

FLAMINGO MIGRATION ALERT...



Since mid-June, the Village has been privileged to host the migration of over 80 whimsical flamingos. Our good-natured neighbors have welcomed them to over 60 homes and they continue to migrate. They have brought smiles to those hosting them and to those who have driven the Village to check on the migration progress. Some of our children have accepted the responsibility of caring for "special-needs" flamingos who did not fare well during the migration.

The flock migration will continue through the summer to ensure that any home that wishes to welcome them has had the opportunity to enjoy them. They will then move on to the next "village", leaving behind a special gift to benefit our own village and our children.

The VPC wishes to thank all who have and continue to participate in such an enjoyable community activity.

Neighborhood News

COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR

Starting in June, Mayor Bowers has welcomed citizens to join him for coffee at Town Hall on the first Saturday morning of each month to enjoy coffee/donuts and one-on-one discussions of any issues of concern. Work schedules do not always allow the opportunity for folks to attend monthly council meetings. This forum provides additional opportunities for us to address our concerns with our elected officials.

In June and July, over 40 citizens have taken the opportunity to enjoy socializing with their neighbors and personally addressing their concerns with the Mayor. Mayor Bower's wishes to express his appreciation for all those who have attended and encourage all to come by Town Hall for each monthly coffee. Please plan to stop by Saturday, August 5th.

COUNCIL UPDATE:

On Thursday, June 8th, the Council met in regular session. Public comments included questions regarding the Town Hall Rental Ordinance #98-03 and enforcement of Nuisance Ordinance #06-02. Council considered the applications by citizens Tom Gowing and Norma Self to fill the vacancy of Council Place #3 due to the election of Mayor Paul Bowers. Council expressed that both candidates were extremely qualified and appreciated their interest in public service. Council approved the appointment of citizen Norma Self to Council Place #3. Council appointed Sandra Refoy as Mayor

Pro-Tem and additional signatory on Town bank accounts. Council discussed future 2006-2007 budget workshops. Council approved a fence variance for 801 Garza Lane to be limited to the current property owner. Council discussed potential revision of the Junk Vehicle Ordinance #97-02. Council received Committee updates pursuant to Resolution #05-05. Council considered variance to Ordinance #06-02 for the property at 801 Stowe Lane, which failed for lack of motion. Council received update of pending legal issues. Council met in executive session to discuss personnel matters relating to Town Staff annual reviews.

On Thursday, July 13th, the Council met in regular session. Council discussed scheduling of 2006-2007 budget workshops. Council received update of Town Staff continuing education class schedules. Council received no public comments on the 2005 Consumer Confidence Report provided by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Mayor Bowers provided update on utilities and road work. Council discussed contract with Allied Waste. Mayor Bowers updated council on efforts that Council member Refoy is pursuing with Little Elm regarding our extra territorial jurisdiction. Council approved the future use of posting official notices on Town bulletin boards to reduce newspaper publication expense and give broader exposure to citizens. Bulletin boards will be installed and improved at both mail-box locations, and the third site will be the normal official publication at the entrance to the Town Hall building.

Council discussed a potential Resolution #R06-02 establishing a Town Policy and Procedure Manual that Council member Refoy is working on and will provide further information at the next meeting. Council received Committee updates pursuant to Resolution #05-05. Council Newsome announced a new Chair for the Man Day Committee as citizen Tommy Gowing. Council considered citizen Cannon's complaint regarding brush removal at 309 Peninsula and voted to enforce payment for removal.

"This is only a summary of Council Meetings and activities, please contact Town Hall for official meeting minutes and information."

IMPORTANT DATES

2006-2007 Council Budget Preparation Workshops will be conducted over the next few months. Citizens are encouraged to check for official postings and attend if possible.

☛ August 5th - Coffee with the Mayor 8:00 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Town Hall

☛ August 8th - Bulk trash day. Please contact Town Hall with any questions.

☛ August 10th - Council Meeting at Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Welcome

The residents of Lakewood Village would like to welcome their newest neighbors! They are Jimmy and Janie Heffel at 608 Stowe and the Ashenfelters at 312 Hillside Dr.



Village Helping Hands

Committee

The Village Helping Hands committee is up and running. We have helped a few neighbors recuperating from illness this past month with well wishes, treats, meals, and errands. All volunteer efforts are done anonymously; this includes the volunteers as well as the recipient. If you know a neighbor in need please contact the committee's Chair, Carinna Funderburk, via email at Cfunderburk@solbroadband.com or by phone at 469-362-0332. If you can lend a helping hand, please fill out the enclosed volunteer form and drop it off at Town Hall.



Nature Calls

BUILD BEDS - Prepare beds with quality compost, expanded shale, lava sand, greensand, dry molasses and horticultural corn meal.

PRUNE - Trees and shrubs if needed - no flush cuts. Lightly prune roses. Prune flower heads off crape myrtles.

PLANT - Color for fall including asters, celosia, cosmos, marigolds, morning glory, Joseph's coat, ornamental grasses, Mexican bush sage and zinnias. Container-grown nursery stock and field-grown trees. Warm-season lawn grasses. Herbs such as basil, oregano, thyme, lemon grass, lemon verbena, etc..

FERTILIZE - Avoid synthetic high nitrogen salt fertilizers. Apply to all planting areas if not done in June. Use Texas greensand for iron deficiency. Roses to encourage fall bloom.

WATER - Water carefully and efficiently during drought periods. All planting areas deeply but infrequently during dry periods. ONLY water in the early morning or late evening. Outdoor container plants daily, or as needed.

PEST CONTROL - Time to watch out for cinch bugs, spider mites, fire ants, fleas, ticks, chiggers and mosquitoes. Spray horticultural oil lightly for elm leaf beetles, lace bugs and scale. Also watch out for webworms and bagworms. Treat with (bt) bacillus thuringiensis.

ODD JOBS - Mulch all bare soil with partially completed compost or other coarse-textured natural material. Shredded native cedar trees is the best choice. AND don't forget to feed the birds.

Contributed by Tony LiCausi

MAN DAY MEETING

was held JUNE 16, 2006



New Committee Chair: Because the time involved in remodeling his house, Bob Hollingsworth is passing the chair for the Man Day Committee to Tom Gowing. Bob will remain as a volunteer.

Man Day Discussions involved many aspects that need attention in our town. Some of the discussion involved the speed limit signs proper height; attention needed to the Storage House; the water control House; Piping along Lakecrest; beautifying the lift station, City Hall and playground; updating the front sprinkler system; concerns with volume of trash in the dumpster and how we could reduce it by using a chipper or shredder once a month; and many more MUCH needed items.

The volunteers of "Man Day" would like your help! Contact garynewsome@solbroadband.com or 972-294-2268 for more information on how to get involved and when the next meeting will be held.

BURN BAN STILL IN EFFECT!



We all need to continue to be conscience of the hot/dry days of summer and respect the burn ban imposed by Denton County. This is also the vacation season and we encourage all of our neighbors to help in watching after the homes and property of our friends and neighbors as they enjoy their summer vacations.

Village People Committee Appreciation:

The Village People Committee would like to thank the following local businesses for sponsoring our Welcome Packages and Visitor Packets. Their sponsorship will continue to benefit our community projects. Please show your appreciation by considering them for your future needs.

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Good Bye Neighbors and friends! I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer and stayed semi-cool. Have fun getting back into the swing of school and we will see you in the fall. E-mail me with questions or newsother wise I will see you around town! Micah pazoureck4@yahoo.com