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NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

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SEPTEMBER 2009

September Events

- Trash Pickup Monday & Thursday
- 7th Labor Day
- 9th 7:30PM Men's Club @ Cock and Bull
- 10th & 24th Recycle Pickup
- 12th 7:40PM (sunset) Movie on the Lawn
- 13th Dallas Cowboy's Season Opener
- 13th Tour a Neighbor's Garden
- 16th 7PM Gastonwood Gals Night Out @ Urbano Café
- 21st Bulk Trash Pickup
- 21st 7PM Book Club
- 27th 3PM Play Date @ Lindsey Park

Summer is winding down, school is back in session, mild temperatures are just around the corner, and soon we will all be spending more time outside enjoying the cooler weather. Last month Stewart wrote about the things our neighborhood association is doing to make the neighborhood great place to live. This month I want to let you know about upcoming city budget cuts that will affect the neighborhood, update you on neighborhood developments, and the block party.

CITY BUDGET CUTS

The new city budget cuts will have an impact our neighborhood. The most noticeable change will be the switch from our current garbage and recycle collection schedule to once-a-week garbage and recycling pickup. If you are not recycling now, it may be a good time to start. You can order a recycle can by calling 311 or online at <http://www.dallascityhall.com/sanitation/recycling.html>. We expect this change to occur in February. Another significant change will be the reduction of scheduled maintenance for our parks. You can expect a reduction in lawn mowing and trash pickup. I hope the difference will be minimal as Lindsley Park is used to so many of our neighborhood families.

DEVELOPMENT

There is new construction going on at the Lakewood Presbyterian Church at the corner of West Shore and Gaston. The church is in the process of building a new gymnasium. I am happy to see the church grow and glad to see they plan on being around for a long time. The other development that is being discussed is potential single-family housing at the site of the old Trinity Lutheran Church. While the developer is in the very early stages, a discussion has begun between him and several neighbors. Hopefully this development will move forward and we will have a nice addition to our neighborhood. As the process moves forward we will update you at our quarterly association meetings.

BLOCK PARTY

Mark your calendars for October 24th. You don't want to miss our annual block party. It is a fun event for everyone and a great way to meet neighbors. I hope you will come out and enjoy the results of all the hard work many people put in to make this event happen. There is more info on page 6.

Until next time,
Scott

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Neighborhood Nosh *by Kay & Jason Diamond*

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Tue-Fri - 11:30am to 2:00pm

Sat-Sun - 12:00pm to 3:00 pm

DINNER

Tue-Sun - 5:30pm to 9:00pm

Closed on Mondays

A Hare Krishna temple, a gift shop and an Indian vegetarian buffet under one architecturally stunning roof. Kalachandji's is a jewel in our own back yard - just north of I-30 and west of East Grand Avenue. For twenty-seven years they have been serving fresh, delicious food from the Ayurvedic art of cooking for the body, mind and spirit. They have a different buffet menu daily, and it is affordable at \$7.95 for lunch and \$10.95 for dinner. Go back for seconds, they don't mind. Be sure to try the Tamarind Cooler beverage. They do not serve alcohol, nor allow it on the premises, but you won't miss it. The experience will transport you enough! The arched courtyard dining area surrounds a mature live oak tree supporting many hanging plants and is open to the sky. Booths lining the parameter are intimate with one large booth for six people rising above the others with a view below. You'll be comfortable there in summer or winter as there are heaters above the tables for cooler weather.

Their gift shop is packed with interesting cultural items: colorful clothing, home decorations, incense, jewelry, music CDs, books and much more. Top off your dining experience with a few moments of pure beauty and silence by removing your shoes and paying a reverent visit to the temple. It is open to visitors. The artwork alone is captivating, but there is much more to see than art. On Sunday evenings there is a ceremony performed that is open to the public.

Starting in September Kalachandji's will be offering cooking classes where you can learn to make traditional Ayurvedic dishes with Master Chef, Manjuali Devi -- 8 classes for \$150 (\$25 per class) on Thursday evenings 7-9pm in the Community Hall. Check their website for more information.

Got A Sweet Tooth?

Join us for the **SWEETEST** event of the year, the 3rd annual dessert contest at the G/CHNA Block Party on Oct 24th
Judging starts @ 4:00 PM

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- Bring your favorite tasty dessert to share with your neighbors and the judges
- Bring a copy of your recipe
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Neighborhood Restaurant Food Scores

> 90 Very Good, 89—80 Good, 79—70 Requires re-inspection within 30 days. < 69 very very bad!! Requires re-inspection within 10 days or closure. 59 and below; Closure; requires re-inspection before reopening.

JULY 16TH—AUGUST 15TH			
RESTAURANT NAME	IN-SPECTED	SCORE	INSPECTION TYPE
ALI BABA	7/30/2009	94	Routine
BOSTON MARKET	7/21/2009	88	Routine
CAFÉ DONUT	7/23/2009	86	Routine
CANTINA LOREADO	7/22/2009	93	Routine
CICI'S PIZZA	8/06/2009	74	Complaint
GARDEN CAFE	7/30/2009	72	Routine
INGRAMS DONUTS	7/23/2009	94	Routine
JESSE'S LA POPULAR	8/11/2009	94	Routine
LAKEWOOD CC CLUB	7/22/2009	94	Routine
LAKEWOOD LANDING	7/17/2009	87	Routine
MEXICO LINDO	7/20/2009	87	Follow-up

JULY 16TH—AUGUST 15TH			
RESTAURANT NAME	IN-SPECTED	SCORE	INSPECTION TYPE
PACIUGO LAKEWOOD	8/13/2009	88	Routine
PARILLA TACOS	8/02/2009	78	Routine
QUIZNO'S	7/20/2009	90	Routine
ROMANO'S BAKERY	7/21/2009	97	Routine
STARBUCKS COFFEE			
MOCKINGBIRD	7/30/2009	100	Routine
STARBUCKS COFFEE			
LAVISTA	7/30/2009	82	Routine
SUPER SUPPERS	7/30/2009	87	Routine
WOK & SNOW PEA	8/18/2009	91	Routine



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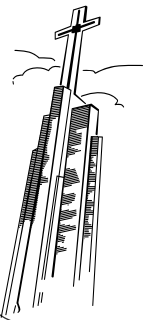



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BLOCK TALK!

with **Kim Ratcliff**

Welcome to Block Talk, a place in our newsletter for sharing information about neighborhood happenings, people and events. Let the neighborhood know! If you have news to share, please e-mail Kim Ratcliff at blocktalk@cstreets.org by the 12th of the month for inclusion in the newsletter.

WALK WAG RUN

The 6th annual Walk Wag and Run, hosted by Lakewood Service League, will be held at Winfrey Point at White Rock Lake on Saturday, October 24. The timed 5K and 10K races will begin at 8 a.m., the dog agility walk will begin at 9 a.m., and there will be a kids' 1k race at 10 a.m. There is something for the whole family with a kids fair, costume contests, entertainment, food and fun. This year's event benefits the YMCA at White Rock and For the Love of the Lake. Pet Adoptions will be provided by the SPCA of Texas and many more agencies! For more information visit walkwagandrung.org.

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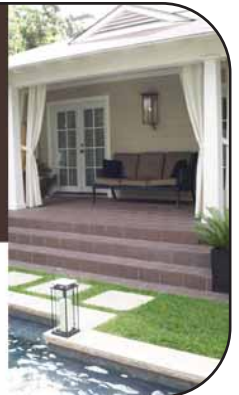
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FREE YOGA

Everyone is welcome to enjoy free yoga classes conducted by local yoga teachers on Labor Day, Monday, September 7. Classes will be held beginning early morning and continue into the evening - convenient for all schedules. There are lots of East Dallas studios offering free classes throughout the day, including those below. For more information, a full list of participating yoga studios, and a schedule go to <http://www.freewebs.com/dallasfreedayofyoga/>

- ❑ Go Yoga 1908 Abrams Parkway - 214.515.9642
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- ❑ Alpha-Omega @ White Rock Lake - 214.226.5247
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BLOCK TALK REFERRALS

If you need a quality lawn service, salon, pet sitter, or other service, e-mail blocktalk@cstreets.org. Include your referral request and the e-mail address.



Movie on the Lawn

Now that the weather has cooled down, we are ready to continue our Movie on the Lawn and the tribute to the Oscars. This month we will be showing Kung Fu Panda on Saturday, September 12th. Film-going families should stroll down to 7239 Coronado (corner of Tucker & Coronado) show time starts at 7:38PM.

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. If you have any questions or would like to be more involved in the Mom's Group, email Kelly at momsclub@cstreets.org.

The Annual Fall G/CHNA Block Party Saturday, October 24th 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

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Yard of the Month *by Carrie Barron*



This month's Gastonwood/Coronado Hills Yard of the Month goes to Kay Goodman and Jason Diamond of 7306 Casa Loma. The couple have lived in the neighborhood for a year and a half. Jason is an independent SAP consultant and works on international projects for large companies. Kay is a certified Life Coach, teaching classes on achieving dreams. She also teaches Kundalini yoga and art classes.

When Kay and Jason bought the house, they decided they wanted to create a yard and garden that was modern, beautiful, and a low-maintenance landscape that they did not have to mow. They hired their friend, Jim Martinez, a garden landscape designer, to create the design. Martinez uses mostly hardy native plants which need low water. Kay and Jason turned him loose with the design and the installation and were overwhelmed with the outcome.

The front yard is very interesting. Martinez created a small courtyard landing minimizing the amount of planted area to maintain. He recycled stones and plants left by the builder by incorporating them into the design plan. The recycled stones create the intermittent parkway landings in the front yard dotted with Lirope, Alyssum and Salvias that attract bees and hummingbirds. He used Mondo Grass and Asian Jasmine for the appearance of a yard and it requires no mowing and little water. He also added five Savannah Holly trees to soften the front angle of the house.

The back yard is also an oasis of beauty with native Texas grasses, Holly Ferns and a variety of ground covers. The couple also requested a place where people could easily get out of their cars without having to step into grass or try to balance on the curb. Martinez used the remainder of the stones in the alley to eliminate any maintenance.



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Crime Watch Update

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If you think like a criminal, our cars that are parked on the streets become a buffet of free GPS, iPods, cash, designer sunglasses, and credit cards. To help deter these crimes we need to employ "Lock, Take, and Hide". This program reminds us to lock our cars, roll up windows when parked, remove the keys from the vehicle, and hide valuables from plain sight or take them with you — all common sense techniques — that hopefully will reduce these break-ins. Always roll up the windows and lock your car, especially when you are running into the house for "just a minute".

If your car is burglarized, report it to the police immediately and report all suspicious persons and activities immediately by calling 911. There has been reports of a Hispanic male breaking-in to backyards and storage sheds.

JULY 16TH-AUGUST 15TH

DATE	CRIME	BLOCK
8/2	Theft from vehicle. Broke window	68XX Coronado
8/2	Theft from unlocked vehicle.	73XX Coronado
8/7	Theft from vehicle. Broke window	69XX Coronado
7/31	Assault	71XX Gaston



Our memberships help fund many of our neighborhood events and activities as well as our monthly newsletter. Our membership goal for 2009 is 209 households. We are 10 members from reaching our goal. If you have not sent in your membership for 2009 it is not too late.

Please notify me of these G/CHNA activities by email so I can put my special talents to use or join the group:

- Serve on Board/Committee
- Column in the Newsletter
- National Night Out
- Welcome Committee
- Membership Committee
- Gourmet Club/Dinner
- Parent's Group
- Garden Club
- Crime Watch
- Block Captain
- Men's Group
- Beautification Committee
- GCH Beautification
- Social Committee
- Website
- Movie Night
- GCH Blog

Name(s): _____

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Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Is this your 1st time to join the association? Yes No

Comments & Suggestions: _____

Membership Dues Enclosed: \$20 Household \$12 Seniors Additional Donation: _____ Please make checks payable to G/CHNA and mail this 2009 membership form to PO Box 140604 Dallas, TX 75214

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