



Buckner Terrace Homeowners Association

Newsletter March 2009

From The Chair - Darlene Reynolds, Chair, BTHA

City Council Elections Coming

Do you have a question for your City Council person? Next month's meeting (on April 28th) will be a Moderated Forum for the City Council Candidate in Districts 4 and 7. All candidates for both districts have been invited to attend. If you have a question, please let us know by phone or e-mail. There will be prepared questions and each candidate will get an opportunity to answer.

City Council elections will be held on Saturday, May 9th. The person who represents you at City Hall has a direct affect on what happens on our streets. They are our direct representative in the City government. So, City Council elections are critically important to the welfare of our neighborhood.

Buckner Terrace is split between two council districts. Those two districts are District 4, currently served by Mr. Dwaine Caraway and District 7, currently served by Ms. Carolyn Davis. For the May election, there are two candidates in District 4 and eight candidates in District 7.

- And, please plan to join us for the April meeting to hear the platforms of the candidates and to meet them. We really need these two council members to work closely together with each other and with us. Anyone who is interested is welcome to come.

Starting in March, we will meet in the Edna Rowe Auditorium.

Your thoughts and ideas are welcome. You can call 214-381-2614 or e-mail BTHA@Earthlink.net.

Samuell Boulevard Update

Dale Long, City of Dallas Public Works and Transportation

This month's activities:

- Inlets, manholes, storm drain pipe and Dallas Water Utilities water and wastewater facilities were installed at various locations
- The culvert at the creek crossing was backfilled

Progress is being made. Much of the work performed in the past month was underground which gives the appearance of inactivity. The contractor is well on tract to reach his construction deadline. Underground utility installation will continue.

Scheduled completion date is February 2010.

Skyline Library: Got a bike?

Carolyn Johnson

Have you seen the new bike rack that has been installed at Skyline Library? As the weather warms up, it would be great to ride your bike to the library!

Do you have a green thumb?

We need volunteers this spring and summer to help plant seasonal flowers around the park sign. If you would like to volunteer please contact, Carolyn Johnson.

Do you have 15 minutes?

It only takes a few minutes to pick up trash on each street. It shows that people care and you can make a difference!

Buckner Terrace Homeowners Meeting Tuesday, March 31st at 6:30 p.m.

****Edna Rowe Elementary School, 4918 Hovenkamp****



SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL WINS STATE MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION

Lawana Porter

DALLAS-A team of students from Skyline High School in Dallas won the 30th Annual Texas High School Mock Trial Competition sponsored by the Dallas Bar Association over the weekend. *The victory is the first time a Dallas ISD school has won the state competition in 19 years.*

"We are thrilled to offer congratulations to the talented students," said Dallas ISD Superintendent of Schools Michael Hinojosa. "It takes a lot of intellect, time and preparation to compete at the state level. To win the competition is very exciting and is a real feather in the cap for both Skyline High School and Dallas ISD."

Twenty-four teams from both public and private schools throughout Texas advanced to the mock trial competition, representing the best of roughly 150 schools that began competing in the fall.

Nearly 200 Dallas-area judges and attorneys served as "jurors" and in selecting the teams that were best prepared and who demonstrated exceptional presentation skills. Skyline triumphed over El Paso Americas in the final, qualifying the team to participate in the national mock trial competition in Atlanta May 5-10.

Skyline's team is coached by Joe Wicker and Dr. Martha Williams. Student members include: Lauren Burgess, Morgan Burgess, Countess Dudley, Marissa Escamilla, Allyson LaFrance, Obed Manuel, Salvador Ortega, Cristian Perez, Diane Rivas and Courtney Sanders. Alternate members are: Cendy Rodriguez, Susana Ayala, John Sanchez and Maria Renteria.

Congratulations, Skyline!

TRASH TO TREASURE

Linda Barnum

Eastminster's annual garage sale, which will be held on Friday and Saturday, March 27 – 28, at Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 6550 Samuell Boulevard. Come and browse and meet your neighbors!

Teen Job Fair

Rep. Mallory Caraway and Dr. Lew Blackburn's 2nd Annual Career Futures Initiative Job Expo and Career Fair will be held on Saturday, April 4, 2009 from 8:30 am – 2:00 pm at El Centro College - Bill J. Priest Institute, 1402 Corinth Street, Dallas, TX 75215.

VIP (Volunteers in Patrol) News

Molly Leaños, VIP Chairperson

Report Suspicious Activity, call 9-1-1:

Articulate:

1. Who you observed (a description)
Race/Sex/Age/Height/Weight/Hair color
2. What did you see, be specific
3. Where was it
4. When did you see it

Why in your opinion was it suspicious? Remember, you are more aware of what's normal for your community than anyone else, but you need to be able to communicate that.

Sanitation Department at March Meeting

Representatives from the City of Dallas Sanitation Department will be attending the March 31st Homeowners Meeting.

Sanitation includes once-monthly bulky trash pick-up, recycling and regular trash pick-up.

Do you have your blue recycling bin? You can get one by calling 3-1-1. This services comes at no additional fee.

What else does Sanitation do? Do you have questions? This is your chance to get correct information!

Visit Buckner Terrace Businesses!



Buckner Terrace Economic Development

Eugene Thomas

The Buckner Terrace Economic Development Committee *BTEDC* had a joint meeting with Southern Dallas Task Force Area 8 *SDTF8* Committee for Economic Development on February 9, 2009, to receive an update on our land use analysis from our November 8, 2008 community meeting. The Dallas City Council created an Economic Stakeholder Task Force *SDTF8* to recommend changes to a new vision for economic development for Southern Dallas. These two committees will work jointly. *BTEDC* will continue working on its land use objective which is call Sub Area A and *SDTF8* will work in Sub Area B. *SDTF8* will begin it process like Sub Area A; by having community meetings, reviewing land use maps, analyzing zoning maps and quantifying demographic.

Unleashed InDoor Dog Park will give a tour of the new facility to Buckner Terrace. Watch your e-mails for the date and time.

Alzheimer's Questions?

Would you be interested in attending a presentation on Alzheimer's disease (AD)? A women's organization (The Links, Inc.) partnered with UT Southwestern to develop a program titled Project ALERT (Alzheimer's Link to Education, Research, and Treatment) and they have offered to present this information, if there is enough interest. The presentation is 20-30 minutes long. Let us know what you think. Call 214-381-2614,

Eastminster Presbyterian Update

Linda Barnum

Eastminster Presbyterian Church offers two worship services on Sunday mornings. An 8:30 AM service is a smaller prayer service atmosphere. Our second service at 11:00 AM follows the Presbyterian liturgy and features hymnal music and contemporary praise music. Accompaniment is provided by organ, piano and other instruments.

City Council Contact Information

District 7: Councilperson Carolyn R. Davis at (214) 670-4689.

District 4: Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Dwaine R. Caraway at (214) 670-0781.

Can You Deliver the Newsletter?

There are a few streets that need someone to deliver the newsletter? It is only once a month that we deliver and the average number of houses is around 30. Could you?

Contact Buckner Terrace Homeowners?

Website: <http://www.neighborhoodlink.com>

Send e-mail to: BTTHA@Earthlink.net

Your 2009 dues helps pay for the newsletter!

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



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Bulk Trash Pick Up Schedule

March is the week of March 22nd

April is the week of April 26th

Put bulk items out front on the curb

By 7a.m. Monday.

Sanitation 214-670-4475

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

Congratulations Deputy Chief Paulhill

Did you see the article in Friday, March 13th
Dallas Morning News written by Rawlins
Gililand? There is a big picture and great article
entitled "Deputy as hero". Deputy Chief Paulhill
has really spent a lot of time and effort to improve
our area. It is a great read. Buckner Terrace
Homeowners have sent a hydrangea plant to
Deputy Chief Paulhill and she sent a thank you
for thinking of her.

Check the City of Dallas website for a complete
listing of the Council Candidates. Do you know
which Council District you live in? Now is a great
time to get involved, if you haven't had a chance
yet.

Please e-mail or call with your questions for the
Council candidates!





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www.metroeashomes.net

*The majority of the Martin
Team's 49 sales of 2008 were in
Buckner Terrace. Ask us what's
happening in your area this
year, we know!*



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Please contact Polita Fleming, Treasurer

Buckner Terrace HOA

P.O. Box 270131, TX 75227

Yearly price is \$450.00 and Monthly price is \$50.00

2009 Annual Membership Enrollment

Homeowners: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

\$24 per household enclosed for:

Renewed or New Membership

Make checks payable to:

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