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Association Calendar

July 16, 2013 - **Association Meeting**
September 3, 2013 - Articles Due
 October 15, 2013 - Association Meeting

Update from the Editor

Once again thank you all for the great articles. We sure could use a hand with collecting current events in our area. Send me an email if you want to help. Thanks,

Maeleska

LFHNA General Meeting Tuesday, July 16, 2013, 7:00 pm White Rock United Methodist Church 1450 Old Gate Lane

We look forward to seeing you at our next LFHNA General Meeting. We have invited the following speakers:

- Doug Frazier, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- Gloria Tarpley – Planning & Zoning Commissioner District 9

With the recent disasters in both Oklahoma and Texas, being prepared for an emergency is on everyone's mind. Doug will talk about how the CERT Program educates and trains people on how to be prepared in the event of a local disaster.

Gloria will answer questions regarding the new Arboretum Garage and Tunnel.

Local Committee Chairs will provide an update on recent and upcoming events in the Neighborhood.

Please bring your ideas and suggestions on how we can make positive improvements to Little Forest Hills.

Door prizes and refreshments will be served.

Newcomers Message

The Second Quarter "Welcome Committee" distribution of welcome packets/information plus neighborhood information was distributed on April 18 by Robin Streff and Marilyn Reynearson. Special, Special, Special thanks to Kris Hundt who generously donated jars of homemade jam instead of our usual baked cookies. A real treat for our 8 new neighbors and it made quite an impression.

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The Presidents' Message

Denise and Max Davis

The heat is on! Summer is here, but we had a very busy Spring in Little Forest Hills.

The Fourth of July Parade was a big hit. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this year's parade so successful. Kim & Kevin Vowell, our parade coordinators, did a bang up job. We also want to thank all the folks from the adjacent neighborhoods who participated in the parade.

The East Dallas Garden Tour (May 19th), was one of the best ever, and one of the largest money makers for the LFHNA. Thanks to Mike Schmitt and his team of volunteers, for all their work.

The Little Forest Hills Funky Fielders (coed softball team) completed their Spring Season with a (3-5) record. There is still room for improvement, but the team had a great deal of fun and is looking forward to the Fall 2013 league.

At the October 2013 General Meeting, the neighborhood will be voting on new Officers and Board Members. In order to participate in the voting, you must be a paid member of the Little Forest Hills Neighborhood Association.

If you are interested in serving on the Board, or on a committee, please let us know. You can contact any Board member for more information. A list is on the back of this newsletter.

A meeting was held, in June, at the Dallas Arboretum to discuss the planned parking garage. The garage is planned for the East side of Garland Road, across from the new North entrance. The Arboretum has hired an architectural firm to help guide the process. Several LFH neighbors attended the meeting. Gloria Tarpley was there to answer questions from the city's perspective.

Max and Denise
 LFHNA Co-Presidents 2008-2013



Walton's Garden Center – Gardening Tips

With Spring rains, mulch may have become displaced or washed away. To minimize watering requirements, add layers of fresh mulch now and throughout the Summer months as needed. Do not cover the stems or pile against the trunks of trees or shrubs.

Adhere to the City of Dallas Watering Schedule below:

Even number addresses, Sundays and Thursdays any time before 10:00 a.m. or after 6:00 p.m.
 Odd number address, Saturdays and Wednesdays any time before 10:00 a.m. or after 6:00 p.m.

Best to water in early morning and refrain from watering in the heat of the day when evaporation from the heat is heaviest. To determine how much water your lawn is getting, empty a tuna-type can and measure the amount of water after you have completed the watering.

To prevent grass roots from drying out too quickly, set your mower blades to the highest level.

Fertilize ornamentals and lawn throughout the summer and water in thoroughly.

To encourage continual blooming, deadhead perennials and annuals.

Garden Gab – Summer 2013

Touring our neighborhood, I again am amazed by the diversity of styles of Little Forest Hills that is represented in our gardens and in our residences. What a special oasis amidst the big city of Dallas.

I am most impressed with what you are doing to change the entire concept of a front-yard. Some of you have xeriscaped; others have created Zen-like atmospheres, some a conventional style with a twist. Each has created a world unto itself.

Any of the styles represented can incorporate a water feature. The sound of trickling water in the summertime – there's nothing like it.

Whether you choose a standard water fountain, galvanized containers, pottery or a koi pond, the affect is soothing and serene.

And as a special bonus, flora and fauna both benefit from your creative efforts.

Summer Reading

If you have a Summer garden, line up your friends for your crop excess or have some fun researching recipes to utilize the fruits and vegetables from your garden.

Here are a couple of highly recommended books for your library:

Easy Gardens for North Central Texas

Texas Garden Almanac by *Doug Welsh*

Organic Gardening Manual by *J. Howard Garrett*

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The Median Magicians strike again

As you may know Little Forest Hills is responsible for the care and maintenance of the traffic median in the Casa Linda shopping center on Buckner directly in front of Schlotzkys sandwich shop. Currently we have 4 live oak trees, a multitude of Red and Hot lips Salvia, 3 young Earthkind rose bushes, and one Agave plant. However we also have a very healthy crop of Nut Sedge grass

that is trying it's best to choke everything else out. And of course we have litter that needs to be cleaned up, mulch that needs to be spread, and fertilizer that needs to be put out occasionally. Our most recent volunteers since winter have included **Max and Denise Davis, Pam Hoffmann, Karla Marie, Michael and Janet Azhadi. Dorothy Philbrick** came over one day with two 5 gallon buckets and watered our roses. If you are interested in helping keep our neighborhood beautiful by doing a little gardening in Casa Linda every other month or so, please call me. We would love to have you. **Mike Schmitt 214-676-4326.**



Yard of the Month – Summer 2013

by *Patricia Morrissey*

Simultaneous awards for Yard of the Month were given to two homes on San Fernando Way, both of which share a common denominator, the design efforts of Brian Hall. At 8702 is his personal residence and at 8707, his former residence, now the residence of Trish Parrish, who put her unique stamp on Brian's design.

Passion and Peace 8707 San Fernando Drive

If you focus exclusively on this garden, you can easily imagine that you are in secret glen. This is the home of Trish Parrish.

Delineated by flagstones paths and wooden bridges are water features that include a waterfall, edged with papyrus that gently serenades you as your eyes wonder to the many wondrous vignettes created with massive stones, and carefully chosen plantings.

Trish has added sculptures and water lilies to one of the ponds, also home to frogs from White Rock Lake.

Swiss chard, which blends seamlessly into the concept, is planted in a sunny area. Her colorful seating area provides a restful place to listen and enjoy the beauty of her surroundings.

The lace-barked elm shields the wonders within, but the meandering flagstone paths draw you in. Originally grass and mud, created with passion, this garden is an oasis of peace.



8707 San Fernando Drive



8702 San Fernando Drive

Philosophy in the Garden 8702 San Fernando

The current garden of Brian Hall manifests many aspects of his personal philosophies. Paraphrasing, Leonardo DaVinci, "I simply removed what didn't belong, there is your art."

A flagstone path, intuitively placed to allow the perfect step-span, leads you to a sunken seating area at the front of the house created by re-purposed concrete blocks. Artfully wired crepe myrtle branches, create a backdrop where you can sit and smell the sambruiella roses, one of the most fragrant roses in the world.

Embracing another of his favorite philosophies, "Plant trees under which whose shade you do not expect to sit." Three cedar (winged)

elms are planted with the future in mind.

Red cascade roses drape on open cedar fencing salvaged from storm damage, hybridized blueberry plants, flamed leafed sumac and other perennials create texture and interest.

A massive solar lit, hollowed-out tree sculpture and hanging re-purposed hanging lanterns provide dramatic lighting.

In Brian's inertia, he has listened to his own energy and created a garden whose roots are his philosophy.



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Casa Linda Park Playground: UNDER CONSTRUCTION

by Kimberly Vowell



In October 2011 a group of neighbors and parents were concerned when a fence was erected around the Casa Linda Park playground equipment. Park-goers learned that the playground area at Casa Linda Park was condemned. The equipment that was installed many years ago was considered no longer safe for children. After 3 months of inactivity and no changes to the area, individuals met with the city in regards to the immediate issue of getting the playground open as Spring approached. After attending a city hall meeting and getting approval to have 2006 Bond money reallocated,

Park Management confirmed that changes would take place in order to make the equipment safe for the time being to provide children a place to play. Those changes were made as promised and the playground reopened.

Soon after the next phase began. Neighbors were given the opportunity to meet again with city officials to be a part of the selection for a new playground design. Now the equipment has been removed and the area is a full on construction site with mounds of dirt, markers and bulldozers. The playground should be completed in 45 days. Please direct any questions to the City of Dallas Parks Department.



Art and About

by Julie Hulcy

Have you noticed the art in our neighborhood? A bohemian flavored area filled with artists, art and fun, that's LFH.. We fly our "fun" flag right out in the front yard, for everyone to see! Art and the artist



that create it are an integral part of our neighborhood. We have been called "a quirky, artist-friendly utopia" There is some amazing, fun, funky art in our front yards...from yellow submarines to bikes turned into mailbox stands, a huge metal rooster, some of it slows you down making you take a better look, some of it invites you to look beyond, to investigate, perhaps a portal to Wonderland.

As you are driving through the "hood" look around, (keep your eyes on the road) but take notice of the art in your neighbors yards..it is part of what makes our neighborhood "funky".



NATIVE PLANTS AND PRAIRIE DAY

by Jim Folger



Many families from Little Forest Hills attended the first annual Love Our Native Plants & Prairies Day May 4th at the Bath House Cultural Center. They learned about the value of native plants and grasses that have been a part of our Texas heritage, and present a disease-resistant and drought-resistant alternative to non-native species.

An article on the new \$56 million Children's Adventure Garden at the Arboretum in the last newsletter commented on this new "amazing learning environment." After looking at the video link, it was clear this will be an exciting way for children to learn some basic facts about science and nature. The emphasis on high entertainment value as a means to learning seems also clear. How can you not enjoy a 32 foot fabricated cement tree? The Swiss Family Robinson tree at Disneyland was always one of my favorite exhibits.

The one area where I might offer an alternative view is revealed in the final sentence of the article that states: "Our Children and Grandchildren will be true environmentalists." To be a true environmentalist, one must be in touch with, and appreciate the wonders of the natural world, not the well-landscaped version of what man can do. It is a mistake to start from the premise that man can improve upon nature.

The Texas of our forefathers was very different. As John Brooke, an early settler in the tallgrass prairies of 1849 Texas, commented: "I can sit on the porch before my door and see miles of the most beautiful prairie interwoven with groves of timber, surpassing, in my mind, the beauties of the sea. Think of seeing a tract of land on a slight incline covered with flowers and rich meadow grass for 12 to 20 miles."

We will never be able to re-create the past, but we can preserve some of the small remaining prairie remnants and use them to educate children and adults on their value in the scheme of things. The reasons to find and conserve Texas tallgrass prairie are numerous. It is important for Texans to conserve and protect Texas cultural and natural history. More than 90% of this ecosystem has been destroyed or fundamentally altered, making the tall grass prairie the most endangered large ecosystem in North America.

In conclusion, I would urge all you parents to get your kids involved in real nature – out in the fields, and woods, and waterways. They are some great summer camps available at Trinity River Audubon Center, Texas Discovery Gardens, Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center, John Bunker Sands Wetland Center, The Heard Natural Science Museum to name a few.

The Night the Lights Went Out in Little Forest Hills

.....a little bit of magic occurred.


About 7:30 on the evening of Monday, May 6, the lights went out in Little Forest Hills. A transformer blew with a loud boom and off went the power on several streets.

I immediately went to the backyard with my newspapers and enjoyed the quiet. No sounds except for the bird's songs. Just as it was getting dark, I found some candles and was putting them out on my deck, when my phone rang. It was a neighbor asking me to join him and two other neighbors for a glass of wine on his deck. As I walked across the street, I saw neighbors on their front porches and in their yards, and there were sounds of children playing and calling to one another laughingly. Sounds we usually don't hear because we are in our houses – usually with the TV on.

My neighbor's deck looked like a magical place with candles everywhere – lighting the pathway, on the deck and table and hanging from the trees. Something about candlelight makes things a little mysterious, and one wants to speak with a hushed voice. It seemed like time was standing still – a rare occurrence in our busy lives. I was reminded once again of my good fortune to be living in Little Forest Hills where no opportunity to enjoy our neighbors is missed.

Fortunately, the power was restored after about two hours, but I'm still thinking about the magic of the night the lights went out in Little Forest Hills.

Kay McKinney (Daytonia)



Christopher
swam a half mile
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Neighbors: As you know, the neighborhood association relies heavily on the voluntary payment of dues to finance the activities and donations that benefit the neighborhood as a whole. Without such, there would be no Fourth of July parade, no Funky 4-K race, no contributions to our neighborhood park, no funds to be able to do the activities that our neighborhood prides itself on.

We are accepting your 2013 dues (\$15 per household or \$5 for senior-citizens), and would like to invite you to renew your membership or join as a new member! Please send your check to:

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The expenses/income incurred since January 1, 2013, are as follows:

Jan - Dec '13			
Income		Committee Expenses	
Committee Income		4th Parade Expense	30.00
Advertising	375.00	Membership Expenses	0.00
Four K Run	1,819.00	Website	120.00
Garden Tour	0.00	Adopt-a-Shoreline	0.00
Membership	1,635.00	Casa Linda Park Dev.	0.00
Total Committee Income	3,829.00	Crime Watch / VIP	0.00
Total Income	3,829.00	Fix It Folks	67.32
Expense		Four K Run	1,627.64
Administrative		Median Adoption	43.28
Presidents Fund	0.00	Newcomers	0.00
Meeting Expense		Newsletter Distribution	90.79
WRUMC Facility Rental	0.00	Newsletter Printing	1,888.07
Door Prizes	0.00	Storage Unit Rent	0.00
Total Meeting Expense	0.00	VIP	119.06
Charity/Donations		Volunteer of the Year	0.00
Holiday Charity Giving	0.00	Total Committee Expenses	3,986.16
Animal Alert	250.00	Total Expense	4,236.16
Ferguson Road Initiative	0.00		
Alex Sanger	0.00		
Benevelant Fund	0.00		
Total Charity/Donations	250.00		
Appreciation Dinner	0.00		
Total Administrative	250.00		

If you have any questions or concerns, I welcome your feedback and can be reached at todd.ramsey@me.com. Let us continue to make this neighborhood one of the best places to live in the Dallas Metroplex. Your Little Forest Hills Neighborhood Association support is invaluable!

Proud 2013 Little Forest Hills Neighborhood Association Members
(as of June 9, 2013)

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July 4th Parade 2013

Thanks to the Little Forest Hills Neighborhood Association for once again sponsoring the 4th of July parade. The team from Fire Station 31 had hopes of leading the parade but was called to a fire at 8:50. After tackling the blaze, they made it back just in time to pull up the rear. The parade made its way through the neighborhood with an unplanned slight detour off the route before coming to a stop at Casa Linda Park.

Along the way, spectators welcomed the many parade participants by cheering them on and waving American flags. Some of this year's participants included a fire truck, an antique fire truck, an old World War 2 jeep, a disco themed float, a surrey, decorated cars and trucks. The parade was also complete with wagons, bikes, strollers, walkers and many dogs.

Many organizations within Little Forest Hills and the surrounding community were represented. Kids from **Alex Sanger** showed their Stallion Pride. **East Dallas Vet** participated in this years festivities bringing many furry four legged friends along. Little Miss Victory smiled and waved eagerly from her convertible and **Promise of Peace Community Garden** also participated while pushing wheelbarrows through the streets. Also a big thanks to **Hillridge Crime Watch** for coming out.

The post parade event took place in a fabulously shaded area under the live oaks. The park festivities included a pet, kid and adult friendly affair featuring watermelon, apple pie, water, entertainment, and music by **DJ Jeff Hickock**. **The Dallas Tap Dazzlers** put on an amazing performance following the parade. They really know how to shake it!

A special thanks to the sponsors for their donations: a monetary donation from Mike Schmitt with White Rock Realty, L.L.C., ice from **Albertsons** in Casa Linda, apple pies from **Barbec's**, watermelon from **Chef's Produce** and water donated from **Bella Vista Construction**.

A heartfelt thanks goes out to all of the parade participants and spectators. Also thanks to all the volunteers for their hard work - without them, this event would not have been possible. We appreciate your time setting up, serving during the festivities and cleaning up. Thanks also to the individuals that captured photos for this year's event and to the Little Forest Hills Neighborhood Association Block Captains that helped publicize the celebration by passing out fliers. Also thanks to **Hypnotic Donut** for providing delicious treats to our volunteers the morning of the parade.

It was a great day to be in Little Forest Hills. The amazing community spirit found in our neighborhood was definitely something to be proud of! A fabulous time was had by all.

Please contact lfb4thofjulyparade@gmail.com if you are interested in chairing or co-chairing the event next year! It's never too early to start planning.



The Fix It Folks Receive Accolades

by Linda Calvert



Marilyn Rynearson heading clean-up.

April the 27th I was asked to be the guest speaker as the head of The Fix It Folks at a Minor Home Repair Coalition Meeting that was held by the Dallas Area Agency on Aging.

Someone in this agency read about us and gave life to the idea that we might have some knowledge they could utilize. They were very interested in our committee and its inception and how we make it work for our neighborhood. There was some talk of using us as a pattern for implementing similar organizations throughout Dallas neighborhoods to care for the numerous residents in need. This panel of professionals found it very "refreshing" to see a team of volunteers like ours standing-up and taking the initiative of helping neighbors instead of hoping someone else would come along and do the work.

Not only were they impressed with our team's dedication in performing the necessary work, but the fact that the Little Forest Hills Neighborhood Association has funded these repairs for over 6 years and will continue to do so going forward, placed our neighborhood at the top of their list of "wonderful places to live in Dallas".

Once again I was proud to represent our team and left that day exultant that our NA is held in such high esteem by our city. Bravo to all. It's great being here among you.



Ann Albers and Mark Davis prep for a work day.





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A Google Group is a central message posting center that automatically sends out messages/posts to the members of the group.

An email address is required and membership in the group is restricted to LFH Residents.

Stay up to date with LFHNA news in between newsletters!

LOVE OF READING



You may see more little displays like this springing up in Little Forest Hills. Don't confuse it with a creative mailbox, but instead, look inside for a variety of books. This is part of a nationwide program promoting literacy and the love of reading by building free book exchanges worldwide. Kim and Kevin Vowell were one of the first In Little Forest Hill to design and build their own library. Feel free to stop by and check out a book from their library.



Adoptable Pets of Little Forest Hills

Animal Alert's "adoptable pets of LFH". Those of you that are fostering a pet that needs a home of their own can send pictures and a biography of the pet and we can

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Garden Tour

Our annual neighborhood garden tour which is our biggest fund raiser of the year surpassed last year's tour by a wide margin. Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who contributed their time, efforts, and expertise. We made over \$7,000 for Little Forest Hills, Casa Linda Estates, and Forest Hills respectively. I want



to personally thank the hard working and willing gardeners who opened their gardens up to the public. Starting with **Brad Pippin** who not only held his garden on tour with the all the hard work that goes into that, but also designed the beautiful garden tour brochure and maps. **Bob Wright's** garden with its bees, raised beds, and outdoor rooms was so unique and beautiful. **Scott and Ronnica Nady** on Eustis with their acre size lot and "Kid's Paradise" were so gracious and all the volunteers and artists had so much fun there. Every garden had at least 2 artists and some had 3. All the artists had a very successful day also. We had over 1,000 visitors to the gardens from all over the city, state, and nation who all thought the gardens were absolutely beautiful. Next year we will need more volunteers and we also need neighbors who are interested in helping with the planning process. This is actually one of the most fun parts of participating in the tour. We start meeting in February at the various planners homes and enjoy fun and fellowship along with the planning process. Please call me if you are willing to chip in and help.

Mike Schmitt 214-676-4326



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LITTLEest Forest Hills: A Neighborhood Playgroup

by Kimberly Vowell

The moms and kids of Little Forest Hills have been busy playing, helping each other out, meeting new families and just having fun.



Some of the play dates for the past few months have included an Easter Egg Hunt, KinderMusik play date, Wringling Brothers story time, Fraternal Order of the Eagle swim date, art play dates, The Lot lunch date, butter making fun, Mother's Day celebration, Eddie Coker concert, a tour of a fire truck, visit to the Arboretum, M-Line Trolley ride to Klyde Warren Park, the Mayor's Summer Reading Club Kickoff, an AT&T Patio Concert Session and a presentation by the Yankee Doodles at Oil & Cotton.

Other events included our first family gathering, Tacos, Tequila and Tots, that took place in May. The moms decided to finally included the dads in on all of the fun. Each family brought goodies to share. Hopefully we will get another family play date on the calendar soon.

Our new group isn't just about play. Some members are enjoying parenting advice from author's **Adele Faber** and **Elaine Mazlish**. Members meet at Urban Vine for chapter reviews of the book *How to Talk so Kids Will Listen & Listen So Kids Will Talk*. Also meals were made for a family that welcomed a baby boy in March and another mom that had a medical emergency. Having a group like this in our very own neighborhood provides a great network and a sense of community. It's comforting to know there are other moms who can lend a hand and help each other out. Most Mondays a member will volunteer to host a play date. Other activities are added to the calendar as members see fit and depending on what is happening that week around town. Some activities are open to all ages and others are for specific age groups.

As you can see we are extremely busy and provide many opportunities to meet other families. If you have little ones, think about becoming a part of this great group. Most kids are between the ages of 0-4 years old.

As of now we have many moms involved. Most are from Little Forest Hills with a few from surrounding areas. We promise to welcome you and your little ones with open arms. If you are interested or would like more information, please email: littlestforesthills@gmail.com.



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To avoid a smash and grab, keep your vehicles in the driveways as close to the house as possible especially overnight, don't keep your valuables in them.....and don't forget to lock them. If you have an expensive set of tires on your vehicle, consider keeping that car in the garage. We have had a few of these vehicles left on concrete blocks...in the driveways. Don't leave your scooter or motorcycle parked on the street. Your garage is your best bet also as these have been snatched from driveways. Keep your driveways and areas around your home lit or install motion-sensing lighting.

Recall the Dallas Police Department's campaign: Lock, Take and Hide. Lock your vehicles. Take your valuables with you and Hide anything you must leave behind.....the trunk is your best bet when you're out and about during the day. Of course, at home take your laptop and other valuables with you inside your home.

Whether it's just 15 minutes at the post office or an hour at the lake, burglars are looking for quick and easy opportunities. Put that bag of miscellaneous items in your trunk; burglars don't know if it contains valuables or not.....they just might get lucky. Going for a ride or run at the lake or quick workout at the gym? Buy some clothing with secure pockets where you can keep your ID, medical insurance card and cell phone on your person. In a medical or other type of emergency, you might need these and they won't be in your car for someone else to take.

When your be out of town for a while, have a friend check your mail and pick up your paper or stop the mail for the time being. (<https://holdmail.usps.com/holdmail/>)

Consider putting your radio, television or a couple of lamps on a timer. Make sure your garages and unattached buildings are locked and secured.

The DPD has provided a Residential Security Manual and can be downloaded from our website: www.littleforesthills.com. Go to "Pages and Links". Under "Special Information", you will find the "DPD 2013 Residential Security Manual".

Thank you to those of you that do keep your eyes open. We try to forward your concerns via the "in the hood" alerts when possible. Consider building your own networks on your block or with the houses that surround you.

To become more involved with the safety of the neighborhood, consider becoming a certified VIP. If you walk, run, bike, stroll your children or walk your dogs around the neighborhood, please consider attending the DPD's Volunteers In Patrol training. Your street-level eyes could be very valuable to your neighborhood. You will learn what to watch for, how to make accurate observations and reports, and how to safely avoid confrontation with possibly dangerous individuals. Become a VIP behind the wheel or on foot.

Download an application from: www.dallaspolice.net/community/volunteerProgram.html
Then send your application to Officer Joe Schutz, NE Division: joseph.schutz@dpd.ci.dallas.tx.us
Contact me when you've signed up and when you've complete your training.

Citizens Police Academy

Want to learn more about how our Police Department works. Have an opportunity to hear from and talk to someone from several divisions within the DPD including narcotics, homicide, gang unit, public relations. Visit the DPD gun range, meet with SWAT members, K-9, helicopter pilots, ride in patrol unit on the DPD obstacle course, and get tased if you choose. The DPD In-Service Academy is working to host a Citizens Police Academy from August 29 thru November 7. The class usually meets 10 times, once a week on Thursday nights and one Saturday morning. Citizens from the NE Division that are interested in attending should complete the application and return it to Senior Corporal Maggie Martin at the In-Service Academy via email, US Mail, fax or via the NE NPO unit. margaret.martin@dpd.ci.dallas.tx.us

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I'd like to help with:

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