

Thunderbird Neighborhood (2005)

[Action Plan](#)

Ongoing Projects

Objective	Cost	Responsibility	Status
Ensure sidewalks, streets, and alleys are continuous, well maintained, and unobstructed by surveying existing conditions and working with City of Plano Public Works Department to address these concerns. Investigate the need to extend sidewalks along Premier Drive	Staff Time	Public Works	Ongoing
In cases where lighting is obscured by the tree canopy, work with property owners to get these trees trimmed	Staff Time	Residents/ Parks & Recreation	Ongoing (Resident Initiative)
Maintain the existing tree inventory by replacing dead or dying trees	N/A	Residents	Resident Initiative
Be vigilant in the reporting and following up of Property Standards and code violations	Staff Time	Residents/ Property Standards	Ongoing (Resident Initiative)
Provide an opportunity for neighbors to get to know one another by organizing annual block parties	N/A	Residents	Resident Initiative
Protect the residential character of the neighborhood from cut-through traffic, disruptive on street parking, and speeding, while maintaining convenient access to and across major arterial streets by working with the City of Plano Safe Streets Program	Staff Time	Transportation Engineering	Resident Initiative
Coordinate a neighborhood tree planting campaign	Staff Time	Residents/ Urban Forester	Resident Initiative
Organize and complete a campaign to encourage residents to install motion detectors and light timers	N/A	Residents	Resident Initiative
Reduce crime and increase the overall awareness of order in the neighborhood by reorganizing the Neighborhood Crime Watch group	N/A	Residents/ Neighborhood Police Officers	Resident Initiative
Create a forum for residents to become familiar with neighborhood activities and interact with each other by developing and maintaining a neighborhood website	N/A	Residents	Resident Initiative
Encourage local commercial centers to participate in the "Lock, Take, and Hide" program	\$12/sign	Residents/ Police	Resident Initiative

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Encourage motorists to drive safely in alleys by posting speed limit signs in alleys through the City of Plano Public Works Department	\$15/sign	Residents/ Public Works	Feasible – Requires Resident Initiative – Signs are posted to someone's fence
Improve sense of community involvement by forming a voluntary neighborhood association	N/A	Residents	Resident Initiative

Completed Projects

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Encourage effective tree planting by educating residents on tree selection, planting, maintenance, and preservation by inviting local landscape experts and arborists to attend a neighborhood meeting and by distributing landscape educational information to all residents	Staff Time	Residents/ Parks & Recreation/ Neighborhood Planner	Completed
Upgrade the sub-standard section of Thunderbird Lane from Cross Bend Road to Cambridge Drive	\$168,000 (2005 Bond election)	Engineering/ Public Works	Completed
Design and install neighborhood sign toppers at all intersections within the Thunderbird neighborhood	Sign Toppers - approx. \$2,500.00 (Existing Budgets)	Residents/ Neighborhood Planning	Completed
Improve neighborhood identity and interconnectedness by researching, drafting, and distributing a historical account of the neighborhood	N/A	Residents	Completed
Improve compliance with property standards regulations by informing residents how to identify and report the Top Ten Code Violations"	Staff Time	Residents/ Property Standards	Completed
Promote homeownership by sending a targeted mailer about the City of Plano First Time Homebuyer's Program to rental properties in the neighborhood	Staff Time	Neighborhood Services	Completed
Encourage home maintenance by educating residents about the City of Plano Housing Rehabilitation Program	Staff Time	Residents/ Neighborhood Services	Completed

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Increase education efforts from the Solid Waste Division to teach neighbors how to use the Solid Waste services more effectively and thus clean up the neighborhood. Education efforts include distribution of schedules showing regular and special collection dates, educational brochures, and refrigerator magnets that remind residents of collection rules	Staff Time	Residents/ Solid Waste	Completed
Reduce number of stray animals in neighborhood by educating residents on current animal control procedures	Staff Time	Animal Control	Completed
Evaluate neighborhood street lights to ensure minimum City street light distance standards are met, and that all street lights function properly	Staff Time/ Approx. \$1000	Engineering	Completed
Encourage prompt faulty streetlights reports by educating residents about all the reporting procedures and options	Staff Time	Residents/ Neighborhood Planner	Completed
Inform the neighborhood of municipal services and procedures by producing and distributing an all-inclusive <i>Neighborhood Resident Guide</i> to current residents and residents moving into the neighborhood. (Resident Guides are contact numbers, general procedures, and descriptions of the neighborhood.)	Printing & postage approx. \$1,650	Residents/ Neighborhood Planner	Completed

Other Projects

Objective	Cost	Responsibility	Status
Investigate options to mitigate the health hazards associated with water that accumulates and stands for extended periods of time on the private driveway located southeast of the intersection of Renaissance Drive and Premier Drive	Staff Time	Health Department	The Health Department investigated the danger associated with water standing at this location. No threats to health were discovered
Investigate the need to modify the Thunderbird Lane street closures that affect safety	Staff Time	Residents/ Transportation Engineering	Decided not to do at this time - The bulk of the neighborhood appears to continue its support of the current offset of Thunderbird Lane at Rushmore Lane & Grand Teton Drive. Since the idea was voiced a while back, staff has not received a request for participation in the Safe Streets Program. Therefore, no plans are being made to connect the road or modify neighborhood traffic at this time

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