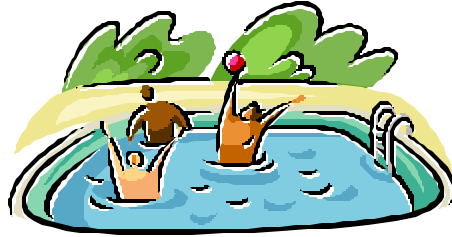


# Holiday Park Holler – Fall 2008

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## Pool Updates:

- The pool is scheduled to close late September or early October. Please be advised that Pool Attendant coverage is now very light due to school schedules.
- Thanks to our great Pool Attendants this summer: Scott, Cassie, Hal, Andrew, Thomas, and Meredith!
- Also, thanks to Bea Aton of Daleport and Donna Buschardt of Mapleview for unlocking the swimming pool everyday!
- Did you know what a GREAT asset our pool/ tennis courts are??? Spring Creek Swim & Tennis Club on Beltline and Coit charges \$350 for a season membership with a \$3 guest fee *per person*!

## Upcoming Events:

- Join the fun for **Sunday Snacks at the Pool, the early evening of Aug 31<sup>st</sup>**. Please save the date. More information to come soon!
- **Fall Park Fix Up Day** will be in October. The date and other information will come soon. We have **new T-shirts** for Park Fix-Up Day volunteers. If you can't make Park Fix-Up Day, you can purchase one for \$5.00.

## Board News

Mark Your Calendars: **HPHA Annual Member Meeting is Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**. We would love to see you there! We'll be discussing the master plan for Holiday Park and the transition to a management company.

## VIP Program Updates:

Thanks to Carol Drake (Kingscrest) and Mary Ann Preston, (Mapleview). HPHA will soon have its own Volunteers In Patrol (VIP) program. VIP programs have been successful in reducing neighborhood crime. We need more VIP volunteers. If you think you might want to help out, please call Carol Drake at 972-233-9526.



## Homeowner Dues:

Please note that homeowner dues are paid in advance, **due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month** for those paying monthly. For those paying quarterly (or annually), dues are due on the first day of the first month of the new quarter, (or year), i.e. January 1 for the first quarter or entire year.

## Direct Debit Your Dues:

Don't forget that you can have your homeowner dues automatically debited from your checking account! It's still available! It's fast, it's easy and it's fun! It is convenient and guarantees you will never get behind on your dues. For more information, check out [www.hpha.org](http://www.hpha.org) and click on "HOA Dues."

## From City of Dallas – Reporting Street Light Outages

With over 84,000 street lights in the City of Dallas, the City needs your help finding and reporting street light malfunctions. The City currently checks the freeways and major thoroughfares for outages on a monthly basis. However, due to limited staff, regular patrolling of residential neighborhoods is not performed. Therefore, it is critical that citizens report outages in their neighborhood.

*Customer Service Line:* 1-888-313-4747

*Web site form:* <http://www.oncorgroup.com/community/streetlights/form.aspx>

If repairs are not made within 10 working days, then notify the City: Dial 311 - Ask for a "Street Light Maintenance Service Request" or input it online at the 311 web site.

## Community Emergency Response Team

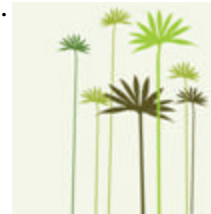
A new program is starting in our community. CERT training promotes a partnering effort between emergency services and the Citizens of Dallas. The goal is for emergency personnel to train members of neighborhoods, community organizations, or workplaces in basic response skills. CERT members are then integrated into the emergency response capability for their area. If you are interested, please contact Cassandra Wallace, 214-670-8969. She will be able to answer your questions and tell you when the next training will be.

## Please Be Aware:

We have recently found new evidence of a coyote in the Park. Please guard your pets and note that coyotes have been seen active during daylight hours as well as nighttime in Dallas.

## Condolences:

Ken Savage of Regal Hill Circle lost brother this July, 2008.



## Thanks for being a good neighbor:

- Thanks to the Moores on Mapleview for monitoring the walkway that runs down the center of Mapleview and changing the light bulbs as needed.
- Thanks Abby Davis of Overmead for boxing in the fence posts on her new fence! The fence looks great and we appreciate your efforts to make HPHA look nice.
- Thanks to Tony Bennett on Covewood for sowing grass seed on the new drainage swales in the park.
- The Solomans of Kingscrest had their trees trimmed, they look great!
- Thanks to Steve & Thelma Cowie on Kingscrest and Kim & Mike Reeves on Terrace Lawn for trimming their vegetation back from the walkway along Arapaho.
- Thanks to Steve Fuller of Mapleview for repairing the fence barricades along Arapaho at no cost to HPHA!
- Thanks to the Emmett's and Valerie Voges of Havenrock for cleaning the walkway that runs down the center of Havenrock.

## Many Thanks:

To the Town North Band for their concert in June!



**Thinking of ways to spruce up your part of the neighborhood? Consider these ideas from the:**

**Architectural Committee:** (1) Power washing the alley has rejuvenated the concrete walk – it looks cleaner and is great for sidewalks as well as driveways. The machine can be rented and requires water.

(2) The City of Dallas will replace/repair sidewalks that are eroded. The homeowner is required to pay half of the repair fee in some instances. Individual homeowners can check directly with the City Streets Department.

**The City of Dallas Housing Department** is accepting loan applications for their Home Repair Program. The funds are earmarked for major roofing, electrical, plumbing, gas, heating and air conditioning repairs and lead based paint removal. Available through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grants. To request a loan package call (214) 670-5397.



**Home Improvements**

Congratulations to Calloway's Yard of the Month Recipients:

June: Jim and Sharon Hutchinson - 15741 Regal Hill

July: Greg and Trish Simpson - 15731 Regal Hill

**Congratulations:**

- Brad and Allison Lisman of Maplevue Circle were married on July 11<sup>th</sup> in Las Vegas, Nevada! Our best wishes for a long and happy marriage!
- Daniel & Trey Ivey of Maplevue Circle are the new proud parents of their daughter, Parker, born on July 20<sup>th</sup>! Welcome to the world, baby girl!



**Holiday Park Graduates:**

From Overmead Circle: Tracy Popken will be receiving her Bachelors of Fine Arts (BFA) in Fashion Design from the University of North Texas in August, and Amanda Popken just received her Masters of City and Regional Planning (MCRP) emphasizing in Environmental Sustainability from the University of Texas in Arlington in May.

**Welcome new neighbors:**

15755 Maplevue - Lori Plum, and her children: Maggie, Kyle, Andrew & Nick

15756 Daleport - Maggie Buckner, and her daughter Annabelle

**House for Sale in Holiday Park**

- 15725 Regal Hill - Carpenter



**Crime Watch:**

There have been some incidents of vandalism in the common parking areas and walkways recently. We've had one instance where it was either an attempted burglary or an ONCOR Electricity employee who jumped a fence. (If your electric meter is in a low spot behind your fence you may wish to cut a small hole in your fence so the meter can be read from outside your fence.) Please be cautious, keep your garage doors down, and cars locked with nothing of value left out. Call 911 if you see any suspicious activity and be sure to notify your Circle Rep. Thanks!

## **Reminders:**

- Please recycle! All but food products and Styrofoam can be recycled if it has recycle triangle on it.
- To conserve water, only water your yard between 10:00AM and 6PM from April 1 to October 31.
- Please be considerate of your neighbors and don't park your car(s) directly across from your neighbor's driveway, ideally cars should be in the common parking areas or in the driveway.
- Vehicles are not to be stored in the common parking areas. A vehicle must be in good working order with current license and inspection stickers and be driven / moved out of the common parking area at least once a week.

## **Property Maintenance:**

Walkway areas are to be clear from 18 inches on either side of the concrete sidewalk, including overhanging vegetation, upwards to a height of 8 feet. For security and ease of maintenance, HPHA is clearing the rear walkways of most vegetation except grass or other ground cover. There are monthly inspections of the park so please be sure to keep your property well maintained. If a house or yard/walkway clearly needs attention, the resident will receive a notice of the deficiency. If the issue is not resolved, Holiday Park's maintenance crew will undertake the work and bill the resident for the expense. Fortunately, the vast majority of homes in our neighborhood are well above the minimum standard, so keep up the good work everyone!

## **Renters/Sublessees:**

If you rent your house out to others, or have non-family roommates or long-term guests staying with you, please let your Circle Rep and/or Matt Bach know. For park security, use of the park is restricted to only HPHA members or their houseguests. Please note that all guests must be accompanied by a HPHA member or they will be asked to leave the Park.

## **Park closes at 11:00 pm:**

Please remember that 11:00 pm is the cut-off in the Park for group activity and lights. This matches Dallas City park policy. No one should use the tennis and basketball courts after 11:00 PM. Holiday Park is subject to the Dallas Curfew Ordinance: "...if children under the age of 17 are out, they must be accompanied by a parent or guardian after 11:00 p.m. (Sunday – Thursday) or midnight (Friday – Saturday). The curfew ends at 6:00 a.m. each day."

## **Calling all volunteers:**

Please find an area where you can help with our Park. Call your Circle Rep or Matt Bach for suggestions!

Some openings include:

- help with ant control
- website update editor
- grounds maintenance
- help with five year plan / master plan

## **Trash Collection and Recycling:**

Please remember that normal trash & recycling pick-up is Tuesday. Roll-carts are to be out no earlier than 6:00 pm the night before, and no later than 8:00 am the day after trash pick-up. Please take toxic/harmful substances to 11234 Plano Road for disposal, 214-553-1765. For more information (including bulk trash pick-up dates) please see [www.dallascityhall.com](http://www.dallascityhall.com). Still don't have a blue rolling cart for recycling? Call to either 3-1-1 or the Sanitation Help Line at 214-670-3432.

Have any questions about HPHA? Please check the website: [www.hpha.org](http://www.hpha.org)

Thank you Thuy Tran, Regal Hill, for maintaining our website!

**The Holler** is intended to serve, inform and support the HPHA community. If you have information, updates, good news, etc, to share, please send it to Paul & Malia Irby at [paulandmalia@yahoo.com](mailto:paulandmalia@yahoo.com). Thanks!

**Happy Fall, Ya'll!**