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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

On behalf of the board of directors for the Woodland Hills Homeowners Association, I want to thank those of you who took time out from the busy schedules to attend the 2011 annual meeting in February. We had a great turnout and everyone enjoyed visiting and getting to know our neighbors a little better!

Before jumping off into the issues for 2011, I want to take this opportunity to extend a personal and heartfelt "THANK YOU!" to outgoing board member Lance Andrews. He worked tirelessly over the past several years as board member and as President of the association to help shape the WHHOA into the smooth running organization that it is today. His leadership has been instrumental. It is this kind of dedication and effort that we should all try to emulate! We will miss him and his fun personality in our meetings. Thank you, Lance.

I think I speak for the entire board when I say we are excited about 2011 and the challenges on the horizon. We are looking forward to working with WHHOA membership to focus on long-term strategies for our park and common areas. The results of the reserve study conducted over the past 3 months have given us clear picture of what to expect as we maintain our infrastructure over the next 30 years! In addition, we are now able to plan short-term capital improvements projects without the fear of draining our reserves.

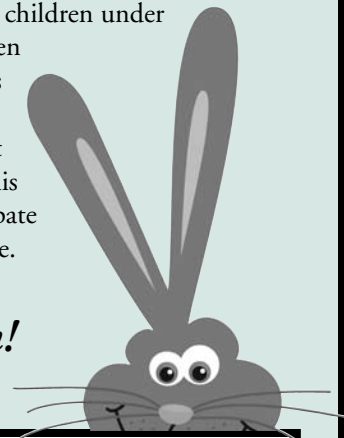
Part of this process will include the prioritization of several suggested projects such as park trails, water transfer between ponds, erosion control, an access ramp for city vehicles for bridge clean-out, playground equipment, a dog park, and neighborhood security. Your input as members of this association will be vital. We want each of you to feel free to email us with your comments regarding these and other improvements that you feel would be beneficial to the entire neighborhood. If you would like to elevate your level of involvement even further, we would welcome your service on the various committees that will be needed to guide these projects.

Call or email to let us know how you would like to serve your community. We have plenty of open seats!

Easter Egg Hunt

Please join The Easter Bunny for photos and egg hunt in Melrose Park on Saturday, April 16th. This is the Saturday before Easter weekend. The Egg Hunt will be from 10am to 12pm. This is a BYOB event – Bring Your Own Basket! Prizes for cutest basket! There will be two organized hunts: one for children under the age of 5. Another for children 5-10. The fee for this event is \$5. Please make checks payable to Terri Nielsen. Contact Terri at 817-475-1389. Please RSVP – this will make it much easier to anticipate the necessary supplies to purchase.

Come Join the Fun!



Share Your News

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

Please submit information and photos via e-mail to helenharvey@att.net. 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 or email me at helenharvey@att.net. Thanks for your contributions!

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SOCIAL EVENTS FOR 2011

The Board is looking forward to numerous neighborhood get-togethers in 2011 including, to name a few:

April 9th – Spring Garage Sale
(this is moved to second Saturday instead of third Saturday) 8am to 12pm

April 16th – Easter Egg Hunt in the park.
10am to 12pm

June 11th – Movie in the Park
on 20' screen, hotdogs, hamburgers, popcorn.

July 4th – Parade and Picnic
brisket and more from the Moberly Team.
Water slide, bounce house, balloon clown, face painting.
Parade at 10am. Picnic at 11am

September 17th – Fall Garage Sale
(third Saturday of the month) 8am to 12pm

October 8th – Movie in the Park
on 20' screen, hotdogs, hamburgers, popcorn

December – Holiday in the Park.
Hot Chocolate, sleigh ride and more!

Block Captains Meetings
twice a year, dates tbd

City Alarm Permits

Just a quick reminder that the City of Colleyville requires registration of all residential and business alarms. Permits are \$25 annually and applications can be accessed from the Police Department webpage: www.colleyville.com and look for "required alarm permit".

Welcome New Homeowners

Please extend a warm and friendly welcome to the following new neighbors:

Jason & Aren Williams
3103 Queensbury Way Court

Welcome to Woodland Hills!

No Soliciting!

If you are tired of having fliers of all types placed on your door, try this great solution! Cynthia and Walt Shepard of Bowden Hill Lane had a sign made that says "No Soliciting, No Advertising". It is about 6" x 3" in size with self-adhesive backing. After placing the sign on their front door area, the Shepards say that circulars have been reduced 85 to 90%. Any sign store or Trophy Store or even mail/packing store can have a sign made up for you at very little cost. I think it is worth a try!

In order to truly eliminate all solicitations, it would have to be agreed upon as a city-wide effort for Colleyville. That's something to keep in mind for the future, but in the meantime we can take steps as individuals to reduce clutter and improve home safety when on vacation.

Do you have a creative solution to a common problem? Do you have a problem you need help with? Please feel free to pass these along for a neighborhood "forum" to help one another. Submit needs and solutions to helenharvey@att.net for publication in the next newsletter.

Texas School Funding – Make Education a Priority

Submitted by Janeece Garlish

I copied this from our school's web site. There is a postcard you can print off and send to let the legislators to let them know we want education to be a priority in Texas. I feel this would affect everyone's property values if GCISD was affected. Please read the attached article and contact our legislators to let them know your thoughts. Here is the article:

"As many of you have heard, the state is facing a \$27 billion dollar shortfall and they have proposed cutting \$10 billion from education programs. This would impact GCISD by requiring additional cuts of approximately \$13 million in addition to the \$4.7 million that is already projected. If you do not want to see cuts to education funding, we encourage you to contact our legislators and urge them to make education a priority in Texas. Your voice, combined with the voices of parents throughout GCISD, will send a strong message that education is a priority in our community! Legislative contacts, additional handouts and information is available on the GCISD website, www.gcisd-k12.org, on the School Finance and GCISD link under Site Shortcuts." *The direct link is <http://www.gcisd-k12.org/project2/site/default.asp?1591Nav=|&NodeID=1180>.*



GARAGE SALE

Spring Garage Sale

*Saturday, April 9th
from 8 am - noon!*

The next Woodland Hills Garage Sale is Saturday, April 9th from 8am to noon. **THIS IS A CHANGE TO OUR SCHEDULE.** For April, it will be the second Saturday of the month but we will go back to our normal schedule with the third Saturday in September. 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 personal treasure items that need a new home.

**Saturday, April 9th
8:00 am - noon**



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- ★ 2 Property Currently Under Contract
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Average Price Per Sq.Ft. - \$122.18
Average Days on Market - 145

- ★ 9 Properties Sold in the Last 6 Months
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Average Price Per Sq.Ft. - \$107.77
Average Days on Market - 47

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Heatstroke in Dogs



best ways to keep a dog cool, but is not always dependable. To provide a cooler environment, freeze water in soda bottles, or place ice and a small amount of water in several resealable food storage bags, and then wrap them in a towel or tube sock. Place them on the floor for the dog to lie on.

Observing for the early signs of overheating or Heat Stress is important. Signs can include:

- Persistent Panting
- Bright Red Tongue
- Thick, sticky saliva

Stopping any activity and offering water at this time usually will allow most healthy dogs to become stable within a few minutes. If they don't return to a normal appearance quickly, they may be suffering from true heatstroke

True Heatstroke occurs when normal body mechanisms cannot keep the body's temperature in a safe range. A dog with moderate heatstroke (body temperature from 104° to 106°F) can recover within an hour if given prompt first aid and veterinary care (normal body temperature is 100-102.5°F). Severe heatstroke (body temperature over 106°F) can be deadly and immediate veterinary assistance is needed. A dog suffering from heatstroke will display several signs.

- Red or pale gums
- Depression
- Weakness
- Dizziness
- Vomiting - sometimes with blood
- Diarrhea

- Shock
- Coma

What you should do: Remove the dog from the hot area immediately. Prior to taking him to your veterinarian, lower his temperature by wetting him thoroughly with cool water (for very small dogs, use lukewarm water), then increase air movement around him with a fan. CAUTION: Using very cold water can actually be counterproductive. Cooling too quickly and especially allowing his body temperature to become too low can cause other life-threatening medical conditions. The rectal temperature should be checked every 5 minutes. Once the body temperature is 103°F, the cooling measures should be stopped and the dog should be dried thoroughly and covered so he does not continue to lose heat. Even if the dog appears to be recovering, take him to your veterinarian as soon as possible. He should still be examined since he may be dehydrated or have other complications.

Allow free access to water or a children's rehydrating solution if the dog can drink on his own. Do not try to force-feed cold water; the dog may inhale it or choke.

What your veterinarian will do: Your veterinarian will lower your dog's body temperature to a safe range (if you have not already) and continually monitor his temperature. Your dog will be given fluids, and possibly oxygen. He will be monitored for shock, respiratory distress, kidney failure, heart abnormalities, and other complications, and treated accordingly. Blood samples may be taken before and during the treatment. The clotting time of the blood will be monitored, since clotting problems are a common complication.

Aftercare: Dogs with heat stress or moderate heatstroke often recover without complicating health problems. Severe heatstroke can cause organ damage that might need ongoing care such as a special diet prescribed by your veterinarian. Dogs who suffer from heatstroke once increase their risk for getting it again and steps must be taken to prevent it on hot, humid days.

Your first question might be why am I writing about heatstroke in the March newsletter. Wouldn't this be more appropriate in July or August? Surprisingly, heatstroke can be very common in the spring and early summer before our pets have been able to acclimate to the warmer temperatures. One of the worst cases of heatstroke I've seen as a veterinarian was during a 70 degree day in February.

Avoiding Heatstroke in Dogs:

The primary source of heat to dogs during episodes of heatstroke in healthy animals does not come from the sun but rather the pets own body. In other words - from over exertion. If we are running with our dog, throwing the ball for them, or even on an extended walk, many pets will continue to go and play as long as we ask them to and never ask for a break. Humans are more equipped to dissipate heat through sweating. Dogs cannot sweat and must rely on panting. Therefore they can become overheated much sooner that we can.

- Keep pets with predisposing conditions like heart disease, obesity, older age, or breathing problems cool and in the shade. Even normal activity for these pets can be harmful.
- Do not leave your pet in a hot parked car even if you're in the shade or will only be gone a short time. The temperature inside a parked car can quickly reach up to 140 degrees.
- Make sure outside dogs have access to shade and water at all times.
- On a hot day, restrict exercise and don't take your dog jogging with you. Too much exercise when the weather is very hot can be dangerous.
- Avoid places without shade and especially concrete or asphalt areas where heat is reflected.
- Wetting down your dog with cool water or allowing him to swim can help maintain a normal body temperature.
- Move your dog to a cool area of the house. Air conditioning is one of the

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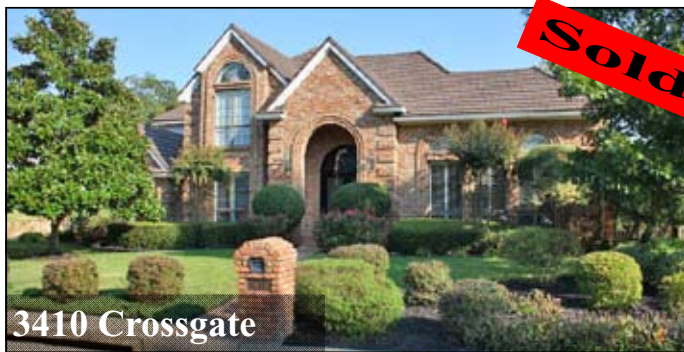
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