

Midway Meadows

Spring 2011

CITY CODE VIOLATIONS

can be costly

WRONG DIRECTION PARKING

On March 9th, several citations for parking in the wrong direction were noticed on many cars. This is not the first time this has occurred in our neighborhood. The City of Dallas requires that the right side of your car be parked next to the curb facing in the direction of the flow of traffic. The violation #28-88 "B1" is \$45.00 if paid within 15 days and \$85.00 if paid after 15 days.

BULK TRASH PICKUP

With everyone doing spring cleanup, we know you may have tree branches, grass clippings, fence sections, and other large items. Please be advised that the City of Dallas allows bulk trash to be placed on the curb on the Thursday preceding the collection week. Our bulk trash pickup schedule is:

Week of June 6 – place on curb starting June 2

Week of July 4 – place on curb starting June 30

Week of August 1 – place on curb starting July 28

The Fine can be between \$50.00 and \$2,000.00

FIRST TIME MEMBERS

WELCOME and THANK YOU

We have had a few homeowners pay their Annual Dues for the first time this year. Welcome and thank you to:

Bill Roberts – 3936 Granbury Drive

Darryl Silvera, owner of 3629 Rodale Way
(occupied by Jimmy & Robbie Thomasson)

Carlos & Manel Diamante, 3745 Rodale Way

Jim & Emily Miller, 3620 Sam Rayburn Trail

Arvind & Hema Amin, 3608 Sam Rayburn Trail

Mark Peer & Nicole George, 18406 Summerfield Drive

Cammy Tarrant & Stacy Mason, 3936 Walden Way

LANDSCAPING IMPROVEMENTS

Midway Road Entrance

We hope you have noticed the great landscaping and lighting improvements that have been done at the Midway Road entrance. Our special thanks to Nita Hunter and her husband Stan for doing the work for us. The Hunters have the beautifully landscaped home at 3931 Granbury Drive. We are pleased to have such a talented landscaper in our neighborhood. Also, special thanks to Rene Cabeza for coordinating this major project. We plan to continue making landscaping improvements to our neighborhood each year based on our dues income.

ANNUAL DUES COLLECTION

As of April 30, 110 of the 223 homes in Midway Meadows have paid their 2011 annual dues. This is slightly behind last year however, with the efforts of our Street Representatives, we hope to increase this number on every street. Thank you to those who have already paid their \$100.00. Here are the street totals so far:

Belton Drive	38 homes	16 paid	42%
Granbury Drive	34 homes	25 paid	74%
Rodale Way	41 homes	16 paid	39%
Sam Rayburn Trail	28 homes	8 paid	29%
Summerfield Drive	10 homes	7 paid	70%
Walden Way	39 homes	22 paid	56%
White River Drive	33 homes	16 paid	49%
TOTALS	223 HOMES	110 PAID	49%

We ask that those who have not paid their dues yet to send their check payable to MMVHOA and the completed Yellow Questionnaire to:

Kim Cabeza

3935 Walden Way

Dallas, Texas 75287-4816



DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON
SATURDAY, MAY 14 – 7:00 am – 7:00 pm
Frankford Town Homes – 18110 Marsh Lane

WELCOME RESIDENTS OF SAM RAYBURN TRAIL

We have been informed that all homes on Sam Rayburn Trail have been de-annexed from the Villas of Midway Homeowners Association and are no longer a part of that community. They are now part of our association. Instead of paying \$1,000.00+ annual dues, your dues to the Midway Meadows Volunteer Homeowners Association are only \$100.00 per year. We certainly hope that all homeowners on Sam Rayburn Trail will pay their 2011 dues and become involved in our association activities.

Timely Tips from Calloway's Nursery

MAY

Color in May comes from more than a bouquet of blossoms for Mom on Mother's Day! Plan ahead and give Mom a living bouquet that changes with the seasons. Blooming shrubs can provide a "pop" of color as well as being a staple item in your landscape. Ever since the **Encore® Azalea** arrived on the scene, gardens have been graced with the beautiful blooms of Azaleas from Spring through Fall. This collection tolerates more sun and is more cold tolerant than the average Azalea. Another winner to the plant scene is the **Knock Out® Rose** and all its siblings. From single to double blooms, this family provides continuous flowers until the first freeze. Low maintenance and attractive foliage, this winner will be here to stay! **Hydrangeas** offer another look with their large clusters of tiny flowers. There are many new varieties that will rebloom on old or new wood thus extending the season of flowers. Glossy green foliage makes a lovely background for the Winter blooming **Camellia**. The showy, sometimes fragrant, flowers add a colorful touch to somewhat drab surroundings. With this line-up of winners there is no reason to have a boring landscape. We will be hosting a free clinic in every store on Saturday, May 14th at 10:15 am titled "Those Blooming Shrubs!"

JUNE

Some plants like it hot so welcome the Summer days with heat-loving color! We have partnered with the Dallas Arboretum in sponsoring trial gardens where over 3,000 plant varieties are tested each year. These plants must be able to survive our hot Summer days plus they must look good doing so! The plants which excel in these conditions are honored with the coveted "FlameProof™" award. This collection of "hot color" is represented with colorful blooms as well as brilliant foliage. Watch for the introduction of a new "FlameProof" variety each week this Summer! Keep those colors vivid by fertilizing regularly. Water soluble fertilizers can be mixed and applied with each watering. Controlled-released fertilizers can be worked into the soil and are activated by heat. Remember to check daily and water in the mornings when possible. Always top off any exposed soil with 2 to 3 inches of mulch! We will be hosting free clinics every Saturday in June. Our clinic on June 25th at 10:15 am is titled "FlameProof™ Plants for Summer!"



REMEMBER – When it rains, turn off your sprinkler system even if you have an automatic shutoff

Watering in Texas Summers

If you have lived through a Summer in Texas, then you know how valuable water is to our landscapes. It is our responsibility to conserve water yet keep our gardens thriving through the heat. If you own a sprinkler system, each zone should be programmed differently depending on the needs of that area and you should always operate it manually. Established lawns should be watered once every five to seven days, applying about one inch of water each time. This soaking encourages deeper rooting which leads to stronger, healthier plants. Landscape irrigation can account for more than 50% of all water used in Texas during the Summer. Unfortunately, half of that water is lost to run-off or over-watering. So, avoid this loss by monitoring how long you water each area and that all your equipment is functioning correctly. Shrubs and flowerbeds may require more watering depending on the age of the plant material. A good test is to dig down 4 to 6 inches and feel the soil. If the soil is dry, a good deep watering is in order. Plants in full sun will require more moisture as well as those growing in containers. Please remember, any newly planted tree or shrub requires hand watering for that first year. The best time of day to water is early morning before the temperatures begin to rise. Also, early mornings tend to be a time of lower winds and thus reduced evaporation. Mulching is an excellent way to retain moisture. It will also insulate the soil surface from the direct rays of the sun and prevent weeds from germinating. Apply a two to three inch layer of mulch to all beds, plantings and containers.

Calloway's Nursery provides our Yard of the Month Winner with a \$25.00 Gift Card and a sign in their yard.

Visit www.calloways.com for more gardening tips, information and to become a member of our Garden Club!

Thank you to Calloway's Nursery for these timely tips and for support of our association.

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD WEBSITE

The Midway Meadows Volunteer Homeowners Association website is: www.midwaymeadows.org

Go to the Bulletin Board tab to post Neighborhood Classified Notices, Crime Incidents, Recommended Vendors, and Community Announcements. The Crime Watch Tab has timely tips, the Yard of the Month Tab shows the current winner along with previous winners, the Members Tab can be accessed by all homeowners who have paid their dues and received a password from our Webmaster, and the Community Links Tab gives you access to City, Utility Companies, and other websites.



CONGRATULATIONS YARD OF THE MONTH WINNERS

APRIL

Congratulations to Nancy Tredway at 3740 Rodale Way! She recently won the Yard of the Month for April 2011. Nancy's lawn is very well manicured, freshly trimmed, nice and neat with a splash of color in the flower beds. Her home and yard represent a very welcoming neighbor and home owner in the Midway Meadows Voluntary Homeowners Association. Congratulations Nancy!!

MAY

18308 Summerfield Drive is our MMVHOA Yard of the Month for May! **Robert Barker** has been a resident and MMVHOA member for over 10 years. He displays a wonderful sense of pride in his property! With the April showers, the May flowers, including begonias and geraniums, are beginning to bloom. He also has a beautiful elm tree providing a wonderful warm afternoon shadow to the yard and flowers beds. Please join us in congratulating Robert for winning the May YOM!"



NORTH DALLAS NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE

Our association is a member of the NDNA and we have participated in the regular meetings that they conduct to keep all homeowners associations in North Dallas informed about ongoing activities.

Thank you to Kim and Rene Cabeza for attending the February meeting which focused on the major construction to the LBJ Freeway. Our Association President Mike Fernandes will be attending the next meeting on May 10th.

Congratulations to our White River Drive Representative Jarrett Dunaway on his marriage to Ashley on April 16th!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15TH – ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY**

TIME OF DAY WATERING RESTRICTIONS HAVE BEGUN

- Don't water your yard between 10 am and 6 pm from April 1 to October 31. Hand watering or the use of soaker hoses are permitted at any time.
 - Don't water during any form of precipitation.
 - Don't allow your sprinkler system to water driveways, sidewalks or streets.
 - Don't waste water by allowing runoff onto a street or other drainage area when you're watering.
 - Repair any broken, missing or misdirected sprinkler heads.
- Violations can result in fines of \$250 to \$2,000 per incident. First offenses will be issued a warning.**

GOOD IDEAS FROM OUR RESIDENTS

- Bungee cord your garbage containers to your fence when we have strong winds
- Don't park in front of your mailbox as the mailman is not obligated to deliver if it is blocked
- Don't park in front of your bulk trash or they will not pick it up
- The Timberglen Recreation Center has numerous activities for Youth 5 & Under to Seniors 60+. The fees are very low. They have a full sized gym, fitness center, two activities rooms, and a kitchen which can be rented for birthday parties, family reunions, etc. at very reasonable prices.
- Beware of Solicitors: It's your home and you do not have to open the door. Never open the door to anyone you don't know. If at any time you feel threatened, call 911. If you don't have a peep hole in your door, you might consider installing one soon.
- Mailbox Security: Don't put mail in your mailbox until the morning of the day you want it picked up. Do not leave mail overnight in your mailbox. If you observed a stranger around your mailbox, call 911.
- If you have not already done so, you may want to sign up for the Texas No-Call List to cut down on unsolicited phone calls. Call 1-888-382-1222 or go to www.texasnocall.com.
- Thanks to Bill Waller from residents on Granbury Drive for keeping them up to date on the status of some of the homes on their street.
- There is a Pooper Scooper Law, Leash Law, and all dogs and cats must be registered with the City of Dallas.
- City of Dallas-Call 311 not 911 for non-emergencies.



Your Street Representatives –

Contact them with any suggestions or ideas you have

- Belton Drive** Laura Kimberly – 3836 Belton Drive – 972/307-8364 – lrkimberly@gmail.com
Granbury Drive Debbie Coler – 3803 Granbury Drive – 972/862-1011 – debra.coler@verizon.net
Phyllis Hunt – 3820 Granbury Drive – 972/306-0745 – phyllishunt@gte.net
Bill Waller – 3928 Granbury Drive – billwaller42@verizon.net
Rodale Way Sandra Harwell – 3712 Rodale Way – 972/306-7700 – sharwell@att.com
Sam Rayburn Trail Nerissa & Ray Velasco – 3604 Sam Rayburn – 972/862-6161 – neriv@verizon.net
Summerfield Drive Nick and Kathy Carrington – 18410 Summerfield Drive – 972/662-1465 – kacarrington@verizon.net
Walden Way Chris & Cherene Wynn – 3928 Walden Way – 972/307-1615 – chriswynn@verizon.net; loves2wok@verizon.net
White River Drive Jarrett Dunaway – 3741 White River Drive – 214/280-3196 – jdway01@yahoo.com

Dallas Police Department

North Central Operations Division

This is the division that is assigned to cover our neighborhood. Deputy Chief Jesse Reyes is the North Central Division Commander. Their station is located at 6969 McCallum Boulevard on the northeast corner of Hillcrest Road and McCallum Boulevard. Feel free to call 214-670-7253 or visit the station at any time.

The division website is - <http://northcentral.dallaspolice.net>



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