



White Lake Hills Neighborhood Association

President's Message

Happy New Year ! I have a hard time believing this is 2014. Fourteen years after a turn of a century that I looked to as a kid and wondered if it would ever happen. Time does past quickly. In November my family celebrated the ninetieth birthday of my father. He will still sit at the table and argue with you about anything you call. He will even let you pick your side and he will take the other. I try to best him but it is no use, he has time on his side. It was not long ago that Jack White passed away. Many people who now live in the neighborhood have no idea who he was. They do not know what he did or why. Just who was Jean Wysatta. How did her newspaper skills with the Star Telegram turn theses hills from mounds of dirt to a neighborhood bound with common causes. It would be easy to go on and on about the people who have lived in the Hills and have made it what it is today. We have the means to do this and many other beautiful tasks because of the communication abilities now at our hands. Just as the internet newsletter replaced the written, published, hold in your hand, outdated as soon as it was printed, newsletter into a historic memory, I think this running sentence, will say that Nextdoor.com will bury the email newsletter. The hard work and uphill battles with change will not be forgotten. The people who spent time and energy making a better means of communication will be forgotten by most, but not all. Their works while not being appreciated by all will be the bridge that continues to make this place special. Speed and openness of communication will triumph to replace semi controlled dialog. The challenge of the new medium will be to morph itself in a way to allow the best of the past to come forward with the fluid abilities of the present. Just as this new form of communication is replacing the past form, so too it will be replaced. It is only a matter of time.

Bill Hanna



Next Neighborhood Association Meeting:

- Monday, Jan 13, at 7pm
- Catholic Renewal Center, 4503 Bridge Street just east of Nolan High School

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Approve minutes
3. Treasurer's report
4. NPO report
5. COPS report
6. Nominating Committee
7. Dues
8. Adjournment

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Minutes from the October meeting

Call to Order

Dr. Bill Hanna, the President of the Neighborhood Association, called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Approval of Minutes

Copies of the newsletter can be sent out by email if persons interested will contact Adam Noggle, or the newsletter can be viewed on the neighborhood website.

NPO Report

Officer Tamelia Carroll with the Fort Worth Police Department gave the following report:

There was a recent burglary of a motor vehicle on Green River Trail.

The following crimes were committed since the July meeting:

5 Burglaries of a Residence

2 Burglaries of a Vehicle

Officer Carroll reported that our active Code Blue program is one of the main reasons crime continues to be low in our neighborhood.

On November 16 there will be CODE Blue training. Training meets at the Fort Worth Police Academy Building.

On Saturday there will be a safety fair at Lowes.

On October 26th there is a Drug Take Back Program at Walgreens on Lancaster from 10-2pm.

There were 3 National Night Out events in East Fort Worth.

There are new potential owners for the Surrey Oaks Apartments.

Treasurers Report

Bob Curtis gave the following quarterly finance report:

HOA Receipts- \$260.00

HOA Expenses- \$605.00

COPS Fuel Reimbursement- \$780.00

COPS Expenses- \$317.00

HOA Net- \$4429.00

The motion to approve the Treasurers Report was made by Johnnie Young, and seconded by Doug Forsythe.

The motion passed by affirmation.

Minutes from the October meeting

Beautification Committee

Larry Vosberg gave the following report:

The committee is in discussion with the District Attorney's office if the security cameras are admissible in court.

The committee has spent some time troubleshooting the cameras.

Special Events Report

Dr. Hanna gave the following report:

The neighborhood Garage Sale is coming up soon. Mary Ross will coordinate the event.

A barbeque/pot luck dinner is being planned.

Anne Hetherly will lead the Christmas light contest, and the contest will take place on December 16.

The budget audit committee was chosen. Cindy Snyder, Bob Curtis, and Glenn will make up the committee.

The officer nominating committee was chosen. Johnnie Young, Doug Forsythe, Joe Norris, Elaine Edmonds, and Cynthia Williams will make up the committee.

The sunshine committee will be managed by Colleen Cripe.

Dr. Hanna asked for another round of voluntary HOA dues to increase the budget for 2014. Dues can be paid by mail or through a Paypal account.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

There were 33 members of White Lake Hills in attendance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam Noggle- Acting Secretary

Final Thoughts

Thanks to all that attended and worked to make the Fall BBQ a great Saturday get together. There was plenty of BBQ of all types. Neighborhood chefs laid forth their skillful creations only to be scooped up by an appreciating crowd.

While the attendance was small compared to the Fourth of July hot dog extravaganza, the food was deliciously more varied. Pork shoulder, brisket, pork ribs, chili, potato salads and do not forget the cookies, pies and fudge, all made from scratch, someone's favorite recipe.

A big thanks to people who have helped me in this second term of presidency. A lot has happened in a short time and I feel comfortable that I am handing the reins of a healthy organization to the next president.

The meeting will be held at the Catholic Book Store at Nolan High. It will commence at 7:00 PM on the second Monday of the month, January 13.

Election of new officers and treasurers report will be highlights of the meeting. Everyone is invited.

Bill Hanna

Moving Forward

It is hard to believe that six years have passed since I took over editing the newsletter. I think we all can agree, when you take on a large job with no exit strategy you end up with a large job with no end. As Bill stated early, our form of communication is in flux. Over the last few years the newsletter has gone from being type written and hand delivered, to a pdf format that is emailed and is now taking a new shape through Nextddoor.com. In the years to come... who knows? That said, this seems like the perfect time to find the exit to this large job I have held the last few years. Though I really shouldn't call it a job because it has been enjoyable and gave me a sense of satisfaction that I was contributing something to the community in which I live, it is time consuming none the less. Thanks to everyone who contributed material over the years. I really appreciated your help.

Damon