

UNIT NEWS

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A message from the President

Welcome to our 2019 issue of *UNIT News*. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as the president of this storied organization. We look forward to the upcoming year with yet another Holiday Home Tour, partnering with the Congress of Neighborhood Associations, the mural beautification project at the LP&L substation and the 2020 Census. We will also be updating our nifty neighborhood GIS neighborhood tour and expanding this to the Heart of Lubbock, Historic South Overton neighborhoods and beyond. We are working together to raise awareness and showcase the places we call home. It is our hope that visitors will take interest and want to become members of our communities through home ownership. Pride in homeownership and getting involved shows we care and makes others do the same. This is my last term as president of this and it has been a privilege to serve. I want to thank our board, Melissa Grimes, Ryan Williams and Leena Al-Souki for their efforts, and countless others for pitching in. This is what makes Tech Terrace a special place. Service takes on many forms and service to the community should be a priority for all of us. I urge folks to get engaged and make a difference in our neighborhood, and beyond.

Grant Gerlich



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UNIT Meeting Dates

The Tech Terrace UNIT Neighborhood Association meets each quarter. They occur 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 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.

- ✓ **Thursday October 17th** **6 pm**
- ✓ **Thursday January 16th** **6 pm**
- ✓ **Thursday April 16th** **6 pm**
- ✓ **Thursday July 16th** **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 7th from 2-5 pm. Details will be 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 Melissa Grimes (melissag@studiowestid.com) or Leena Al-Souki (leena.alsouki@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.

GIS Smartphone Tour

Great news! Our neighborhood tour is now up and running thanks Juan Alvarez and Lucia Barbato of the TTU Geosciences Department and our own Holle Humphries. This educational app covers five categories, with a sixth on the way. This is a great way for visitors to get acquainted with our special neighborhood. Here's the link, check it out.

<https://arcg.is/0Cj0D1>



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.

There has been a rash of car break-ins across Lubbock recently. Do not leave anything of value in your car and keep it LOCKED! Be aware and don't be a target!

2020 Census Count

\$1,578 is what each one of us is valued in federal funds allotted to our district based on population. For each of us not counted these funds are lost as well as representation in congress. It is crucial that everyone, especially Tech students, participate in the census. For the first time, folks will be able to fill out Census information on-line starting on March 12. It is strictly confidential, and the information is restricted for 72 years.

Neighborhood Congress

In an effort to work together for a common cause, the Congress of Neighborhood Associations meets monthly to promote advocacy and address collective issues with a singular voice. Representatives of various neighborhood groups throughout Lubbock meet on the last Thursday of each month at Shepard King Lutheran Church, 2122 18th Street in South Overton. These meetings are open to all.

LP&L Mural Project

The Beautification Committee has been thinking of ways to incorporate art into the UNIT to promote our neighborhood and make it more appealing to visitors and residents alike. It has been pointed out that the Lubbock Power and Light Sub-station on Elgin is surrounded by a stark concrete wall. We contacted Matt Rose at LP&L find out what options were available to embellish the site. The idea of a mural emerged. We are now working with Hutchinson Middle School and the Art department at Texas Tech to bring this project to fruition, a true community collaboration!



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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	Deputy Chief Joshua Crouch	jcrouch@mylubbock.us Can coordinate patrol watches of problem areas if notified in advance	775-2764
Lubbock Interim Police Chief	Jerry Brewer	LPDChief@mylubbock.us When calling ask for voicemail of Chief	775-2755
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	Steven Greene	sgreene@mylubbock.us	775-3036 775-2057
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