



GRAYHAWK IN TOUCH

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Important Information

Police and Fire Emergency 911

Police Non-Emergency
972.292.6010

City of Frisco
friscotexas.gov
972.292.5000

Sewer & Water
972.292.5575

CWD (Trash Pick-Up)
972.392.9300

Utilities

CoServ Electric & Gas
940.321.7800

AT&T (24hr Service Line)
800.246.8464

Time Warner Cable
972.PICK-TWC

SBB Management
972.960.2800 x316

Local Schools

Frisco ISD
469.633.6000

Boals Elementary
469.633.3300

Robertson Elementary
469.633.3675

Griffin Middle
469.633.4900

Stafford Middle
469.633.5100

Wakeland High
469.633.5700

Grayhawk has a new website!

The Communications Committee, under the direction of the Board of Directors launched the new Grayhawk HOA website on May 15th. Unfortunately because the both the new website and the old one were on disparate systems, we were unable to bring forward any account information from the old website. In order to gain access to the protected areas of the website, everyone must register. Registration takes just a few minutes and approval usually occurs in less than a day or two.

Our HOA is in the best position ever to communicate more effectively with the entire Grayhawk community with the new website coupled with the already established **Grayhawk In Touch** newsletter.

The features of the website that have been implemented are believed to be valuable and useful to all Grayhawk residents with new and exciting things under way as more features are being explored.

On the website, you are not only be able to download newsletters and HOA related documents, but you can also communicate with any or all of the Board Members, Committees, and SBB directly from the website through the **Contact Us** page.

If you are looking to buy or sell items laying around your house or garage, there is even a classified ads section that is seen only by Grayhawk residents.

Look to the website to find information about upcoming events and neighborhood news. If something is going on that affects Grayhawk or the city of Frisco, you will find it posted on the website.

A message board is even in place allowing residents to interact with each other complete with categories such as Lost & Found Pets, Service Referrals, Groups & Gatherings, and more that have been created to help focus conversations.

You will also find detailed and updated information on each of the six Grayhawk Committees that serve at the direction of the Board of Directors and carry out much of the day-to-day operations within our community.

The Grayhawk HOA Website will hopefully be viewed as a resource tool anytime you would like to know what is going on in our community and may be curious about how you can get involved.

If you would like to see something on the website, feel free to send a message to the Communications Committee through the **Contact Us** page on the website.

Visit **www.grayhawkfrisco.com** to check out the new and exciting changes!



2008 Grayhawk HOA Spring Festival

Grayhawk celebrated the first ever HOA sponsored social event on April 12th in style. The event drew an estimated 400 people out to Boals Elementary School for food, fun, and celebration. Games and bounce houses were available for the children. Cotton candy, popcorn and food catered by Randy White's BBQ were available to everyone that came out. The Frisco Police had its own stand and the crew from the new Fire Station #6 stopped by for a visit and allowed a tour of their fire truck.

Several local Grayhawk business owners donated some great prizes that were raffled off to Grayhawk residents.



The Social Committee would like to thank those Grayhawk business owners for donating or sponsoring the Spring Festival on April 12th with their raffle prizes. Here is a list of the winners and their prizes.

Prize Winner

Prize

Business Owner

Alana Forris	KC Outlet Co. Bears	Karen Chastain
Stacy Harris	Kat's Design Bookmark and Necklace	Kathy Woolston
Greg Matlack	Piscolabis \$25 Gift Certificate	Jose Betances
Sonja Mosley	Piscolabis \$25 Gift Certificate	Jose Betances
Heather Youngquist	Mary Kay Satin Hands Set	Darlene Colyer
Greg and Angela Hard	Wineshop at Home Basket	Aijin Smith
Brett Brewer	Wineshop at Home Basket	Aijin Smith
Josie Briseno	Kris's Kreations Jewelry	Kris Fioto
Steve Davis	Sky Design Basket	Carrie McConnell
Christina Lytle	Adventure Kids \$25 Gift Card	Shelley Muller
Julie Patterson	Adventure Kids \$25 Gift Card	Shelley Muller
Kristien Graffam	Ebby Halliday Movie Basket	Kerri Watts
Abby Angulo	Ebby Halliday Spa Basket	Kerri Watts
Michael Hampton	Young Chefs Academy Pizza Kit Set	Ali Dumas
Mishra Dharmendra	Young Chef's Academy Goody Bowl	Ali Dumas
Craig Bailey	Creative Memories Software	Danielle Mohr
Elaine Eubanks	Behavior Solutions \$75 Gift Certificate	Kristin Estell
Sharon Raper	Pampered Chef Basket	Karen Cunningham
Chris Arredondo	R - Pools \$125 Cleaning Service Certificate	Robin Ramirez



↑ **Paige Almond**
receives her prize from
Karen DaCosta.



↩ **Julie Patterson**
shows off her \$25 Gift
Card from Adventure
Kids.



↗ **Craig and
Heather Bailey**
showing off their
Creative Memories
Software.

Paige Almond won the Grand Prize of 5 Days/4Nights at a hotel in Honolulu, HI courtesy of Karen DaCosta of Coldwell Banker

Group Activity Night!



Ever find yourself wondering if there are other people in Grayhawk who share similar interests or enjoy doing the same activities that you do? The good news is that you are not alone. We are a large diverse community full of people of all ages, backgrounds, and interests. The Social Committee is working on creative ways to bring those people together.

Many adults in Grayhawk would like to get to know other adults within our community. What better way to do this than planned group outings that take in a wide variety of attractions or scenic adventures throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth area and beyond.

There are a lot of activities that can take place right here in Grayhawk that would not involve traveling. Many people enjoy playing games, while others may simply enjoy social gatherings.

Here is a small list of possibilities to explore that will get the group activities list of events off the ground:

- **Game Night** (Bunco, Bridge, Poker, etc.)
- **Dinner Clubs**
- **Book Clubs**
- **Wine Tasting**
- **Traveling** (Area Wineries, Canton, etc.)
- **Day Trips** (Dallas, Fort Worth, Salado, etc.)
- **Movie Night**

Members of the Social Committee will be gathering in July to kick off a monthly Group Activity Night! The first get together will be held at a committee member's house to start collecting ideas and start building a calendar of events.

If you have more ideas or suggestions that you feel others might find of interest, or would just like to join us **July 17, 2008**, send an email to events@grayhawkfrisco.com for more information on the time and location of the gathering.

Grayhawk 4th of July Celebration

The Social Committee is planning for the Grayhawk community to celebrate the 4th of July in style this year. Festivities are being coordinated at various times throughout the day.

A parade is scheduled to take place in the morning starting at **9:00 AM** beginning at the corner of **West Talon and Rhinelander** traveling a planned route along Talon and around Grayhawk Hill. Parents and children are encouraged to decorate their bikes, cars, SUVs, trailers, and anything else you would like to decorate.

In the evening residents are invited to gather at the top of Grayhawk Hill. From this vantage point, residents will be able to watch the fireworks display taking place at Pizza Hut Park following the FC Dallas soccer game.

Everyone should plan to arrive at the hill around sunset with the fireworks scheduled to begin at **9:30 PM**.

Visit www.friscofreedomfest.org for the official schedule of events for Frisco Freedom Fest.

Picnic in the Park



August 23rd

Falcons Field Park

Celebrate "End of Summer" with your Grayhawk friends and neighbors.

Bring your picnic baskets and coolers packed with your food and drinks to the park and enjoy late some summer fun.

Hope to see you there!

Check the website for more details

Committee Updates

Detailed information about each of our Grayhawk Committees has been posted on the HOA website. There you will also find up-to-date information about what each committee is working on through the committee links on the website.

If you have a question or would like to contact any one of our committees, you can do so by visiting the **Contact Us** page on the website and submitting your message. Your message will go straight to the person(s) heading up that committee.

Here are the latest updates from each of our Grayhawk Committees:

Architectural Committee—Reviewing Enforcement and Fining Policies as well as finalizing the ACC Request Form.

Social Committee—Planning events such as a 4th of July Parade, End of Summer Picnic in the Park, and a Casino and Costume Night. Also coordinating adult group activities in the Grayhawk Community.

(More on each of these can be found throughout this newsletter)

Communications Committee—The launch of the new Grayhawk HOA website was made official on May 15th with new people registering every day. In addition, the second edition of *Grayhawk In Touch* has been published as well. *(Detailed information on the website is on Page 1)*

Finance Committee—Reviewing financial process and procedure documents as well as budgetary documentation to provide recommendations and insight to the board.

Safety-Crime Watch Committee—Continues to evaluate various issues at the pools. The new rules for the pools have been posted at each location along with emergency contact information. The committee is also evaluating keycard systems as well as possible surveillance cameras for pool access. We continue to work participating in and promoting the Frisco Neighborhood Watch program.

Beautification Committee—Hard at work keeping up with the more than 100 acres of community green spaces throughout Grayhawk. You can do your part by being the eyes for our community and sending any maintenance needs to **beautification@grayhawkfrisco.com** or by using the **Contact Us** form on the new website. This committee will begin developing a 5-year plan to improve our green spaces this month, so you will start to see more trees and other improvements in these spaces over the next several years.

This is a great time to help our community by taking care of your own green spaces. The Beautification Committee does not look at individual yards, but here are some green tips we've learned and would like to share:

- Water your trees deeply once a week rather than shallow watering or overwatering. A great product is the Tree-Gator and others like it that drip irrigate from a bag around the tree base.
- A thorough watering once or twice a week is best for a healthy lawn with deep roots. Have your sprinklers adjusted by a technician if you are in doubt.
- A fertilizer and weed killer treatment will help a lot, especially for newer homes where the soil often has less nutrient base. A formulation for southern areas will green up your curb appeal. Avoid application in high heat and water in thoroughly after applying!
- The best weed defense is healthy grass. They can be a pain to get under control at first, but focus on a healthy lawn and a little pre-emergent to make your next season weed free!



Grayhawk's Committees Need Volunteers!

Find out how you can help Grayhawk by contacting Betty Crudden (**b.crudden@sbbmanagement.com**)



To join visit

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/grayhawkmoms>

National Night Out 2008—October 7, 2008

National Night Out, 'America's Night Out Against Crime,' was introduced by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) in 1984. The program was the brainchild of NATW Executive Director Matt A. Peskin.

In an effort to heighten awareness and strengthen participation in local anticrime efforts, Peskin felt that a high-profile, high-impact type of crime prevention event was needed nationally. At that time, he noted that in a typical 'crime watch community', only 5 to 7% of the residents were participating actively. Due to the growth and success of these programs, he felt this percentage was too low. Subsequently, he proposed a national program which would be coordinated by local crime prevention agencies and organizations - but that would involve entire communities at one time. The first National Night Out was introduced early in 1984 - with the event culminating on the first Tuesday in August.



That first year, 400 communities in 23 states participated in National Night Out. Nationwide, 2.5 million Americans took part in 1984. In subsequent years, participation has grown steadily. The 24th Annual National Night Out last August involved **35.4 million people in 11,310 communities from all 50 states**, U.S. territories, Canadian cities, and military bases worldwide. Over **12,000** communities are expected to take part in National Night Out 2008.

The state of Texas requested a different night to participate in National Night Out due to the hot temperatures common here in early August. Beginning in 2008, National Night Out in Texas has been moved to the first Tuesday in October, which falls on **October 7th** this year.

2007 NNO Awards Category 3 (pop 50-100K)

1. Richardson, TX
2. Sugarland, TX
3. Suffolk, VA
4. Bloomington, IL
5. Kent, WA
6. The Woodlands, TX
7. Lodi, CA
8. Frisco, TX
9. Brooklyn Park, MN
10. Blaine, MN

In keeping the spirit alive, all Grayhawk residents are encouraged to participate in National Night Out 2008. The premise behind National Night Out is to get to know your immediate neighbors better and start to building networks of individuals that are looking out for one another. A great way to accomplish this is by having individual street-wide block parties within our community on the evening of October 7th.

Each block party must be registered with the Frisco Police Department. The process is very simple and does not require a permit or have to cost any money. The 2008 NNO Registration Form has been posted on the website to make it easier for residents to start organizing and planning for this event now. On the registration form, you can even request a visit from Police and Fire Department personnel, which is very popular with the kids.

Get together with your neighbors and start planning your block party for your street now. Suggestions for block parties include cookouts, games, bounce houses, etc. This should be a coordinated effort amongst neighbors in order to better ensure attendance. If you would like tips or suggestions for organizing a block party on your street, you may email Cathy Luetje at safety@grayhawkfrisco.com.



Frisco Neighborhood Watch

Meeting Location: **Frisco Police Station** (7200 Stonebrook Pkwy)

Next 3 Meetings: **7:00 PM on June 23rd, July 28th, and August 25th**

Frequency: **4th Monday of every month (effective June 2008)**

For more information visit www.frisconeighborhoodwatch.com

Come out and join us to learn how doing simple things around our Grayhawk Community can help to make this a safe and happy place to live through knowledge and friendship.

GRAYHAWK NEEDS MORE BLOCK CAPTAINS!



City of Frisco News and Updates



Road Construction Updates

City of Frisco Engineer Services Staff Report from June 3, 2008

<http://www.friscotexas.gov/departments/engineering>



State Projects

FM 2934/Eldorado Parkway (FM 423 – DNT) – Project to widen the existing two lane road to a six lane urban roadway with curb and gutter. TxDOT bid the project in February 2008, and construction is expected to begin in mid-2008, pending relocation of utilities. Most franchise utilities are in the process of being adjusted and others are finalizing plans for the relocation and upgrading of their facilities. Once construction begins, it is estimated to take 18 to 24 months.

FM 2934/Eldorado Water Line Relocations (FM 423 - DNT) – This project will adjust City water lines in advance of roadway construction. Relocations began in April 2008 and are expected to be complete in 6 weeks.

FM 423 (SH 121 – US 380) – Project to widen the existing two lane road to a six lane urban roadway with curb and gutter. Environmental clearance (FONSI) for the Middle and North Sections was received on July 7, 2006, and ROW acquisition will be conducted by TxDOT in accordance with the SH 121 Memorandum of Understanding.

North Section (Eldorado – US 380) – Jacobs Carter Burgess submitted 95% plans on May 16, 2008. The north section is scheduled to be bid by TXDOT in early 2010 and it is anticipated that approximately 24 months are required for construction.

Middle Section (Stewart Creek – Eldorado) – Jacobs Carter Burgess has submitted 100% plans to the District for final review. Right of way was released by TxDOT in November 2007. TxDOT has completed appraisals and offers have been sent to the property owners. Coordination with the utility companies continues as they have been requested to submit completed Utility Packages by June 2008. The middle section is scheduled to be bid by TXDOT in August 2009, or when ROW acquisition has been completed and it is anticipated that approximately 24 months are required for construction.

City Projects

Panther Creek Parkway (DNT – Teel) and Legacy Drive - This project will construct 4 lanes of arterial street in a location where no roadway exists currently. It was approved by City Council in May 2007 for expedited design and construction. Plans were completed in November 2007 and Council awarded the bid in December 2007 to Mario Sinacola & Sons. Construction began in January 2008. Signal lights at Teel and at the DNT have been installed and should be operational this month. Crews have begun paving Panther Creek Parkway and should remain on schedule for being substantially complete in late July 2008.

Teel Parkway (Panther Creek Parkway to North of Little River) – Project to construct the two northbound lanes widening the roadway to four lanes. This project is jointly funded by Fisd. The project was bid in April 2008, and Council accepted and awarded the Construction Services Contract to Rodman for \$1,441,168 on April 15, 2008. Construction began in May 2008 and the roadway is expected to be opened before school starts in August 2008. Project completion is anticipated in November 2008.

West Frisco Wastewater Improvements – Construction began in March 2007, by Oscar Renda Contracting, for improvements to the Trails, Fairways, and Grayhawk Lift Stations. Wastewater will be pumped north to the proposed Panther Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. Pipeline construction has been completed. The contractor is awaiting delivery of pump motor control equipment to complete this project. Grayhawk Lift Station began pumping to the Panther Creek Wastewater Treatment plant on April 15, 2008. The remaining work should be completed in June 2008.

New Elementary School in Grayhawk

The Grayhawk HOA Board would like to thank everyone who attended the May 28th meeting. The Board is pleased to bring news that Frisco ISD has secured a location in the Grayhawk community for a new elementary school. The new school will be located adjacent to Stafford middle school. The projected opening date of 2010 is subject to change based on changes in population and economic demographics.

Both the City of Frisco and Frisco ISD have worked hard on behalf of Grayhawk to help secure this school in our neighborhood. This is a great example of why Grayhawk residents should continue to register, vote, and participate in our Frisco community.

Information will be posted and updated on the Grayhawk HOA website as news and progress becomes available.

City of Frisco Election Results

The City of Frisco held General and Special Elections in May 2008. Voters cast their votes for a new mayor and two new council members to the Frisco City Council as well as two places on the Frisco ISD Board of Trustees. A referendum to allow establishments that serve alcoholic beverages to stay open until 2AM was also on the ballot.

Mayor

Matt Lafata 21.01%
Mahe Maso 76.99%

City Council Place 5 (Run-Off Election—June 14th)

Tim Nelson 38.32%
Bart Crowder 47.06%

City Council Place 6

Jim Tupper 23.30%
Scott Johnson 65.19%

Trustee, Place 4—Frisco ISD

Brenda Polk 60.57%
 Janet Maccubbin 39.43%

Trustee, Place 5—Frisco ISD

Jeremy Starritt 33.69%
Richard A. Beaver 66.31%

Referendum No 1

For Ordinance 43.25%
Against Ordinance 56.75%

For complete election results visit <http://www.co.collin.tx.us/elections/index.jsp>.

COPS—Citizens On Patrol



You may have seen them in shopping centers, at large city events, or possibly cruising through Grayhawk in the wee hours of the morning. You may not have recognized them at the time, but the Frisco Police Department has extra eyes watching out for us at all times.

Should you see these logos on the side of a vehicle or on the uniform of a person in our community going down our streets or allies, just know that COPS are there to help deter crime and assist the Frisco Police in protecting the citizens of Frisco.

If you would like to find out how you can get involved with the Frisco COPS program or just want to get more information, please visit www.friscocops.org.



Grayhawk Helping Hands

Coordinates volunteers to assist residents by providing meals, babysitting, running errands etc, during times of need. Support from neighbors during events such as the birth of a baby or illness is wonderful. Let us know when you or a neighbor needs a helping hand or if you are interested in volunteering.

For more information please contact Beth Kleiber at helpinghands@grayhawkfrisco.com

Crime Prevention Tip

Keep your garage door closed



Statistics show about half of the reported burglaries in Frisco are attributed to open garage doors. Burglars spot open garage doors and can remove visible items in a matter of seconds.

Learn to "Close the Door on Crime"