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## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

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JANUARY 2009

### January Events

- ❑ **Garbage Pick Up Mon. & Thurs.**
- ❑ **17th 3 pm Mom's Group at the Science Place**
- ❑ **1st New Year's Day**
- ❑ **19th Bulk Trash Pickup**
- ❑ **8th & 22nd Recycle Pickup**
- ❑ **19th Book Club**
- ❑ **13th 7 pm G/CHNA Meeting—Board Elections**
- ❑ **21st 7 pm Mom's Night Out**
- ❑ **14th 7 pm Men's Club @ Lakewood Tavern**
- ❑ **27th 7 pm Welcome Committee**

This afternoon we took down our Christmas lights, usually this I become a little sad as this annual chore marks the end of the holiday season. As I was removing the ice-cycle lights, a neighbor stopped by to ask my wife about our Christmas, inquired about planned activities for the mom's group in 2009, and best of all, asked what she could do to help. A little later a couple who are new to the neighborhood walked by and told me how much fun they had at the holiday party at the Lakewood Tavern. They also told me how much they enjoyed the welcome basket that was delivered to them shortly after they moved in. As I pulled the plastic candy-canes from our lawn I realized that I was not experiencing my usual post holiday malaise, but was excited about the NEW year and all the NEW things going on in our neighborhood.

We will be electing G/CHNA officers during our first quarterly association meeting on Tuesday, January 13th at 7pm at the Lakewood Presbyterian Church, 7020 Gaston Ave. If you are interested in serving on the board, please submit your name to the Nomination Committee Chair, Betsy Porter [welcome@cstreets.org](mailto:welcome@cstreets.org), by Monday, January 5th in order to be included on the 2009 ballot.

Owen Lynch is heading up a NEW group this year, the Men's Club. You don't have to have kids to enjoy a night of poker or drinks at the local hang out. We'll start with the first "meeting" at the Lakewood Tavern on Wednesday, January 14th at 7 pm. If you'd like to get on the distribution list send a note to Owen @ [mensclub@cstreets.org](mailto:mensclub@cstreets.org).

We have a NEW Yard of the Month Chair, Carrie Barron. We are very excited to have her recognize homeowners in the neighborhood who have done an outstanding job with their landscaping and gardening. If you have any nominations, you can email her at [YOM@cstreets.org](mailto:YOM@cstreets.org).

Read about our 2 NEW social chairs on page 2.

To help us bring in the NEW year, J'Ann Peacock Alvarado has invited the neighborhood to stop by for her open house at 6903 La Vista (on the corner of Auburn) on Jan. 1st from 1 – 5 pm. Lucky black eyed peas will be served along with other refreshments. Friends and family are welcome.

Have a happy NEW,  
Stew

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## Involvement Matters: Meet the New Chairs

by Stewart Cockrell



### NEW SOCIAL CO-CHAIRS

Please help us welcome Cynthia Teter and Sarah Foote as our new social co-chairs. We are all very excited to have them lead this committee.

Cynthia is originally from south Texas and has lived in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area for the past 21 years. She and her husband of ten years, John, have lived on the 6800 block of Gaston Ave. for a little over a year. She is a former kindergarten teacher and now stays at home with two children Sam 3 and Gus 8. She is very excited about co-chairing the Social Committee and meeting people in our neighborhood.

Sarah Foote is a long time resident of GCH. Her husband, Don, and her bought their house on Gaston Ave. in 1997 but didn't move in until 1998 due to a huge remodeling project. The house still isn't completely done- that will continue on forever in one way or another! They have a son who attends Lakehill Preparatory School. She and her family are very happy here and plan to stay in the area forever.

If you see them around the neighborhood or working out at the Y, please be sure to say hi. You can email them at [social@cstreets.org](mailto:social@cstreets.org).

## December Neighborhood Events

by Stewart Cockrell



Holiday Party at the Lakewood Tavern



Lighting of the Lakewood Christmas Tree



Christmas Caroling Around the Neighborhood

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# BLOCK TALK!

with Kim Ratcliff

### BUNDLE OF JOY

The Hill family of La Vista - Jeanne, Gabe and big brother Brodie - welcomed new baby girl Maya in September.

### A LONG HAUL

Kudos to neighbors Martha Broecker, Suzanne Stewart and Betty Forsvall for completing the 2008 Dallas White Rock Half Marathon.

### REFERRAL

If you can recommend a foundation repair company, please contact Catherine Lynch at [cwebblynch@mac.com](mailto:cwebblynch@mac.com).

A feature of Block Talk is service referrals. If you need a lawn service, salon, pet sitter, painter or other service, email Kim Ratcliff at [blocktalk@cstreets.org](mailto:blocktalk@cstreets.org).

## Ho Ho Ho.... Merry Christmas *by Santa*



This is a very busy time of year for me with all of the list checking, letter reading, toy making, and preparing the turbo boosters for the sled but I always enjoy making time to meet with all of the boys and girls. I was very excited when Marissa and Jose Fontanez invited me over to meet all of the neighborhood children. Because I had such a good time, Marissa invited me back next year. I hope to see you next year. Ho ho ho.



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### YARD OF THE MONTH

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## 2009 G/CHNA Calendar of Events

## JANUARY

- Trash Pickup Monday & Thursday
- 8th & 22nd Recycle Pickup
- 13th G/CHNA General Meeting—Board Elections
- 14th Men's Group
- 17th Play Date Trip to the Science Place
- 19th Bulk Trash Pickup
- 19th Book Club
- 21st Mom's Night Out

## FEBRUARY

- Trash Pickup Monday & Thursday
- 12th & 26th Recycle Pickup
- 16th Bulk Trash Pickup
- 18th Mom's Night Out
- 21st Gourmet Club
- 28th Play Date TBD

## MARCH

- Trash Pickup Monday & Thursday
- 12th & 26th Recycle Pickup
- 15th Tour a Neighbor's Garden
- 16th Bulk Trash Pickup
- 16th Book Club
- 18th Mom's Night Out
- 29th Picnic in the Park

## APRIL

- Trash Pickup Monday & Thursday
- 9th & 23rd Recycle Pickup
- 11th Movie on the Lawn
- 20th Bulk Trash Pickup
- 22nd Neighborhood Social
- 26th Play Date Trip to the Zoo

## MAY

- Trash Pickup Monday & Thursday
- 9th Movie on the Lawn
- 11th Annual Wine Tasting Event
- 12th G/CHNA General Meeting
- 14th & 28th Recycle Pickup
- 18th Bulk Trash Pickup
- 19th Book Club
- 20th Mom's Night Out
- 23rd Neighborhood Garage Sale

## JUNE

- Trash Pickup Monday & Thursday
- 11th & 25th Recycle Pickup
- 13th Movie on the Lawn
- 14th Tour a Neighbor's Garden
- 17th Mom's Night Out
- 21st Play Date Trip to the Splash Park
- 22nd Bulk Trash Pickup

## JULY

- Trash Pickup Monday & Thursday
- 9th & 23rd Recycle Pickup
- 11th Movie on the Lawn
- 14th G/CHNA General Meeting
- 15th Mom's Night Out
- 20th Bulk Trash Pickup
- 20th Book Club
- 25th Play Date Trip to the Splash Park

## AUGUST

- Trash Pickup Monday & Thursday
- 6th & 20th Recycle Pickup
- 8th Movie on the Lawn
- 17th Bulk Trash Pickup
- 19th Neighborhood Social

## SEPTEMBER

- Trash Pickup Monday & Thursday
- 10th & 24th Recycle Pickup
- 12th Movie on the Lawn
- 13th Tour a Neighbor's Garden
- 16th Mom's Night Out
- 21st Bulk Trash Pickup
- 21st Book Club
- 27th Play Date TBD

## OCTOBER

- Trash Pickup Monday & Thursday
- 8th & 22nd Recycle Pickup
- 13th G/CHNA General Meeting
- 14th Mom's Night Out
- 17th Block Party
- 19th Bulk Trash Pickup
- 25th Garden Club Clipping & Seed Swap
- 25th Play Date Dallas Arboretum's Pumpkin Patch
- 27th Welcome Committee

## NOVEMBER

- Trash Pickup Monday & Thursday
- 12th & 25th Recycle Pickup
- 16th Bulk Trash Pickup
- 16th Book Club

## DECEMBER

- Trash Pickup Monday & Thursday
- 8th Holiday Party
- 10th & 24th Recycle Pickup
- 12th Caroling Around the Neighborhood
- 13th Cookie Swap
- 13th Garden Club Holiday Lights Peeping Party
- 21st Bulk Trash Pickup

**Yard of the Month** by Roxanne McCreery



Dala Rowntree of 6817 Clayton is the winner of the GCHNA Garden Club's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lights Peeping Contest... and January's Yard of the Month!

With its lighted candy cane window, packages on the doorstep, and deer grazing on the lawn, the Tudor cottage enchanted every member of the garden club selection committee. Dala, it turns out, did everything herself with the exception of the lights along the roof. "It all looks different, somehow this year," she told me. "I don't know if it is because I had them use C9s on top, where I usually use C7s, but it looks different." The candy canes and light-bordered window are new this year, too, as are the packages and deer. All of it took several days of work and came together beautifully. The garden club vote was unanimous.

Dala invited me into her home for the interview, as the day we met was frigid. Turns out, hers is the ultimate Christmas house! Imagine the most inviting and cozy Christmas cottage in your most charming child's Christmas storybook. A tall and gleaming tree is dressed in old-fashioned and interesting glass ornaments and adorned with shining gold icicles (who bothers with icicles anymore?). Every nook in the house is elegantly decorated; she has an artist's eye and a passion for the season. Dala said she had an extra electrical box installed



just to cope with the Christmas lights, as every room (including the kitchen) in her house is decorated.

Before I left, Dala introduced me to her two beloved family members. Jasmine and Zeus are chows, both rescue dogs. She saved Jasmine, who is quite old, from the Gun Barrel City area (through StrayDogs.org) about 2 years ago. Deciding Jasmine needed a companion, Dala checked on PetFinder.com to find Zeus, a beautiful and friendly young chow and a Katrina refugee.

I hope you found time to drive the GCH neighborhood during the holiday season. There were so many lovely lights in this most charming place in Dallas. And I hope you had the chance to see Dala Rowntree's home, our January yard of the month!



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**NEIGHBORHOOD CRIMES NOVEMBER 16TH – DECEMBER 15TH**

DATE	TIME	BLOCK	CRIME
11/16/2008	20:00	6900 La Vista	Theft
11/26/2008	8:00	1800 Loving	Burglary
11/25/2008	8:00	7200 Coronado	Disorderly Conduct
12/5/2008	0:00	7000 Coronado	Criminal Mischief
12/5/2008	0:00	7000 Coronado	Theft
12/8/2008	13:30	7200 Coronado	Robbery
12/9/2008	12:50	7300 Coronado	Other Offenses
12/9/2008	19:00	6800 Casa Loma	Theft
12/12/2008	16:00	2100 Tucker	Assault
12/12/2008	2:00	7300 La Vista	Theft



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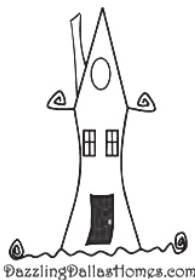
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