

EASTWOOD ECHO IS SWITCHING TO ONLINE DELIVERY

We love our trees in Eastwood. So it makes sense to save paper, spare trees, and switch to cyber. But we have other reasons, too:

- Saves the Eastwood Neighborhood Association money.
- Frees up funds for our neighborhood's ongoing projects.
- Doesn't get confused with advertising circulars.
- Allows us to use full color on every page.
- Include more photos and even videos.

To assist with our busy schedules, we plan to distribute the Eastwood Echo in a variety of ways:

- A complete PDF by email.
- A complete PDF by Nextdoor.
- Individual articles by Nextdoor.

But we understand if the internet is not your thing. Leave a your name and address at 786-208-7377 we'll get you on a list for a printed copy each issue.



photos: Mark Kamenish

Become an Eastwood Neighborhood Association member or renew your dues!

Your membership fees help us:

- Nurture the greenbelt
- Put on community events
- Improve neighborhood security
- Beautifications like signs and gardens

There are long-term plans to improve the playground and build a website. We need your support! Send in the attached membership card (online options available) or request one from eastwood75218@gmail.com.

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LOGO!

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EASTER & SPRING EQUINOX CELEBRATION

Sunday, March 20
3 to 4 pm

We invite the neighborhood to join us at Playground Park (Lippit/Sylvania at Sinclair) and embrace the metaphors of this season. Something for all ages and faiths. Celebrate the new life of spring in our beautiful park. Bring a snack or drink to share.



photo: Mark Kamenish

Celebration of Flowers: 3 pm
Share the bounty of your yard by bringing flowers for the Arch of Garlands. Get your picture taken amid the floral glory.

Easter Egg Hunt: 3:30 pm
An Easter celebration for the community, featuring lots of fun games and activities for children and their families. Easter egg hunt for ages 5 and under in the playground; eggs for ages 6 and up will be scattered about the park.

DO YOU ENJOY OUR GREENBELT?

Give back to it! Join the Eastwood Riparian Committee.
contact: info@MichaelParkey.com

EASTWOOD EVENTS FOR 2016

Check Nextdoor for updates

ONGOING

Play Date at the Park

Last Sunday of the month – 3 pm

Playground Park (Lippitt/Sylvania at Sinclair)

Bring the children, along with toys and games, and let's have fun!

Eastwood Neighborhood Association Membership Drive

March thru April

Pay your annual dues and help keep Eastwood vibrant.

Board of Directors Meetings

3rd Thursday of the Month 7 pm

Central Lutheran Church – 1000 Easton Rd.

Volunteers working hard to better the neighborhood.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Easter & Spring Equinox Celebration

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Wildflower Walk

April 3 Sunday – 1 pm

meet at Playground Park (Lippitt/Sylvania at Sinclair)

Michael Parkey, our Riparian Committee Chair, leads a walk through our greenbelt. If weather's bad, will walk the following week.

Cinema in the Woods

April 23 Saturday – sunset/8 pm

Playground Park (Lippitt/Sylvania at Sinclair)

Bring your chairs, blankets and picnics. Join us for a family-friendly movie in the park. Shown with a seriously good screen and projector with quality sound. Rain date: April 30.

Neighborhood General Meeting

May 19 Thursday – 7 pm

Central Lutheran Church, 1000 Easton Rd. between Lake Gardens and Vinemont

Gather, network, and hear the latest news and inside scoops on neighborhood news. Speaker to be announced.

Creek Crawl

June 19 Sunday – 1 pm

meet at Playground Park (Lippitt/Sylvania at Sinclair)

Michael Parkey, our Riparian Committee Chair, leads a walk down Dixon Branch creek from the Eastwood Beach upstream to Easton. Be willing to get wet, because wet rocks are slippery. If weather's bad, will walk the following week.

Independence Day Parade & Picnic

July 4 Monday – 9 to 11 am

meet at Playground Park (Lippitt/Sylvania at Sinclair)

Wear your most patriotic July 4th finery. Deck out your dog, bicycle, tricycle, or wagon. We'll walk proudly up Sylvania, down Vinemont and back up Creekmere, accompanied by our brave police and fire first responders. Afterwards, enjoy a cold watermelon and snacks at the park.

Neighborhood Night Out

October 4 Tuesday

Enjoy a fall evening with your neighbors, police and our VIP crime-prevention volunteers.

Eastwood Celebrates Halloween

October 31 Monday – sunset

Parade, yard decoration contest, and more.

Neighborhood General Meeting

November 17 Thursday – 7 pm

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Water & Sanitation

Garbage & Recycling Collection Day

Friday

Brush and Bulk Collection

2nd Monday* of the month

*This refers to 2nd full week

Mandatory Watering Restrictions:

Sprinklers from 6 pm to 10 am only from April 1 thru October 31.

Water on Sundays and Thursdays if last digit of address is 0, 2, 4, 6 or 8.

Water on Saturdays and Wednesdays if last digit of address is 1, 3, 5, 7 or 9.

Drip irrigation, soaker hoses and hand watering allowed at any time.

VOLUNTEERS IN PATROL

The VIP program consists of volunteers who patrol their neighborhood and alert police to possible law breaking. Many burglaries and other crimes have been interrupted. VIPs work with residents to make their homes more secure and remind them when doors, gates and garage doors have been left open.

Other than the ability to pass a background check by the Dallas Police Department, all that is required to be a VIP is to attend six hours of training at the Dallas Police Department.

Become a VIP! Contact Eastwood's Darrel Wood at planread@yahoo.com or (214) 321-5369. Or contact officer Katherine Robinson at katherine.robinson@dpc.ci.dallas.tx.us.

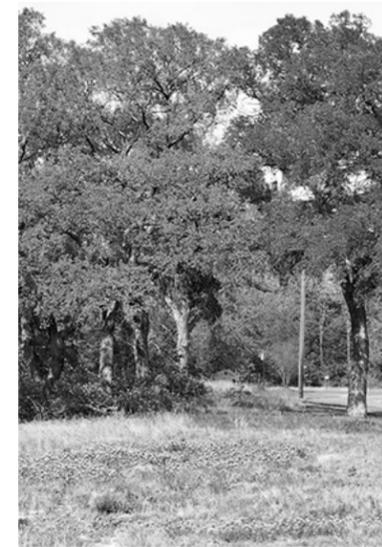


EXPERIENCE OUR PARKS WITH THESE EVENTS

by Michael Parkey, ASLA

Are you curious about our park and greenbelt? Do you wonder what all those flowers are, but have never had time to learn their names? What is Dixon Branch really like below the streets and behind all those trees? This year, two events led by experienced members of the Riparian Committee will answer those questions.

On Sunday April 3 at 1 pm we will revive the **Wildflower Walk**. Take a short leisurely hike through the meadows and smell the flowers. Conditions in fall and winter have been very good for wildflowers, so there will be a great variety to see. Of course we will stop at Eastwood's famous bluebonnet patch. Do you know how those bluebonnets got there? And why they don't grow everywhere in the park?



Most people recognize bluebonnets, but how many other wildflowers can you name? And what are all those bright colors for, anyway? Surely you didn't think they are just for our benefit! We will walk, look, ask and answer questions for about an hour and a half.

The first annual **Creek Crawl** will follow on Sunday, June 19, also at 1 pm. Generations of Eastwood children have explored our creek, but it is not just for kids anymore. Did you know that Dixon Branch is a permanent

stream that flows all year? Water quality tests show that Dixon Branch has some of the cleanest water you will ever find in an urban stream!

But you won't need the tests when you see perfectly clear water flowing over a gravel bottom that comes from the same white limestone that gives White Rock Creek its name. In places, the limestone comes to the surface, creating waterfalls and outcrops that will remind you of the Hill Country. Did you know that sunfish dig pits in the white gravel in which they lay their eggs?

The sunfish are easy to see in the clear water, and we can also expect to see other species of fish, turtles, herons, and wood ducks. In June the sun will be warm but the water will be cool and waist-deep in many places.

Both events will start at Playground Park at the intersection of Lippitt and Sinclair. Children are very welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult guardian. In case of bad weather, both events will be postponed for one week.

For the Wildflower Walk, wear sturdy, comfortable shoes and long pants. For the Creek Crawl, put on your old shorts or swimsuit, and wear old tennis shoes, river sandals, or waders (no flip-flops!). The bottom is slippery and the rocks can be sharp, so bare feet are a very bad idea. Bring a walking stick or ski pole if you have them. Expect to get wet—it is easy (and fun!) to fall in. In other words, leave the new smart phone or expensive camera at home.

Please join us, and let us share with you our passion for nature in our neighborhood.