



Midway Crossing

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Recent Thefts in the Area

Protecting our homes

There has been a rash of garage robberies in our neighborhood and the surrounding areas. Some neighbors have reported lawn equipment and sporting equipment being stolen from their open garages – even during the daytime. One homeowner reported a suspicious vehicle lurking in the alleyways. Another homeowner reported 2 different pieces of lawn equipment stolen an hour apart, between the multiple times they had been out in their garage.

To safeguard your home, your belongings and yourself, please do not leave your garage doors open (even for just a few minutes to vent the hot air). If you see any suspicious vehicles in the neighborhood, lock all your doors and call the police. It's much better to be safe than sorry. ■



Fall Block Party

Texas barbeque

The Association will hold the next semi-annual block party on Saturday, October 18, 2003 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the Midrose cul-de-sac. The Association will be catering BBQ, so bring your appetite. Come join the fun, have some great food, and meet your neighbors.

The HOA will only order enough BBQ for those who call ahead, so if you plan to attend – make sure to call 972-381-1681 or email MidroseNews@ev1.net with the total number of people who will be attending. We also need folding tables and ice chests, so let us know if you can provide one or both.

If the weather is bad on October 18th, we'll move the block party to Saturday, October 25, 2003 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Looking forward to seeing you there! ■



Yard of the Month Winners

Keeping our neighborhood beautiful

The winners of the "Yard of the Month" award for the last three months are as follows:

July – Franz and Marianne Gassner at 4194 Midrose

August – Ana Maria Estes at 4015 Midrose

September – Oanh Phan at 4162 Midrose.

Congratulations to our latest winners! ■

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Neighborhood Information

Things everyone wants to know

Many of us are not sure of some of the local services and information applicable to our neighborhood.

Here's a few things that many have asked about:

- Regular trash pick up is early in the morning on Tuesdays and Fridays. You should not place your trash cans out before Monday and Thursday evenings.
- The City of Dallas will also pick up brush and bulk trash if left curbside (not in the alleys) prior to 7:00 AM of the first Monday of each month. Materials that will not be picked up include bagged grass clippings, construction material, rocks, bricks, concrete or dirt. Be aware, citations with fines will be given by the city to those who place bulk trash out more than 4 days in advance of the first Monday of each month (read more about this new law in the *Bulk Trash Pick Up* article >>>).
- For voting, our neighborhood is in precinct 024-01. We generally vote at Mitchell Elementary School at 4233 Briargrove. Our current elected officials are:
 - US Senate, John Cornyn, 972-239-1310
 - US Senate, Kay Bailey Hutchinson, 214-361-3500
 - US Rep, Sam Johnson, 972-470-0892
 - TX State Senate, Florence Shapiro, 972-385-9876
 - TX State Rep, Jerry Madden, 972-424-2235

For more information on registering to vote or for alternate voting locations, see the Useful Information page on our web site at www.geocities.com/MidroseTrail. ■



Mail Delivery Issues

Getting our mail

Please remember to not park in front of any mailbox during the day, and instruct your guests to not park in front of any mailbox during the day as well. Postal workers will not deliver the mail when a mailbox is blocked. This could negatively affect you or one of your neighbors. ■



Bulk Trash Pick Up

This article is directly from the *Dallas Morning News* on July 12, 2003.

"Dallas intends to kick trashy ways to curb"

By COLLEEN McCAIN NELSON

Before you haul your old couch to the curb, you might want to check the calendar. Dallas is cracking down on residents who jump the gun on bulky trash disposal.

Beginning August 1, 2003, homeowners who dump their debris more than four days before their scheduled pickup week will be slapped with a citation and a fine of up to \$175.00.

Last year, the city had more than 14,000 complaints about bulky garbage. Under the new policy, the city will pick up trash that has been discarded prematurely after a citation has been issued.

[In other words, when a complaint is received, a citation will be issued. Then the city will pick up the bulk trash, even if it is not on a scheduled pick up day, so that trash is not sitting on the curb for very long, and the additional cost will be passed on to the violating homeowners in the form of fines.] ■



A Safe Halloween for All

Making our neighborhood safe for the children

To help keep our neighborhood safe for the children who will be out on Halloween night, please adhere to the following guidelines. To advertise that you are trick-or-treat friendly, turn on all your outdoor lights and display at least one Halloween decoration that can be easily seen from the street (it doesn't have to be elaborate or expensive). When you are done for the night, remove all decorations and turn off all outdoor lights.

If you aren't participating in trick-or-treating, please be kind to the children if they come to your door. ■

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

FALL BLOCK PARTY

MIDROSE TRAIL CUL-DE-SAC 5:00 PM-7:00 PM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2003 (RAIN DATE IS OCTOBER 25)

THIS FALL'S BLOCK PARTY WILL BE BBQ! YOU MUST RSVP, SO WE CAN MAKE SURE THERE IS ENOUGH FOOD. ALSO, RSVP IF YOU CAN PROVIDE A FOLDING TABLE OR ICE CHEST. CALL 972-381-1681 OR SEND AN EMAIL TO MIDROSENEWS@EV1.NET.

HOLIDAY DECORATION CONTEST

DECORATE YOUR HOME BY DECEMBER 7, 2003

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE BY DECEMBER 19, 2003

THE WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON DECEMBER 21, 2003.

NEXT YEAR'S SCHEDULE

APRIL 2004 – ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

APRIL 2004 – SPRING BLOCK PARTY

MAY 2004 – ANNUAL HOA BUSINESS MEETING

OCTOBER 2004 – FALL BLOCK PARTY

DECEMBER 2004 – HOLIDAY DECORATION CONTEST



Holiday Decoration Contest

Making our neighborhood festive for the holidays

Midway Crossing will be reinstating the Holiday Decoration Contest this year. If you wish to participate in the contest, have your home decorated by December 7. Ballots will be included in the December newsletter. The ballots are due by Friday, December 19. The ballots will be tallied on December 20, and the winner will be announced on December 21. More details will be available in the December newsletter. ■



Rear-Entry Garages

Properly identifying our homes

If you have a home with a rear-entry garage, you are required in the Midway Crossing bylaws to have your house number prominently displayed above your garage. This is for your safety – especially, if the police or fire departments are called. You wouldn't want to have them miss your home in an emergency. ■

Volunteers Needed

Continuing the work

The Homeowners Association still needs volunteers for the following activities:

- Yard of the Month voting committee
- Newsletter article writers
- Common Ground Beautification committee
- Block Party committee.

Most of these activities would not require much of your time, so please help out. If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please let us know at MidroseNews@ev1.net. ■



Vendor Contacts

Letting each other know about service providers

This section provides contact numbers for vendors whose service was more than satisfactory to a homeowner. Be sure to ask appropriate questions when engaging any service provider. Since this list is not an endorsement or recommendation of the HOA, it is a good idea to ask for references.

SERVICE	NAME	NUMBER
Carpet Cleaning & Repair	Bryan Rogers	214-402-9227
CPA / Tax Prep	Peter Bugnacki	972-867-6666
Pet Sitter (lives on Midrose)	Diane Randolph	972-732-1141

Contact MidroseNews@ev1.net (newsletter) and mdc-swc@swbell.net (web site) with information you would like to post about service providers. ■

Have a happy and safe autumn, and

**Happy Thanksgiving
from Midway Crossing HOA!**



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