

UNIT NEWS

An annual newsletter published by the Tech Terrace UNIT Neighborhood Association

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Message from the President

Greetings and welcome to our fall 2018 edition of the the *Unit News*. It has been a busy year. Since our last newsletter, many exciting things have occurred in the UNIT. We sold quite a few Texas Tech flags (we still have more available) and our Holiday Home Tour was a smashing success. Cassidy Luna did a fantastic job with our inaugural Tech Terrace Chicken Coop Tour. Over 100 people attended with both young and old alike to view chicken coops and learn about sustainability. Best of all, we raised \$700 which was donated to the South Plains Food Bank. On the beautification front, we had several pine trees planted in Tech Terrace and Wagner Parks. They were “hand me downs” from Santa Land in McKenzie Park. Thanks to Cassidy, we now have our very own website www.techterraceunit.org. It is chock full of information about the neighborhood and upcoming events. At our April meeting we welcomed Melissa Grimes as our New Vice President, and Ryan Williams assumed the mantle of Treasurer from Caroline Byrd. We thank Caroline for her excellent service to this venerable organization. We also want to thank our current board members, all our volunteers and those in our community who make a difference!

Grant Gerlich

A Brief history of the UNIT NA

The inspiration for proactive organizing germinated in Darrell and Mary Vines as residents in their neighborhood just south of Texas Tech, Tech Terrace. They frequented zoning and city council sessions in the early 1970s to protest zoning changes to allow apartment zoning into the neighborhood. A chance meeting in Furr’s Grocery at 26th and Boston led to coffee at Ann Nail’s house. Together Ann, Lady Brown, and Mary Vines began to strategize and plan how to organize the neighborhood. Extensive work in the Lubbock Library’s copy of the Polk Directory revealed names and addresses of residents on almost all of the neighborhood’s blocks from 19th to 33rd Street and from University Avenue to Indiana Avenue. Invitation flyers were distributed and neighbors gathered in the Roscoe Wilson Cafeteria in the fall of 1974 to organize Lubbock’s first voluntary neighborhood association. Lubbock attorney Gordon Treadaway, a long-time resident of the neighborhood, suggested the association be named UNIT, the acronym for University, Nineteenth, Indiana, and Thirty-Fourth, the boundary streets for the area. Through the ensuing years since 1974, the Association and residents of the area have worked tirelessly to maintain the area as a family-friendly area with a small town feeling where diversities of age, race,

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education, and economic status are welcomed. Through lobbying at the LISD trustee meetings for college-preparatory courses at Lubbock High School, the Association was almost singly responsible for the creation of the Lubbock Exemplary Academic Program (LEAP) in 1979, a major accomplishment for attracting families to the neighborhood. The Association also worked successfully for later designations of Hutchinson Junior High and Roscoe Wilson Elementary as magnet schools. UNIT Neighborhood Holiday Home Tours, also a Lubbock first, were started in the 1980s and helped attract residents from throughout Lubbock to see the charm and variety of homes available in the area and the desirability of living here. Because the area has been primarily identified with its major park, the name of the UNIT Neighborhood Association after more than twenty years was changed to Tech Terrace/UNIT Neighborhood Association. Home tours, events in the park, block parties, winning entries in Fourth on Broadway parades, and clean-up campaigns have all helped the goal of keeping our square mile one of the most desirable neighborhoods in Lubbock.



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Community Contact List

On page 4 is a list of city resources to contact when the need arises. If you see something that is amiss (suspicious activity, dogs off leash, trash in yards, dangerous drunken behavior, etc.) please do report it and share it. The call contact list is useful for notifying the police and city agencies. There is also our *Facebook* page and the *Nextdoor* blog where neighbors share 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.

Texas Tech 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 gameday (football). Last year we were selling the flags (mounted on 8 foot poles) for \$40 each, and you get to keep it! We still have some left and are moving them at a deep discount of \$20, half off!! Hurry while supplies last. The flags are available in black or red. Please contact Grant at (478) 251-2558 or grantgerlich@gmail.com. Quantities are limited so be sure to act swiftly and show your support for Tech whether it be football or any other sport.

UNIT Meeting Dates

The Tech Terrace UNIT Neighborhood Association meets each quarter. Meetings were held on the third Thursday of the first month of the quarter. Our meetings are held at Forrest Heights United Methodist Church 3007 33rd Street. Our meetings are open to the public and usually last an hour. We cover a variety of topics that are germane to our community.

We intend to have guest speakers 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.

- ✓ **Thursday October 18th** **6 pm**
- ✓ **Thursday January 17th** **6 pm**
- ✓ **Thursday April 18th** **6 pm**
- ✓ **Thursday July 18th** **6 pm**

We thank Forrest Heights United Methodist Church for graciously allowing us to meet in their fine facility.

Holiday Home Tour

The annual home tour is set for Saturday December 1st from 2-5pm. All details are on the UNIT website www.techterraceunit.org under the Home Tour Section. If you might be interested in having your home on the tour, please contact Cassidy Luna (cassidyluna@gmail.com) or Janet Schwantz (janet.schwantz@gmail.com). 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.

Chicken Coop Tour

Mark your calendar for April 27, 2019 for the second annual Tech Terrace Chicken Coop Tour. Last year's tour exceeded our expectations we hope to have a bigger and better event for 2019. We want to thank Cassidy and Sly 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, the South Plains Food Bank.



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. Roy Bassett	rbassett@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 Coordinates city departments and policies	775-2003
Assistant City Manager	Bill Howerton	bhowerton@mylubbock.us Community development, inspections	775-2300
Chief of Staff	Bob Goodwin	bgoodwin@mylubbock.us supports mayor & city council-related business	775-2052
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 & Interim Director	Jennifer Harvell	jharvell@mylubbock.us	775-2057 775-2002
Solid Waste/dumpsters/discarded furniture	City Main Switchboard	When calling, report specific alley address location	775-3000 or 311
Graffiti	City Main Switchboard	When calling to report, give specific street address/location	775-3000 or 311
LPL: Electricity	Emergency		775-2509
LPL: Water Service	Emergency		Day 775-2588 Night 775-2587