

# Northwood Hills

NHHA NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2006

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## PRESIDENT'S VIEWPOINT

*By Gene Saunders*

The last day to register to vote was October 10, so by the time this reaches you we'll be closing in on the November mid-term elections. Remember – if you don't vote, you have no right to complain. Also on the ballot will be a large Bond Package; I'd encourage everyone to become familiar with the ballot (samples are online at [www.dalcolections.org](http://www.dalcolections.org)). Due to recent negative publicity about electronic voting machines, you may wish to wait for the paper ballots which will be used on election day (November 7).

Like many of you, I found this summer to be a scorcher! Partly due to the heat, and partly due to higher rates, my electric bills for the past 3 months were the highest since I moved to Texas in 1993. Let's hope for a pleasant autumn.

The heat took its toll on our beautification efforts, too .. so we'll begin to repair our medians, starting to use more Xeriscape (efficient water use) techniques. Most everything I've read about global warming tells me this is a long-term problem and we'd be foolish not to make appropriate changes.

I keep hearing about a "housing bubble" on the east/west coasts, but I'm not convinced it's here in Dallas yet. While sales prices and appraisals aren't the same thing, it's great to know our real estate investments aren't declining, as has happened in other parts of the Metroplex. **With the uncertainty of gasoline prices, it's desirable to make our homes as close to work as possible, avoiding a multi-hour (and multi-dollar) daily commute from the suburbs.** Couple that with lots of nearby shopping and entertainment (see Audrey Mitchell's article on page 5) and you can see why Northwood Hills remains one of the most desirable places to live in Dallas.

Time to get very serious for a moment: it's no secret that the demographics of Dallas have changed significantly in recent years. Between the huge problem of The Immigration Issue; resettlement of the Hurricane Katrina refugees; as well as the ebb-and-flow of people moving due to shifting work patterns, we've found ourselves confronted with quite a few people who'd like to take what we've worked for, rather than earn their own money. In the past few months, we've noticed an increase in poorly-maintained vehicles cruising our streets and alleys; while they may be perfectly innocent, odds are they're up to no good. **NHHA Security has done a great job making these unwelcome visitors uncomfortable in our area, even confronting them when appropriate.**

When I peruse the monthly crime statistics and see the difference in our neighborhood versus nearby neighborhoods, I know that the steps NHHA took in July 2005 are paying off. Now (15 months into a 3-year contract) **we've seen a consistent 2/3 drop in crime** (and it wasn't high to start with). That doesn't mean we should let down our guard; statistics show that **60% of home burglaries happen because the thief entered via an open garage door.**

I continue to hope we can increase membership so that we can add a 3<sup>rd</sup> patrol shift, but **there are still a lot of homeowners here who haven't joined NHHA.** Maybe it's just because no one ever asked? Please make it a point of continuing to **Talk It Up!** such that we can continue our efforts in making this one of the best neighborhoods in Dallas in which to live, play and work. There's a handy membership coupon inside every issue of NHHA News. Thanks, everyone.

*Background: several years ago, we decided it would be fun to explain how "our" Northwood Hills isn't the same as others with the same name, elsewhere in the world (on the Internet). From our home page ([www.northwoodhills.org](http://www.northwoodhills.org), click A-Z then click "Other Northwood Hills"). In April 2006 we got an email from London's Northwood Hills, and have begun a dialog that may entertain/educate those of us on this side of The Big Pond).*

## **CHECKING IN FROM THE UK**

*by Sgt. Tim Ibbotson*

I am a Police Sergeant with the Metropolitan Police Service in London, England. I am currently the sergeant for the Northwood Hills Safer Neighbourhoods Team in the London Borough of Hillingdon. I was looking at the Northwood Hills Residents Association web site and noticed that the search also found your web site, so I had a look at it. I then thought to myself it would be a shame not to send an e mail and let you know that there is another Northwood Hills and we (including the Police) are quite a friendly bunch. As I am new to my role in Safer Neighbourhoods maybe we could get some sort of connection going between the two sections of our communities. I am at a meeting tomorrow evening with the Resident's Association and I will let them know of your existence. Maybe you already know each other - maybe we can share ideas within our communities to make both a better place. It was just an idea on my part but it would be great to receive a reply and maybe make this idea grow.

We are a small team responsible for the Northwood Hills area of London. This is a relatively new initiative where the Metropolitan Police have given every electoral ward in London a community team to try and tackle community issues. We are setting up ward panels consisting of local residents who we consult and will set our objectives based on the primary concerns of the local community. So instead of dealing with the concerns of the senior management we listen to the locals and deal with what concerns them.

I have a police constable with me and as of the 24th of July one community support officer. Eventually I should have two constables and 3 community support officers. We cover 92 streets in a residential suburb on the western edge of Greater London, just north of LHR (Heathrow airport) if that means anything to you. We are part of the London Borough of Hillingdon which is the second largest borough in London geographically. We patrol primarily on foot or on bicycles, when we get chance to get out of the office. Personally I am 39 years old and joined the police in 1986. I spent 8 years as a constable in central England with West

Mercia Police covering part of Worcestershire. I left West Mercia in 1994 and went to university in Preston in the North West, and then got a job in central London at a place called International Students House which caters for students during university term time and during holiday periods operates as a budget hotel/hostel. I met my wife there; she is from Torino in Italy and I have a 15-month old son. I am a keen snowboarder and follow football (soccer) and support Aston Villa Football Club who are based in Birmingham my home city. I have snowboarded in Europe, Canada and the USA (Heavenly in Nevada). In 2000 I decided to rejoin the police and joined the Metropolitan police service in London. I was initially posted to Southall which is home to the largest Sikh community outside the Punjab in India. I spent four and a half years there as a response driver dealing with emergency calls. I then got promoted to sergeant and moved to Hillingdon and spent 12 months on a response team before applying for and being accepted for my current role in Northwood Hills.

Hope everything is good Stateside!

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## **YES! I WANT TO JOIN NHHA**

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please make check payable and mail to:*  
**Northwood Hills Homeowners Association**  
**P.O. Box 800874, Dallas TX 75380-0874**

Dues are \$240 payable annually, or \$60 per quarter. To maximize the time our volunteers spend with their families, and not bookkeeping, we humbly request that you pay annual dues, if your finances allow it!

## **BACKYARD BIRDING**

Our oasis in far north Dallas is blessed to be an ideal habitat for attracting birds because our yards are surrounded by trees and filled with shrubs and flowering plants. Whether you tend to a bird feeder or your child has lovingly built a birdhouse from a milk carton, you know how easy it is to attract birds of different species to your yard. As you spend more time this season outdoors, you will notice that each species not only looks different, but also has its own personality. The descriptions we have provided below are intended to introduce you to our backyard friends!

### Mourning Dove

The mourning dove is a cousin of the pigeon, but thank goodness, there is little significant resemblance. The name comes from the familiar song, a low-toned moaning -- cooah, coo, coo, coo. -- a soft melody that is like a natural Valium™. While doves travel in flocks, they nest as pairs. Mourning doves are ground-feeding birds, and their favorite food is cracked corn, but they also like millet and black sunflower. They are exceptional fliers and have been clocked at up to 60mph. Although they are widely hunted in our state as a game bird, mourning doves are a successful species. Doves will defend their territory against other birds while nesting, but otherwise they are usually shy birds. You have probably noticed how they quickly launch into the air at the earliest sign of danger.

### Blue Jay

The blue jay is a cousin of ravens, magpies, and crows. They are known to scare other birds away from feeders with their aggressive approach and they can mimic the raucous call of a hawk. Interestingly, blue jays are omnivorous, meaning they eat everything. This choice of diet is seasonal, as blue jays prefer insects, geckos, and even mice, according to some sources, during warm weather. Usually jays don't hang around feeders for long periods of time, but if they are disrupting your feeder, put a separate feeder aside for the jays and fill it with peanuts. As for the hawk-like squawking, most our local birds either learn to ignore this or simply wait a couple of minutes before returning to the feeder. To entice blue jays in Northwood Hills, it helps to have abundant amounts of acorns. That is their favorite meal. Jays store food by burying nuts. Shelled peanuts are their second favorite dish, followed by black sunflower seed and suet. Jays are fond of birdbaths, too.

### House Finch

If you own a cat, you know that house finches are kitty TV. Finches arrive in groups so large that it is impossible to count them all, and they will crowd closely together at a feeder as they eat. Indeed, they are lively little birds. They will scream and quarrel in mid-flight. One of the most interesting features of house finches is the way they move together. A flock will be eating at a feeder and then suddenly -- seemingly without reason -- fly away. Then, just as suddenly, they will return. House finches will nest almost anywhere. Likewise they will eat almost anything, but they are very fond of cracked corn and millet. Unfortunately, finches rarely eat insects, so they will not do anything to reduce the number of mosquitoes in your yard.

### House Wren

This adorable little brown bird does not mind being around people and houses. It will be the first one to nest in your child's homemade birdhouse fabricated from a milk carton. The wren has an aggressive, energetic personality and enjoys eating insects as its main food supply. However, they are also drawn by suet, cornbread, and hulled sunflower seed during winter. Once wrens have found your yard, they are likely to remain there and you will be blessed because they help to keep the insect population down.

### Cardinal

In the 1800s Cardinals were much-sought-after cage birds highly valued for their color and song. Thousands were trapped here in the south during winter months and sent to northern markets and thousands more were sent to Europe. This trade ceased, fortunately, with the passage of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918. Cardinals have a personality that is both timid and aloof. They are a non-migratory species of bird, preferring to stay in the same neighborhood all year long, being notably nomadic, flying from one feeder to the next. Sunflower seed is their favorite food. Nuts, safflower feed, and cracked corn may appeal to cardinals. These birds prefer to snack early in the morning or just before dark. However, during bad weather and winter they will appear to feed throughout the day.

### Downy Woodpecker

This is the smallest and tamest American woodpecker and may be a frequent visitor to your Northwood Hills yard. When not hammering small holes in your house early in the morning, downy woodpeckers enjoy beef suet, but will also eat sunflower seeds and whole peanuts. A regular supply of beef suet may keep them from turning

your house into a toothpick factory. In any case, downy woodpeckers will help clear your garden of undesirable insects, so attract as many as you can. A healthy downy can live over ten years. The downy is about six inches long with black and white markings and the male has a red patch on its head.

#### Mockingbird

Our state bird proliferates in Northwood Hills! Mockingbirds are non-migrating, year round residents. You have probably seen them singing from high perches like electrical wires and street lamps. Mockingbirds can have a lifespan of up to 8 years and they are omnivorous. The major part of their diet consists of insects (beetles, ants, bees, wasps, butterflies, and grasshoppers), also earthworms and geckos. Mockingbirds are also very fond of fruits, such as wild berries, and if you have a garden with a female yaupon or two, no doubt you enjoy the mockingbirds that are attracted to it.

#### Starling

Would anyone living in north Dallas admit to being fond of starlings? Starlings are a regular pain at our well-lit urban parking lots during fall and winter. They are noisy and their droppings are highly unpleasant. These birds roost in large numbers and they gather in gigantic flocks. Sometimes you can see hundreds of starlings circling the intersection of Preston and Belt Line. Truth is, starlings are also a smart bird species. It is rumored that you can teach one to talk like a parrot. They will invade nesting boxes with holes larger than two inches and they are especially fond of suet and bakery goods. They shun whole peanuts and sunflower seeds.

### **AMY ZEPEDA TO THE RESCUE**

Amy Zepeda graciously accepted the job of organizing the NHHA Fourth of July Parade. It was a grand celebration, and a fun time was had by all. In addition to a lot of hard work on her part in organizing the parade, Amy obtained financial underwriting for the event from the following firms:

#### **Red Sponsors: \$500 Level**

Pratt Homes and Designs, LLC  
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#### **White Sponsors: \$250-\$499 Level**

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#### **Blue Sponsors: \$50-\$249 Level**

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Many thanks to both Amy and our generous donors!

### **TALKING TRASH**

by Estela Hernández,  
City of Dallas Public Information Office

In January 2007, Dallas residents will have an opportunity to participate in the new "Too Good To Throw Away" recycling program. This program couldn't be easier!

Twice a month, just place all your recyclables in the Big Blue 96-gallon recycling roll cart and place the cart out for collection on your recycling day. You can recycle a lot more items in the roll cart and there's no need to separate.

Don't wait! **Register to receive your Big Blue recycling roll cart today by calling 311 (the City's non-emergency number)** or via [www.dallascityhall.com](http://www.dallascityhall.com). Carts will be delivered starting in November 2006.

Can't see a reason to get the Big Blue 96 gallon recycling roll cart?

The recycling roll cart can hold 335 pounds of recyclable materials. Think of all the trees and landfill space we'll be saving!

Below are the acceptable recyclable items in the City's "Too Good To Throw Away" recycling program:

1. Glass (all colors)
2. Plastics # 1, # 2, # 3, # 4, # 5 & # 7
3. Newspapers, Magazines, Junk Mail & Telephone Books
4. Steel, Tin, Aerosol & Aluminum Cans (non-hazardous)
5. Chipboard (cereal & shoe boxes) & Corrugated Cardboard

Residents may continue to recycle using the 30 gallon blue/clear bags and need not register for a recycling roll cart.

Let's work together to become an environmentally friendly city that others will want to emulate!

### **STAY INFORMED**

To sign up for our email alerts, NHHA Members (only!) should send a blank email from the address you want to receive, to:

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[members-subscribe@northwoodhills.org](mailto:members-subscribe@northwoodhills.org)

## **THE TOP 9 (OUT OF 99) REASONS WHY I LOVE NORTHWOOD HILLS**

*by Audrey Mitchell*

9. It is all about my friendly neighbors. I am acquainted with many young couples who are raising bright and polite children, and I enjoy the priceless wisdom of living near kind-hearted, seasoned folks. Of course, anybody under the age of 45 is young to me!

8. It is 6 A.M. and the swirling hills along the creek are shrouded in fog like a Scottish countryside. I can begin my mornings in a healthy fashion with a brisk walk along silent streets and meditate in an oasis of quietude. My only pet peeve: car drivers who accelerate above our posted speed limits and refuse to brake for our stop signs.

7. Location, location, location! Where else could I live in a custom-built, ranch-style home, positioned on a lot close to an acre in size, nestled back on a winding street shaded by tall tree canopies, yet be just minutes from many important road arteries, such as the Tollway, LBJ, and Central Expressway?

6. Northwood Hills has a wholesome hangout for children and adults, and its called "Fretz Park!"

5. From Indian to Italian, from steak to sea bass, and from bagels to biscuits, I have many choices in eateries nearby that can please my adventurous palate as well as my pocketbook.

4. I love the warm, "small town" feeling that Northwood Hills exudes every season. In autumn, creative homeowners decorate with old-fashioned scarecrows and pumpkins. Once all the trees are barren of their leaves, the morning church bells carry further, the frosty evenings twinkle with a million holiday lights, and the aromatic night air from my neighbors' chimneys enchants my senses. Springtime calls everyone outdoors! Bicyclists and scooters, dog-walkers and marathon runners, our streets take on a new vitality. Alas, when the dog days of summer arrive, everyone retreats to their backyards to do some serious grillin' and chillin'.

3. Although my culinary talents are more Rachel Ray than gourmet, it's simply wonderful to have such a variety of supermarkets near home. Now if only I could purchase a bottle of pinot noir at the same place I buy my salmon filets without having to drive north to Plano, I'd be "happy happy" as Emeril would say.

2. The proximity of both the Spring Valley and Forest Lane DART light rail stations is a big plus to this gal who hails from Chicago - a city recognized for its superb mass transit systems. My husband can commute easily to his office in Thanksgiving Tower and, whenever we have tickets to a downtown concert or game, it is more relaxing and thrifty to board the train rather than stressing out in traffic and paying an excessive parking fee.

Now for the drumroll, please: The #1 reason out of 99 that I love Northwood Hills is our Homeowner's Association!

Our HOA is led and managed completely by volunteers, all who care deeply about preserving the quality of life we treasure in our neighborhood.

Were you aware that the FBI's latest annual report on our nation's 10 largest cities noted that the city with the highest total crime rate was Dallas, with about one crime reported for every 12 people? Los Angeles, our country's second largest city, ranked third safest, with about one crime for every 26 people. New York remained the safest of all our nation's 10 largest cities. Why do I re-state this unpleasant fact about Dallas?

Because now more than ever, safety and security must be high among your concerns as a homeowner. Your HOA employs a private, armed security patrol provided by Southwest Group Protective Services (SWG). They are not called away for any DPD emergencies, and they patrol our alleyways, staying in our neighborhood, and on our streets. Inquire of your neighbors how diligent and dependable this patrol is, and they will relate to you great stories of prevention and protection.

If you are new to Northwood Hills, or if you have been on the fence about joining, I encourage you to give yourself, your parents or grandparents, the gift of membership in the NHHA as a means to provide neighborhood safety and security. (NHHA Memberships make great Christmas presents!) It may be the most important decision you make this year. When you join, you receive the patrol's private cell phone number, and you are eligible for out-of-town service, late-night escorts to your front door or garage, neighborhood-wide email alerts, and more. The Northwood Hills HOA takes everyone's security and safety seriously.

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## **FRETZ REC CENTER NEWS**

Several exciting activities are happening at the Fretz Recreation Center! Our fall 2006 activity brochure was distributed through our area schools and we hope that you and your children will find an activity that you enjoy. Attend an exercise class, Spanish for Landscaping, Construction or Real Estate, Sign language for infants and toddlers, AARP Defensive Driving, our Senior / Volunteer Luncheon, the Young Talents Charity Holiday Fashion Show and much more...

We have set aside time in the gym Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11am-1pm for our new Preschool Play Time. This is for all parents that need to get out of the house and have their preschoolers exert some "cooped up" energy. We have balls, mats, lots of space and more for your enjoyment.

For older siblings, Martial Arts classes on Monday and Wednesday afternoons will improve their balance, endurance, strength and discipline. Qualified basketball instructors help children learn the basic and advanced skills of the game of basketball. We offer a variety of dance lessons – jitterbug, push, salsa, 2 step and 3 step. Authentic Ballet Folklorico lessons are offered on Monday and Wednesday evenings.

We are also hosting a Holiday Basketball Tournament in mid-December for 5-7<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls. This is a great way to get your team together and play a few games before the SVAA season starts in January.

More exciting news: We are planning several improvements as a result of the next bond election. The City has set aside 1.1 million dollars for Fretz upgrades, renovation and remodeling. If you have an idea of what you would like to see at Fretz Recreation Center, don't hesitate to stop by, call or email us with your suggestions. Community meetings will also be scheduled in the near future to gather input. Be sure to get out and vote for the Park and Recreation funding in November!

We look forward to being of service to you and our community. For more information, visit [www.fretzpark.net](http://www.fretzpark.net), call 214-670-6203 or email [rharter@mail.ci.dallas.tx.us](mailto:rharter@mail.ci.dallas.tx.us)

Robert Harder  
Community Program Manager  
Fretz Recreation Center  
**214-670-6203**

## **NHHA: TALK IT UP!!**

We have reached an all-time high of NHHA members, but we still have a ways to go to reach our goal of 750 by year's end. We currently stand at 572. Here are the new families who joined the NHHA in the past few months:

*Briar Cove:* Ditto;  
*Cliffbrook:* Campbell; Douglass; Hodges; Moebius;  
*Dartbrook:* Mays;  
*Emeraldwood Drive:* Menefee;  
*Emeraldwood Place:* Norderhaug;  
*Gateridge:* Bywaters; Mishler; Quinn;  
*Glenhurst:* Lee;  
*Midcrest:* Brown; Clements;  
*Mossvine Drive:* Le; Reardon;  
*Spring Valley:* Echerd;  
*Valley Creek:* Garahan;  
*Village Trail:* Johnston

## **DID YOU KNOW ...?**

- ✓ Many "urban legends" are published via email every day. You can avoid looking foolish by checking Barbara and David Mikkelson's excellent site: [www.snopes.com](http://www.snopes.com) .. **before** you forward that email.
- ✓ "Spam harvesters" use a variety of ways to get your email address, then they sell your address to others. Think about that before you forward an email with anyone's address (it's usually easy to "cut out their address" before sending).
- ✓ Did you know that you can recycle your running shoes? Nike's Reuse-A-Shoe program recycles shoes (all brands) into a material called Nike Grind, which is used to create athletic turf. Drop shoes off locally at Luke's Locker, 3607 Oak Lawn, in Dallas.
- ✓ Did you know that you can get information on both security wait times and on airport and airline delays from FlightStats.com? This is a new, free website which offers one-stop shopping for all that data.
- ✓ If you're injured, your cellphone's directory may be a lifesaver. Program one (or more) entries starting with "ICE" (In Case of Emergency). For example:  
ICE-Doctor 972-555-1212  
ICE-Home 214-555-1212

## FIRST 990 INCOME TAX FORM FILED BY NHHA

A special thank you to Heather Smith and Fred Bastie of Fred J. Bastie & Associates for their assistance in filing the 2005 Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return forms 990 and 990T for our association. In that this was the first year we had to file taxes as a non-profit, tax-exempt organization, Fred and Heather's professional accounting skills were invaluable. Fred and Sheri Bastie and their kids live in Northwood Hills, and are members of the NHHA. Many thanks for the generous donation of their time and knowledge!

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## ABBREVIATED FINANCIALS

	Actual	Budget
Membership Dues	\$122,018	\$119,040
Advertising	\$6,750	\$6,250
Total Income	\$132,612	\$125,550
Beautification	\$7,873	\$20,050
Patrol	\$62,552	\$95,490
Total Expenses	\$78,031	\$125,550
	8/30/2006	8/30/2005
Total Assets	\$77,471	\$70,456
Retained Earnings	\$22,352	\$39,206

Details are always available upon request to any NHHA Member.

## THE PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Northwood Hills Elementary School is holding several exciting community events in the near future. Please come by and visit us!

- October 26 Realtor Tea
- October 28 Fall Carnival
- November 10 Pioneer Day
- November 16 PTA Multi-Cultural Night

We will soon be holding preschool story times for neighborhood children. Watch our marquee for more details about these events.

Come be a part of your neighborhood school!

Mackie Kazdoy, Principal  
Northwood Hills Elementary School  
(469)593-4300

## FRETZ PARK LIBRARY

By Kitty Stone

The Fretz Park Branch of the Dallas Public Library is proud to serve a very diverse and ever changing community. We offer a variety of services, many of which are traditional to libraries everywhere and others that reflect the technological advances of our society. Our most basic services include library cards, which are available to all City of Dallas residents, and internet access, which is free for everyone.

The library collection is heavily used by this community. We love to boast that the Fretz Park Branch is one of the highest circulating branches in the Dallas Public Library System! Current books and DVDs are among the most popular items in the library, but our collection also contains a large book on tape/CD collection, travel books and videos, and the always in demand self-help collection. Additionally, the library has a collection of non-English materials that include books in Spanish, Hindi, Vietnamese, Russian, Chinese, Tamil and Hebrew. For children, the youth collection contains classic titles, award books, beginning reading materials, books on tape/CD, and a large selection of videos and DVDs. The library also has a new online tutoring service for students grades 4-12 called Dallas After School Homework Help, or, as we nicknamed it, D.A.S.H.

Children love the Fretz Park Library! We have weekly storytimes for toddlers every Tuesday at 11 a.m. and preschoolers every Friday at 11 a.m. led by our new children's librarian, who is enthusiastic and lots of fun! Furthermore, the library welcomes a special musical performer once a month as part of Library Live, a Dallas Public Library program sponsored by Chase Bank. For adults, we host a popular book club that meets the first Monday night of every month. Also, The Fretz Park Library Friends offers the opportunity for members of our community to become more directly involved in the library itself. For more information or to become a member of the Fretz Park Library Friends, you can contact the President, Susan Davis, at 972-490-1247.

Whether you are an experienced library user or you've never been in a library before, we look forward to seeing you at the Fretz Park Library. If you need any help or would like to find out more about what the library can do for you, please don't hesitate to ask our friendly staff! Call us at 214-670-6420 or check out our website at [www.dallaslibrary.org](http://www.dallaslibrary.org).