
GREENWOOD HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Spring 2017

Would You Like to Be More Involved in Your Community?

These days, many people are looking to become more engaged in their communities to impact change. What better place to start than your own neighborhood? Greenwood Hills Neighborhood Association is a volunteer-run organization with the goal of maintaining a strong community and improving our neighborhood. Serve on the board. Plan and organize an event. Brainstorm improvement projects and help see them through to completion. Any amount of time you can give is welcome and appreciated. We need new perspectives and fresh ideas to keep moving forward. What has been on your mind lately? Let us know.

If you would like to start small, we have a need for volunteers for the following:

Earth Day at the Park - Saturday, April 22:

email Jocelyn Hodgkins at events@greenwoodhillsna.com

2017 Membership Drive: email Gail Johnson at membership@greenwoodhillsna.com

2017 Nominating Committee: email Liz Johnson at president@greenwoodhillsna.com

We hope you will take a few minutes to read through this newsletter and learn about what is happening in your community. Thank you for being a good neighbor!

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Community Highlight: Greenwood Hills Community Club

Located at the corner of Waterview and Melrose, Greenwood Hills Community Club (GHCC) offers a convenient location for neighborhood families to escape from the summer heat.

Members will find many amenities, including an 180,000 gallon pool with diving well, covered wading pool for younger children, four large covered pavilions, a covered pergola, and plenty of seating with loungers, picnic tables, tables and chairs, and umbrellas to escape the sun.

Members of the club are welcome to bring their own food and beverages (including those of the adult variety!), and gas grills are available for use. Snacks and drinks can also be purchased at the concession stand. The club boasts a professional sand volleyball court, and offers lawn games such as 9 Square in the Air. Free Wi-Fi is also available. GHCC's swim season starts the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend and runs through the Monday of Labor Day weekend.

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GHNA Yard of the Month

We have many beautiful, well-kept yards in our neighborhood. Maintaining our yards and exteriors not only adds to our property values, but to the beauty of our neighborhood. The GHNA Yard of the Month is selected by a committee made up of fellow GHNA members. Because of the large size of Greenwood Hills, the neighborhood has been divided into six zones for the purposes of judging, giving every GHNA member a chance to win twice throughout the year. To win this honor, you must be a GHNA member in good standing.

Calloway's has revamped its Yard of the Month program for 2017. Before Yard of the Month winners can receive their \$25 Calloway's store credit, they must sign up for Calloway's free Blooming Rewards program. To simplify the process, all paperwork will be completed for you if you are selected for Yard of the Month. All you will need to do is take the "winner's form" to Calloway's or give the cashier your phone number, sign up for the Blooming Rewards program, and spend your \$25 credit. As a Blooming Rewards member, you will also receive other benefits such as a 30% off coupon on your birthday. Visit Calloway's website at www.calloways.com/bloomingrewards for more information.

Five Ways to Get Connected in Greenwood Hills

1. Visit the GHNA website at greenwoodhillsna.com
2. Receive updates by email. Send an email to: newresident@greenwoodhillsna.com
3. Like and follow our neighborhood Facebook page: I Live in Greenwood Hills
4. Register with Nextdoor.com (Greenwood Hills neighborhood)
5. Come to our events! See page 3

We would like to thank Calloway's Nursery for making this program possible. If you have any questions, contact Beautification Chair Betty Carano at beautification@greenwoodhillsna.com.

2016 Winners

<i>June:</i>	918 Melrose Drive Ana & Shawn Deutch
<i>July:</i>	720 Pinehurst Drive Damian Adams & Darlene Shelton
<i>August:</i>	747 Brentwood Lane Charles & Sue Reed
<i>September:</i>	1609 Waterview Drive Michelle & Phil Breden
<i>October:</i>	815 Wateka Way Heather Potter
<i>November:</i>	809 Melrose Drive Lana & Tom Bibby
<i>December:</i>	1915 Deep Valley Place Wes Sullivan

2017 Winners

<i>January:</i>	No winner—Calloway's in process of revamping program
<i>February:</i>	919 Meadow View Drive Mary & Stan Poag

Greenwood Hills Backyard Tour

We are gauging interest in a neighborhood tour of backyards. Do you grow your own food? Keep chickens? Are you all about water-saving landscaping? Want to show off your recent patio renovation? Just love to garden in general?

If you have pride in your backyard and passion for what you do, and want to share it with your neighbors, we would love to include your yard on the tour. You do not have to be an expert gardener or have a perfect yard. This event is meant to bring together neighbors with shared interests, to educate, and to inspire!

Contact events@greenwoodhillsna.com to make your backyard a stopover on the tour, or for more information. We would love to see this become an annual tradition!

Upcoming Events

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

GHNA PIZZA PARTY AT THE POOL

Greenwood Hills Community Club

6:00 PM

Join us for pizza at our neighborhood pool! GHCC is lending us the use of their facilities for a gathering of GHNA members. Food will be provided from Palio's Pizza. Please RSVP to Liz Johnson at president@greenwoodhillsna.com. This event is for GHNA members only.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

EARTH DAY AT THE PARK

Woodland Park Pavilion

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Join other neighborhood families for some outdoor fun! Plant a seed and make an up-cycled bird feeder to take home. There will be games and activities. Enjoy a hot dog fresh off the grill. All ages welcome! If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Jocelyn Hodgkins at events@greenwoodhillsna.com ASAP.

JUNE 2017

GHNA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Date & Location TBD

Join us for our annual business meeting. Learn about your neighborhood association and meet the board. We will be holding a drawing for a free tree giveaway—all GHNA members are eligible to enter to win a gift certificate to cover the cost of purchasing and planting a tree in their yard. Refreshments will be served.

JULY 1, 2017

RENEW YOUR GHNA MEMBERSHIP

Membership Drive runs from May through August

GHNA's 2017-2018 membership year begins July 1. Don't forget to renew your membership, or join for the very first time! Be on the lookout for a membership form in our next newsletter. You will also be able to join online. Annual dues are \$20.

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GHCC offers swim lessons and hosts three annual pool parties on the weekends of Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day, but GHCC is not just a pool. The club also offers events like the Polar Bear Plunge, Halloween Social, Fire Pit Friday's, and women's mixed martial arts fitness classes. This year, GHCC will be hosting some new events: a spring Chili Cook-off, Mudbug Madness in April, and a Spring Break 9 Square in the Air tournament. GHCC Members can rent the facilities for birthday parties and other special occasions.

Visit GHCC's website at www.ourpool.org for more information and membership pricing. Find GHCC on Facebook @ourpoolGHCC.

Crime Watch

Currently, Greenwood Hills has fifteen active Crime Watch Patrol volunteers. While on patrol, volunteers look for suspicious activity, or red flags for potential criminal activity, such as open garage doors. Many volunteers patrol two hours per week, which is about how long it takes to cover the Greenwood Hills neighborhood in its entirety. Although any amount of time, no matter how big or small, volunteers can spare to patrol the neighborhood, helps make Greenwood Hills a safer place for all residents.

The next training session for Crime Watch Patrol volunteers has not been scheduled yet, but will likely be in April. If you are interested in joining the Crime Watch Patrol, you can apply online through the City of Richardson website (www.cor.net → Departments → Police Department Homepage → Crime Prevention → Crime Watch Patrol). The Richardson Police Department will run background checks and inform those who sign up where and when the training session will take place. Crime Watch Patrol is a wonderful opportunity to volunteer for your neighborhood and give back to your community.

Volunteers Needed for Upcoming Membership Drive

GHNA's 2017-2018 membership year starts July 1. We are looking for volunteers who are interested in helping us increase GHNA membership. Together we can plan some fun events to recruit new members. If you are available to help over the next few months, please contact Membership Chair Gail Johnson at 972-231-3361 or membership@greenwoodhillsna.com.

Bridge Update

If you are wondering when bridge construction in our neighborhood will be complete, the answer is... soon! The Greenwood Hills bridge projects are part of the City of Richardson's Neighborhood Vitality Program paid for by the 2010 Bond Program. Most of the construction is complete, but erosion barriers must still be installed on the sides of the creek banks and on the bottoms of the creeks. This is a very extensive and time-consuming project that depends in large part on the weather cooperating. So continue to be patient—we are in the homestretch!

Join the Ladies Who Lunch

The Ladies Lunch Bunch is a social group for women residents of Greenwood Hills that meets on the fourth Friday of every month at various Richardson restaurants. The time and location of the meetings is generally listed on our website at www.greenwoodhillsna.com/announcements.

Many thanks to Judy Utay for organizing this group! It is a positive social outlet that gives women in our neighborhood the opportunity to connect and form lasting relationships. If you would like to join the ladies at their next lunch outing, email Judy Utay at ladieslunch@greenwoodhillsna.com.

Thank You for Your Generosity!

Thank you to all who participated and donated to GHNA's Sixth Annual Holiday Lights Contest and Food Drive. In participation with Boy Scouts Troop 317, we collected over 674 pounds of food for the Network of Community Ministries' food pantry. This food goes to people in need in our community.

If you have any feedback on this event or ideas on how we can improve it in the future, please share your thoughts at events@greenwoodhillsna.com.

Join the Nominating Committee

Volunteers are needed for the 2017 Nominating Committee. If interested, contact GHNA President Liz Johnson at president@greenwoodhillsna.com.

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