



Gazebo Gazette

2005-06 Board of Directors

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Board meetings are held the second Thursday of each month - 7:00 PM location varies. All homeowners are encouraged to attend.

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Dear Villas Resident,

It's been a good summer with some great Yard of the Month winners, even if it has been dry and a challenge to keep our park watered. Now that fall is upon us, we are all looking forward to October Fest in the park on October 8th and the semi-annual Garage Sale on October 15th. The social committee will take a break during November. But come December watch for the annual Christmas Cookie Exchange and night of caroling.

The Board has been discussing making better use of our park by adding recreation facilities such as horseshoe pit, volleyball court, and exercise stations. We've even discussed creating a vegetable garden area, and planting additional flowers and trees. The park is our primary expense for mowing and watering, so when we convert a grassy area to something more functional, we also save in ongoing expenses. If you have ideas for making better use of our park, I invite you to them to Board Meetings the second Thursday of each month.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at October Fest where I will be playing disc jockey with a custom-compiled CD of great Polkas. So bring your dancing shoes!

Dick

Your Calendar

Check your calendar for these important upcoming community events:

Board Meetings

October 6, 2005

7:00-8:00 PM

Place to be determined

November 3, 2005

7:00-8:00 PM

Place to be determined

December 1, 2005

7:00-8:00 PM

Place to be determined

Copies of the minutes from board meetings can be obtained from the WHOA secretary.

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7:00-10:00 PM (call for location)

Meets twice a month on the second Tuesday and fourth Thursday

If you would like to receive Crime Watch updates of activity in our area, send your e-mail address to melbardh@comcast.net.

***Come join us for
all events!***

The Social Scene

Willkommen Ya'll! It's Oktoberfest in the Villas. Grab your lederhosen and steins and join us in the park for food, fun, and festivities. Whiffletree Home Owners Association will supply the wurst (which will be the *best*); you bring your favorite German side dish and, of course, good German beer. Also remember to bring your lawn chairs. *Prost!* And see you in the park on October 8th at 5:00 PM.

If you have a sweet tooth, we have the event for you – our annual Cookie Exchange. Get out your favorite cookie recipe and bring your cookies to share with your neighbors, December 5th at 7:00 pm. Watch for the flyer in early December for more details.

Who doesn't have a favorite Christmas carol they like to sing? Tune up your voices and join us for an evening of caroling on December 16th. According to last year's neighbors, the Whiffletree Carolers should be cutting a holiday CD! You won't want to miss this one – so join us in our final event of the year.

Yard of the Month

Congratulations to all of our residents – the villas are looking wonderful. We especially want to recognize our yard of the month winners for the last quarter:

July	Luis Garcia 4124 Stanton
August	Cecil & Leone Lain 4113 Fiser Place
September	Paul & Patti Putty 4045 Lamorna Drive

The next award is in December – for the best “holiday lights” decorations. Better start untangling those stings of lights now!

Crime Watch Captains

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4166 Fiser Place
972.964.8982

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4252 Munnings Place
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Crime Watch

City of Plano Animal Services Department handles animal related emergencies such as animal bites or wild, high risk animals (such as skunks or raccoons) inside the home.

You can also contact the office regarding lost and found animals, pet adoption, City Animal licenses, deceased or trapped animal pick up, and information on humane live animal traps. Animal Service Officers run field calls from 7 am to 10 pm daily and is located at 4028 W. Plano Pkwy. The phone number is 972 769-4360.

Here's a new twist scammers are using to commit identity theft: The Jury Duty Scam. Here's how it works:

The scammer calls claiming to work for the local court and claims you've failed to report for jury duty. He tells you that a warrant has been issued for your arrest. The victim will often rightly claim they never received the jury duty notification. The scammer then asks the victim for confidential information for "verification" purposes. Specifically, the scammer asks for the victim's Social Security number, birth date, and sometimes even for credit card numbers and other private information -- exactly what the scammer needs to commit identity theft.

It is easy to see why this works. The victim is clearly caught off guard, and is understandably upset at the prospect of a warrant being issued for his or her arrest. So, the victim is much less likely to be vigilant about protecting their confidential information. In reality, court workers will never call you and ask for Social Security numbers and other private information. In fact, most courts follow up via mail and rarely, if ever, call prospective jurors. Protecting yourself is simple: never give out your Social Security number, credit card numbers, or other personal confidential information when you receive a phone call.

New Neighbors

Whiffletree Villas has a new neighbor.

Remember to update your directory with our neighbors' new information. New directories are produced every two years.

Richard and Jennie Hsu

4041 Lamorna Drive
(to be leased)

John Holliday

4236 Munnings
972.571.9493

David Purvin

Courtney Bender
4029 Bramley Way
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Thomas & Charlotte Huddleston

4209 Stanton Blvd
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John Dix

4257 Stanton Blvd



Treasurer's Report 2005

The current budget and expenses are being presented for your review. We have also projected an estimate of the total income and expenses for the calendar year. It looks like we will have a positive cash position of about \$5,700 by year-end 2005. This amount is our contingency reserve.

The largest increase of expenses over budget will be the watering costs at the park. With a dry and hot summer, we have tried to save the lawn and the sensitive plantings with some extra watering. Some members are manually watering certain plants on a regular basis in addition to the automatic watering.

The electric cost is way below budget thanks to the installation of fluorescent bulbs in the park lighting last year. These bulbs are also saving time and money since bulb replacements are not required as frequently.

So far this year we have not had to perform any maintenance on the gazebo and lights. However, we still need to expand the lawn sprinkler system and incur some other sprinkler maintenance costs. This will be an on-going expense with some expenses this year and more in years to come.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlin Henning
Treasurer

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