## Friends and Neighbors—much to report:

**Neighborhood Meeting:** We will have our semi-annual general meeting of the neighborhood association on Tuesday evening, October 26 at 6 p.m. PLEASE JOIN US. We will be meeting at the James Weldon Johnson School, Monroe St. at Hickory. Entrance to the cafeteria, where the meeting will be held, is from the back of the building, off Eagle Street, into the lighted, secure parking lot. (From Leonidas, turn onto Hickory toward Jefferson parish. At the first corner (Monroe), you'll see the school on the right. At the next street (Eagle), turn right, then turn into the lot behind the school.)

We'll provide some food (pizzas and drinks) and you are welcome to bring other pot-luck sorts of food for sharing, but that's not necessary. We'll **start the program at 6:30.** In part, we want to talk about the school itself and the neighborhood's involvement with it. We're already cooperating on a major gardening project. We'll also hear about the school's application for

charter status and discuss the challenges and opportunities that presents.

Councilwoman Guidry will join us if the budget hearings that will be going on that week don't interfere. We'll talk about our new neighborhood mapping project (showing blight, infrastructure problems, etc.), about the Citizens' Participation Project (mostly our getting better and more timely information from the city), and lots of other things. And we'll be happy to hear from you, about whatever is on your mind, and to have your help in improving our neighborhood association.

I do hope you will mark your calendar and plan to come.

Scary News: This just in from our friends at the Palmer Park
Neighborhood Association. I was asked to share it with you. This has been quite a hit with local kids (and associated adults, too) in its first few years. This is the fourth. Note that it's Saturday, the night before Halloween—to avoid conflicting with the Saints game. Enjoy!!

Yea!!!!! It's That Time Again...

The Palmer Park Neighborhood Association 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Block Party!

> Saturday, Oct 30 6-9 p.m. (note the date)

Please join the neighborhood children meeting at **8134 Sycamore Place** @ **5:45** to go trick or treating to designated houses.

Block party kicks off on the 8100 block of Sycamore Place at 6 p.m.

Each family is asked to bring their drinks (we have coolers) and a spooky dish to share.

This magical neighborhood event is FREE however, for those that can afford it, a suggested donation of \$5.00 helps pay for event expenses and future neighborhood projects... (Like the Holiday Caroling coming in December)

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Do you want to hand out candy to trick or treaters?
Yes, our house will hand out candy to the group of children on Saturday from 6-8.
Family name
Address
Phone
Donation amount enclosed \$
****Please drop off this form and any donations to 8220 Neron Place in mail slot on porch

**Speaking of caroling.** That's being planned by the Carrollton Area Network for **Saturday**, **December** 11, at 5:30 p.m. in Palmer **Park**. There'll be some food and drink there as well J - plus candles, music sheets and all the necessities. Some members of the Loyola choir who live in the neighborhood are helping out and, with a few of their friends, should help make this a great holiday-starting event. The organizers need a bit of **help,** decorating the park earlier that afternoon and cleaning up afterwards. Volunteers? Let me know. The decorating part, at least, could be fun.

There will be a major clean-up day by "1 by Youth" on Saturday,
November 6. They'll be cutting tall grass and helping with minor repairs and painting on some homes in the neighborhood. Thanks to Rev.
Stanford Williams who is organizing this event. They expect 300 workers. Anyone want to help keep things running smoothly that day?

Best,
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