

Midway Crossing

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Yard of the Month Contest

Keeping our neighborhood beautiful

The summertime winners of the Yard of the Month contest are:

June – Julie Johnson Hobson at 4006 Midrose

July – Chuck Poche at 4018 Midrose

August – Ray Landry at 4107 Midrose.

Congratulations and thanks for all your hard work! ■



New Board Member

The new Board of Director's Secretary

With Jeff Watson's departure from the HOA Board of Directors, his Secretary's position was vacant. **Ron Womack** has been appointed to this position. He will hold this position until the next Board of Director elections, which will be held in May 2005. Ron, and his wife **Anne**, live at **4011 Midrose**, and can be reached through the contact information posted on page 3. ■

New Web Editor

The new Web Editor

Darin Petersen, 4198 Midrose (darinp52@yahoo.com) has volunteered for the web editor position. Darin, working with **Marc Cunningham, 4083 Midrose** (the previous web editor), will be maintaining the current Geocities site, until the HOA can move over to a new web site. ■

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Do You Know of a Printer?

Getting our newsletters back in color

As you can see with this newsletter, The Association has had to go with black and white printing of our newsletters. The connection we used for previous color printing of our newsletters is no longer available, and color printing at copy shops can run up to \$350.00 for the 100 copies we need. The HOA budget doesn't have room for this extra expense, so it's black and white until we can find another reliable (and cheap) color printing source. If you have any information or connections to a printer that can work with us, please contact the Board members or the newsletter editor (all contact information is on page 3). ■



Fall Block Party

Y'all are invited for BBQ with all the fixin's

The Association will hold the semi-annual fall block party on Saturday, October 16, 2004 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the Midrose cul-de-sac. The HOA is catering BBQ – with all the fixin's. If the weather is bad on the 16th, the back-up date for the fall block party will be October 23, 2004.

Flyers will be distributed in mid-September to remind everyone of the party, and signs will be posted at the Midway and Rosemeade entrances to remind the entire neighborhood of the party. Come join us for some great food – and fun! ■

Volunteer Opportunities

What jobs are needed to run Midway Crossing

Would you like to help out Midway Crossing, but are afraid that there might be too much work involved? Here are some of the volunteer opportunities that the Association has, and what activities are required for each.

Yard of the Month and Holiday Decoration Contests committees:

YOTM chairperson - Between late March and late September, send a monthly email to all voting committee members asking for their votes. Tally the results. Move the "Yard of the Month Winner" sign to the new winner's yard on the first Saturday of each month from April to October. Inform newsletter of winners, so all winners can be announced.

YOTM committee member – Look around the neighborhood. Decide which homes have the best yards. Between late March and late September, respond to a monthly email for your votes for the best yard.

Holiday Decoration Contest committee member or chair – Make up a ballot with the rules of the contest and submit it in November to be included in the December newsletter. Have ballot box at your home

for ballots to be dropped off. Tally ballots at the end of the contest. Inform Board of the winner, so they can give the winner the cash prize, and place "Holiday Decoration Winner" sign in winner's yard at the end of contest. Inform newsletter of winner, so the winner can be announced in the next newsletter.

Newsletter Committee:

Committee member – Coordinate the creation, printing and distribution of 4 quarterly newsletters during the first week of March, June, September and December. Depending on what task(s) you volunteer for – solicit advertising dollars from local businesses (providing coupons and other advertisements in our newsletters), write articles, mock up the final newsletter layout, and print, collate and mail the newsletters.

Welcoming committee:

Committee member – As new neighbors move into Midway Crossing, send a welcome packet to their home, and visit their home to give them a personalized welcome.

Beautification committee:

Committee member – 2 to 3 times a year, change out the dead plants from the Rosemeade flowerbox and replace with live, seasonal flowers. ■



Did You Know?

More interesting information about Midway Crossing

According to the 2000 Census Summary Report:

There is a total population of 19,196 within 1 mile of our street – 50.1% male and 49.9% female. There are 3,782 children under the age of 19 – 19.7% of the population, and there are 841 people over the age of 62 – 4.4% of the population.

There are 11,754 housing units within 1 mile of our street. 955 were built between 1999 and March 2000. 3,608 were built between 1995 and 1998. 1,756 were built between 1990 and 1994. 5,813 were built between 1980 and 1989, and 702 were built before 1979. ■

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All previous versions of these newsletters are available online. Look for these important articles:

Vol. 1, Iss. 1 – Jun. 03 – Neighborhood Rules Reminders, Problems on Common Grounds, Rights & Responsibilities for Better Communities.

Vol. 1, Iss. 2 – Sep. 03 – Recent Thefts in Area, Neighborhood Information, Bulk Trash Pick Up, Mail Delivery Issues, Rear Entry Garages.

Vol. 1, Iss. 3 – Dec. 03 – Recycling Made Easy.

Vol. 2, Iss. 1 – Mar. 04 – Stopping Handbills and Solicitors.

Vol. 2, Iss. 2 – Jun. 04 – Watering Laws in Dallas, Accident on the Rosemeade Wall, Water Saving Tips.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

FALL BLOCK PARTY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2004, 5 PM – 7 PM. THE ASSOCIATION WILL PROVIDE CATERED BBQ WITH ALL THE FIXIN'S. BACK UP DATE, IF IT RAINS, WILL BE OCTOBER 23, 2004.

HOLIDAY DECORATION CONTEST

DECORATE YOUR HOME BY DECEMBER 5, 2004
VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE BY DECEMBER 17, 2004
THE WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON DECEMBER 19, 2004.

Burnt Out Street Lights

How to get the lights back on

One of our neighbors, Abner Smith, 4131 Midrose, discovered what it takes to have a burnt out street light turned back on. The City of Dallas does not control the street lights. If there is a burnt out street light near your home, you must call TXU at 800-242-9113. Once you get through the menu system and speak with a real-live human being, the service request will take 5 to 10 days to be fixed. ■



The Upcoming Elections

Where to choose our next elected officials

As everyone knows from the news lately, elections are happening on Tuesday, November 2, 2004. Besides the U.S. Presidency, there are many state and local offices up for election too. There are many web sites that can specify which candidates are running for which offices like www.lwvdallas.org.

If you haven't registered to vote and would like to register, go to www.dallascityhall.com. In the upper left corner, choose "Online Services", then "Voter Registration". Fill in the information requested, and you will be mailed a voter registration card. If you wish to vote in the November election, you need to be registered by October 1, 2004.

The polling place on November 2 will be Mitchell Elementary School at 4223 Briargrove Lane (the corner of Briargrove and Voss – south of Frankford), and the polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

If you choose, early voting starts approximately 2-3 weeks before the election. The polling places can change from local hospitals, libraries, apartment complex community centers, etc. Check with www.wfaa.com, www.nbc5i.com or other community sites to find out where you should go for early voting. The early polls are usually open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM also. ■



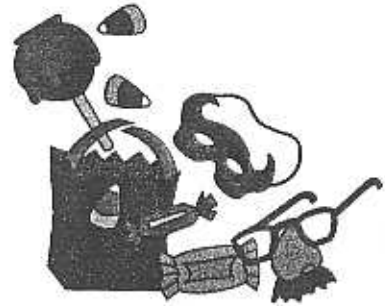
Vendor Contacts

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
A/C & Heating	All About Air	972-422-4438
Carpet Cleaning	Embry Carpet Care	972-221-3434
Carpet Cleaning & Repair	Bryan Rogers	214-402-9227
CPA / Tax Prep	Peter Bugnacki	972-867-6665
Handyman – all services	House Calls	214-341-1448
Landscaping	Ostrander	972-734-6033
Pet Sitter (lives on Midrose)	Diane Randolph	972-732-1141
Realtor (lives on Midrose)	Darin Petersen	469-471-4287

Contact MidroseNews@ev1.net (newsletter) and darinp52@yahoo.com (web site) with information you would like to post about service providers. ■



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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