

### President's Message

Once again we have escaped the heat of summer. The neighborhood has worn the heat well thanks to the frequent showers this year.

The fall WLHNA meeting will be at the Catholic Renewal Center on October eighth at 7:00 PM. Please try to attend as there will be several points of business to conduct that will require citizen input.



I would especially like to invite the new members of this association. Purchasing a home is a big deal. Selecting this neighborhood to live in, to this association, is also a big deal. You have taken a gamble on our community and so that we can all share in the winnings please come by and introduce yourself on Monday night.

Please take a moment to look at your property this fall and make sure that it looks as spiffy as you can make it. Just a little cleanup can make a great difference on the beauty of our neighborhood. Do a drive by your own home and ask yourself, ( Is this the way I want my neighborhood to appear?) A clean uncluttered appearance is one way to say thank you to all the people that make this a great place to live.

Two personal items I want to include are, get out and vote for your candidates on election day, and thank you Larry Vosberg for your hard work and commitment to the beautification of WLH.

Bill Hanna President

# Next Neighborhood Association Meeting:

- Monday, Oct. 8, at 7pm
- Catholic Renewal Center, 4503 Bridge Street just east of Nolan High School

#### **Agenda**

- 1. Call to order
- 2. Treasurer's report
- 3. NPO report
- 4. COPS report
- 5. Adjournment

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### **Neighborhood Pride**

When one wants to see an individual with true neighborhood pride, you have no further to look than Larry Vosberg. Larry's commitment of personal time, dogged determination and manual labor has created a thing of beauty at the Blue Ridge entrance to

our neighborhood.

A bit of history for those of you who have just arrived to the neighborhood.

The beautification committee of 1997-2002 worked hard to make the wrought iron entrance signs come in existence. They were not necessarily the first choice but instead were the results of compromises that were required to placate the people from whom permission had to be granted to place the structures. While several people were actively involved, the name Horrace Butts seems to come up over and over in regards to getting the initial work accomplished. In addition, for years Horrace kept the Blue Lake entrance up as his own private job. Flowering bulbs were a yearly delight when entering the neighborhood. In his letter indicating failing health as the determining factor, Horrace stopped his work and plants were replaced with mulch.

Enter Larry.

I was told by Larry that the entrance to the neighborhood on Blue Lake was like the entrance to his home and he did not like the way it looked. He took it on himself to take his riding mower, three blocks down the road, to mow the grass at the entrance of Blue Lake. For this he received no compensation other than a general atta boy. As time went on he became attached to the plot of land and wanted to make it look even nicer.

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It was a daunting task.

Trucks from ATT would pop the curb and drive to the phone boxes to preform repairs. It seems this was most often necessary after rains. The heavy trucks made furrows in the dirt, making the grass look more like a dirt track for motorcycles than a lawn.

Not being much for committees, Larry contacted the necessary people at ATT to ask that the trucks find another route for their repairs. In two years of emails the traces of contact seemed hopeless in getting the job done.

As president this is when I entered the picture. Larry contacted me hoping a letter from the neighborhood may make a difference. We ate breakfast of the Waffle House one Saturday as he briefed me of his work. He included copies of all his various e-mails. He outlined his plans for plants and walls and as I ate I thought of all the hard work Horrace had done just to get what we had. I figured if he read of what had gone on to this date to get done what was done, the problems would go away. Boy was I wrong. Again!



After searching the archives for the Beautification Committees notes, with almost fifty pages of drawings, contacts and frustrating dealings with third parties that wanted nothing on their high pressure gas lines and fiber optic cables, I copied them and gave Larry a little reading material.

Larry's reaction to what I thought would be a showstopper was to admire Horrace for his diligence. He figured new people at a different time may change their minds and off to work he went.

Larry got the water department to open a water tap that had been used by the trailer house when Ted Peters was selling lots.

Larry got permission from the new owners of the gas line to construct basically anything we want for the entrance to the neighborhood.

Larry has also gotten the City of Fort Worth to take down part of the fence in front of the water tower so that the ATT

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trucks have egress to their boxes using the road to the water tower whose entrance is on Bridge Street.

Out of his own pocket, Larry has built a retaining wall and planted mums and crape myrtles along the fence on the eastside of the entranceway. Railroad ties were placed as a block for traffic, the ruts were filled in and grass has been planted. Pictures included are volunteers on the Saturday planting party this past September.

I told him he was like the energizer bunny.

It is with a heavy heart that I have slowed him down to get the neighborhood association to approve of the entrance being planned and to fund future endeavors. It is my feeling that the WLHNA should reimburse him for his past expenditures and it will be a line item for discussion on the agenda for this falls meeting.

I know Horrace is proud of Larry's work, as we all should be, and are anxious to see the completed job.



Bill Hanna

# Proposed changes to WLHNA By-laws

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Be it resolved that changes to the By-laws be made to allow for the term of the treasurer to be two three year terms.

Present term limits for the officer that keeps the books for both the trust and the WLHNA is now a maximum of two one year terms. This often has led to difficulties when new presidents are elected due to ignorance of just how the budgeting process works. A complicated procedure could be made easier with at least one officer having continuity.



Be it resolved that voluntary dues of twenty dollars be assessed members of the WLHNA.

The fixed costs of running the neighborhood association have risen to include water bills at entrances and security monitoring of the neighborhood. These expenses are expected to continue and moneys would be used for the WLHNA budget to meet these expenses.

#### House keeping items

No minutes were submitted for publication in this quarter's newsletter.

Correction: In last quarter's newsletter the tribute to Jack White was incorrectly attributed to Fred Fernandez, it should have read **Daniel** Fernandez.

#### The White Lake Hills Woman'sClub

The White Lake Hills Woman's Club is a vibrant part of the White Lake Hills Community. We volunteer in the community and make contributions to the East Side Community. We would like to invite all women in White Lake Hills to join us in our important work. We have made lasting friendships and we have made some connections with neighbors. We take the summer off and start our programs in September. Here are our interesting programs for the fall. **SEPTEMBER:** 

#### A HISTORIAN LOOKS BACK AT TEXAS POLITICS

Gar Ely, PhD has had pieces on PBS, The History Channel and the Discovery Channel

#### **OCTOBER:**

#### A BOOK REVIEW

Dr. Elizabeth Johnson Pense

An avid reader, eagerly sought out reviewer, Presbyterian minister and former TCU faculty

member. She is a longtime resident of the Meadow-brook neighborhood.

#### DR. MOM

The life of Dr. Blanche Terrell and her medical practice in Fort Worth

Presented by Peggy Terrell, resident of White Lake

**Questions: President Peggy Terrell** 

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# White Lake Hills Community Trust Election

The White Lake Community Trust will be holding an election at our fall Quarterly Neighborhood

Association Meeting. The White Lake Hills Community Trust was founded on May 29th, 1990.

The funds were granted to our neighborhood from Waste Management. This was a legal

settlement to our neighborhood. The funds are to be used for the "betterment of our

community." The funds have always been invested in CD's through the years. The 2000-2011

Trust Members took some bold steps to insure our monies. The funds were taken out of CD"s

and invested in a diversified market. We are pleased to report that our funds are growing each

quarter. We want to thank Fred Fernandez, our Chairman, for his leadership. Fred led us on this

journey. Fred's term expires and he will have to be replaced.

The Trust is pleased to announce that Gary Cumbie has agreed to serve on the Trust. This is a

three year term. Gary is a longtime resident of White Lake Hills. Gary is a past officer of the

neighborhood association. He currently serves on the "T" Board of Directors. Peggy Terrell has

agreed to serve another term. Peggy is currently the Secretary of the Trust. The trust

recommends this slate to be elected.

#### **BEAUTIFICATION**

We have been working hard on the garden at Lake Havasu. You may have noticed some new plantings. These plants were donated by Dirk Thomas, a new resident. Mr. Thomas specializes in plants that are drought hardy. He owes a land-scaping business. If you are interested in some plants that don't need much water, call him at 817-320-2626. Thank you Mr. Thomas for the plantings.

Do you have any plants that you would like to donate? We always need people to help in the garden. if you can help please call Peggy Terrell at 817-457-1507 or 817-909-5623. We need people to water and work in the garden.



You may not have noticed, but there was a leadership change within our WLH COPS organization effective September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Hi. My name is Michael Brooks and I'm the new Captain of our WLH COPS contingent. My predecessors, Charles and Elaine Edmonds, have decided to surrender the administrative Co-Captaincy in order to focus more attention on proactive neighborhood and block security improvements. Both Charles and Elaine deserve a tremendous amount of credit for expanding and improving WLH COPS over the past years, and I sincerely thank them for their support and expertise as we move forward.

My family moved to WLH about 19-years ago. My daughter and son have grown-up and moved on, but Kathy and I still reside at 4508 Raintree Court. I was lucky enough to retire several years ago, which now gives me some time to devote to White Lake Hills COPS. I joined COPS about 14-months ago and have since been continually impressed by the dedication and energy of our COPS Team members. They are true role models.

Going forward, I expect that COPS priorities will not change. WLH COPS members will expand their public presence in the neighborhood as we seek to reduce crime, both as a deterrent and by reacting proactively and appropriately if/when crime is identified. We also need to increase efforts to educate neighbors about crime prevention and help provide a safe/secure environment for all of our residents.

Of course, we are always looking for new COPS patrollers. If you or any of your neighbors are not yet members of Citizens on Patrol and have an interest to serve, please consider a personal investment in the neighborhood. Once training is completed, COPS duties will take no more than a few hours of your time each month. Give me a call at 817-457-4457 and let's discuss the possibilities. Hope to hear from soon.

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Neighborhood Garage Sale

The White Lake Hills Garage Sale will be held on Saturday October 27. There is no fee to participate, just email Damon and let him know you want to be added to the list. We will be advertising in the Meadowbrook Shopper, Star-Telegram and Craig's List. Maps of the neighborhood listing all

participating homes will be passed out in Three Rivers Court that morning. If you have something you would like to donate for sale to benefit the neighborhood, please call or email Damon as well so that pickup or drop off can be arranged.

Damon Dockstader 817 366 4932 ddocksta@yhaoo.com

## Halloween 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 can cast their votes two ways

Email your choices to voting@whitelakehills.org Drive your vote down to Smith-Wilomen Park.

Date: October 28, 2011
Time: 2:00pm to 4:00 pm
Place: Smith-Wilomen Park

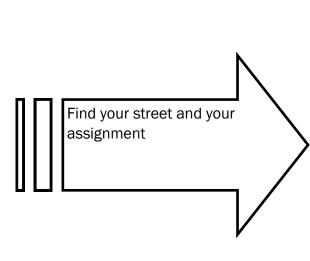
Halloween Ballot

Write down the address on the lines

1st place \_\_\_\_\_\_ 2nd place \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd place







ICED COLD DRINKS

Green River Trail &

Court, Willow Ridge Road & Court, Cedar Creek Court, Dale Hollow, Three River Court, Raintree Drive & Court, White Lake Court

SALADS & Desserts

Candlewood, Lake Havasu, Chandler Lake & Court, Lake Charles North, Lake Charles South, St. Lawrence, Blue Lake Court & Blue Lake Drive, Lake Louise Road, & Court

## WHITE LAKE HILLS WALK & RUN 5K (3.1 MILES)

Date: November 3 2012 Time: 10:00 am

Route: White Lake Hills Neighborhood Fee: \$10.00 per person, \$20 per family

Free T-shirt for all participants registered by November1st.

Registration: deadline Nov. 1st

Mail this form to: Bill Hanna, 313 Chandler Lake Rd., Fort Worth, Texas 76103

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 phon	e;

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 "VERITIED" 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



# White Lake Hills Yard of the Month

The yard of the month for April belongs to Jim and Sherry Hawkins

Address: 424 Lake Louise Court.



The yard of the month for May belongs Baird and Kathy Walker

Address: 413 Lake Charles Ave. North



The yard of the month for June belongs Randy and Carol Toombs

Address: 716 Lake Louise Road



The yard of the month for July belongs to A. Anne Hetherly

Address: 257 Willow Ridge Road







The yard of the month for August belongs to Dirk Thomas

Address: 1004 Blue Lake Drive



#### **Christmas Decoration Contest**

It's Christmas time! Do your best to outfit your home in Christmas themes, decorations and colorful lighting.

**DATES FOR THE CONTEST:** December 1st through December 21st

HOW DO YOU VOTE: You vote on the internet at voting@whitelakehills.org

This address will be open 24 hours a day. Voting is open to all family members.

You must have a valid email address. Please indicate your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices. There will be prizes for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize winners. The Woman's Club will be picking Honorable Mention Winners. Ballot will be tabulated to determine the winners.

TRACKING THE VOTE: Daniel Leal will give weekly updates on the contest.

QUESTIONS: Daniel Leal at dandadragon@yahoo.com

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL