



# Glenn Heights Communicator

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

January 2010



The U.S. 2010 Census will be a snapshot of our nation's population – capturing our changing and diverse America in a fleeting moment in time. The 2010 Census will characterize who we are as a nation. It will influence **YOUR COMMUNITY'S FUTURE, YOUR COUNTRY'S FUTURE, AND YOUR FUTURE**. By participating in the census, you can help create a better future for you and those important to you.

The U.S. Census counts every resident in the United States and is required by the Constitution to take place every ten years. The 2010 Census will help communities receive more than \$400 billion in federal funds each year for things like: **Hospitals, Job training centers, Schools, Senior Centers, Bridges, tunnels and other public works projects and Emergency services**. The data collected also helps determine the number of seats your state has in the U.S. House of Representatives.

In **March of 2010**, census forms will be delivered to every residence in the United States and Puerto Rico. When you receive yours, just answer the ten short questions and then mail the form back in the postage paid envelope provided. If you don't mail the form back, you may receive a visit from a census taker who will ask you the questions from the form. ❖

## Glenn Heights Family Festival

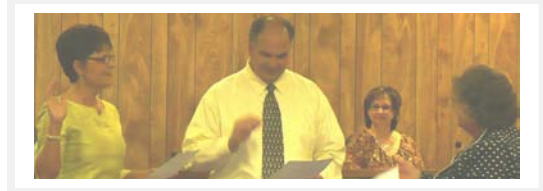


*The City of Glenn Heights celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in September with a Family Festival scheduled for three days. Due to the rain, the celebration was shortened by one day, the celebration was moved to Red Oak Intermediate and enjoyed by many.* ❖



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## General Election



The City Council of Glenn Heights will hold a General Election on **May 8, 2010**. The purpose of the General Election is to elect a Mayor and three Council Members – Place 2, Place 4, and Place 6 to serve three-year terms.

### Qualifications for Office

(1) Must be a citizen of the United States of America and (2) a registered qualified voter of the State of Texas and (3) shall be at least 18 years of age; and (4) shall live within the corporate limits of the City of Glenn Heights for at least one(1) year. Below is a calendar of events associated with the election:

February 6, 2010	1 <sup>st</sup> Day to file for Place on the Ballot.
March 8, 2010	Last Day to file for Place on the Ballot (5:00 p.m.)
March 9, 2010	Drawing for places on the ballot (2:00 p.m.) in the City Secretary's office.  1 <sup>st</sup> day to accept applications for ballot by mail.
April 8, 2010	Last day to register to vote.
April 26 – May 4, 2010	Early voting in person.
April 30, 2010	Last day to receive an application by mail for a ballot to be voted by mail (Received not postmarked).
May 8, 2010	Election Day – City Hall 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

In order to vote in the City of Glenn Heights General Election on May 8, 2010, you must be a registered voter in the City of Glenn Heights by Thursday, April 8, 2010. Voter registration forms are available at the Glenn Heights City Hall and any area U.S. Post Office.

Please contact Othel Murphree, City Secretary with any questions regarding the elections, at 972-223-1690 ext. 203 or email: [citysecretary@glennheights.com](mailto:citysecretary@glennheights.com). ❖

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## Keep Glenn Heights Beautiful

The Keep Glenn Heights Beautiful committee worked very hard in 2009 to move from a provisional affiliate to an affiliate status and succeeded. Coming soon, the City of Glenn Heights will receive an affiliate sign from Keep Texas Beautiful, which will be installed on one of our thoroughfares.

Chairman Carl Whitehead has been attending local Homeowner Association meetings to raise interest about improving and beautifying our City and to also solicit membership. The committee has doubled in membership.

Keep Glenn Heights Beautiful sponsored a Rain Water Harvesting presentation and make your own rain barrel in November. Twelve individuals participated in this class.

Look for our next event, which will be held on **Saturday, April 10, 2010**, in conjunction with Keep America Beautiful and Keep Texas Beautiful – **Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off**, a free litter event. Volunteers will meet to clean our thoroughfares and participate in special projects.

Save that date! ❖

### **Ten Practices You Can Do To Help Prevent Storm Water Runoff Pollution**

Over the past two years you have read and heard the City talk about storm water pollution and what each of us need to do to help minimize its effects.

Storm Water Management is not a new topic nor does it address a new problem. The federal government began these efforts in **1972 with the Clean Water Act** that focused on protecting and cleaning the public's water supply, creeks and lakes. This legislation has progressed and become more aggressive over the years.

The City of Glenn Heights, while required to implement many mandates, also strives to educate her citizens about how to better take care of our environment.

Here are ten easy practices we can all implement at our homes that are environmentally friendly and will greatly help with eliminating storm water pollution.

1. Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks and gutters.
2. Never dump anything down storm drains or in streams.
3. Vegetate bare spots in your yard.
4. Compost your yard waste.
5. Use least toxic pesticides, follow labels, and learn how to prevent pest problems.
6. Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces; consider a rain garden to capture runoff.
7. Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway.
8. Check your car for leaks and recycle your motor oil.
9. Pick up after your pet.
10. Have your septic tank pumped and system inspected regularly. ❖



## Fire Department

The Glenn Heights Fire Department continues to reach out and educate the youth of our city and surrounding areas. Above is a picture taken during a fire extinguisher class conducted by Keith Moore, Fire Inspector and other members of the Fire Department to twelve boys and girls from the Ellis County Young Marines.

The Glenn Heights Fire Department visited D.T. Shields Elementary and Frank D. Moates Elementary during the second week of October 2009 for Fire Prevention Week sharing information with the students and challenged the students to participate in a Firefighter For A Day Essay Contest. One winner from each school was chosen by the Fire Department staff in December. The two winners received a ride to school in the Glenn Heights Fire Department Engine 301 with Sparky. ❖



Allison Bicknell,  
Shields Elementary

Veronica Guerrero,  
Moates Elementary



## Water Utilities

**Coming soon** – online payment by credit card or bank draft will be available – tentatively set for February 2010

Daylight Saving Time Begins  
March 14, 2010

### SENIOR CITIZENS MEETINGS

The Senior Citizens of Glenn Heights meet the third Wednesday of each month at the Elks Lodge on Hampton Road. The meeting's agenda varies from an invited speaker sharing information to socializing and line dancing. Please mark your calendar and join us at our next meeting. ❖

January 20      February 17      March 17



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

PLACE: CITY HALL      TIME: 7:30 P.M.  
City Council meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month.

#### PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

PLACE: CITY HALL      TIME: 7:30 P.M.  
Planning and Zoning meets 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month.

#### PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

PLACE: CITY HALL      TIME: 7:00 P.M.  
Park Board meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month.

#### HOLIDAYS OBSERVED 1ST QUARTER

CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED TO OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS:

- FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2010 - NEW YEAR'S DAY
- MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2010 – MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

Annual Pet Registration/Vaccination Clinic  
Saturday, January 9, 2010    1:00 – 4:00 P.M.  
Fire Department, 1938 S. Hampton Rd

**2010 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT NEWS**

IT IS NEVER TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT NATIONAL NIGHT OUT. GLENN HEIGHTS NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IS A NIGHT FOR OUR COMMUNITY TO BE PROUD OF, AND IT GIVES EVERYONE AN OPPORTUNITY TO STAND TOGETHER TO PROMOTE AWARENESS, SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD UNITY.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING, OR SPONSORING, PLEASE CONTACT TERRI MILLER, EVENT COORDINATOR AT 972-223-2107, X254 OR BY EMAIL POLICEADMIN@GLENNHEIGHTS.COM.

**Coming in January 2010** – a new tool for Citizens to report a problem or find answers to a question will be added to the City's website at [www.glennheights.com](http://www.glennheights.com). On the HOME page look for the link titled **Citizens Action Center**. Click on the link and follow the directions.

Citizens will have access 24/7 to find answers to questions , ask a question or report a service request anonymously or by leaving your name. A tracking number will be initiated for all service requests for you to track your requests.

The goal of this new tool is to improve citizen communication, overall customer service, and have one central location for all information.

Let us hear from you!

### Crime Prevention

As a reminder,

- Remember to lock your vehicles and homes.
- Keep your valuables out of sight.
- Leaving garage doors open and lawn equipment outside is an open invitation to theft.
- Do not become a crime statistic; do not give a criminal an opportunity.
- Shred all identifying information to protect yourself against Identity Theft.
- Never provide personal information such as your social security number to unsolicited requests, either by telephone or internet.

#### Home Security Surveys

Glenn Heights Police Department has personnel to conduct home security surveys for its citizens. A survey can result in a reduction to your homeowner's insurance. To schedule or for additional information, please contact Sergeant Kevon Howard at 972-223-2107 ext 252 or [khoward132@glennheights.com](mailto:khoward132@glennheights.com).

#### Neighborhood Services Officer

Officer Kyle Boles is the newly appointed Neighborhood Services Officer. If you have specific concerns or issues in your neighborhood please contact him at [kboles@glennheights.com](mailto:kboles@glennheights.com). Officer Boles will be glad to assist in any way he can to help resolve issues.

If the situation calls for an immediate response or it's an emergency , call the Police Department at 911 or at 972-223-3478.

#### Code Enforcement

The primary goal of the Code Enforcement Department is to help ensure that our City is neat, clean and gives citizens a sense of pride.

- You can do that by maintaining your yards and fences.
- Trimming trees, weed eat, and edge property.
- Do not sweep or blow yard trimmings or grass into the street.
- Ensure that your house numbers are clearly displayed on the front of your home.



**City of Glenn Heights**  
**1938 S. Hampton Road**  
**Glenn, Heights, TX 75154**

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[www.glennheights.com](http://www.glennheights.com)

City Hall 972-223-1690

Mayor Clark Choate	x400
Mayor Pro Tem Chance Harvey	x405
Councilman Doug Burton	x401
Councilwoman Mary Ann Chancellor	x404
Councilwoman Kathy Dixon	x403
Councilman Dan Freeman	x402
Councilman Victor Pereira	x406
City Manager	x207
City Secretary	x203
Finance	x202
Fire Chief	x212
Human Resources	x206
Water Billing	x200

Police Department.	972-223-3478
Police Chief	x260
Police Sergeant	x258
Police Investigator	x252 or 257
Police Administrative Assistant	x254
Animal Control	x261
Code Enforcement	x255
Municipal Court	x256
Building Inspections	972-274-5100
Economic Development	972-274-5100
Municipal Services Department	972-274-5100
Planning Division	972-274-5100

**Community Numbers**

Charter Communications	866-937-2427
D.A.R.T.	214-515-7272
Dallas Central Appraisal District	214-631-0910
HILCO Electric	800-338-6425
Police (non-emergency)	972-223-3478
Police/Fire Emergency	911
Atmos Energy	800-460-3030
AT & T	800-464-7928
Dallas County Commissioner	
Dist. 3, John Wiley Price	214-653-6671
Ellis County Commissioner	
Dist. 4, Ron Brown	972-723-8017

Oncor Electric	972-791-2888
DeSoto ISD	972-223-6666
DeSoto Joint School & City Tax Office	972-223-6400
Red Oak ISD	972-617-2941
Waste Management	214-328-8888