

UNIT NEWS

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A message from the President

When my wife and I knew we would be moving to Lubbock we began to research where we wanted to live. Our choice, hands down, was Tech Terrace. We were drawn to the UNIT for various reasons. Location was a factor as well as the lovely parks. We also liked the fact that Tech Terrace is relatively walkable. However, the number one factor is the sense of community.

We were well aware that there was an active neighborhood association in Tech Terrace. Through the association we learned about the holiday home tour, Afterglow and the great schools. In other words, if it were not for this organization, Tech Terrace would not have been on our radar before we ever set foot in Lubbock.

In the past two years we have met many of our wonderful neighbors, confirming our decision to move here. I want to thank previous board members, Ann Howe, Melanie Fowler and Travis Isom for their efforts and extend my appreciation to our current board, Ryan Williams, Sly Luna and Caroline Byrd for continuing to make a difference. I also want to thank the many folks who have reached out to guide me through the "ins and outs" of the Tech Terrace UNIT Neighborhood Association. We couldn't do this without you!

Grant Gerlich

UNIT Meeting Dates

The Tech Terrace UNIT Neighborhood Association meets each quarter. Traditionally, the meetings were held on the fourth Thursday of the first month of the quarter. Starting in January of 2018 we will meet on the third Thursday. The reason for the change is that Lubbock City Council meets the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. By changing the week we can now have Lubbock city officials attend our meetings, as they have offered to do.

We intend to have guest speaker as part of our meeting agenda depending on current events and topics of interest to our community. This could be members of the Lubbock Police department or City Council. Open and frank communication with our representatives is a good way to foster cooperation and gain desired outcomes. We encourage engaged neighbors and Tech Terrace enthusiasts to attend.

Mark your calendars!

- ✓ **Thursday October 26th 6 pm**
- ✓ **Thursday January 18th 6 pm**
- ✓ **Thursday April 19th 6 pm**
- ✓ **Thursday July 19th 6 pm**

Meetings will be held at either Hutchinson middle school or Forrest Heights United Methodist church.

Holiday Home Tour

The annual home tour is set for Saturday December 2nd. Janet Schwantz has done a fabulous job selecting six showcase homes for this year's tour. The tour will take place from 2- 5pm. The featured homes are:

3120 20th Street home of Melissa Grimes

3121 20th Street home of Gina and William Becker

3220 21st Street home of Wendy and Nevan Baldwin

3313 24th Street home of Casey and Jay Herrin

3211 25th Street home of Bella and Grant Gerlich

2703 19th Street home of Margaret and Daniel Gafford (if remodel is complete).

Starting on November 17, a limited number of tickets will be available at Studio West for \$20, cash or check. This is our annual fundraiser so please come out and support your neighborhood association. Proceeds are used to improve the quality of life here in Tech Terrace. By partnering with the city, we have added benches in Tech Terrace Park and planted trees in Wagner Park. These enhancements are for all to enjoy and what makes our neighborhood the preferred place to live.

We want to thank Janet and Cassidy Luna for all their hard work in putting this worthwhile event together. We also want to thank the homeowners for kindly opening their homes and hearts for a good cause. This is what makes the UNIT so special!

Who you gonna call?

If there's something strange in the neighborhood, who you gonna call?

Oh, if it were only as simply as calling the Ghostbusters, but that's Hollywood for you. So, what do you do when you see suspicious activity or yard snoops? Have rowdy neighbors? Dumpster divers? Empty beer cans strewn about the yard? Pooches running amok or dangerous drunken behavior? On page 4 we have a list of resources that will answer these questions and so much more.

Looking out for each other is what makes this a special community. I am amazed on how caring our neighbors are by fostering stray dogs or going above and beyond to find a home for them. If you see something that is amiss, please do report it and share it. The call contact list is useful for notifying the police and city agencies. There is also *Facebook* and *Nextdoor* blog where neighbors exchange information as well.

Attending our neighborhood association meetings is also an excellent way to stay apprised of Tech Terrace UNIT happenings. As the saying goes, you only get out of it what you put into it. Participation is the key. That being said; we look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting. We want to thank Holle Humphries for compiling the list of contacts.

City-wide car break-ins and thefts have become common. Do not leave anything of value in your car (laptops, backpacks, etc.) and keep it LOCKED! Also, lock your side and back gates. Be aware and don't be a target!

Spirit Flag Sale Fundraiser



Some of you all may be aware of our flag fundraiser. In the past, subscribers would pay \$35 per flag to have a Texas Tech flag erected and taken down on your lawn on football gameday. This was the work of Travis Isom who no longer lives in Tech Terrace. We are now selling the flags (mounted on 8 foot poles) for \$40 each, and you get to keep it! The flags are available in black or red. Quantities are limited so be sure to act swiftly and show your school spirit for Texas Tech whether it be football, baseball, Lady Raiders or any other sport.

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TECH TERRACE TIPS: HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR INITIATING CITY SERVICES

Emergency Responders	EMS/Police/Fire	For immediate medical, life-threatening, or criminal matters	911
Lubbock Police Department	Dispatch	To send patrol officer for non-emergency matters of general public safety, concern & parking violations on the street	775-2866 775 2865 311
Lubbock Police North Patrol Commander	Capt.Nathan White	NWhite@mail.ci.lubbock.tx.us Can coordinate patrol watches of problem areas if notified in advance	775-2764
Lubbock Police Chief	Greg Stevens	GStevens@mail.ci.lubbock.tx.us When calling ask for voicemail of Chief	775-2866
LPD Homeless Outreach Team	Steve Bergen	sbergen@mylubbock.us	775-2975 831-5575
City Councilman District #3	Jeff Griffith	JGriffith@mylubbock.us	775-2023
City Mayor	Dan Pope	DPope@mylubbock.us	775-3000
City Manager	W. Jarrett Atkinson	jatkinson@mylubbock.us Oversees budget and coordinates city departments and policies	775-2003
Assistant City Manager	Bill Howerton	bhowerton@mylubbock.us Community development, planning, bldg. inspection, animal services, codes admin., environment/health/vector control	775-2300
Code Enforcement	Stuart Walker	swalker@mail.ci.lubbock.tx.us Code violations on private property, trash, clutter, unkempt houses, overgrown yards/alleys	775-2111
Planning and Zoning	Nathan Webb	nwebb@mylubbock.us	775-2108 775-2120
City Asst. Manager: Parks	Scott Snider	ssnider@mylubbock.us	775-2312
Director Parks & Recreation	Bridget Faulkenberry	BFaulkenberry@mylubbock.us	775-2687
Animal Services & Director	George Torres	gtorres@mylubbock.us	775-2057 775-2002
Solid Waste/dumpsters/discarded furniture	City Main Switchboard	When calling, report specific alley address location	775-3000 311
Graffiti	City Main Switchboard	When calling to report, give specific street address/location	775-3000 311
LPL: Electricity	Emergency		775-2509
LPL: Water Service	Emergency		775-2588 775-2587

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