



PEAK'S EDITION

CRIME WATCH UPDATE

BY JANET STARING

Summer is here and so is a rise in crime in our neighborhood. With the kids being out of school, car theft/break-ins, and home burglaries are the most common criminal activities in our area. Unfortunately, there is no way to prevent either of these from happening to you but there are several ways to decrease your risk significantly.

- Remember to park your car in well lit areas.
- Before leaving your car, make sure there is nothing valuable in sight. Remove your GPS system from the dashboard and make sure there is nothing visible in your car that would encourage someone to break in.
- Always roll up your windows and lock your car, even if you are just running in the store or your house and coming right back.
- Always keep your windows and doors locked in your home. A large percentage of burglaries occur through unforced entries.
- When you are away on vacation, leave a car in the driveway if possible and make sure you have someone pick up your mail and newspapers. Let the neighbors know the

There will be no General Meeting during the month of July.



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dates you will be gone and ask them to keep an eye on your property. Don't forget to call 911 if you see anything suspicious in the neighborhood!



SOCIAL UPDATE

BY ZELMAN BROUNOFF

What do you do with a dozen neighbors who find it too hot to stand on a porch? You stand them in your kitchen. That was Robert Kam's solution during the monthly Porch Party on the 19th of June.

The fortified, 1899 foundation of said kitchen easily allowed said neighbors to enjoy an impromptu dish as they dished the dirt. Analgesic libations went hand in hand with soothing conversations. The defiant air conditioning allowed the attendees to prolong their informal "go see" without draining their enthusiasm.

There's an old saying that I just made up: "You can take the party out of the heat, but you can't take the heat out of the party."

These proceedings will be placed on hiatus until the Fall of the year so that the "porch" can once again be utilized in "The Porch Party."

Please check your listing for theaters and show times. **Thank you to Robert Kam for hosting the June PAHA Porch Party!**

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THE GREEN LINE

BY SHARON MIELKE

At one drop of water per second, how many gallons will a leaky faucet waste in a year?

About 2,700 gallons per year. A leaky toilet can be even worse, wasting as much as 7,200 gallons per year.

The world is not getting more water, but it is getting more people. Compounding the problem, climate change and contamination of water sources are quickly turning water into the most precious resource on the planet.

The City of Dallas Water Department has been encouraging citizens to reduce their water use by subsidizing low-flush toilets, (\$90 each - two per household) setting suitable lawn sprinkling hours, encouraging the use of landscaping plants that require little water, and, of course, fixing leaky faucets!!

What is the biggest water user in a typical household? The lawn consumes more water than just about anything else. A thousand-sq.ft lawn watered 15 minutes three times a week uses about 5,400 gallons per month. Dallas has been fortunate to have received good rains this year and full

reservoirs. But now is a good time to assess our water use and change some wasteful habits.

NEIGHBOR NOTES

- Shawn Buterbaugh recommends **Urbano Cafe**, our newest neighborhood restaurant, right next to Jimmy's Italian Food Store. Their lunch menu features Italian panini, sandwiches, salads, soups and pastas for dine-in or carry-out. At dinner they offer grilled meats and fish, risotto, pastas and appetizers. Urbano is B.Y.O.B. so bring your favorite wine to enjoy with your meal. Urbano Cafe • 1410 C Fitzhugh • 214.823.8550 • www.urbanodallas.com
- From Zelman Brounoff: Construction for the new **Aldi Grocery Store** has begun in the 4200 block of Gaston, between 7-Eleven and Church's Chicken. Work began at the beginning of June immediately following the demolition of Mr. Do Coin Laundry. Check the Aldi website for continuing updates. www.aldi.com
- **If you received a lovely crepe myrtle during our tree planting effort, please don't forget to water it!**

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TASK FORCE UPDATE

BY RENEE MANES

June applications for "Certificate of Appropriateness" (CA):

- **4314 Trellis Court** - temporary carport awning
- **4519 Gaston Avenue** - repair/replacement of siding/windows, new: roof, front and rear porches, porte cochere, two-story garage and fence

You know you can keep chickens in Dallas? I am putting my coop in at the end of August. My neighbors, Sean and Melissa, have already agreed to chicken-sitting when we are out-of-town. If we had been around when many of our homes were built, that is exactly what many residents would have had in their backyards, along with some ducks or a goat or two. But no goats here. It was hard enough to get Michael to agree to chickens. The old goat.

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