



Buckner Terrace Homeowners Association

Newsletter February 2008

Our Great Neighborhood

From the Chairperson Darlene Reynolds

We have many great homeowners who help to make this a great place to live. Recently, we all pulled together for our local high school Skyline. Thank you to all who attended the city meetings concerning Skyline. Keeping the Cluster programs at Skyline, help our neighborhood and our home values. Thank you to Mr. Harry Wright, the principal of Skyline, for attending our meeting last month. Here are the minutes from the meeting, for those of you who missed it.

Mr. Wright stated that he is glad to be able to be a part of such a great community and thankful for being invited to the BTH Association meeting. He grew up in Athens, Texas. He has been teacher and principal at Elementary, Middle and High Schools. He has been the principal at Skyline for 7 months. Skyline is the 10 largest high school in the US, the first magnet in the world and the largest high school in Dallas.

He has many goals he is working on. He wants Skyline to become the #1 high school again. He wants students excited about coming to school. He wants to give students what they need for the future. Working feeder patterns to insure success for students. All students need to graduate on time. Repairing the building. The staff & students need a good environment to work and learn. There are 5,000 students at Skyline. He will work on student numbers to ensure who should be in attendance at Skyline. He is meeting with Ron Price on the Cluster program issues. Six Clusters could be moved to Conrad High School. He would like to develop a partnership with Conrad to develop Clusters there.

He also wants to do something about gangs. He is going to meet with a gang consultant to address the concerns of the students and community for a safer environment. He is all about the children.

The Lenten Season

Carolyn McInnis

By the time you are reading this, we are well into classes leading up to HOLY WEEK.

I would like to invite all homeowners to a dinner (more like supper) each Wednesday from 5:30-6:30 pm. at Eastminster Presbyterian.

Then stay and enjoy a study the next hour on such topics as:

"Must Only One Religion Be True?"

"The Wide Circle Of Divine Love"

"Church History Of Martin Luther"

Looking ahead to March there are also things planned.

March 16th PALM SUNDAY the children will line up with palm fronds entering the sanctuary announcing the coming of Jesus.

There will also be services on:

March 20th MAUNDYTHURSDAY

March 21st GOOD FRIDAY

March 23rd EASTER is celebrated

There is always breakfast on Sundays at 8 to 9 a.m. and you are invited to come and visit with your neighbors.

Eastminster Presbyterian Church hosts Buckner Terrace Homeowners Crime Watch and Homeowners Association Meetings at no cost to our organization.

**Buckner Terrace Homeowners Meeting Tuesday, February 26 at 6:30 p.m.
Eastminster Presbyterian Church ★ 6550 Samuell Blvd**



VIP (Volunteers in Patrol) News

Mark Leonard, VIP/Crime Prevention

Many of our neighbors take an hour or two or four a month to patrol our neighborhood. This is done in teams, driving around. Yes, we look for suspicious actions (and recently helped DPD catch some burglars). It also includes checking to see if you left the garage door open, left the car door open or if anything looks out of the ordinary. You pick the day and time you wish to patrol and DPD has a training class coming up soon. Please contact VIP for more information and an application form. We can all make a difference.

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.

Officer James Swafford

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

Contact Info:

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DART: Express!

By Linda Barnum

Some GOOD changes have been made to one of the DART routes that serve our neighborhood.

#11 Skyline has been a "local" bus. Although our neighborhood is 7 miles from town, it currently takes 35-40 minutes (not including traffic tie-ups) to get downtown.

Beginning March 3, the bus route becomes #111 Skyline, and every other trip will be an Express bus, shortening the commute roughly 20 minutes each direction by utilizing the HOV lanes on I30. It's not light rail, but it is a big improvement.

The local route serves not only Buckner Terrace, but then goes down Samuell and across Dolphin to Owenwood. From there it goes down East Grand and on to Fair Park, and 35-40 minutes later -- you arrive in downtown -- possibly to make another connection to another bus. The old #11 bus would go on to Oak Cliff, meaning that there was more opportunity for a traffic delay somewhere along the route (The Oak Cliff bus remains #11).

The Owenwood/Fair Park Area will now be served with every other #111 bus, as well as the #112 Peavy buses.

The new schedules are available online at:

www.dart.org,

A neat trip planner is available at www.mdart.org.

See you on the bus?

Websites to visit

Jim Lewellen

<http://zipskinny.com> has amazing information. Enter your zip code and you will get lots of demographics on our area.

<http://www.catalogchoice.org> - Get rid of unwanted catalogs. Sign up and help save our environment, too!



What is coming up at the meeting?

Coming Up at the Meeting February 26th:

Mr. Jonathan Smith, Principal of Edna Rowe Elementary School will be sharing his vision for Edna Rowe and all the great things that are going on at one of our elementary schools. If you would like to get involved – one time or on an on-going basis, Mr. Smith will give us the latest information.

Dallas Fire/Rescue will be talking about smoke alarms, burglar bars and how we can better prepare our homes and our neighborhoods. As you may recall, this was scheduled last month, but due to a scheduling conflict, it will be this month

Economic Development Update: The Planning Commission has started the process of rezoning the business areas of Buckner Terrace to coincide with the vision of our community. Please come to hear the latest updates.

Looking for Two Good People

Do you have a Couple Hours to Spare?

We need someone to organize National Night Out.

We also need someone as the North West
Quadrant Leader.

Do you have a few hours a month to invest in our
neighborhood?

Please call any officer for more information.

Bulk Trash Pick Up Schedule

February is the week of Jan 24th

March is the week of March 23rd

Put bulk items out front on the curb

By 7a.m. Monday.

Sanitation 214-670-4475

(You can also use this number to request a list
of recycle items for the blue bags or bins.)

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

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)

5200-5300 Enchanted (23 homes)

It's a great way to see our beautiful neighborhood.

If you can help, please call the Quadrant Leader or
an Officer.

Officers and Committees

<i>Chair*</i>	Darlene Reynolds	214-381-2614
<i>Co-Chair*</i>	Darius McDonald	214-388-8097
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Newsletter articles are Due the 8th of every month

Membership **Open**

National Night Out
Open

Newsletter Distribution

NE Quadrant*	Jim Lewellen	214-388-2238
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**Steering Committee Members*

If you have an article of interest, please e-mail
BTHA@Earthlink.net or call 214-381-2614. Articles
must be submitted by the 8th of the month to be
considered for publication.



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