

## President Dave Terre's Message

### *WE LIVE IN A GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD!*

I know the above statement is true and I share this same feeling with fellow homeowner, Linda Shonkwiler. However, hers has a much more personal story behind it, which I will get to a little later in this message.

With only 113 homes tucked away in our beautiful lakeside neighborhood, it makes for a cozy family-oriented community. We are blessed with great neighbors and many friends within walking distance. When I go to Kroger's, I usually run into someone from the neighborhood and its kind of neat to stop and chat a minute. The one common theme I seem to hear from everyone is how much they enjoy living here. I guess it really hit home when I checked the number of homes for sale, which is only 3 and that translates to only 2.6% of our 113 home HOA. That small a percentage of homes for sale is unheard of in today's housing market.

However, the true meaning of what makes our neighborhood such a great place to live really was best expressed by Linda Shonkwiler who lives on Heron Cove. She sent me the following e-mail that she asked me to share with all of you. Her words give real meaning to what GOOD NEIGHBORS are all about and that our friends are what truly makes our neighborhood such a great place to live.

Sincerely, Dave Terre

### *A Happy Ending to Cancer*

*I don't remember the day they told me I had breast cancer but I do remember the day they told me I didn't - July 21, 2009. On Lance Armstrong's LiveStrong website, he has a page for people with cancer to identify their Angels. His is his Mom. Mine is my neighbors!*

*My neighbors have supported me and have taken care of me since my diagnosis. They cooked for me, bought groceries, brought my trash-cans up to the house on trash day, killed the weeds in my yard and have mowed and edged my yard this whole summer. I am so blessed to have these wonderful people in my life - Jill & Colin (5912 Heron Cove), Karen & Giles (5916), Sandra (5904) and Pete (4009). Thank you so much!*

*Also, David Terre, the HOA President, has kept in touch with me and has been very supportive. We live in a great neighborhood!*

Linda L. Shonkwiler



## SPSHOA Architectural Control

A reminder that Stewart Peninsula South Shore Homeowners Association bylaws require written approval from your homeowner board before home improvements can be made.

## New HOA Neighbors

We welcome Richard Glenn and Roberta Jo Brunner and their family to their new home on Sandhill Circle.

## Yard of the Month



4013 Heron Cove



5956 Sandhill



5908 Sandhill



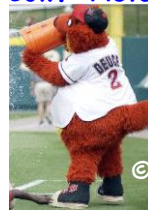
## National Night Out and Chili Throwdown



POLICE - COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, October 6 at 7 p.m. The National Night Out is shaping up to be quite an exciting event. It is led off by our First Chili Cook-Off (see section on Chili Throwdown). Prizes will be awarded for First Place (\$150 certificate to Just For Fun, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Plac receive Gift Baskets. We'll also be enjoying hot dogs and chips.

In addition to food we will be visited by The Colony Fire Department with a Fire Truck and The Colony Police Department and police vehicle. Special guests will be several mascots: Duece, Frisco Rough Riders mascot; Geoffrey, ToysRUUs mascot; and Chick Fil A - Chicken or Cow. Pictures will be taken and all cameras are welcomed!



## National Night Out - Project 365

Problem area before...



Problem area after...



Project 365 really does work!

### What is Project 365?

Between now and National Night Out 2010, all National Night Out registered areas are asked to designate a particular 'problem area' in their communities. It could be anything from a park overtaken by drug dealers, to a gang problem, to a graffiti problem, to expanding Neighborhood Watch, to a particular block or neighborhood plagued by crime, drugs or violence.

The goal will be to work towards correcting that problem within an estimated "365" days - or, in other words, by National Night Out 2010.

### What Types of 'Problem Areas' should we consider for "Project 365"?

It is completely up to each individual NNO coordinating agency or organization. Select a crime or safety related problem that when removed, will help to make your community, neighborhood or block a safer, more desirable place in which to live. Most importantly, from Night Out to Night Out, document the results.

Initially, the suggestion would be to start small. Designate a problem or problem area that has a reasonable chance of being resolved or eliminated. Here are just a few suggestions:

- A park plagued by crime, drug dealers, underage drinking, etc.
- A poorly lit corner where crime and drugs are prevalent.

Expand the number of Neighborhood Watch groups in your community.

Target those neighborhoods that have been traditionally tough to organize.

Residential burglary. Pick a section of your community that is having a problem. Implement an auto theft protection program. Track the results.

Robbery. Select a section of stores that have been hit recently.

Institute a robbery reduction plan and track the results.

Clean up a "problem area". Remove illegal trash piles, broken bottles, graffiti, abandoned cars, trash-filled vacant lots.

A year long clean-up campaign can help reduce or eliminate existing problems.

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## Hot Dogs/Chili Cook-off

You are invited to a neighborhood Chili Throwdown [Cook-off]. We are accepting 15 Chili entries. Go to the SPSHOA website for forms and instructions. Email to [spshoa@yahoo.com](mailto:spshoa@yahoo.com). That is all there is to it, so join us in the fun. Deadline for entries is September 22.

If you would like, you may create a small group to make your chili. Give your group a fancy or silly name and name that chili. Maybe you will win a prize and bragging rights for the best chili in Stewart Peninsula Southshore!

The HOA is providing water coolers, ice, chips, tables, extension cords, surge protectors with multiple plug ins. Also supplied are hot dogs, cheese, buns, condiments, bowls, spoons and napkins.

## Reminders

8.6 Boats, trailers, and Jet Skis are permitted in driveways between the hours of Friday 12:00pm and 12:00pm on Monday. During the times that boats, trailers, and Jet Skis are permitted in the neighborhood they may be parked in the driveways; if left on the street boats must be hitched to a vehicle.

8.17 Trash Receptacles and Collection Trash cans must be screened by fences or shrubbery as not to be generally visible by the public. Trash cans should be out of public view within 24 hours of scheduled pick-up 7:00am following trash pick-up day.

## City Ordinances

**Trash Containers (Section 20-26):** Customers shall place all such waste out for collection by 7:00 a.m., on their designated collection days. All containers shall be returned to a site immediately adjacent to the residence or inside a storage area at the residence within twenty-four (24) hours after scheduled pick-up. Containers may be stored a minimum of five (5) feet away from the alley.

**Street Numbering of Buildings (Section 18-1):** Street numbers should be placed on the front of all businesses and dwelling units. If located where there is an alley, the street numbers should also be displayed at the rear of the business or dwelling unit.

## Maintenance

Congratulations to each of you! Our neighborhood looks exceptional and that is due largely to your continual efforts and attention to details.

Several home owners have expressed concerns about thinning grass under the Live Oak trees. The canopy created by the Live Oaks trees provides the much needed shade; however it also creates large areas where the grass will not grow. Recent rains have washed the topsoil from the bare spots in our yards onto the sidewalks exposing tree roots and filling the sidewalk with topsoil /mud .

Solutions to bare spots:

- 1) Thin or cut branches from the center of the Live Oak which will allow enough light to filter through to support the growth of existing Bermuda. Approximately 6-8 hours of direct sun daily is needed.
- 2) Zoysiagrass - There happen to be three different varieties of Zoysiagrass and it is available in sod, plugs, and seed depending on the variety . Two homes in our neighborhood have replaced their Bermuda grass with Zoysiagrass. One yard is 3949 Teal Cove <http://plantanswers.tamu.edu/turf/publications/zoysia.html>
- 3) Turffalo - Texas Tech University/Hybrids Engineered Turfgrass, has worked with this grass for 15 years. It flourishes in 80% shade and low water. [www.turffalo.com](http://www.turffalo.com) Tech Turf grows in 40% shade where as the Shadow Turf grows in sun or 90% shade.

Some of the local businesses that sell Turffalo are as follows:

- a) Hartwell's Nursery 1570 N Stemmons Lewisville, TX 75067(972) 436-3612<http://hartwellsnursery.com/>
  - b) The Plant Market 500 Springcreek Road Dallas, TX 75248(972) 239-0049
  - c) Suburban Plants and Landscapes 1204 South Central Expressway Dallas, TX 75201(214) 748-7438
  - d) Redenta's Garden 2001 Skillman St Dallas TX 75206(214) 823-9421<http://www.redentas.com/>
- 4) St. Augustine also does well in the shade. St Augustine requires more water and has a wide blade.
  - 5) Landscape tree rings using shade plants. Ex: Ferns, Hosta, Ground Cover.

## Bobcat

The local bobcat has been sighted in our neighborhood. Please go to the city's website for information regarding this matter. <http://www.ci.the-colony.tx.us/Depts/pd/AnimalCtrl/bobcats.htm>



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