



High Point Estates Neighborhood Association

October 2008 Newsletter Issue 1

Hello High Point Estates residents. This is the initial newsletter of the High Point Estates Neighborhood Association. As you know over the past few months we have been slowly organizing the Association and are now registered with the City of Irving. *Please do not confuse this with a homeowner's association where you would normally have monthly dues and a set of regulations. There will be no monthly dues and no set of rules or restrictions.* Instead, the primary goal of the association is to engage all of the residents of our community on a volunteer basis in an effort to preserve and enhance the unique beauty and residential character of the neighborhood. An excellent example of what can be accomplished when our community joins together is the new sign leading into our development. Thanks to Jim and Verna Wilson, they both took the initiative to reach out to everyone, and the community responded by sending in enough in contributions to have the new sign installed in August. When spring arrives next year we hope to add some landscaping to the area surrounding the sign to further enhance the entrance to our community.

It is in all of our best interests to keep our neighborhood beautiful and properly maintained. When doing so we only improve the value of our homes and the overall character of our neighborhood, and that is a benefit to everyone. Since this is an all volunteer group, members can participate as their schedules allow and not be obligated in any way. We can do this, and do it in a way we all enjoy.

Please join the volunteer effort and become a member of the High Point Estates Neighborhood Association. As you read through the newsletter you'll see some of the activities we are trying to organize along with some tasks that need our attention. Additionally, a website has been created so residents can sign up to become a member, contact the association board, submit feedback and questions, or simply keep up with the Association's activities. You can visit the website at <http://hpena.org>.

Board Members Elected

During the last Association meeting the following board members were elected:

Chairman – Verna Wilson
Co-Chairman – Ed Cancel
Secretary – Dolores Stefursky
Treasurer – Sarah L. Hyten, PC
Neighborhood Watch Program – Jim Wilson

We are fortunate to have a PC within our community who has volunteered to handle the financial aspects of the Association's activities. Sarah has opened a bank account on behalf of the association. For

those wishing to send in contributions, please make your checks payable to High Point Estates Neighborhood Association and remit to the following address:

Hyten CPA
Attn: Sarah L. Hyten
2911 Esters Road, Suite 315
Irving, Texas 75062



Neighborhood Garage Sale

To help raise money for the association, we would like to plan a spring neighborhood garage sale. Proceeds from the sale can be used for things such as purchasing flowers and plants for the entrance to our development or hiring someone to cut and edge the grass alongside Pioneer. For those interested in participating please go to the website and click on the "Signup for the Garage Sale" link or contact Pete Stefursky. The sale will be scheduled for a Saturday in March. Ed Cancel, 1524 High Crest, has volunteered to allow us to set the tables up in his driveway. We are looking for volunteers to help with pricing and tagging items, setting up tables, and assisting during the event. Also needed are items to sell. Anyone who has articles they would like to contribute to the sale is asked to contact either Pete or Ed.



Neighborhood Watch Program

Jim Wilson and Ed Cancel are heading up the effort to form the Neighborhood Watch Program. The three main principles of the program are as follows:

1. Getting to know your neighbors and watching out for them
2. Watching out for your neighbor's property
3. Reporting suspicious or illegal activity to police immediately.

Members of Neighborhood Watch are simply asked to use common sense and observe what is going on around them. The three principles listed will help residents recognize their neighborhood's individual identity (i.e., what is normal activity, who "belongs" there, etc.). The added benefits are that members have a sense of community, pride and peace of mind. The Irving Police Department requires the name, address and phone number of all residents wishing to participate. Those who would like to enroll in the program or obtain more information should contact Jim or Ed.



High Point Estates Neighborhood Association Website

Please go to <http://hpena.org> to visit our new website. There you will find links to various city groups and departments, the latest Association newsletter and meeting minutes, and forms to submit feedback or questions. Have something you're trying to sell, a service to provide, or an announcement to make? Let the community know by posting an ad in the classified section. As always, comments and suggestions are always encouraged and welcomed!

Well, that's it folks! Hope you enjoyed the first newsletter and found it informative. Thanks for reading through it and hope to see you at the next meeting. Please remember to visit our website and provide your suggestions, comments and feedback. There is no doubt that with everyone's help and participation the Association will be of great benefit to all of us. Happy Halloween!



Upcoming Irving Events

Here is a list of some of the upcoming events sponsored by the City of Irving

Nov. 1 | Free Pet Vaccination Clinic

[Animal Services](#) will host a free vaccination clinic starting at 9 a.m. on Nov. 1 at Running Bear Park, 2601 S. Story Road. Dogs are eligible to receive DHLPP, bordetella and rabies vaccinations, while cats are eligible for FVRCP and rabies vaccinations. Pets less than four months of age are not eligible to receive the rabies vaccine. Microchips also will be available for \$10 per pet. The event is limited to the first 500 cats or dogs that are owned by Irving residents, with a limit of four pets per household. For more information, call (972) 721-2256.

Nov. 8 | Home Chemical Collection Day

Home Chemical Collection Day will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 8 at Irving Mall (northwest corner behind Dillard's). Directional signs will be provided.

Acceptable items:

- Pool and yard chemicals
- Craft and hobby supplies
- Batteries (all types)
- Automotive fluids and oil filters
- Paint and home repair products
- Household cleaners and chemicals
- Fluorescent light tubes

Unacceptable items:

- Automotive tires
- Business or medical waste
- Containers larger than 5 gallons
- Explosive or shock sensitive materials
- Common recyclables
- Smoke detectors/radioactive materials

The free event is for Irving residents who provide proof of residency with a current driver's license and utility bill. For more information, call Fran Witte at (972) 721-2355.

Nov. 8 | RAISING THE ROOF IN IRVING AT THE 2008 HOUSING FAIR

The [Housing and Human Services Department](#) would like to invite Irving residents to the Raising the Roof: 2008 Housing Fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov.8 at the Northwest Recreation Center, 2800 Cheyenne St. Participants will enjoy vendors, entertainment and how-to workshops and housing-related displays. For more information, call the Housing and Human Services Department at (972) 721-4800.

Nov. 15 | Celebrate America Recycles Day

Irving residents are encouraged to celebrate America Recycles Day on Nov. 15. The purpose of America Recycles Day is to promote the social, environmental and economic benefits of recycling and encourage more people to join the movement toward creating a better natural environment.

Suggestions for maintaining a healthy planet:

- Use reusable grocery shopping bags.
- Carpool, combine trips around town into one trip, or use mass transit.
- Reduce vehicle idling.
- Practice the art of reusing and shop for vintage clothing at used clothing stores.
- Buy products made from recycled materials or packaged in recyclable materials, and then recycle.
- Reduce consumption. Buy less and in bulk.
- Purchase American-made products and try to purchase locally grown produce.
- Buy organic.
- Reduce the need for chemical fertilizers by applying compost and organic products to the lawn. Always mulch and never bag grass clippings unless used in a compost pile.
- Get ready for the winter and start to weatherize the home. Caulk leaking windows; insulate light switch and plug-in areas; insulate the attic; use a power strip to plug in computers, televisions and appliances, and turn off when not in use.
- Use rechargeable batteries.
- Plant native plants.
- Wrap hot water heaters in an insulating jacket if located in an unheated space such as a basement or garage.

Fall Carnival Series

Children of all ages are invited to enjoy games and contests during the Fall Carnival Series organized by the [Parks and Recreation Department](#). The fall carnivals will be held at various recreation centers as indicated below. Activities will include carnival games, cakewalks, jump houses, bingo and concessions. Tickets are 25 cents each or five for \$1. Call each recreation center for details.

- Oct. 30 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Northwest Recreation Center, (972) 721-2529
- Oct. 31 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Halloween Carnival and Haunted House at Cimarron Park Recreation Center, (972) 910-0702