

# Lake Park Estates

## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Buckner Blvd. to Peavy Road / Lake Highlands Drive to Garland Road

January 2012

### *A Letter from the President -by Gary McDonnell*

We live in a great neighborhood. Most of us feel safe walking our dogs at night or letting our children ride their bikes and play with their friends in our front yards here – and we should. That being said, we live in a big city and like all big cities daytime property theft (while we're away at work) can be a real problem.

Crime prevention is the number one thing residents mention when asked what LPENA should be working on. By being proactive about crime prevention we can greatly reduce property crime. That's why the LPENA board has focused on developing a working intersection camera system over the past eight months and why we have dedicated funds to this end. LPENA plans to pay for the first two camera systems, getting the next two funded by donations and then paying for every other one thereafter.

We invite your help and input to achieve these goals, which are outlined below.

### **Crime Cameras**

Here's a summary of our 2012 plans to improve surveillance and security in Lake Park Estates.

#### **Neighborhood Security in 2012**

**Objective:** Our long term goal is to use LPENA and donated funds to purchase and install neighborhood 'watch' cameras at various locations for surveillance and additional security.

**Test results:** With current camera hardware & software technology it is feasible to capture clear vehicle and pedestrian images during daylight from distances up to 150 ft.

**Surveillance plan:** Over the coming weeks, we plan to install several cameras at strategic locations, take snap shot images 24 x 7 and store the images on remote FTP servers.

**Funding:** Each camera installation costs about \$1,500 and we're using the existing LPENA dues fund to pay for the initial hardware and installations.

**Help needed:** For our neighbors and friends that want to support our efforts to improve neighborhood security and crime prevention, we're accepting donations and/or sponsorships to help cover these initial camera expenses. Checks can be made payable 'LPENA' or payment can be made online via <http://lakeparkestates.org/join-renew-or-donate>. **Signs:** With cameras installed and working 24 x 7, we will get 'Property protected by video surveillance' signs from the City of Dallas to be mounted at several key locations in our neighborhood. Let me know if you need any additional information on the cameras or our overall plan for improving crime prevention in Lake Park Estates. We're recommending that the first three installations will be at the intersections of 1.) Tranquilla @ Galway, 2.) Athlone @ Galway and 3.) Donegal @ Peavy We're also looking for volunteers that are willing to host camera installations at important locations to be determined at a later date.

### **Volunteers In Patrol**

Volunteers in Patrol is an effective crime deterrent. Neighborhood volunteers agree to complete a training class and to volunteer to patrol the neighborhood, in pairs, in a non-confrontational, yet visible manner.

#### **A VIP Training class has been scheduled:**

**1 Day class** - Saturday, February 11th 10AM - 4PM

Dallas City Hall at 1500 Marilla

(Remember, special security clearance is needed for this class due to it being held in a secure facility. Even if we have your application on file and you're approved to attend, we need you to RSVP your attendance with me or Bert Rippy at [bert.rippy@dpd.ci.dallas.tx.us](mailto:bert.rippy@dpd.ci.dallas.tx.us) mailto:[bert.rippy@dpd.ci.dallas.tx.us](mailto:bert.rippy@dpd.ci.dallas.tx.us) Application deadline for this class is February 8th.

#### **3 Day Class**

Day 1 - Monday, April 23rd 7PM - 9:30PM

Day 2 - Tuesday, April 24th 7PM - 9:30PM

Day 3 - Thursday, April 26th 7PM - 9:00PM

Northeast Police Station at 9915 E. NW Hwy

#### **For more information contact:**

Phil Gordon, #8144, Senior Corporal

Dallas Police Department, Northeast Division

Neighborhood Police Officer

[www.dallaspolice.net](http://www.dallaspolice.net)

# at the bath house

Echo Theatre is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 theatre based at the Bath House Cultural Center and is one of their anchor performing groups, having produced there for over 14 years.

## World Premier: The Early Education of Conrad Eppler

2/9/2012 - 2/25/2012

Echo TheatreDallas, Texas-based Echo Theatre presents a broad spectrum of masterful plays written by women playwrights. The home of the female theatrical voice is proud to present the third and final winner of Echo's Big Shout Out new play contest...*The Early Education of Conrad Eppler* - A divine comedy about a heavenly revolution. By Isabella Russell-Ides / Directed by Pam Myers-Morgan.

ABOUT THE PLAY: Earth is the planet where Paradise died; yet in the world of young Conrad Eppler, it remains the sparkling hope of Heaven. It is a place where angels appear and the imagination of a ten year-old boy commands the attention of The Wheels That Turn The Universe. In Isabella Russell-Ides' wildly original and fantastical script, the action is tripped when three adolescent angels cruising earth skies make an unlicensed appearance to Conrad Eppler. Luce ? cosmic cop and former angel of light - investigates. Audiences can expect heavenly high jinks, rocket-ship romance, whimsical word-play and epic adventure...

Tickets on sale January 20 - PSST-\$20 pre-paid Discount tickets for Friday/Saturday nights online:[WWW.ECHOTHEATRE.ORG...2pm](http://WWW.ECHOTHEATRE.ORG...2pm) Matinees on February 18 & 25...Thursday nights are always Pay What You Can...Student & Senior Tickets: \$10 for Any Show! Group tickets through box office: 10 patrons or more: \$15 for Friday & Saturday nights / \$10 for matinees / Thursdays are PWYC...Don't miss this world-premier theatrical event!

**PSSST!!!! Our own Ellen Locy gets to play a mean nun, amongst other things, in this production!**

# real estate report

Sales for the fourth quarter of 2011				
	Days on Market	List Price	\$/SqFt	Sold Price
	144	259,900	130.77	258,000
	37	295,900	137.20	270,000
	49	305,000	168.04	284,500
<b>Min</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>249,000</b>	<b>130.77</b>	<b>243,000</b>
<b>Max</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>305,000</b>	<b>168.04</b>	<b>284,500</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>277,450</b>	<b>147.07</b>	<b>263,875</b>

All information provided is deemed reliable but is not guaranteed and should be independently verified. The database information herein is provided from the North Texas Real Estate Information Systems, Inc.

Prepared by your Lake Park Estates Neighbor and Neighborhood Specialist, David Collier. If you or someone you know has real estate related questions, please do not hesitate to contact him at **214.536.8517** or **dcollier41@hotmail.com**

Note: One other property did sell, but the sales price was withheld, so it was not included in the list provided above..

# median

## Lake Park Estates

**is in search of a volunteer to coordinate the maintenance of the center median on Garland Road. Please contact Mark Nevitt at 214.616.3070 or [mjnevitt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mjnevitt@sbcglobal.net) for more information.**

Visit the Lake Park Estates neighborhood website at <http://www.lakeparkestates.org>.

## Yard of the Month Winners

Congratulations to these LPENA residents for winning YARD OF THE MONTH! Yards are selected by a committee on the 15th of each month.

October 1043 Waterford  
November 1038 Tranquilla  
December 917 Tipperary

**Thanks to all of you who keep our neighborhood looking great!**

# hike & bike

For information on hiking and biking trails, go to [http://www.dallascounty.org/departments/plandev/trails/tapp\\_trailplan.php](http://www.dallascounty.org/departments/plandev/trails/tapp_trailplan.php) Additionally, one of the least known yet best resources for information regarding hike and bike trails in the City of Dallas might be the Dallas Parks and Recreation's **Happy Trails** program which can now be found on Facebook. Another resource, specifically for mountain biking is [www.dorba.org](http://www.dorba.org)

The Dallas County website touts. "Not surprisingly, studies have shown that trails enhance local property values and can do much to attract residents, tourists, and businesses, to reduce traffic, and to improve air quality."

It just gets better and better, and as if to prove that point, a cafe is about to open at the corner of West Lawther and Northwest Highway which is geared specifically to bike riders.



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## LPENA Recipe Club and Mom's Group

The LPENA Recipe Club meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The LPENA Mom's Group playgroup currently meets about once a month. We would love to have you join us! For more information, please call Alecia Fulenwider at 214-319-9246 or email her at [aleciafulenwider@sbcglobal.net](mailto:aleciafulenwider@sbcglobal.net).

Lake Park Estates Neighborhood Association has several email groups designed to provide and administer email communication groups for LPENA members.

- **Announce:** Email group that is only for official announcements.

*To limit email traffic, only authorized people may send email to this group.*

**ALL residents are encouraged to be a member of the "Announce" list!**

- **Discuss-** Open group for all LPENA neighbors.
- **Recipe-** For members of the Recipe Club.
- **Moms-** For members of the Moms Club.
- **Board-** For elected officers, directors, committee leaders, and other leaders.

If you are a current neighborhood association member, are a part of any of these groups, and would like to be added to an email list, please email Gary McDonnell at [garymcdonnell@vstreet.net](mailto:garymcdonnell@vstreet.net).

# pets

## An Interview with CVM Director, Dr. Bernadette Dunham

By Lauren Saavedra, Summer Intern, Communications Taken from the FDA veterinary newsletter, shared by our veterinarian neighbor, Dr. Jennifer Lavender

Humans and animals share an ever-growing bond of care and concern commonly called the “human-animal bond.” According to Dr. Bernadette Dunham, Director of FDA’s CVM, humans share this unique bond with animals because of “*their unwavering loyalty. Pets don’t judge, they just give and give. They give unconditional love.*” Pets are more than just animals. They are our friends...they are our family. Because our pets are our family, we take them to the veterinarian, bathe them, feed them, play with them, and love them. “*It really is something special when an animal becomes a part of the family. People need to enjoy the time they have with their animals,*” Dunham said. Our pets can sense when we are troubled, and they make it clear to us when they are upset too. Being in tune with another’s emotions is key to truly embracing another living creature. Opening your door and your heart to an animal creates a distinct and undeniable companionship. Because of this irreplaceable companionship, pets teach children about compassion and love, and the process of life and death. Pets also teach children how to care for others, and they show all of us the ease and importance of acceptance. Your age, looks, and wealth don’t matter. Animals are simply thankful for you! Despite your bad hair day or your blue mood, your pet will always be there for you. This feeling of support is so deep and profound that it cannot be easily defined.

In Dunham’s eyes, the human-animal bond is inevitable because the “*interaction we have with our animals impacts us on a daily basis [and] is what makes our bond so strong. We can’t help it.*” She added, “*The bond we share with our pets greatly affects the compassion in society. Animals enrich our lives so much and I hope we never lose sight of how fortunate we are to experience the human-animal bond.*”

“The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated.” –Mahatma Gandhi

## Lake Park Estates Pet Watch

Remember, if you find or lose a pet, call 214.727.3573 or send an email to [lostpets@mac.com](mailto:lostpets@mac.com). Teresa will promptly send an email through [lpena-announce](mailto:lpena-announce) and to the pet watch coordinators of surrounding neighborhoods to help you get that pet back home. Many Thanks to Teresa Cameron for her hard work!

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# hexter elementary



## SILENT AUCTION

Hexter Elementary PTA is proud to continue their commitment to support the school in enriching the children's environment and education. The Silent Auction is a great opportunity to purchase showcase art pieces, valuable gift certificates, jewelry, home décor and one-of-a-kind student pieces at a great value!

Businesses from all over the Metroplex and even other parts of Texas have donated gift and decorative items, spa and health products, clothing, jewelry and even tableware, in addition to thousands of dollars in gift certificates for a wide variety of services, dining and entertainment. The Silent Auction will be held at the Knight of Columbus Hall on Saturday February 11, 2011 at 6:30 PM.

For Silent Auction information contact at [info@hexterpta.org](mailto:info@hexterpta.org)

# White Rock Lake

Note: Due to the recent flooding (see photos to the right), FLOTL might need a little extra help cleaning up the lake. If interested, call for details. The phone number is at the end of the article.



## For the Love of the Lake

In cooperation with The Dallas Park and Recreation Department, For the Love of the Lake cordially invites y Cordially Invites You to Come Help Spiff Up • Shape Up • Snazz Up • Spruce Up White Rock Lake

The second Saturday of every month is **Second Saturday Shoreline Spruce-Up** at White Rock Lake Park. Join the clean-up effort put on by For the Love of the Lake and our Adopt-A-Shoreline groups, never missing a month since April 1996! Newcomers are welcomed and all meet between 8 to 9 a.m. at the FTLOTL office in Casa Linda Plaza, Buckner & Garland Road (facing Buckner). Come on out nice and early on Second Saturdays, have some refreshments, get some exercise, meet a great group of folks (if we do say so ourselves), and help us keep the shores of White Rock Lake clean and sparkling!

Registration 8-9 am • Clean-Up: 2 Hours

1152 N Buckner Blvd, Dallas, TX 75218

NE Corner of Garland Rd. & Buckner Blvd. in Casa Linda Plaza (Facing Buckner & Doctors Hospital) 214-660-1100



The, "Wading on... Spillway is Forbidden," sign might not be so necessary on this particular day...(1/25/2012)



Photos by Sheryl Périer

# fall picnic success!

## Block Captain Organization

Block Capt. Coordin. Lucan Watkins  
(214) 324-2062

### AREA 1

Area Coordinator: *vacant*

Street Assignment  
Donegal (all) Kim Hoyle  
(214) 328-6274

Wicklow (all) Diane Kauth  
(214) 327-5208

Bridget (all) Buck Latimer  
(214) 321-0410

County Cork (all) Darrell Poage  
(214) 327-0768

### AREA 2

Area Coordinator: Aren Cambre  
(214) 660-3665

Street Assignment  
Erin (all) Doris Baumgardner  
(214) 327-2629

Tipperary (1000 Block) Sylvia Randall  
(214) 321-2873

Tipperary (900 Block) Jay Mosher  
(214) 321-4436

Waterford (all) Nancy Daniels  
(214) 327-7749

Tralee (all) Shannon Enriquez  
(214) 328-2526

### AREA 3

Area Coordinator: Gerry Renaud  
(214) 324-2431

Street Assignment  
Buckner (all) Gerry Renaud  
(214) 324-2431

Athlone (all) Jennifer Hoestery  
(214) 660-4176

Limerick (all) Lisa Hafner  
(214) 324-2973

Galway (9500-9723) Cindy Moore  
(214) 660-3904

Galway (9730-9999) Cindy Newell

### AREA 4

Area Coordinator: Andrea Hosterman  
(214) 328-3357

Kilamey (All) Ruth Ann Funderburk  
(214) 324-1411

Tranquilla (1114-1197) Krista de la Harpe  
(214) 660-0773

Tranquilla (1000-1067) Eric Tinsley  
(214) 324-4715

Peavy (odd #900-1123) Kenneth Goines  
(214) 328-2466



Photos by Mark Nevitt

The picnic was a major success. The best part was watching the big smiles on the faces of the kids as the candy from the piñatas rained to the ground. Thanks to Susi Himes for organizing the age groups for the piñata bash. Cristi & Craig Landrum were very well organized with the burger patties made and the fixin's all prepared in advance. Craig also provided a large gas grill which worked great for the burgers. Many people came with cookies & desserts so there was plenty of food for everyone. Thanks to Mark Nevitt, the hay ride was a bit hit with the kids & the grown-ups. The turnout was quite good with about 50 - 60 folks including kids. Having two bounce houses allowed the kids to run back and forth between them and scream with joy. The costume contest had about 20 kids with very creative outfits like Super Girl, Freddie the Freak and Rocket Man. This fall picnic was one of the best in recent times. Bobbing for apples did not come together. (Jo and Ody were not feeling well, and Sheryl Périer, who started that tradition with our picnic, was in France.) Thanks to Tim and Joe Sexton for their grilling and coordinating, to Joe Aguilar and Larry Hernandez for their loan of tables and chairs. Finally, many thanks to Ann Orsinger for coordinating this year's picnic.



### Congratulations to Holiday Lights Contest Winners!

1ST PLACE- 1179 TRANQUILLA  
2ND PLACE-1039 ERIN  
3RD PLACE- 9631 GALWAY



## Quarterly Treasurer's Report, Oct - Dec, 1/6/2012

<b>Balance as of 9/30/2011</b>	<b>\$ 9,510.57</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Membership, Oct – Dec 2011	\$ 88.83
Apex CCTV, camera return refund	\$ 601.34
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 690.17</b>

<b>Expenses</b>	
East Dallas Printing, Oct. newsletter	\$ 146.74
Bounce house, fall picnic	\$ 130.00
Mark Nevitt, hay, fall picnic	\$ 105.00
Apex CCTV, Geovision 3 MP camera, lens	\$ 751.68
Joe Sexton, Vivotek 2 MP camera	\$ 616.00
Susi Himes, Christmas light prizes	\$ 130.00
Joe Sexton, 5 – 50mm lens	\$ 92.96

Total expense, 10/01/2011 – 1/06/2012 **\$ 1,972.38**

**Balance as of 1/6/2012** **\$ 8,228.36**

(Compass = \$7,321.82 + PayPal = \$906.56)