

Gastonwood/ Coronod Hills

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

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MARCH 2010

March Events

- Thursday Trash Pickup and Recycling Pick-up
- 10th 7:30pm Men's Club @ Cock & Bull
- 13th Greenville Ave St Patty's Parade
- 14th Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 15th 7pm Book Club Pat Conway
- 15th Bulk Trash Pickup
- 17th St. Patrick's Day
- 18th 7pm Gastonwood Gal's Night Out
- 20th 7:39pm Movie on the Lawn
- 20th Spring Equinox
- 26th Men's Club Poker Game
- 27th Gourmet Club
- 28th Picnic in the Park

It looks as if Punxsutawney Phil was right this year, we have had an extended winter season. Our February's snowstorm was as beautiful as it was destructive. I have lived in Dallas my whole life and can't remember ever seeing snow so well suited for sledding and making snow-people. We measured 8 1/2" in our back yard. I enjoyed walking through and looking at the neighborhood snowmen and women, the snow-cat and dog, the HUGE snowballs, and the many snow-forts. I have to say my favorite was the snow-dog on LaVista. If you didn't get out to see the "yard art", please check out the snow photos on page 3.

The down side to this record setting snow storm was apparent to anyone driving our neighborhood. Several of our blocks were among the 200,000 Dallas residents without power and the tree damage will be noticeable for years to come. In true Gastonwood/Coronado Hills fashion many neighbors rose to the occasion. Everywhere neighbors were helping cut limbs off of fallen trees and dig out sidewalks. Other neighbors offered neighbors with no power a warm place to stay and ride out the power outage.

This is what I learned about our

neighborhood during the snowstorm. Adversity can bring us together and doing little things to help each other makes us better neighbors and builds a stronger community. If you have not had the opportunity to meet your neighbors, take a few minutes this week to introduce yourself to them, say hi to your neighbors who are walking down the street, and check-in from time to time with some of our older residents who may not have the opportunity to get out as much as they used to. These are all great ways to help make our neighborhood a more friendly place to live.

Another easy way help build a stronger community is to join our neighborhood association (see page 6) and attend one of our many neighborhood events. It's a great way to meet new neighbors. We are very lucky to have diverse volunteers heading up a variety of groups. If you'd like to be involved there probably is an activity that appeals to you. If you have an idea for a group or club for the neighborhood, it is easy to start one up. If you need more info just send me an email.

Thanks for all you do,

Stewart

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If you like to meet new people, the Welcome Committee is for you. We are looking for new members who are interested in sharing "the excitement" of living in our neighborhood with new folks who move in.

The time commitment is minimal. The welcome committee members usually welcome their block (if it has not already been assigned). Our goal is to deliver baskets on the 2nd weekend of each month when there are new neighbors to welcome.

We meet around 3-4 times a year. If you are interested in learning more about the Welcome Committee please call or e-mail Betsy Porter at welcome@cstreets.org.



We are looking for a new Garden Club Chair. If you have a green thumb, this is an opportunity to share your passion with neighbors who also love gardening. The garden club is a great way to share information and resources about plants and become involved with Elizabeth Dry and the Promise of Peace Community Garden. If you are interested in finding out more information about Chairing the committee, please contact Stewart Cockrell at president@cstreets.org.

LAKEWOODSTOCK

NEIGHBORHOOD FESTIVAL

Festival is geared to promote local Lakewood merchants, celebrate amazing artists, craftsmen, and performers living in East Dallas. There are many opportunities to volunteer for the event on May 16th, if you would like more information please email Pat at lwsvolunteer@cstreets.org.



Movie on the Lawn

Now that the weather has warmed up, we are ready to start up our spring Movie on the Lawn season. We will be showing Kung Fu Panda on Saturday, March 20th. Film going families should stroll down to 7239 Coronado show time starts at 7:39PM.

This is a cute DreamWorks film that features Jack Black as Po the Panda, a lowly waiter in a noodle restaurant, who is a Kung Fu fanatic but whose shape doesn't exactly lend itself to kung fu fighting and he is not fast as lightning.

Everyone in the neighborhood is welcome to attend. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket, you and your children's favorite beverage, and a snack to share.



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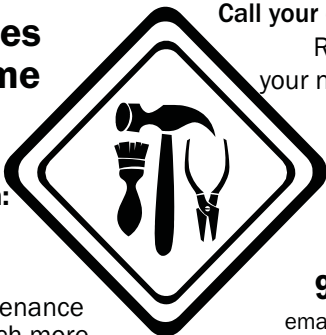
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Picnic in the Park



Eat, drink, play, and be merry! On Sunday, March 28th, at 2:00 pm at White Rock Lake Park (White Rock Rd. & Winsted Dr.) the Mom's Group will host our 3rd annual **Picnic in the Park**.

This is the perfect opportunity for parents and children to meet new friends, play outside, and have lots of fun. There are many fun activities planned from a bounce house, to volley ball, and a ball pit for the younger kids. All you need to do is bring your family, a blanket, lunch, and be ready to meet new people and have a bunch of fun!

We need volunteers to make this event a success! If you would like to become more active in the Mom's Group or volunteer at the upcoming picnic please email Marissa at momsclub@cstreets.org.

Neighborhood "Yard Art"

There was new yard art starting to emerge in our neighborhood early Thursday morning, joined by more Friday, but by Sunday they were going fast.



A view of Coronado



LaVista Snow-dog



Tar Heels Man



Frosty



Snowball War



Snowman Fun!

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BLOCKTALK!

with Kim Ratcliff

Welcome to Block Talk, a place in our newsletter for sharing information about neighborhood happenings, people and events. Just get married or have a baby? Having your art featured in a local gallery? Let the neighborhood know! If you have news to share, please e-mail it to Kim Ratcliff at block-talk@cstreets.org by the 12th of the month for inclusion in the next month's GCHNA newsletter.

KUDOS!

Congratulations Morgan Denton, daughter of Carrie and Tom Barron on being selected one of the "50+ Planners & Places to Watch in 2010" in the January issue of *SportsEvents* magazine!

STORY TIME

The Lakewood Branch of the Dallas Public Library hosts preschool story time every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at 6121 Worth St. For more information, call 214-670-1376.

SPRING AT THE ARBORETUM

Dallas Blooms is the largest floral festival in the South, showcasing over 500,000 spring-blooming bulbs. Dallas Blooms is regularly on MSNBC's top ten things to do in America in the spring. This year the theme is Fiesta de las Flores, and the festival runs from March 6 through April 11. For details and a schedule of events, see http://www.dallasarboretum.org/special_events/blooms.html.

ArtScape, the Dallas Arboretum's fine art show and sale, brings outstanding artists from around the country together for this annual juried art show and sale. On March 20 & 21 over 90 artists will fill the pecan grove with photography, jewelry, painting, sculpture, woodworking and much more!

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LAKEWOODSTOCK

NEIGHBORHOOD FESTIVAL

WE'RE LOOKING FOR LOCAL ARTISTS!

We are inviting East Dallas Artists to participate in the 2nd annual LakewoodStock Festival on May 16, 2010. The Festival is geared to promote local Lakewood merchants as well as celebrate amazing artists, craftsmen, and performers living in East Dallas. Visit lakewoodstock.com to download an artist application. Questions, email Kelly Cockrell at lws@cstreets.org.



HEARTWORM PREVENTION PREVENTS HEARTBREAK! BY JEANNE HILL, DVM

Heartworm disease is a life-threatening condition that occurs when an infected mosquito bites a dog or cat. If a pet is not on heartworm preventative in Texas, the chance of becoming infected is nearly 95% for dogs and up to 30% in cats! The adult worms reside in the heart and pulmonary artery, which supplies blood to the lungs. Initially, the pet shows no symptoms. By the time clinical signs (such as coughing, exercise intolerance, lethargy, and weight loss) are apparent, severe damage has usually already occurred. For this reason, heartworm testing and a monthly preventive are essential to keeping your pets happy and healthy, even if they spend most of their time indoors. Although there is a treatment for heartworm disease in dogs, it is expensive and requires hospitalization. Most preventatives have the added benefit of protecting against other parasites, like fleas, worms, and ear mites. Have trouble remembering to give prevention every month? Check out remindmypet.com, a free service that will send you a text or email every month. If your pet is not on monthly prevention, make sure to discuss it with your veterinarian right away!

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CRIME COMMITTEE UPDATE BY TRISHA BORN

Greetings G/CHNA neighbors! My name is Tricia Born and I have recently taken the position of Chair of the Crime Committee. My husband, Mark and I moved with our two children and two pets to the 7300 block of Casa Loma from Austin, Texas in July of 2009. Three months after moving in, we were the victims of a middle of the night burglary. With the alarm going off, the intruders broke our dining room window and entered our home to steal our flat screen. Since then, I have taken an active role in monitoring and fighting crime in our neighborhood.

At the most recent Board meeting, crime was listed as the number one concern of residents who returned the neighborhood association survey. The committee will need your involvement to help reduce crime. I am hopeful that when we all start taking a more active role, we can make a difference. We welcome your ideas and information. Please contact us at crimewatch@cstreets.org.

With your partnership here is a list of things we hope the Crime Committee can accomplish in the coming year:

- Communicate and share information with other neighborhoods' crime committees.
- Use email blasts to notify association members of break-ins, suspicious persons, and other crime information effecting East Dallas.
- Establish and maintain contact with the Dallas Police Department and our City representatives.
- Help keep our neighborhood free of graffiti and reduce code violations.
- Include crime education tips in the newsletter such as how to participate in a free security audit provided by the Dallas Police Department and announce events such as the Personal Protection for Women and Girls workshop on March 2nd at the Lakewood Country Club from 7—8:30pm.

Date	Offence	Block/Street
1/21	Theft of building materials.	69XX Casa Loma
1/23	Domestic violence.	21XX Tucker
1/26	Theft of property from attic.	69XX Gaston
1/28	Driver hit parked car and left scene.	70XX La Vista
2/1	Theft from vehicle.	72XX Coronado
2/1	Theft from vehicle.	73XX La Vista
2/2	Theft from vehicle.	71XX Gaston
2/5	Burglary stolen appliances and building materials.	70XX La Vista
2/8	Murder of 18 yr old. Shots fired into car at intersection of East Grand after alleged altercation at the OK Sports Bar.	73XX Gaston
2/12	Murder of 41 year-old female. Suspect and victim were patrons of CJ's Billiards.	73XX Gaston
2/13	Fraud.	72XX Gaston
2/13	Murder of 43-year old woman at the Tampico. Suspect (boyfriend) is in custody and a suspected drug dealer.	72XX East Grand

2010 BLOCK CAPTAINS

BERMUDA

1800 Leslie Tucker

CASA LOMA AVENUE

6800 Lane & Tammy Land 214-321-2645

6900 Betty & Murray Forsvall 214-327-3213

7000 Suzanne Stewart 214-320-1811

7100 Roman & Leslie Spradlin 214-324-4470

7200 Paul & Stephanie Turney 214-320-9283

7300 Twila & Calvin Baker

CLAYTON AVENUE

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1800 Jack & Billie Cozby

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7000 Doug Platz 214-327-2193

7100 Wanda Taylor 214 884-7785

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7300 Texas Dave 214-773-9799

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G/CHNA Members Enjoy Free Trees



Nothing is better than seeing your neighborhood association dues and your property tax dollars working for you!! Thanks to Eddie Maestri, Neighborhood Beautification Chair, for leading the neighborhood reforestation beautification project. Ten neighbors on La Vista, Coronado, and Casa Loma took advantage of the City of Dallas' Reforestation Fund ("free tree" program) receiving 31 Crepe Myrtles, Red Buds, Red Oaks, and Desert Willows to be planted in the parkways.

"I am excited that so many of our neighbors took advantage of the program. The trees will really change the look of our blocks and the overall neighborhood. We were one of only a few Neighborhood Associations in the city to take advantage of the "free tree" program this year. I am looking forward to even more participation in years to come," said Eddie.

Look for information in upcoming newsletters about how to participate in the 2010 Dallas Reforestation Fund.



Your membership helps fund neighborhood events, activities, and monthly newsletter. Our goal for 2010 is 225 households. Please notify me of these G/CHNA activities so I can find out more info:

- Block Captain
- Book Club
- Crime Watch
- Garden Club
- Beautification Committee
- Community Garden
- Gastonwood Gal's Night Out
- Gourmet Club
- Membership Committee
- Men's Club
- Newsletter/Website/Blog
- Mom's Group
- Social Committee
- Senior's Club
- Serve on Board/Committee
- Welcome Committee

Name(s): _____
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