

Holiday Park Holler – Fall News 2007



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July 4th celebration was festive! Parade, flag raising, potluck and swim games...even a jazz saxophone performance by our own Chris Walker, Pool Attendant.

Fall Park Fix Up Day: Saturday, October 13th: Please join us October 13th from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm to close up the Pool and accomplish minor repairs and cleaning around the Park. We always have a job for everyone! And there are T-shirts and muffins for volunteers.

We had a great year at the Pool. There are many to thank for helping make it that way...

- BIG thanks to Sue Bach, Pool Operations Manager, for saving HPHA a lot of money (not to mention handling all the aspects of keeping the pool safe and up to code).
- Goodbye and many thanks to Scott Howell, our Pool Manager. He has helped us out for several summers and done a great job!
- Thanks to our other Pool attendants this summer as well; Austin Wilmot, Meredith Hanna, Chris Walker and Dustin Frankel. We appreciate you!
- Pool Attendant hours are reduced during the school year. They are *approximately* 4:30 – 8:30. The Pool will be closed for winter after Fix Up day, October 13th.
- Last, but not least, thanks to the many Park volunteers who helped keep things running smoothly this season; Matt Bach, Melissa Santucci, Bea Aton, Karen Armstrong, Brad Buckman, John Kelly, Donna Buschardt, Bresslers, and all those who help with Season Opening and Closing work days.

Board News:

Drainage Improvements: A major initiative of our long-range plan for the Park is to improve rain run-off. The Board is developing a Drainage Improvement Plan to address trouble spots, as well as improve overall Park drainage flow. We are reviewing several bids. When a refined proposal is ready, we will hold a special Homeowners' meeting to review the plans.

New Fence Ordinance: In order to further HPHA Architectural Control Committee's goal to maintain an open, friendly common park area, any fence or wall adjoining the common area should be 52 inches or less in height. You recently received a flyer with detailed information. It is also posted on our website. Remember to get Architectural Control Committee approval for external changes to your property. If you need a copy of ACC specifics, see our website or contact your Circle Rep.

Yard Maintenance Needs Attention: As members of a Homeowners Association, we have agreed to by-laws regarding specific yard maintenance standards. Well-maintained yards improve our property values. By the same token, those that are poorly maintained drag property values down across the neighborhood.

The Board is in the process of establishing basic expectations for homes in HPHA; i.e. lawn mowed and edged regularly, shrubs trimmed, and the front yard clear of trash and other items. Most homeowners do a great job keeping things looking good. The Board is working to determine how we can support compliance of these by-laws by all homeowners. In the near future there will be more information distributed regarding Park-wide efforts to improve the properties that need to be addressed.

HPHA Walkway maintenance: Please note that maintenance of all rear walkways is the responsibility of the homeowners adjoining them. Over the next few months HPHA will be clearing the walkways of all trees and shrubs. If a homeowner wishes to have a tree or shrub remain, the homeowner must prune the vegetation

back away from the sidewalk so that the walkway is clear and can be monitored from the street.



Congratulations to Calloway's Yard of Month Winners:

April: Williams, Regal Hill

June: Narvaez, Havenrock

July: Bobkowski, Terrace Lawn

Sept: Bennett, Covewood

Also thanks to Donna Buschardt (Mapleview) for managing this program for HPHA!

HPHA Dues Increase:

Starting January 1, 2008 HPHA dues increase \$5/mos to \$55/month.

If paid in advance by the 10th of the first month of a quarter or full year, a 10% discount can be taken, i.e. for 3 months: \$148.50; for 12 months: \$594.00

Update on Shelton School rezoning/expansion proposal:

Shelton has withdrawn its rezoning/expansion proposal. It is likely that their proposal will be resubmitted at some point in the future. Thanks to all the HPHA members who supported our position against this proposal.

Mosquito Spraying in our area:

Please note, the city is still spraying for mosquitoes in our area. It is still recommended that residents take precautions against getting bitten and eliminate standing water. For more info:

http://www.dallascityhall.com/ehs/mosquito_control.html

Board Members and who have agreed to serve you and our Park.

Circle Representatives:

Bea Aton - Daleport

Tom Greene - Havenrock

Tony & Bo Bennett - Covewood

Donna Buschardt - Mapleview

Steve Stockton - Terrace Lawn *

Vas Vasanthkumar - Kingscrest *

Nancy Bamberger - Overmead *

Paul & Malia Irby - Regal Hill *

* Arapaho side Circle Reps terms expire at end of 2007, so we will be electing new ones. If you are interested in being a Circle Rep, from any Circle, please contact Matt Bach. Thanks!

Board Officers:

President – Matt Bach

Vice President – Melissa Santucci

Treasurer – Dave Santucci

Secretary – Joan Huntley

Pool Chairperson – Sue Bach

Next HPHA Board meeting:

October 2nd at 7 pm, Matt & Sue Bach's house, 15746 Covewood Circle



Welcome New Neighbors:

15735 Regal Hill: Chad and Kim Worke, and Destiny, Nathan, Jerod
15706 Terrace Lawn; Kim and Mike Reeves, and Mike and Beth
15706 Mapleview: Eric and Courtlynn Moore
15751 Mapleview: Trey and Danielle Ivey
15705 Daleport: Kelly & Robin Jordan, and Mackenzie
15712 Daleport: Gary Grossman. and Nathan

Homes for Sale:

15756 Terrace Lawn - Ismailoff
15706 Daleport - Sadot
15756 Daleport – Fowler
15741 Daleport - Alexander

Security Patrol and Crime Watch:

Patrol Officer Peck continues to help us keep our Park safe and sound several evenings a week. His presence made a significant difference this summer to avoid late night disturbances and trespassing. At the mid-summer meeting the overwhelming sentiment was to continue to fund the security patrol. The Board is working implications for HPHA's budget going forward.

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. Thanks.

North Dallas Crime is on the rise:

Please remember to always lock your doors and vehicles. Crime statistics for North Dallas indicate more break-ins moving towards our area. For more Crime Watch information and statistics please email Carol Drake at drake.carol@sbcglobal.net.

- Over the summer there was an instance of a man attempting to look in a child's bedroom window in HPHA. The Police were alerted. If you see something suspicious, please call 911 and let your Circle rep know. As safe as we would like to think HPHA is, in reality, it's not. Neighbors need to look out for one another. For reference, Sexual Predator alert website: <http://www.familywatchdog.us/>
- **Please advise if you rent:** 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.
- **Soliciting:** Later in the fall, a Park-wide meeting will be scheduled to address house-to-house solicitors in HPHA and installing HPHA signage at our street entrances. FYI: door-to-door solicitors cannot be out before 9:00 AM or later than 30 minutes after sunset. If a solicitor refuses to leave after being asked to, or becomes irate, shut the door and call 911. Do not believe stories such as "I live in your neighborhood..."

Please Volunteer!

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

Help beautify the Flower Garden.

Help keep the ever-present Fire Ants at bay.

Join the committee working on the HPHA Five Year Plan.

Or maybe you see an area where you can make a positive difference. Give us a call!

REMINDERS:

- **Animal Control Ordinances** - Recently there have been several instances of unleashed dogs in the park common area. Dogs must be leashed when in HPHA park common area at all times. Owners must clean up after their dog. And it's also a violation to allow your dog to bark longer than 15 minutes.
- **Trash Collection and Recycling** - Remaining **bulky trash** pick up dates for 2007: Oct 22, Nov 26, Dec 24, 2008 Jan 28 (set trash out no earlier than Thursday proceeding these dates). Please remember that normal trash pick up is Tues & Fri. **Trash rollcarts** 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. **Recycling** pick up, (blue rollcart), is every other Friday. Sep 21st is the next recycling pick up. Please take toxic/harmful substances to 11234 Plano Road for disposal, 214-553-1765



Thanks to GOOD Neighbors...

- Steve Stockton and Romek Bobkowski (Terrace Lawn) for taking care of a neighbor's yard.
- Tony Bennett and Matt Bach (Covewood) and Steve Fuller (Mapleview) for helping a neighbor put up a fence to screen a shed.
- Danielle & Trey Ivey (Mapleview) for surveying all of HPHA's walkways for needed maintenance.
- Valerie Voges (Havenrock) for volunteering to help coordinate the HPHA's effort to improve properties and for attending Board meetings.
- Karen Armstrong (Covewood) for being HPHA's Welcome Person...even with a broken ankle~
- Bobb Carpenter (Regal Hill) for monitoring HPHA's common area lights.
- Moti and Noga Sadot, formerly of Daleport, who made a going away donation to HPHA.
- Bambergers (Overmead) for making a donation towards the purchase for a new flag
- Carol Drake (Kingscrest) our Crime Watch coordinator.
- Tom Greene (Havenrock) for managing Park electrical maintenance.

Congratulations!:

- To Don & Diane Popken (Overmead) on the birth of their grandson to daughter Kristy Popken Peek and her husband Bill. Their baby, William Joseph Peek, Jr., weighed 6lb 10oz.
- Good Luck to all the recent graduates who are starting new educational or vocational ventures!

Get Well Wishes to:

Cathie Sells (Kingscrest) is recovering from surgery.

Lulu Vasanthkumar (Kingscrest) is continuing to battle a long-term illness.

Condolences to:

Bresslers (Covewood) Patty Bressler's mother, Gladys Schultz Sanchez, recently passed away.

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 Melissa Santucci at dmlcsantucci@yahoo.com. Thanks!

Happy Fall to all!!

