



White Lake Hills Neighborhood Association

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Next Neighborhood Association Meeting:

- Monday, October 12, at 7pm
- Catholic Renewal Center, 4503 Bridge Street just east of Nolan High School

President's Message

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As autumn arrives, we have planned several neighborhood events: Halloween Decorating Contest, Fall Festival & Run, and Garage Sale.

Please join our neighborhood event either running, walking or bringing your "4 legged" friend. Our Fall Festival's date is Saturday, November 7. There is more information with details in the newsletter. November 7th is also our "Rain Date" for our Neighborhood Garage Sale. Please email me at mireles7@sbcglobal.net, if you wish to participate.

In conjunction with November 7, East Montessori School will also be holding their Fall Event. Principle Sukai Durosimi will speak at our Meeting, Monday October 12.

Another great event to attend is our White Lake Hills Women's Club Christmas Open House held on December 6, 2009 at the Catholic Renewal Center. An insert with more details is included in this newsletter.

Thank you for all the Good Neighbor nominations. Driving through the neighborhood, I have seen the Good Neighbor sign proudly displayed in many yards. I would like to say "Thank You" for your Neighborly spirit.

Our October 12 meeting is a very important meeting. We need to select 5 residents for our

nominating committee and 3 residents for our audit committee. There are many opportunities to serve our community.

I have receive many emails of new neighbors wanting to join our association. Our neighborhood is unique, as a resident of White Lake Hills; you are a member of our neighborhood association. There are no membership dues. Please attend our meetings, volunteer for our events. These are community attributes which will continue to make our neighborhood Fort Worth's best.

Elaine Mireles

President WLHNA



Elaine Mireles

Agenda

1. Approve minutes
2. NPO Report
3. Treasurer's report
4. Parade report
5. Nominating / Audit committees
6. Open floor

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Minutes from July meeting

The quarterly meeting of the White Lake Hills Neighborhood Association was held Monday, July 13, 2009 at the Catholic Renewal Center, 4503 Bridge Street, Fort Worth, Texas. President Elaine Mireles called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The President called for approval of the minutes from the January 12 meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved. NPO Tamelia Reddick was on vacation. No incidents or statistics were presented. President Mireles reminded neighbors that National Night Out will occur on Tuesday, Oct 6, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. Those interested in being block coordinators were invited to call 817-392-4123. WLH residents were reminded that the next COPS training on Saturday, July 18th, from 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. at the Police Academy, 1000 Calvert Street.

Code Compliance Officer Mark Oler was on vacation, no code reports were presented. Treasurer Bob Curtis presented the treasury report, which appears as follows:

\$ 8,900. in checking account

\$ 55,355.00 in money market

\$ 9,500.00 in COPS fund

\$ 54,760 in total

The neighborhood received a donation of \$2,000.00 from Chesapeake Energy for this year's July 4th parade, which had an attendance of approximately 220 people. \$3,800. was budgeted for the parade and picnic (including the gift from Chesapeake). The neighborhood made almost \$700.00 selling briskets. Since there was not a quorum in attendance, the treasury report could not be approved, and will be filed for audit. President Mireles announced that the silo on Oakland Boulevard has been bought by XTO Energy. Both XTO and Historic Fort Worth, Inc. will be involved in seeking to approve a historic designation. President Mireles then announced that Chesapeake Energy is considering purchasing a water fountain for Smith-Wilemon Park. Along with the water fountain, a doggie fountain, and water spigot are being considered. Chesapeake would be donating approximately \$6,000 to underwrite the project. Vice-President Johnny Young announced that Freeman Toyota may also be interested in helping to fund the new fountain. President Mireles then submitted a general report about the July 4th Picnic & Parade, and asked for comments from neighborhood residents. This year's parade included: 40 classic cars from the "Rockin Rods", 3 floats, 7 hybrid cars (1 from Freeman Toyota), 2 motorcycles, 1 Segue, Several walkers

A few meeting attendees noted that a band didn't perform in this year's parade. The Nolan Catholic High School band is on the calendar for next year's parade. In 2010, July 4 is on a Sunday, so next year the parade and picnic will occur on Saturday, July 3rd. The firetrucks were also missed this year. The sons of the American Revolution remain an important part of each WLH parade, and their presence was noted and appreciated. One neighbor said Willow Ridge seemed to have no viewers, but others thought there was a good crowd. President Mireles suggested the heat may have played a role, others noted a good attendance, with people sitting in the shade. Thanks were given to the volunteers who made the event a success, including L.G. Cornish for cutting the meat, to Sammie's BBQ for cooking the meat, Elaine Mireles for providing beans, also to Willie Anderson and his brother for cutting and serving meat. Manfred and Gisla for decorating, Patrick Krick for staying up all night guarding the set-up, and to Johnny Young for serving beans and putting up tables. Gratitude is also expressed to those volunteers who set up chairs and tables, including the boys from our neighborhood apartment complex, who stayed and picked up every chair and table, getting them stacked up ready for Taylor's Rental to pick up. Thanks also to the Boy Scouts and the Countrytown Flyers frisbee team.

President Mireles then announced that The White Lake Hills Fall Festival will take place on November 7 this year. It was suggested that another Neighborhood Garage Sale be set up for the same date, since the Swine Flu school shut-down reduced attendance at the spring sale. Each block is encouraged to bring side dishes for the fall picnic at Smith-Wilemon Park. The 5 briskets that are left over from the July 4th parade and picnic could be used for the Fall Picnic event. Any musicians or performers in the neighborhood would be gladly welcome to perform at the picnic. Since the quorum had not been met. At the evening meeting, no vote on the Fall Festival was made. President Mireles then invited neighbors to voice their concerns and announcements. Peggy Terrell suggested that the neighborhood use one website, instead of the two sites White Lake Hills currently has, which are whitelakehills.org and neighborhood link.org. Patrick Krick suggested that The Executive Committee discuss one single website to represent our neighborhood. Jack White raised a concern about the upkeep the neighborhood entrances, and was

Chesapeake Update

By Mercedes Bolen

We are very excited about the work we are doing in east Fort Worth and with White Lake Hills. As you may have noticed, the drilling has finished and the rig has come down on Chesapeake's Arc Park property on East 1st Street to the north of White Lake Hills. Four wells were drilled back to back at this location to produce the minerals of our neighbors. These wells are White Lake Hills 5H, 6H, 7H, and 8H, and join the 1H and 2H as wells drilled for the White Lake Hills unit. These wells will be fractured in the coming weeks. Exciting news!

You may have also noticed the improvements made to this property. Chesapeake has completed construction on five buildings thus far using all Fort Worth owned and operated subcontractors; adding millions of dollars into our community! These buildings currently house over 100 jobs with the potential for many more.

It is our goal to operate in the Barnett Shale for many years to come and we are committed to our good relationship with you, our neighbors. Thank you, White Lake Hills, for doing your part to deliver clean-burning natural gas to the nation and helping to reduce our dependency on foreign energy.

All the best,

Mercedes R. Bolen
Public Affairs Supervisor
Chesapeake Energy Corporation

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that the sagebrush has grown over the entrance sign at Lake Havasu. Peggy Terrell said that she and Mr. Buell will trim or cut down the sage.

President Mireles introduced one more item of information, sharing that the White Lake Hills Women's Club Christmas Open House is on December 6 at the Catholic Renewal Center. Neighbors are encouraged to attend and bring cameras and kids. Rod Stephens offered a remembrance of the late Channel 5 News Reporter Brett Johnson, is who reported a story about Quannah Parker Park and Bike Trail, and the "Link Our Trail, City to City" program.

L.G. Cornish moved for adjournment. All seconded, and the meeting closed at 7:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted By:

Sarah Green

Handyman's Corner

By Franklin Bell

It is something that most of us have, but none of us think too much about, or talk about. It's aluminum wiring. Aluminum wiring was used in home construction between 1965 and 1973, and it is still used in limited applications including residential service entrance wiring. However, copper wire is now the only wire that can be used for residential home construction according to current city code. Aluminum wiring, when properly installed, can be just as safe as copper. Aluminum wiring is, however, very unforgiving of improper installation. The main problem with aluminum wiring is a phenomenon known as "cold creep". When aluminum wiring warms up, it expands. When it cools down, it contracts. Unlike copper, when aluminum goes through a number of warm/cool cycles it loses a bit of tightness each time. To make the problem worse, aluminum oxidizes, or corrodes when in contact with certain types of metal, so the resistance of the connection goes up. Eventually the wire may start getting very hot, melt the insulation or fixture it's attached to, and possibly even cause a fire. But if you think of it in common sense terms, I would estimate 90% of the homes in White Lake Hills have aluminum wiring, yet since we moved into this area six years ago, there has not been one house devastated due to fire caused by aluminum wiring.

There are some warning signs that home owners should heed that can indicate a fire hazard. These include: warm-to-the-touch face plates on outlets or switches; flickering lights; circuits that don't work; or the smell of burning plastics.

Whenever you do the repairs yourself or you contract to have a professional do them for you, there are a few things you as the home owner want to ensure.

According to Fort Worth City code, the only approved connection between copper and aluminum wiring is by using a purple wire nut manufactured by "Ideal" commonly called the Ideal 30 Twister 65. These caps are rather pricey, for a package of just two of them, enough to make one connection; you will pay right around \$5.00 dollars at a local home improvement store.

When replacing outlets or switches ensure that your contractor uses devices designed especially for aluminum wiring. These will be marked "Al/Cu" or "CO/ALR" These fixtures are somewhat more expensive than the ordinary ones.

Wires should be properly connected (at least 3/4 way around the screw in a clockwise direction). Never connect a fixture wired using the alternate "push-in" terminals. This type of connection results in an extreme fire hazard with aluminum wire. Any connections using push-in terminals should be redone with the proper screw connections immediately.

Any non-rated receptacle, the most common being "GFCI" or *Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter*, be connected by means of a short copper "pigtail" or connecting a short piece of copper wire to the end of the aluminum branch circuit using the purple caps. The short copper leads are then attached to the receptacle.

Disclaimer, this brief article describes only the basic information about aluminum wiring and is not inclusive, if you would like more information I suggest either you research the topic at the local library or consult a professional licensed master electrician. Franklin Bell is a White Lake Hills resident who recently retired from the U.S. Army after 23 years as an Engineer. He has since created his own handyman repair service (Paliskin Industries LLC) that is based and operates almost exclusively in White Lake Hills.



Directory updates

We are in the process of putting together a new neighborhood directory. Please send updates to Bonnie Buel bbuell@sbcglobal.net. Get them in as soon as possible so that we can have the directory ready by January



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We're on the Web!
www.whitelakehills.org

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events

10/31 Halloween Decorating Contest

11/7 Fall Festival

11/14 Neighborhood garage sale

All events occur on Saturday

Halloween Decorating Contest

Voting for this year's decorating contest will happen Saturday October 31 from 2-4 at Smith-Wilemon Park, or you can email your ballots in to voting@whitelakehills.org.

You are voting for first, second and third place.

Yard of the month winners



1004 Green River Trail



409 Lake Charles North



408 Cedar Creek Court

Newsletter

Going forward, the newsletter will also be available in pdf format. If you would like to be placed on the list, please email newsletter@whitelakehills.org

If you have something you would like to submit to an upcoming newsletter (stories, thoughts, concerns, pictures)

Happenings with the White Lake Hills Women's Club

Welcome to the fall session of the White Lake Hills Woman's Club. The following programs and events will be held at the Catholic Renewal center located on Nolan High School Campus at 6:30 p.m. September 3rd, Julia West from "Paper Planet" will demonstrate how to make special stationary. October 1st, demonstrations for chair exercises. November 5th, "Home for the holidays" by Home Interiors. December 6th, Sunday 2 p.m. at the Renewal Center, Installation of officers. All ladies residing in White Lake Hills are welcome to these events. After the installation of officers a Christmas Party for all residents of our neighborhood will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM COPs

National Night Out parties were held at four locations in White Lake Hills on Tuesday October 6. Attendance at these events was good. Another scheduled location was cancelled on Monday because of the weather forecasts.

Officer Reddick reports the following activity in the neighborhood since our last meeting:
July---Theft of AC parts from a home on Emerald Lake.

Owners were out of town.

August--Theft from an AC repair truck on Emerald Lake.

October 2--Theft of a stereo and a laptop from a car on Emerald Lake.

Theft of three large flower pots from a yard on Rain-tree Road.

October 4---Tailgate stolen from a truck on Lake Louise.

Meetings of interest:

CAC (Citizens Advisory Committee), First Monday of every Month, Handley Recreation Center, 6PM. All interested residents are invited to attend. Light supper is served.

East Division Captain's meeting with Captain Gene Jones.

COP captains and all interested residents are invited to attend. East Division HDQ 6:30PM.

Last COP Basic Training Class for 2009, Saturday October 17. PD Academy 8AM to 4PM. Contact Officer Reddick or Mary Lou for application.

WHITE LAKE HILLS NEED YOU TO SERVE!!

WHITE LAKE HILLS - 5K - WALK & RUN

DATE: November 7, 2009

TIME: 10:00 AM

ROUTE: White Lake Hills Neighborhood

MEET AT: Smith-Wileman Park (Willow Ridge @ Rock River, Fort Worth)

FEE: \$10.00 per person \$20.00 per family

REGISTRATION: till 9:45 AM November 1st

Registration Form:

Last Name _____ First name _____

Age: _____ Date of birth: ____/____/____

Sex (circle one): female male

T-shirt size (circle one) Adult: Small Medium Large X-Large 2X-Large

Address: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Day Time Phone: _____ Night Time phone; _____

Waiver: (Must be signed)

VERIFY: By signing your name, you agree to the restrictions stated below. Your entry will not be accepted without your signature in this box.

WAIVER STATEMENT ENTRY INVALID IF NOT "VERIFIED" By submitting this form, I assume full and complete responsibility for any injury or accident which may occur to me during the event or while I am on the premises of the event, and I hereby release and hold harmless the presenters and all other person and entities associated with the event from liability for injuries and damage sustained by me whether be caused by negligence of the presenters and all other person and entities associated with the event, otherwise. Further, I grant permission to use photographs, videotapes, or other records of this event involving me for any legitimate purpose. Athletes who use illegal substances will be disqualified.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

(Signature of athlete)

Parent Signature _____

(If athlete is under 18, parents must sign on this line.)

WHITE LAKE HILLS ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL "POT LUCK" PICNIC &

5 K WALK / RUN

Date: Saturday - November 7, 2009

Time: 10:00 AM 5K Walk / Run

11:00 AM Picnic

Place: Smith-Wileman Park



The association will purchase briskets to be served.

PLEASE BRING THE FOOD ASSIGNED FOR YOUR STREET:

ICED COLD DRINKS

**Emerald Lake Ct. & Dr.
Fall River
Granite Shoals
Marble Falls Rd. & Ct.
Boulder Lake Ct. & Rd.
Sugar Lake Road
Rock River**

SALADS OR MAIN DISHES

**Green river Trail & Ct.
Willow Ridge Rd. & Ct.
Cedar Creek Court
Dale Hollow
Three River Court
Raintree Drive & Court
White Lake Court**

DESERTS

**Candlewood
Lake Havasu
Chandler Lake & Ct.
Lake Charles - N. & S.
St. Lawrence
Blue Lake Court & Drive
Lake Louise Rd. & Ct.**

Halloween Decoration Contest

Get out the spooky stuff.

We will look for Halloween themes. Fall plantings, and colorful lighting.

There will be first, second and third place prizes. Residents get to cast their votes. Drive your vote down to Smith-Wileman Park.

Date: October 31, 2009

Time: 2:00pm to 4:00 pm

Place: Smith-Wilomen Park

Halloween Ballot

Write down the address on the lines.

1st place _____

2nd place _____

3rd place _____