

# Eastwood Echo

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with boundaries from Easton to Peavy, Lake Gardens to Lake Highlands"*

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**LAW ENFORCEMENT CALLS IT  
“CRIME OF OPPORTUNITY”**

Small but effective ways to help deter crime in  
Your home & neighborhood  
By Darrell Wood

**Keep your garage door down.** An open garage is an invitation for grab-and-run burglars. It takes less than 10 seconds to run in and grab your tools. This is your # 1 crime.

**Do not keep anything in view in your car.** Cellphones, boxes, and bags are all reasons for a thief to smash out your car windows. These crimes happen very regularly and quickly.

**DO NOT leave a garage door opener / remote in your car.** Garage door openers are an easy way for criminals to get in your house.

**Report suspicious activity.** Make a note of suspicious cars and their license plates. Criminals often return to an area that proves fruitful.

**Know your neighbors.** The best protection you can have is a neighbor that knows your cars and schedule and will pick up your newspapers when you are away. Be that neighbor.

**Call your crime watch hotline.** Stay informed of area criminal activity. Read crime reports on our *Nextdoor* Website given by our *Crime Watch Committee* or call the *Eastwood Neighborhood Crime Watch Line*: (214) 967-5187.

**Mark your alley.** If you don't have your street address on the rear of your home, please get one. Emergency vehicles (from the fire department and police), as well as our *Volunteers in Patrol*, need to accurately identify your home when in the alley.

Courtesy of your

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Riparian Year in Review

by Michael Parkey, ASLA

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Here is a quick overview of what the *Riparian Committee* has been up to in late 2013 and so far in 2014:

- **Erosion control.** Our year starts a little early in December when the first Christmas trees arrive. As in years past, most of the trees used for erosion control come from Trow Tree Farms, who donates unsalable or surplus trees. This year we placed about 180 trees along the banks of Dixon Branch, staked in place with steel rebar.
- **Bluebird boxes.** Six nest boxes were mounted on the backs of sign posts in the greenbelt. We did not see any bluebirds this year, but the park is good habitat and sometimes it takes several years for bluebirds to find new boxes.
- **Maintenance and new planting at Entry Garden.** We have been doing more weeding and planting at the monument at Peavy and Creekmere. The biggest additions are three new trees to replace the failing Texas mountain laurel. The new trees are possumhaw hollies, a native deciduous relative of the yaupon. Look for bright orange to red berries on these trees during winter.
- **Ragweed and brush control.** This is an ongoing effort. In 2013, we had a major infestation of giant ragweed, a ten-foot tall weed that causes terrible allergy problems for many people. A rented brush mower proved very effective! Ragweed was much reduced in 2014, and we continued search-and-destroy operations through the summer. We have also done selective removal of invasive brush, such as privet and Chinese honeysuckle.

In the rest of 2014 we will continue ragweed and brush control, and prepare ourselves for the big Christmas tree/erosion control festival starting in December.

*Come join us, we're in constant need for volunteers.*

*Keep an eye out for our memos on Nextdoor.*

Occasionally, I hear complaints about how the park looks. (No one seems to complain about how the erosion control protects our trees.) With more volunteers, we can better control undesirable plants like ragweed, and increase the wildflowers. **With more volunteers, we can make a bigger difference!**

#### FROM OUR ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

- Our upcoming *General Meeting* will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 18th from 7:00pm until 8:30pm at the Central Lutheran Church on Easton Rd., near Forest Grove Dr. We will have guest speakers, appetizers & drinks, as well as door prizes for a lucky few. Also, the approving of new EHA Board Officers will be voted on at this meeting.
- Also, at our *General Meeting*, we will be discussing the plans for updating the Entry Sign at Creekmere & Peavy, as well as the plans for adding new playground equipment at the park on Lippitt & Sinclair
- Congratulations to Bill & Lisa Edwards, who were chosen as our first ever Yard of the Month winners!! (see article by Carla Perez on pg. 7 )

Regards,  
Mitch Womble - President of EHA

### **Important dates**

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### **neighborhood ideas = board decisions**

The board voted to add a new venue during *Neighborhood Night Out*: @ the park at Lippitt & Sinclair from 5:30 to 7:30 pm, and to have a bounce house for the kids.

### **Household Hazardous Waste**

Household Hazardous Wastes (HHW) are chemicals which could cause harm to the environment if they are thrown into your garbage roll cart, poured down the drain or storm sewer, illegally dumped, or stored incorrectly. When you are finished using these types of products around your home, please take them to the *Dallas County Home Chemical Collection Center* for reuse or proper disposal. Several hardware stores and auto parts retailers will accept fluorescent bulbs or batteries. To see if there is a location next to you, go to **[www.search.earth911.com](http://www.search.earth911.com)**

Only the following items are accepted at the Dallas County Home Chemical Collection Center:

- Chemical products for home use
- Paint and home repair products
- Lawn and garden chemicals
- Aerosol Sprays • Pool Chemicals
- Craft & hobby supplies
- Cleaners & polishes • Batteries of all kinds
- Automobile fluids (transmission, oil, antifreeze, power steering, etc.)
- Oil filters
- Fluorescent light tubes
- Computers and cell phones

**Where Do I Take HHW?**

Dallas County Home Chemical Collection Center  
11234 Plano Rd  
Dallas, TX 75243-8506, US

**Where Can I Find Green Cleaning Products?**

The Office of Environmental Quality provides a *[Green Home Booklet](#)* that includes Do-It-Yourself Recipes for eco-friendly cleaners. You also reduce the amount of waste! Go to **[www.greendallas.net](http://www.greendallas.net)**.

\* Dallas County HHW member cities include: Addison, Dallas, DeSoto, Duncanville, Farmers Branch, Garland, Highland Park, Irving, Mesquite, Richardson, Rowlett, Sachse, Seagoville, Sunnyvale, University Park, and unincorporated areas of Dallas County.

## **EASTWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION YARD OF THE MONTH CONTEST**

By Dianne Bryant

The *Eastwood Homeowners Association Yard of the Month Committee* (YMC) has been established to promote goodwill and reward exemplary yard care in all the homes in the EHA subdivision. The purpose of the program is to recognize neighbors who demonstrate above

-average efforts in maintaining their property, thereby contributing to the overall appearance and value of the community at large. This is a great award and the program is administered entirely by volunteers.

Uniqueness, beauty, appeal, as well as consistency, are necessary to win the award for *Eastwood Homeowners Association's Yard of the Month*. Since the YMC will mainly deal with "curb appeal", nominations will be for front and side yards jointly, as well as the exterior of the house. The YMC will select a Yard of the Month during the first few days of each month, and each month a different street will be selected. The winner of the *EHA Yard of the Month* award will be provided with a decorative yard sign as well as a picture published in our newsletter *EASTWOOD ECHO*. The winner will also receive a gift certificate from an area/neighborhood retailer.

*For a detailed copy of the Eastwood Homeowners Association guidelines for this contest, please contact a member of the Yard of the Month Committee through the Nextdoor website, or contact any board member (listed in the EHA directory) who will have someone in the committee contact you.*

This will be our Fourth FALL FLOWERING FUNDRAISER for all Eastwood neighbors. Flowers come from the Gena Evans Farm in Garland who has always provided us with the highest of quality plants at a reasonable price. Funds are used for the beautification and maintenance of our neighborhood. Details for ordering plants can be found on the order form that follows on pg. 8 of this newsletter.

***THE NEIGHBORHOOD THANKS YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!***

### **Yard of the Month – Inaugural winners!**

By Carla Perez

Ask Lisa and Bill what they love most about living in

Eastwood and they will rattle off at least a dozen reasons. From the proximity to White Rock Lake to the mature trees and neighborhood greenbelts, they both enjoy the great outdoors. They have lived in the area for almost 30 years of which the last 10 have been in Eastwood. Lisa's commute to work included a drive down Creekmere and for many years she admired the very home she lives in now.

Their beautiful lawn and flower gardens are a reflection of their love for the outdoors. Bill gives all the credit to Lisa yet Lisa is quick to let him know that she couldn't do it without him. Pass by their home on Creekmere and Sylvania and you'll know exactly why they were chosen as Eastwood's inaugural Yard of the Month winners in September. The curb appeal of their home is definitely a head turner!

TJ, their beloved terrier mix was on hand for the festivities when the family was presented with a \$50 gift card to Walton's.

*\*Yard of the Month is sponsored by the Eastwood Homeowner's Association with support from local nurseries. A special thank you to Walton's on Garland Road for co-sponsoring our September prize.*

**Eastwood HOA Annual Fall Flower Fundraiser**

Pansy w/face      Kale      Pansy w/out face      Color Bowl      Dianthus      Violas      Baskets

<b>Pansy with Face</b> 4" Pots 18 Plants per Flat		<b>\$18</b>
Mixed _____ Purple _____ Yellow _____ Rose _____ White _____      Red _____ Blue _____	Total # of flats _____	
<b>Pansy Clear Face</b> 4" Pots 18 Plants per Flat		<b>\$18</b>
Mixed _____      Purple _____      Silhouette Mix _____ Yellow _____      Rose _____ White _____      Red _____ Blue _____      Orange _____ Azure Blue _____      Cream _____	Total # of flats _____	

**Ornamental Kale 4" Pots 18 Plants per Flat \$18 / I Gal – Nagoya \$5. ea / Peacock \$6. ea**  
 Nagoya: Purple \_\_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_\_      Nagoya : Purple \_\_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_\_  
 Peacock: Purple \_\_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_\_ Total # of flats \_\_\_\_\_      Peacock: Purple \_\_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_\_ Total # of 1 gals \_\_\_\_\_

**14" Color Bowl \$22      "Mixed Fall Colors"      10" Hanging Baskets \$15**

Total #Color Bowls \_\_\_\_\_      Total #Hanging Baskets \_\_\_\_\_

Dianthus , Violas & Dusty Miller	4" Pots	18 Plants Per Flat	\$ 18
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Dianthus - Mix \_\_\_\_\_ Crimson \_\_\_\_\_ Violet \_\_\_\_\_ Pink \_\_\_\_\_      Total # of flats \_\_\_\_\_

Violas \_\_\_\_\_ (White, Purple, or Mix) Dusty Miller \_\_\_\_\_ Total # of flats \_\_\_\_\_

Crotons (1 Gal) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$13 ea. Swiss Chard (1 Gal) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$7 ea

Peppers: Chilly \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$7 ea Explosive Embers \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$7 ea

Flats \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$18 EA Bowls \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$22 EA Baskets @ \$15 EA \_\_\_\_\_

Nagoya @ \$5 EA \_\_\_\_\_ Peacock @ \$6 EA \_\_\_\_\_ Crotons @ \$13 EA \_\_\_\_\_ Peppers @ \$7 EA \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home # \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL BALANCE DUE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Pick Up Time & Date: 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 22nd, 2014**

\_\_\_\_\_ Check # & Amt (or) \_\_\_\_\_ Cash Amt

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Eastwood HOA

Send to: Diane Bryant 941 Forest Grove Dr, Dallas, TX 75218

**By Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

Any flower questions? Call Gena Evans – 972-754-4888 or

email her at [genasdesk@hotmail.com](mailto:genasdesk@hotmail.com)