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City launches new Web tool for community associations; *Additional input is being sought from the community*

Dallas – The City of Dallas has launched the Community Associations Mapping Project, an online service that allows residents to quickly access information on local homeowner, neighborhood and crime watch associations.

The interactive site, accessed through www.dallascityhall.com (click on ‘Find a Map’ in the left column), allows residents to type in their home address and obtain information on their local neighborhood association, homeowners association and/or crime watch zone, including meeting times and locations. The availability of this map will encourage residents to become more involved in their neighborhoods, according to Assistant City Manager Jill Jordan.

“The more involved and invested people are in their communities and neighborhoods, the better and stronger Dallas becomes,” said Jordan. “We have found that although many people wanted to get involved in their neighborhoods, they just didn’t know where to start. This tool makes getting involved easier.”

Although community associations do not officially register with the City of Dallas, the City’s Strategic Customer Service Department (SCS) recognized the need for a central, user-friendly database that could provide information on meeting times and locations. In October 2006, SCS sent questionnaires to all known homeowners associations, neighborhood associations and crime watch zones requesting updated contact information. Development Services, Dallas Police and the Dallas Library also participated in the project.

The City of Dallas continues to seek the most up-to-date information on community associations and encourages members to contact the City with current meeting times and locations. New information provided will be used to update the interactive map. Quarterly updates will be made as necessary to maintain the most accurate information possible.

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