

SOCIAL EVENTS

Annual Meeting

Each year we hold an annual meeting of all of the members of PENA-West. We have a keynote speaker in addition to discussing Association business and holding elections.. We have great speakers and encourage all members to attend. We have pride in our neighborhood and want to have as many attend as possible.

Our annual meeting was held on April 29, 2004 at the Dallas Bible Church. Lois Finkelman, our City Councilwoman, was our featured speaker. She gave us the insider's view into various issues and developments affecting our city and our neighborhood. We learned that her particular area of expertise on the City Council is environmental issues. She discussed the fact that all North Texas counties are to be monitored for EPA considerations including emissions, not just the Dallas, Tarrant, Collin and Denton counties. She is very involved on various local, regional and state commissions on environmental issues.

She discussed many other issues including recycling, "green buildings", and the conversion of the City fleet of vehicles to natural gas. She also discussed the new Walmart proposed for the corner of Montfort and Arapaho. Of immediate importance to us is a new fence ordinance affecting homeowners and apartments.

Ed Fox talked about the recent criminal activity in our neighborhood, most of which involves auto theft and break-ins. He pointed out that much of this is attributable to people leaving valuables, such as wallets, cell phones, etc., in plain view in their vehicles while parked outside. This is an immediate invitation to thieves and diverts police attention from other important matters. TAKE, LOCK & HIDE is the motto!

4th of July Parade

We had a great time at the Fourth of July 2004 parade! We had lots of prizes for many categories, including best decorated baby, wagon and dog. We also had raffle prizes that were won by Forest Pullman and Danielle Leask. Once again, the Spence family had on fantastic Fourth of July outfits and won a prize. All the children enjoyed the clown who did face painting and made balloon animals. It was a wonderful, patriotic day. Thanks to all who attended.



Fourth of July Parade

Annual Social

On Saturday October 17 2004, we had our annual neighborhood social: The PENA “West”ern Roundup! We had fun for the whole family with music provided by Clear Blue (a great bluegrass group), a bounce house, pony rides for the young cowpokes, face painting, visitors from the Dallas Fire and Police Departments and great prizes! We also have a wonderful bake sale. A delicious catered barbecue lunch was served and there was also pizza for the kids.



PENA “West”ern Roundup

Holiday Decorating Contest

PENA West will again sponsor the annual Holiday Decorating Contest on December 15. The categories are most elaborate, most elegant, and most original. The winners will win a gift certificate and a sign in their front yard declaring the winning category. The homes that won in December 2003 will have to wait three years to be eligible to win again in the same category.

Yard of the Month

PENA-West has begun a recognition for the most beautiful yard of the month. Each month the winner receives a *Yard of the Month* sign which is placed in their front yard. Nominees are evaluated by a committee which is headed by Beth Braziller.

There are five committee members who spend an afternoon cruising our neighborhood at the beginning of the month considering seven specific items.

- Grass: color coverage, quality, cut
- Maintenance: level of care evident
- Color: variety of colors in plants, shrubs, trees
- Seasonal Flowers: quantity, color distribution
- Foundation Plants: fit well into plan, well controlled
- Accents: decorative urns, statuary, pots, flags
- Drive-up Appeal: Attractive overall

The winners of Yard of the Month beginning in April 2004 are:

April – Chris and Charlie Whisenand at 6940 Hunters Ridge

May – Lorene Luff at 6914 Roundrock

June - Suzie and Mike Allen at 6940 Quarterway

July – Jack and Sally Reynolds at 6809 Roundrock

August – Robert and Stacy Goodwin at 6807 Winterwood

September – Rob and Ann Taylor at 6008 Meadowcreek

October – Randy and Sharyl Richardson at 6953 Leameadow



Yard of the Month on Hunters Ridge

Neighborhood Play Group For Families With Pre-School Children

Every other Wednesday, mothers/fathers with pre-school children meet to mingle and let the children play! The children have lots of fun and the mothers/fathers have a wonderful opportunity to share thoughts, ideas and experiences. The group meets at a variety of places, including the Children's Museum, McDonald's, parks or individual homes. Usually they get together in the morning and then have lunch.

If you are interested in the play group, please see the *Board of Directors* and call or e-mail the Civic Events Committee Chairperson. Come join the fun!

Information On All Of These Events

Please consult the *Calendar of Events* on this web site to find out when each of these events will be held.