



EASTWOOD ECHO

Eastwood Homeowners Association

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Letter from President of EHA, Debby Krenrich

Dear EHA Neighbors:

The neighborhood has started 2011 with a couple of “**firsts**”! On March 2 the EHA Volunteers in Patrol (VIP) was recognized at the 1st Volunteer Recognition Banquet. We received an award from Northeast Deputy Chief Gloria Perez, Dallas Police Department for the **2010 VIP Group of the Year**. The event was so well attended from area VIP neighborhood groups that additional chairs were needed for attendees. Twelve EHA-VIP members attended in support of our nomination. Check out the photos at northeastcrimewatch.org. for more volunteer opportunities.

On March 12, eighteen EHA volunteers, ages 5 to 65+, participated in the 1st City of Dallas “It’s My Park Day” by spreading yards and yards of mulch along the trails and around the trees in our park and playground area. The mulch was donated to the neighborhood by the Dallas Park and Recreation Department. Thank you to Michael Parkey and our great Riparian volunteers for leading this effort. Photos on page 8.

We are looking forward to a productive and interactive year by offering additional opportunities in involvement in social and volunteerism activities. We are offering a Nature Walk for EHA adults this year. Please see page 7 for a list of activity dates.

I also invite you to actively participate in all EHA activities as well as all of the free family fun activities being offered during the Centennial Celebration of White Rock Lake (WRL). Check for a list of all activities at whiterocklake.org.

Watch for the flyers announcing all of the contests available during the Spring Easter Egg Hunt Event at the park/playground area. Whether you celebrate Easter or not, it is a great spring activity, and opportunity to meet your neighbors and participate in the contests. See page 4.

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As you know with the tenacity of Don Hanmer, Darrell Wood, and Lake Garden Neighbors, the closure of Whitehaven was accomplished in 2010. The area will be landscaped by Summer 2011 and provide a new destination for the “walkers” in our neighborhood.

Please be sure to mark your calendars for the 2011 EHA Spring General for 7:00pm at the Central Lutheran Church at 1000 Easton Rd. Sally Rodriguez, author of Images of America-White Rock Lake, will join us as the guest speaker. Ms. Rodriguez will deliver a 30 minute pictorial presentation of the history of White Rock Lake. Board members will update all attendees on EHA business following the presentation. Light refreshments will be served. There will be a great opportunity to win gift cards from local businesses.

Thank you,

Debby Krenrich

2011 EHA President

GENERAL MEETING

Reminder

Please join us for the May
General Meeting of the East-
wood Homeowners Associa-
tion

7:00 pm, May 10th

Central Lutheran Church
on Easton Road.

Guest speaker

Light refreshments will be
available.



JOIN TODAY!

2011 Membership Drive

Howdy Fellow Eastwood Homeowners!

Well, we're almost four months into 2011 and this is a reminder regarding renewing or joining the Eastwood Homeowners Association. Fifty-one percent of you have renewed or newly joined in 2011, so you might be wondering why you're getting a reminder email if you've already done so. This is to encourage you to visit with your neighbors & ask them if they've joined. This time last year, our membership was 53%; the year before was 63%. The higher number in 2009 may have been due to the member directory being published. This fall, each association member household will receive a new directory. As in 2009, we'll verify all information is correct through the efforts of our block captains. I thank those of you who have turned in forms & renewed.

Renewals are \$15 per year. New members pay \$25 for the first year. The membership period is January 1st through December 31st. For your convenience, I have attached the 2011 membership file as a .pdf file. Simply print it, fill it in, and drop in the mail to the address at the bottom of this email. Note that the form shows the current membership status as non-member. Should you not know your 2010 status, just shoot me an email & I'll let you know.

Optionally, you may bring the form to the Eastwood HOA General Meeting, on Tuesday, May 10th at 7pm at Central Lutheran Church, 1000 Easton Road across from Forestgrove intersection

VIP

As nearly all you know, our Volunteers-In-Patrol are driving our neighborhood several times a day looking for those who do not belong or those acting suspiciously in our area. They call 911 when things do not seem right.

If your garage is open, they will call you and let you know. Our members of VIP have been asked to go into the garage and close the door many times and are happy to provide this service to our neighbors. VIP asks that you be mindful when you leave your home and close garage doors, back yard gates and side gates if you can. Remove as much temptation as possible.

For your information, our group has increased by one this past month when John McCall on Vinemont took the VIP Training. We need more of you to join us especially for daytime patrols. The next class is May 14, at 911 Center of Dallas City Hall. That is a Saturday at 10 am to 3pm. Call me. Darrell Wood, 214-923-1640.

When your neighbor is not home that house is at risk. Be a noisy neighbor and watch out for activity that you do not normally see and or people you do not know or see often. If newspapers are gathering pick them up and deliver to the homeowner when they get back. Same thing with packages if you know they are not home.

Thanks to all of you for your great support personally and financially.

Darrell Wood, VIP Leader



**Dallas Police Department
Crime Watch Area #1127**

The Easter Bunny Is Coming!

Eastwood Homeowners Association is hosting the annual Easter Egg Hunt, April 16, 2010 at 3:00 PM. This year we are adding some activities that will appeal to all ages.

3:00 Children and Parents will gather to hunt Eggs

- Enter children's Decorated Cookie for Judging
- Decorated Easter Basket

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Prizes will be awarded to Children 10 and under for:

- Best Decorated Cookie
- Best Decorated Easter Basket

3:15 Egg Hunt begins

3:30 Non-Egg Hunters arrive to submit their entries (ages 15 and up):

- Deviled Egg Contest
- Homemade Dessert Contest

Announce winners for Children's contests

4:30 Announce winners for 15+ activities

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Prizes will be awarded for:

- Deviled Egg and Dessert Entries

What is Crime Watch?

Crime Watch is a group of neighbors looking out for the neighborhood. It is getting to know each other and becoming familiar with your neighbors' habits and vehicles so that you will know when something is suspicious or out of the ordinary.

In addition to recognizing potentially suspicious activities, Crime Watch participants report such activity by calling 911. After calling 911, also notify your Crime Watch Chairperson or neighborhood voice mail. All of this doesn't make you a nosy neighbor – it makes you a good neighbor in the old-fashioned sense of the word.

Many people don't want to bother the police because they are afraid that it may not be a real emergency or that they may be embarrassed if their suspicions turn out to be unfounded. The police would much rather be called out to investigate than to be called after a crime has been committed. **When in doubt, always call 911.** The 911 dispatch center is staffed with trained operators who will evaluate your call, rank its priority, and dispatch it to the appropriate officer.

Crime Watch does not mean being a vigilante. Participants do not confront suspects or take any personal risks at all.

2011 Calendar of Events

Easter Egg Hunt—April 16, see page 4

Nature Walk for EHA Adults — May 7 @ 10:00 am

EHA Spring General Meeting—May 1 @ 7:00 pm

4th of July Parade— July 2 @ 9:00 am

EHA Neighborhood Night Out — October 4 @ 6 pm to 8 pm

EHA Picnic at the Park — October 15 @ 3:00 pm

EHA Fall General Meeting — November 8 @ 7:00 pm



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EHA Riparian Committee Volunteers Give Back to the Community

Joyce Pollard

It's nice to help Mother Nature.

The volunteers of the Riparian Committee do that each month as they tend the trees, greenbelt, park and entrance garden of our Eastwood neighborhood. Even when Mother Nature throws low temperatures and icy water at them, the team carries out seasonal tasks to help maintain the ecosystem along the segment of the Deep Tributary of Dixon Branch Creek that flows through the neighborhood bordered by Creekmere, Sinclair, Peavy, and Easton Roads. In the past six months the Riparian Committee, led by Chairman Michael Parkey, ASLA, have completed the following tasks:

October/November--Finished installation of the erosion control system funded by the City of Dallas "2010-11 Loving My Community" program. The system, called a "palisade," stabilizes large trees along the creek bank.

December--Planted 114 native plants and ground cover on the palisade installation.

January-- Placed 88 used Christmas trees and greenery to control water flow through the creek.

February--Pruned trees and cleared ivy from trees at the creek.

March--Moved and distributed 30 cubic yards of mulch around the trees and pathways in the park at Lippitt and Sinclair.

Parkey explains, "It's unusual for a local community to identify, design, implement, and maintain erosion control on a public greenbelt. Everyday we can see that our erosion-control work benefits the neighborhood while it

saves public curbs and streets." The Riparian committee has been working on erosion control since 2002. "Our techniques have improved a lot with practice," Parkey said. "Some of our earliest work is now completely invisible with new vegetation growing over it." He added, "The members of the Riparian committee are proud to get out and give back to the creek area that makes this neighborhood a green and healthy place to live.





Photos are courtesy of Joyce Pollard.

"IT'S MY PARK DAY."

