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AGENDA

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Welcome and COVID-19 Update – Travis Mayberry, President
Real Estate Report – Joe Kacynski, Allie Beth Allman & Associates

Home Tour Weekend – Sara Ramos

ENP Report – Anne Tudhope

Historian Report – Jennifer Near

2021 HSMNA Board of Directors Elections – Sara Ramos

Closing Remarks – Travis Mayberry, President

Adjourn

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STATE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD



Hello neighbors! What a trip... but we made it through 2020. As I've mentioned in past newsletters, our neighborhood has been undergoing a lot of change over the past few years. The various new strains that Covid levied on our neighborhood was a new storm to weather and navigate together. I'm happy to say, despite an even greater amount of change than we anticipated, we've managed to not sink the ship and have learned a few new tricks along the way that will make us stronger.

Personally, as I reflect over the past two years as president of this neighborhood association, I've had to learn how to go from the person who can get the task done to the person who can motivate others to want to do their own tasks. This is not a simple thing to do since everyone's motivations are so different.

Initially, I thought the president's job was to charter a list of to-dos for a bunch of initiatives and projects that I wanted our neighborhood to get done. It turns out that's actually pretty presumptuous, and to flow down direction in a volunteer organization does not garner the support of the team you'll rely on to see the projects through. I've had to instead learn how to focus people's natural "will to do things" within our neighborhood, and make those people feel supported and empowered to do their thing. It felt weird sometimes not being responsible for generating the great ideas, but being able to witness the sparks come from the team and supporting them however I could gave me a new perspective on my role. I found that the leader's job is to have a conversation about important topics and initiatives with the organization, and then to be the champion of the resulting projects or initiatives, and help where needed (if I'm even needed at all).

In general, I try to leave things better than I found them. Taking on this neighborhood in that regard has been a very tall order since it was pretty great to begin with. Still, the changes we've made over the past two years have been impressive; we've set ourselves up to be financially sustainable (even through a pandemic!), we've made tremendous improvements to our Expanded Neighborhood Patrol (ENP), we've updated our neighborhood association's bylaws for the first time in over 25 years, we've made major changes to improve our Home Tour Weekend activities, and

perhaps most importantly we've placed a much larger emphasis on our communication via email and on social media to make sure as many people can join the conversation as possible. These changes all happened because people who care about this neighborhood got the idea and wanted them to happen, and then made them happen - not because one person told them to do it.

The purpose of the HSMNA is to connect all of our neighbors and make this neighborhood a better place to live, whether you are a dues-paying member or not. We want you to love this place as much as the fanatics that serve on our board and many others off the board do - and if you don't support us currently, we hope we can win you over eventually (you can join us by visiting hsmna.org). Especially through this pandemic, I literally cannot imagine living anywhere else. The support Elisabeth and I have seen from our friends in this neighborhood, who are more so family at this point, simply does not exist anywhere else.

I look forward to another great year of progress in our fair burg as we continue making changes that will move us in the direction we need to go, all thanks to the people who have the energy and passion to make our neighborhood even more treasured.

Travis Mayberry - *President, HSMNA*



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Ed Zahra - *Code & Zoning, CD*
Rob Parks - *Landscape Chair/Urban Dirt Farmer*
Jennifer Lee Near - *Historian*

To contact any of the HSMNA officers, email info@hsmna.org.

Come Vote for Your Board of Directors



At the January 19th Quarterly Virtual Meeting, we will present a slate of candidates for the 2021 HSMNA Board of Directors. This team of volunteers help with all the aspects of keeping our association and neighborhood thriving. Join us online and vote for your 2021 Board of Directors.

Only current members of the association are eligible to vote, so if you haven't yet signed up, or renewed, please do it online before the meeting!

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 and
 Expanded Neighborhood Patrol (ENP)
 MEMBERSHIPS**

HSMNA AND ENP MEMBERSHIPS FORM

_____ **YES! I WANT TO BE A MEMBER OF THE HSMNA!**

(NOTE: HSMNA is a Neighborhood Association - anyone who lives in the 'hood is encouraged to join - it is not limited to homeowners.)

_____ **YES! I WANT TO BE A MEMBER OF THE ENP!**

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

ADDITIONAL HOUSEHOLD MEMBER: _____

ADDITIONAL EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

HSMNA ANNUAL DUES

- ☐ Individual..... \$60
☐ Couple.....\$120
☐ Emeritus (76+).....FREE

ENP ANNUAL DUES

- ☐ Annual: \$200 (Jan - Dec.)
☐ Additional Contribution of
 \$ _____

PLEASE SELECT ONE

- ☐ New Member
☐ Renewal

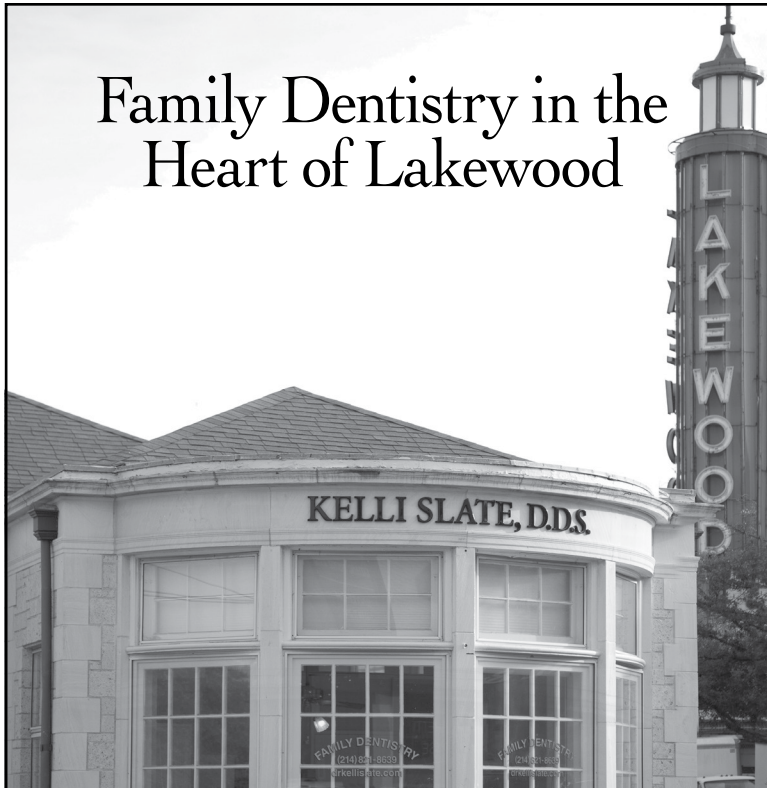
\$ _____

TOTAL REMITTED

Please go to HSMNA.org to join and pay online. Or, mail this form with a check payable to HSMNA to: HSMNA, PO Box 140763, Dallas, Texas 75214. Upon receipt, we will send your HSMNA membership card and/or ENP member-only police officer contact instructions. Please direct questions to: treasurer@hsmna.org

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GARBAGE & RECYCLING containers may be placed out at the street curb for collection **no earlier** than 6:00 PM the day before pickup.

Since our pickup is on Fridays, containers may be placed out **AFTER 6:00 PM ON THURSDAY EVENINGS.**

The containers may not be placed in the street, on the sidewalk, or in any manner that will interfere with vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

Garbage and recycling containers must be removed to the side yard or the rear of the structure (no containers in front of houses), preferably out of sight,

BEFORE 8:00 AM THE DAY AFTER COLLECTION DAY

(for us, by 8:00 AM on Saturdays).

BULKY TRASH PICKUP is on the **MONDAY** of third full week.

Violations are punishable by fines between \$50 - \$2000 for the 1st citation, and \$100 - \$2000 for the 2nd in a 24-month period. Anyone can report code violations to 311.

Recycle these items - for more information download the **FREE Dallas Sanitation Services app**: www.dallasbulkandbrush.com



GREAT REASONS TO BE A MEMBER OF HSMNA!

Being a member of one of the most vibrant, exciting and beautiful neighborhoods in Dallas keeps getting better! "Better? How is that possible?" one might ask. We already get to live in one of the most beautiful and historic Conservation Districts in the city. We have the "bestest" Christmas Party, Easter Parade, Halloween Spooktacular/ Chili Cookoff and other social events throughout the year. You can get fit on the Santa Fe Hike & Bike Trail, enjoy an amazing Auction Party, Home Tour and Kidsfest, Lindsley Park, Tenison Park Monarch Butterfly Pollinator Garden and sign up for the Expanded Neighborhood Patrol (ENP). Plus great schools like Lakewood Elementary, J.L. Long, Woodrow Wilson, Lumin Lindsley Park, Spanish House and Mata Montessori are located here.

As a member, you'll receive a membership card that entitles you to a 10% discount or other incentives at local Lakewood merchants. Love Local - Shop Local. This membership perk will not only benefit HSMNA members, it will also help keep our little slice of East Dallas thriving as we support our local retail partners. So, join today because these discounts are only available with a new 2021 HSMNA Membership card!



Note: ACE Hardware discount excludes grills, YETI, power tools and appliances.

ARTHRITIS IN PETS

Kathryn Junkins Sarpong, DVM DABVP

Monte Vistian and Vet at Metro Paws Animal Hospital

Has your cat stopped jumping on the back of the sofa, or has your dog started slowing down on his walks? These can be signs of arthritis or degenerative joint disease. Many joints can be affected, or they can primarily show symptoms from 1 or more joints. It can be genetic, or secondary to an old injury that damaged the joint

Common Symptoms reported:

- Hiding
- Slower on walks
- Hesitating to go up or down stairs
- Cranky when being petted
- Not jumping onto furniture
- Reluctance to come when called
- Stiff gait
- Symptoms often worse in the mornings
- Decreased grooming activity
- Urinating or defecating outside the litterbox

Cats hide their symptoms more than dogs and owners are often unaware of the pain. A majority of cats over the age of 12 have arthritis detectable on x-rays. So, cat families have to pay close attention to notice the changes. Cats often withdraw from families and alter their normally loving natures when they develop joint pain.

Treatment options:

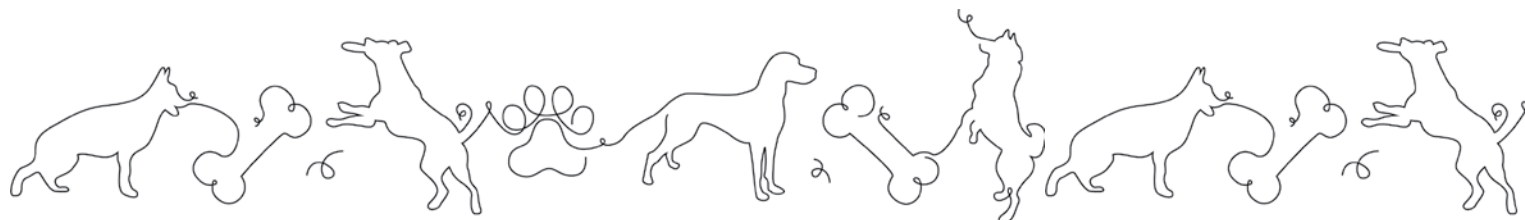
Weight control (obese animals are pre-disposed to arthritis and weight loss can improve pain)

Joint Supplements – variety with variable efficacy. Choices include glucosamine, chondroitin, turmeric, fish oil, MSM, Adequan injections, green lipped mussels. Be wary of the brand making the supplement and ask your veterinarian for advice. Lots of products are sold without good oversight and have poor quality ingredients.

Pain Medications – lots more FDA approved options for dogs than cats. There are some off label long term therapies for cats that can be discussed with your veterinarian. Different classes of medications are used either alone or in combination including non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications, nerve pain medication, as well as opioid medicines.

***** DO NOT USE HUMAN (ESPECIALLY BABY) PAIN MEDICATION AS IT CAN BE LETHAL *****

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EXPANDED NEIGHBORHOOD PATROL (ENP) UPDATE

Crime Statistics

Our neighborhood reported crime events continues to be low, thank you to our ENP Officers for the continued patrol and presence. This year with our membership of 220 households we were able to have 16 hours a week of dedicated patrol in our neighborhood. I hope this new year brings us new members so we can continue to expand our coverage to keep our crime rate low.

***** REMEMBER...IF A CRIME OR SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY OCCURS CALL 911 AND REPORT IT!!! *****

Our ENP Officers are also part of the Dallas Neighborhood Patrol Team for the Central Division in Dallas. The Neighborhood Patrol Team is a specialized group designed to be a liaison between the Police Department and the community. The team assists in starting community Crime Watch groups, attends Crime Watch and Homeowner's Association meetings, participates in community events and functions, assists in the resolution of community concerns, and conducts special projects and operations. Your Neighborhood Police officers are here to help you take back your community as well as establish and maintain a positive relationship with the Police Department. If you participated in the recent HSMNA Neighborhood Night Out November 18th you had the opportunity to meet our ENP and Neighborhood Patrol Team.

December 5th the Neighborhood Patrol Team worked together to clean up one of our neighbor's yards. This is the second year in a row for this activity and they put in some effort as you can see.



Benefits of membership in HSMNA ENP:

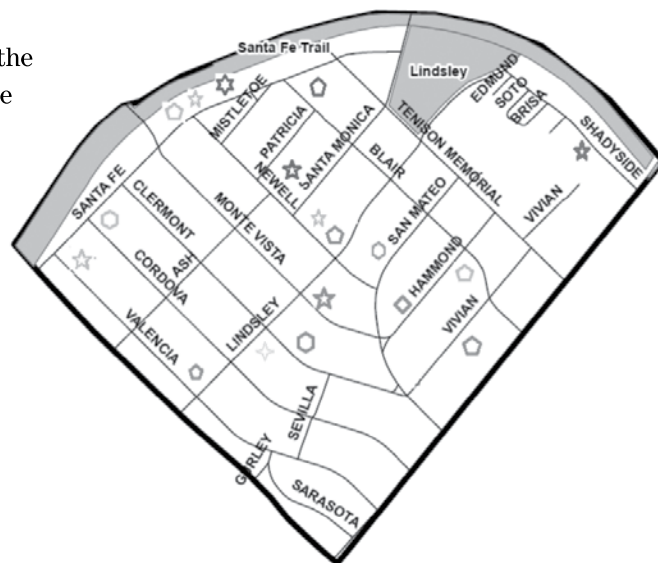
- Surveillance of your home when you are out of town
- Surveillance of construction when your home is being remodeled
- ENP officers are available for a security review of your property and can provide tips to make it safer
- Email to ENP officers
- Faster response times to 911 calls when officer on duty
- Yard sign indicating you are an ENP member

Other services to the neighborhood:

- Professional criminals and vandalism/malicious mischief will be deterred
- Reckless/speeding drivers will be better monitored
- Illegal door-to-door solicitation/handbills will be reduced
- More surveillance of Lindsley Park, Santa Fe Trail and the neighborhood schools

JOIN NOW! Don't take your safety and property value for granted: support ENP. It costs \$200 per household annually (that's 54¢ per day).

Anne Tudhope - *ENP Chair*



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|----------------|-----------------------|
| JAN 2020 | AGG ASSAULT ELDERLY |
| FEB 2020 | THEFT / PACKAGE |
| MARCH 2020 | BMV (2) |
| | THEFT / PACKAGE |
| | CRIMINAL MISCHIEF (2) |
| APRIL 2020 | NO OFFENSE REPORTED |
| MAY 2020 | CRIMINAL MISCHIEF |
| | THEFT / PACKAGE (2) |
| JUNE 2020 | BMV |
| | UUMV (STOLEN VEHICLE) |
| JULY 2020 | CRIMINAL MISCHIEF |
| AUGUST 2020 | NO OFFENSE |
| SEPTEMBER 2020 | BMV |
| | THEFT / PACKAGE |
| | ROBBERY |
| OCTOBER 2020 | THEFT / PACKAGE |
| | BMV (2) |
| NOVEMBER 2020 | NO OFFENSES |

Being A Block Captain Has Great Benefits!

Block Captains have a great opportunity to meet all the neighbors on their block, welcome new ones and establish greater safety and communication for our entire community, one block at a time.

Here's how it works:

- Block Captains maintain an accurate, up to date Contact Roster for families within their block(s).
- Send new homeowner information to HSMNA Block Captain Board Representative so a Welcome Basket can be prepared and delivered by either the Block Captain or HSMNA Board Representative.
- On occasion, help alert/remind Homeowners of special events or urgent crime issues.

If you'd like to get involved, send an email to info@hsmna.com and volunteer today!

Amy Harrell - *Membership*

Our Stories

Closing out 2020 and reflecting back to 1924 when our neighborhood began, I have been finding stories, sometimes by stumbling across an old photo or by having a chance meeting with a neighbor, that I hope would lead to a more comprehensive history about HSM to tell.

In three years, we will have the 100th year anniversary of The Hollywood Corp. inception and I am hoping to put together some type of celebratory commemoration.

Stories still need to be told. I have a growing list that I will be working on for the coming year. I have several neighbors I wish to talk to about their memories of HSM, as they are longtime residents and have a unique perspective of "what it was like back then." If anyone has stories, old photos, or memorabilia they would like to share, you are more than welcome to get in touch with me at jenniferleenear@icloud.com.

An example of one of the stories I am working on is about the small businesses that residents had out of their homes back in the early days. Beauty shops, small grocery stores, etc. Other stories revolve around transportation - Santa Fe rail, the InterUrban, the street cars into and out of the "heights."

My favorite story in the works will be for the October 2021 newsletter. I think this will be a really fun article and can't wait to finish it!

The spreadsheet with all the homes and original owners, taken directly from City of Dallas directories is almost complete. Though by complete, I mean only from the years I can find directories online. Eventually, I will be doing research in the Dallas Library Archives to see if the missing years are available to complete the spreadsheet.

I still have many documents and old articles given to me by many helpful neighbors to go through. I want to find the stories within them to tell. Some old articles or other pieces of history seem interesting, yet I don't know how or where they fit in. As I am researching another topic, I often see a home, an individual homeowner or photo and eureka, that's the piece missing that ties the story together. Accidentally stumbling across these gems now makes more sense and has led me to develop more stories for the coming year.

Happy New Year neighbors!

Jennifer Lee Near - *Historian*

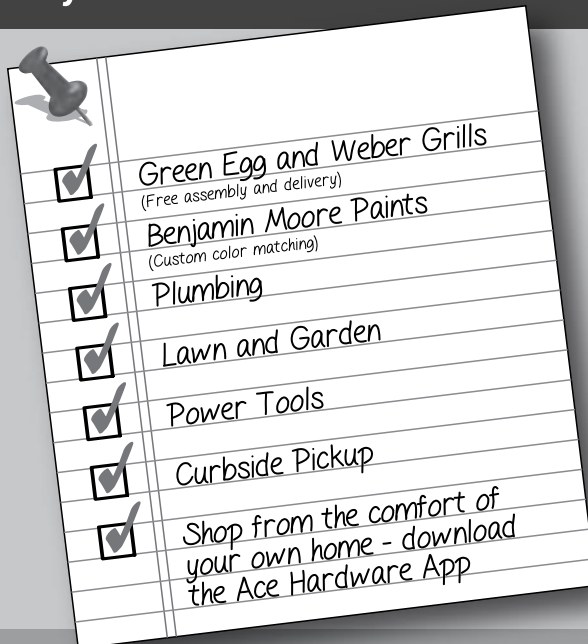
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GET YOUR CONSERVATION DISTRICT WORK REVIEW FORM *BEFORE* YOU BEGIN EXTERIOR REMODELING, REPAIRING, OR IMPROVEMENTS TO YOUR HOME.

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or fines. You can download a copy of the ordinance on
our website at www.hsmna.org. The process to obtain
a Conservation District Work Review Form is painless
and can be done by mail. Before you begin work on the
outside of your house, send a detailed description of
what you plan to do with photos of the existing area
and sketches of your proposal to:

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TOP TEN RESTRICTED LIST:

1. Improper Porch Enclosures
2. Painting of Exterior Brick Veneer
and Paint Colors
3. Installation of Skylights
4. Asphalt, Gravel, or Circular
Driveways
5. Front/Side Yard Fence Height and
Required Setback
6. Carports not in Backyard
7. Removal of Original Stained Glass
8. Metal Roof Materials
9. Window and Door Replacement
10. Retaining Walls

CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

The documentation listed below must be submitted with a completed Conservation District Work Review Form Application. By checking each requirement you are stating that you have supplied correct and complete information. In the event that the required information is not contained in the submitted documents, you will be notified. Failure to supply the requested information will result in the review of your application being delayed.

REMODELING/ADDITIONS AND NEW CONSTRUCTION

TWO Sets of plan drawings including:

- **Elevations.** (labeled north, south, east, & west as applicable) and plan drawings to scale indicating proposed alterations or additions, clearly delineating existing and proposed work. Note: until further notice, an 11" by 17" set of plans must be provided in addition to the full-sets.
- **Site plan.** Provide a site plan that shows the location and dimensions of any additions and/or new construction and all setbacks.
- **Survey.** Provide a copy of the survey of the lot that shows: 1) dimensions of lot, 2) location and dimensions of existing structures; and 3) all setbacks.
- **Photographs.** Provide photographs of house and/or other structures on property where work is to be done. Photos should clearly show existing conditions (where work is proposed) from all relevant sides.
- **Grading plan.** If the existing slope of the lot is being altered, provide a grading plan.
- A scalable detail drawing of the proposed foundation at a min. scale of 1/2-inch = 1-foot. Foundation detail should indicate location of finished grade.



WINDOWS

- Photographs of all windows to be replaced.
- Manufacturers' image(s) of proposed new windows. Image should clearly show the dimensions of the windows, the number of lites/divisions, whether muntins are expressed outside of the glass, window material and window types (double hung, casement, etc.)

- Indicate on elevations if window openings will be enlarged or reduced in size



ROOFING (Work Review Form must specify):

- Type of roofing material on the structure currently. (e.g., clay tile, comp. shingles)
- Proposed roofing material (e.g., clay tile, comp. shingles)
- Brand name of proposed roofing material and the color (e.g., GAF, Timberline in Weathered Wood)



PAINTING

- Paint color chip required. Color chip should show brand, color number and name (e.g., Sherwin-Williams. SW 6359, Beige).



POOLS/SPAS

- A section through the length and the width of the pool/spa showing the height (in inches) above grade for any element of the pool and/or spa above grade.
- An 8.5 by 11 color image of how the finished pool/spa will look.



FENCES

- A property survey clearly showing the locations of existing/proposed fencing, existing/proposed materials and existing/proposed fence heights.

NOTE: Submittal requirements for fences may vary according to Conservation District regulations additional drawings and information may be required to complete project review.

NOTE: Minimum scale of 1/8"=1'0" on all plans and elevations, unless otherwise approved by a Conservation District Planner. Plans should not be reduced and must be to scale to verify measurements. Section and/or detail drawings if required should have a minimum scale of 1/2" =1'.

Ed Zahra - Code & Zoning, CD

SOCIAL REPORT

Thank you to everyone who participated in the HSMNA Holiday Stroll! Merriment and festivity abounded! The event will be back next year, so start planning how you'd like to participate. Here are some ideas, many of which happened this year(!):



- Decorate your home and add it to the Nextdoor.com Cheer Map
- Sing carols (perform outside your own home or sing as you stroll)
- Play holiday music (bust out an instrument or your boom box...and by boom box I mean blue tooth speaker or AI smart home device)

- Wear holiday attire
- Develop and perform a mini Christmas front yard pageant for strollers (looking at you, theater loving kiddos!)
- Get crafty! Make & sell stocking stuffers/gifts from your front yard
- Set up a front yard holiday movie theater
- Get that fire pit or chiminea going



- Bake cookies or treats for the strollers
- Create your own Front Porch Cocktail Bar
- Or simply get outside for some crisp winter night air among your neighbors!



This event was promoted on our social media sites, so please follow along if you missed it. We'd like this event to grow and have even more neighbors involved.

Instagram: @hollywood_santamonica
Facebook: HSMNA Hollywood Santa Monica Neighborhood Association

In future news, we are hoping 2021 will allow us to resume some of our traditional social events, but regardless of how the year shakes out, please continue building community in creative and safe ways. Springtime is coming and it's undeniably the best time of year in our wonderful neighborhood. Get outside and stay social!

Kerri Bohan - *Social Chair*

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS: MONTE VISTA'S MOTHER DAUGHTER AFFAIR

I was delighted this summer to learn that my new neighbor across the street was the mother of another new neighbor on Monte Vista, who happens to be a new mom herself! Now Monte Vista serves as home to three generations in one family: Mom Leslie Phillips, Daughter Caroline Fancher, and Granddaughter Camille!

Let's meet the family:

Did you seek out Hollywood Santa Monica or did it find you?



Caroline: We moved back to Dallas from New York in fall 2019 and we were looking for homes in the Dallas area while we rented in Lower Greenville.

We found 411 Monte Vista and fell in love with the neighborhood and newly renovated home. We had never heard of HSM before! It reminded us of the eclectic vibe of lower Manhattan that we adored, but was also adorned with local charm and friendliness that felt so rare. We instantly saw ourselves raising children here, visiting the local restaurants, and enjoying porch nights with friends.

Leslie: Technically we sought it out because our daughter and son-in-law had just bought a house here in April.

We saw 802 Monte Vista was coming soon and had a pool and guest quarters which was exactly what we were looking for - more room for the grandkids.

Are you a walker, jogger, or front porch-sitter?

Caroline: You'll see us around the neighborhood taking our 6-month old, Camille, for stroller walks. You can also find us enjoying a glass of wine or sparkling water on our front porch rocking chairs, or pushing the baby in the swing out front.

Leslie: All 3! You'll often see me walking to my daughter's house, or riding my bicycle to the trail. We also like to play cards on the front porch, watch the children playing and getting to know our neighbors.

Tell us about you and your spouse.

Caroline: Taylor is a psychiatric nurse practitioner by trade and sees patients in both a hospital and outpatient setting through private practice. He enjoys playing guitar, working out in the home gym, reading the Bible and frequenting local watering holes for a well made cocktail. You'll see him doing projects around the house, or working in the yard. He recently did all the landscaping in our front yard! I work from home as a sales professional in the consumer

packaged goods industry. I enjoy improv comedy, a nice glass of wine by the fire, high intensity interval training, and I never turn down chips and queso!

Leslie: My husband Chris and I are both Texas natives and graduated from Texas Tech where they met. In our 33rd year of marriage, we've lived in 4 different states. And although we spent 14 years living in the midwest, we're happy to call Texas home.



Although we're empty nesters, our grown son and daughter-in-law live in Lakewood as well with their 18 month old Cruise. And of course our daughter and son-in-law live right down the street. Chris is General Manager in the construction sales industry and enjoys reading non-fiction books, conducting at-home bourbon tastings and working out in his spare time. I am a VP of HR in healthcare and enjoy yoga, traveling, decanting a nice bottle of wine and cooking for the family. We have an adopted Himalayan cat named Theo that is the newest addition to the family.

What do you love most about this neighborhood?

Caroline: The quiet, tree-lined streets and funky vibe. The neighborhood has a small-town feel in the heart of the city. We love that we have access to all the wonders of the city, yet we feel totally tucked away in a hidden oasis.

Leslie: We love the historic tudors and appreciate that the conservation district preserves the integrity and the charm of all the homes.

How do you spend your time?

Caroline: As first time homeowners with a new baby, free time is a precious commodity. When we're not working, we're usually tackling a project for the house or decorating a new space within the home. To unwind, we love exploring new restaurants, making dinner at home, and listening to podcasts about true crime, politics or pop culture. We're also huge music fans and always have a record or a song playing in the house!

Leslie: We enjoy traveling, skiing and spending time with our family. We've fallen in love with many local restaurants and love exploring and supporting local business. In the summer we are often poolside, and in the winter you'll find us out back warming up by the fire.

Let's welcome the Fanchers and the Phillips to our great neighborhood!

Amy Harrell - *Membership*

BIG IMPROVEMENTS COMING TO LINDSLEY PARK



Thanks to our Council Member David Blewett and Amanda Shultz - District 14 Dallas Park and Recreation Board, our beloved Lindsley Park will be undergoing some major renovations that will be ready by Spring 2021. Improvements that total \$120,000.00, include replacing the existing playground installed in 1993 by the HSMNA with brand new all abilities playground equipment, sidewalk repairs and permanent restroom facilities. Pavilion, perimeter and interior park lighting will be upgraded to state-of-the-art LED fixtures that minimize glare while reducing light trespass and skyglow so not to impact adjacent neighbors.

Construction is planned to start January 2021 and be finished by the Spring, weather permitting. Look for future updates on the progress and be patient when the dirt starts flying. When completed, this will be another jewel added to our gem of a neighborhood.

Ed Zahra/Norman Alston – *Lindsley Park Renovation Chairs*

Need a Recommendation for a Reliable Contractor?

HSMNA has a list of contractors/tradesmen who have worked for and are recommended by many of our neighbors completing Design, Plumbing, Electrical, Renovation, Painting, Landscaping, Irrigation, Fencing, Masonry and Handyman projects. Contact Kathy Zahra at kathyzahra@yahoo.com if you need a referral or would like to add a name.



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AUTUMN LANDSCAPING IN THE TRIANGLES AND HSM

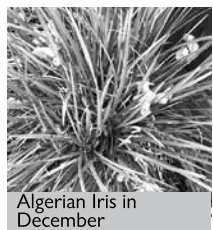
This year the LC and other volunteers spent several half-days decorating two triangles and the Monument. For the first time, battery-operated lights were ordered and placed on lamp posts at the Mistletoe and upper San Mateo triangles. Thank you, John Lill, for the battery-powered lights and their installation. With some outlets and multiple strings not working at the Monument, replacement light strings are on order for the ten or so strings not working at the Monument. A hard freeze (28 and under) has not yet happened HSM, leaving some perennials and a “Yellow Roses of Texas” blooming in the triangles to complement the decorations.



Native Smooth Sumac

Though spring is often anticipated as the primary gardening season, a well-planned garden in our mild humid subtropical climate can be as beautiful in fall and winter as in the spring. In my own garden, Algerian iris, red cyclamen, and “Autumn Embers” azaleas complement the red leaves of winged euonymus (dwarf burning bush), the orange and scarlet foliage of the native smooth sumac, and the native deciduous winterberry holly’s red berries.

Although found growing on roadsides, sumac and winterberry rarely are included in anyone’s list of “xeriscape” plantings.



Algerian Iris in December

Also rarely planted is the perfectly adapted, monkey grass-like Algerian iris from North Africa that begins its insistent flowering in November, stops in late March, and pauses its profuse flowering for a few days only after the hardest freeze.

This the beginning of the time to just enjoy the HSM gardens, with the one exception of minor pruning

and removing of suckers, cross-cutting limbs, and shrub limbs under 13 feet sticking out into the street. The LC has accordingly performed these long-neglected tasks at the triangles while decorating.



pollinator area, so children walking by can observe the beauty of nature. Thanks to Ricky Girson of the LC for the concept and design.

The peace of autumn is too often marred by the loud nasal whine of leaf blowers. What ever happened to the rake? Consider using a mulching mower to turn the leaves into grass fertilizer on site, following nature’s creation of humus, rather than applying chemical fertilizers in the spring. My neighbor uses chemical fertilizers, I use mulched leaves, and our grass looks the same in the summer!

Where leaves have accumulated in beds, mulch can be applied over the leaves when the leaf fall ends, supplementing the natural leaf humus, but leave the flares of all trees and shrubs exposed. With rare exceptions such as elm leaves that can mat, leaves benefit your garden. If you become overwhelmed with too many leaves, think about accumulating – or blowing – your leaves into a compost pile so they reduce over time into a manageable volume of good compost for lawn and flower beds. Leaves are more beneficial in your garden than in the landfill, storm sewers, or blowing down the street.

Robert Parks - *Landscape Committee*

LANDSCAPE *OF THE* MONTH



Congratulations
NOVEMBER winner! **622 Blair**

homeowners themselves. In fact, all the plants except the large pecan and the cedar elm were part of Roth’s plan. Working with a landscape architect to personalize an overall design, then implementing it over time as money permits, is a money-saving idea. Otherwise, the cost of impulsive plant purchases, mistakes, plant unsuitability and other landscape stops and starts will mount up over time.



Congratulations
DECEMBER winner! **527 Newell**

“naturalistic” landscape that would be overpowered by the angularity of the two-story front façade. They have chosen to establish ground cover rather than undertaking the risky work of mowing the steep slope just above the sidewalk.

This house one of the few two-story houses in HSM and is our single example of the Monterrey Style of the Eclectic Era, from which most HSM houses date. The overhanging second-story balcony typifies this style, of which a few examples can also be found in Lakewood.

To echo the façade, the owners have continued the straight line into the front yard screen, rather than going the route of a curved

NEW HSMNA 2021 COMMITTEES NEED VOLUNTEERS

New Committees - The HSMNA Board of Directors has established several new committees to coordinate the various works needed to be done in the neighborhood. Board members are on each committee, but we are soliciting new members from the neighborhood to join. We hope block captains and others throughout the neighborhood might be interested in the following topics and choose to join one or more of the following workgroups:

Communications (involves printing, soliciting and/or writing content for our quarterly newsletter, organizing each quarterly meeting, maintaining and developing our website and communicating regularly with the neighborhood via email, blog, website and other means). *Ed Zahra*

Membership (involves tracking membership numbers, maintaining information on the website, welcoming new members with letters and membership cards, maintaining and organizing membership name badges, signing up new members and answering questions at each quarterly meeting and brainstorming and putting into place ideas for increasing membership in HSMNA, retaining and soliciting new Lakewood retail sponsors who will give discount or other incentives to HSMNA Members.) *Amy Harrell*

Landscaping (involves maintaining the three triangles and monument areas in the neighborhood, picking the "Landscape of the Month" and communicating with the newsletter regarding landscape issues.) *Rob Parks*

Landscape of the Month (involves choosing the Landscape of the Month home/address, taking pictures and presenting homeowners Landscape of the Month sign to be placed in the front yard.) *Rob Parks*

Budget (involves anticipating and tracking funding needs for all of our committees and monitoring expenditures throughout the year.) *Steve Peggs*

Bylaws (involves reviewing the association bylaws and introducing changes to be voted on by the membership.) *TBD*

Social (involves planning and putting on all the neighborhood parties and social gatherings, including the Easter parade and party, Halloween chili cook-off and party and the Christmas party.) *Kerri Bohan*

Expanded Neighborhood Patrol (involves meeting with the officers assigned to our neighborhood, answering questions about ENP, presenting information regarding ENP at meetings and preparing crime statistics regularly, as well as tracking ENP membership.) *Anne Tudhope*

Code/Zoning/Conservation District (involves ensuring that all neighborhood construction meets requirements in our conservation code, following up with city code enforcement, and keeping abreast of any changes that might be needed in the code itself.) *Ed Zahra*

Home Tour (includes planning and putting on the annual Home Tour and Auction Party.) *Sara Ramos*

Newsletter (includes creating content for print/online, designing/printing/delivering the Quarterly Newsletter, retaining and soliciting new advertisers/invoicing/tracking of ads.) *Ed Zahra*

New Activities (involves planning and implementing new family-friendly events like Movie Night in the Park, creating/ implementing new ideas to raise funds for HSMNA projects and charitable giving.) *TBD*

Historian (involves researching and compiling historical information about the Hollywood/Santa Monica neighborhood, its homes and notable owners.) *Jennifer Near*

Tenison Park Butterfly Pollinator Garden (involves everything from seeking volunteers for routine maintenance, preparing beds, planting various native species to attract Monarch butterflies and other native bees and bird species, planning events, etc.) *Karen Albracht*

HSMNA is looking for volunteers who have an interest in being a part of any of these committees and can donate a few hours a month to help enhance the lifestyle of our hidden gem - Hollywood/Santa Monica. Send an email to info@hsmna.org with your name, committee interest, contact information and we'll get back to you ASAP.



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MISSION STATEMENT: To protect and promote pollinator populations by establishing a certified Monarch Butterfly Waystation and diversified native plant garden in an under-utilized and non-irrigated park in our neighborhood.

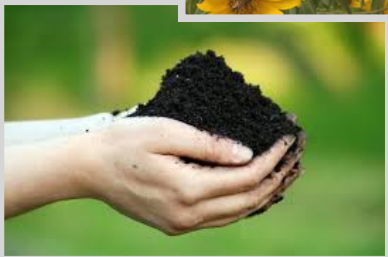
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THINGS YOU CAN DO TO HELP NATIVE INSECTS AND BIRDS IN WINTERTIME:



Incorporate native plants into your landscape. They require less water and provide better nourishment to insects and butterflies.

Cutting stems too early disrupts crucial parts of the natural cycle. Spent flower heads provide seeds for winter birds who are looking for standing stems. Dormant plants provide shelter for ground dwellers and nesting material for birds. Native bees, moths, spiders, and beetles are some that rely on hollow stems from standing plants as places to hibernate or lay eggs.



Tilling soil destroys soil structure and promotes erosion. Naturally occurring air pockets are necessary for healthy roots and water absorption.



Leave the leaves! Swallowtail butterflies and luna moths disguise their chrysalis and cocoons as dried leaves. Queen bumblebees burrow 1-2" underground relying on leaf cover to keep them warm.

Invite wildlife to your yard with sources of food (nectar), water, cover (a pile of logs), and places to raise their young. Use sustainable practices.



Maintained by volunteers, funded solely by grants and donations.
Our garden is common ground where everyone is welcome.

Won't you join us?

MONTHLY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE: 2nd and 4th Saturdays
January 9 & 23 - February 13 & 27 - March 13 & 27

For more info, email karen.albracht@att.net.