



# White Lake Hills

## News Splash

### President's Letter

by Aaron Mullens

Thanks everyone for a great 2014, and I hope everyone had a great holiday season. Thanks to Daniel Leal for running the decorating contest. Thanks also to Chris Kasper for organizing the sweets for the police and fire fighters and all the cookie elves who helped. In this newsletter I have some short explanations of three groups in WLH. The groups explained are the COPS, the Trust, and the neighborhood association. This is meant to give you an idea of why we have dues and how things work together. If you have any questions please feel free to start a thread on NextDoor.com or contact me at 817-733-2681 or a.mullens@icloud.com.

### Decorating Contest Winners

by Daniel Leal

#### Christmas

1<sup>st</sup> Kit Collins

2<sup>nd</sup> Margie & Tommy Farquhar

3<sup>rd</sup> Pat & Willy Anderson

#### Halloween

1<sup>st</sup> Jennie McDowell & Joshua Sanford

2<sup>nd</sup> Angie and Jose Montano

3<sup>rd</sup> Alma and James Schultz

### Save the Date

#### Winter Meeting

January 12<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm

Nolan Catholic High School  
Auditorium

#### Cowtown Great American Cleanup

March 21<sup>st</sup>

#### Easter Egg Hunt

March 28<sup>th</sup> 10 am

Smith Wilemon Park

#### Spring Meeting

April 13<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm

Nolan Catholic High School  
Auditorium

#### Spring Garage Sale

April 18th

Smith-Wilemon Park

### Cookie Elves by Chris Kasper

Around 35 dozen cookies were baked, packaged and delivered to the Police Station on Nashville and the Fire Station on Woodhaven. Smiles were seen on the Police and Firefighter faces when the goodies were delivered. Both were most appreciative of the cookies, but more for the fact that the neighborhood took the time to think of them and say Thanks!

Your WLH Cookie Elves included Becky Forsythe, Evelyn and Mike Eviston, Margaret Borbolla, Midge Norris, Linda Fulmer, Ialeen Cole, Donna and Bill Hanna, Melanie Gamble, Norma Hofmeister and Peggy Terrell.

Thanks to the Elves for donating their time and talents and for making this event a lot of fun and a success.

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## The Neighborhood Association and Why Pay Dues

The neighborhood association has their own bank account for operating expenses and appoints its own officers. The officers come up with a budget and approach the trust for the money. The trust then votes whether to grant the neighborhood the money. In the last six years, interest rates have been very low and there has not been enough money earned through CDs in the trust to run the neighborhood.

During Johnny Young's presidency he worked with Chesapeake to get donations to supplement the trust interest and run the neighborhood. Johnny Young also worked with the trust to move the money from CDs to mutual funds in order to grow the base amount and attempt to gain more than 1% interest.

During Bill Hanna's presidency the Chesapeake money dried up. Bill Hanna brought back \$20 voluntary dues to help supplement the trust. The past two presidents' actions, along with the trust members, have made sure the neighborhood has the funds it needs to run from year to year.

The trust has done well since moving from being all in CDs. The dues money has been used on the events held throughout the year, maintenance of the entrances, as well as any other expenses that occur.

The neighborhood association can approach the trust for money for any special projects it might want to do. There are no planned projects for 2015. If you have any project ideas please contact me. Aaron Mullens, 817-733-2681 or [a.mullens@icloud.com](mailto:a.mullens@icloud.com).

## COPS (Citizens on Patrol)

The COPS is its own organization. It keeps its money separate. Each COPS patroller receives reimbursement for their mileage from the city at a rate of \$6 an hour. For many years, the COPS patrollers donated their reimbursement money back to the COPS organization. Since gas prices have risen, COPS is now encouraging its members to take payment. It is with these previously donated funds and generous individual donations that the camera system was purchased. The maintenance of the system and any upgrades will be done with neighborhood funds.

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## The White Lake Hills Trust

The trust controls the money that was received from the settlement with the city in the 1980s to keep the nearby dump open a couple more years. In the past the money was invested in CDs and the interest on the money was used to run the neighborhood. The only relationship the trust has to the neighborhood association is that the neighborhood association appoints the board members by a vote. Also the neighborhood president and treasurer are on the board. The board has now moved away from CDs to attempt to increase growth in order to preserve the money for future generations. The trust also votes on projects taken before it by the neighborhood association. This year they funded the sprinkler system project at the front entrance and a few years ago funded the new entrance created by Larry Vosberg and John Cortez.

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## Crime Report by Mike Brooks

White Lake Hills' Citizens-on-Patrol reports the following neighborhood crime during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter:

2014

Oct 2 Thefts f/motor vehicles  
Nov 1 Breaking/Entering (burglary), 1 Theft f/motor vehicle  
Dec 1 Theft f/motor vehicle

For the year of 2014, Home Breaking & Entering/Burglaries declined by 50% versus 2013. That's tremendous news and no doubt a direct result of our COP program, the Next Door website, and residents who now are more aware of crime in the area and on the lookout for suspicious individuals, vehicles and/or situations.

Unfortunately, Vehicle Break-ins/Burglaries increased by the same amount. Many of the vehicle burglary crimes in 2014 occurred because the cars/trucks were simply not secured overnight. Residents are again reminded to keep their vehicles in garages if at all possible. If not, make sure vehicles are locked with no valuables viewable inside. Recently, we've received a few reports of small groups of people walking neighborhood streets, usually at night or early morning, looking in car windows as they stroll by.

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 (4-hour classroom), 2-hour 911/Dispatcher monitoring, FWPD Ride-Along shift), WLH COPS duties will take no more than a few hours of your time each -month. Give me a call at 817-705-7529 to start the ball rolling. Hope to hear from soon.

I wish you all a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Mike Brooks

Captain, WLH Citizens-on-Patrol

## Meeting Minutes, October 13, 2014, by Becky Forsythe

President Aaron Mullens called the meeting to order at 7:06pm, in the Nolan Catholic Auditorium. The minutes from the last meeting were sent in the newsletter, and a motion to accept them was made by Johnnie Young, and seconded by Doug Forsythe.

Tamelia Carroll, E-33 Neighborhood Police Officer, gave the NPO Report. There were no offenses in August, thanks to Code Blue. There were two (2) offenses in September: a) a real theft, and b) a family situation. Officer Carroll mentioned that the next Code Blue class will be on November 15, and will be a six (6) hour class now, instead of an eight (8) hour class. There is still a ten (10) hour ride along required as well. In reference to Halloween, the number of trick-or-treaters is much lower now, and Code Blue does not do special Halloween patrols anymore. Therefore, we should be sure to have trick-or-treaters wear reflective clothing, be careful crossing the streets, and have adult supervision. Officer Carroll also mentioned staying vigilant during power outages, encouraging all to watch out for each other, and if anything seems remiss, call 817-335-4222, the emergency number.

The first guest speaker at the meeting was Ruben Olmus, with the City Manager's Office. His talk was on trash collection and recycling. He spoke of the benefits of recycling, and that we can definitely improve how we get rid of things. ...continued on page 5

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The highlights of his talk: 1) metal/aluminum: rinse out, can leave the labels on; 2) plastics: each recyclable container has a recycling emblem on the bottom, the smaller the number, the better the grade of plastic; rinse out, and never include bottles that had had oil in them; 3) paper: no tubes, no tissues, no toilet paper, no shiny or wrapping papers; cartons, phone books, cardboard, clean paper egg cartons, etc., are okay; 4) glass: they accept all kinds, all colors, even broken; but no window panes or light bulbs. No electronic waste is allowed – you can leave it at the landfill or Good Will, or Best Buy, for free. No foil, no clothes hangers, no hoses, no toys, no chip bags or anything that had food in it, no plastic grocery bags, and no clothing – either donate or throw away in the regular trash can. His last remarks were a reminder that limbs, leaves, etc., need to be in a brown paper large trash bag, not loose in the recycling bins. The second guest speaker at the meeting was Autumn Jacobo, with Code Compliance. Also in attendance was Carl Ellis, her supervisor, to assist with questions and support. The rules regarding “Junk Vehicles Ordinance” were specifically read aloud and discussed in length. An auto on a person’s property is not required to have a tag, but it must be operable and it must have a valid inspection sticker. Current insurance is required. If a Code Compliance green sticker is put on a vehicle, it can be classified for “junk” after twenty (20) days. Wrecked cars may receive hearing notices, and may just be waiting for insurance money to arrive to repair the vehicle. If a vehicle is hauled off, the owner will not get it back. Tarpred cars must be covered in full, with no flat tires, or torn tarps. Code Compliance cannot ask the car’s owner to start a car to prove that it works. Storage in closed structures for vehicles is fine, if the vehicle is out-of-sight (then they are out-of-trouble). Any vehicles on or in the street and have any of the above issues, are a police issue, not Code Compliance.

Other topics under discussion tonight: 1) The Code Ranger Program – the training class is required and it is taught one or two times a month. 2) Illegally running a business out of a home? There must be signs, clients, traffic, etc., that prove they have a business, in order to take anyone to court for that violation. 3) The number of autos on a property was discussed. There is no ordinance that limits the number of vehicles in the driveway or backyard of a residence. 4) Substandard buildings – ones that are leaning, falling down, peeling paint, etc. - there is a division/unit that works specifically with this kind of issue - and there also should be no vagrants staying in the structure. 5) Single family – vs- Multi-Family units were discussed, and there is a code in Fort Worth that states that a maximum of five (5) unrelated people can live in a residence.

The Treasurer’s Report was given by Bob Curtis. Acceptance of the report was moved by Johnnie Young, and seconded by Bill Hanna. The motion carried. The report covered the neighborhood flag orders, the flag costs, and the work done at the neighborhood entrances, as well as the bank account balance and the portion of the balance that was from dues.

Earl Middlebrook has stepped down from his position on the Trust Fund. Larry Vossberg was nominated by the trustees for that opening; the motion was moved by Johnnie Young, and seconded by Bill Hanna. Motion carried. The entrances’ Irrigation and Watering systems work will be done soon. The project was approved by the White Lake Hills board, was presented to the trustees, and they approved the purchase and installation of the sprinkler systems. (Peggy Terrell, at this point, explained how the trust fund was initially started, and that it was set up for the betterment of the neighborhood). The sprinkler systems will be on automatic timers, with no sensor for rain, at a cost of \$4,431.29. They will be at the Lake Havasu garden entrance, and the Blue Lake entrance. Michael Greathouse bid on this project and will install it. The meters are already there, and have already been paid in full. There was a small discussion as to the adding a third sprinkler system (by the apartments), but this was tabled for discussion at a later time.

The Nominating Committee for next year’s 2015 Officers was chosen tonight. Charles Edmondson, Paul Krebs, Bill Hanna, Joe Norris and Earl Middlebrook are on the committee. Acceptance of the committee’s nominees was moved, seconded and approved.

The Audit Committee for 2015 will be made up by nominee volunteers including Doug Forsythe, Bob Curtis and Adam Noggle. Acceptance of the nominees was moved by Becky Forsythe and seconded by Johnnie Young, The motion carried.

Under New Business, Daniel Leal discussed participation in the Halloween and Christmas decorating contests. Voting was explained, with the age minimum of 18 years for casting a vote. Signs will be placed in the winners’ yards. December 1-21 is the time frame for the Christmas contest.

December 6, 2014, is the delivery date for taking Cookies to our local Firefighters; 10 people were requested to make 3 dozen cookies each in order to have enough to deliver. Chris, at 401 Green River Trail, is in charge of the project.

Under miscellaneous business, attendees were reminded they can call “392-EASY” for brush pick up.

The October 13, 2014, meeting was moved and seconded to adjourn at 8:52 pm.

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