

# Communicator

Merriman Park/University Manor Neighborhood Association

November 2010



## FALL FESTIVAL

Date: November 9th

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Hotchkiss Elementary School Cafeteria

Bring: Your Favorite Covered Dish or Dessert

The Entree and Drinks will be provided

## Almost Time for the Fall Festival:

Save the Date!!! It's almost time for the **FALL FESTIVAL**, our most popular event of the year. Join us and bring your favorite casseroles, vegetables, salads, desserts other covered dishes of your choice. You will find an excellent variety of food and desserts, good conversation with your neighbors and lots of fun with door prizes from local businesses for kids and grown-ups. MPUM Association will provide the drinks with chicken and brisket from Back Country BBQ. Bring your families, bring your neighbors. We look forward to seeing all of you!

## 2010 National Night Out:

National Night Out was a great event, fun for all, especially the kids. For those of you who did not make it this year, we had a bounce house, popcorn, a snow cone machine, free hotdogs and chips. We also had a representative from Senior Source who left with two more volunteers to help that worthy organization. The Dallas Fire Department was on hand with their fire truck for the kids to see, as well as our ENP Officer and several Officers from the Northeast Substation. And, we even had a visit by Northeast Substation's new Deputy Chief of Police, Gloria Perez. We were especially thrilled to see our City Council Representative, Sheffie Kadane! National Night Out was a fun night for all ages!

## Have a Happy and Safe Halloween:



Before you know it the ghost and goblins will be streaming, trudging, shuffling and plodding through our neighborhood. We will be asking the VIPers to provide eyes and ears on the trick or treaters to ensure that the little ones have a safe and secure Halloween. Here are some hints that will help with festivities:

1. Use pre-packaged items for treats (parents are reluctant to let their children eat homemade treats);
2. Open your door with a smile and positive greeting;
3. Put the treats into the children's bags and containers yourself instead of letting the kids reach into your treat container;
4. Keep an eye on the Trick or Treaters until they are safely off your property; and,
5. Be sure your front porch is clear of items on which a child might trip and fall.

Finally, if you do not wish to participate in the Trick or Treating, close your front door and turn off the porch light. Have a Happy Halloween!

## Protect your Pets:

Each year we see a larger number of pets escaping as the weather cools. Dogs love cooler weather and become more spirited and prone to find that vulnerability that allows them to roam the neighborhood. Please check your gates and fences and make sure your pets will be safe.

## Expanded Neighborhood Patrol (ENP):

We now have enough members to complete our weekly patrol hours so our neighborhood will be patrolled 5 days a week for 3 hours a day. As we add members, we can begin rolling into the weekends and, even into the evenings. Please give careful consideration to joining. We need your participation. As you saw in our last newsletter, ENP has dramatically reduced crime. Help us keep it that way by joining today! If you have questions, call Donna Mason at 214-348-7721 or write to [enp@mpum.com](mailto:enp@mpum.com).

## Neighborhood Association Dues:

Maybe it just skipped your mind, but it is time. Help your neighborhood association fund various activities and events, provide care and maintenance of entrances and defray other expenses by paying your MP/UM Association yearly dues. June 1<sup>st</sup> started our new fiscal year. The dues are still just **\$15.00** per household, so if you have not paid your dues for the **2010/2011** year, now would be the perfect time. It's the best \$15.00 you can spend. Your dues provide a means to provide the following services:

1. Landscaping of the entrances to the neighborhood, including the mowing, trimming and edging as needed.
2. Repair and replacement of underground sprinkler systems at Town North, Larmanda and Fenton entrances.
3. Planting of seasonal color at the three entrances mentioned above. (As soon as the Katy Trail-Phase IV is approved and constructed, there will be a "xeriscape bed" installed at the Walling-NW Highway entrance. We have insurance money for that replacement project.)
4. National Night Out activities.
5. Neighborhood Garage Sale preparation.
6. Printing of "COMMUNICATOR" and "Community Express" newsletters and other paper communications.
7. Maintenance and updating of the MP/UM website and the community email lists for neighborhood notifications.

If you have any question at all about whether or not you have paid, you can check the list of households paid on our website at [www.mpum.com](http://www.mpum.com). Look for the link on the front page in the right-hand column that says "Dues Paid for the Current Fiscal Year." You can also call Charley Ramirez, our Treasurer, and he will be glad to look it up for you. He can be reached by telephone at 214-341-1861 or by email at [treasurer@mpum.com](mailto:treasurer@mpum.com). Dues may be mailed to MPUM, P.O. Box 820803, Dallas, TX 75382-0803

## Yard of the Month: 7306 Wild Valley

(visit our website at [www.mpum.com](http://www.mpum.com) for pictures)

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**MPUM's Complete List of Neighborhood Contacts available on Our Website: [www.mpum.com](http://www.mpum.com)**

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