

● Merriman Park North Homeowner's News ●

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Donald Sanders and Jerry Allen to Meet with MPN Residents

Tuesday, March 31 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the cafeteria at Merriman Park Elementary. Mark your calendar and come out to meet the candidates who seek to represent us as the next City Council Rep for District 10.

• **Don Sanders** has entered the Dallas City Council race for the District 10 representative seat. Read about his credentials and ideas at www.donsandersdallas.com.

• **Jerry Allen** is the current District 10 representative. His city council web page is accessed at www.dallascityhall.com.

Both men will have an equal amount of time to address our group about their campaigns and about issues affecting our city and our neighborhoods both now and in the future. We will allow time at the end for Q&A and for you to personally meet Mr. Sanders and Mr. Allen. The Highlands West, Merriman Park Estates and Alexander's Village neighborhoods have been invited to join us for the evening.

****VOTING**** The upcoming election will be held on **Saturday, May 9** (Mother's Day weekend); **early voting will be April 27 through May 1**. By mid-April voting locations will be posted at www.dalcoelections.org. A reminder about voting will be sent out via neighborhood email.

Join the MPN Email Database

Receive neighborhood email updates when you join our database. Send an email to info@merrimanparknorth.org with "join" in the subject line. Your email address will only be used for neighborhood communication.

Volunteers in Patrol for MPN?

Our local police station is ready to help us establish a Volunteers in Patrol program in MPN. VIP consists of neighborhood residents who take the VIP training courses, then donate 1 to 3 hours per month to patrol our streets and alleys and report to the police on any suspicious activity or concerns. Police say VIP has helped to deter crime in other Dallas neighborhoods. Are we ready to try it in ours?

To get started we need:

- 1) **One person willing to be our VIP Liaison** to communicate with police on getting us started. Are you this person?
- 2) **Those who expressed interest in donating some time each month as a VIP participant.** In our crime survey last fall, there were a number of MPN residents who expressed interest in volunteering with VIP.

***If you can be our VIP Liaison, call or email Trey Randal at 214.503.8655 or info@merrimanparknorth.org**

Annual Dues are Due

The \$25 voluntary annual dues are due. **Please see the reverse side of this newsletter for the dues form.** Each household paying the 2009 dues will receive a neighborhood directory which is graciously underwritten this year by Debbie Werner of Virginia Cook Realtors—thanks Debbie! Dues allow the upkeep and landscaping of common areas and maintenance of the sprinkler system and trees along parkways, as well as our web site and email, flyers, newsletters and other printed material. This money also goes toward neighborhood picnics and reserving school facilities for HOA meetings, as well as for our membership in the LH Area Improvement Association.

SPRING PICNIC

The MPN Spring Picnic will be **Sunday, May 3** – time/location to be announced. The HOA will provide soft drinks, hot dogs and hamburgers — and, of course, the ever-popular bounce house for the kids. Bring your lawn chairs, your favorite beverages and a dessert or side-dish to share.



****More picnic details soon via neighborhood email****

Area Crime...

From January 1 to March 13, dallaspolice.net shows the following stats in Merriman Park North:

- Theft – 2
- Auto-related burglary – 8

***Cars parked on streets and in driveways seem to be the frequent attraction for thieves. Keep valuables out of sight.**

**MERRIMAN PARK NORTH
Homeowners' Association**

**2009 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE and DIRECTORY FORM
DUES: \$25**

Name(s) _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

****Print your name, address and phone number
exactly as you want them to appear in the 2009 MPN Directory
Directories will be distributed to all paying HOA members.**

Make your \$25 check out to Merriman Park North HOA

Return it, along with this form to:

Trey Randal – 7203 Crofton Dr., Dallas, TX 75231



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