

## **EASTWOOD ECHO**

**Eastwood Homeowners Association** 

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## Letter from President of EHA, Don R Hanmer

The fence across Whitehaven has finally been erected. I have received good reports about the positive impact of the fence in redirecting traffic on Lake Gardens. Many people were involved over a period of almost two years but I especially want to thank Darrell Wood, John Jay, Terry and Michael Dates Parkey. I also want to give special kudos to Sheffie Kadane, (the City Councilman who represents our area), who has assisted us throughout the process from originally getting the idea approved

by the City Council, to having the City install the traffic barricade on the apartment side of the Michael Parkey has drawn plans for a planter to be installed on our side of the fence which will be an aesthetic plus as well as protecting the fence. The Board decided that we should install it with volunteer labor so that the Association would only have to pay for the materials. Michael has agreed to head up that effort. We will be recruiting volunteers in the near future to assist so if you are willing to help, please let him know.

John Jay agreed to pay the contractor for installing the fence subject to being reimbursed by the Association. He has also committed to the project, so we need to raise funds to pay for the balance of the cost of the fence and installing the

planter. Many people on Lake Gardens have committed to contribute to that end and if there are any other people in the neighborhood who would like to contribute all participation will be welcome. The fence will benefit the entire neighborhood not just those persons living on Lake Gardens.

Of course another big project that was completed last year was the installation of the entry sign. As most of you know we received a grant from the City for part of the cost and we solicited contributions for the Association's portion. Anywho contributed \$100 or more was entitled to have their name or someone else's name commemorated on a plaque which has been installed. Continued on page 2.

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- NEW LIBRARY IN OUR AREA
- HISTORY OF WHITE ROCK LAKE IN A NEW BOOK
- NAMES HAVE BEEN ADDED TO **OUR ENTRANCE SIGN**
- NEW FENCE UP ON LAKE GARDENS
- NEVER TOO LATE TO JOIN HOME-OWNERES ASSOCIATION



New Fence across Whitehaven

# Special points of in-

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However, there are a number of names that need to be added and we are planning to add a new plaque. If you would like to have your name, or the name of someone else who is a resident, or a former resident of the neighborhood, added to the plaque, you can do so by contributing \$100 for that purpose. The money will be used to defray the cost of the plaque, to reimburse the Association for some of the costs of the sign which the Association paid and any additional funds raised will be made available for maintenance of the flower garden and the greenbelt. If you would like to make a contribution, please send your check to Mark Sullivan or Abby Moore along with the name you would like to have on the plaque. If you have any questions feel free to call me, all me.

We are trying to recruit people to assist Joan McCoy with the various social activities sponsored by the Association. Joan has taken on extra duties at her job this year and has asked for help and it is always good to involve more people. The events that we need help with are the 4th of July Parade

which is scheduled for Saturday, July 3rd, since the 4th is on a Sunday, and the Fall which Picnic scheduled for October 31st. If vou would be willing to be in charge or help with any of these events please contact me or contact Joan. Joan has been chair of the Social Com-

mittee for many years and has a lot of information about resources and what has been done in the past.

We are currently in the middle of our membership drive for 2010. Mark Sullivan is doing his usual great job of coordinating that effort. Please join us. Whenever we deal with the City or third parties it is important to be able to say that a significant percentage of the homeowners in the neighborhood are members and, of course, the financial support enables us to do more for the benefit of the neighborhood.

In this newsletter there is a calendar showing our up-coming



EHA Name Plaque

events which you should review. We will let you know if there are changes to those dates. Also we have enclosed a list of the Board of Directors so that you can contact any of them with respect to concerns that you have about the neighborhood. I especially want to call

your attention to the May and November General Meetings both of which are currently scheduled to take place at the Central Lutheran Church. These are important events where you can meet your neighbors and also learn about what is going on in the neighborhood.

Ideas for future articles can always be submitted to anyone of our Board members

## 2010 Membership Drive

Our 2010 membership drive is underway. Your membership in the Eastwood Homeowners Association allows us to complete projects such as our current association phone directory, the entrance sign at Creekmere and Peavy, the children's playground, and the closure of Whitehaven. We've installed new

neighborhood watch signs, hosted picnics and our Fourth of July parade. Our ripar-

ian volunteers are steadily improving the erosion control along the creeks. If you are not a current member of the association, please



JOIN TODAY!

consider joining
with your
neighbors in support of projects
such as these. Please
email any questions or
comments to:
mf.sullivan@att.net.

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#### ANIMAL RESCUE

This is a picture of Blu Star, the young Pit Bull who roamed Eastwood Estates alleys for over a month. After several attempts by neighbors to rescue the lost pet with the blue collar, Blu Star was finally rescued and reunited with his owners on the evening of March 6. Dallas and Stacie Perry and Debby and Jerry Krenrich spent four hours in the creek where the pup was balanced midway up an embankment. Stacy coaxed him with treats until trust was established and she could read his tags by the light of a cell phone. His owners reported him missing when he was stolen from their yard in early February. When taken from his yard, Blu Star was a healthy eleven month old puppy weighing 60 lb. His family took him to the Animal Emergency after

Emergency after the rescue where it was determined that his pelvis was broken



in three places, possibly due to being struck by a and car, he weighed only 25 lbs. It also appeared that he was involved in a fight with another animal. As you can see in the picture, he is back at home with his housemate and is on the

road to recovery.

# Renovate Right,— Important Lead Hazard Information for Families, Child Care Providers and Schools

Beginning April 2010, federal law will require contractors and all subcontractors (which includes painters, plumbers, window replacement, electricians, etc) that disturb leadbased paint in homes, child care facilities and schools, built before 1978 to be certified and follow specific work practices to prevent lead contamination. Therefore beginning in April 2010, ask to see

your contractor's certification. **It's the Law** that all homes have to be tested if your home was built before 1978.

Renovating, Repairing, or Painting?

Is your home, your building, or the child care facility or school your children attend, being renovated, repaired, or painted?

Was your home, your building, or the child care facility or school, built before 1978?

If the answer to these questions is YES, there are a few important things you need to know about lead-based paint. For the official brochure go to: <a href="http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovaterightbrochure.pdf">http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovaterightbrochure.pdf</a>

## **EASTER EGG HUNT**

Saturday, March 27 was a great success at Lippitt Park where Eastwood Estates neighborhood children found over 700 eggs which had been hidden by the Easter Bunnies - Heather Segura, Debby Krenrich and Kim Krenrich McNair. About 40 little hunters searched for eggs in two groups. The 1-4 year olds were successful in finding 294 eggs in the playground area, while the 5+ group searched the surrounding park area for the remaining 414 egg-shaped treasures. Glittered and golden eggs, car and animal-shaped eggs and the eggs resembling

bugs delighted the participants. Seventy-three special prizes were given and included bug-catcher boxes, giant water sprayers, and water pistols.

We would like to expand the Easter Egg hunt activity next year to include additional events. Please send your suggestions to Heather Segura, Playground Committee Chair at

hconley12@gmail.com



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The EHA-Volunteers-In-Patrol seek your help in our efforts to keep our crime rate low or nonexistent each week. By now you have all see the NEW Crime Watch signs throughout our EHA boundaries. These signs will help us continue to discourage the bad guys from visiting us because:

- 1. Our New Crime Watch signs say "Crime Watch Neighborhood" with the eye on the sign and as neighbors we are doing just that. Watching! And we call 911 when necessary.
- 2. Our Volunteers-In-Patrol driving a marked vehicle with a light on top reinforces our signs that say we are watching you and what you do in our neighborhood. The magnetic signs that are on the side of the patrol vehicles match the Crime Watch Signs with the eye, also to carry the point to all who see it.

Our intent is that all who visit our neighborhood will realize that we are serious about the safety of our families and our property and that we will not hesitate to call 911.

We need more volunteers for daytime patrols so that we can have patrols in the morning and in the afternoons. A patrol will last approximately 1.5 hours, so 2 per month is only 3 hours of your time each month. The daytime hours are when we are at the highest risk and with more volunteers we can continue to keep our neighborhood safe and enjoyable for all who live and visit in our area.

Dallas Police Department Crime Watch Area #1127

So give me a call at 214-923-1640 or email me at planread@yahoo.com and get an application so that you may be trained and

become a member of our VIP Team. Next VIP training is May 24, 25 & 27 at the NE Police Station.

Believe me, when we call a homeowner and their garage is open and they are not home, they ask us to close it and are "thankful that we were on patrol and found the open garage and made contact with them so that it could be secured". Remember to always lock your door from the garage into your house because if the garage door is open and the door into the house is unlocked...THINK ABOUT IT! Please join us in this very worthwhile service to our community. Thanks to all of you for your continued verbal and financial support of our VIP efforts. Darrell Wood, VIP Leader

#### **NEWSLETTER FORM**

I WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE RECEIVING THE PRINTED NEWSLETTER AT MY HOME.					
I WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE MY NEWSLETTER THROUGH MY E-MAIL ADDRESS@					
NAME:					
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Eastwood Homeowners Association P.O. Box 38433, Northlake Shopping Center,					
Dallas, Texas 75238					

#### Special notice!

We will begin sending out the newsletter via e-mail and also posting it on vahoo groups beginning with this Issue. If you would like to continue receiving the printed newsletter at your home, please complete the NEWSLETTER FORM and mail it back to us by May 15.

If you are interested in receiving future newsletters through your email address, please email your information to klcochran@sbcglobal.net

Ideas for future articles can always be submitted to one of our Board members.

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## Lochwood Branch Library (formerly Casa View)

The Lochwood Branch Library at 11221 Lochwood Blvd has 19,500 square-feet and replaces the Casa View Branch Library, which has been in operation since 1964.

The new library is a "green building," with energy efficient lighting and organic landscape materials. Like all new City of Dallas facilities over 10,000 square feet, Lochwood is a Silver Rated Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design building, which means it will consume less energy and

water, use recyclable materials and promote the use of renewable energy.

Other features include a black box theater with a maximum occupancy of 420 people and public meeting space, classrooms, a 70,000-volume collection of books and media, 25 computers, 10 laptops and wireless internet access, self-checkout stations and easy access to DART.



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#### **Service Hours**

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
_	10-6	12-8	12-8	10-6	10-6	_

## White Rock Lake by Sally Rodriguez

New from Arcadia Publishing and local author Sally Rodriguez is *White Rock Lake*. This volume is one of two new Dallas area installments in the popular *Images of America* series.

In 1909, Dallas city leaders approved the damming of White Rock Creek to create a new water source for the increasing needs of a growing city. As a result, so much of the life and

history of Dallas has echoed through the life and history of White Rock Lake.

In the early decades, the lake was home to many private summer homes and boat houses, as well as hunting and fishing clubs. Soon thereafter, a bathing beach, sailing clubs, public boathouses, and picnic facilities were added. The Civilian Con-

servation Corps and the Works Progress Administration transformed the lake with more recreational and leisure amenities. Those early city leaders could hardly know that the lake they were creating 10 miles outside of Dallas would become an urban oasis enjoyed by over two million visitors a vear.

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Snow in the Park



## **GENERAL MEETING**

### Reminder

Please join us May, 11th for the General Meeting of the Eastwood Homeowners Association at 7:00 pm at the Lutheran Church at Easton Road. Our guest speaker will present an overview of the City's trail system and a report from the history committee. Light refreshments will be available.

## SAVE THE DATE

- •<u>The next Children's Nature Walk</u> is to be determined and will be led by Lisa Monroe and Ruth Ann Wilson.
- •4th of July Parade Saturday, July 3rd, 9:00 am at Lippitt & Sinclair
- •<u>The Neighborhood Night Out celebration</u> is scheduled for October 5 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. For any questions about this event, please contact Jud Human
- •<u>The Fall Neighborhood Picnic</u> is scheduled for October 31st from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. For questions, contact Joan McCoy
- •<u>The Riparian Committee</u> has generally scheduled workdays for the second Saturday of each month. For questions, contact Michael Parkey