

The Woodcreek Wind

Summer/Fall 2018



President's Letter

Russell Tether

Dear Woodcreek Neighbors,

It's hard to believe we are heading into fall already! It has been a busy year for the Woodcreek Neighborhood Association and thanks to each of you we have been able to accomplish several major projects.

The largest project was the new Woodcreek north entrance sign. This project took a year and a half to complete, beginning with the grant application in 2017. Thanks to Al Overholt and Liz Messner for spearheading the project and all of you WNA members for your support.

This new sign is much more visible, energy efficient and contemporary in style, and is set back from the road to allow cars better visibility to oncoming traffic northbound. The total project cost was over \$20,000, but thanks to WNA members, volunteer labor, and the Carrollton Grant program, the total outlay from the Woodcreek Neighborhood Association was only \$2,000.

Last year we asked you to identify issues that needed addressing in 2018. The most urgent of these was the commercial traffic flowing through Woodcreek north to the office buildings. WNA board members worked with the City and now there is a "NO THRU TRAFFIC" sign in place. In addition, Carrollton Police have increased surveillance and are issuing tickets to violators.

This year we again ask you to tell us what improvements you deem most important. Outstanding projects already identified are:

- Painting of the street light poles.
- Repairing and repainting the Woodcreek bridge
- Cleaning and touching up of the Woodcreek South entrance signs
- Long-term planning for creek renovations and improvements
- Continued monitoring of City ordinances affecting our neighborhoods

There likely aren't any grants for the items listed above. The costs for these projects come from your membership dues.

Does the Woodcreek Neighborhood Association and YOUR MEMBERSHIP in WNA benefit you? Does your \$25, \$50 or \$75 membership provide a verifiable return on your money? Absolutely. Studies show that new buyers will pay more for homes with a Homeowners or Neighborhood Association because they know there are standards maintained within the neighborhood. Just ask a real estate agent.

WE EXIST FOR YOU. WE CANNOT EXIST WITHOUT YOU.

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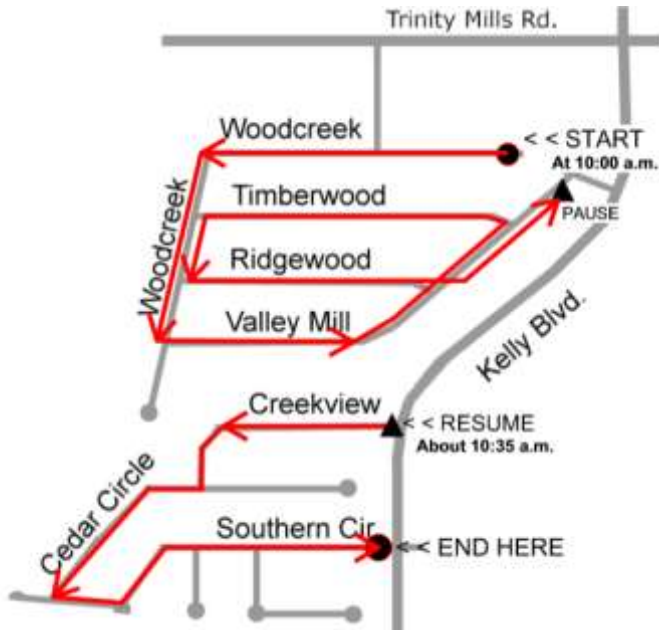
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2018 Santa Parade – December 15, 2018

This December 15, Santa Claus will visit Woodcreek to ride in the annual Woodcreek Santa Parade and Food Drive. The parade will begin at 10:00 a.m. at Woodcreek and Valley Mill on the north side and then start again at about 10:35 a.m. at Creekview and Kelly for the southern half on the neighborhood. The parade will make brief stops along the route so that Santa can take pictures with you and your family, so be sure to have a camera ready to snap your pics with the jolly old elf. **Please note:** if weather conditions are bad at parade time, the parade will be canceled and not rescheduled.



You can join the parade!

Decorate your car and join the festive antique vehicles. Children are also welcome to ride on the sleigh as Santa's elves. We recommend that young kids bring an adult to ride with them on the float. We can always use folks to walk in the parade and help us pick up donations along the route. **All participants should assemble at the corner of Woodcreek and Valley Mill by 9:40 a.m.**

Our goal is 500 pounds of food!

We will also be collecting non-perishable food and cash/check donations for Metrocrest Services. Hand your donations to one of Santa's helpers along the parade route or leave it at the curb for pickup

Donated items needed by Metrocrest include canned foods such as vegetables, fruit, meat, chili, tomato sauce, diced tomatoes, tuna, salmon, seafood,

beans and soup. Also needed are: peanut butter, flavored rice or pasta mixes, ramen noodles, instant soup, plain pasta and rice, instant potatoes, macaroni and cheese, and Jell-O/pudding. *No glass containers, please.* For more information about Metrocrest, please visit: www.metrocrestservices.org

THE PARADE IS SPONSORED BY THE WOODCREEK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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WOODCREEK CUT-THROUGH TRAFFIC Al Overholt



The city recently installed a sign at the Woodcreek Street entrance from Kelly Blvd. that reads NO THRU TRAFFIC. This is another step in our efforts to deter vehicles from using Woodcreek as a cut-thru to access the commercial properties off Driftwood. The Carrollton Police have also issued citations for violations of the turn restrictions posted on Driftwood. Citations serve to reduce the traffic but need to be repeated periodically.

Residents living along Woodcreek can monitor the traffic flow and alert the Police to the need for additional enforcement by email to Jolene DeVito, Police Public Information Officer at pio@cityofcarrollton.com. Include details on date and times of heavy turn violations. You can also contact the Woodcreek Board Members at info@woodcreekneighbors.org.

City of Carrollton Grant Project – Completed!

Al Overholt, WNA Grant Project Manager

Last fall we began a project to build a new monument sign at the Woodcreek Street entrance with support from a city matching grant. On October 21, 2017, we started the work and held an old-fashioned Oktoberfest celebration. We are happy to report that the project is complete and the new sign is in place to welcome residents and visitors alike.

In addition to the sign we added LED lighting, expanded the irrigation system, added new landscaping, new sod and installed new LED lighting on the walking bridge across the creek. Woodcreek residents volunteered 2,000 hours of labor to the project. Some of the activities contributed were trimming trees, removing the old landscaping, installing the new landscaping and edging, installing new sod, repairing the irrigation system and power washing the stone wall. Many additional hours were volunteered for planning the project and working with the contractors.

In addition, residents donated \$684 worth of material and equipment. The members of the Woodcreek Neighborhood Association donated \$2,172 to the project thru their membership dues. All together with the city's grant contribution, the total project cost was just over \$20,000.

I appreciate everyone who contributed toward the project. Thanks to Liz Messner who created and presented a very professional grant request to the city. And finally, a special thanks to our Gold and Silver members who made the project possible thru their generous contributions.



Congratulations Woodcreek!

Safety in Woodcreek

We are fortunate that Woodcreek is a safe neighborhood. Our safety is in part due to the diligence of home owners and conscientious neighbors who watch out for each other's property. If you wonder what the data says about crime in our neighborhood, the WNA Board wanted to provide a resource for you.

To search for crime information, visit <https://communitycrimemap.com/>. You set it up so that a monthly report is emailed to you. Here is an example from the last 3 months of the information available:

- 5/22 Tuesday – Timberwood
- Burglary of vehicles.
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- Recovered stolen property
- 6/29 Friday – North Woodcreek
-Burglary of vehicles
- 6/29 Friday – Southern Circle
-Unauthorized use of motor vehicle
- 6/29 Friday – Belvedere
-Theft of firearm
- 7/23 Monday – Drug possession
- 8/1 Wednesday – Ridgewood
-Burglary of vehicles

Woodcreek Neighborhood Association is lucky to have two Citizen's Patrol Members from the Carrollton Police Department living in our community—DeWayne Tallmon and Jon Ortega. Here's what Jon Ortega has to say about the safety of our neighborhood.

"My personal observation has been that the Woodcreek neighborhood is a very safe place to live. The police say that many burglaries are crimes of opportunity where citizens have left vehicles unlocked and/or valuables in plain sight or neglecting to close the garage door. An open garage door, even during the day when someone is home is an invitation to a criminal. It takes mere seconds to walk into a garage and take valuables. Since I often work late hours and return late at night, I will often drive the alleys of Woodcreek. About 20% of the time, I will come across an open garage door well after midnight. On those occasions, I advise the police who will come out and advise the resident of the situation."

-- Jon Ortega, Trustee Woodcreek NA

Current Watering Regulations

At this time, the City of Carrollton is operating under the strategies of our most current Water Conservation Plan adopted on April 15, 2014. Our water supplier, Dallas Water Utilities, has not implemented emergency water use restrictions at this time, so we are not currently in any kind of emergency response stage.

Seasonal Water Demand Strategies begin on April 1 and will be in place through October 31. Use of automatic irrigation systems is prohibited between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

We ask that our water customers voluntarily keep their outdoor watering to no more than twice per week in the absence of rainfall.

VOLUNTARY TWICE PER WEEK WATER SCHEDULE	
Last Digit of Address	Watering Days
0, 2, 4, 6, 8 (even numbers)	Sundays and Thursdays
1, 3, 5, 7, 9 (odd numbers)	Saturdays and Wednesdays

Membership Drive is Coming :: October - December

Membership runs annually from January - December. Membership dues should be paid by January 1st each year. Thanks!

Membership in the Woodcreek Neighborhood Association is still voluntary and the annual dues remain unchanged at \$25 for homeowners and \$15 for renters. These annual dues provide for maintaining our neighborhood landscaping, bridge maintenance, and utilities, as well as funding activities such as the Spring Fling, National Night Out, and annual Santa Parade.

With the increasing value of homes in Woodcreek, more residents are interested in expediting the projects to enhance our neighborhood. But we can only accomplish these as our budget permits. Since our base dues are a fraction of most associations, many residents are willing to contribute additional money to help accomplish these projects faster.

Two additional levels of membership are provided for those who would like to invest more in our neighborhood. The extra funds will enable Woodcreek to complete needed projects at faster pace.

- **Bronze Level \$25**
- **Silver Level \$50**
- **Gold Level \$75**

Silver or Gold Member is completely optional, but demonstrates a deep commitment to the community we call home. WNA welcomes renters to join at the \$25 level or higher if you choose.

Ready to cross this off your to do list before the holidays and pay your dues now?

Visit www.woodcreekneighbors.org and click on Membership and pay online securely using PayPal. Or, mail a check to: WNA, P.O. Box 110776, Carrollton, Texas 75011-0776

Don't Let Good Recycling Go to Waste

Be sure to empty and rinse all containers, remove food items, and make sure that all material is clean and dry before recycling.

Liquids and food residue contaminate the recycling process, and even a small amount can cause a load of recycled material to be rejected. For a list of acceptable recycling items and other recycling tips. [click here](#).



Carrollton Calendar

Have a Tail Waggin' Good Time, Sept 8 For more details, [click here](#).

Say goodbye to the dog days of summer at the 15th annual Pooch Pool Party on Sat., Sept. 8 at the Rosemeade Rainforest Aquatic Complex. There will be free rabies vaccinations and free pet registration.

The Buck Stops Here A Word from Your Chief, Sept 11

[Click Here to RSVP](#)

Tuesday, September 11 @ 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Josey Ranch Lake Library - Community Room

Come hear it from the top and bring your questions for Carrollton Police Chief Derick Miller. Registration is required.



National Night Out, Oct 2

Meet at the foot of the walking bridge on Valley Mill near 2210.

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm All residents are welcome!

Come out to:

- Meet Your Neighbors
- Enjoy Free Bar B Que
- Elect Board Members
- Support Safety in Woodcreek

Bring your favorite side dish or dessert.

Everything else provided by Woodcreek Neighborhood Association!

Bring a folding chair if you like. Tables and a some chairs will be provided.

Neighborhood Association 101, Oct 9

[Click Here to RSVP](#) Registration is Required

Tuesday, October 9 @ 6:30 - 8:00PM, Josey Ranch Lake Library - Community Room

Woodcreek Neighborhood Association

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2017-2018**

President: Russell Tether

Vice President: Matthew Messner

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Secretary: Robin Chavez

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Trustee: Jon Ortega

Trustee: Claudette Wolfe

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Activities Committee: Karl Halder

Website: Gary Wells

Newsletter: Liz Messner

Helpful Information

Woodcreek Website www.woodcreekneighbors.org

Woodcreek Neighborhood Association
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City of Carrollton Telephone Hotlines

Customer Service after 5pm & holidays

972-466-3425

(streets, sewers, water leaks, alleys, sidewalks)

Fire, Police and/or Ambulance

Emergencies 911

Non-emergencies 972-466-3333