



July 2011 Newsletter

Walnut Hill/Central Expressway Development Update

According to Meadows neighbor and Joint Task Force Committee member, Eric Anderson, the committee has heard “street talk” but nothing concrete re: the property on the corner of Walnut Hill and Central. What is buzzing around is that the owner might try to put some type of grocer near the Central Expressway side, and then see what might happen from there. However, they remain subject to zoning restrictions previously put in place that would limit size and contain other parameters, etc. Whether that becomes their initial approach at this point is unknown. As soon as Eric hears some definite information, we will inform Meadows residents.

Editor's Note: Sounds like a great location for a Trader Joe's!

Hillcrest Stadium Renovation Update

Meadows resident, Roger Harris, met with the DISD project manager, Larry Zerby, and the building architect, Michael Johnson, last week and discussed the new construction and the improvements around the parking lot perimeter. Here are some notes:

- New ticket booths, concession, locker rooms and restrooms will be complete in time for the football season
- New tower to the press box has been delayed due to a conflict with buried fiber-optic cables
- A plan including most of the requested parking lot perimeter improvements is going to be prepared and priced
- The perimeter improvements and landscaping (if any) will not be implemented until after the ticket/concession building is complete, or possibly next spring.

In a separate project, Roger has also been working on collecting info on “original” Meadows neighbors, but has received no response. If you, your parents or a neighbor are one of the original occupants of a Meadows home, please contact Roger at roger@harris-tx.com so you can tell him your story.

Editor's note: Even though many of the original neighbors have passed on, I remember stories about the Meadows being the “doctor and dentist” subdivision, of people moving here so their children could go to Hillcrest High School and of residents having horses on their property. Do you have any stories to add to that?

Northaven Trail Ground Breaking Ceremony

The Friends of Northaven Trail, which raises money for trail amenities such as benches, lighting and public art, will hold a groundbreaking ceremony for the trail on Saturday July 16, 2011 at 10:30am at Dealey Park (behind Dealey Montessori at 6501 Royal Ln.) Please join the Friends group and the City of Dallas and show your support for the trail. What a wonderful resource for our neighborhood!

The first phase is scheduled to be completed sometime between January and April of 2012. The hike-and-bike trail will run along the Oncor power line easement which is between Royal Lane and Northaven Road, and will eventually connect to the White Rock Creek Trail and go west to Denton Drive.

White Rock Creek Trail

<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?ie=UTF8&hl=en&msa=0&msid=212416150941176708711.00049541667acfa87a1a&source=embed&ll=32.890687,-96.755219&spn=0.065154,0.154324&z=13>

Northaven Trail Phase I

<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?ie=UTF8&hl=en&msa=0&msid=213260964404015042834.00047bf8e2530b3bea589&source=embed&ll=32.902434,-96.790409&spn=0.032573,0.077162&z=14>

Preston Royal "Library Lady" Retires

If you have been to the Preston Royal Library anytime in the past 20 or so years, you have probably met Connie Elliott. She was the (very) petite woman behind the counter who always had a smile on her face and who helped to make our library such a welcoming place. After 27 years in the system, Connie decided it was time to retire and did so about a month ago. We wish her the best as she enjoys some free time in her future. We miss you already, Connie!!

Mark your Calendar

July 16, 2011, Saturday – Northaven Trail Groundbreaking Ceremony, 10:30am
Dealey Park

July 18, 2011, Monday – Monthly Brush Pick-Up. Have large items and yard materials on the curb by 7:00 am Monday morning.

July 20, 2011, Wednesday – Preston Royal Library, 6:30 pm – Local author, Mitch Haynes, discusses his new novel, Hollywood Agent Provocateur, a suspense novel set in Hollywood during WWII.

October 16, 2011, Sunday – Meadows Neighborhood Fall Chili Cook-Off! 5-7:00 pm

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

You know who you are. ☺ Many thanks to every one of the 64 Meadows residents who responded to the request for voluntary dues last month. All of us on the board were just overwhelmed and so appreciative of your support. Your donations will make it possible to continue to offer two neighborhood events next year, in addition to maintaining the beautiful entrance on Boedeker (watering, mowing, planting flowers, sprinkler repair and insurance really add up!)

For those of you who would still like to send in your voluntary dues and help support this neighborhood, please see the form at the bottom of this newsletter.

More Thank You's Go To....

...our fabulous block captains for doing a great job of passing out flyers to those neighbors who do not have email. You really do make a difference!!

Thoughts from the Editor

I am thrilled to hear so many positive comments about the newsletter (and I thank you!!). Glad to hear that people enjoy reading it. It is my intent that the newsletter help to provide a community feel to our neighborhood. To that end, I would love to make this more of a newsletter of the people, rather than one person. I am happy to print any appropriate comments, funny stories about our neighborhood, photos of pets, unsung or silent "heroes", garage sale announcements, items for sale, etc. If you have any contributions, email me at karenp4155@aol.com and I will do my best to help make you a published author!

To start things off, my theme for this month is "Jeez, oh, Pete**, It's Hot!" If you have any stories to tell on how you handle the heat, send them in and I will print them next month!!

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Barrett Cole's winning photograph in the "Retail as Art" contest

Barrett Cole of Hillcrest High School won first place in the "Retail as Art" competition for her photograph, "Untitled". The contest had more than 100 submissions from across Dallas ISD. A panel of judges (local photographers) selected the top three finalists. The contest aims to recognize local photography that "captures the true essence of retail". All proceeds from sales of the student art benefit the UCR "Retail as Art" Fund for educational and charitable purposes.

Won't You Join us?

We hope that all Meadows households will support the association by joining as a member. Membership dues help to fund a variety of projects 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 _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____

Email Address _____ Amount Paid _____

Please return form and dues to:

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