



**Buckner Terrace Homeowner's Association**  
A Texas non profit organization, p.o. box 270131, Dallas, Texas 75227

**April 2015**



### **From the Chair**

Korey Mack, Chair

As the month of April comes to a close, one can't help but to enjoy these calm, breezy afternoons outside. Since 2008 when we moved here it has been a joy to see neighbors taking immaculate care of their yards and the appearance of their houses. It has also been a reminder of what work needs to be done in my own yard!

Thank you for sending in all of the nominations for Yard of the Month. It is clear that these many of our homeowners take meticulous care of their yards, and this definitely makes Buckner Terrace a better place in so many ways. It has motivated me to get out and do more work in the past month that I can remember doing in any month since I've lived in the neighborhood. Let's continue to raise the bar.

Buckner Terrace Yard of the Month winners for April/May 2015:

1. 5734 Winding Woods Trail
2. 5011 Cloverhaven
3. 5023 Hollow Ridge

With this time of year, also comes the threat of severe weather, and many know too well how suddenly severe weather can materialize and wreak havoc on communities here in North

Texas. Here are a few tips from the Texas Severe Storms Association and the National Weather Service:

### **Tornadoes**

Tornadoes can produce winds greater than 300 mph, and can travel across the ground at up to 60 mph. They can develop any time of day, any month of the year, but are most common in the afternoon and evening, and in the spring and fall. Tornadoes are most common across the Great Plains and Gulf States regions of the US. More tornadoes occur in the United States than any other country in the world, and more tornadoes occur in Texas than any other state.

Below-ground shelters, and reinforced "safe rooms" provide the best protection against tornadic winds.

#### *Other options include:*

In homes or small buildings, go to the northeast corner of a basement. If a basement is not available, **go to the smallest, most-interior room on the lowest floor**, such as a closet or bathroom. Cover yourself to protect your body from flying debris.

In schools, hospitals, factories or shopping centers, **go to the smallest, most-interior rooms and hallways on the lowest floor**. Stay away from glass enclosed places or areas with wide-span roofs such as auditoriums and warehouses. Crouch down

and cover your head.

In high rise buildings, **go to the smallest, most-interior rooms or hallways.** Stay away from exterior walls and windows.

In cars or mobile homes, abandon them immediately!! Cars and mobile homes provide no protection from tornadic winds. If you are in either of those locations, leave them and go to a substantial structure or designated tornado shelter. **Do not attempt to seek shelter beneath an overpass or bridge.** They provide little or no shelter and have proved to be deadly options.

If caught in the open, lie flat in a culvert, ditch or depression and cover your head.

### Lightning

Lightning is a threat anywhere thunderstorms occur. If you hear thunder, it is time to take shelter.

*When inside:*

- Avoid using the telephone, or other electrical appliances. (my grandmother was right all along)
- Do not take a bath or shower, or stand near plumbing.

*If caught outdoors:*

- Seek shelter in a sturdy building. A hard-top automobile can also offer protection.
- If you are boating or swimming, get out of the water and move to a safe shelter on land.
- If you are in a wooded area, seek shelter under a thick growth of relatively small trees.
- If you feel your hair standing on end, squat with your head between your knees. Do not lie flat!
- Avoid isolated trees or other tall objects, water, fences, convertible cars, tractors and motorcycles.

### Bulk Trash Dates

**April 27<sup>th</sup>, May 25<sup>th</sup> and June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

You may start putting out trash the Thursday before the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday (dates listed above).

### Action Team Meeting Update

I would like to take the time to thank those participants that were in attendance in the action team meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup> at the Dallas County Schools Training and Technology Center. We discussed issues of great import to homeowners in the neighborhood as well as



the format of the District 7 City Council forum that we will host at Edna Rowe on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 7pm – 9. We would like to double the participation from 6 homeowners to 12-15 to form a solid group. The time and date of the May Action Team meeting will be printed and announced at the April meeting.



We discussed openly the strengths and weaknesses that we possess as a neighborhood. Three issues that we agreed

are of critical importance as we interview candidates to represent Buckner Terrace and all of District 7 for the next two years are to:

1. **Strengthen the relationship that we have between our homeowners and various city departments**, the most vital being police, fire and code enforcement
2. **Promote economic growth and development** that is compatible with needs of the neighborhood
3. **Enhance Public Safety** by thwarting the speeding issue on many of our open thoroughfares in the neighborhood.

We discussed ways to move forward on all of these issues, and while I am happy that we slightly more than a handful of homeowners in attendance, this effort will take an increased number to be most effective. I encourage everyone to attend out next Action team meeting.

### **April Candidate Forum**

On April 28<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7pm, we will interview candidates in one of the last public appearances that they will make together before the May 9<sup>th</sup> election. We decided to have this forum in April instead of March to seize the opportunity to be one of the last stops that the candidates would make this cycle.

Early voting begins the Monday before our forum, and it is certain that some of these candidates will be polished and experienced in the usual forum format.

We have decided to switch things up a little by seeking to find out which candidate has the competence to serve, but more accurately, we will seek to find out which candidate understands the challenges that we face here in Buckner Terrace, and has a clear plan to address those challenges and empower us as homeowners to overcome them.

Thank you to those of you who have submitted questions. At this point, we intend to get through at least 6 rounds of questions for the entire panel with 90 seconds to respond. We will also encourage candidates to be as specific as possible and to avoid using

disclaimers like, “I would need to know more about that issue” or “we would conduct a study.” As homeowners, and as an active homeowners association, we deserve to hear concrete plans with action items attached. We want to see a clear vision for Buckner Terrace and District 7 as a whole. After the last round of questions, candidates will receive 2 minutes to give closing remarks and to share why they feel they deserve our vote.

It is important not to assume that everyone knows what a City Councilmember does here in Dallas, and how they represent the constituents in the Districts that they serve. I’m sorry in advance that this is review for many of you, but for some I hope that you’ll find this of interest.

The City of Dallas is divided into 14 districts of close to equal population, and each Councilmember is elected solely from their district. The Mayor is elected at large and in order for an initiative to pass the council, it needs 8 votes to win a majority.

Each of these Councilmembers nominates citizens to various Boards and Commissions, while the Mayor maintains the authority to nominate the chairperson for each of these Boards and Commissions.

In addition to this citizen nominating authority, each Councilmember serves on the council committees that help deliver the work to the entire council.

Since there are so many candidates in this election, I think that it is also important to list the names again in this edition of the newsletter.



<b>Tiffinni A. Young</b>
<b>Hasani Burton</b>
<b>John Lawson</b>
<b>Kevin Felder</b>
<b>James “J.T.” Turknett</b>
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### 2015 Annual Membership Enrollment

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\$24 per household enclosed for: Renewal or New Membership

Please make checks payable to:

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In an effort to ensure that the necessary work is accomplished for all of our homeowners in the association, I'm calling for additional support on the executive committee. For various personal reasons, our co-chair and secretary have been willing, but unable to fully execute the required duties of those positions. I ask for your help in nominating and subsequently electing two individuals to help fill these positions on a temporary basis until the annual term is up in December 2015.

#### Secretary Responsibilities

The association secretary is primarily responsible for recording the minutes at all general and action team meetings. In addition, the secretary is responsible for submitting the previous minutes for approval at every general

meeting. If you know someone or if you feel like you can commit to those duties for the association, please contact me to nominate yourself.

#### Co-Chair Responsibilities

The association co-chair provides support to the chair as needed, but most importantly acts in place of the chair in any capacity when the chair cannot execute the duties of office. I don't foresee not being able to act in the capacity of chair, and have even planned family vacations around our general meetings during the summer. That being said, it is still necessary that we nominate and elect an able co-chair to serve for the rest of the 2015 term.

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