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AGENDA

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Welcome and COVID-19 Update – Travis Mayberry, President
Dallas Environmental Quality and Sustainability – Nedra Richard-Morgan
Real Estate Report – Britt Lopez, Paragon Realtors
ENP Report – Anne Tudhope, ENP Chair
Social Update – Kerri Bohan, Social Chair
Lindsley Park - Big Improvements 2021 – Ed Zahra, Chair
Closing Remarks – Travis Mayberry, President
Adjourn

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STATE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD



Hello neighbors - Not to bring the mood down right off the bat, but is 2020 over yet? I remember in 2019, I could not WAIT for 2020 to arrive. This year was going to have all of the holiday get togethers on all of the best days - July 4th was on a Saturday, Halloween and Christmas are both on Saturdays, and my birthday was on a Friday. Also, we were going to have the greatest Home Tour Weekend this neighborhood has ever hosted with five amazing homes and an all-out party at Bowlskis. I was so geared up for everything - rearing to go - ready for a banner year.

Then with one fell swoop, Covid washed away the shine of 2020. To be honest, we all should have seen the foreshadowing when Rhyner left The Ticket in January.

I was sad for a while, stressed and frustrated - but slowly I started seeing all of the good things that were starting to happen. We started spending more time with our families, adopting new technology like champs, learning new ways to communicate effectively with each other, gaining a new appreciation for wine, and I'm pretty sure we're all not missing that commute for one minute. Oh and don't forget Tiger King - never forget Tiger King.

Recently, I've started looking forward to 2021 - a lot. It will not be an election year, things should start opening back up, and our neighborhood should start getting back to normal with the rest of the country.

On our HSM Neighborhood Association Board of Directors, we are looking forward to 2021 as well. Ever wondered what the board does or ever thought about joining and making our team stronger? Have you moved here in the past few years and still can't believe how much of a gem this neighborhood is? It has a lot to do with the folks who live here and have actively shaped our culture. Our Neighborhood Association's mission is to connect neighbors and to preserve this neighborhood's unique character and culture.

If you're thinking "what does any of that have to do me?" Well - you're part of the culture too, whether you just got here or have been here for over a decade. Sure, there are existing traditions, lots of waving neighbors who want to talk to you, local characters, and the craziest levels of street pride in any neighborhood in Dallas - all which have been established over several years. But the beautiful thing is that now YOU have the opportunity to continue growing our unique culture, adding to the traditions, waving at your neighbors, forming new social groups, and maintaining our identity as Hollywood Heights - the best kept secret in Dallas.

One way to do all of this and give back to the little 'hood that could is to get involved with me and my counterparts in the HSMNA. We want to meet you. We want to hear your ideas. We want you to get involved. We need your help to fulfill our mission of connecting neighbors.

Not sure how to get started or what kind of commitment it is? One easy way to find out is to simply join a committee of the neighborhood association. By joining a committee you'll get to know the HSMNA Board Members and mission first hand, and who knows - maybe you'll be interested in joining us on the board at some point. We have a ton of impactful committee opportunities that you can get involved in at any point throughout the year - such as the Social committee, Landscaping, Membership, Communications, Budget, Enhanced Neighborhood Patrol, and many more. If you're interested in jumping right onto the board, we'd love to hear from you too. Our annual board elections are in January, but now is the time to start reaching out to us as we're thinking about next year's new board members (again - I've been thinking about 2021 for some time now!).

Email us at info@hsmna.org if you're interested in getting involved in any of the above and we'll help you get plugged in.

With an eye toward the new year and all of the promise it holds, I can tell you that this pandemic too shall pass and that there is always a light at the end of every tunnel - since that's kind of how tunnels work. I commend all the parents and kids who have adapted, and all of the front line workers and professionals who are working every day to help maintain some level of normalcy out there for the rest of us. Please everyone be safe, please go early vote (now through 10/30!), and we look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming virtual Quarterly Membership Meeting on October 20th.

Travis Mayberry - *President, HSMNA*



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

In Hollywood Santa Monica, We Vote!

One of the greatest American responsibilities and duties is to cast a vote. In the year that we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution (guaranteeing women the right to vote), let's commit to exercising our rights thoughtfully and responsibly!

Voting safely during a pandemic may seem overwhelming, but we can cast a vote in ways that minimize risk to our health. Although Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 3, most voting advocates are encouraging citizens to avoid the crowds and the lines by voting early.

For persons who qualify, voting by mail is the safest option. Mail-in ballots should be requested immediately, and the deadline for returning a ballot by mail is Oct. 23. An alternative is to vote during the early voting period, extended by Gov. Abbott this year to Oct. 13-30.

Whenever you vote, please take a moment to preview your ballot and make choices ahead of time. The ballots are twice as long this year (ranging from 28-66 pages), and straight-ticket voting is not allowed. More new and infrequent voters (hurray!), as well as new, unfamiliar voting machines will likely slow things down.

The League of Women Voters of Texas is a non-partisan organization that has great voting information on their website: <https://my.lwv.org/texas/voting-elections>

Early Voting Tuesday, October 13, 2020 to Friday, October 30, 2020
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Ann Willet



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(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

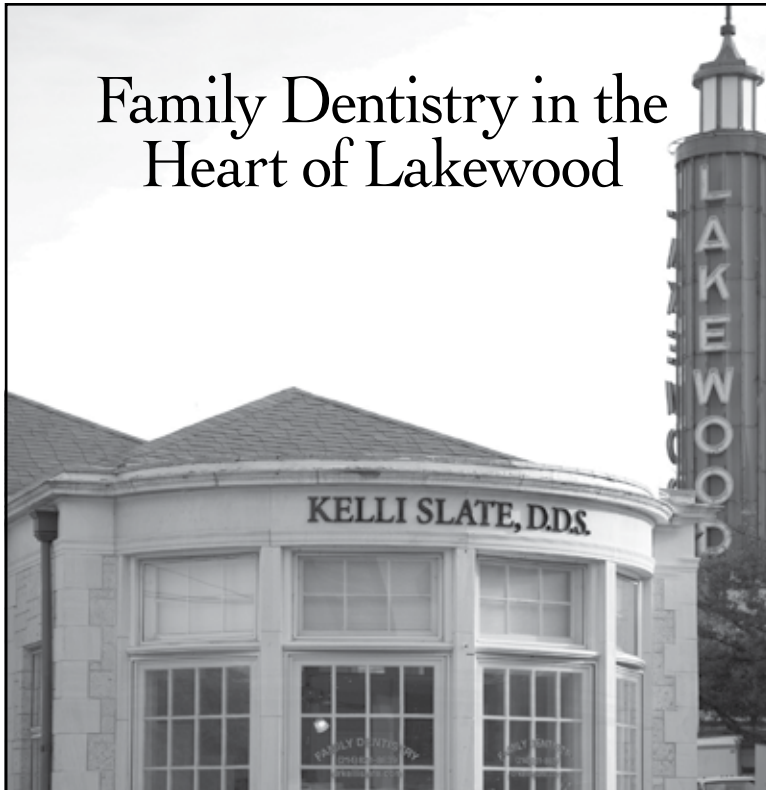
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TOTAL REMITTED

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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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).

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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.

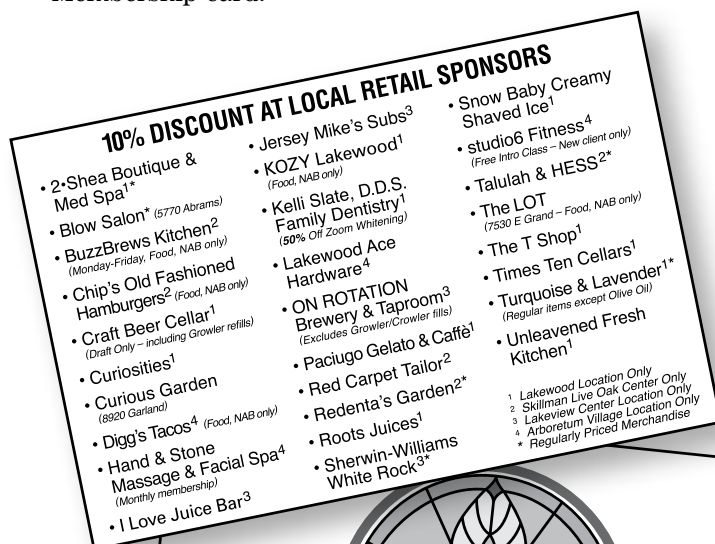
Recycle these items - for more information download the **FREE Dallas Sanitation Services app**: www.dallasbulkandbrush.com



28 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 28 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!



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SEPARATION ANXIETY IN DOGS

Kathryn Junkins Sarpong, DVM DABVP

Monte Vistian and Vet at Metro Paws Animal Hospital

What is it? – Pets acting anxious, destructively or vocalizing when away from their people.

Examples – Your dog chews up the rug and urinates in your house whenever you go to work. The neighbors complain your dog cries constantly whenever you have to run an errand. Your dog looks on the verge of a panic attack when you get ready to leave for the day.

What causes it? This is a mix of dog brain chemistry and life experiences. If your dog is too tightly bonded to you without enough independence skills, then your dog is at risk. This is why it is vital for puppies to learn to have “alone” time. It is also why every dog needs to be able to settle and not be touching a body part of ours the entire time we are home. Dogs that were rescued and then hyper-loved by the new families are at risk. Certain high strung dog breeds are also more prone to issues. Dogs that have a major change like 2 parents at home and children all day long to everyone going back to work/school are at risk. (sound familiar???)

Should I feel Guilty? Is is hard that loving our dogs too much can make them depend on us like we are a drug to them. When I was pregnant with my first child, I created a codependent separation anxiety filled dog in my own household. I am a vet and “know” better. I spent entirely too much time snuggling with him on the couch and not enough time letting him be a dog. As the human, I should determine when it is love time and when it is work time. So, if you feel guilty – I am here to tell you that you are not alone.

Why do I care – With Covid, I am home all the time? One day you may go back to the office, Eventually, there may be a new routine,

or a child in your life that necessitates your dog being able to survive periods of time on his own. It is much easier for this to always be a part of his life rather than a rude shock one day.

Uhhh- my dog is already overly needy – what do I do?

- **Teach a Settle Command.** This means go to bed and stay there until I release you. Your dog should be ok sitting or sleeping on her bed at your command while you work or cook or watch TV. Practice this every day with the end goal of 1 hour a day in dog nap zone. You may need to start with 10 seconds.
- **Start a nothing for free program.** Do not let your dog dictate when the attention nozzle flows freely from you. They should always do a trick or other command prior to attention being delivered. This helps them build confidence and lets you titrate out the attention. Dogs that constantly hit your hand for you to rub them NEED this lesson.
- **Desensitize your pet to you leaving the house.** Gather keys, purse, open the garage door, and then DO NOTHING. Sit back down. Repeat frequently until your dog stops getting super stressed by the actions.
- **No leaving drama or returning drama.** DO NOT kiss your dog like it is the last time you will ever see her prior to leaving. And then don't just overwhelm her when you get home. It is better to have a quiet goodbye and IGNORE them for a few minutes after you return. They have waited hours to go potty- they can wait another 5 minutes while you ignore them. This reduces the hot / cold experiences for them of you being there versus being gone from home.
- **Ask your veterinarian for other tips and medications in extreme cases.** Know there isn't a magic pill and you will not get out of the need to train if these problems are in your household!

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EXPANDED NEIGHBORHOOD PATROL (ENP) UPDATE

Protect Yourself Against Car Jacking

Our neighborhood reported crime events continues to be low, with burglary of a motor vehicle and theft of a motor vehicle the most serious. This is not the same for some of our surrounding neighborhoods. Thank you to our Officers for the continued patrol and presence.

This year has been unusual in many ways! We think differently every time we leave the house. One of the crimes that has caught the American public's attention in the past two decades is "Car Jacking". Legally speaking, this is classified as Robbery (or Aggravated Robbery, if a weapon or threat of a weapon is used by a criminal against a victim), but it is often referred to by the public as "Car Jacking".

Understanding Car Jacking from a Criminal's Viewpoint:

- Modern vehicles are often equipped with ignition systems requiring a coded key to start the engine. These vehicles are very difficult or impossible to "hot wire", and sometimes the only way to steal a vehicle (outside of towing) is to steal the ignition key from the vehicle's operator.
- Thieves, often traveling in groups and in a vehicle, will eye a vehicle they want. "Impulse shopping" at its very worst, they will approach a vehicle at an traffic signal, in heavy traffic, or when a vehicle operator is entering or exiting a vehicle, and steal the vehicle. Often, these thieves use a weapon to secure control of the situation and take the vehicle.
- Gas stations and car washes are often the venue for a car jacking. Vehicle operators are distracted attending to their vehicle, and easily surprised by criminals.
- Criminals often watch ATM machines, especially drive up and drive through locations, and often at night. In many cases, criminals are able to rob victims of the cash they withdraw from the ATM as well as steal their vehicle.
- Shoppers loading packages into a vehicle are often targeted because they are distracted. A thief may escape with both the vehicle and the packages being loaded.

What You can do to help prevent from becoming a victim:

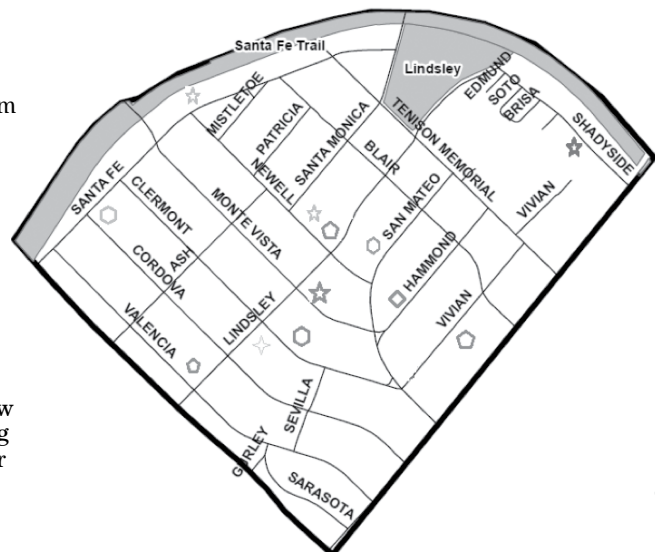
- **Leaving Parking:** Park your vehicle in a well-lit area, clearly visible to the public. An attended parking lot is ideal, as criminals hate having witnesses.
- **Entering Your Vehicle:** have your keys in your hand, ready to enter. Keep your eyes moving and your head "on a swivel"; know your surroundings. Trust your instincts: If you "feel" something is wrong, turn around and leave the area. Once you reach your vehicle, unlock, quickly enter, then re-lock the doors. Get the vehicle moving as soon as you can.
- **Be wary of people near your vehicle** ask for directions, or ask for money to help with gas ("I'm from out of town and lost my

wallet...."), or other possible distractions. They may be working with a partner, who will attempt to take your keys, and your vehicle.

- When in your vehicle and driving, **keep your doors locked, and your windows rolled up.**
- Drive in the center lane of a street (away from curbs and sidewalks)
- **When stopping in traffic at a stop sign or stop signal,** make sure you have room in front of you to maneuver and escape, if necessary. Rule of thumb: If you can't see the rear tires of the vehicle in front of you touching the pavement, you're too close.
- **Keep your cell phone in your pocket.** If your vehicle is stolen, you will have a way of contacting 911. If your cell phone is left inside the vehicle, you're stranded without a way to call for help.
- **Keep your head on a swivel,** and your eyes moving; be aware of your surroundings. Often, if a criminal senses that a victim has observed him ("made him"), they'll look for an easier victim.
- **Be aware that some thieves will "bump" a vehicle from behind,** and steal a victim's vehicle when the victim stops to exchange information. Signal to the other vehicle's driver to follow you to a well-lit public area to exchange information. If you see a fire or police station, stop there and summon aid from inside.
- **If you are a victim of Carjacking,** cooperate with the suspect. Give him what he wants, and don't argue. Make a mental note of the suspect(s) description, their vehicle's description (if they have one), and report to 911 as soon as possible. Your safety, and your life, are far more important than a car.

Remember that YOU are an important partner in the fight against crime.

Anne Tudhope - ENP Chair



- 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
UJMV (STOLEN VEHICLE)
- JULY 2020
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF
- AUGUST 2020
NO OFFENSE

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.
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Hooman Shamsa - Secretary

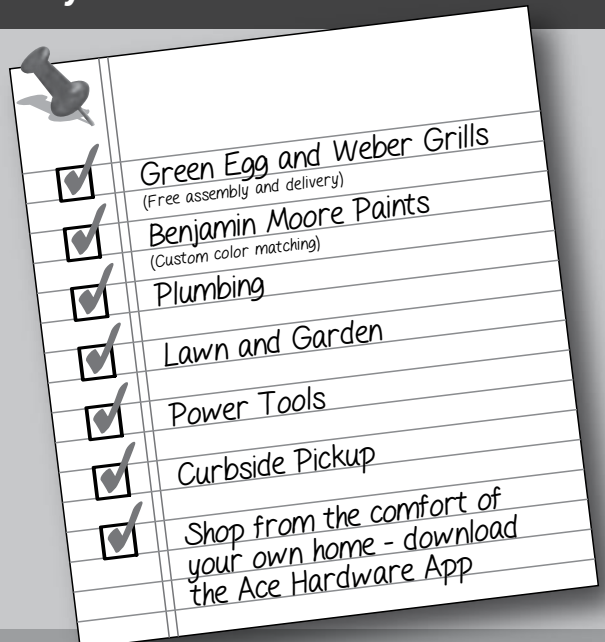
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HOLLYWOOD/SANTA MONICA IS A CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Ordinance No. 21608 Adopted March 9, 1993.

ANY construction or remodeling of the outside of your
home requires a Conservation District Work Review
Form from the City of Dallas. This form is in addition
to any other permits (such as building permits)
required by the city.

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

In a Conservation District, the guidelines are city
law, and violations result in the city enforcing the
Conservation District Ordinance with work stoppage
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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Senior Planner

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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

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.

- 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.



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.)

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'.

SOCIAL REPORT

Hi neighbors!

Are you enjoying this cooler weather? It has been nice seeing everyone back outside after the worst of the summer heat. I've spotted another cello concert, yard get-togethers galore, golf cart rides, bubble machine walks, and there was even a spatially-distant style block party along Sevilla, with the 2nd annual "Front Porch Music".

Halloween is upon us, but unfortunately, the annual HSMNA Spooktacular/Chili Cook-Off in the park is canceled this year. This is due to the current city safety level and all the unknowns regarding park regulations, etc. We were hoping to find a workable alternative, but think it's best to just add this to the ever-growing "Why 2020 is a Big Bummer" list and move forward.



We do want to encourage families to enjoy the holiday in other smaller, safer ways. Please follow our social media pages to stay up to date on some neighbor ideas, particularly for Halloween day itself.

Because this is a quarterly newsletter, I'd be remiss not to address the Christmas season, even though it's a ways



off. The HSMNA is taking the year off from holiday block-party hosting, but the famous Electric Lizzy Land is lighting up this year on Newell, and I can't imagine a more fun, uplifting sight for neighbors to enjoy.

It has been a true pleasure being your Social Chair these past 12 months. I've had a blast! Thanks to all the volunteers who have made our 2019 events so magical. It wouldn't have been possible without you. Regardless of the current circumstances, or whatever the winter may bring, I hope you continue to find ways to stay social and connect with all the beautiful souls living around you.

Hopefully I'll see you around the holidays!

Kerri Bohan - HSMNA Social Chair



WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS!

With so much distancing going on these days, we haven't been able to make as many new friends in the neighborhood. A couple of newcomers graciously answered some get-to-know-you questions. A big warm welcome to Hollywood Santa Monica neighbors Kristi & Steve Dana and Reverend Ann Willet & Loren Willet!

Meet Kristi & Steve Dana!

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



It found us! I was searching for homes and saw some really lovely ones listed in this area. I decided to drive over to the neighborhood from where I

was living in Lower Greenville. I called my husband, Steve, and said, "I found this amazing little neighborhood—it's like you're suddenly in a fairytale!"

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

I am certainly a walker now that we have our little puppy, Izzy! We also now have our official Adirondack chairs, and look

forward to being "front yard" sitters. Steve is a jogger.

Tell us about you and your spouse.

We met in 2000 as undergraduate students at Penn State University. We got married in 2007 in upstate New York, where I'm from. Steve's from Northern New Jersey. We lived in Manhattan and Brooklyn for about 15 years, with a two-year stint in Boston. I teach Voice and Speech to undergraduate and graduate actors in the Division of Theatre at SMU. Steve is in Investment Banking.

What do you love most about this neighborhood?

We love how nice and friendly everyone is! We've gotten such a warm welcome and are really looking forward to the social events. We love how pretty it is and also love how accessible it is to the Sante Fe trail.

How do you spend your time?

I am an actor. When it's safe to perform again, you'll likely see me performing at theatres like Undermain and Kitchen Dog. Steve's played soccer all his life, is on a league, joins pick-up games, and is a huge Arsenal fan.

Meet Reverend Ann Willet & Loren Willet!

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

We've lived in the Dallas area for a long time and always loved



Hollywood Heights! When we moved in from the suburbs in 2013,

we found a house in the Lower Greenville neighborhood and settled in to East Dallas living. It's nice to be in HSM after admiring the neighborhood for so long!

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

Ann is a morning walker, and Loren is a cyclist, mostly at White Rock Lake. We love the cruisability of HSM, and Ann is continuing to discover new routes!

Tell us about you and your spouse.

Loren is a specialty lender with CIBC USA (bank based in Chicago), and Ann is a United Methodist minister (Executive Minister at First UMC, Dallas). We are originally from Louisiana, and still love a good Cajun meal.

(Are there any crawfish boils around here?) Loren is an avid birder, and Ann is a Dallas County Master Gardener. We have three adult daughters - one in Dallas, one in Spokane, WA, and one in Fresno, CA - and two preschool grandchildren.

What do you love most about this neighborhood?

So many things! Beautiful architecture and lawns, daily activity on sidewalks, proximity to Downtown and great East Dallas establishments. We look forward to more opportunities to meet and greet neighbors, as fall weather brings people outside.

How do you spend your time?

We have a home in Buena Vista, Colorado, and we have spent a good bit of time there (working remotely) during the pandemic. We love the outdoors - hiking, walking. Love great concerts and theater - and missing it now. We enjoy many types of music and have something playing almost constantly in the house. Loren has a daily workout - cycling, weights, or swimming. Ann is an active advocate for social justice.

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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UNIVERSAL PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLIST ACCESSIBILITY FOR HOLLYWOOD SANTA MONICA

In September, the HSMNA Board acted decisively to ensure that an all-weather accessible sidewalk, programmed by the City, was constructed to connect our HSMNA students to J.L. Long and Woodrow Wilson. Not only are able-bodied students no longer required to walk or bike in the middle of Santa Fe, but disabled persons and cyclists now have an accessible path to the schools.

Associated with this project were two curb cuts on the southeastern and southwestern quadrants of Santa Fe and Monte Vista. Mobility impaired Hollywood residents able to get to Monte Vista can get to the new Woodrow/Long sidewalk. See photos below.

So what is the bad news? First a bit

of background. Too many corners in HSM have no curb cuts at all, forcing elderly and disabled persons to access and egress sidewalks via driveways. Any unpaved surface or blocked sidewalk is a barrier to accessibility under the Americans With Disabilities Act.

Though we love our trees, they heave up sidewalks and create barriers. Our native swelling clay divides sidewalks at the cement joint, thrusting one side up. Finally, insensitive utility companies have located utility poles right at street corners and cut off wheelchair access even where wheelchair ramps exist.

Fairness to elderly and HSM persons with disabilities is a moral issue, but provides benefits for us all. Due to Covid, the neighborhood is experiencing

a “walking revolution”. Our walkers, particularly older ones, should be able to choose fully accessible sidewalks, especially at night when streets can be hazardous. Young (and older) cyclists should be easily able to exercise their legal right to use sidewalks without bumping up and down raised curbs.

If you doubt the need, just take a walk over to the Lakewood shopping Center to see what barriers await you as you travel to what is perhaps our neighborhood’s main travel attractor. Imagine being in a wheelchair. It is time for us to build on recent successes and work with our HSMNA Board and City to modify sidewalks to build a universally accessible Hollywood/Santa Monica.



Mind the gap. Sidewalk “alligatoring” is inaccessibility. Why not just fix it all while doing the ramp?



Typical 1920’s HSM sidewalk succumbs to age.



MV/SF ramp as construction begins.



One new HSM curb ramp; a few dozen are needed.



Monte Vista/Santa Fe ramp being built.

LANDSCAPE *OF THE* MONTH



Congratulations
SEPTEMBER winner! **6804 Patricia**

This beautiful triple-gabled Santa Monica Tudor is only enhanced by its landscape. Taller trees are kept to the side letting the gabling show. Beautiful curved front beds border the facade and front walk which beckons the visitor to the Tudor plank door. Notice also the original arched stained glass window. Plants featured are loropetalum, Little Gem Magnolia, periwinkles, roses, and lamb’s ear. Great house. Great landscape!



Congratulations
OCTOBER winner! **6923 Vivian**

6923 Vivian’s two sago palms flanking the waterfall steps are a splashy subtropical welcome inviting the visitor to the front door. The Burford hollies, liriope and other wintergreen elements prove that with different textural elements, a low-maintenance landscape can be just as interesting as a punchy floral one. The Committee also admired the tasteful Halloween decorations superimposed on the 6923’s symmetrical landscape.

THE HISTORY OF THE HSM TRIANGLES AND THE MONUMENT ENTRANCE GARDEN

As Historian I was trying to find a fun ghost story to write about for the October Newsletter, but a more important story presented itself. I am also a volunteer on The Landscape Committee and this history of our Triangle parks has been in the works for some time, with the help of several neighbors that were involved in the planning and execution of our parks, providing photographs, the original plans and list of donors, this is the story.



Original Mistletoe triangle before Triangle Park

The Hollywood triangle movement began in early 1995 with the Mistletoe triangle which then consisted of a large grassy lawn, a postal storage box, and a large creosote pole with a streetlight (see photo). Rob Parks, Jason and Rebecca Barnes, John Lill, and David Donohue approached the HSMNA Board about the idea of landscaping the triangle. The Board authorized these neighbors to proceed, and the group worked to conclude a "Mowmentum Agreement" with the City of Dallas allowing HSMNA to landscape the space subject to tight restrictions.

The City required a landscape plan before it would approve the agreement, and the group contacted celebrated landscape architect Naud Burnett to develop the plan, which was produced in February 1995. That plan, shown in a photo against the background of today's triangle, was submitted to the City and attached to the agreement. Though ad hoc alterations have been made to the Naud Burnett planting plan, that plan remains the basis of our agreement with the City, with any subsequent changes requiring an updated plan.



Naud Burnett landscape plans

The plan included replacing the original creosote light pole with an antique-looking "acorn light" for which the neighborhood paid \$1000. In the photo, the triangle is shown after the installation of the acorn light, but before the landscaping began.



David Donahue, John Lill, Rob Parks

Though Naud Burnett worked pro bono, the plan's implementation was beyond the means of the HSMNA alone.

In the photos are two views of the Mistletoe triangle's opening day. In the closer shot are David Donohue, John Lill, and Rob Parks, along with an unnamed canine triangle founder. Asked recently to



Original flagstone, planting, benches

comment, John Lill said, "It feels good to be part of a neighborhood improvement. I put down a lot of flagstone sidewalk."

Jason Barnes added, "I built and installed the birdbath. I hadn't built one that big before, nor did I do it again. I was very worried someone would steal it for the copper, so I sank that big steel pipe filled with concrete for a strong connection to the copper bowl." Happily, the cooper birdbath and steel pole have survived several subsequent attempts to steal it.



Monte Vista/San Mateo original Triangle

Another photo shows the newly placed Oklahoma flagstone, some of the first plantings, and original Chinese Chippendale style benches a neighbor later replaced with concrete cemetery benches. Other neighbors, including Rob Parks and Charles Ladymon, watered the triangle until the installation of the sprinkler system, keeping the plantings alive. Mr. Parks is said to have had the longest hose in Hollywood! This spring, the relocation of the existing Charles Ladymon/Morris Granton Memorial Plaques was completed as well as the relocation/



Mistletoe triangle Opening Day

Ed Zahra, Arthur Gonzales. In addition, the Landscape Committee had the heritage pecan, inspected and treated by a certified arborist. The arborist also checked the health of all the other trees in all of the parks.

The Mistletoe triangle inspired the development of the Clermont/San Mateo upper triangle. The photo shows that triangle before it was landscaped. The

ugly creosote pole that accumulated makeshift signs was replaced by today's acorn light, with the wire connection being put underground. The photo also shows the weed tufts which were the only "landscaping" at the time.

The group discovered that another triangle (one block down the hill on Clermont) had been paved over by the City. They were able to get it disinterred for landscaping. It is an impressive feat to get a utility company to underground overhead wires, but convincing a Public Works Department to "daylight" what it had paved over and restore it with curbs was pretty amazing, even with the help of our then council person.

By this time, the Hollywood landscaping movement had taken on a life of its own, and another Team Hollywood group began the ambitious Monument Garden, perhaps the most impressive and certainly the most expensive project of them all. The Monument Garden merits a whole separate submission in the future, so stay tuned!

We cannot be sure where the Hollywood "landscaping movement" will take us in the future, but it is unlikely it's just confined to the past. At some time in the future, the triangles will need to be refurbished, including even the Monument Garden.



Memorial plaques relocation

Adding more pollinator friendly plants for the children of HSMNA to enjoy butterflies and bees, making sure the trees are healthy for years to come, resetting the flagstone so that it is more level and safer is just some of the long-term plans for all of our neighborhood parks.

As we await the future, please take this COVID time to walk or bike to our triangles



Mistletoe Triangle Park today

with the "before" photos in hand. Take the time to thank the neighbors still with us who participated in the planning, construction, watering, and maintenance of the triangles, and reflect for a moment on those helpers no longer with us, their spirits are within our parks.

Jennifer Lee Near - *Historian*

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