



Buckner Terrace Homeowners Association

Newsletter January 2008

Keeping the Momentum Going in 2008

From the Chairperson Darlene Reynolds

Ok, I'll skip all the clichés about what happened to 2007. It is 2008 and we are so thankful to look back on what was accomplished last year and look forward to even more good news this year.

The Economic Development Committee has been formed and now we are waiting to hear from our City Councilpersons (Dwayne Caraway and Carolyn Davis) for approval. Eugene Thomas has agreed to move forward with this group and we have a blend of business leaders and homeowners from many walks of life on this committee. We will be hearing more from them regularly in the upcoming months.

A concern: I have had a couple phone calls that indicate people have called City Services, saying they are a representative of Buckner Terrace Homeowners Association. However, these people are not elected officers of Buckner Terrace. We respect your trust in the Steering Committee of Buckner Terrace. So, if you are not on the committee, please state that you are a "member" of Buckner Terrace.

The Principals of the schools in our area will be joining us at the upcoming meetings. If you have specific questions, please let us know. Suggestions for agenda topics are always welcome.

I've learned new ways to get through our neighborhood with the on-going construction on Samuell Boulevard and have enjoyed looking at the many different houses in Buckner Terrace. What pretty houses and beautiful yards!

Reminder on Bulky Trash: Please have the trash out on time. In December, they came around in the early morning on the 24th and many of our neighbors put the trash out after they had picked up. We appreciate the Bulky Trash pick-up and also want our neighborhood to look nice. So, please put your trash out in time for the big pick-up. If you miss it, please pull it back away from the curb to wait for next month.

Have you gotten a Big Blue Recycling Trash can? You can order it online at www.DallasCityHall.com. Just scroll down to the bottom of the page and there is a picture of the Big Blue. It will link to a form to fill out to have it delivered. Or, you can call 3-1-1. There is no additional charge for this trash can – and it is amazing to see how much can be recycled!

I-30 Beautification has been a bit slower to get started. We are continuing to contact our City Council people to encourage a partnership with TxDot. If you are interested in working with this, please contact any Committee member.

If you have items of interest for the newsletter, please e-mail BTHA@Earthlink.net or call 214-381-2614.

Bulk Trash Pick Up Schedule

January is the week of Jan 27th

February is the week of Feb 24th

Put bulk items out front on the curb

By 7a.m. Monday.

Sanitation 214-670-4481

Putting Bulk trash out too early or late will result in a \$225.00 Citation

**Buckner Terrace Homeowners Meeting Tuesday, January 29 at 6:30 p.m.
Eastminster Presbyterian Church ★ 6550 Samuell Blvd**



Take Time to Talk to a Kid VIP (Volunteers in Patrol) News

Mark Leonard, VIP/Crime Prevention

When was the last time you talked to a young person about drugs, crime, sexual activity or gang membership? The best way to reduce crime is to teach honesty, integrity and responsible social behavior to future generations. Adults underestimate the tremendous positive influence they can contribute to an adolescent's emotional development. Please make the effort to tell a kid that drugs are bad and that crime does not pay. Tell girls that teenage pregnancy and parenting are major uphill battles. Lend an ear to a boy. This offers a safe healthy environment where his feelings are heard. This creates an alternative to bonding with a gang. Invest time, reduce crime.

Daily Crime Reports Available online

Are you interested in finding out about the Crime Reports in our neighborhood? Many thanks to Linda Barnum, who found **www.dailycrimereport.com**. At this website, you can sign up to receive daily updates on the crimes for our neighborhood. Here's the direct link to sign up:

http://dailycrimereport.com/dcr_subscribe_dallas/dallas/specialgroups.html.

When you sign-up, Buckner Terrace is one of the options. Many thanks to Daily Crime Report staff, as when we requested Buckner Terrace added to the available neighborhoods, it was added within 24 hours. Keep in mind that this includes business as well as residential crime for our neighborhood.

CrimeWatch Meeting at 6:30

Carolyn Johnson

A Dallas Fire Department representative will be our guest at the January Crime Watch meeting, which will be on Tuesday, January 29th at 6:30 pm. We have asked that they bring educational material and talk about the safety of burglar bars on our homes. You can also sign up for DFD to come to your home to inspect and install new updated smoke detectors. Dallas Police Officer, Senior Corporal Swafford will be at the meeting to give the monthly crime report update.

LOST DOG/FOUND DOG

By Diane Birdwell

No, that is not a canine soap opera, but a common occurrence in Buckner Terrace. For some reason, lost dogs seem to know that I a fool for a pair of big, brown eyes and a wagging tail. I find lost dogs several times a year. I would want a kind stranger to help my doggies find their way back home if they accidentally got away.

The problem is, I find dogs without collars, or with collars---but no tags! Neighbors, it is the law that ALL dogs and cats in Dallas MUST be registered and vaccinated. There is absolutely no excuse to have a pet without identification on it. It is cruel to the dog, as without ID, many people will assume your furry member of the family is a stray, destined for the Animal Control officer and a pretty certain date with a needle.

It is also against city ordinance to have a dog off of a leash. Now, if you are in the front yard with your pet, and you can guarantee they will not run away or attack, then that is your decision. But too often, pet owners around here just let their dogs out to go "do their business," and then come back. That is dangerous and not very neighborly. PLEASE, keep control of your pets.

Make sure your yard is secure, doors closed. Dogs want to be free, and it is up to you to keep them on your property.

Should you lose your pet, please put up signs quickly. This helps keep your neighbors on the lookout for your beloved animal. If you see a sign for a "found" animal, please ask your neighbors if they saw the sign, and if they know of such an animal.

I found two lovely dogs on New Year's Day. I posted orange signs, and soon, they were reclaimed. It would have been so much easier if the owners had invested a mere \$10 per dog for a collar and tag!

Dogs are man's best friends, so we should be theirs as well.

Officer James Swafford

214-671-0137

James.Swafford@dpd.dallcityhall.com

He is the new Dallas Police Contact @ the South East Substation.



Economic Development Update

Eugene Thomas

The Buckner Terrace Homer Owners Association (BTHA) has appointed its Economic Development Committee from District 4 and 7 to initiate a comprehensive review of existing economic development conditions in our neighbors. This broad based public input strategic analysis of issues and community desires, zoning change recommendation addressing land use, urban design, economic development incentives recommendations and neighborhood stabilization recommendations.

BTHA Economic Development Committee will address three (3) sections.

Section I Provides information on the *Community Needs Assessment* (CNA), which articulates those issues of concern within the community, and establishes the implementation priority for each as immediate, short-term and long-term.

Section II Is the heart of the plan. This section present three (3) functional elements that describe existing and future projects and specific policy and project recommendation to stimulate growth and development in the study area. Also, included in this section of the Plan are recommendation that complement the goals and objectives outlined in **Forward Dallas Plan** for the Buckner Terrance Area Plan.

Section III Presents the Implementation Schedule and identifies the implementing body (i.e., City Council, Buckner Terrance Homeowners Association, public, private and /or non-profit joint venture(s) to effectuate action toward the achievement of recommendations identified in the BTHA Plan.

What is coming up at the meeting?

Mr. Harold Wright will be our guest speaker. Mr. Wright is principal of Skyline High School. The news media has recently reported that DISD administration is planning to move some of the Magnets (or clusters) at Skyline. The magnets or cluster are career/college programs that attract many top students. These top students certainly have an impact on the TAKS test results, which affects the ranking of Skyline, which in turn affects people with children wanting to move into our neighborhood. Mr. Wright is not the decision-maker in this process and this is his first year at Skyline. He will have more information for us at the meeting.

THANKS to all the new volunteers and the faithful deliverers!!

Here are just a couple of the streets that need someone to deliver (others are available, too!):

4704-4856 Hollow Ridge (25 houses)

4718-4737 Mendosa (10 homes)

It's a great way to see our beautiful neighborhood. If you can help, please call the Quadrant Leader or an Officer.

Southwest Quadrant Leader Needed

Many thanks to Donna Miller who has been the Southwest Quadrant leader for several years. Donna has been a faithful leader and participator in lots of activities in Buckner Terrace. Donna and her husband have purchased a new house in Oak Cliff, so she is moving and we will miss her. If you live South of Everglade and West of Jim Miller, you live in the Southwest Quadrant of Buckner Terrace. Do you have a desire to see your neighborhood improve and are you willing to invest a couple hours a month of your time? We are a varied group of neighbors who have gotten to know each other through working together. If you are interested, please contact any of the Officers.

Officers and Committees

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