



Buckner Terrace Homeowners Association

Newsletter July 2008

Interesting Information

From Eugene Thomas, Economic Development Chair:

We have new 30,000 sq ft. mixed use development of an Indoor Dog Park, along with retail (coffee shop) and office (management offices) being built in our neighborhood facing I-30 and east of Hunnicut. This will be the National Headquarter for an "Indoor Dog Park".

From Darius McDonald, Co-Chair BTHA: Buckner

Terrace website: www.neighborhoodlink.com. Under the title of Buckner Terrace Homeowners Association on the main page. Enter zip code 75227 and then click on Buckner Terrace.

From Ron Price, DISD: Two portables at Edna Rowe Elementary should be removed by July 19th.

From Ida Jackson: If you have lost a pet, you can list it on www.fidofinder.com.

From Ernestine Rhynes: Find out which gas stations have the cheapest prices (and the highest) on gas in your zip code area. It's updated every evening.
<http://autos.msn.com/everyday/gasstations.aspx?zip=&src=Netx>.

In case of emergency: Are You Prepared? Enroll to attend a C.E.R.T Program

Joe Leanos, BTHA CERT Coordinator

City of Dallas Community Emergency Response Team Training – Volunteers Needed!

Speaker Cassandra Wallace at our July 29th meeting will be about the C.E.R.T training classes that will be held at the Buckner Retirement Village, beginning August 5th to August 23rd. Note: 35 participants will be our maximum & this schedule will be sent out to the entire city in efforts to fill up this class. E-mail: cem@dallascityhall.com to enroll for our community session.

Clear-Out/Clean-Up Collection Day

Polita Fleming

As with almost any first time event, there is a learning curve and the BTHA June 21, Collection Day at Everglade Park, the lessons learned were tremendous! The number one lesson - make sure the contact person is actually the decision-making individual!

First, for the many homeowners and businesses that participated and expressed appreciation for the concept, I wish to offer a grateful thank you! Everyone appreciated having the Goodwill truck on-site. The collection exceeded expectations, in as much that the truck was completely filled at the end of the day! Grateful thanks to Jim and Dean Lewellen for providing the grill and preparing the hot dogs throughout the day. Also thanks to Mac Brooks, T. J. Pierce, Tony Benjamin and Teenia Burrell, all City of Dallas Sanitation Services employees who saved the day and provided trucks and needed assistance throughout the event. Doug Sizemore who stopped by to see how things were going! Council member Dwaine Caraway and Park Board member Tiffinni Young were also on hand enjoying the day and talking to residents.

Now, an apology to the numerous homeowners who brought paints and other household chemicals for collection as was stated in the last newsletter. There was a miscommunication with the City services. I apologize to all. However, three garbage bins of paints and chemicals were collected and delivered on Tuesday to the Home Collection Center, at 11234 Plano Road.continued on Page 3.

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, July 29th at 6:30 p.m.
Eastminster Presbyterian Church ★ 6550 Samuell Blvd**



VIP (Volunteers in Patrol) News

Molly Leanos, VIP Chair

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD BETTER

Last month we invited you to join our VIP group; if you are interested, e-mail BTHA@Earthlink.net or call 214-381-4813 for an application. Requirements: An applicant must be at least 21 years of age, in good health, have a valid driver's license and have no criminal record, no A or B misdemeanors within the past two years and no felony convictions.

Today the best way to take an active part in crime prevention is to participate in a crime watch. You can become more alert and aware of what is going on. Call 911 immediately and report suspicious activity; tell the operator all that you remember about the incident. No fact is too trivial. In many cases, it is the information provided by the victim or witness that leads to the offender being apprehended. The purpose for reporting suspicious activity is to prevent crime from occurring.

All of us are part of the Crime Watch....we are informed monthly. We are very fortunate to have a great Homeowners Association with many volunteers to get the message out to all 2,578 homes. The NE Quadrant - 829 homes, NW Quadrant - 657 homes, SE Quadrant - 460 homes and the SW Quadrant - 632 homes.

Let me give you an overview and stats of our very dedicated volunteers; listed on page 3 of our newsletter are our Officers and Committees plus our 4 Quadrant leaders.

Our newsletter is prepared by our Chair, sent to the printer and when printed delivered to a Quadrant leader who counts and distributes to each of the other Quadrant Leaders. The Quadrant Leader distributes to their Team Captains who then distribute to each Block Captain. We have 90 volunteers who distribute the Newsletter.

Volunteer as a back-up block captain. "Block Captains" can be part of the crime watch group by getting to know your neighbors on the block, informing them about the crime watch group meeting, held the last Tuesday of the month and by advising BTHA of any vacant homes or new residents on each street.

Samuell Boulevard Construction Update

As of July 3, 2008

Dale Long, City of Dallas, in conjunction with TxDOT

A 24" water line bore on the West side of St. Francis is more than 50% complete. The remainder of the bore should be completed in two weeks.

As soon as the boring operation is completed, the subgrade (earth directly below the pavement), between Jim Miller and Buckner will be prepared followed by the installation of the asphalt base.

The concrete paving crew has begun to install forms and making hand pours around the Ferguson Rd. and Jim Miller Rd intersections. The traffic at these two intersections will be switched over to the new concrete pavement around July 14, 2008.

As the subgrade and asphalt base are being prepared and installed on the East half of the project, the paving crew will begin at Lawnview to pave the northern half width of main lanes from West to East. To minimize the impact to the traffic, this portion of work will have to be done at night so that one lane can be closed for operating paving equipment. This work will proceed in segments (approximately 1000 feet each) with flaggers and may take approximately nine nights (from 8 pm to 6 am) to complete. There will be a complete street closure at Gallion, Cinnabar, and Freestone at Samuell during this phase for up to 7 days to allow constructing new concrete pavement. The dates of closure and detours will be provided once the paving schedule is determined.

Meanwhile the concrete crew will begin pouring driveways, storm drain inlets and begin clean up work along the new concrete pavement. TxDOT and the contractor are coordinating with the businesses to maintain one driveway open during driveway construction. If a driveway closure can not be avoided due to lack of number and width of the existing driveways, they will notify property owner and accelerate driveway construction to minimize the days for closure.

The top soil and block sod/grass seeding in the parkway will begin soon along the new concrete pavement.

With good weather and no major breakdowns, this should take 2-3 months.



Neighborhood Clean Up – continued from pg 1

Overall, the event was an enjoyable one. Everyone pitched in to make the Day an enjoyable one, from the Steering Committee members, to Mr. and Mrs. Washington on Teresita, Carolyn Johnson on Banting Way and Marion Williams on Hunnicutt Place for allowing the hanging of the banners on their fences to the couple who came out just to say "Hi!" Neighbors connected with each other, ideas were shared and the love of Buckner Terrace came through!

Thanks again to everyone who participated. It was an exhilarating and fun day!

Escape the High Gas Prices

Linda Barnum

Buckner Terrace Residents do have an alternative to coping with high gas prices – DART! Dallas Area Rapid Transit serves our neighborhood on Hunnicutt, Everglade, St. Francis and Skyline High School. There seem to be more riders every day. The #111 Skyline Bus goes from our neighborhood into downtown, approximately every 20 minutes during rush hour, with every other bus featuring "express" service – it gets on the freeway and utilizes the HOV Lane for a quick trip in and out of town. If you wish to go to the Owenwood or Fair Park areas, you will need to look for the buses marked "Fair Park." \$3.00 buys a day pass, and monthly and yearly passes may also be available through your employer. Better yet, at the West End Station you can connect to Dart Light Rail (no extra charge!) to take you to the Dallas Zoo or shopping at the CitiPlace, Mockingbird Station and Park Lane stations. Not to mention that it is wonderful not to arrive at work all stressed out from traffic and even better – not to empty your wallet into your gas tank. Call DART at 214.979.1111 or check schedules at www.dart.org.

Dallas Police have been ticketing cars that are parked the wrong direction. To avoid a ticket, please park with the flow of traffic.

Our sympathy to the family of Bill Wilson who lived on Blaney Way. Bill passed away on July 4th. He always participated in Buckner Terrace activities and delivered the newsletter. He asked great questions and was always proud of his alma mater – and frequently quizzed speakers on where they received their degree. We will miss him.

THANKS to all the new volunteers and the faithful deliverers!! We have had a great response.

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

5300 Blaney Way (30 homes)

New volunteers: Carolyn and Melody Price, Billy Turner, Scott and Shawn Jackson, and Luis Herrera are just a few of the GREAT volunteers who deliver the newsletter!

Thanks so much to the faithful volunteers!!!!

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
<i>Secretary*</i>	Marian Williams	214-275-6338

<i>VIP/Crime Prevention*</i>	Molly Leanos	214-381-4813
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<i>Newsletter/Website*</i>		
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Newsletter articles are due the 8th of every month

<i>Membership</i>	Darius McDonald	214-388-8097
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<i>National Night Out</i>	Polita Flemming	214-388-4352
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Newsletter Distribution

NE Quadrant*	Jim Lewellen	214-388-2238
NW Quadrant*	Carolyn Johnson	214-381-5437
SW Quadrant*	Verlene Mitchell	214-388-2438
SE Quadrant*	Ida Jackson	214-321-9343

*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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August is the week of August 25th

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By 7a.m. Monday.

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

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