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CALENDAR

Nov 2-VOTE - Midterm Elections

Nov 7-Richardson Community Band-<u>Eisemann Center</u>

Nov 7 Daylight Saving Time Ends

Nov 10-RHA Annual Meeting @ Richland Elementary 7:00 PM

Nov 12 Veterans Day

Nov 25 Thanksgiving

Dec 2-9 Hanukkah

Dec 16 Islamic Ashura

Dec 21 First Day of Winter

Dec 25 Christmas Day

Dec 26 Kwanzaa Begins

Dec 31 New Years Eve

Jan 1 Happy New Year!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear members of the Richland Homeowners Association:

I enjoyed meeting many of you at our National Night Out at the park on October 5. Thanks to Maggie Bucklew, Bob McClure, and Ken Schuman for doing the leg work to put on the evening.

I hope that all of you will attend the annual meeting that is to take place on **November 10, 2010**, at 7:00 p.m. at Richland Elementary.

A highlight of the evening will be a speech by the president of the Methodist Richardson Medical Center dealing with the varied services this organization provides the Richardson community.

Another important part of the evening will be, hopefully, receiving donations from HOA members for the Richardson Christmas parade.

Your HOA has decided this year to have a Richland HOA float in the Richardson Christmas Parade on December 4, 2010. The parade this year is going to be on the west side and will originate in the parking lot areas at Richardson High School, and will proceed north along Coit Road to Pearce High School. This is one of the few community-wide events that our city has and is embraced by many local groups, and at times more than 1,000 people have lined the roadway viewing the Christmas parade.

Participants in the parade are expected to contribute either unwrapped toys or a check payable to the Network of Community Ministries, on or before November 24. I am in hopes that many of you in our HOA community will bring an unwrapped toy or a check payable to the Network, which, by the way, would be a tax-deduction, to our November 10 general meeting. There are a lot of people in our community who are hurting now with the financial downturn that our country has experienced. Network of Community Ministries is a prime supporter of those in need, and toys for children and money to allow them to stock their cupboard with necessary foods and have money to help people in other ways would be greatly appreciated.

Last but not least, we will be electing the board to serve this Homeowners Association for 2011.

I hope that many of you will show up to hear the medical presentation, support the Richardson Christmas Parade and Network of Community Ministries, and elect those officers and board members who look forward to serving you for another year.

Sincerely,

George S. McKearin

CRIME WATCH REPORT

Howdy neighbors.

If you did not attend National Night Out you missed out on our best event to date. We had over 250 attending this year's event and fun was had by all.

The pecan putting contest had many winners as did the pecan toss. There was a pecan pie contest, of which was extremely close race and we had a winner, Susan Bishop. Congrats to Susan and to all of the contestants for participating in this event. There was good food from Spring Creek Bar-B-Q, Balloon animals for the kids, a magic show for everyone. We even had a visit from Willie Nelson who sang for to us for the evening, and of course local city officials visiting several parties said ours was the best they had seen. The 400 Block of Sheffield had the most to attend and won a \$300 dollar block party. Way to go!

If you attended National Night Out you saw our t-shirts that had 9 on 9 on the back of them. So what's "9 on 9". It is to make a special point to get to know your close neighbors around you. The three homes across the street, the two homes on each side of you and the three homes behind you. Trade home and work phone numbers so you can reach them if their is a problem with there property, and to help keep an eye out for each other. Remember, if it looks out of place call 911 and report it to the Police, then call Crime Watch at 214-763-0589. My phone is on 24/7 for your calls of interest. Special thanks to the volunteers who helped set up and take down the tables and help clean up the trash afterwards. Thanks to those who brought canned goods for the food bank. You gave just under 300 hundred pounds of food. GREAT JOB!

The holidays are fast approaching and so will the crime activity. Be on the lookout for anyone taking items off the front porches after the UPS trucks makes the delivery. If you are expecting a package and can't be home to receive it asks a neighbor to check or have it delivered to an occupied address. Mark your yard art with your phone number on the back with a black marker. Yard art is a common item for thieves. I know we all like to put our Christmas tree I the front window, but do NOT put expensive gifts under the tree for all to see. Thieves will and have smashed windows to get them. Wrap empty boxes for display in the window, wrapping paper is a lot cheaper and your gifts are safer. Keep all doors and windows locked at all times, and remember to check your garage door before you retire for the evening, even if you know you closed it and lock the back door to the garage. Did you take everything out of your car or truck and lock it? Most car burglaries are from unlocked vehicles.

Happy Holidays to all. Sincerely, Bob McClure Crime Watch Patrol 214-763-0589 <u>crimewatchone@yahoo.com</u>



RHA ANNUAL MEETING

Richland Homeowners Association Annual Meeting Location: Richland Elementary School Date: 11/10/10 Time: 7:00 PM



Nov

10



Guest Speaker: E. Kenneth Hutchenrider, Jr., FACHE President, Methodist Richardson Medical Center

Ken Hutchenrider joined Methodist Richardson Medical Center in July 2010. Hutchenrider has over 20 years of executive experience. Prior to joining Methodist, Hutchenrider served as chief executive officer of Community Health Systems' Galesburg Cottage Hospital in Galesburg, Illinois. While at Galesburg Cottage Hospital, he substantially increased financial stability and strengthened the management team and medical staff. Before serving at Galesburg, Mr. Hutchenrider was chief executive officer for Terre Haute Regional Hospital in Terre Haute, Indiana. He holds a BA from Texas A&M University, and a Masters in Healthcare Admini-

stration from the University of Houston Clear Lake. Hutchenrider has been very active in social, religious, and community organizations throughout his career.

Hosting Speaker George McKearin RHA President

RHA Treasurer, Nick Weidenkopf with Yearly Financials

RHA Architectural/Beautification, Curtis Dorian briefing members on all ALB projects.

Membership\Newsletter, Clayton Selman

City of Richardson Leaders Attending

Others to be announced at the Annual Meeting.....

Lite Refreshments will be served.

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Network of Community Ministries

The NETWORK Santa Program, one of the largest projects of its kind in Dallas and Collin counties, is under way. Last year more than 2,500 children received gifts. The program begins Nov. 1 and continues through Dec. 19. Items most needed are books, dolls, trucks and cars, gift cards for older children, hand-held electronic games, sports balls and arts and crafts. Financial donations are used to purchase items that have not been donated. Network provides more than \$1 million annually to low-income families and families in need of short-term support.

For more information on "Angel Trees" or donating to the Santa Program, call NETWORK's Santa Line at 214-206-3687 or visit us online at



Dear Residents,

The entrances are in the process of being enhanced with stone boarders to separate the newly planted areas (ground cover). This will allow a layering effect, therefore creating more architectural interest for the neighborhood.

New things to watch for from your A.L.B. - Architecture/Landscaping/Beautification, Committee: New Sign TOPPERS throughout the neighborhood:

- o http://www.cor.net/NeighborhoodServices.aspx?id=3692&terms=sign+toppers
- Additional Fall Landscaping at all entrances
- Autumn Yard of the Month
- Christmas/Holiday Yard Award

In Addition:

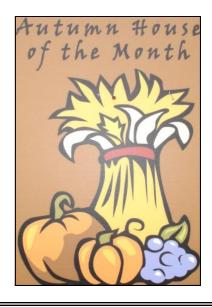
Our proposal for new screening walls has been submitted to the COR for review. This proposal request the remodeling of our existing screening walls utilizing funds from the 2010 BOND Election. As this progresses, I will keep you informed.

The RHA & COR has chosen a new and more suitable color for our logo and lettering on the <u>Iron</u> <u>Fence at the entrance of Park Bend and Abrams</u>, along with finalizing our Punch-List (to-do-list) for the resent Entrance Construction Project.

LAST, we are working with the COR on a redesign along Park Bend Drive. This will include, but not limited to, reshaping the existing trees that were cut by Oncore this summer, re-planting ground cover, tying in new softscaping details and some architectural elements, more details will be available after the first of the year.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me via email or phone to discuss any ALB interest.

Curtis Dorian, Chairman A.L.B. Architecture/landscaping/Beautification Richland Homeowners Association <u>architectural@richlandhoa.com</u> <u>www.richlandhoa.com</u> Home: 972 235 0230



We encourage everyone to decorate for the Holidays!

Don't forget that Yard of the Month Awards will be given out for Autumn & Holiday Awards.



YARD OF THE MONTH IN RICHLAND OAKS



Anna Jo & Valdie (Bud) Carr @ 435 Countryside Lane

YOM Criteria and Judging Requirements:

- " ! Maintenance (cleanliness)
- " ! **Design and Shape of Trees and Beds** (contouring lines, height & balance to fit the style of your home)
- " ! Shrubbery Form and Layout (shrubbery design, space planning and definition)
- " ! Color or Not
- " ! Architectural Elements used to enhance design, Forming Lawn Clarity, Uniformity and Sophistication. (I.E. Stonework, Pavers, Water features Etc.)



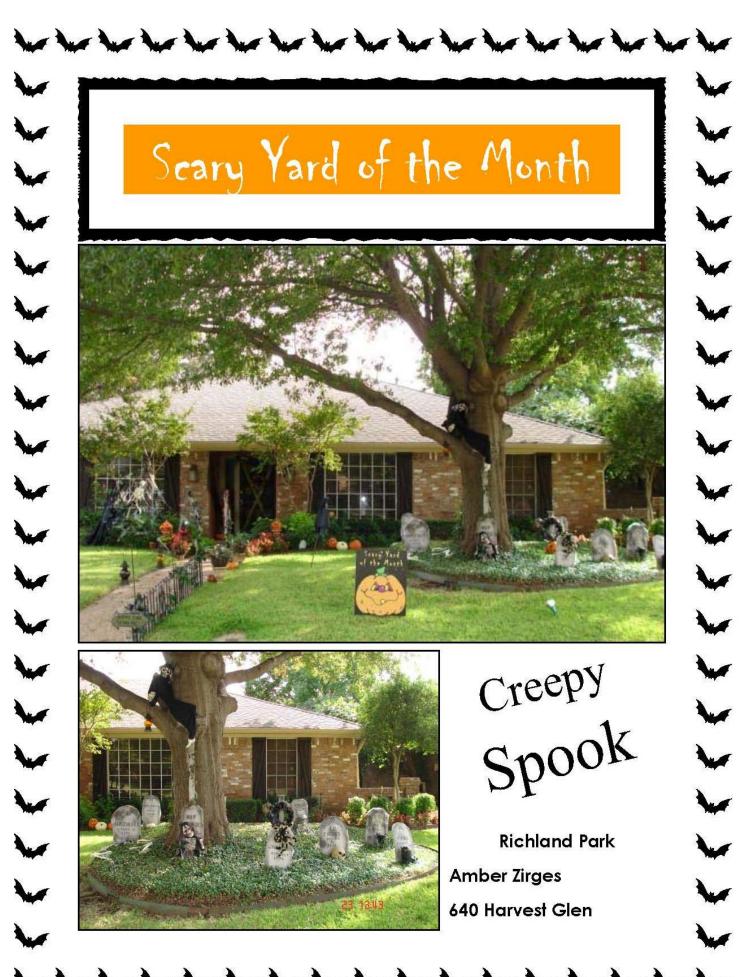
Yard Of The Month in Richland Park

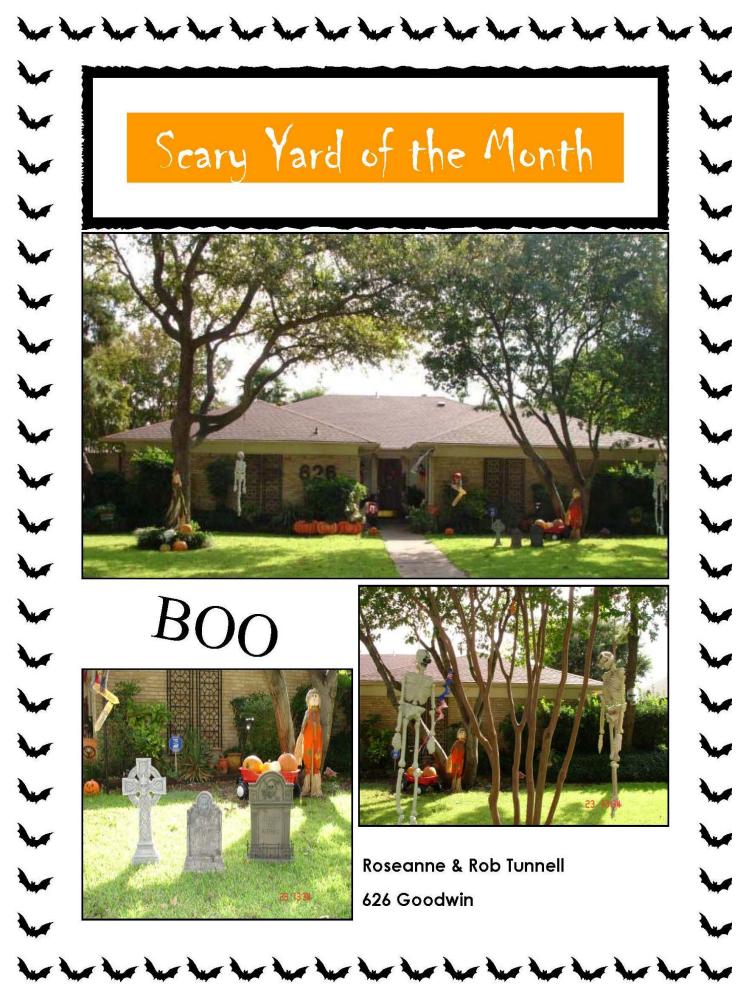


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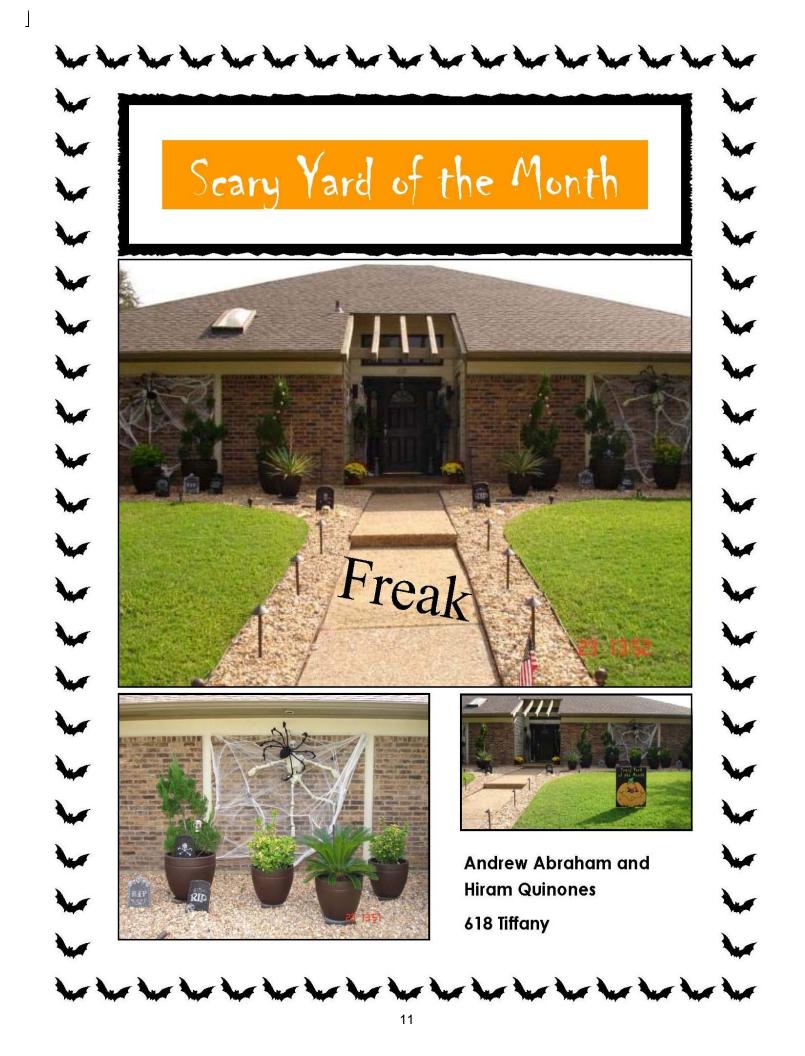


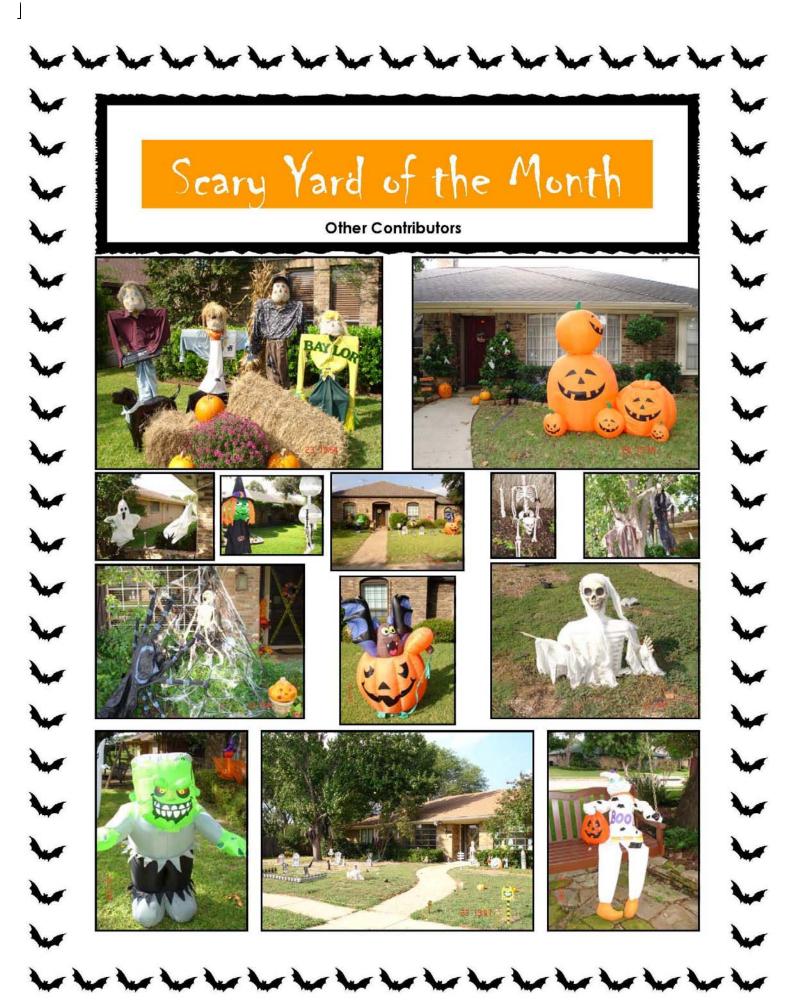
Samantha & David Oberlander @ 633 Goodwin Dr





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With colder temperatures looming, it's once again time to start thinking about winterizing your home. Preparing your home for winter does not have to be a considerable chore if you do so one step at a time. By following the suggestions below, you'll not only protect your home, you'll save dollars in heating costs as well.

Seal, Caulk and Wrap

- Add or replace worn weather-stripping around doors and windows. Caulk gaps where necessary.
- Replace worn doorstops at the bottom of doors.

• Use caulking and weather-stripping around entry points for all pipes and ducts that travel through an exterior wall.

• Install insulating kits behind electrical plugs that are on a wall with an exterior side.

Heating & Plumbing Systems

• Have a heating professional do a routine check before cold weather arrives.

• Take care of known issues with pipes that freeze. Heat tape can be used to keep them warm during extremely cold weather.

- Drain water from outdoor faucets when you think a hard freeze is coming.
- Have the chimney inspected and cleaned. Close the fireplace damper when not in use.

Roof

- Replace loose shingles. Make sure the flashing around the chimney or vent-pipes is watertight.
- Install a screen at the top of the chimney to keep leaves and other items out.
- Clean drain gutters and point downspouts away from the house.
- Trim tree limbs that are hanging over or touching the roof.

Outdoor Items

- Check the foundation and siding for cracks or gaps. Repair as necessary.
- Drain garden hoses, roll them up, and store them inside.
- Close and cover the swimming pool.
- Cover outdoor furniture or store it inside.

In addition to the previous recommendations, proper insulation is key to keeping your home warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer. Ask the staff at one of our local home improvement centers or with the City's Building Inspection Department how much insulation is recommended for your home, then check to make sure it's adequate.

Notwithstanding the previous preparations, each year countless homeowners are burdened with bursting pipes and water leaks. If this occurs, residents should be prepared to minimize damage by learning how to turn off water at its source. Or if water is leaking in your home, call the City at 972-744-4111 for emergency water cut-off. A representative of the City will come to your home and shut off the water free of charge.

Don Magner

Director of Neighborhood Services City of Richardson (T) 972-744-4171 (F) 972-744-5802



Richland Park Moms

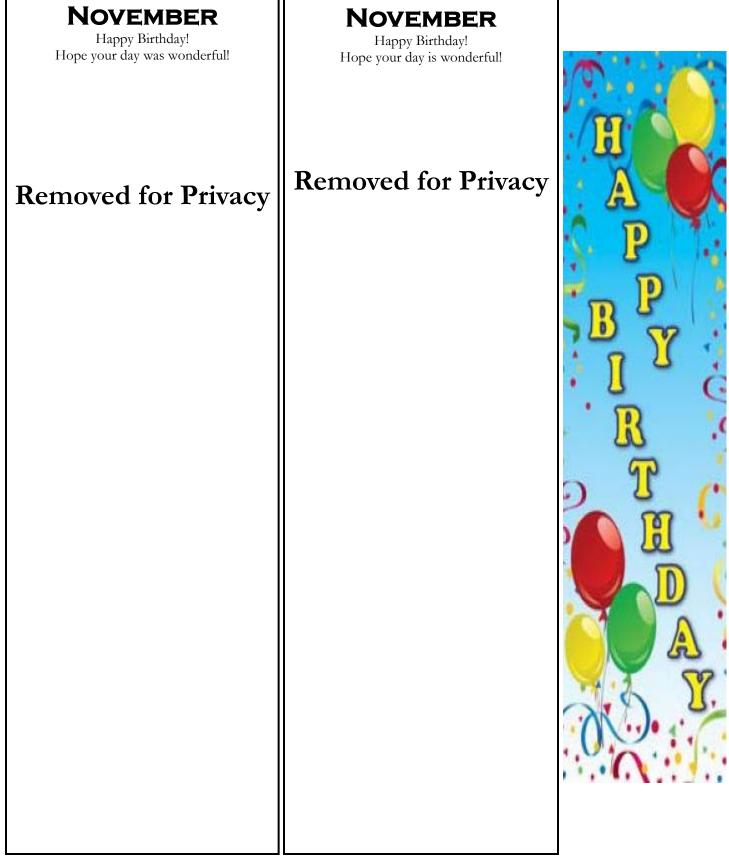
A group of mothers who live in the Richland Park/Richland Oak development. We have scheduled monthly playgroups and Night Outs for both stay-at-home moms and working moms.

To join the group and get in on all the activities and fun, email Janna McElya at <u>janna.mcelya@gmail.com</u>. She'll invite you to join the yahoo group and then you'll receive our group emails about our neighborhood events and items of special interest to moms.

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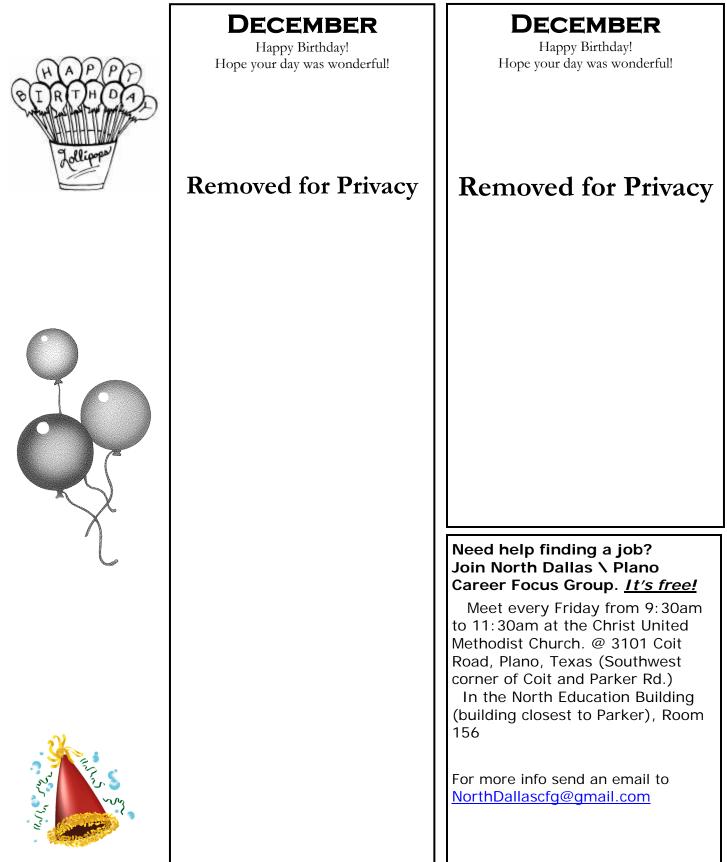
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Message From Block Caption Coordinator

We are in need of a Block Captains for the 500 block of Wentworth.

Anyone interested please call Millie Harrison at 972-231-2748.

Help your neighborhood by volunteering.

Thank You,

Millie Harrison Block Captain Coordinator

New Arrivals

Kevin and Liz Wetherington announce William Parker Wetherington Born June 18, 2010 6lbs 13oz 19 1/4in



Joe and Andrea Mitchell announce Jonathan Thomas Mitchell Born Aug, 9 2010; 6 lbs, 13oz Siblings: Ella and William





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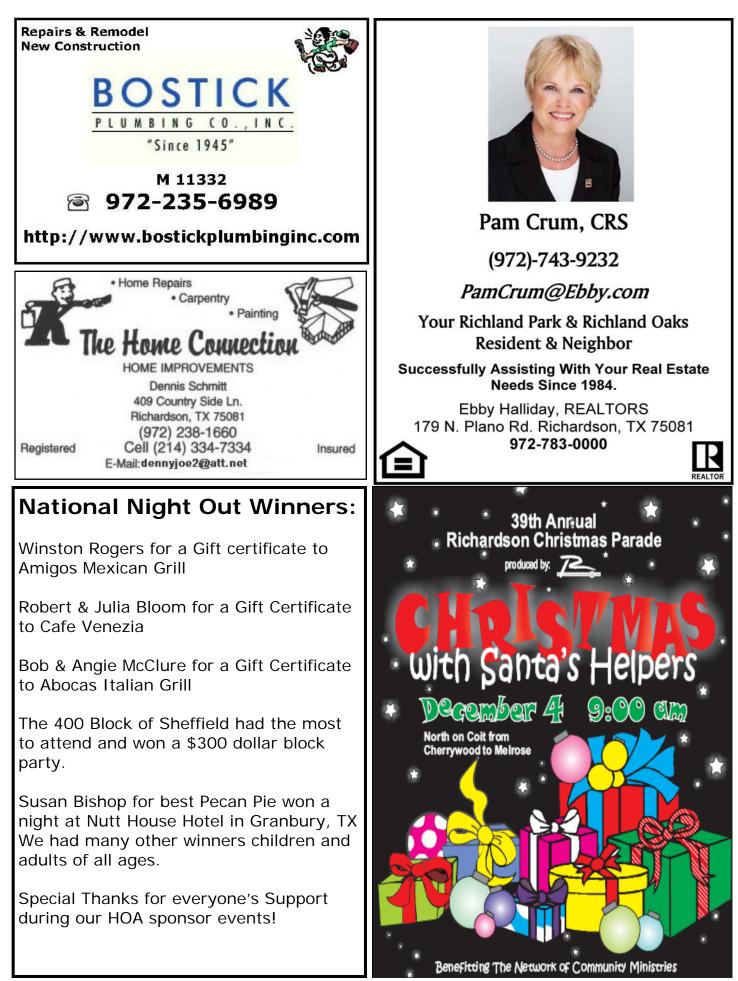


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