



## **The Meadows Neighborhood Association**

### **April 2011 Newsletter**

#### **Treasurer's Report**

by Mark Backofen

As you may not be aware, the Meadows' neighborhood association's fiscal year runs from April 1 until March 31. While we have been able to accomplish many things this past year, those accomplishments have not come inexpensively. During the prior fiscal year (April 2010-March 2011), we raised a total of \$XXXXX from a combination of the spring and fall flower sales, dues, and other donations. However, our expenses were \$XXXX for the same time period, \$XXXX more than our revenue.

Most of our expenses went to the spring and fall block parties, which collectively cost \$XXXX as well as neighborhood beautification, which cost \$XXXX. Fortunately, in the past we have had enough money saved up in order to continue funding these priorities. However, our donations are down and we are starting the current fiscal year with only \$XXXX. As a result, the Board has recently approved a more scaled back budget for the upcoming fiscal year. This includes canceling the spring neighborhood block party and likely scaling back the party that will be scheduled for this fall.

In order to allow us to keep working to improve the neighborhood and bring everyone together as a community, please consider supporting the association with a donation. While voluntary, a contribution of the suggested \$25 dues (or more, if you are so inclined) per household each year would go a long way towards helping the association make the Meadows a better place to live (membership form below).

#### **Spring Flower Report**

by Susan Alexander

Thanks to all who ordered and those who donated to our Spring Flower Sale! Together, we raised \$XXXX to help beautify our neighborhood and fund our block party event. We appreciate the support of all of our wonderful neighbors.

We are fortunate to live in such a beautiful and caring neighborhood! Happy planting!!

#### **Mark Your Calendar**

Monday, April 18, 2011 (that's tomorrow!) – Bulk pick up.

Thursday, July 7, 2011 – next Meadows Board meeting, Keith Kinney's house.

## School News

### Franklin Middle School

Benjamin Franklin Middle School's Environmental Club is looking for community partners, neighbors or local businesses to assist with their Healthy Habitat of Texas project at the school. This project showcases native Texas plants and teaches Franklin students the concepts of environmentalism and conservation. Assistance is needed in the following areas:

1. Come speak to the club about the environment
2. Provide information on how to maintain their Healthy Habitat of Texas native plants
3. Assist in installing a fence around the Healthy Habitat (materials provided)
4. Help with the printing and/or compilation of their Environmental Vocabulary book.

If you can help in any of the following areas, please contact Holly Gentry at [hgentry@dallasisd.org](mailto:hgentry@dallasisd.org). Any assistance would be much appreciated and you will be helping to make a better world for generations to come.

### Way to go, Franklin Students!!

- Destination Imagination team qualified and competed in the State DI event in Lubbock TX the first weekend in April.
- Track team is District Champion in the North and East divisions. Eighth grader, Juan Contreras, is City Champion in the 800m.
- Addison Portele has been selected as the 8<sup>th</sup> grade winner in the City of Dallas Water Utilities 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Drinking Water Week T-shirt Contest.
- Math Team qualified for TMSCA State Championship and is in San Antonio to compete this weekend.

### Hillcrest High School

Hillcrest High School is fortunate to have not one, but TWO, young women to represent them at Girls State this summer! They are Emily Gayle Lewis and Rebecca Bielamowicz. Congratulations!

### Won't You Join Us?

We hope that all Meadows households will support the association by joining as a member. Membership dues have helped to fund a variety of projects in the past that support our Meadows community – the Spring and Fall block parties, website, median landscaping each season and our fabulous street sign toppers. We would love to be able to continue these activities and can do so with everyone's support. Suggested dues are \$25 per year.

Meadows Neighborhood Association Membership Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone – Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Paid \_\_\_\_\_

Please return form and dues to:

Meadows Neighborhood Association, P.O. Box 12865, Dallas, TX 75225

We thank you for your support!!



Have you ever noticed the beautiful sunrises and sunsets we get here in the Meadows?  
Early morning view from Lakehurst...

A Joyous Easter  
and  
Happy Passover!