

# WILDFLOWERS TO WATCH FOR IN OCTOBER

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Here in Eastwood we have not one but two wildflower seasons. The first one is in spring and early summer, beginning with bluebonnets sometimes as early as March, and ending with lemon mint, cutleaf daisies, and firewheels in July. The second one usually begins in September with the first cool front and rain. This year the mild summer caused the second season to begin early.

Have you seen the tall spikes of sky blue flowers in the meadow yet? These are pitcher sage and have been blooming almost all summer. They are very spectacular this year, with some plants topping seven feet! Pitcher sage is a perennial that almost always grows in association with prairie grasses in very sunny places.



## Goldenrod is Innocent! — Ragweed is Not

In the margins of the woods along Creekmere and Sinclair are four-foot wands with bright goldenrod blooms in September and October. Many people blame this plant for fall allergy symptoms, but it is innocent. Goldenrod blooms at the same time as ragweed which is the real cause of your misery.

Ragweed flowers are almost invisible, but produce vast amounts of wind-blown pollen. These two species illustrate a botanical rule of thumb: plants with showy flowers are pollinated by insects or other animals and do not release pollen into the air. Plants with tiny, inconspicuous flowers are wind pollinated, and are often the reason you reach for the antihistamines.

## Eastwood Wildflowers — A Hard-Earned Beauty

The fall showstopper is Maximilian sunflower. Every year in the first week of October, this perennial sunflower creates a wall of yellow along Creekmere. Its height varies with summer rainfall. In recent drought years it was only two to three feet tall. But this year it may grow to its full six-foot glory. Like many other sunflowers, the blossoms are intensely yellow with orange centers.

Where did these wildflowers come from? The goldenrod was probably lurking for decades along the tree line. When we stopped mowing the park to within an inch of its life, it made a dramatic comeback. The Maximilian sunflower and pitcher sage were absent from the park when we started the riparian project back in 2002.



In 2004 we used grant funds from the US Fish and Wildlife Service to seed the Creekmere meadow with native Blackland prairie seed collected at a Nature Conservancy preserve, Clymer Meadow. The Maximilian sunflowers, pitcher sage, and dozens of other wildflower species are the result.

*Photos courtesy of Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center*



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## BE a PART OF EASTWOOD'S FIRST HALLOWEEN event!

A TRICK-OR-TREAT ROUTE FOR THE  
EASTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD

**Monday, October 31 ~ 5:45 pm**  
Gather at Playground Park (Lippitt & Sylvania)  
*Please park your cars on Sinclair*

Eastwood's 4th of July Parade is so much fun, and the people along Sylvania, Vinemont, and Creekmere are so sweet about it, we'd like to keep that community energy going with a Halloween group trick-or-treat. Other neighborhood associations have enjoyed a great time with it.

We'll trick-or-treat as a group from Playground Park up Sylvania to Vinemont, take a right down to Creekmere and return to Playground Park. We can split up and walk both sides of the street. Or you are welcome to walk the route at any time.

Be ready to receive trick-or-treaters from 6 to 8 pm. For the most fun, station yourself outside the house. Be sure to leave the porch light on.

If you would like distribute treats and are not on the route, please bring a chair, your candy bowl and join a neighbor. Or come in your car and do a trunk-or-treat.

Neighbors on the route will get a flier on Friday before Halloween as a reminder. If you have any questions, please email Chris and Jennifer Goers at chrisjengoers@gmail.com or text Jennifer at 214-668-7896.

After the trick-or-treating there will be hangout time in the park. Bring your own refreshments for your family and maybe some to share. It will be daylight until about 7 pm that evening (sunset is at 6:37 pm).





# EASTWOOD DIRECTORY — HOW TO GET ONE

The Eastwood Neighborhood Directory will be up-dated, printed and distributed this fall. We publish a new directory every two years.

Become a member of Eastwood Neighborhood Association to obtain one. Each residence is listed in the

directory, **but only ENA members receive a copy.**

The directory is invaluable, especially to Volunteers in Patrol, enabling residents to be alerted about crimes or issues involving their homes when rapid response is crucial.

## EASTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC. VOLUNTARY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

For membership year of January 1 thru December 31, 2016

Please ENA - Membership Drive Scan & send to:  
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Emergency Night Phone:		Other Info:	

If you would like to make an additional contribution to one or more of our neighborhood projects, thank you in advance. Please Indicate where you would like those additional funds applied:

- ☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ New Membership or Renewing Membership is \$20.00
- ☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Riparian Restoration Committee – Maintenance of parks and streams and related projects
- ☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteers in Patrol – Magnetic vehicle signs, vehicle lights, and other equipment as needed
- ☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Special Projects, i.e. Entry sign, Playground, Plaque, \_\_\_\_\_
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total

Please make checks payable to Eastwood Neighborhood Association, Inc. OR  
use PayPal with our e-mail address: [eastwood75218@gmail.com](mailto:eastwood75218@gmail.com) and include instructions for how to apply funds.

☐ I am interested in being an Association Board Member or chairing a committee.

☐ I am interested in participating in crime prevention with the Volunteers in Patrol.

☐ I am interested in being on the Riparian Restoration Committee.

☐ I want to join Nextdoor for daily updates, crime reports and news related to our

If you use online banking or Pay Pal, please remember that we still need your information

# NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT OUT

community connection — Proven TO FIGHT crime!

Tuesday October 4 - 6 to 8 pm

Eastwood coordinator: Jud Human, Crime Watch

First Tuesday in October, several of our Eastwood neighbors volunteer to host get-togethers in their front yards. Look for the bright blue balloons! Neighborhood Night Out is an opportunity to visit with other neighbors while enjoying beverages and snacks. Dogs on leashes and children are welcome.

The idea is to get to know your neighbors as a way of helping prevent crime in the neighborhood. It is scheduled to coincide with National Night Out (natw.org), a crime awareness event that takes place in August in most states but is delayed until cooler in October in Texas.

The following are hosting:

- Chris & Kari Kloepper 10428 Lake Gardens
- Thomas & Annie O’Kelly 989 Sylvania
- Carolyn Jones & Francis Shaner 10162 Creekmere Cir
- Amy Martin & Scooter Smith 980 S. Rustic Cir
- Gary & Melanie Brown 1015 Forest Grove
- Brad & Patricia Ozanne 10484 Silverrock
- Chris & Jen Goers Playground Park (Lippitt at Sinclair)

Police officers that patrol our area have been invited to drop by any of these locations as duty permits.



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## YOU CAN HELP KEEP EASTWOOD SAFE Be a VIP!



Volunteers In Patrol (VIP) serves as Eastwood’s eyes and ears for the Dallas Police. VIPs report possible crimes in action or suspicious characters as they patrol every street in the neighborhood in pairs. VIPs receive training from the police and know just what to do.

But it goes beyond crime. VIPs have alerted residents to broken water lines causing floods, house or carport doors or gates left open, escaped pets running loose, major tree or limb falls damaging the house, delivered packages visible from the street, and more.

Become a VIP! Let us know the number of shifts you can do a week. It takes about 90 minutes to cover the route with a partner. With enough volunteers, Eastwood VIPs are able to patrol three times a day. Contact Eastwood’s VIP coordinator Darrel Wood at [planread@yahoo.com](mailto:planread@yahoo.com) or (214) 321-5369.