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Do You Have News To Share?

We'd love to have family news: births, marriages, graduations, etc. We can also post items for sale, babysitting services, etc.

Homeowners deadline for the September 2010 issue is 5pm on August 18th. Please submit information and photos via e-mail to helenharvey@att.net.

If you would like to be on my email reminder list, please send your e-mail address to the above address. Put the name of your organization or article in the subject line of emails.

Please include the name of the submitting person at end of articles.

Questions? Call Helen Harvey Sink at 214-460-7072. Thanks for your contributions!

Website Directory Important Notice / Action Required

Last chance to opt out! We plan to send a postcard to all homeowners announcing the new online directory and hope to go live with it in September.

Currently on our website you can get a directory of neighbors by logging in to www.woodlandhills-hoa.com. Then click on Resources, then click on Directory and you will see a listing of all current residents. You can search by name or by street. But no phone numbers are listed at this time.

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NEW SOCIAL CHAIRPERSON! By Helen Sink



Please meet Terri Nielsen, who has volunteered to serve as the Social Chairperson for Woodland Hills. Two things to notice about the preceding statement: First, Terri truly did call and volunteer. She did not have to be pressed into service – she wants to do this job. We love her already for that!! Second, Terri is the Chairperson – not the lone ranger. I will put in this plea on Terri's behalf - I hope that many neighbors will volunteer time to help Terri put on our

social events. For example, we had 14 volunteers for our July 4th parade and picnic which was amazing and fun. And no one was overwhelmed! Terri will need your help to put on social activities. And at the very least, please come and attend the social events. It's what makes this neighborhood a place that attracts homebuyers because we have an active community.

Now, a bit about Terri Nielsen. Terri and husband Craig have been married 35 years. They moved to Woodland Hills two years ago from Bedford. They live on Scarborough Lane and Terri had already offered to co-block captain with me for our street and two cul-de-sacs that I've been covering for many years. When she read the last newsletter searching for a Social Chairperson, she offered her time and talents to serve in this position. Asked what her reason for serving was, Terri said that it would be a good way to meet more neighbors and get closer to people here in Woodland Hills.

Terri is the owner of Infinity Land Inc, an independent oil and gas company. Terri and Craig both work as a "landman". Remember when we were all excited about possible mineral rights and windfall money? That's what they do – the research to determine mineral rights for various properties.

Terri would like to hear from you about ideas for social activities. You can find her contact information at the front of the newsletter. Please let her know your ideas and feedback. Some ideas already being considered: Neighbor Night Out in October, Holiday Party, Movie Night in the Park, Gourmet Dinner Club, Wine Tasting, Easter Egg Hunt, and July 4th celebration.

In addition to social activities, Terri will be looking at revitalizing our Block Captain program and evaluating the process for directory publication.

Please help me welcome Terri to her new position on our WHHOA Board. And please let her know that you appreciate her for volunteering!

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Opt out and update can be done by phone, mail or email. Call Shonda Britton at 972-755-1063 or email sbritton@selectmgco.com. Regular mail may be sent to Select Management, 14801 Quorum, Suite 250, Dallas, TX 75254. Remember: Opt out or you're in!

BUSINESS CLASSIFIEDS

JOB OPPORTUNITY! Seeking college age female to work 1-2 nights per week as an assistant for in-home fashion shows. Set up, display clothes, place orders. Must be customer satisfaction oriented. Please contact Helen Harvey at 214-460-7072 or helenharvey@att.net



By Darlene Page



The yard of Larry and Michelle Miller at 4300 Eaton Circle is the July Woodland Hills Yard of the Month winner. As we all know, it's not easy to have a beautiful yard in the hottest part of the summer. Yet the Miller's is stunning. Please check it out- -it is on a hill overlooking Eaton Circle. Congratulations Larry and Michelle!





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TIMELY TIP FOR

August Jardeners From Calloway's Nursery

Color for the heat of Summer! How many of you scoff at the idea and mumble under your breath that it's impossible? Well, we have a Summer color program called "FlameProof for Texas" which will make a believer out of you!

Every year over 3,000 plants are tested at the Dallas Arboretum Trial Gardens. The very best of those are awarded the "FlameProofTM" Plant award. This award is reserved for those plants that can take the Texas heat and thrive in our hot Summers. If you're looking for plants that will flourish in our hot tropical summers, then look no farther. These winners will look great in your garden from May right up until first frost.

Our "FlameProof" Plants program started in June but the selection will continue through the end of August. Each week a new variety is featured and for this month we will be receiving the following plants:

- Lobularia 'Snow Princess'-Blooms fragrant white flowers and grows only 4 to 6 inches tall.
- Torenia 'Catalina Midnight Blue'-Dark blue Snapdragon-like blooms on plants 8 to 16 inches tall.
- Coleus 'Kingswood Torch'-Vivid dark foliage thrives in full to part sun.
- Coleus 'Royal Glissade'-Light moss-green leaves with raspberry touches will tolerate full sun or part shade.
- Salvia 'Mystic Spires'-True blue flowers attract butterflies and hummingbirds.

Don't let the heat of the Summer keep you from enjoying your gardens. Check out our collection of "FlameProof" plants and enjoy garden color through Fall!

Visit www.mytexasgarden.com for more gardening tips, information and to become a member of our Garden Club! And, enjoy our "Cool Summer Gardens" at Calloway's Nursery!

FALL GARAGE SALE

The next Woodland Hills Garage Sale is Saturday, September 18th from 8am to noon. It is always the third Saturday in September and again the third Saturday in April. These are the only two dates authorized for garage sales in our neighborhood so you don't

want to miss it. We will have signs at all entries to our neighborhood as well as ads in local papers and Craig's List. Start cleaning those attics, closets, and garages now!! We'll have a great time and make some spare change from beloved items that need a new home.



Welcome New Homeowners!

PLEASE EXTEND A WARM GREETING TO THE NEWEST WOODLAND HILLS NEIGHBORS:

KENNETH & LAURA DURST 2905 GLENDALE DRIVE

DAVID & JENNIFER FOSTER 2910 GLENDALE DRIVE

MICHAEL & FIORINA BANDALAN 3403 LANGLEY HILL LANE

HABAS-SPIVEY LIVING TRUST 3907 MARTIN PARKWAY

> ROBERT COWEN 4001 MARTIN PARKWAY

DAVID & KATHRY HOFFMAN 4403 MARTIN PARKWAY

DEUTSCHE BANK 3301 PARK VIEW COURT

JASON MILES 4108 PEMBROOKE PARKWAY WEST

WILLIAM & MARIE PETERSON 3407 QUEENSBURY WAY EAST

JOHN & KIMBERLY LACKEY 3206 QUEENSBURY WAY WEST

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Common Areas Report

From Darlene Page



All wrought iron fences were repainted in black as part of normal maintenance to avoid rust. In the park, the light posts were painted black to match the fence and provide a lower maintenance option

than the white color that they were previously. Bridges in the park and in the greenbelt between Martin and Pembrooke were repainted white.

Due to the hotter weather, we are continuing to treat for algae buildup on a regular basis for the ponds in the park. Even with the rains, we see occasional low water in the ponds and have done pump maintenance and filter cleaning to address that problem. Debris from storms collected under the Martin Street bridge has been scheduled with the City of Colleyville for removal.

The entryway at Cambridge Court was updated and seasonal color has been planted in medians.

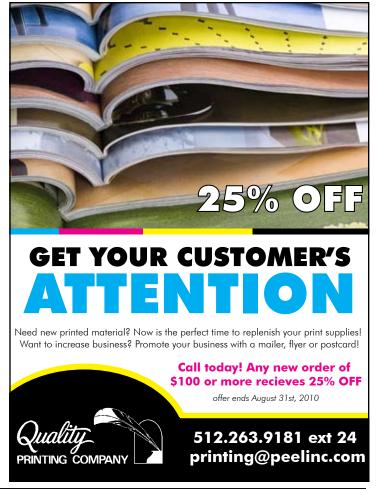
Volunteers Needed

This is a call for volunteers to serve on the Woodland Hills Board of Directors. We anticipate positions coming open next February and seek those who would be willing to put in some time to help with the management and support of the neighborhood operation. As always, this is a volunteer board and is dependent on the participation and representation of our neighborhood. If you are interested, please contact our President, Mark Skinner, as listed in the front of this newsletter.

Apologies and Correction

Please note the correction on the teens seeking jobs listing. Last month, Reece Wright was incorrectly entered as Rebecca Wright. While this editor does a lot of cut and paste for exactly the reason of trying to avoid errors, I confess I missed this error when reading the proof. Reece is a boy not a girl. Sorry for the error, Reece!!





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JULY 4TH PARADE AND PICNIC REPORT

It was a dark and stormy night.... the night before our grand parade. And it was a sleepless night of worry for all of us volunteering to put on the parade and picnic on Saturday, July 3rd. But we got lucky! The skies cleared and we had a reasonably cool day to enjoy the park with almost 200 neighbors.

The parade portion of the event was smaller this year than last. We had 10 entries plus fire trucks and police. My four year old grandson could hardly contain himself with the excitement of the fire truck sounding their loud horn. Winners of the Best Overall Float entry went to the Neisius family of Pembrooke Parkway for their terrific "Oh Say Can You See" float. They had 3 generations of family on their truck bedecked with patriotic fanfare. Winner of the Most Creative Float entry went to Carey Ebert of Oxford Court for "Hotter Than a Firecracker" pickup decorated with huge firecracker replicas and water guns to shoot at unsuspecting parade viewers. An approximate list of our winners:

- Best Car John Gray in his '51 Chevy Pickup
- Most Patriotic Michael Kalman as Uncle Sam
- Best Family Entry Janeece Garlish with "Dog Days of Summer"
- Second Place Car Pete Challinor, Lotus Super 7 Car
- Third Place Car Dean and Debbie Hawks, shiny red Corvette
- · Best Walking Group The Caputi Family
- Two Best Dog Entries Ravi Badrachalam and Rod Balke

The picnic portion of the event was even larger than last year. At the park, the Moberly Team (Laurie and Joel) served over fifty pounds of the most tender brisket you've ever tasted and 200 hot dogs with all the sides. The firemen say they love coming to our picnic for the brisket and Joel is getting requests to smoke more brisket for others! Food and drinks were great – thank you!

For park entertainment, we had a Bounce House for the little ones and a Wet Slide for the bigger kids. Both of these got plenty of action. Parents, don't forget to bring a towel for next year to dry off the kids! They loved that slide. We had two face painters who kept busy with art on faces and arms. The longest line was for the Balloon Clown. Even the paramedics from the Fire Truck stayed around to watch him make rockets, a butterfly, a bat, a squirrel, guns, dogs, and more. These were truly amazing works of art!

We hope to get better turnout for the parade portion next year by changing to route to start in the northern side of the neighborhood. And maybe add a children's decorated bike contest for the parade. We will start announcing the parade earlier in hopes of getting more participants.

Thanks to everyone for coming and making it a great event again. And one more time – thanks to our sponsors: The Moberly Team and Atmos Energy. Thanks to our many parade participants and all the volunteers!



Volunteers



The Moberly Team

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