

White Rock Valley Neighborhood Association

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It's Vacation Time



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President's Message

This summer there has been a lot of activity that we have been keeping track of. I thought I would use this quarter's newsletter to keep you up to date on a few items that we are hearing about.

◆LH Plaza Redevelopment

The bank that foreclosed on the shopping center put the property out for bid in June which generated a lot of interest from buyers. The buyers that we are aware of include a church, a group that wants to develop a medical complex and two different developers who are interested in redeveloping the property into a mixed use of residential homes on standard size lots and smaller retail. The two mixed use developers have reached

out to me, other HOA presidents and community leaders to discuss their plans. At this point we have not heard from the church or the medical office developer. I have heard from many people in the neighborhood about their hopes for this property and the same message I heard from the vast majority was that we want a mixed use development. This is the same message that the Presidents of the other three HOAs that connect with this intersection heard from their homeowners. Myself and three other HOA presidents have written a letter to send to interested developers letting them know the neighborhoods vision and that our hope is they will ob-

serve the LHAIA Land Use Committee's recommendation for this important piece of property to be redeveloped mixed use.

◆Lawther Road Construction

By the time you read this article Lawther Road will have been closed to through traffic. As part of the bridge construction, Lawther must be raised to grade level of the new Northwest Highway. A right turn can still be made from W. Lawther to west bound Northwest highway for some period of time. Remember, White Rock Trail through the Flag Pole park has a No Left Turn at Doran Circle which prohibits its an entrance to

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Greetings from WRVNA VIP! As you may have noticed, we've been out in force these past few months making sure our neighborhood is safe and secure. Many thanks to the participating members of WRVNA VIP! They're the best –

I hope you all enjoyed the Lake Highlands 4th of July Parade this year. It's always fun to get together with neighbors and family. A couple members of WRVNA VIP were present handing out candy and dog biscuits. Thanks to Julie

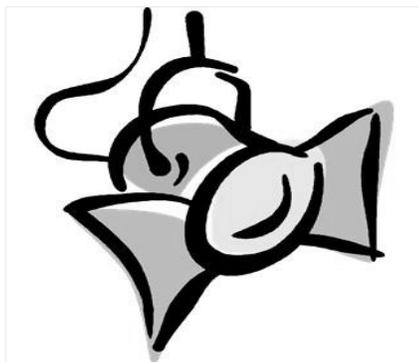
WRVNA is Looking for a Few Good Neighbors for VIP

Noble for donating the candy! Kids, both old and young enjoyed the day.

For those of you interested in joining VIP, we have training sessions regularly scheduled through the year. Most training sessions are conducted downtown. However, several people have worked very hard to offer the opportunity to complete the training in Lake Highlands at the Gaston Oaks Church at the corner of Royal and Greenville on August 1. All applications were required to be completed and submitted by July 17.

We anticipate a good response from residents taking advantage of the convenience of a local training location, but we will continue to need neighbors willing to accept the responsibility of keeping White Rock Valley the safe home we all desire.

Please contact Jane Clarke, clarkejane@aol.com, Bruce Bowles, bwbowles@sbcglobal.net or Ron Carpenter, ron.carpenter@dpd.ci.dallas.tx.us if you are interested in becoming a VIP member. Have a great summer! Jane Clarke



Spotlight on New Business in LH

My Office

My Office, located 9661 Audelia Rd at Walnut Hill, is under new ownership. Roger and Karen Hohnstein, long time LH residents recently purchased MY Office from David Faris and Tony Doles. My Of-

fice is located in the Lake Highlands Plaza on the south west corner of Audelia and Walnut Hill. If the address sounds familiar, that's because that is the location of the WRVNA Post Office Box.

The core business of My Office has been shipping, copying and notary services, as well as mail box rentals and other postal services. They have expanded into office and school supplies, and also plan on carrying the required reading books for the local schools. Other services include a drop off for Pearl Dry Cleaners, document shredding, and knife and scissor sharpening by Mobile Sharpening.

Karen and Roger moved to LH soon after they married in 1993. Karen's roots are even deeper as she is a former Highlandette and Lake Highlands graduate. The Hohnstein's have two daughters, one at the freshman center and a 5th grader at LHE.

Drop by and let My Office be your office. Phone 214.221.0011



National Night Out—August 3rd

National Night Out is Tuesday, August 3rd from 7pm to 9pm. This year is the 27th anniversary of National Night Out, and we're expecting the best event yet. **Last year's party was attended by over 970 residents of White Rock Valley!** The event this year promises to have fun for people of all ages with a few new highlights added!

White Rock Valley's National Night Out will take place at White Rock Elementary School at 9229 Chiswell Road. Scheduled activities this year include pony rides, a petting zoo, two bounce houses, a giant inflatable tsunami slide, and an obstacle course. The **Dallas Police**

Northeast Substation will be represented and include the **canine group** and **mounted police patrol**; and our new police **helicopter** will fly-by during the evening. The **Dallas Fire Department** will showcase hook and ladder trucks and an ambulance as well.

Snow Cones, ice cold water, hot dogs, and shade trees are always complimentary.

Don't forget to stop by the "Directory Table" at the main entrance which Deborah Whittington and her team manages--be sure your name, address, and phone number are correct for the **new directory**. Also, this

event would not be possible without the 40-50 volunteers from our neighborhood. **Volunteers** are still **needed** to man the bounce houses and distribute snow cones and water among other things.

Come on out and enjoy the big event, meet your neighbors and the people who help keep **White Rock Valley safe**. We look forward to seeing you there!

Volunteers will don highly coveted "WRVNA Event Staff" t-shirts!

To help out, please contact Billy & Sarah Dorsey at 214/ 349-9759.

Dallas Bike Works

After a major renovation of the existing building, which including removing about seven tons of construction type debris, Dallas Bike Works opened for business in March, at 4875 W. Lawther Ln., just south of Northwest Highway. Dallas Bike Works is owned by Boyd Wallace, and the store manager is John Kendall, long time resident of LH, graduate of LHHS. There is a second store located at 6780 Abrams Rd. at Park Lane.

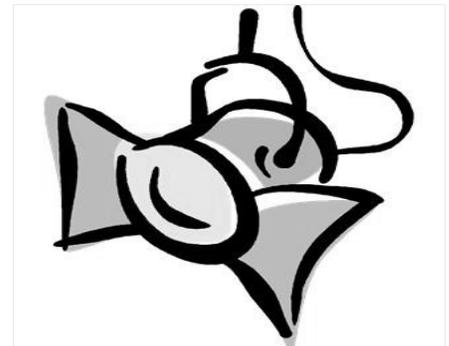
The store has customers that are the novice to the professional biker and stocks equipment appropri-

ate to everyone, even if you need training wheels.

The expectation of a successful business located right on the bike trail around White Rock Lake has encountered a slight bump. The original intention of TexDot and the city of Dallas was that the intersection of Northwest Highway at W. Lawther be closed to auto, bike and foot traffic, for a period of eighteen months.

As I write this, everyone is breathing a sigh of relief; it appears that only the automobile traffic will be denied. Foot and bike traffic

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Spotlight on New Business in LH



President's Message

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Northwest highway/Buckner from White Rock Trail.

◆White Rock Valley Park Shade Structure

We are making progress on the construction of the shade structure that is being paid for from funds raised to honor long time resident and past WRVNA President Pat O'Shea. As you can imagine City Hall's budget issues are causing a lot of projects to get re-considered due to the on-going maintenance that is required to keep them up.

We are still approved for the construction with some modifications. Joan Walne and I have been meeting and I should be seeing drawings for the final proposal for the structure by the end of July.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the NNO on August 3rd. It is always a great time and we are usually blessed with a cool evening. Even if it is hot, we will have plenty of cold drinks and snow cones to keep you cool. Remember, if you haven't paid your dues to be sure and send them in.

One final note, if you are not currently receiving e-mail crime watch and neighborhood information from Bruce Bowles I encourage you to send him an e-mail (bwbowles@sbcglobal.net) so you can be added to his distribution list. We are able to send out updates to the membership more frequently through this e-mail list.

Chris Bellew,
President WRVNA

can still cross Northwest Hwy at Lawther at this time, and we are told as the process of construction continues, this access will continue. It sounds like at some point further on, it may be close to a tunnel, but still available to bikers that ride from the far north point of the White Rock Bike Trail starting near Hillcrest above LBJ and around the lake.

Boyd Wallace, owner of Dallas Bike Works has spent considerable time and effort to bring about a successful compromise to benefit the bike community as well as their neighbor CC Young & their employees that depend on Dart for transportation to



work. Drop by Dallas Bike Works and welcome this new business to Lake Highlands. Ride your bike; that may be the easiest way to travel

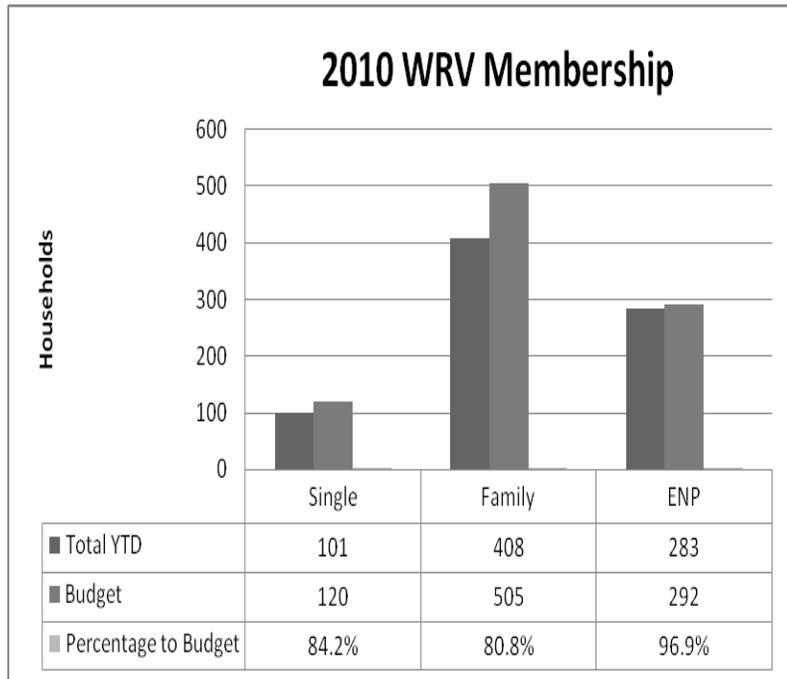
south on Lawther for some time.

Phone 214.232.2453

MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR WRVNA 2010

If you have not already paid your dues for the 2010 year, you just received a letter containing a membership form and a sincere request that you take a minute to add your support to the neighborhood organization that is vitally concerned with maintaining the wonderful WRV we love.

The graph visually shows how much you are needed to reach the proposed budget so WRVNA can continue the activities we all count on. Our top priority is the VIP and ENP that greatly insures we live in a safe secure area. Clip the membership form below; send it with your check to the address shown on the form. Your neighbors and your family will benefit from your support.



Put a copy of the 2010 membership form here. I think you have a PDF file for it. dk

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WRVNA
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 As of June 30, 2010

Cash Basis

	Jan - Dec 10	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Income			
Advertising	50.00	600.00	-550.00
Donations	50.00		
Dues			
Family	9,900.00	13,710.00	-3,810.00
Individual	1,212.00	1,500.00	-288.00
Total Dues	11,112.00	15,210.00	-4,098.00
ENP Contributions	34,157.50	36,500.00	-2,342.50
Interest	11.78	400.00	-388.22
Total Income	45,381.28	52,710.00	-7,328.72
Expense			
Committee Expenses			
Beautification Maintenance	585.61	3,000.00	-2,414.39
Beautification Projects	0.00	700.00	-700.00
Communications-Signs	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Membership Solicitation			
Paypal Fees	50.78		
Membership Solicitation - Ot...	777.92	1,100.00	-322.08
Total Membership Solicitation	828.68	1,100.00	-271.32
Newcomer	0.00	350.00	-350.00
Social Events	0.00	4,000.00	-4,000.00
Special Event / Garden tour	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
VIP	0.00	150.00	-150.00
Total Committee Expenses	1,414.29	10,800.00	-9,385.71
ENP			
ENP Notices	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Patrolmen	15,592.50	30,000.00	-14,407.50
Police Car	3,247.14	6,000.00	-2,752.86
Total ENP	18,839.64	36,500.00	-17,660.36
General			
Community Donations	1,000.00	500.00	500.00
Insurance	0.00	510.00	-510.00
Meetings	184.16	50.00	134.16
Membership Dues	100.00	100.00	0.00
Misc. Exp.	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Newsletter	1,400.58	3,000.00	-1,599.42
Website	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
Total General	2,684.74	5,260.00	-2,575.26
Prior YR disbursement	2,500.00		

Why I Joined VIP by Jane Clarke

There are many reasons to become involved with Volunteers in Patrol. It's one of the community programs which has a direct impact on the quality of our neighborhood. It's hard to understand why more neighbors aren't involved. The program is very flexible. You choose when you want to patrol and if you're not available during one month, that's all right. We're all busy and have full lives.

I became involved in VIP for very personal reasons. Several years ago, our house was burgled. My husband had just left for work and I had a full day of meetings. I work at home so it was out of the ordinary that I was gone. The burglars came in through the back yard and broke in our back bedroom door. When my husband came home at lunch to let our dogs out, he realized what had occurred. Of

course, he called the police. The only reason the police came to our house was because we thought our phone lines had been cut. They had not, but had we not told the police we thought the phone lines were cut, they would not have even come to our house.

The burglars took jewelry, televisions, etc. -- property that could be replaced. But things they took which could not be replaced was our sense of security and our sense of well-being. The police found a number of the stolen items at the local pawn shops. The person who pawned the items had done so within an hour of the burglary of our home. The police were certain this person had committed the burglary but they did not have enough evidence to prosecute so there was nothing that could be done. The person was cited for "possession of

stolen goods" and we had to buy back our property from the pawn shop. It was like being violated all over again.

I knew there was something I had to do about this situation. I remembered reading about the Volunteers in Patrol program so I contacted Carol Hooten who was running the VIP program at the time. I've been involved ever since. I'm so happy to be a part of VIP. I feel as though I am fighting back while helping my community.

Everyone has a different reason for joining VIP. I hope you can think of a good reason to become involved.

Jane Clarke, VIP Chairman

Three ads:

1. My Office (copy attached)
2. Dorsey (Same as last issue, but change the address to:
9520 Windy Hill Road
3. Me (same as last issue)

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wrvna.org

Hi Neighbor,
Be Sure To Come To
National Night Out.
See You There!

WRVNA Invites You to Attend:

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 3rd, 7—9 pm

WRE playground—9229 Chiswell @ Clearhurst

Meet your neighbors / Greet old friends

Everyone has fun !