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So Much Can Change So Quickly!

By Helen Harvey

My original article planned for this newsletter was about getting a lease agreement negotiated for our area and surrounding neighborhoods. But timing is everything. By today's deadline for the newsletter, things have changed as you will see in the following news update.

TITAN OPERATING/ BC-MRC LEASING SUSPENDED

Sunday, October 19, 2008

Titan Operating today informed BC-MRC that it plans to re-examine its leasing strategy given the recent turmoil in world economic markets. Therefore, effective immediately, all signing sessions previously scheduled by BC-MRC have been suspended.

Titan has indicated that it will honor all executed lease agreements for which a bank draft has already been issued, including those signed Saturday, October 18 at a scheduled signing session in Euless.

According to Titan, it plans to suspend leasing on a temporary basis pending an executive management meeting and possible discussions with its financial partner(s). Titan has indicated they will communicate the results of their discussions to BC-MRC at the conclusion of its review process.

More details will be furnished via the BC-MRC website (www.bc-mrc.org) and/or by email as they become available.

Glendale Block Party – Huge Success!

By Debbie Hawks



These are the pictures from our Glen Dale Drive block party from Oct. 12th sponsored by Pat Adams, Mary Carnes, Debbie Hawks and Karen Thompson. We had 12 out of 20 households attending the cookout. Everyone appreciated the opportunity to get to know their neighbors.

Welcome New Neighbors

Please join us in welcoming our newest additions to Woodland Hills:

Stephen & Barbara Renick 3302 Cambridge Court

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New Trees in the Park

By Helen Sink

Special thanks to Kimmel Carr for his insight and initiative in caring for our park! Kimmel noticed that many of the old pecan trees that were originally part of the pecan orchard that was our park were dying. After consulting with arborists, Kimmel learned that the trees were at their maximum life expectancy and were just dying of old age. So he took it upon himself to get bids from nursery, get agreement from nearby neighbors to tend to watering and present his ideas to the WHHOA Board. New trees will be added to replace the bare spots in the orchard area which will keep this area looking good for years to come.



NEIGHBOR NEWS

We would like to publish YOUR news too! If you would like to announce births, graduations, weddings, military deployment, military return and such type of news, please send a note to helenharvey@att.net. We'd love to share the stories of the people who make up our community.

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Texans Against Crime - National Night Out By Christie Kimbell



We held our neighborhood night out party at the park on Tuesday, October 14th. Although it had rained earlier in the day, the rain stopped just in time for our gathering, which was held on the parking lot to ensure dry areas. In keeping with the theme of "Oktoberfest", there were six varieties of beer to taste, catered food of sausage and BBO, and a terrific band. Kids were entertained with a mini-train ride and bounce house. Thanks to everyone who braved the weather and joined us for an evening of food, fun and camaraderie!



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Block Captains Needed By Helen Sink

We are still in need of more block captains for Woodland Hills. I have been a block captain for many years and can personally attest to the fact that this is not hard work. It does not take a lot of time. It doesn't require any special skills! And the rewards are many: You get to know your neighbors, you develop new friendships, and you have an excuse to socialize! Some block captains throw a lot of parties, some do not. There are no rules or minimum obligations. Just a request to help keep communications going through our neighborhood and have a little fun. More block captains are needed to attain the status of approved neighborhood watch program which requires a certain ratio of block captains to homeowners. This would only help our neighborhood property values - so please join up! Contact Christie Kimbell or me to get more details.

Specific locations and number of homes to cover are as follows:

Eaton Circle	16
Wilton Woods Court	8
Cumberland Court	6
Carisbrooke Court	10
Cambridge Court	11
Eversham Court	11
Melrose Park Drive & Court	
Eastonbury Court	3
Scarborough Ln E Court	4
Lexington Parkway	
Chrismac Way	17
Woodland Heights Circle	
Oxford Court	6

These are just the areas we know about! There could be others where a previous block captain is listed and no longer here. If you haven't seen anyone acting as your block captain, haven't received a new directory, or just have an interest in participating in this fun activity - please call Christie Kimbell or me to get involved.

Neighbor's Commentary By Nancy Mihalic

I go to the park every day with my dog and notice that so many people are still not cleaning up after their pets. Every morning as I walk out my door I remove the plastic sleeve from the morning paper and take it with me. It is easy to pick up after my pet with this "reversible" bag. I have noticed people also letting their pets go on the sidewalk and their neighbor's yard. I am amazed that anyone in this neighborhood would think this an appropriate way to behave. Many people walk their dogs to exercise themselves and their pets. Bending at the "waist" to pick up the "waste" would accomplish two needs. !!!!

[Editor's note – if you can also chat with the offending parties, find out if they are residents of Woodland Hills! I visited with a man walking his dog in the greenbelt area off Martin and Scarborough and learned that he walks here from Bedford. So there are folks who won't be reading our pleas for pet courtesy. Our common areas are private property – maintained by our dues. It would be very difficult to strictly enforce visitors and I don't think anyone wants to go there. But be aware that someone using our parks may not even be aware of our requests to clean up after pets. Maybe we can politely suggest it directly to those who do not take care of this pet detail.]

Woodland Hills Social Activities

Holiday Party –

The holiday party is scheduled for December 13th. Please contact Christie Kimbell at cell) 214-435-2295 or Email: christiekimbell@ proplanit.com. Ideally, we would like to have 4 host houses. We'll be planning a theme for the holiday party to make it extra special. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. This is one of the highlights of the year for our neighborhood!

Directories -

The Woodland Hills Directories have been updated and are available. Most have been distributed through the Block Captains. If you have not received your directory, please contact Christie Kimbell.



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Colleyville Committee Opportunities

The city is taking applications for the following boards, commissions, and committees:

- · Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
- Celebrate Collevville Committee
- SH26 Advisory Committee
- · Colleyville Trails and Sidewalk Committee
- Colleyville Center Advisory Committee
- Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

Applications will be accepted through Dec. 1, 2008. All applications must be submitted to the city secretary via email at singletonc \hat{a} ci.colleyville.tx.us, by fax to 817.503.1139, or by mail to:

City of Collevville

City Secretary 100 Main Street Colleyville, Texas 76034

For additional information, contact the city secretary's office at 817.503.1130.

Recent Improvements By Helen Sink

Woodland Hills

The ongoing maintenance of our common areas continues to be an area of focus that Darlene Page does for our neighborhood and she loves doing it for us! Please give Darlene your thanks and appreciation for all that she does.

You may have noticed recent low water levels in our ponds in the park. Here is the reason why. First, the upper pond (north side) gets its water from the lower pond because of the design with bridge and waterfall that separate the two ponds. The transfer pump to draw water to the upper pond was broken for about a month, causing the upper pond to get low. Once that was fixed, the upper pond started drawing water to refill from the lower causing it to get low for a short time. The lower pond draws its water from the creek and is in the refilling process. All is working now and should be normalized again very soon. These pumps need plenty of maintenance and upkeep so generally that is the issue when you see water levels falling.

In addition to working on the pumps and ponds issues, Darlene has added a fresh water spigot near the children's play area. It was decided this was needed for some of our social activities and occasional watering needs. The sidewalks were all power washed in anticipation of National Night Out event. New flowers have been planted for fall color at entrances to Woodland Hills and along Martin.





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