

RICHLAND NEWS



Richland Park/Richland Oaks Homeowners' Association Newsletter
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CALENDAR

April 22	Earth Day
April 25	Neighborhood Picnic in the Park and Bike Rodeo
May 2	Neighborhood Trash Collection Morning
May 16	Armed Forces Day
May 25	Memorial Day Holiday Observed
May 30	Memorial Day
June 5	RISD Student Holiday or Snow Make-up Day
June 6	Neighborhood Trash Collection Morning
June 14	Flag Day
June 21	Father's Day, Summer Begins



Neighborhood kids learned about bicycle safety at last year's Bike Rodeo while practicing a special skills course. More than 50 children participated.

Richland Park/Oaks HOA hosts annual Picnic in the Park & Bike Rodeo April 25

Bring your family and your neighbors to the second annual Picnic in the Park and Bike Rodeo **April 25** hosted by the Richland Park/Richland Oaks Neighborhood Association.

The Bike Rodeo begins at 10 a.m. and is designed to teach children bike safety as well as help them make adjustments to brakes, seats, chains—all of the things needed to keep the young bike riders safe.

At noon you are invited to bring a blanket, chairs, and your lunch to Richland Park for a time of meeting, greeting and enjoying your neighbors. The HOA will provide beverages.

There will be games for those who would like to participate including: backgammon, chess, horseshoes, croquet, volleyball, kick-ball, Frisbees, and football.

If you have other games you'd like to play, bring them along for the afternoon.

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President's Message

Dear Residents,

“Picnic in the Park” and BIKE RODEO

It is time for our **2nd Annual Spring “Picnic in the Park”** event. This is a time to pack a lunch, bring a blanket, a chair and sit back and relax with your neighbors. We will have Croquette and other games for both adults and children and we will also have our **annual Bike Rodeo** so come on out and let's socialize.

Membership Drive

We're now halfway through our membership drive. Your support for the neighborhood is greatly appreciated. Remember, it takes funding to produce this newsletter you are reading as well as to provide social activities and to support our Crime Watch Patrol.

Plus, we have Matching Funds for our Architectural and Beautification program and our NEW Fall Event. We are fortunate to be able to have our Fall Event in conjunction with the National Night Out Against Crime (NNO) again this year. **Please join the HOA and contribute to the cause which allows our neighborhood to prosper. Keep the energy alive.**

Architecturals

The City of Richardson (COR) is gearing up to start on the entry designs at Walnut and Audelia. We have worked on this for some time and I know everyone is ready to see the change. I will e-blast when the dates are set for construction.

Furthermore, the COR recently had its second meeting for the Neighborhood Vitality Program (NVP) This program is designed for revising and/or modifying the scope of architectural and engineering projects for our neighborhood such as proposed street lighting throughout the neighborhood, better streets/sidewalks, etc. We will keep you posted on the progress.

I am here to serve you. If you have any suggestions, concerns, or just want to talk, contact me at president@richlandhoa.com or call 972-235-0230 (home) or 214-698-9936 (office). My door is open!

Sincerely,

Curtis Dorian

Curtis Dorian, President, RHA

INFORMATION



Y' ALL COME !! 2ND ANNUAL PICNIC IN THE PARK

and

Bike Rodeo

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

Richland Park Pavilion & Grounds

Rodeo at 10a.m. – Picnic at Noon

Start your family celebration with the FREE bike rodeo at 10 a.m. All kids with bikes can learn valuable safety tips, have their bikes inspected and adjustments made on brakes, tire pressure, chains, seats and more. There's also a skills course to help them master riding techniques.

FREE bike engraving, refreshments and surprises!

Join your HOA for a noon PICNIC IN THE PARK

You bring a blanket, chairs and your lunch. Your HOA will provide beverages and:

- Volleyballs
- Frisbees
- Kick-balls
- Footballs
- Horseshoes
- Outdoor chess
- Backgammon
- Croquet
- And a few surprises

In case of inclement weather the event will be rescheduled.

INFORMATION/SAFETY

Crime Watch Report

Hi, neighbors,

Spring is here and we all want to spruce up the yard and flowerbeds and paint the outside. But we also need to be watchful of our surroundings.

Recently I was driving through the neighborhood and many of you were out working in your yards. As I saw you in the front yards I would then drive up through the alley and wouldn't you know, most of you had your GARAGE DOORS OPEN!

I know it's a hassle but you MUST keep those doors down while working in your yards unless you can see them every minute. The burglars are also watching you and it only takes them a few seconds to get what they want.

They could, and have, gone right into your home and taken your TV, laptop, cell phone, cash and credit cards and be gone before you even know they were there.

Crime right now is down in our area but it is up in the northern part of the city. This could change if you keep leaving the door of opportunity open. So, when you're outside, stop and think, did I put the garage door down? Check it.

Thanks to all of you who have been leaving your outside lights on at night. It really helps us on late night patrols. Some alleys are very dark and there are too many shadows for the crooks to hide in, so let's keep those lights on. I know it costs a few extra dollars but it is worth it.

On another note, there is a new way for thieves to get into your locked car while you are out shopping.

How to Lock Your Car

You park your car, get out, and as you walk away, you push the remote, hear the horn, see the lights flash and leave only to come back after shopping to find your car UNLOCKED and your laptop, GPS, and whatever, gone.

There is a device that robbers are using to clone your security code when you lock your car using your remote. They sit in parking lots and watch as you pull in. They know you will be gone for awhile. As you push the button on your remote it sends a signal that they can capture and enter your car after you are in the store. When you push the LOCK button on your door, it does NOT send a signal and your car is still protected.

This is something totally new and is real. Please be aware of this and tell a friend. Remember, while out shopping or out to dinner, use the LOCK button on your door and NOT your remote.

Also, be aware of people around you when you return to your car as they are also watching you return. If things don't look right, go back into the store and call for security to escort you to your car. They are happy to do so.

Stay safe out there,
Bob McClure
Crime Watch Coordinator
Crimewatchone@yahoo.com
214-763-0589

Summer PD camps teach safety to kids

Registration is underway for Summer Safety Camp presented by the Richardson Police Department.

Children who have completed kindergarten and not yet entered 4th grade are eligible.

There are nine week-long sessions during the summer from 9 a.m. to noon each day at the Richardson Police Sub-Station, 2003 E. Renner Road.

Cost is \$10 per child which includes all materials and snacks. The fee is to be paid the first day of camp. Children may attend only one session.

For more information and an application, go to www.cor.net and find Summer Safety Camp.

Applications can also be picked up at the Richardson Police Station, 140 N. Greenville Ave.

Applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis with children who have not attended in the past processed first.

Quick Tip

Keep track of your valuables. It's important to take a complete inventory of your belongings.

Note the model and serial numbers of your appliances, television sets, laptops, audio equipment, computers, printers, guns, etc.

Take photographs of your jewelry and other valuables and keep several copies of your list in safe places being sure to update the list with each new purchase.

Engrave the letters "TX" (for Texas) and your driver's license number on all valuables and get your vehicle's identification number (VIN) etched on the window glass (a free service offered by the police.

These are very effective tools Used by law enforcement to help fight crime.



INFORMATION/NEIGHBORS

Block Captains Needed

Do you live in the 600 block of Sheffield? If so, please consider joining the Block Captain group of neighbors. Your block is the only one in the neighborhood without block captains. Here's your chance to provide a service and have fun at the same time.

Block captains introduce themselves to new neighbors, give them a prepared welcome packet and hand out neighborhood directories to their block once a year.

It's a lively group who enjoy the neighborhood and each other. Come join us.

To participate, contact Millie and Dave Harrison, 972-231-2748 or e-mail millieexc@aol.com.

Welcome to our new neighbors

Sheffield wins the prize in this edition for the number of new neighbors.

If you are in the vicinity, say hello and welcome them to Richland Park/Richland Oaks. This is also a good time to update your neighborhood directory. Phone numbers will follow as soon as they are available.

If you have moved into the neighborhood in the last three months and haven't seen your name in either the March edition or this edition of the "Richland News," contact Block Captain chairs Millie & Dave Harrison, 972-231-2748 or millieexc@aol.com

David Harris & Laura Brashear
600 Birch
John Oshadi
610 Park Bend
Nigel Irani & Aayesha Soomro-Irani
514 Sheffield, 972-664-0791
Rob & Clara Boyce
615 Sheffield, 360-927-4529
Nega B. Tilahun & T. Desta Tedenke
636 Sheffield
Lori Conn & son, Tyler
516 Stillmeadow
Marty & Lynn Woosley
1233 Whispering Oaks, 214-500-6091

We now have phone numbers for the following new neighbors.

Annette & Eric Ferrell, 972-664-0433
Shirley & L. Wayne Davies, 972-308-6078

In Sympathy

Deepest sympathy to Sara Schwarze and her family. Sara's father passed away in March of this year.

2009 Block Captains

Birch

400 Carol Levy 972-234-8069
500 Jewel Click & Margaret Watt 972-783-7606
600 Cassie McCampbell 972-235-1166

Country Side

400 Marshall & Lucy Bateman 972-889-2922

Fieldwood

400 Pam & Daryl Crum 972-690-6091

Fieldwood Circle

600 Janet Kurka 972-699-0913

Goodwin

400 Jim & Valenda Archer 972-238-9434
500 Vickie & Steve Tesmer 972-238-5971
600 Vinod & Traute Malhotra 972-669-1970

Harvest Glen

400 Jim & Valenda Archer 972-238-9434
500 Beverly Peavy 972-235-8518
600 David & Faye Galvan 972-680-8759

Hilton

1100 Judy Blome 972-783-7069

Park Bend

400 Pam Crum 972-690-6091
600 Gwen Turner 972-235-2152

Richland Oaks

1100 & 1200 Blocks Carol Ann Thomas 972-680-3392

Richland Park

1200 Jim & Valenda Archer 972-238-9434

River Oaks

400 Alice & Jamie Kelly 972-437-9053

Sheffield

400 James & Juanell Teague 972-238-5863,
Karen Atkinson 972-480-8712
500 Ron Coyne 972-690-5397, Michael Pinto 972-231-5381
600 Open

South Lois Lane

1000 Janet Kurka 972-699-0913

Stillmeadow

400 Jim & Valenda Archer 972-238-9434
500 Gary & D'Nelle Lyons 972-238-8560
600 Dorthy & George McKearin 972-238-9308

Tall Oaks

400 Carolyn & Ed Murphy 972-234-6043

Tiffany Trail

400 Susan Mather 972-690-4123
500 Barbara & Russell Reed 972-234-1726
600 Pamela & Robert Tharp 972-690-0931

Wentworth

500 Andrea Harris 972-690-8536
600 Millie & Dave Harrison 972-231-2748

Whispering Oaks

1100 & 1200 Blks. Neal & Florence Frager 214-766-4384

Winding Brook

400 Sara Johnson 972-644-7349

To volunteer as a Block Captain, call:

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INFORMATION/NEIGHBORS



Neal & Florence Frager welcomed Camille Pauline on Jan. 21. "Papa" Neal reports that all are "doing great!"



Welcome to Kennedy Ann Brooks born Feb. 26. Parents are Lisa & Neil (doing holding honors above).

Welcome and congrats are in order

A belated congratulations to John and Deborah (Starnes) Entzminger who were married July 26 and welcome to John who is a new neighbor and Richland Oaks homeowner.

City of Richardson ordinances say control dog barking and "scoop the poop"

It's rude.
It's un-neighborly.
It's against the law.

The Richardson City Code includes ordinances instructing residents to pick up after their dogs and to control dogs that bark excessively.

Richland Park offers "pooper scooper" bag dispensers for your convenience. If you're walking your dog in the neighborhood, the city notes that doubled newspaper delivery bags or empty bread bags can also be used as pooper scooper mitts. The point is, you are to clean up after your animals. Period.

If you know who the pet owner is who does not clean up after her/his pet, call the Richardson Animal Shelter 972-744-4480, for further action.

According to an article in "Richardson Today," if you are disturbed by excessive barking in the neighborhood, you can also call the Richardson Animal Shelter. An animal service officer will visit the home of the offending dog and talk to the owner about methods of quieting the dog. If the barking continues, you may call again and a formal letter will be sent to the dog owner.

If the problem continues, you may file an affidavit against the dog owner and will need to appear in court to testify.

For more information, call the Richardson Animal Shelter.

Single? Here's a group

If you are single and would like to participate in a neighborhood singles group, one is being organized now.

Contact Susan Mather, wam7212@sbcglobal.net or call 972-690-4123.

You can be widowed, divorced, or single by choice and be instrumental in planning activities and creating a group for many to enjoy. All ages are welcome.

Join the clean team

Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 2, and join the 1st Saturday neighborhood clean up team. Meet at 8 a.m. at Richland Park (Lois St. side). Only takes a half hour. Questions? Call Gwen Turner, 972-235-2152.



Fireworks Display

May 8 & 9,
approximately 9 p.m.

celebrating the
Richland College Graduation

Again this year, a fireworks display sponsored by Richland College Corporate Services will follow commencement ceremonies at approximately 9 p.m. We hope you will enjoy the fireworks display and that the sounds do not alarm or disturb you. For more information, or to watch Graduation live via webcast, visit www.richlandcollege.edu.

Weather Permitting



Richland College

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NEIGHBORS

Celebrations!

Send corrections and additions to Valenda Archer, vk_archer@sbcglobal.net. To protect your privacy, dates will be removed before posting this page on the HOA website.

Happy Birthday!!

MAY

Eric VonBerg
Karin Anderson
Diana Ruuska
Amy Scheer
Diane Binford
Paula Crank
KK Atkinson
Karen Listol
Janelle Wawrzonek
Louise Kent
Ella Mitchell
Charles Merz
George McKearin
Gwen Turner
Bill Medley
Nancy Salazar
Glen Soderstrom
Lane Smutz
Sandy Ylda
Ricardo Gomez
Janell Macicek
Mary Lew Boles
Clement Obinwa
Vassie Bell
Mike Caruthers
Jim Evans
May Alkarboly
Janet Stiles

JUNE

Judy Bailey
Andy Patchen
Kathleen Schafer
Hwa Ja Bang
Jaimie Scheer
Charlotte Gatlin
Tara Smutz
Charlie Patchen
Shawn Walsh
Liz Wetherington
Johanna Whitaker
John Danna
Bill Gatlin
Bonnie Dieckmann
John Mathis
Greg Ylda
Susan Fischer
Dave Harrison
Jerry Smutz
Paul Humphries
Anne Brophy
Blake Burnham
Michelle Dooley
Johnny Moffitt
Rose Lynn Lange
Gerald Perkus
Hazel Merz
Veronica Gomez
Bruce Troy
Rowan Upton

Happy Anniversary!



MAY

Michelle & Gerald Perkus
Cheryl & Scott Slemmons
Rose Lynn & Jeromey Lange
Barbara & Mike Morrison
Elizabeth & David Pomajzl
Bonnie & Blake Burnham
Traute & Vinod Malhotra
Stefanie & Vladimir Bulatovic
Melody & Dennis Lynch
Connie & John McClung
Dorothy & George McKearin

JUNE

Kay & Phillip Forbes
Joni & Joel Holliday
Beverly & Charles Peavy
Nell & Barney Olive
Mixon & Paul Brabham
Keysha & Derrick McCloud
Pat & Frank Alexander
Charlotte & Bill Gatlin
D'Nelle & Gary Lyons
Gail & John Colwick
Susan & Alan Fischer
Elinor & Bob Barnett
Judy & Shawn Sutherland
Veronica & Ricardo Gomez
Patsy & John McAdam
Kay & Norman Tabor
Sue & Art Wagner

