Ed Westmeyer -214-827-0418  
Welcome Committee – need volunteers
- ◆ **Communications:**  
Newsletter - Melanie Vanlandingham - 214-841-9060  
Website – Donna Turman + new volunteers  
Email List - Melanie Vanlandingham – 214-841-9060
- ◆ **Neighborhood Services:** Walker Trigg-214-827-3091
- ◆ **Events:** we need volunteers – choose your event
- ◆ **Fund Raising :** VACANT !!
- ◆ **Tietze Park :** need volunteers to work with FOTPF
- ◆ **Traffic:** VACANT !!
- ◆ **Yard of the Month:** Marian Buchanan - 214-823-8409
- ◆ **LHNA Tree Planting:** Carey Moseley- 214-841-0030
- ◆ **Lakewood Hts Arts Guild?** – needs organizing



# LAKEWOOD HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD & LHNA INFORMATION

Officers	Name	Address	Phone
President	Melanie Vanlandingham	6311 Lakeshore	214-841-9060
Vice President	Carey Moseley	6315 Palo Pinto	214-841-0030
Secretary	Mark Dressendorfer	6226 Llano	214-827-1124
Treasurer	Betsy Bock / Pat Galvin	6206 Llano	214-826-0202
<b>Street Captains</b>			
<i>Richmond</i>	Lana & James Self	6130 Richmond	214-827-4927
<i>Belmont</i>	Walker Trigg	6162 Belmont	214-827-3091
<i>Goliad</i>	Marquez Bela	6126 Goliad	214-256-3423
<i>Lakeshore</i>	Barbara Koegl	6311 Lakeshore	214-841-9060
<i>Palo Pinto</i>	Joe Darlak	6219 Palo Pinto	214-887-6180
<i>Velasco</i>	Marian & Cleave Buchanan	6159 Velasco	214-823-8909
<i>Llano</i>	Mark Dressendorfer	6226 Llano	214-827-1124
<i>Vickery</i>	Pat Galvin	6223 Vickery	214-827-1564
<i>Vanderbilt</i>	Lynn Wright	6154 Vanderbilt	214-827-4246
<i>Marquita</i>	Ed Westmeyer	6341 Marquita	214-827-0418
<i>Monticello</i>	Anne Calhoun	6169 Monticello	214-828-1838

## LAKEWOOD HEIGHTS



Note: New Officers & Street Reps will be elected /re-elected at the March General Mtg.

**ADVERTISING & NEWSLETTER ARTICLES:** Contact Melanie Vanlandingham at 214-841-9060, or email [mv.bk@tx.rr.com](mailto:mv.bk@tx.rr.com). Articles – Will be reviewed for appropriate content (as determined by LHNA editor) & edited for space. Need to be neighborhood focused, non-political. MS Word format, photo-ready images (if space allows).

**BULKY TRASH PICK-UPS:** Week of 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday – on curb betwn 7am the Thurs. before date below & before 7am Monday  
Mar 17, Apr 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, Aug 18, Sept 15, Oct 20, Nov 17, Dec 15

**RECYCLING PICK-UPS:** Mar 20, Apr 3/17, May 1/15/29, June 12/26, July 10/24, Aug 7/21, Sept 4/18, Oct 2/16/30, Nov 13/26, Dec 11/24

## Helpful Phone Numbers

### **Emergencies 911**

Non-emergency complaints 311  
City Council -Angela Hunt 214 670-5415  
City Manager-Mary Suhm 214-670-3297  
Mayor –Tom Leppert 21-6704050  
Chief of Staff-Chris Heinbaugh,  
Deputy Chief of Staff - Paula Blackmon

TXU Gas 214-741-3750  
Direct Energy Electric –outages/emerg. 1-888-313-4747  
Residential Water/Sewer customer serv. 214-651-1441  
Potholes 214-747-2600  
SPCA 214-651-9611  
Animal Control 214-670-5111  
Lakewood Public Library 214-670-1376  
Stormwater Pollution Prevention 214-670-5000  
Sanitation 214-670-8613  
Conservation/ Xeriscape info 214-670-3155

## 2008 LAKEWOOD HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

\$20 per household, \$40 Patron, \$5 Senior

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Dues enclosed: ☐ Regular, per household \$20 ☐ Senior Citizen household \$5 ☐ Patron \$ 40 or more

Mail to: **The Lakewood Heights Neighborhood Association, PO Box 141051, Dallas, TX 75214**