



Buckner Terrace Homeowners Association

Newsletter March 2008

Here Ye.... Here Ye.... Step right on up.....

From the Co-Chair, Darius McDonald

Bring Mommy, Bring Daddy, Bring the Family.

The HOA of Buckner Terrace is currently seeking "A FEW GOOD NEIGHBORS" who are willing to be a part of "THE GREATEST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION".

The cost of membership is only \$24.00 annually. You will receive a Monthly Newsletter and an enormous amount of information on any topic....

We meet on the last Tuesday of every month except for December in observation of Christmas Season...

Buckner Terrace is dedicated to providing resources that promote a better understanding of our community. All Buckner Terrace homeowners are invited and encouraged to support the Buckner Terrace Homeowners Association. We need every neighbors' support. Hope to see you there!!!!

What is coming up at the next meeting?

We have invited Ron Price, DISD Board Trustee to give us an update on what is going on at Skyline and although he was scheduled to speak last month, unfortunately his schedule did not permit it. He'll be back!

BTHA Appreciation Award goes to Corey Morgan of the City of Dallas Strategic Customer Service Department. We want to let Corey know that he is appreciated for all he has done and continues to do for our neighborhood, especially in the area of Code Enforcement. Corey regularly attends BTHA functions and is often on the hot seat at our meetings. He is on speed dial for several homeowners. Corey returns phone calls and e-mails! He is an asset in helping Buckner Terrace continue to be a great place to live, love and work. Overall, Corey's demonstrative giving of self, professionalism, self-motivation, caring attitude and follow through personality are characteristics we routinely encounter. So, when BTHA finds such a valuable citizen, we want to let that individual and others know about it! Come on out and celebrate the appreciation of Corey Morgan! Refreshments will be available.

Next steps for BTHA Economic Development Committee

Eugene Thomas, Economic Development Chair

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Dwaine Caraway and Councilwoman Carolyn Davis are on board with our request for a Comprehensive Land Use Study (the Plan).

The Long Term Planning Department will be placing our Plan in the cue with planning staff who will be assisting us with their resources for our study until it's completion.

Once we receive the go ahead from our Council representative, we will be formally sanctioned and empowered to peruse our goals and objectives. We expect to have our first meeting around the second week in April. In our first meeting we will decide how often we should meet, where we should meet and so on.

Stay tuned! Things are about to happen here in Buckner Terrace !!!!!"

North Central Texas Council of Governments

Michael King, NCTCOG

The NCTCOG latest newsletter has aerial imagery, Texas Smartscape, Transportation meetings, and Regional Environmental events. Aerial imagery is a great way to see how an area has progressed over the years. Smartscape can help ease some of those landscaping and gardening woes. The Transportation meetings are going to address the new outer loop and budget shortfalls. The regional Environmental Events calendar can help get you to local Earth Day events as well as other events that may help us be better stewards of our land. I will be working the NCTCOG booth at the Oak Cliff Earth Day on April 20th, from 11 AM - 2 PM. Stop by and say hi!

Please visit www.VisionNorthTexas.org for more information.

A Big Thank YOU! to Eastminster Presbyterian Church for opening the church buildings to Buckner Terrace Homeowners CrimeWatch and Homeowners Association Meetings at no cost to our organization.

**Buckner Terrace Homeowners Meeting Tuesday, March 25 at 6:30 p.m.
Eastminster Presbyterian Church ★ 6550 Samuell Blvd**



VIP (Volunteers in Patrol) News

Mark Leonard, VIP/Crime Prevention

It's Daylight Savings Time and time to replace the batteries in your smoke detectors. Protect yourself and your loved ones with properly functioning smoke detectors.

It's also a good time to perform a general safety inventory of your home checking for frayed electrical cords, overloaded power outlets, combustible items located near heat sources, gasoline stored in approved containers. Remove grease build-up from ovens, stove tops and exhaust hoods, and replace air filters more than 90 days old.

If you notice an electrical or mechanical safety concern and don't know what to do, contact 311 and schedule a non-emergency Dallas Fire Rescue inspection and they can advise what action to take.

Be prepared for tornado and severe weather season with an interior closet accessible for emergency shelter and a flashlight with fresh batteries. Otherwise, enjoy the beauty of springtime in Buckner Terrace.

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.

You can select Buckner Terrace from the menu. After you set it up, you will get daily e-mails that link to the statistics.

Officer James Swafford

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

Contact Info:

James.Swafford@dpd.dallascityhall.com

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CrimeWatch Meeting

By Carolyn McInnis

Crime Watch Meeting will present the VOLUNTEERS IN PATROL.

The Volunteers in Patrol organization was begun in 1993. This group of volunteers drive the neighborhood on a watch looking for suspicious activity. Membership requires a few hours of training by police personnel.

Please come to offer your thanks for this valuable service given by your neighbors. You may be encouraged to join in this service, applications will be available for consideration.

BUCKNER TERRACE VOLUNTEERS IN PATROL deserve a big thanks.

HUGE TURNOUT FOR CAUCUSES AT EDNA ROWE!

Diane Birdwell

Congratulations to all my wonderful neighbors for the most mind-blowing example of democracy in action I have ever seen in my life!

The hundreds, literally, hundreds of people who crowded into Edna Rowe was a sight to see. What heartened me the most was the sheer number of people who brought their young children along to be a part of history. I hope they remember that night, not for the long lines or confusion, but for the sense of purpose and enfranchisement. I attended the Democratic caucus, but my heartfelt thanks goes out to the Republican chair who graciously gave up their reservation of the auditorium so we could bring parents and children inside from the cold as the procedures were hammered out. For those who became frustrated, what can I say? It was state wide, and those in charge got the message. As I stood up on the stage helping to get out the information, I saw a sea of faces of Buckner Terrace. Some I knew, some I did not. Different races, ages, all kinds of differences, but all being helpful, patient and good-humored. THAT is what makes our neighborhood great! I took a few photos, and if anyone else has some, please share them with us. And if anyone can share about the caucuses at Skyline, please do!



Who reads the newsletter?

The following e-mail was received at BTTHA@Earthlink.net: Hi, I'm a parent at Dallas Montessori Academy. I picked up your newsletter in the lobby of the school Monday morning and read through it once I was home that evening. Although I don't live in Buckner Terrace, I thought it would be a nice idea if you would mention DMA in your next newsletter since I picked this up at DMA. Kind of as a way to say "thank you." It's a great private school and has been for as long as it's been running. It really does deserve the support of the surrounding neighborhood since there is so much at the school. D. Eddington.

Crime Update

Recently, some streets have had break-ins or attempted break-ins. Please Turn ON your porch light and back yard lights. Have you talked with your neighbors lately? If you see anything suspicious, Call 9-1-1. More information at the CrimeWatch Meeting.

Looking for One Outstanding Leader

Do you have a Couple Hours to Spare?

We need someone as the South West Quadrant Leader. This involves delivering the newsletters to the people who deliver on the streets in your area and joining the Steering Committee.

We appreciate your willingness to give back to our neighborhood!

Please call any officer for more information.

Bulk Trash Pick Up Schedule

March is the week of March 24th

April is the week of April 28th

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!! We have had several people volunteer this month. You can join us -

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

5303 – 5347 Blaney Way (22 homes)

Everglade – Could you deliver a couple blocks?

6903 – 7031 Kiva (21 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
<i>Treasurer*</i>	Polita Flemming	214-388-4352
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Newsletter articles are due the 8th of every month

Membership Darius McDonald 214-388-8097
National Night Out Polita Flemming 214-388-4352

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SW Quadrant*	Open	
SE Quadrant*	Verlene Mitchell	214-388-2438

**Steering Committee Members*

If you have an article of interest, please e-mail BTTHA@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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Skyline Update:

Dr. Hinojosa has received the recommendation from the committee at Skyline regarding the suggestions on reducing the student population. The short version includes removal of students who are not passing and those without a good address in the area. Please continue to let your voice be heard and support Skyline! This is a great school in our community! We appreciate all the educators who invest in the future.

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Buckner Terrace HOA

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