



## **Newsletter, August, 2006**

### **General Meeting**

**Lake Highlands Area Improvement Association  
General Membership Meeting**

**Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>**

**7:00 pm**

**Lake Highlands Freshman Center Auditorium**

**Join us and special guest speakers:**

***Sally Rodriguez, Dallas Parks and Recreation Department*  
“National CCC Celebration at Flag Pole Hill: Its History and Impact on LH”**

***Denton Walker, Trammell Crow*  
“Timbercreek Apartment Update”**

***Gary Taylor, David Weekley Homes*  
“Enclave at Wyrick Estates Update”**

### **From the President**

I hope everyone is having an enjoyable summer despite the heat. The Improvement Association is continuing to be active in promoting Lake Highlands and is address conditions that warrant improvement. Among some of our projects/efforts are the following:

1. Allocation of funds from the upcoming Bond Proposal for land banking along Skillman and for an area north of LBJ. Funds would be used for land acquisition for a potential town center and other public projects.

2. Creation of Task Forces to focus on issues in the following areas: Skillman-Abrams, Skillman-Royal, Whitehurst-Ferris Branch, Forest-Audelia. Mark Williamson has assumed a role as head of the Forrest-Audelia Task Force. If you are interested in joining one of these Task Forces, please contact any member of the Board, or me at (214) 740-3104.

These Task Forces will address issues ranging from beautification to zoning, appearance and crime. Interested persons will meet with business owners and apartment owners and work in concert with nearby neighborhood groups and meet on a regular basis to suggest how conditions may be improved. We will be conducting “coaching” sessions to help participants develop plans and ideas for their areas.

3. We are meeting with Richard Aguilera, a principle of Cash Investments, which has acquired approximately 11 apartment properties in Lake Highlands. We’re focusing on management practices and crime issues and, hopefully, developing a cooperative relationship.

4. We continue to meet with Assistant Chief Jan Easterling with respect to crime/police issues in Lake Highlands and also the redrawing of the Northeast Subdivision’s boundary lines. No final decision has been made with respect to those boundary lines.

5. We are working with developers and interested citizens with respect to beautification and clean-up.

6. We continue to work with City Planners, the Texas Department of Transportation, DART, the Skillman TIF and other government and private organizations to assure the continued thoughtful development in Lake Highlands.

7. Further, we continue to review options for a Public Improvement District (PID) involving homeowner and businesses in Lake Highlands.

I encourage your thoughts, ideas and any willingness on your part to contribute your time and services to our organization. All that is required is a little bit of time and the inclination to continue to “make our area a great place to live.”

**Steve Wakefield, LHAIA President**

### **Crime Watch**

**LHAIA Crime Watch Chair, Larry Jones**  
[larry@tjtaxlaw.com](mailto:larry@tjtaxlaw.com)

The Crime Watch Committee's web page can now be viewed at the LHAIA website. Go to [www.lhaia.org](http://www.lhaia.org) and click on Crime Watch.

**NORTHEAST DIVISION  
DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT  
"Boot Camp 2006"**

WHERE: Bishop Lynch High School

DATE: 16 September 2006

TIME: 8AM - 3PM

Chief Jan Easterling, Deputy Chief of the Northeast Division of the Dallas Police Department along with it's strong core of volunteers have organized and will be offering for the first time ever, a one day massive training event. The event will be far reaching in subject matter and will be open to all residents, Home Owners Associations, existing Crime Watch groups, the apartment community, and anyone interested in community involvement and activity. Many classes will be offered. Upon completion of the courses selected, a certification certificate will be issued.

We have never had full day courses all run on the same day so this will be a first for:

- VIP (Volunteers In Patrol)
- C.H.I.P.S. (Citizens Helping In Parking Solutions)
- VIP for Apartments, Town Homes, and Condos (NEW)
- CPR

If you enroll in any of the above classes, that will be your only selection allowed as these are all day classes. If you do not select one of the four all day classes, you may select up to five from the following list:

- A. Build Your Crime Watch Group - CWEB - Our link to the Dallas Police Department
- B. Build Your VIP Group From Scratch - Crime Reduction Techniques
- C. Street Sign Toppers - Have Your Neighborhood Seen and Recognized
- D. Home Safety and Security - Helpful Services From DFD and DPD
- E. Use 311 -Get Your RSN Answered. Submit Open Records Request - ICP and You (Interactive Community Policing)
- F. Newsletter Writing - Plan A Neighborhood Party
- G. Graffiti and How to Attack It - Understanding Code Enforcement

## H. Hotline Phone Systems - Building Your Website - Find Out Other Neighborhood Links

You will need to complete five of the eight classes for "Boot Camp 2006" Certification or one of the all day classes. You may register in advance which is encouraged due to limited classroom facilities. If you do not wish to receive "Boot Camp 2006" Certification, you may select as few classes as you wish however preference will be given to those all day attendees.

Registration details, specific agenda, and further details will be forthcoming. We are the first Division in the City of Dallas and the Dallas Police Department to offer such a comprehensive one-day program. Our success will depend upon your participation and will set a bar of high standards for the rest of the city to follow. If you have any questions in the meantime, please direct them to:

Doug Woodham, [bdw1023@yahoo.com](mailto:bdw1023@yahoo.com)

or

Sylvia Weaver, [sweaver444@comcast.net](mailto:sweaver444@comcast.net)

### **Membership**

#### **To All Our Neighborhood/Homeowner Associations and Crime Watch Groups**

We have updated our membership form in an effort to know each of you better. Our goal is to better serve the many associations and groups in our Lake Highlands area. If you are one of the leaders of your group, please fill out the form and send it to Ray Hill at the e-mail address on the bottom of the form, or phone his office for the mailing address. If you are not one of the leaders, please take the form to the person who is and ask to complete it.

We have been limited in our ability to communicate important news and events to our community because we are lacking valid up to date information from some of you. Therefore, if you are a member, help us to have good current information. And while you are helping us update our records, this is also a good time to be certain your dues are paid current. A membership form is available at <http://www.lhaia.org/PDFfiles/2006/HOAMemberForm2006.pdf> .

If you are not a member, this is your opportunity to become a part of LHAIA. If you want to know more about all we do and are doing, take a few minutes to visit our website [www.lhaia.org](http://www.lhaia.org) . We welcome your participation.

## **LHAIA Fact or Fiction?**

Please visit <http://www.lhaia.org/Rumors.php> to read the latest information about what is going on in the neighborhood.

## **Economic Development**

### **City of Dallas 2006 Bond Proposal**

In November the residents of Dallas will be asked to vote on the largest bond package proposed in the history of the city. After reviewing the city's proposal at the District 10 Town Hall Meeting, representatives of the LHAIA met with key leaders in the community to ensure the bond proposal included items of the highest priority for Lake Highlands. The task force also included representatives from the Northeast Dallas Chamber of Commerce and DART.

As a result, the city's 2006 Bond Proposal was amended to fund two key projects that will further economic development in Lake Highlands by providing for land acquisition along Skillman at Walnut Hill and north of LBJ. This provides a critical first-step needed to further transit-oriented development and neighborhood revitalization in these two locations. These projects are aligned with and directly support the long-range plans for District 10, Forward Dallas!, Dallas Parks and Recreation, and Dallas Public Library, TXDOT, and DART.

We have received positive acclimation from LHAIA Member Representatives as well as local area businesses for these amendments. For more information on the 2006 Bond Proposal see [www.dallascityhall.com](http://www.dallascityhall.com).

Find out how you can help, contact:

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LHAIA, Economic Development  
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## **New City Recycling Options Coming Soon!**

This fall, the city of Dallas will be offering blue recycle bins, FREE to those who would like to use them instead of the blue plastic recycle bags. To learn more about it go to: <http://www.dallascityhall.com/html/recycling.html>

