

# Woodland Hills



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## President's Letter

By Mark Skinner

As 2011 winds down, I think it's appropriate that I take a few minutes to thank the volunteer board members who have given so much of their time and energy this past year. They have worked tirelessly throughout the year in the ongoing effort to create a sense of friendship, fellowship, and to preserve our quality of life in Woodland Hills. Without a doubt I have been blessed with the privilege of serving with a great group of volunteers who have a keen desire to see that our subdivision remains one of the premier neighborhoods in Colleyville. I want to personally thank each and every one of them for their dedication and service in 2011.

The board is now looking toward 2012 and beginning to focus on the association's goals and objectives for this upcoming year. One of our main functions is to ensure the continuity of leadership for the WHHOA through the active recruitment of committed individuals with a desire to give back to their neighborhood community. New faces, ideas and energy are critical to the ongoing success of the board's efforts to plan and manage the future activities that make Woodland Hills a special place to live.

2012 will present several new opportunities for service in our association. We'll be looking for volunteers to serve on a number of committees that form the backbone of our efforts. If you've been considering a place of service in your community, please let us know. We'd love to have you as part of the Woodland Hills team! The time commitment is minimal and the rewards are phenomenal. Please go to the Woodland Hills website at [www.woodlandhills-hoa.com](http://www.woodlandhills-hoa.com) and take a look at who we are and what we do. Nothing provides personal fulfillment like volunteer service!

Give one of our board members a call or email us and let us know how you would like to help. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

## Annual Meeting

Please put the date in your calendar. Our annual meeting will be the first Monday of February, 2012. That's February 6th. It will be a 7pm at the Colleyville Community Center. Thanks in advance for your support and participation.

## Christmas in the Park

By Terri Nielsen, Social Chairperson

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>  
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Come join in for carriage rides, hot apple cider and lighting of the Park! Santa will be there for photos with the family. Don't miss this fun event!



## Timely Tip for November Gardeners

FROM CALLOWAY'S NURSERY

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The key to growing beautiful annual flowers is soil preparation. Select a well drained flower bed and add plenty of organic matter. Calloway's Flower Bed Mix contains compost plus a boost of fertilizer, water-management crystals

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### Timely Tips for November Gardeners - (Continued from Cover)

and a wetting agent. Adding Calloway's Flower Food to the soil at the time of planting will provide the extra nutrients for growth and blooms. Remember to add 2 to 3 inches of mulch to all beds to reduce moisture loss, prevent weeds from germinating and to insulate the soil from the cold.

These same annuals can be used in patio containers. Fill your containers with fresh potting soil and plant food. Keep them watered as necessary and remove faded flowers to encourage repeat blooming.

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## YARD OF THE MONTH

By Darlene Page

*The final Yard of the Month winners for 2011 are  
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## Spotlight On... David & Debbie Carter

By Helen Sink

Please welcome our new neighbors, Debbie and David Carter at 3403 Crossgate Circle S. You may have noticed their Halloween decorations and cemetery at the corner of Crossgate and Martin, which is what caught my eye. I thought, "This has to be fun family that we should interview for the newsletter". And they are! Read on to learn more....

Debbie and David Carter moved in to Woodland Hills in April of this year. With them are daughters Andrea, Hollie and Kambry. Plus the family dog, Gus, an Australian Shepherd. And a horse named Lucky at their other home, but more on that later.

David has been working for over 20 years in TV news production and now has his own production company, Rusty Spur Productions, where he focuses on doing documentaries. Having a production company means that David is responsible for everything from story development, to film, editing, writing and everything that goes into what we see on television as a final product. David has already won 13 Emmy's out of the 30 nominations for his work in story development, editing, etc. He is currently nominated for his first Emmy with Rusty Spur Productions for his work on the documentary "The Lost Fort". You may have seen this documentary when it was screened not long ago at the Texas Hall of State on the fair grounds. The gala where winners are announced is November 5th, so we don't know as of this writing if he will win again. Let's keep our fingers crossed! David's next documentary is titled "Buffalo Soldiers, An American Legacy" and it is scheduled to air in February 2012. Watch for it and we'll all enjoy something produced by one of our neighbors.

Debbie Carter is the Administrative Assistant for the Vice Principal at Birdville High School. She really loves her work and is lovingly teased by students who refer to her as "Mama Hawk", using the school mascot as her moniker. The great advantage of her job according to Debbie is that this also gave



her an opportunity to keep a close eye on the daughters as they went through school at Birdville too! If the daughters were interested in a guy, Debbie knew something about the boy's background already. An advantage many parents would envy, I'm sure.

Such a romantic story to their beginning too. David was doing on air TV news and did a segment on wedding dresses. Meanwhile, he'd told Debbie to be sure not to miss him on TV that night. At the end of his news story, David asked Debbie to marry him! They've been happily married now for 17 years and you can really see that when you talk with the couple.

The next interesting tidbit about the Carter family is the whole family connection. First, David and Debbie lived in Richland Hills on much more acreage. This is where the family horse Lucky is still living after his retirement as a horse for school children. The Carters lived next door to Debbie's sister there. Later, Debbie's niece moved in on the other side of their home. But wait – there's more! David's grandmother lived in the home on Crossgate Circle where the couple lives now until her passing a few years ago. And David has more family here in Woodland Hills – father Don Guthrie and wife Ruth Ann have lived here about 10 years and brother Monty Guthrie and wife Suzie have lived here about 2 years. With the addition of Debbie and David, they have a real family affair going on here in Woodland Hills. And then they moved Debbie's niece in to their old home in Richland Hills so that they retain three families from Debbie's side together there too.

They love the connection between everyone.

Both Debbie and David share an interest in family history and Texas history. Their home has many interesting artifacts to attest to this. In addition, David is an avid Star Wars fan. He even built his own "Storm Trooper" armor in likeness to the Star Wars characters for one Halloween.

This brings us back to the original point that caught my eye: the Carter family enthusiasm for Halloween. It all started with the kids Halloween parties and The Haunted Mansion at Disney World. Daughters Andrea, Hollie and Kambry enjoy helping with the artwork to make some of the decorations and help set up the holiday decorations. David made the tombstones by hand for the cemetery in the front yard. Some of the tombstones have terrible puns on them – I hope you came close enough to read them. Very funny!

When asked their favorite thing about living in Woodland Hills, David and Debbie were quick to answer how much they enjoy the people, their neighbors, the park and the wildlife here. They've seen owls, fox, armadillos, possum, and had a skunk spray the dog. It was a surprise the the Carters how many different animals are here in our well established subdivision.

*Welcome to the neighborhood  
to all of the Carter family!*



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## Local Girls Raise \$70 for Muscular Dystrophy

*Submitted by Jennifer Foster*

Lindsey Foster of Woodland Hills and her friend Kelly Fitzgerald, a school friend at Colleyville Middle School held a fund-raising effort to benefit The Muscular Dystrophy Association. Both girls are 12 years old. They wanted to do a lemonade stand because it was a beautiful day to be outside. It was also the weekend of the Muscular Dystrophy telethon so the girls decided to donate all the money to MDA. It was a great day outside and nice to see neighbors out enjoying the day. A few even came back after their walks to support the girls. They sold about 4 dozen cookies and a lot of lemonade. Lindsey and Kelly raised \$70 for MDA and were able to donate to both the Ft. Worth and Dallas MDA offices. Lindsey and Kelly would like to thank all the neighbors who supported their cause. Congratulations to our young philanthropists!



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