

WILSHIRE HEIGHTS

THE WILSHIRE HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION • Volume 4, Number 5 – July/August 2006

A letter from your WHNA President

It's hard to believe, but summer's almost over. School will be starting soon, we'll get back in our usual routines, and it'll be a downhill slide to the holidays! Along the way, we'll have some great stuff for you to squeeze into your calendar:

• First up – the Dallas Homeowners League hosts their annual “Boot Camp” on Saturday, August 26th for neighborhood association officers and those thinking about becoming more involved in their association. I can't say enough about the quality of this program. It gives real insight into the workings of City Hall, as well as an educational platform with pointers for a more effective and well-run neighborhood association. Last year was my second year to attend. I went eagerly and was not disappointed. If interested, please contact Mark Moynahan at 214/826-7297 or mark@bpscorp.com.

• WHNA's General Meeting will be held Tuesday, October 24th. New officers will be elected for the coming year, so we really need volunteers to serve on a Nominating Committee to develop a slate of officer candidates. If you are interested in being on this committee or running for an officer or director position but

would like more info about the responsibilities involved, please contact me at 214/824-8864 or lhmarshall@sbcglobal.net.

• Our “End of Summer” party will be held Saturday, September 30th. It's a great time to meet your neighbors with food, fun and activities for the whole family! We're having it a little later this year hoping that it will be cooler. Keep your fingers crossed on the weather, and stay tuned for details!

• WHNA's garage sale fundraiser is coming up toward the end of October, so please keep that in mind when you're cleaning out closets, cabinets or the garage. Thanks to everyone's help, last year's sale was a great success. Volunteers are really needed to help organize and man the sale. Again, please contact me if you can give a few hours to this event.

• We are exploring ideas for a WHNA website and are looking for volunteers to help with content, as well as maintenance of the site. You don't need to be a bonafide “geek” to qualify. Please contact me if you have interest in volunteering or with any questions.

Lastly, I'm pleased to tell you that through the generosity of family, friends and neighbors

of Lindsey Brown, the young woman who lived near Tietze Park and died tragically in childbirth a few months ago, The Friends of Tietze Park Foundation was able to raise more than enough money to match City funds to build the Lindsey Brown Toddler Playground, which will be included in the improvements to the park tentatively scheduled to commence late this fall.

See you soon at one of these great neighborhood opportunities. Keep cool! ☺

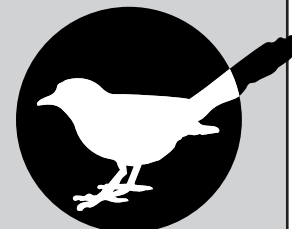
REMEMBER TO GATHER AND SAVE DONATIONS FOR OUR WHNA FALL GARAGE SALE TO BE HELD IN MID-OCTOBER. MORE INFORMATION TO COME — LOOK FOR FLYERS AND YARD SIGNS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

**Next Board Meeting – Wednesday, 8/23
7:00PM at Mark & Linda's – 6253 Martel**

**End of Summer Party – Saturday, 9/30
11:00AM – 2:00PM at All Saints Episcopal**

**General Membership Meeting/Elections –
Tuesday, 10/24 – 7:00 PM
St. Thomas Drama Room**

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Boot Camp

Dallas Homeowners League
"Boot Camp" Coming Soon!

The WHNA Board is looking for volunteers to serve on the board. There are several interesting positions, including supporting our crime watch and newsletter activities. The more participation we get, the stronger our association will be.

If you would like to learn how the best neighborhood associations work, we have a deal for you! WHNA will pay the registration fee for any association member who would like to attend the 9th annual Dallas Homeowners League Boot Camp on August 26th.

Learn how to utilize the City staff resources effectively. Important topics, such as zoning, code enforcement and crime prevention will be presented in workshop sessions. The annual meeting is kicked-off each year with an important keynote speaker. Past presenters have been Dallas Police Chief, David Kunkle, in 2004 and Dallas City Manager, Mary Suhm, in 2005.

9th Annual Boot Camp for Neighborhood Associations

Date: Saturday, August 26, 2006

Time: 9 AM – 12 Noon

Location: Dallas City Hall

To enroll, call WHNA Secretary, Linda Farina, at (214) 826-7297. We will carpool from the neighborhood to downtown that morning. ☺

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Attention Wilshire Heights Parents of Preschool-Aged Children...

We may need your help! As you have probably already experienced, many parents feel overwhelmed when the time comes to find the right preschool for their child. Part of that concern is only natural – preschool marks the first real step of independence for many children. Another concern however, stems from the fact that most parents simply do not have enough information at their disposal to make an informed decision as to which preschool is best suited for their child's needs. A group of Lakewood moms is hoping to be such a resource for parents of future preschoolers by building an on-line Dallas preschool guide called *The Savvy Source for Parents* (www.savvysource.com).

The goal of *The Savvy Source for Parents* is to provide parents with a comprehensive and detailed overview of preschools in the city.

The plan is to include detailed information on all preschools in Dallas on their new website, as well as links to school websites and specific application information, where available. The website will also include the "nuts & bolts" information about tuition costs, teacher/student ratios, admissions processes and other important issues for parents.

The Savvy Source believes that parents with children already enrolled in preschools can serve as an invaluable resource to prospective parents.

And that's where you come in! They are ask-

ing all parents of preschoolers to take a few minutes and fill out a brief survey regarding their child's preschool at www.savvysource.com.

It's a simple process that will provide beneficial information to other parents making this important decision concerning their child's specific needs and requirements. It only takes 10 minutes (go to www.savvysource.com and click on "Review a School," "Dallas," and then "Parent"). It is completely anonymous. There has already been an overwhelming response to this project from parents in other Dallas neighborhoods; the group has collected over 170 parent surveys so far. In order to have enough survey information for a particular preschool on the website, *Savvy Source* needs to receive at least 5 completed surveys for that school.

Therefore, if you feel strongly about a preschool serving the Wilshire Heights community, please take a few moments and make sure it is well represented. Other parents will appreciate your participation in this effort. For more information, please contact *Savvy Source* Coordinator, Amy Fauss by phone: 214-826-4544 or email amyfauss@yahoo.com. ☺



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Good Samaritan OF THE MONTH

We are pleased to announce that we continue to receive reports of Good Samaritans in Wilshire Heights that are worthy of mentioning in our popular new column. This month we have several.

The word is spreading about this great neighborhood, and we are even receiving "nominations" of Good Samaritans from others outside the area. You may remember Jerry and Stelly Hofelt as receiving praise for their wonderful chili recipe from the WHNA Chili Cook-off. Well, apparently, they aren't just great cooks, they're even better neighbors according to Jesse and Barbara Stroup, newcomers to Dallas and Wilshire Heights.

Recently, Jesse was on his way to a new job – the one he moved to Dallas for – when his car stopped running in the middle of the street. Jesse attempted to push the car out of the street himself while his wife, Barbara, was steering. A couple drove by, assessed the situation, and all of a sudden, they stopped, walked-up to the disabled vehicle and offered to help push it out of the street. That couple was Jerry and Stelly Hofelt. Jerry even offered his assistance with a torn rotor cusp; he had to push with his back instead of his arms! Francis Miro, a neighbor from across the street, came and pushed the car as well, until it was parallel to the curb and Jesse could get on his way to work.

Another neighbor, Jennifer Boudreaux on Penrose, recently offered her help to a neighbor in an emergency situation. At 3:00 a.m., she was awakened by a loud crash. She saw a Jeep on its side in the middle of the street and immediately called 9-1-1. Jennifer then ran to help the driver crawl out of his Jeep, kept him calm and gave him a coat to wear until the ambulance and the fire department arrived. Jennifer is a very brave and courageous neighbor, who provided help even while the Jeep was smoking!

Our hats are off to these Good Samaritans and others not noted who come to the aid of their fellow neighbors in Wilshire Heights.

If you know of someone whose actions deserve mentioning, please contact a WHNA board member to share your story, which may be considered for publication in an upcoming newsletter. 📧

WILSHIRE HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

2006 Membership Form

Annual dues for calendar year 2006 are now due for the Wilshire Heights Neighborhood Association. Membership fee is \$10 per household or \$5 for senior citizen households (65 or older). **Suggested Donation of \$25.00 Would be Greatly Appreciated.** Please fill out the information below and mail this form with your dues to:

Wilshire Heights Neighborhood Association
6333 East Mockingbird Lane
Suite 147, PMB 676
Dallas, TX 75214

Or, drop this form and your dues off at
Liz Soch's home at 6315 Ellsworth.

Please make checks payable to: **Wilshire Heights Neighborhood Association**

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Please identify areas in which you would be willing to volunteer your assistance!

- IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE
- COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
- CRIME COMMITTEE
- OTHER _____
- SOCIAL COMMITTEE
- BLOCK CAPTAIN FOR _____

Meet Your Neighbors at The Wilshire Heights end of summer party

Join Us for Hot Dogs, Watermelon, Water Balloon Toss
and Bounce House for the Kids!!!

Saturday, September 30th

11 am – 2 pm

All Saints Episcopal Church (Alderson & Revere)

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National Neighbors' Night

On Tuesday, August 1, 2006, Wilshire Heights neighbors gathered to celebrate the 23rd annual National Night Out. This crime- and drug-prevention event is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and local police departments.

WHNA sponsored our own local version of the National Neighbors' Night Out. Mark Moynahan (Martel), our Crime Watch Coordinator and members of the WHNA Board organized the event. Even the 100 degree heat couldn't keep about 70 neighbors, children and friends from enjoying iced tea, lemonade, brownies, cookies and ice cream on the front lawn of Beth and John Wing's home at the corner of Kenwood and Norris. Many brought their dogs along to enjoy the evening's activities.

We had several guests join us for this festive event. Dallas City Councilwoman, Angela Hunt, and her husband, Paul, came to discuss matters of concern to the city and our neighborhood. A fire truck came to visit, courtesy of the Oak Lawn Station No. 11. The fire fighters allowed all of the children to explore the truck and to climb through the seats. Several local patrol officers from the Northeast substation came by to meet neighbors and listen to their concerns.

Members of the Neighborhood Stabilization Overlay Committee distributed handouts on their initiative to provide guidance for new construction in the neighborhood regarding traits

such as scale and height in order to ensure that all neighbors will continue to enjoy our great neighborhood. The WHNA Board also had a table to encourage greater membership and participation in our association.

The purpose of this event was bringing neighbors out of their houses to meet each other and to discuss the most effective methods for local crime prevention, as well as to say thank you to our "first-responders" for their dedication and hard work. From the large gathering of neighbors that attended the event, it was a welcomed opportunity to meet old and new friends. Many thanks for all of the hard work put forth by our planners to have such a successful event in our neighborhood. 🍪



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Out in Wilshire Heights



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- 1 WHNA neighbors enjoy the evening's festivities
- 2 Firefighters giving tours to the kids
- 3 WHNA President Lisa Marshall greets Dallas City Councilwoman Angela Hunt
- 4 A young neighbor asks questions about the workings of the fire truck
- 5 NE station police officer with neighbors Bob Jones and Beth Temperley
- 6 Neighbors, kids and dogs made a great combination for a night out
- 7 NNO organizers (from left) Judy Czarny, Liz Soch, Peter Czarny and Melody Ball
- 8 WHNA neighbors Odessa Thrasher and Delia Perez
- 9 Neighbor Clifford Thrasher greets NE station police officer
- 10 WHNA President Lisa Marshall greets guest Judy McMillen

REAL ESTATE REPORT

August 1, 2006

20 Homes Currently for Sale

PRICES: HIGH LOW AVERAGE
\$669,000 \$229,000 \$352,495
 Average List Price per Sq. Ft. \$178.97
 Average Days on the Market 65 days

6 Homes Under Contract

PRICES: HIGH LOW AVERAGE
\$526,900 \$225,000 \$310,942
 Average List Price per Sq. Ft. \$164.13
 Average Days on the Market 31 days

37 Homes Sold Since 1/1/2006

PRICES: HIGH LOW AVERAGE
\$662,500 \$127,500 \$315,426
 Average List Price per Sq. Ft. \$174.43
 Average Days on the Market 43 days

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TREASURER'S REPORT

July 19, 2006

BALANCE FORWARD:	\$ 1,386.63
June 2006	
REVENUE:	
Members' dues & donations	90.00
Ad revenue – Kidztime	45.00
TOTAL REVENUE:	\$ 135.00
EXPENDITURES:	
Bank Fees	(5.00)
Postal Rental (1yr) – debit	(120.00)
Thomas Repro (Newsletter)	(259.80)
Neoplex Online (Sign Marker)	(4.99)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	(\$ 389.79)
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS:	\$ 1,131.84
as of July 19, 2006	
TOTAL MEMBERS FOR 2006:	164
NEW/RETURNING MEMBERS:	7

Meet your Neighbors:

Mitch and Jennifer Paradise/Martel

As native Dallasites, Mitch and Jennifer Paradise have a lot of East Dallas history. He graduated from Bryan Adams; she from Woodrow Wilson, and they both completed their education at Texas A&M before returning to the Dallas area to start a family. Ties to this area are still strong – Jennifer's parents live on Westlake and her sister lives close by as well. Mitch and Jennifer were married at St. Thomas Aquinas, and both children, Wyatt (2 1/2) and Piera (4 months), were baptized there. The family



Mitch and Jennifer Paradise chose the Wilshire Heights neighborhood to build their new home in and raise their children, Piera and Wyatt, for the long haul.

recently moved from the Lake Highlands area and Richardson schools. In building their new home on Martel, the Paradises made a special effort to preserve the lot's trees, landscape and to use architecture similar to existing Mediterranean homes in the area. Mitch and Jennifer believe in the neighborhood and that active, involved families keep schools strong resulting in healthy property values for that area. And this definitely correlates to what we've seen with Stonewall Jackson Elementary's successes – a real draw to our area.

A welcome member of the Wilshire Heights **NEST** Committee (**NE**ighborhood **ST**abilization Overlay Committee), Mitch hopes his experience as a licensed Architect will provide insight for working with the City and homebuilders to steer new construction in a positive direction to stimulate quality workmanship sensitive to the area.

The Paradise Family has made Wilshire Heights their home for the long haul – plans include elementary through high school for Wyatt and Piera right here. ☺

Back To School Theft Alert:

Allstate Identifies Top 5 Targets for Back to Books Break-Ins...

- Band instruments
- Laptops and other data processing devices including PDAs
- Sports equipment, including golf clubs stolen from student vehicles
- MP3 players and accessories
- Digital cameras

To avoid becoming a target, Allstate says students should make sure they never leave their valuables unattended in a classroom, locker room or music hall. Thieves are also more likely to break into vehicles when valuables are left in plain sight, so if you must leave a laptop or golf clubs in the car Allstate says make sure they're well hidden from view. ☺

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WH NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK CAPTAINS

Several of our streets have two 6200 blocks, so they have been designated with: "A" – 6200 BLOCK BETWEEN CLEMENTS AND NORRIS and "B" – 6200 BLOCK BETWEEN NORRIS AND ALDERSON. For Martel & Revere, block "B" includes some 6300 addresses.

ANITA

6100	Aimee Padden	214-826-7416	apadden@ix.netcom.com	6119
6200	Bernadette Claus	214-827-6695	No Email	6215
6300	Block Captain Needed			

ELLSWORTH

6100	Tim Temperley	214-827-2415	timtemp@sbcglobal.net	6148
6200	Block Captain Needed			
6300	Stephanie Lokey	214-826-4630	slokey@stanleystudio.com	6311

JACOTTE

3200	Mary Ann Russell	214-827-3206	lostcottage@aol.com	3206
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KENWOOD

6100	Kathryn & Chris Peters	214-826-9566	peters6116@sbcglobal.net	6116
6200	Melody Ann Ball	214-827-8980	melodyba@swbell.net	6215
6300	Block Captain Needed			

MALCOLM

6200 A	Linda Gardner & Karen Cramer	214-826-5756 214-823-1772	secretgardner@hotmail.com kcramer2@flash.net	6231 6240
6200 B	Bob Jones	214-827-4060	bjonespar@comcast.net	6255
6300	Stephanie Pundsack	214-826-7458	pundsacks@yahoo.com	6317

MARTEL

6100	Mary & Richard De La Garza	214-821-1977	delacoco@netzero.com	6108
6200A	Peter & Judy Czarny	214-823-2925	pczarny@airmail.net	6241
6200B	Mark Moynahan & Linda Farina	214-826-7297	mark@bpscorp.com	6253
6300	Mark Moynahan & Linda Farina	214-826-7297	mark@bpscorp.com	6253

McCOMMAS

6100	Dinah Gaspard	214-821-1234	dgasp1023@aol.com	6106
6200 A	Susan & Elizabeth Nelson	214-826-8976	s_nelson@sbcglobal.net	6216
6200 B	Mark and Kari Myers	214-370-3681	myersmr@sbcglobal.net	6250
6300	Cory Barnard	214-887-0883	ck27one@yahoo.com	6330

MERCEDES

6100	Ruth Farrar	214-824-6609	bret.farrar@sbcglobal.net	6207
6200 A	Ruth Farrar	214-824-6609	bret.farrar@sbcglobal.net	6207
6200 B	Elizabeth Chandler	214-828-1777	echandler40@marykay.com	6281
6300	Liz Tschurr	214-821-5169	lizziet3@yahoo.com	6315

MORNINGSIDE

6100	Block Captain Needed			
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PENROSE

6100	Richard Gartner	214-827-7075	rollinesq@sbcglobal.com	6125
6200	Tony & Delia Perez	214-826-8045	No Email	6210

REVERE

6100	Barbara Stroup	214-709-6560	babstroup@hotmail.com	6106
6200 A	Diane Derryberry	214-827-3033	dicee80@hotmail.com	6218
6200 B	John MacGregor II	214-823-8281	jjmii@pcw@aol.com	6245
6300	Helen McCleskey	214-821-2500	hmmtx@juno.com	6306

WINTON

6100	Robin Matulich	214-823-3381	robinmatulich@att.net	6152
6200	Shannon Hinckley	214-821-0943	shannonhinckley@netscape.com	6270
6300	Joann Gampher	214-821-3920	jogamp@sbcglobal.net	6312

Bon Appetit! on lower Greenville

As you know, Lower Greenville is a treasure trove, rich with restaurants of every kind. Many of these have become institutions that have weathered years of change. However, there are some younger favorites that also add to the flavor and variety of the neighborhood. One of these is **Sevan G&G Café**. Here's a brief tour.

Sevan G&G Café is owned by George Haber and family. The restaurant is named after Lake Sevan in Armenia, which is the largest alpine lake on earth. It is a family restaurant with a menu of appetizing, healthy, whole meals. From kabobs to curry, the food is prepared with fresh ingredients in the Mediterranean style. Meats, fish, vegetables and vermicelli are served in a variety of ways like the gyros plate, chicken tawook, lamb rack, pistachio chicken and souvlaki. The falafel is light and tasty, the dolmas are excellent, and the dips and sauces such as hummus, baba ganouj and tahini are fresh tasting and a welcome to the palate.

Unassuming from outside, the restaurant takes on a colorful atmosphere once inside. Neat, blue-on-white table cloths, wood bar and bronze Turkish coffee machine add to the affable mood. You can even light-up a hookah and enjoy your favorite Turkish tobacco (outside), if you are so inclined. There are works of art and interesting artifacts on display and for sale. A wall of paned glass in the bar area contributes a lightness to the meal. Though alcohol is not served, you can BYOB. Enjoy brunch, lunch and dinner inside or on the patio. The service is always attentive and friendly.

Sevan G&G Café is located across Greenville from Whole Foods Market. Look for the bright blue awning. Reservations are available for large parties but generally it is first come, first served. Lunch averages \$7, and dinner averages \$12. The food, service and atmosphere are worthy of more and you will be pleased with this newcomer. Oh, did we mention that they have the best brunch waffle in town? 🍷

Sevan G&G Café
2221 Greenville Ave.
Dallas, TX 75206 • 214-821-0601
www.sevanmediterranean.com

Wilshire Heights Crime Watch Report For May/June 2006

#	CRIME	DATE/2006	TIME	ADDRESS	PREMISES	STOLEN	STATUS
1	Theft	5/5	19:55	61xx Mockingbird	Retail	Motorcycle/Minibike	Suspend
2	Burglary	5/6	14:00	63xx McCommas	Residence	Sporting Goods	Suspend
3	Theft	5/8	22:15	61xx Mockingbird	Retail	Motorcycle/Minibike	Arrest
4	Burglary	5/9	0:01	62xx Mockingbird	Eating	Currency	Suspend
5	Tel. Harassment	5/10	20:00	63xx McCommas	Residence		Suspend
6	Theft	5/17	20:29	61xx Mockingbird	Retail	Motorcycle/Minibike	Arrest
7	Theft	5/22	1:30	61xx Mockingbird	Other	Auto Parts	Arrest
8	Theft	5/25	23:30	62xx Martel	Other	Motorcycle/Minibike	Open
9	Theft	5/30	15:00	61xx Mockingbird	Retail	Motorcycle/Minibike	Suspend
10	Theft	6/5	2:05	63xx Kenwood	Retail	Motorcycle/Minibike	Arrest
11	Theft	6/7	23:00	62xx McCommas	Residence		Suspend
12	Burglary	6/12	8:30	63xx Ellsworth	Residence	Currency	Open
13	Theft	6/15	1:00	62xx Winton	Residence	Tools	Suspend
14	Theft	6/25	12:00	62xx Martel	Residence	Building materials	Suspend

NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION OVERLAY (NEST)



THE CHANGING FACE OF WILSHIRE HEIGHTS

In an effort to raise awareness of the increasing construction in our neighborhood, members of the NEST Committee did some research to determine its pace here. As most of us seldom pass through the entire neighborhood, we often do not realize the full scope of this trend.

While the bulk of activity has taken place in the southern section of WHNA's boundaries along Mercedes, McCommas and Malcolm, the numbers show increasing new construction northward to Winton. "The Building Report," which will become a regular part of our update in this newsletter, will track the following situations: New homes built since 1995 (original structure removed); Houses currently under construction; and Vacant lots awaiting construction where an original structure has been removed.

Not included are existing homes with builders' signs in front, or homes that have been partially removed and then remodeled. If the following statistics concern you, please contact us to see how you can be involved. As a reminder, the purpose of the NEST Committee is not to stop new construction of larger homes, but to determine building guidelines that promote construction of homes harmonious to the neighborhood via setbacks and height.

From an address by Richard Moe, President of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, "No one is saying that homebuyers shouldn't be able to alter or expand their home to meet their needs, just as no one is saying that older neighborhoods should be frozen in time like museum exhibits. A neighborhood is a living thing, and change is both inevitable and desirable. The challenge is to manage change so that it respects the character and distinctiveness that made these neighborhoods so appealing in the first place."

BUILDING REPORT WILSHIRE HEIGHTS 8-14-06

HOUSES REMOVED AND REBUILT SINCE 1995 25

HOUSES CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION 6

VACANT LOTS - ORIGINAL STRUCTURE REMOVED 7

For more information on the NEST Committee, please contact Susan Nelson 214/826-8976 or s_nelson@sbcglobal.net.

Recent Tietze Park Developments

The Friends of Tietze Park Foundation (FOTPF) has made significant headway regarding some recent developments, so please continue your support and stay tuned for more updates.

The Lindsey Brown Toddler Playground

In June, FOTPF announced its park plans and fundraising drive to provide a new toddler playground (just east of the existing playground), to be dedicated to the memory of Lower Greenville neighborhood resident, Lindsey Brown, who passed away in April. The Foundation is pleased to announce that the monetary goal for the playground was surpassed and construction is included in the "Phase 1" work for the park (see below). The FOTPF wishes to thank all the family, friends and neighbors whose donations helped make this project a reality.

Additional funds raised beyond the original goal for the playground will provide for benches and landscaping around the playground area.

Phase 1 Construction is Gearing-up

The Dallas Parks and Recreation Dept. (DPARD) has completed contract negotiations with the prime contractor (Phoenix Restoration and Construction of Dallas) for construction work funded by the 2003 Bond Election and subsequent allocations. The work will include restoration of the sandstone pavilion, improved lighting throughout the park, the toddler playground, new fencing and landscaping, as well as sidewalk improvements, water fountains, and other amenities. Currently, the estimated schedule is to obtain Park Board approval of the contract in August, to get City Council approval in September, to begin construction in October, and to complete the project in January, 2007.



Tietze Park is a Hot Spot

As announced in The Dallas Morning News, as of June 19th, Tietze Park became the first park in Dallas with free wireless internet access. Depending upon the laptop hardware used, a connection speed up to 54 mbps is available. As far as concerns about inappropriate internet browsing at the park, the City has already addressed this issue by actively filtering internet browser content. This is very exciting news for the FOTPF, who thank the DPARD and all volunteers who made this improvement possible.

Thrivent Grant

As you may know from previous newsletters, in January, the FOTPF was offered a challenge grant of up to \$1,000 by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans if it raised over \$2,000 in proceeds from brick sales by July 1st. The Foundation is happy to report that over \$2,200 in bricks were sold, so it qualified for the grant. Thanks to all residents who purchased bricks for the park, which will be installed in the plaza area as part of the Phase 1 construction project.

Thank you for your continued support of our efforts to improve Tietze Park!