



# The Woodcreek Wind

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News for 'Our' Community

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## What's special about Woodcreek neighborhood and Carrollton?



As a private art dealer and single adult, I spend a large portion of my business and social time in Dallas. So, I am often told I should move from Carrollton and relocate in Dallas. Recently I decided to evaluate that idea and began keeping a list of the pros and cons of living in Woodcreek versus Dallas. I did this for a month so it would be as objective as possible. By the end of the month, the pros of living in the Woodcreek neighborhood of Carrollton far outweighed the pros of living in Dallas.

Many of the pros are what one might expect, such as more affordable housing, lower cost of living, etc. What really added up in Woodcreek's favor were the ones that I didn't think about regularly. I would like to share a few of them with you:

- ◆ Wide lane roads with few, if any, potholes.
- ◆ Nicely planted and maintained greenbelts in the medians of the roads.
- ◆ More parks in a 2 mile radius than most all of central Dallas has.
- ◆ Police and fire response that is many times faster than in Dallas.
- ◆ A city Council that does NOT make the news in a negative fashion every time they have a meeting.
- ◆ A city budget that is not only balanced but has a cash surplus because of wise management.
- ◆ I can see the sunrise and the sunset because we are not surrounded by high-rise buildings blocking the view.
- ◆ I see my neighbors and frequently end up in pleasant conversations.
- ◆ Our streets do not have continuous lines of parked cars on each side making the street virtually impassible. (Try driving through University Park sometime.)



So now when a friend asked why I don't move into Dallas I relay a few of these observations to them. I apologize for not inviting them to move to Carrollton and explain there are few houses available because no one wants to move away. Then the conversation usually turns to them complaining about Dallas traffic, crowds, etc. I am thankful I only have to deal with it on my terms.

I think I'll take a walk and watch the sunset.

Sincerely,  
**Russell Tether**  
 President



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For exciting events coming to Woodcreek!



## WOODCREEK FALL EVENTS: Mark Your Calendar!

*We have a busy fourth quarter with several events planned for the Woodcreek Community. Here is a list for your calendar:*

**OCTOBER 3RD - DEADLINE TO VOTE FOR WNA BOARD** Your ballot is available online through the WNA website at [www.woodcreekneighbors.org/](http://www.woodcreekneighbors.org/)

**OCTOBER 6TH** - National Night Out and WNA election results presented.

**DECEMBER 12-19TH** - Food drive for Metrocrest Social Services. Help us reach our goal of donating 500 lbs. of food to Metrocrest. See newsletter for details.

**DECEMBER 19TH** - morning: Woodcreek Santa Parade. Come out and join in! Find more information below and on page 6.

**DECEMBER 19TH** - evening: Parade of lights and Christmas Light contest. Be a part of making Woodcreek a Christmas wonderland! See details below in "Christmas Lighting Contest and Parade of Lights". Find more information below and on page 6.

*Also more details are on the Woodcreek website. We look forward to seeing you!*

### **Christmas Lighting Contest and Parade of Lights**

**Here are the details.** Emphasis is on gaining more participation.

- \* The North and South sides will no longer be judged separately.
- \* The decoration winners will be judged by an independent "celebrity judge" on **December 18th**.
- \* Winners will receive: \$100 for 1<sup>st</sup> place, \$75 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, \$50 for 3<sup>rd</sup> place.



**Parade of Lights and Christmas Light Contest** is planned for the evening of **December 19th**. The winning homes will receive their prize the evening of the Parade of Lights. The plan is to be a walking or driving tour of winning homes. Neighbors will be encouraged to participate with hot chocolate or other Christmas treats as people drop by.

- \* The event will be posted on Nextdoor.

**Santa Parade** is scheduled for Saturday morning **December 19th**.

- \* A decision was made to change the method of food collection. Instead of collecting food during the Santa Parade, we will place containers in the neighborhood from December 12-19th. The food items will be collected daily and assembled for delivery following the Santa Parade. A goal has been set to provide at least 500 pounds of canned goods for Metrocrest Social Services.

**Volunteers Welcome!**



*The City of Carrollton* sponsors many events for the community. Here are a few that might be of interest to you. Check out [cityofcarrollton.com](http://cityofcarrollton.com) for details and a complete calendar of events.

### RECYCLING EVENT

Date: 10/31/2015 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: Newman Smith High School

2335 N. Josey Lane

Carrollton, Texas 75006

Keep Carrollton Beautiful in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Carrollton-Farmers Branch will host this recycling event on Saturday, October 31 from 10 a.m. - noon. Bring all your documents for professional shredding. Paper clips and staples are okay for the machine.

Suggested donation of \$10 for the first banker-sized box, and \$5 for each additional box. Cash only, please.

The event will also have a truck available for electronic recycling needs.

### CONCERT ON THE SQUARE

Date: 10/17/2015 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Cost: Free

Location: Historic Downtown Carrollton

1103 W 3rd St

Carrollton, Texas 75006

Buddy Whittington will be performing.

### SANTA ON THE SQUARE

Date: December 5, 12, and 19.

Cost: Free

Location: Historic Downtown Carrollton

1103 W 3rd St

Carrollton, Texas 75006

More details coming soon!



### Fastball Opens for 3 Doors Down at 2015 Festival

About the Annual Festival at the Switchyard

The Festival at the Switchyard honors the critical role the railroad played in putting Carrollton on the map and continuing importance of rail in Carrollton's present and future. The event will be held in the streets of Downtown Carrollton, situated off I-35E at Belt Line Road, just steps away from the DART Green Line Downtown Carrollton station. This convenient location is within 30 minutes drive-time of more than 2.8 million DFW residents. With free admission, free parking, free rides, free games and free concerts, the Festival at the Switchyard is sure to be a new family favorite. We look forward to seeing you there for a memorable day full of good times, good treats, and good tunes.



## Neighborhood Spotlight : Al Overholt

I built a house in Cambridge Estates in Carrollton across from a vacant field years ago and my 6 year old daughter wanted a park to be built there. To that time I was never involved in my neighborhood or city but started asking questions. Pretty soon we had a homeowners association started and worked with the parks department to establish what is now Bessire Park. A neighbor on the city council suggested that I apply for a city board which led to a stint on P&Z. When I moved to Woodcreek in 1999 I was invited to get involved with the homeowners association. Fred Connaly had been president for a number of years and was a great mentor. I ended up serving as association president for 10 years and have some great people like Fred, Jon & Terri Ortega, Ted Bellah and Lee Labrum to thank for supporting and mentoring me. The city is also very supportive of its neighborhood associations through the Neighborhood Advisory Commission (NAC) so I applied for a position. I spent five years there, serving as chairman for three years. We started the matching grant program for neighborhood beautification and the Citizens Evening at City Hall event. I currently chair the Property Standards Board (PSB) a semi-judicial body that hears cases brought by the city code enforcement department. After thirty years of involvement I understand the value of mentoring, recommending and supporting the next generation to take responsibility for their community just as I received along the way. The economy is recovering and the Woodcreek Neighborhood Association has a new name, energetic new leadership and fresh ideas to reinvigorate the neighborhood. I still serve the neighborhood as liaison to the city and oversee maintenance of the entryways and walking bridge. I encourage each one of you to get involved in something, ask some questions, start a project, volunteer for something. Your neighborhood, your city, your police department, your school district and your church don't run themselves. They need you as much as you need them.

Thanks,  
Al

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Do you have an ad, neighborhood information, or your good news for the next newsletter?

Send to [info@woodcreekneighbors.org](mailto:info@woodcreekneighbors.org)

## National Night Out at a New Location

The 2015 National Night Out in Woodcreek will be held at a new location, 2200 Southern Circle, on Tuesday, October 6 from 5:30 to 8:00 PM. Our Neighborhood Association President, Russell Tether has offered the use of his spacious front yard to host this year's event. We'll be serving fresh grilled hotdogs and bottled water to all. We encourage all Woodcreek neighbors to come out, bring some cookies to share and connect with each other, "...showing criminals that Carrollton neighborhoods are safe and secure". We look forward to seeing everyone there!



## WELCOME OXFORD GLEN TO CARROLLTON

The first priority of Oxford Glen is the human element of caring. We believe that understanding who someone was before their diagnosis is the path to understanding how to genuinely care for them now. Our innovative technology allows us to connect their past. We have nurses at our community 24/7, with clinical skills, because we recognize that our residents cannot often tell us what is hurting or wrong. We don't "manage" behaviors, we explore the reason. Our direct care staff-to-resident ratio is the highest in the industry. Our 7 day per week, multiple life engagement coordinators work hand in hand, with all employee partners, providing a wealth of programming. From our beautiful courtyards to our presence of home, we are a family welcoming the past, the loved ones and the community into the day to day, moment to moment life at Oxford Glen. Please take a moment to explore our website, or stop by our Carrollton residence anytime.

**Please plan to join us for our Grand Opening on October 8<sup>th</sup>, from 4-7pm.**

**Sarah Lowe**  
*Community Sales Director*



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# Woodcreek Shares

## *New Neighbors Welcomed with Ice Cream*

On Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, new Woodcreek residents were treated to ice cream to welcome them to the neighborhood. Four new families took advantage of enjoying a cool treat on a hot day and meeting one another. It was so much fun to share ice cream and have great conversation. New neighbors attending were:

**Tim and Amy Burgoyne**

**DeWayne Tallmon**

**Scott and Lacy Bradshaw**

**Matt and Jen Long**

The event was hosted at the home of Carey and Patti Crawford.



## **Santa is Coming to Woodcreek**



### **Annual Woodcreek Santa Parade Mark Your Calendar**

The Santa Parade for 2015 will take place on **December 19th** and will follow a new route. This year we will start the parade on the north side just off Kelly Blvd. at Woodcreek and Valley Mill and end at Creekview and Kelly.

After-parade photos with Santa will take place at 2200 Southern Circle. Take a moment to save the date for a long standing Woodcreek tradition. See the details on page 2!

## **Woodcreek's Christmas Lighting Contest and Parade of Lights**

**Winners will receive:**

**\$100 for 1<sup>st</sup> place  
\$75 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
\$50 for 3<sup>rd</sup> place**

**More details on page 2!**



# WOODCREEK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

## 2015 - 2016 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The Woodcreek Neighborhood Association (WNA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life and enhancing the value of over 300 homes in our Woodcreek communities. In the last year, the WNA has addressed the following:

**Improved entrance signage • Common area landscaping and maintenance • Homeowners issues  
Neighborhood Lighting • Street and Sidewalk issues • Social and community events**

### **HOWEVER, WE NEED YOUR PARTICIPATION!**

Woodcreek is where you live, raise your children, perhaps retire. What more valuable assets could there be? So **stay connected!**

First, please join **YOUR Woodcreek Neighborhood Association**. Fill out this form and return it with you check for \$25.00 (\$15.00 for renters) to:

**Woodcreek Neighborhood Association,  
P.O. Box 110776, Carrollton, Texas 75011-0776**



Finally **VOLUNTEER!!!** We need your participation in the following areas:

**Communications/Social Media** –It’s how we keep everyone up to date! Look for Woodcreek on [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com) to learn more.

**Membership** –The more members, the more the Woodcreek voice is heard by Carrollton on issues like streets, crime and improvements.

**Social Events** –We need creative and fun volunteers to plan social events.

Volunteer one hour. That’s it. If you like it, do more. If not, don’t. Your help *will* make a difference.

**PLEASE RETURN BOTTOM PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT**

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## Woodcreek Neighborhood

We're on the web!

[www.woodcreekneighbors.org/](http://www.woodcreekneighbors.org/)

### BE SURE TO SAY "THANKS" TO OUR Newsletter Sponsors

**Julie Stauss, Realtor-Ebby Halliday** (see on page 5)

**Victor's Restaurant** (see on page 4)

**Oxford Glen Memory Care** (see on page 5)

The Woodcreek Wind is a publication for residents of Woodcreek and is published quarterly. The newsletter is distributed to 342 Woodcreek households.

The newsletter is produced by a volunteer team of neighborhood residents.

A limited number of advertisements are accepted. A standard business-card sized ad is \$15. Ads for adult-oriented establishments are not permitted, and all advertisements are subject to review by the newsletter editor.

#### Advertising Rates

\$15 for 1/8th page (business card size)

\$30 for 1/4 page

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\$95 for Full page

For more advertising information,  
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#### Helpful Contacts

##### Woodcreek Website

<http://woodcreekneighbors.org/>

##### City of Carrollton Interactive City Map

<http://www.cityofcarrollton.com/maps/>

Police Emergency 911

##### Woodcreek Board 2014-2015

- ◇ Russell Tether (President)
- ◇ Carey Crawford (Vice-President)
- ◇ Ted Bellah (Secretary)
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