



PEAK'S EDITION

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

We recently got to experience the rare treat of a thick blanket of snow covering our neighborhood, turning our streets into beautiful scenes out of a postcard. The snow has since melted, but there is no reason the beauty can't linger (albeit in a non-frozen form). So I would like to invite everyone to our first "Peak's Pick-Up" neighborhood beautification project on Saturday, March 6th from 9:00 a.m. – noon.

At 9:00 a.m. sharp, we will meet at the parking lot of East Dallas Christian Church on the corner of Worth Street and Peak Street, where supplies will be distributed and tasks will be assigned. This will be a fun time of working with your neighbors, having a good laugh, mocking the graffiti taggers' lack of creativity, and generally beautifying the neighborhood

"Sounds interesting, but what exactly will we be doing?" you may be wondering. Generally speaking, we will be picking up trash, cleaning up graffiti, and trimming overgrown vegetation (or dead branches) in vacant or deserted areas. The specifics, however, will be up to you. In the days leading up to Peak's Pick-Up, I invite everyone to keep your eyes open for things we can clean up, graffiti we can wipe out, and overall beautification that can be done in a few hours by a dedicated group of weekend warriors. Email your suggestions to president@peaksaddition.org.

Everyone wants a clean neighborhood, but trash doesn't pick itself up. Here is your chance to do your part to make it happen. It's the perfect reason to wake up a little earlier on a Saturday, head down to the Taco Joint for some breakfast, and put on your work gloves for a few hours to make Peak's Addition a little pre-Walker Duke

BIG SNOW

by Kelly Hardy

In 1967, when I was 3, my family was stationed at Camp Pendleton, California, when my grandparents sent a photo of an historic event in Dallas—a record snowfall of 7 inches. My mother reminded me of that photo as we talked on the phone during the recent record snow. My children were witnessing history. They adore snow, and are becoming fine skiers. I prefer to train hard at sipping Irish coffee, but I picked them up at school armed with boots, parkas and hats, and learned what a lot of joy a little frozen water can add to the day. We all had fun throwing snowballs, making angels and catching snowflakes on our tongues. There were dozens of us middle-aged kids playing with the same abandon as our children.



General Meeting
Tuesday, March 3, 7:00 p.m.
Monica's Aca Y Alla
2914 Main St.

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Have ideas, comments, or suggestions? Respond to articles via the website!

I live with naturally gifted engineers. My house is filled with structures created from Legos, Tupperware, scotch tape, pillows, boxes dominoes and scraps stolen from Daddy's shop. It was no surprise when Britney



announced her plan to build an igloo on Friday. We sat on the porch debating technique, hot chocolate and Irish coffee in hand. She couldn't cut ice blocks as the Inuit do, so she rolled snowballs. Big ones. Stacking them up, she employed her brother with packing the chinks with snow mortar. The walls grew high, but she realized the snow was too soft to support a keystone construction for the roof, so she grabbed scrap lumber from the shop and made ceiling joists. She has lived in a construction zone most of her life, and it shows! With the wood covered in snow, the igloo was finished. Passersby stopped to admire and take pictures. Snowball fights occurred. It was glorious. We share the sadness for both lost trees and property damage, but both scientifically and in the life of our family, this was day for the record books. Some winter when my kids are grown and

far away, I will send them pictures of this happy day. We hope you had fun, too.

TASK FORCE UPDATE

BY RENEE MANES

February "Certificate of Appropriateness" (CA) applications:

4811 Sycamore Street-exterior changes including new front door siting, new windows, paint, side walkways eliminated, new front sidewalk

Applications for March should be submitted to Margaret Fiskell, our City staff representative. Her email is Margaret.fiskell@dallascityhall.com and her phone number is 214 670 4151.

Next month's CAs are DUE to Margaret by THURSDAY MARCH 4th.



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WE WELCOME THE MADFOODERY

BY ELIZABETH NELSON

Too busy to cook? Need a personal chef? Peaks Addition has a new business in our neighborhood that offers this service using fresh ingredients and artisan techniques to prepare their meals. The MaD Foodery is in an historic, Spanish-style building at the corner of Worth and Haskell. According to owners Melanie and Dell, the building started life in the 1930s as a Good Luck Oil Station—a "GLOCO" gas station, famous for

their architecture. The latest renovation added kitchen equipment from around the world and 10,000 Italian and Mexican tiles. The owners say they “love that we helped preserve a little piece of Dallas history.”

They offer breakfast, lunch and dinner with a variety of ordering plans. Check out their offerings at www.themadfoodery.com. Their client base includes busy professionals, retirees, moms and singles, anyone who wants to eat well without cooking. They welcome suggestions from their new neighbors about additions to the menu or services.

Melanie would like to extend a special offer to all our readers. Open an account online by March 30, and then email her at info@themadfoodery.com, and she will give you a @25 credit to use on your first order. Please remember how important it is that we support our local businesses.

INVENTED IN DALLAS:

BY EVELYN MONTGOMERY

Dallas is known for technological advances, present and past, such as the local invention of the car radio and the traffic light. While these are the type of inventions that were developed independently by several people in different places, all trying to solve the same practical problem, a Dallasite created them right here, and gave us a cultural bonus as well. I am plagiarizing the work of historian Steven Butler, who spoke at the recent 11th Annual Legacies Dallas History Conference in January on “Henry ‘Dad’ Garrett: The Wizard of Dallas, Texas.” Garrett was

not an inventor by trade, he worked for the city, including running the fire department, and dabble in technology to solve the city’s problems.

Early automobile traffic in Dallas was complicated at every intersection. The only possible signaling system were police officers directing traffic, sometimes with a sign on a stick that they would turn to show the “stop” side or the “go” side. There was no way to coordinate their efforts from one intersection to the next, and you can imagine the delays created. Garrett thought electricity might solve the problem, and his traffic light used the color system already found on railroad signals. The first lights were controlled manually by a policeman in a tower, an improvement for him over standing in the street amid angry drivers. The introduction of a timing system eliminated the need for human observation, though one wonders how much drivers trusted those first signals not to tell everybody to go at once.

Garrett found a way to provide radios with power and antennae to solve a life-threatening problem in the fire department. When the trucks were called out from the



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station for one fire, there was no way to let them know if another one started someplace else. Garrett's radio allowed firefighters and police to maintain contact, but it was broadcast radio, over open airwaves. The need for a radio station to send the information led to the cultural bonus, when Garrett started KERA. The station broadcast fire and police calls, as well as music and local programming, all together. It was undoubtedly an interesting station and listeners would have known what was going on around town. It would seem that Dallas tends toward the practical in both technology and entertainment.

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