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It's been a busy fall in the Richland Park/Oaks Neighborhood!



October 1st marked the 30th anniversary of the **National Night Out (NNO)** campaign with many of our neighbors getting out and meeting each other to strengthen the bonds of community. NNO has been a highly successful outreach program designed to heighten crime prevention awareness, generate support for and participation in anti-crime programs and strengthen neighborhood spirit. Thanks to all who attended the event!

On October 19th, the RHA Association celebrated **CARNI-FALL!** It was a fun-filled evening with midway games, strolling magician, stilt walker, and live DJ with plenty of dancing and karaoke. Many local businesses donated prizes for attendees.



Be sure and check out the newly decorated entrance columns. Michael Bahr has done another outstanding job on making our neighborhood look festive and exciting.



Great job on ringing in the holiday spirit!

2013-14 CALENDAR

Drunk & Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month
 Dec 7 Pearl Harbor Day
 Dec 21 Winter Begins
 Dec 25 Christmas
 Dec 31 New Year's Eve

Family Fit Lifestyle Month
 Jan 1 New Year's Day
 Jan 20 MLK Day
 Jan 31 Chinese New Year

American Heart Month
 Feb 2 Groundhog Day
 Feb 14 Valentine's Day
 Feb 17 President's Day

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President's Message

Richland Homeowner's Association
Richland Park and Richland Oaks Community

It has been a year of accomplishments for Richland Parks/Oaks. I want to thank everyone for dedicating their time, support and craft to the success of our RHA. Without our Elected Officers-Directors, Board members, Committees and Volunteers our achievements would be few.

Your RHA has dedicated an enormous amount of time planning events that cater to Children activities, as well as, adults. We have spent a great deal of time enhancing our Neighborhood Vitality through Beautification and creating a well designed and informational newsletter and a successful Crimewatch program.

2013 RHA ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- **Audelia Screening wall enhancements** – spearheaded by *Michael Bahr*
- **Landscaping at all 5 entrances using long lasting and low maintenance materials**
- **An informational, updated and completely re-designed Newsletter** – by *Jay Weesner*
- **A successful 4th of July-Flag Day program** – great thanks to *Gary & D'Nelle Lyons*
- **On-going street and sidewalk repairs with support from the City of Richardson**

There are many more to thank that volunteer their time making this neighborhood a better place to come home to.

As always, we are here to serve and provide a service. Feel free to contact me for any reason.

Happy Holidays!

Respectfully,
Curtis Dorian, President, RHA



Crime Watch Report

Richland Homeowner's Association
Richland Park and Richland Oaks Community

Hi all, it's that time of year again for the Holiday Season. With that comes the thieves. Be careful shopping, and be aware of your surroundings. When possible shop with family or friends. When returning to your car, have your keys in your hand with your finger on the alarm button if you have one. If things just don't look right return to the store and call 911.

At Christmas don't advertise your big screen TV, Xbox, Play station, etc. by placing large boxes on the curb on in the alley for pick up. Remember the bad guys drive up and down our streets and alleys just looking for this sort of stuff so they know which house to come back to. Cut the box up and place in trash bags. It only takes a few minutes but can save you a lot of grief.

We are still having too many car and truck break-ins. If you want to keep it, take it out of your car. If they can't see it maybe they will leave your car alone and go elsewhere. If you own a truck or suv with 20 inch wheels or fancy wheels get locking lug nuts if you don't have them. These type of wheels are a big item right now so play it safe. The locking lug nuts will slow down some but to the thief that does this everyday they know how to get them off.

Having your packages delivered by UPS or FEDEX? Make sure you are home when they arrive or make other arrangements for delivery, your work, a neighbor etc. Every year items are stolen off porches. Should this happen to you or you see someone taking items off your neighbor's porch, call 911 at once.

Stay safe out there!

Bob McClure, Crime Watch Coordinator
214.763.0589 • crimewatchone@yahoo.com



Richland Park and Richland Meadow's Personal Officer

Ed Coleman [214.282.0843]

Provided by our COR for our protection.

This dedicated police presence helps residents by deterring crime and providing another way to watch over the neighborhood.

Call Ed for:

- General Assistance
- To report Minor or Unusual Activities
- Cars on the Street

For Emergencies, continue to call 911.

CRIME WATCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Richland Park/Oaks Crime Watch needs more volunteers to help patrol our neighborhood. We have fairly good coverage during the daytime, but are in need of help for nighttime. Unfortunately, late night is when we experience most of our problems. Therefore, we need more volunteers at night, every day of the week. This is a great way to get out, meet new people, learn new things and experience something different in life.

In order to join the Crime Watch Patrol, you will need to fill out an *application form* which we submit to the Richardson Police Department. The police will run a criminal background check on each applicant. Once all the paperwork has been cleared, the applicant will receive about six hours of training. All new applicants will also be assigned a patrol partner.

Crime Watch Patrols are extremely effective because criminals do not want to get caught by anyone, police or otherwise. So when you put those reflective signs on your cars and patrol the neighborhood, the bad guys tend to go some place else. The problem is we need to maintain these patrols at all hours in order to keep crime away.

Each shift usually consists of one and half hours of patrol time every other week (total of 3 hours per month.) The two shifts where we need the most help are evenings (7 p.m. to midnight) and deep nights (midnight to 6:00 a.m.).

9 Ways to Declutter Your Home

When your entire house needs decluttering, where do you begin? Before you panic, take a deep breath and follow these simple strategies to reduce the clutter—and your stress.

SCHEDULE A DATE.

Just as you would make an appointment for a checkup, make one to declutter. Decide how long you want to work and set a timer.

15 MINUTES OF TIDYING.

Every day, straighten pillows on the sofa, clean kitchen countertops, take out the trash and start the dishwasher.

PET PEEVES FIRST.

Which messy area bugs you the most? Zero in on that area, even if it's as small as a shelf or a drawer, and focus on cleaning that spot only.

MAKE DECISIONS.

Put your emotions aside and sort objectively. Do you really use this item? Do you need it? Set up three boxes: Keep, Sell/Donate, Storage. Whatever doesn't go into one of these three should go into a garbage bag.

GROUP LIKE THINGS TOGETHER.

Pencils go with other pencils and pants with other pants. In your pantry, put vegetable cans with other vegetable cans. In closets, group like pieces of clothing. You get it.



SHELVING.

Install open shelving and add some attractive baskets or bins to hold everything from linens to off-season clothing to toys. Label each container and make sure the items you use most are easiest to reach.

CLEAR THE COUNTERTOPS.

They're the catchalls in most homes. Divide the clutter into piles of like items. Find containers and find a place for every item.

WASTEBASKETS.

Put one in every room so it's easy for your family to throw things out right away.

CLEAN AS YOU GO.

Whenever you leave a room, pick up something that should be moved to another room or thrown away. Keep a laundry basket or box near the stairs for single-trip convenience.

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Richardson's Annual Christmas Parade presents "Candy Canes and Christmas Carols"

Mark your calendars for Saturday morning, Dec. 7, for the 42nd Annual Richardson Christmas Parade produced by the City of Richardson, benefitting the NETWORK of Community Ministries. The theme for this year's parade is "Candy Canes and Christmas Carols."

Individuals and groups are encouraged to represent this theme in their costumes and floats. The parade will begin at 9 a.m. and will travel north from Richardson Square Mall on Plano Road to Apollo Road and will disband at the Huffhines Ball Field parking lot. Groups of all ages and interests are encouraged to participate in this festive tradition! Registration forms may be downloaded online by going to cor.net/ChristmasParade. Deadline for registration is Nov. 27.

The Grand Marshal for this year's parade will be Congressman Sam Johnson, a decorated war hero and native Texan who in 2013 celebrated the 40th anniversary of his release from a POW camp in Vietnam. During his 29-year career in the U.S. Air Force, Johnson flew combat missions in both the Korean and Vietnam conflicts. He endured nearly seven years as a prisoner of war, including 42 months in solitary confinement. Following his distinguished military career, Johnson established a home building business in North Dallas and served in the Texas State legislature before he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.

For information regarding the parade, please contact Parade Chair Person, Barbara Cottone at Barbara.cottone@cor.gov or call Melanie Sprott at 972-744-4585.

Come on out to the parade whether you're on a float, in a marching group or a spectator—we look forward to seeing you Dec. 7. The Parade's Award Ceremony will be held the same evening at 5 p.m. just prior to the City's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and the opening of Santa's Village.



BE A PART OF THE 2013 CHRISTMAS PARADE



The RHA would like to invite Richland families to participate in the Richardson city parade on Saturday, December 7. It is a great way to start off the holidays. The parade is on the east side this year and will line up by the Sears at Richland square at the corner of Plano and Beltline roads. If you are interested in joining us please contact D'Nelle Lyons at 972-238-8560 for more information and instructions. The parade is connected with Network, an organization that helps families in need in the RISD attendance area. If you would like to support Network bring an unwrapped toy or non-perishable food item to donate the day of the parade. We are looking forward to many Richland families joining us this year.

Budget Home Makover Tips



Do you want to freshen up your home's look, but you don't want to spend a lot of money? Here are four easy, affordable ideas that can make a dramatic impact.

1. INSTALL A CHAIR RAIL.

Add interest to bare walls quickly and easily by putting up a chair rail—a molding that runs around the perimeter of a room about three feet off the ground. You can use inexpensive, self-adhesive molding available at any home improvement store, or choose more decorative traditional molding. Hang wallpaper or paint the wall below the molding with a complementary color to enhance the look.

2. PAINT THE UNEXPECTED.

You don't have to repaint your entire home or even an entire room to make a big difference. A little paint in unexpected places can go a long way. Liven up any room by painting interior trim, doorways and windows in fresh colors. You can even paint the doors themselves. The same goes for old tables or chairs. Be creative!

3. ACCENTUATE THE POSITIVE.

You can completely change the look of a room simply by updating accent pieces and rearranging the furniture, so switch things up! Swap lamps from one room to another or pick up some new lampshades. New upholstery can work wonders for couches, but if you want a similar effect at a lower price, add some distinctive throw pillows. New rugs can add the perfect finishing touch without breaking the bank.

4. FRAME YOUR OWN PRINTS.

You don't need to spend money on expensive framed art prints. Save money and add a personal touch with this easy tip. Go to a thrift store and buy used photography and art books. Cut out several images you like and mount them in inexpensive frames, then hang them in any room you like. If you want to change things up in the future, you can always swap out the images using the same frames.

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Stage 3 Winter Water Restrictions Effective November 1st, 2013.

Source: Richardson Today, November 2013, Volume 26, Number 2



The City of Richardson has implemented modified Stage 3 winter water restrictions effective Nov. 1. The modification follows guidance from the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD), which is facing critical shortages in its water supply due to below average rainfall, declining water levels of NTMWD reservoirs and the ongoing prohibition of pumping water from Lake Texoma due to a zebra mussel infestation.

continue to be used for foundations, trees and other ornamental landscaping.

The NTMWD is Richardson's water supplier, and will monitor water supplies through the winter to determine the level of needed restrictions to take place after March 31, 2014.

The Richardson Parks and Recreation Department has winterized the majority of its irrigation systems. To meet public health and safety needs and to help maintain overall water pressure in the

Last digit of address	Allowed landscape watering days
2, 4, 6, 8, 0 (even)	1st and 3rd Saturday
1, 3, 5, 7, 9 (odd)	1st and 3rd Sunday

As part of the Stage 3 winter water restrictions, watering is limited to the first and third Saturday for service addresses ending in an even number and the first and third Sunday for service addresses ending in an odd number beginning Nov. 1, 2013. Landscape experts point out that lawns become dormant during winter months and require less water. Soaker hoses and drip irrigation systems can

City's system, some athletic fields and public facilities may be watered outside the publicly mandated water restriction times. The City will continue to monitor these facilities and maintain watering schedules that will meet or exceed conservation efforts.

For more information, call the Public Services Department at 972-744-4220 or visit Richardson's website at cor.net.



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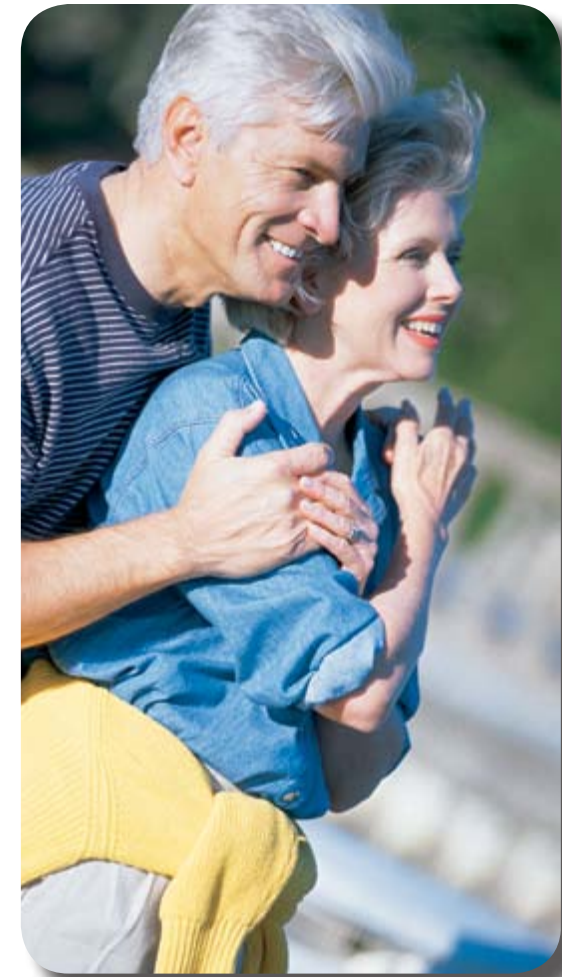
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*True love is spending one day getting married...
and the rest of your life feeling glad you did.*



Richland Homeowners Association 2014 Membership Application

Membership Dues for January 1st through December 31st, 2014

Dear Neighbors:

We are fortunate to have a long-running Richland Park/Oaks Homeowners Association (RHA), established in 1976. RHA provides many services to keep our neighborhood beautiful, safe, and friendly. It's a voluntary organization, open to home owners and tenants alike. **But it only works with your support!** Please be a part by contributing your dues and time.

Membership dues are only **\$40 a year** and provide the following valuable services:

- **Crime Watch Patrol** – by trained neighborhood volunteers
- **Beautification:**
 - ~ Entry landscaping and maintenance
 - ~ Joint matching projects with City of Richardson
 - ~ Seasonal Yard Awards (to RHA members only)
 - ~ Curb painting
 - ~ Seasonal decoration of entrances
 - ~ Lighting enhancements
- **Social Activities for all ages:**
 - ~ Spring Fling Festival
 - ~ Flags for the 4th of July
 - ~ Carni-Fall Festival
 - ~ National Night Out
- **Representation at City of Richardson** meetings and coordination of matching projects.
- **Interaction with RISD** (local elementary school), **Richardson Police and Fire Departments**
- **Richland News** neighborhood newsletter. The first two newsletters go out to the entire neighborhood, but the last two are delivered **only** to association members.
- **Neighborhood Directory** (available **only** to association members)
- **Neighborhood Website** (www.richlandhoa.com) – linked to <http://www.cor.net/>
- **RHA Social Networking Site** limited to residents only: <https://richlandhoa.nextdoor.com/>
- **Email Distribution Lists** for residents & board (use strictly managed by RHA webmaster).

Please fill out the 2014 membership form on page 11, even if you're:

- 1) A member who has completed a form in the past, or
- 2) Unable to join at this time, since:

We'll use the information to compile an accurate list for Crime Watch Patrol contact information, the Neighborhood Directory, and develop email communication lists. We never share this information with outside parties – it's just for the neighbors and the neighborhood.

Thanks for your support!

Richland Homeowners Association 2014 Membership Application

(Please PRINT clearly)

1. Name and Address (Owner or Tenant):

First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name
House Number and Street Name			
Profession (not published)		Profession (not published)	

2. For use with RHA Newsletter Congratulations Pages (Will not be included in directory!)

Birth Date: _____	Birth Date: _____
Month/Day	Month/Day
Wedding Anniversary (if applicable): _____/_____/_____ (year optional)	

3. For Publication in RHA Directory to be used by neighbors to contact you!

Primary Phone _____	Primary Phone _____
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4. For Emergency Use Only by Crime Watch Patrol (garage or entry doors open, or fire)

Home Phone _____	Home Phone _____
Cell Phone _____	Cell Phone _____
Work Phone _____	Work Phone _____

5. For communicating meetings, planned events, and alerts (Will not be included in directory!)

E-mail address _____	E-mail address _____
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6. Volunteer Interests: (Check each one that interests you!) Best Time for Contact: _____

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|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crime Watch Patrol (a little or a lot) | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 th of July Flags Help | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spring Fling Event Help | <input type="checkbox"/> Database Support | <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal Yard Awards |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carni-Fall Event Help | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter Contributor | <input type="checkbox"/> Web Support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Block Captain (We need you!) | <input type="checkbox"/> Put out signs for Neighborhood Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Solicit Advertisers and Donors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beautification Committee | | |

Comments or Suggestions:

Enclosed: Annual Dues	\$40.00
Additional Contribution (Tax Deductible) _____	
Total	\$ _____
<i>Payable to RHA and mail with completed form to:</i>	
RHA, P.O.Box 852636, Richardson, TX 75085-2636	

Fall Tips – Fall Gardening Advice Worth Cultivating

Fall can be a focal time for your garden. Rather than pruning back perennials and cleaning up tools, take some time to scrutinize your entire outdoor environment. Here are four areas that may help your garden get a jump on spring:

1. PAMPER THE PLANTS

While you move potted and hanging plants indoors, resist the urge to prune what will remain outside. You're better preparing your garden for a potentially grim winter ahead by leaving such things as shrubs, vines and ornamental grasses well enough alone. The exception: watering. Since trees and shrubs continue to lose moisture in the winter, now is the time (before hard frosts sets in) to give them a watering boost. And be sure to label any new or recently planted foliage with a permanent waterproof pen on a weatherproof plant marker, particularly if your garden is ever-growing. This will help identify everything come spring.

2. LET LEAVES TOIL

Make your fallen leaves work harder for you. Start by raking them all off your lawn, and borrow or rent a mulching mower to grind them up. Whatever isn't used as mulch in your flowerbeds (and soon-to-be-planted trees) can be stored in bags near your compost all through winter. Simply add a layer of leaves atop each layer of compostable kitchen waste. It should act as an amour against odor.

3. TIME TO ADD TREES

Unless it's already snowing where you live, now is the perfect time to add more trees to your property: the soil's not yet too cold and still contains sufficient oxygen. To plant a new tree, dig a hole roughly five times as wide and deep as the root ball. Don't till the existing soil too much; the roots will better adjust with less interference. Instead, nurture it with a thick top-dress of compost, and later, add about five inches of mulch. Continue to water until the temperature starts to really dip. Flank the newly planted tree with secure posts, and wrap a flexible support around these and the tree in a figure-eight pattern.

4. HARVEST TIME

Of course, one of the most rewarding times on the fruit and vegetable garden's calendar is the harvest: reaping what you've sown (and grown). But exercise patience. Take potatoes, for instance. If they're going to be stored instead of consumed immediately, it is important that the tubers sufficiently harden in the soil beforehand, preventing diseases and shrinkage due to water loss. Vines should be killed or removed two weeks before digging the potatoes, if not by normal maturity or frost, then by pulling, or simply cutting the vines off at ground level. Potatoes should be stored in a dark place to avoid turning green. Lifted vegetables such as carrots, beets and turnips should be stored between layers of sand or in cardboard cartons in a dry, well-ventilated room. On the other hand, be sure to pick tomatoes, apples, pears and plums – as well as other fruits that continue to ripen after being picked – before the frost.

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Richardson Resident

RESIDENTIAL CODE ENFORCEMENT

The Residential Inspection Program was established to compliment residents' efforts to maintain neighborhood desirability and encourage reinvestment. By working together we can keep Richardson an attractive, healthy, and safe place to live! Over the years, minimum property maintenance standards have been established to help realize this goal. Below are some of the issues our code enforcement staff address on a daily basis:

Address Numbers

To enable the Police and Fire Departments to respond quickly to emergency calls, address numbers must be posted so that they are clearly visible from the street and alley. Numbers must be posted on the curb or curbside mailbox and on the front and back of a residence on the home, garage, fence, or other structure between 3 and 10 feet off the ground. Address numbers must be a minimum of 3 inches high so that they are easily seen.

High Grass and Weeds

Residents are responsible for maintaining the grass and weeds at their property, including all adjacent parkways and alley easements. Grass and weeds are in violation when they reach a height of 12 inches.

Vegetation

Trees, bushes and other vegetation must be kept trimmed 7 feet above sidewalks, 14 feet above streets and alleys, and 1 foot back from the alley pavement. All vegetation should also be kept trimmed so that it does not obstruct the view of motorists or pedestrians using public streets and alleys.

Fences

Residents are responsible for maintaining the fence around their property. Fences should be maintained so that they do not lean severely and are not missing slats or sections. New fences or significant replacement of existing fences require a permit. Call the Building Inspection Department at 972-744-4180 for more information.

Open Storage

Open storage is defined as the placement of an item that is not customarily used or stored outside, or that is made of a material that is not weather resistant in an unenclosed outdoor area for more than 24 continuous hours. Open storage is prohibited in the front yard, on a front porch, under a carport, or any other unenclosed area. All items stored outdoors must be screened from adjacent properties, streets and alleys by a 6-foot, solid wooden fence. Outside storage is limited to one percent of a residential lot.

Trash and Debris

Residents are responsible for ensuring their property, including all adjacent parkways and alley easements, is free of litter and debris. This includes not placing trash out for collection on non-collection days. To ensure timely collection, trash should be placed out before 7:00 am on collection days only.

Brush And Bulky Item Collection

Brush and Bulky Item Collection (BABIC) is a free service offered to Richardson residents. The service is designed to help residents dispose of large amounts of brush and oversized items like unwanted appliances and furniture that cannot be placed out for regular trash collection. Residents must request BABIC service prior to placing an item on the parkway for collection. Requests for brush or bulky item collection service can be made 24-hours a day, 7-days a week by leaving a voice-mail message at (972) 744-4111 or by completing an [on-line request form](#). If you wish to dispose of (rather than recycle) small bundles of branches, they should be cut to 3-foot lengths and placed out for regular trash collection.

Minimum Property Standards

Residents are responsible for maintaining homes and businesses by keeping the exterior (brick, wood, siding, roof, windows, doors, etc.) free of holes and other defects. All wood surfaces must be painted and in good condition.

Home Occupations/Garage Sales

Home businesses are permitted in Richardson so long as they are incidental to the primary use of the premises. If you want to operate a business from your home, please contact Community Services to ensure your business does not violate the home occupation ordinance. A residence may conduct up to three garage sales per year. Each sale may last no longer than three consecutive days.

Yard Parking

Residents may not park vehicles on grass between a front building wall and the street, or between a side building wall and the street on corner lots. In addition, vehicles may not be parked on vacant or unimproved lots.

Junk Vehicles

Junked vehicles, which are vehicles that are wrecked, dismantled or inoperable and do not have a current registration or safety inspection sticker, cannot be parked in public view. For a brief overview of the ordinances residential code enforcement officers enforce, please visit our [Residential Quick Code Page](#).

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