



March 2012 Newsletter
Happy Day-After St. Paddy's Day!!

We Need YOU!!

Recently, our fearless leader and Meadows President, Keith Kinney, sent a email asking Meadows neighbors to get involved with the Meadows Board or serve on a committee and to consider nominating themselves or a worthy neighbor for such a position. I would like to comment that being on the board or helping with a committee, (both of which I have done for six years now) is a fun way to get to know the wonderful people who live in this neighborhood and to make a difference with very little effort. No experience is necessary and we would like to especially encourage new neighbors to bring their enthusiasm to our board. Below is a repeat of Keith's call out for volunteers...

Take A Seat!!

Seriously. Take a seat on The Meadows Board of Directors. Now is your time to volunteer to become involved in the Meadows operations. Self nominations are being taken through the end of March. Nominate yourself, your spouse, or your neighbor. A ballot will be prepared and sent out at the end of the month.

Voting will be held at the Meadows Neighborhood Spring Fling on Sunday, April 29. Board positions include president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, six at-large positions and several committee positions. Please go to the Meadows web site <http://www.themeadowsna.org/> to see the descriptions and duties of the board positions. We need your involvement! Please send nominations to me at president@themeadowsna.org in the next few weeks including NAME, EMAIL, and PHONE CONTACT and BOARD POSITION or COMMITTEE INTEREST.

Thank you,
Keith Kinney, The Meadows Neighborhood Association President

Preston Royal Library Update

On March 1, 2012, the city held a community meeting to discuss plans for the new Preston Royal Library. The architectural firm of Perkins and Will presented a completed design based on feedback, concerns and priorities addressed at an earlier community meeting. The new library is one of five new libraries that will be built in the city of Dallas.

Funding to actually build the library is not in the current city budget or the proposed 2012 bond program, meaning that it will probably be at least five or six years before groundbreaking, depending on future bond programs. The new building which will be located at 5555 Forest Ln., between Nuestra and Quincy Ln. on the site of the previous Korean Presbyterian Church, will probably have a name change, most likely Forest-Nuestra Library.

There will be no access points from Nuestra or Quincy – only along Forest Ln. The decision specifically addresses neighbors' concerns of potential traffic build-up in the residential area behind the library. The entrance is in the back, leaving a clean view of the library from Forest. Architects wanted to avoid a cluttered and commercial look.

The total cost of the new library is estimated to be about \$6 million. That includes the design, construction, collection – everything to get the facility up and running. The new building has been designed to include flexible, multi-purpose areas, recognizing that libraries and technology are changing rapidly and to allow for community use. In addition, the building will be LEEDS-certified and plans call for all the current trees on the present site to be preserved.

The proposed building will be about 18,000 sq. ft., approx. double the size of the current Preston Royal Library. Volumes, however, will decrease from 60,000 to 40,000 with emphasis put on stocking the most up-to-date materials.

To see photos of the architectural drawings, link to <http://prestonhollow.advocatemag.com/2012/03/05/photos-proposed-design-for-the-new-preston-royal-library/>

Free Smoke Detector

Dallas Fire and Rescue reminds Dallas residents who need a working smoke alarm to call 311 and firefighters will install an alarm free of charge. To arrange a fire safety program for your church, civic or youth group, call DFR at (214) 670-4633 email dfdeducation@dallascityhall.com or visit www.dallasfirerescue.com.

Ann Margolin

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2012 Capital Bond Program

The city council is considering the possibility of calling a bond election this November. It would be a bare bones bond program primarily for streets, alleys and flood control.

In the event that this moves forward I want to be sure to include the streets and alleys in District 13 that are in extreme disrepair.

The city has equipment that measures the quality of each street and alley in the city each year. This is based on the depth of road damage as well as surface damage. They are all ranked on a scale from A (best) to E (worst.)

If you believe that your alley or street may be in serious need of repair please send me the name of the alley (identified by the streets it runs between) or the street with the block numbers or streets it runs between. I will add them to the list for consideration.

<http://www.annmargolin.com/bond-feedback.html>

I cannot guarantee that any street or project will be included ... but I will do my best.

Regarding the cost of the bond program, we are looking at about \$450 to \$500 million as compared with our last program in 2006 that was for \$1.35 billion. The new bonds would only be issued as debt is paid off so that there would be no additional debt service and no

need for a tax increase.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ann Margolin'.

The City of Dallas will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 28, 2012 to receive citizens' comments on the proposed FY 12-13 Operating, Capital, Grant and Trust Budgets. Members of the public wishing to make comments are invited to attend the public hearing, which will be held not earlier than 1:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Dallas City Hall, 6th floor, 1500 Marilla St. Anyone interested in signing up in advance to speak at the public hearing may contact the City Secretary's Office at 214-670-3738.

Hillcrest Lacrosse Teams Are Tournament Champs



Congratulations to Hillcrest Lacrosse Varsity and JV teams that both recently won their divisions at the Aggieland Classic Lacrosse Tournament in College Station. Meadows neighbors, Luke Berry, Christopher Glispin, Phillip Pitts and Michael and Will Wakefield are members of this team that hopes to repeat their State Championship in 2011.

Hillcrest Lacrosse is a club team based at Hillcrest High School that is open to all DallasISD students and private schools that do not have their own lacrosse programs.

Buy A Brick – Make A Difference

The Park Cities Rotary Club is working together with the Hillcrest High School Interact Club on a Student Courtyard Beautification Project and you can help!! Bricks are being sold that help provide funding for new sidewalks, a handicapped ramp, resurfacing and expanding the Panther Pavilion (eating area) and designing the Panther Walkway which will be paved with personalized bricks.

**To support this effort and buy your brick, visit
<https://fohf.ejoinme.org/?tabid=351324>**

The Park Cities Rotary Club, partnering with Hillcrest High School, offers the following programs:

- **Interact Club (Rotary in high school) was chartered in 2008 and has 120 members who develop leadership skills, work on community service projects and provide students exposure to business leaders**
- **Mentoring Program: 1 on 1 mentoring provided by Park Cities Rotarians**
- **Camp RYLA: 1 week summer leadership scholarship for 4 high school juniors**
- **Ethics Fair: Encourages the awareness and demonstration of higher ethical standards among youth through creative expression of Truth, Friendship, Equality and Honesty**

City of Dallas Emergency Warning System

The City of Dallas Office of Emergency Management (OEM) announces the implementation and deployment of a new reverse emergency phone notification system, called GeoCast(r)Web. This is replacing the previous system called REVERSE 911(r).

Like its predecessor, GeoCast(r)Web(tm) is an emergency warning tool that will be used to provide rapid phone notifications to people in situations when public safety may be at risk. It will only be used during emergencies, such as chemical spills or hazardous materials incidents, fire or flooding evacuation scenarios, and drinking water contamination.

Used by hundreds of public safety agencies nationwide, the GeoCast(r)Web(tm) system combines highly advanced digital mapping technologies with phone databases to automatically call people in precisely targeted locations. All landline phone numbers within Dallas city limits are already included in the GeoCast(r)Web(tm) system however, cell phones are not.

Registration is required to receive GeoCast(r)Web(tm) notifications on cell phones. Individuals may register for these notifications via the City of Dallas OEM's website at: <http://www.dallascityhall.com/oem> or directly through the system's self-registration web portal at: <https://cityofdallas.onthealert.com>

More information about the GeoCast(r)Web(tm) emergency notification system, including an informational flyer and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), are available for download from Dallas OEM's website, located at www.dallascityhall.com/oem.

Letters to the Editor from Meadows Neighbors

When the 40 acres at the corner of Walnut Hill and Central were cleared we all experienced an influx of rodents in our neighborhoods. The extermination business was booming. The problem is the poison bait traps. We've lost numerous pets and lots of owls in the process of poisoning the rodents. We took one little owl to the vet but it was too late for him. The others we've found were already dead from the poison. Last year we had a pair of owls in our owl house. They had 5 babies before they too died of poisoning. Now we have a new pair of screech owls. Let's let the natural mousers and ratters do their job and save our cats, owls, and hawks from a horrible death. Or buy the new outdoor "safe" traps available from exterminators. They are really great if you haven't seen them yet.

Bottom line: don't use the poison bait traps, please. Thanks...

Lyn on Aberdeen

I would like to recommend the 'best' street curb address painter. His name is Doug Larson. He did mine and I thought he was a good choice because he.....

1. Uses Benjamin Moore's Zoning and Marketing Paint – which last a lot longer
2. Does white numbers on a black background – easier to see day or night.
3. Is very conscientious – takes two days: day 1 he paints the background (lets it dry); day 2 he paints the numbers
4. Fee: \$20 — he then gives you back a nickel as a token to pass 'good will' on to another.

Contact him at Doug Larson - 469-442-6789

Catherine on Aberdeen

Dates To Remember

Monday, March 19 (tomorrow) – Brush Trash Pick-up

Sunday, April 29 – Meadows Spring Fling and Neighborhood Election (details and slate of nominees to follow)