# Meridian Messenger

Your newsletter was named by Cathy Murray & Toni Nash thanks to those who submitted names for the contest

# **Committee News**

The Festival of Lights and Winter Wonderland in December were both successful events. Thank you so much to all of you who planned and participated in the events. Please see the website to learn more about them and view the winners.

#### The Architectural Compliance

<u>Committee</u> is meeting once a month to review any open requests and paperwork submitted for approval by homeowners.

They have plans to begin awarding Yard of the Month in March. So, start working in your yard to see if you get selected! Prizes to be awarded to the winners!

The **Social Committee** has been very busy setting some dates and events for 2009 and is also meeting once a month.



Mark your calendar for April 18th for the first annual Community Garage and Bake Sale. More details on the Community Sale page on the website.

Also, mark your calendars for our first Block Party on Saturday, June 13, 2009 at 5 pm. Similar to Winter Wonderland, but with a barbeque and summer activities.

A fall festival of some sort will also take place in the September or October time frame. Stay tuned for more information.

The second annual Winter Wonderland will be Sunday, December 13th, 2009.

The **Communications Committee** has compiled all the information collected at the Winter Wonderland for the directory and to help the Social Committee with Interest Groups.

If you have not filled out a directory form or an interest form (the back side of the directory form) please visit the website at http://meridianhoa.net to obtain the forms. We still need many many homeowners to fill them out.

Please visit the website for any of the information found in the newsletters, copies of newsletters, contact info and more details for any past or future events.

ALL COMMITTEES ARE STILL IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN AND/OR JUST HELP WITH VARIOUS NEEDS OR EVENTS.

PLEASE CONTACT THE CHAIRPER-SON VIA THE ADDRESS ON THE RIGHT IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.



HOA Quarterly Assessment is due on April 1, 2009 Meridian HOA c/o CMA Payment Processing Center PO Box 926850 Norcross, GA 30010-6850

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## CALENDAR

<u>March:</u> 8th - Daylight Savings Time Begins/Spring forward one hour 16-20th - LISD Spring Break 17th - St. Patrick's Day <u>April:</u> 3rd - The Colony Egg Hunt Five Star Park 6:30 pm 10th - LISD Holiday/Good Friday 12th - Easter 13th - Holiday/Bad Weather Make-up Day

18th - Meridian Community Sale

#### May:

10th - Mother's Day <u>?? - Annual HOA Meeting</u> 25th - Memorial Holiday <u>June:</u> <u>13th - Meridian Block Party</u> 14th - Flag Day 21st - Father's Day

This has a list of dates for various religious holidays - to be used as a guideline, since all religious dates are not included. Committee & Board Meetings March:

ACC: Tues. Mar. 10th 7pm Board: Mon. Mar. 16th 6pm Social Cmte: Mon. Mar. 23rd 7pm

#### April:

ACC: Tues. Apr. 14th 7pm Board: Mon. Apr. 20th 6pm Social Cmte: Mon. Apr. 27th 7pm

#### May:

Crime Watch Cmte: Mon. May 4th 7pm

ACC: Tues. May 12th 7pm • Board: Mon. May 18th 6pm Social Cmte: Mon. May 18th 7pm

#### June:

ACC: Tues. May 12th 7pm Board: Mon. May 18th 6pm Social Cmte: Mon. May 18th 7pm

# Block Captains Needed to support Crime Watch Cmte

The first Crime Watch Committee meeting was held on Feb. 2 with six people in attendance. Our Neighborhood Patrol Officer, Greg Stern, was in attendance and spoke to us about the importance and benefits of establishing a Crime Watch program in our neighborhood. Crime Watch programs have been proven to reduce neighborhood crime by as much as 60% so we are excited to get our program started!

One of the first tasks we need to do to get our community involved is to locate volunteers who are willing to serve as "*Block Captains*". These folks help relay information to members or residents on their block via email, phone, or face to face contact. (for example: crime reported in our neighborhood, suspicious activity, etc).

According to the Lewisville Police Department, a Block Captain's Duties & Responsibilities consist of the following: \* **Participate in** Quarterly Neighborhood Watch Committee meetings.

\* **Prepare a list** of persons on your block, including names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses.

\* Network with neighbors to help create awareness of crime watch related information and encourage all to keep an eye out for crime related activities

\* Distribute crime prevention materials as needed.

\* IMMEDIATELY notify residents on your block of information on criminal

activity. (you will be provided this information).

We also discussed obtaining "Neighborhood Crime Watch" signs to help deter crime in our neighborhood. The dates for future scheduled meetings are as follows: May 4, August 3, and October 26.

Please contact me to become a block captain or regarding any other Crime Watch Area of interest.

Thank you, Toni Nash, Crime Watch Cmte Chair



Thanks to Keller Williams for allowing us use of their conference room for our meetings! That is community in action!