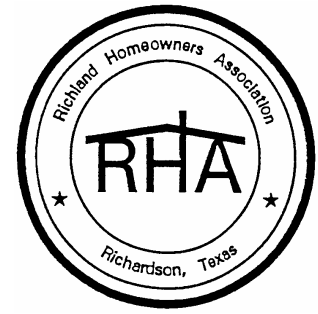


RICHLAND NEWS



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June 2009

CALENDAR

- July 4 *Independence Day
 *Neighborhood
 Flag Day
 *City of Richardson
 "Family 4th"
 Celebration,
 Breckridge Park
 6:45 p.m. Fireworks
 approx. 9:45 p.m.

- July 19 Richardson Com-
 munity Band free
 concert, 7 p.m.,
 Civic Center Lawn

- August 1 Neighborhood
 Clean-up Morning

- August 15 National Homeless
 Animals Day

- August 24 RISD begins

- September 5 Neighborhood
 Clean-up Morning

- September 7 Labor Day



June storms blew through the neighborhood felling entire trees in the park and ripping limbs from trees on many of our streets like this sight on Park Bend. Residents were fortunate not to be among the thousands who lost power during the storms and who had to wait several days for it to be restored.



Be part of the annual neighborhood July 4th flag distribution event

Each 4th of July the lawns of Richland Park and Richland Oaks sport American flags thanks to the

Homeowners Association and Gary and D'Nelle Lyons who host a breakfast following the flag distribution.

Volunteers are needed to place flags curbside in front of every house in the neighborhood. The end result is a beautiful representation of American spirit and continues a long-standing tradition for Richland Park and Richland Oaks.

To participate, be at the Lyons' home, 523 Stillmeadow, between 8-8:30 a.m.. (It gets hot quickly in July in Texas.) Flags will be prepared by block for easy distribution.

After your flags are distributed you're invited to have refreshments at the Lyons'. See you there.

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Curtis Dorian

President's Message

Dear Residents,

As always, I like to start this message by saying THANKS to all of our volunteers, our wonderful Board, Block Captains, Crime Watch, Web-Master and the residents of Richland Park/Oaks for making this neighborhood a safe and quality place to live.

ALB—Architectural-Landscaping-Beautification:

Entrance construction has obviously been delayed but not to worry, it will commence later this year. The City of Richardson is currently working on the detailed designs with the consultant and with utility companies for the Park Bend wall and for entries around the neighborhood. The project schedule is to start bidding in September.* The bidding and award process takes three months after which it is scheduled for construction in late 2009. Please do not get discouraged. I realize we have been working on this for a long time, but once it is complete we will move on to bigger and better things with our NVP-Neighborhood Vitality Programs, Matching Funds and Capitol Funding Programs.

Membership:

Annual HOA fees are voluntary which we all know. I thank everyone on the membership side as well as the donors. You have no idea how much it is appreciated and the good deed you are doing. If you have not contributed your \$40 please consider doing so. Funds are used for enhancing this neighborhood in many ways. I know times are tough right now. Let's not let our neighborhood suffer. There is a brighter light around the bend. Let's be ready.

Crime Watch:

Crime is down in our neighborhood. For details, refer to the crime watch section on page 3 of this newsletter.

Volunteers:

We received quite an interest from the residents to volunteer their time. Each area of interest will be divided up between the board members. If you haven't been contacted, you will be soon. Some of the programs have already begun. As to the ALB section, Susan Mather and I will be sending everyone an invitation to join us in a meeting to discuss what responsibilities and tasks are needed to perfect our system.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Curtis Dorian

Curtis Dorian, President, RHA

* You may be able to help speed up this process. E-mail your concerns about these repeated delays to Don Manger, Neighborhood Vitality, at don.manger@cor.gov.

SAFETY

Crime Watch Report

Hi, neighbors.

School is out so let's all be watchful driving through the neighborhood for kids at play, joggers, and walkers. Drive slow coming out of the alley so as not to hit anyone.

The Bike Rodeo was a great success. We had more than 20 of our finest young boys and girls come out for some great fun. Officer Trevino with the Richardson Police Department, was also a big hit. He let all the kids play with the siren, turn on the red lights, sit in the back seat, and we even had a couple of our older young men try the handcuffs. Hope they got that out of their system. Special thanks to the Richardson Bike Mart for checking every bike to make sure all bolts and nuts were tight. They also checked tires for correct air pressure and made sure the bikes were in good working order. Thanks to Ken Schuman, Dave Pomajzl and all the volunteers. You did a great job.

Crime in our part of the woods is WAY DOWN. According to the Richardson Police Department (RPD) since May 1, 1009, to this writing (June 9) there have been NO burglaries, only three criminal mischief cases and three burglaries of motor vehicles. I'd like to think it was all Crime Watch Patrol making a difference but it is also up to you to keep things locked up. Don't leave anything in your car or truck that you want to keep—radar detector, GPS, laptops, purses, wallets, watches—even empty sacks. The crooks will break the window just to make sure they're empty.

I had a call recently from a neighbor who was upset that he got a ticket from RPD because his home alarm went off and when his monitoring service could not reach him they sent the police to check it out. As it turned out, he had never applied for an alarm permit. He, like many of you, was not aware that he had to have an alarm permit. These permits are \$30 per year and must be renewed each year. Failure to secure a permit from the city for an active alarm system may result in fines up to \$500 for each offense. Each and every day the violation continues constitutes a separate offense. Wow! Just pay the \$30. This allows the owner three false alarms per year toll free. After that, fees attach. Go to the Richardson Police Department website for more details. You can also apply on-line there.

I have been trying to reach several of you that checked the crime watch box on the homeowners' association membership application. If I have not talked to you, please call me at 214-763-0589 and I will explain what it's all about.

Have a great summer and keep up what you're doing because it's working.

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



Roy Coyne (left), Jan Kurka and Valenda Archer were among those attending the new evening monthly Crime Watch Patrol meeting. Richland Park/Oaks crime watchers met with their counterparts from Heights Terrace and with Richardson Police representatives for area updates.

Alarm permits needed

If you have a home alarm system you must have a permit for it. Permits cost \$30 per year and are available through the City of Richardson.

If you do NOT have an alarm permit, fines could be up to \$500.

For information, log on to www.cor.net and click on Alarm Permits or call 972-831-7402.

You can report minor crimes online

If you are a victim of a minor crime in Richardson—the crime must be a misdemeanor (loss valued at less than \$1,500)—you can report the crime to the Richardson Police from your computer.

The reporting system is accessed from the Richardson Police Department Web site at www.cor.net/PD by clicking the Online Police Reporting link.

You can file your crime report under one of four categories: Theft; Lost Property; Vehicle Burglary; or Vandalism.

There is one exception. If a gun is stolen, a police officer is required to take the report in person.

Remember, the crime must have occurred in Richardson and the value of the loss must be no greater than \$1,500. You can get more information by visiting www.cor.net/PD.

SAFETY



Bike Rodeo brings fun and safety tips to youngsters

More than 20 neighborhood youngsters learned about bike safety at the April spring bike rodeo.

Sponsored by the HOA and Richardson Bike Mart, the event included safety tips, riding skill tests, bike safety measurements and even information about bike safety from a Richardson Police Department officer

Thanks to Ken Schuman, Bob McClure, Dave Pomajzl and other neighborhood volunteers.



Be ready for emergencies this summer

Richardson's Office of Emergency Management offers several tips for families this summer. With kids out of school, families out of town, extra outside activities and weather-related problems, it is important to be able to contact each other and stay safe. Here are a few tips.

Designate an out-of town contact. During an emergency it may actually be easier to make a long-distance call than a call from the area where the emergency has occurred.

Program emergency numbers into every cell phone.

Create a reference card to carry in case cell phone service is down.

Keep a non-cordless phone in your home in case of power failures.

Have a car charger for your cell phone for extended power outages.

For a copy of Richardson's "KnoWhat2Do" guide call 972-744-4212.



**Keep our kids Safe.
10 mph in alleys, please.**

ARCHITECTURE/LANDSCAPING/BEAUTIFICATION



Yard of the Month Committee provides criteria for selection

The Richland Park/Oaks Yard of the Month (Y.O.M.) Committee selects yards for this award from May/June (depending on the weather) through September each year.

According to committee co-chairs, Susan Mather and Curtis Dorian, the committee tries to be selective. Once a yard is selected it is out of the running for two years.

Criteria and Judging Requirements for Yard of the Month

* Steady Maintenance

* Design & shape of flower beds and materials used

* Shrubbery design, properly trimmed trees, cleanliness

* **Color or not** – you do not have to have a yard full of color to have a well-designed property. Sometimes it could be incorporating natural designs with evergreens and different types, textures and sizes of foliage.

* **Architectural Elements** — that *enhance* design, provide uniformity and add sophistication to your yard. This can be obtained by using various stones, edgings, raised beds, elevating areas for design details and sidewalk design.

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NOTE: Homeowner Association dues must be current to be awarded a Y.O.M. Dues are \$40 per year. If you need information about how you can join the HOA, contact Angela McCants at membership@richlandhoa.com.

REMINDER: Try to use Eco-Friendly products when designing your lawns.

* Solar, gas or fluorescent lighting

(when designing with fluorescent lighting use warm white; the technology has come a long way)

* Rubber or natural wood mulch for ground covers

* **Local natural stone or natural engineered stone**
for creating designs around flower beds and sidewalks

First Saturday Means Let's pick up the trash!

Join your neighbors the first Saturday of each month to police the neighborhood. Only takes a half hour and you'll be provided with a trash bag.

The fun starts at 8 a.m. at Richland Park on the Lois Street side. Bring gloves and call Gwen Turner, 972-235-2152, if you need more information or another work time.

Do you have curb appeal?

We don't want to think about you selling your home and leaving the neighborhood but if you must. . .

To get buyers interested in the inside you've got to get their attention on the outside. So—

- * **Trim back the trees**
- * **Get rid of overgrown shrubs, dead plants, weeds**
- * **Mulch beds with attractive bark**
- * **Keep things edged and watered**

June Yards of the Month



600 Park Bend
Alec and Tamie Kettle



628 Wentworth
Ida & Bill Rusk



618 Tiffany Trail
Hiram Quinones & Andrew Abraham



1221 Whispering Oaks
Marilyn & Peter Friedmann



508 Sheffield Drive
Joni & Joel Halliday

NEIGHBORS



Enjoying another 600 Stillmeadow Block party hosted by Dorothy & George McKearin are: Back: Steve Smith, Jim & Judy Ward, George McKearin, John Danna, Gwen Turner, Steve & Linda Page. Front: Dorothy McKearin, Almarie Smith, Marie Danna and Gwen Ellison.



The recent Block Captain membership blitz brought in some 100 new HOA members. Among the planners were (from L) Pamela Tharp, D'Nelle Lyons, Robert Tharp, Dorothy McKearin, Beverly Peavey, Carol Levy, Ron Coyne, Valenda Archer, Steve & Vicki Tesmer.



Thanks to Millie & Dave Harrison for hosting the blitz strategy meeting and feeding (from L) Steve & Vicki Tesmer, Margaret Watts, Cassie McCampbell, Pam Crum, Andrea Harris and Liz Wetherington.

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 Liz Wetherington 214-212-8202

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 Dorothy & George McKearin 972-238-9308

Tall Oaks

- 400 Carolyn 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:

Millie & Dave Harrison
972-231-2748
millieexc@aol.com

NEIGHBORS

Welcome New Neighbors

If you have moved into Richland Park or Richland Oaks since April 2009 and don't see your name here, please contact Millie Harrison, milliecxc@aol.com or 972-231-2748. We'd like to welcome you.

AnnMarie & David Sager
412 Birch

Jennifer & Juan Velez
602 Harvest Glen

Jeana Dickerson
641 Harvest Glen

Ali M. & Rusian Shakirov
651 Harvest Glen

Debbie & Steven Parr
1200 Richland Oaks

Brittani Brookins & Brian Welch
401 Sheffield

Jodie Moore & Jo Kimmel
505 Stillmeadow

Tammie & Jimmy Shankle
634 Stillmeadow

Anila & Riaz Memon
643 Wentworth



Birch Street may have a new water line by the time you read this newsletter. Ongoing problems have delayed completion of this project keeping traffic to one lane.



Progress is frustrating sometimes. This Tiffany alley repair was to be completed in mid June but phone lines were accidentally torn out causing more delays. City officials say it should be finished in mid July.

Richardson's Family 4th Celebration

July 4th, Breckinridge Park

Festivities start at 6:45 p.m. with fireworks, approximately 9:45 p.m.

Bring a picnic, blanket or chairs and enjoy the fun.

For information about free round-trip DART shuttles call 972-744-4581.



On the market

(*Source: www.trulia.com*)

512 Birch—\$110,000
615 Birch—\$219,900
520 Harvest Glen—\$175,000
602 Harvest Glen—\$189,000
428 Park Bend—\$179,900
412 Sheffield—\$213,950
522 Stillmeadow—\$189,500
630 Stillmeadow—\$215,000
403 Tiffany Trail—\$200,000
500 Wentworth—\$179,900
1101 Whispering Oaks—\$169,900
425 Winding Brook—\$199,999

NEIGHBORS

Celebrations!

Don't see your birthday here? Did we get something wrong?

Send your information to Valenda Archer, vk_archer@sbcglobal.net. To protect your privacy, dates will be removed before this information is posted on the HOA website.



Happy Birthday!!

JULY

Brian Rockwell
Alanna Singleton
Michelle Justice
Suzannah Steagall
Andrea Mitchell
Chris Crank
Brenna Campbell
Alan Fischer
Debbie Scannell
Dominic Pomajzl
Jeromey Lange
Cynthia Rojas
Joni Holliday
Griff Mansfield
Vladimir Bulatovic
Ed Listol
Brooke Atkinson
Lea Ann Benson
Joe Brophy
Louise Metcalf
Perry Martin
Scott Ylda
Roxie Craig
Jesse Gonzalez
Ronn Yonamine
Chris Bovenkamp
Madeline Fulton
Judy Mathis
Obi Obinwa
Chris Sandles
Dee Jacobs
Janice Scheer

AUGUST

Jordyn Johnson
Chris Mansfield
Dorothy McKearin
John Barnes
Valenda Archer
Kay Forbes
Suzanne Martin
Martha Serafin
Deniece Moss
Rick Watson
Ruth Jones
Charles Peavy
Greg Steagall
Mahshid Kaboli
Steve Schneider
Gerry Broome
Pat Peveto
Cassie McCampbell
Jake Chamblee
Lana Thompson
Abdullah Alkarboly
Benjamin Patchen
Ted Weeks
Ernest Rojas
Lynn Evans
Karen Mather
Cathy Walsh
Kay Forbes
Mark Wickersham
Amanda Wahdan
Steven Smith
Jimmy Ward

SEPTEMBER

Jeremy McCampbell
John Colwick
Daniel Malhotra
Curt Moss
Gail Colwick
Larry Bax
John Scheer
Chad Emery
Gary VonBerg
Carol Baughn
Paul Rockwell
Norman Tabor
LaQuita Caruthers
Denny Martin
Scott Slemmons
Joe Mitchell
Linda Pinto
Wade Whitaker
Jake Johnson
Alice McElroy
Mary Frei
Doris Justice
Sherel Meyer
Bobby Wood
Sarah Yonamine
Jack Broome
Jack Gholsen
Karl Hinman
Kylie Atkinson
Sandra Dobson
Neena Malhotra

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Happy Anniversary!!



JULY

Terry & Carol Baughn
Joe & Ann Brophy
Rick & Melissa Watson
Curt & Deniece Moss
Ken & Mary Frei
Michael & Linda Pinto
Bobby & Joann Wood
Roy & Gwen Turner
Larry & Barbara Finnigan

Byron Clark & Saida Sevillano-Hormaza

Henry & Sarah Kang
Kirk & Tracey Klatt
Jim & Lynn Evans
Fred & Bonnie Dieckmann

Benjamin & Amanda Witt

AUGUST

Woodrow & Brad Wilson
Steve & Julie Cotter
Charlie & Michelle Patchen
Jimmy & Judy Ward
Chris & Julie Bovencamp
Terry & Yvonne Harris
Bill & Ruth Jones
Chris & Rebecca Sandles
Damon & Sandra Dobsin
Mike & Woodlyn Jorgensen

A.J. & Lesa Howard
Mike & Jennifer DuBois
Bill & Ann Medley
Carl & Nancy Wenzholz
David & Laurie Kemmerling
Declan & Michelle Dooley

Michael & Beverly Bell
Paul & Gloria Humphries
Dwayne & Karen Rockwell

SEPTEMBER

John & Janice Scheer
Steve & Laurie Schneider
Pete & Sandy Ylda
Jack & Bettye Gholson
Gary & Karin Anderson
John & Judy Mathis
Laird & Jolie Dunham
Gerald Singleton & Alanna Arenivas



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