

# Midway Meadows

Fall 2012

## Neighborhood Party – Another Big Success!

The weather was perfect on October 20th for our annual Neighborhood Party and close to 100 residents enjoyed meeting and getting to know their neighbors, and eating great food from “The Hamburger Man”. Everyone in attendance received a free movie ticket to the new Venetian Theatre which recently opened at the southwest corner of Midway Road and Trinity Mills. We also had coupons donated by several area businesses. Special thanks to Fish City Grill, City Garage, 7-11 Store at Frankford & Marsh, Elegantly Chocolate, Mama’s Diner, Papa Murphy’s Pizza and the Venetian Theatre. Please tell them thank you when you redeem your coupons. Our City Councilwoman Sandy Greyson attended and met with several residents. She also gave out free tickets to the Dallas Arboretum. A very special thank you to Cherene and Chris Wynn who helped organize the party along with our President Mike Fernandes. We look forward to another great party next October.



“Many thanks to the Wynns, Kim, Mike and all those others for their time and effort in putting on a most successful MM Neighborhood Picnic. Your hard work certainly paid off...seems like a good time was had by all. Congrats on a job well done.”

“The Wynn’s efforts made for a winning Block party.”

“What a great way to get together... another successful year of FUN! A BIG thank you to ALL!”



## Volunteers Wanted! NEW PRESIDENT AND TREASURER NEEDED.

Another year is about over and after serving two years as President of our Association, Mike Fernandes says it is time for some new blood with new ideas. Also, Kim Cabeza, who has served as Treasurer of our Association for the past 5 years wishes to move on also. We are hopeful that many of our current volunteers will continue to serve in their positions for another year, however, we need some new volunteers. Here are the Officers, Chairpersons, and Street Representative positions that need to be filled at our January 24th meeting:

President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Chair, Yard of the Month Committee  
Chair, Landscaping  
Chair, Crime Watch  
Chair, Neighborhood Party  
Webmaster  
Street Representatives (2 for each street) for Belton Drive, Granbury Drive, Rodale Way, Sam Rayburn Trail, Summerfield Drive, Walden Way, and White River Drive

If you are interested in any of these positions, please call Mike Fernandes at 972-662-3340 or email him at [mike@siteselectionservices.net](mailto:mike@siteselectionservices.net). We hope to see a lot of new faces at our January 24th meeting at the Timberglenn Library.



Neighbors looking to the heavens, wondering who will step up to the plate to be the next President.



*Even the  
very young  
enjoyed the  
neighborhood  
party.*

## Timberglen Park Improvements Update

Here's a summary of an email we received from the Dallas Park Department in October: "...I don't have any precise date for you yet, as our Program managers are still in the process of putting together schedules. I have told them this is a high priority project and I would like to get it advertised just as soon as possible. If I had to guess, I would say it is a good bet this project will probably be advertised sometime right after the first of the year, but again, that's a guess. November and December are generally worthless because of the holidays and the fact the Park Board and Council are not in session much during those months. After bids come in, it takes between 4 and 5 months to actually award the contract (as it has to go to both the Park Board and City Council). After that, as I said, I anticipate this project will take 8 to 10 months to actually construct." Once we receive additional information and the schedule from the City, we will relay this information to all MMVHOA members by our Community Yahoo Email Group.



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## Crime Prevention and other Tips

During the holidays, window shopping takes on a whole new meaning. A holiday tree prominently displayed in the front window, complete with holiday gifts, makes for great window shopping for burglars.

**Open Garage Doors.** Not only property to steal, but tools to use for this and future burglaries such as ladders, hammers, saws, drills, etc.

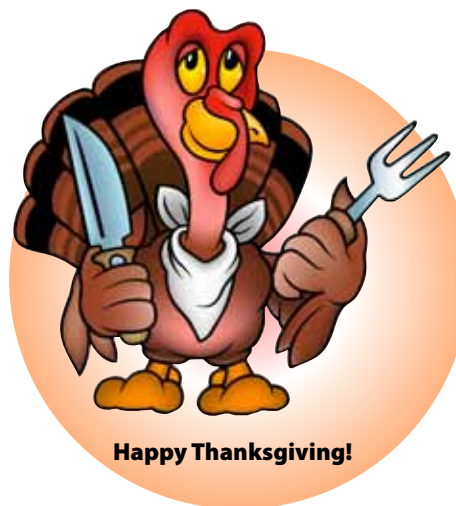
Ask someone you know and trust to keep an eye on your house when you go out of town. Stop delivery of your mail and newspapers or have a friend or neighbor pick them up for you. It's also a good idea to put some inside lights on a timer. Outside motion lights are good too.

Check your smoke detectors at least twice a year and change the batteries if needed.

Park your car in your garage; at least 95% of our criminal incidents involves vehicles parked either on the street or in driveways.

Mosquitos can go from egg to adult in 7 to 10 days. Especially with the recent West Nile Virus scare, check your property for any place where water collects; in containers like garbage cans, bird baths, toys, cans and jars, flowerpot saucers, clogged gutters, old tires. Also, eliminate puddles caused by leaking faucets and pipes or condensation from air conditioners.

Remember...there is a 15 MPH Speed Limit in all alleys. Watch out for cars backing down from their driveway or coming around a corner.



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## CONGRATULATIONS YARD OF THE MONTH WINNERS

### JULY

Our July 2012 Yard of the Month winners were Cammy Tarrant and Stacy Mason at 3936 Walden Way. Please join us in congratulating them for their beautiful display of Caladiums and Impatiens along with the colorful green shrubs that maintain their color year long. Thanks again Cammy and Stacy for showing great pride in our neighborhood!

### AUGUST

Our August 2012 Yard of the Month winners were John and Denise Broadhead at 3717 White River Drive. Their yard has an assortment of colorful annuals as well as nicely manicured shrubbery. Thank you John and Denise for your beautifying efforts even with our long, hot summer!

### SEPTEMBER

For September, we recognized Michele Case and Wendy Brooks at 3832 Belton Drive as our Yard of the Month winners! Their front yard is exploding with color due to lively Sweet Potato Vine, Crotons and Loropetalums! Thank you Michele and Wendy for showing your great pride in keeping our neighborhood beautiful!

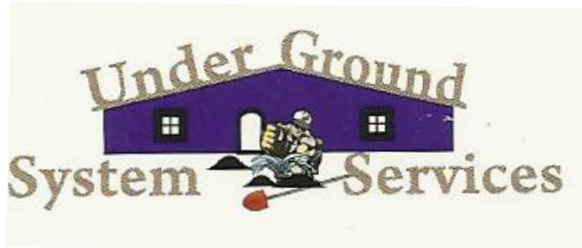
### OCTOBER

Please join us in congratulating Bryon & Mimi Law-Yone at 3816 Granbury Drive as our October Yard of the Month winners! They are very devoted in spending a lot of time tending to their flowers and lawn. Their flower beds have a beautiful array of roses, ornamental grasses, long blooming perennials and seasonal color that display a pop of color all season long! Thanks again Bryon and Mimi for all of your efforts in keeping our great neighborhood beautiful!

### NOVEMBER

We are proud to announce Mark Wood at 3613 Sam Rayburn Trail as the November Yard of the Month winner! Mark has worked diligently in creating a tropical oasis in his front and back yard. From the beautiful array of Yuccas, Palm trees, large boulders and a special variety of grass that never needs mowing. His front yard is absolutely gorgeous! We appreciate his efforts in beautifying our great neighborhood; thank you Mark!

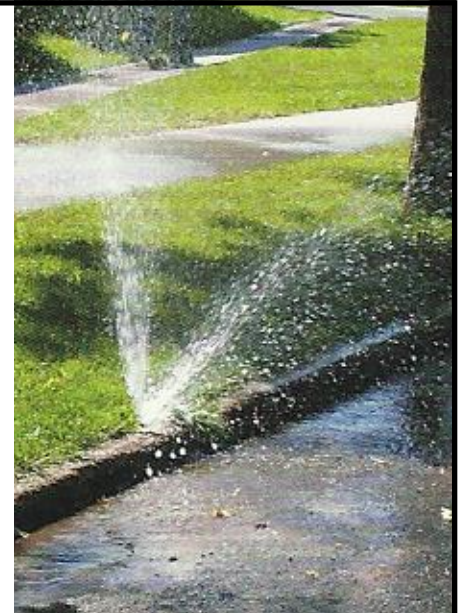
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## Let's Talk Trash

On October 9th, our President Mike Fernandes and our Secretary Laura Kimberly attended a meeting of the North Dallas Neighborhood Alliance which the MMVHOA is a member. The speakers at the meeting were from the Sanitation Collection Department, Neighborhood Code Department, and the North Central Dallas Police Department. Here is some interesting information from that meeting:

Homeowners are responsible for maintaining the middle of the alley to their home including keeping tree heights with 15 feet clearance and bushes away from the alley to allow access by large trucks. The Sanitation Department says their large trucks often damage trees, and the branches of untrimmed trees damage their trucks. This is a city code violation and you could receive a citation.

Your trash and recycle containers should be two feet apart to allow the automated trash truck enough clearance to grab and lift your trash container. If you need a replacement container, just call 311. To avoid litter on your lawn or in the alley, it is best to put your trash in bags, especially paper that has been shredded. Blue Recycle Bags are available at all Recreation Centers.

The Code Department is constantly checking for homeowners whose sprinklers are watering on the wrong days and on yard sales. Make sure you are watering on the correct days and that you are following the Yard Sale rules. Go to [www.dallascityhall.com](http://www.dallascityhall.com) for this information.

Chief Jesse Reyes reported that Dallas has had a decrease in crime for nine consecutive years. There has been a 13% decrease in crime in the North Central District. He said they are always trying new things to decrease crime in our area.

It was stressed that residents should call 911 for Emergencies Only and call 311 to report all other issues or concerns to the City. This includes Lost Dogs and Cats, Street Lights that are out, wild animals you see like coyotes, raccoons, possums, etc.

**Happy Holidays to you and your family!**



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## Annual Dues Collection

As of October 31, 134 of the 223 homes in Midway Meadows have paid their 2012 annual dues. This is one more than the number of homes that paid in 2011. Thank you to everyone who has already paid their \$100.00 this year. And a special thank you to those residents who made additional donations. Here are the street totals for 2012:

Belton Drive	38 homes	19 paid	50%
Granbury Drive	34 homes	26 paid	77%
Rodale Way	41 homes	24 paid	59%
Sam Rayburn Trail	28 homes	11 paid	39%
Summerfield Drive	10 homes	8 paid	80%
Walden Way	39 homes	25 paid	64%
White River Drive	33 homes	21 paid	64%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>223 HOMES</b>	<b>134 PAID</b>	<b>60%</b>



## First Time Members – Welcome and Thank You

We had several homeowners pay their Annual dues for the first time in 2012.  
Welcome and thank you to:

Scott Glasscock – 3911 Belton Drive  
 Steven & Shelly Hopkins – 3915 Belton Drive  
 Elliott & Leslie Cole – 3932 Belton Drive  
 Bob & Pat Dodge – 3919 Granbury Drive  
 Stephen Warren – 3932 Granbury Drive  
 Michelle Couch – 3605 Rodale Way  
 William & Cherie Steen – 3622 Rodale Way  
 Chaitali Chheda – 3704 Rodale Way  
 Alexander & Irina Borovkov – 3727 Rodale Way  
 Mark Wood – 3613 Sam Rayburn Trail  
 Frank & Jackie Jesse – 3824 Walden Way  
 Khuong Luong – 3835 Walden Way  
 Stephen & Lynda McCluer – 3903 Walden Way  
 Brian & Elizabeth Bogard – 3603 White Drive  
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## Yard of the Month Judging

In December, our Yard of the Month will be awarded to the home in our neighborhood that has the best holiday decorations. The judging for the first quarter of 2013 will be:

January - Walden Way  
February - White River Drive  
March - Belton Drive

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## Yahoo Email Groups

All residents who have paid their 2012 dues have been added to our two Yahoo Email Groups. Our "Community" Yahoo Email Group is for general announcements and information, while our "Crime Watch" Yahoo Email Group is for all crime related information. If you are not receiving emails from these two email groups, just email Mike Fernandes at [mike@siteselectionservices.net](mailto:mike@siteselectionservices.net). If do not wish to continue to receive these emails, just click on the link at the bottom of the email next to "Unsubscribe" and your email address will be removed. This is another great benefit of being a member of our association.

## Our Neighborhood Website

The Midway Meadows Volunteer Homeowners Association website is: [www.midwaymeadows.org](http://www.midwaymeadows.org). Our Webmaster J.T. Pouland says he will be making more enhancements to our website in January after he changes Web Hosting Companies. At this time, the "Members" tab has outdated information but will be changed early next year. New user names and passwords will be given to all members. In the meantime, there is other good information on our website including our Yard of the Month Winners and Timely Landscaping Tips under the "Yard of the Month" tab.



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