

# Coppell Greens Newsletter



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Coppell Greens Homeowners Association

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## Halloween Safety



Halloween should be a fun time for everyone, so here are some tips from the Coppell Police Dept. for a safe and successful out-

ing: Costumes should fit the child. Costumes that are too long or baggy can cause the child to trip and fall. Light-colored costumes are easier to see at night and are preferred. Use make-up instead of masks for better visibility. If your child wears a mask, make sure they can see clearly and breathe well. If your trick-or-treater carries long props, they should be made with soft material and no sharp points. Remember to take a flashlight before going out. A responsible adult should always accompany a child or a group of children as they go trick-or-treating. Try to go in groups.

**Share these tips with your trick-or-treater:** Visit the homes of people you know and the ones with a porch light on. Never enter a stranger's house even if invited. Stay on the porch with your group and in eyesight of your accompanying adult. Use sidewalks when possible and look both ways before crossing the street. Never eat candy until a parent examines it. Check the wrappers on candy for signs of tampering and throw away anything that is unwrapped or suspicious looking. If harmful items are found in the candy, contact the Coppell Police Department 972-304-3625.

Have a happy and safe Halloween from the Coppell Police Department!



## City of Coppell Voting

The city of Coppell will hold an election on Tuesday, November 6, 2007, asking voters to decide on the adoption of a one-fourth of one percent sales and use tax to provide revenue for the maintenance and repair of existing city streets and the adoption of a one-fourth of one percent sales and use tax to provide revenue for the creation of a crime control and prevention district. This will not result in a sales tax increase

If the sales tax is passed, the funds will be dedicated to street maintenance and crime prevention as allowed by state law. By using sales tax dollars for these purposes, the City could have the capability of reducing the reliance on more traditional general fund revenues currently earmarked for these purposes.

## October Quarterly Meeting

As with all quarterly meetings, the full minutes are posted on the neighborhood website at [www.coppellgreens.com](http://www.coppellgreens.com). These minutes are available to all homeowners, but registration and login are required. The October 18th HOA meeting was well attended and informative; it is thrilling to see such an active and communicative neighborhood! There were two issues being brought to a vote: the idea of electricity being routed to the two monuments in the entryways and the idea of building a neighborhood playground. The neighborhood overwhelmingly voted to go ahead with the electricity project. This will allow permanent lighting to be installed in the entryway and provide for the possibility of future holiday lighting.

In a previous newsletter, it was reported that the site of the possible playground would be on top of rock hill. Due to concerns regarding accessibility and safety, it was changed to a more central location on the 13X greenbelt. It was decided that the playground issue should be deferred until more detailed information could be provided to the community. The playground committee with assemble information to be posted on the website [www.coppellgreens.com](http://www.coppellgreens.com) We encourage all homeowners to access the website to educate themselves about this issue. Afterwards, a special meeting will be held on Thursday, November 29th from 7-8pm to discuss and vote on this issue. Proxies and ballots will be mailed if a homeowner is unable to attend the special meeting.

## Dawson Geological

The board has recently been made aware of various activities by Dawson Geophysical who will be contacting homeowners for the purpose of conducting seismic testing in and around the city of Coppell, on behalf of Chesapeake Energy. Seismic testing is one of the initial steps to determine the existence of Barnett Shale within the city limits.



To conduct this type of testing, various types' of equipment need to be placed on private property for a temporary time period. Prior to placing this equipment, a written permit needs to be obtained from the property owner. To obtain this permit, representatives of Dawson Geophysical will be sending letters, placing phone calls and knocking on doors within the community. All solicitors, including Dawson Geophysical, are required to adhere to Article 6-2 of the Coppell Code of Ordinances. It is up to the individual homeowner whether or not to provide their consent.

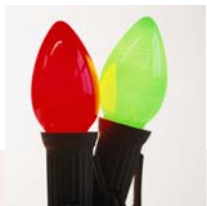


## Fall Festival

Come celebrate the cooler weather and our year of successes in Coppell Greens! On Friday, November 16th we will meet at the Lairds/Dalmalley greenbelt opening. There will be a bounce house and refreshments served from 6-7:30pm. All are welcome and encouraged to attend—so come fellowship with your neighbors!

## Yard of the Month

Time for fall plantings! Get your yard prepped for the colder season using hardier plants. Keep your eye put for the November Yard of the Month! Selections will begin next week...it could be you!



### HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE HAS DECIDED TO HAVE A HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST IN DECEMBER THIS YEAR. THE THREE MOST FESTIVE HOUSES WILL RECEIVE VISTA RIDGE MALL GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR \$50, \$35, AND \$25.00. GET INTO THE SPIRIT AND LET'S SEE WHAT YOU'VE GOT! STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION!



## Completed Projects

- A flume was built to help direct the massive amount of water that comes from the higher ground north of our neighborhood. This flume ensures the water stays off the sidewalk and flows into the spillway to properly drain. No more flooded sidewalks and streets!
- The three iron railings on both sides of the spillway were repainted. Special thanks to homeowner Bryan Mamantov and Lindsey Dula for their assistance with this project!
- The damaged bushes on all four sides of the north and south entrances were removed. Native bushes and grasses were planted in their place. An enormous thanks to Pete Cotting for his work on this! We also appreciate Dennis King, Jeremy Boucher, and When-Chun Chen for allowing us to utilize their hoses to water in the plantings.
- The primrose around the pond was treated and then chopped and raked by Phil LaBerge and our landscaping company. The ducks are very happy about this!
- The wall has been completed, and we are aware there are still a few items that need InStone's attention. They will be fixed/repared in the upcoming weeks. We very much appreciate all the homeowners who endured losing their privacy for several weeks and have been helping to monitor the wall's progress.
- Sprinkler heads have been repaired recently and two valves were replaced in the 21X greenbelt after sprinklers were reported to have been on for two days straight. Thanks to watchful homeowners who are reporting these things to the board!!
- With the community and the board coming together to tackle several of these problems ourselves, we have actually saved several thousand dollars for the neighborhood! Thank you Coppell Greens for your willingness to participate and desire to make this a great community. If you haven't found a way to be involved, check out the various committees listed on [www.coppellgreens.com](http://www.coppellgreens.com) and see which one you could contribute to!