

RICHLAND NEWS



Richland Homeowners' Association Newsletter
 P.O. Box 852636, Richardson, Texas 75085-2636
 Website: www.richlandhoa.com

March 2011 Issue

CALENDAR

- Mar 13 Daylight Savings Time
- Mar 14-18 RISD Spring Break
- Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day
- Mar 20 Spring Begins
- Apr 1 April Fool's Day
- Apr 14 General Richland HOA Meeting - Discuss
6:30 PM Upcoming Richardson Bond election in May
Richland Elementary
- Apr 30 "Spring Festival"
2 - 6 PM Neighborhood Spring Get-together. At the Park next to Richland Elementary

Giving

Spirit of:

Snow

Service

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear members of the Richland Homeowners Association:

Welcome to 2011!

By the time you get this letter, you will have suffered through the cold months in Dallas, and hopefully spring will be right around the corner. Your board will try to continue to grow the HOA, and benefit the neighborhood as we did in 2010, but it's going to be a challenge.

Last year, we revised the bylaws to reflect the current situation.

John Moser, as your vice-president, participated in all the board activities, and substituted for me where necessary with the City of Richardson.

Margaret Watt embraced the work of secretary, and gathered speed as the year went on with her reporting minutes to the board.

Nick Weidenkopf was your treasurer. He learned on the job, and did a wonderful job in keeping all of us on our toes about conservative spending of your money. Nick was also the website coordinator, and did a wonderful job of keeping that up to speed.

Curtis Dorian, your past president and beautification chairperson, worked diligently in improving the entrances to our neighborhood.

Clayton Selman did double duty as both membership chair and newsletter editor, and succeeded in increasing membership and putting out a quality publication.

Millie Harrison worked the block captain position to perfection.

Bob McClure continued chairing the crimewatch committee. This program is important in reducing the incident of crimes in the Richland HOA.

Maggie Bucklew did a wonderful job in organizing the National Night Out program.

Last but not least, D'Nelle Lyons and Dave Harrison as your advisory members were constant participants in board meetings and taking on tasks as needed.

All of the above are continuing in their positions with a couple of changes. Brandon Yarbrough has agreed to do the newsletter this year. It is good to have some youth involved in our board, and we look forward to working with Brandon in 2011.

Steven Hills has agreed to be the chairperson for the website, and we are similarly looking forward to utilizing Steven's abilities and efforts on behalf of your HOA.

Just so you all will know, we've had a good bit of assistance from two other members of your HOA. John Jones, a local CPA assisted us in getting 501 (C)4 accreditation for your HOA, and keeping us up to date on the tax and legal requirements for continuing that designation. Vern Ruska served as a watch-dog for the entire area, constantly communicating to COR about street, alley, and sidewalk need in our neighborhood.

We hope you all appreciated the efforts of your board last year, and will assist, if requested, in 2011 efforts. We will be adding improvements to the entryways, and another surprise improvement, we hope, to our neighborhood in general. Looking forward to serving you in 2011.

George S. McKearin, President



CRIME WATCH REPORT

Hi Neighbors,

Hope everyone had a great holiday season. Glad to see that most of you broke down your Christmas boxes for the trash. Only saw a couple of large flat screen TV boxes in the alley. Thieves drive our alleys to see what kind of new electronics we just bought, so be sure and break down those boxes before placing them outside for pick up. You can also take them to the school and place them in the recycle bin.

Crime is down in the neighborhood. We did have two attempted burglaries last month in which someone knocked on the front door and the owners did not respond because they didn't know the person or just didn't want to be disturbed only to hear glass breaking in the back of the house and the burglar climbing through the window. Always acknowledge someone at the door. You don't have to open it, just talk through the door, tell them you are busy right now or something just to let them know someone is home, the CALL 911 and have the police check it out. May be nothing but it just could save a neighbor a problem down the block. The Police are very aware of the tactics used by burglars and are happy to respond to your request.

Our biggest problem is with car burglary. Take EVERYTHING out of your car or truck. GPS units are the number one item thieves want, along with IPODS, CELL PHONES, IPADS, LAPTOPS, WALLETS, PURSES, CD'S, CHANGE, AND KEYS. Not to mention anything else of value. It only takes them a few seconds to get what they want, don't be the next victim. If you go somewhere and use your GPS unit, take it down before you get out of the car. Thieves will take the unit, push home and can and will in many cases go break into your home because they know you are not there and will be gone before you get home.

I need some more Crime Watch people. If you can spare a couple of hours every two weeks, we need your help. I have openings at all times of the day or night. If you would like to see what we do I would be glad to take you out for a drive a long for about an hour to let you see what we do. I think you will be surprised to see how rewarding it really is, and who knows we might just catch a crook in the act of a crime. We don't confront them but call 911 and let them do the hard work while we keep an eye on the suspects from a distance. Just give me a call or e-mail me for more information.

Stay safe out there.

Sincerely,
Bob McClure
Crime Watch Coordinator
214-763-0589
crimewatchone@yahoo.com



RICHLAND ELEMENTARY NEWS

Calling all kids, calling all kids!!! Kindergarten Round-Up is just around the corner! Richland's Kindergarten Round-Up will be held on Thursday, March 31st! This is a wonderful opportunity for you and your child to see our school and meet the principals and teachers. Be sure to mark your calendar so that you can participate in this important transition in your child's life.



Congratulations to the Richland *Rhythm Rockets* for their recent performances at the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) Convention. The Rhythm Rockets, a musical group under the direction of Mr. Benjamin Torres, were invited to perform at the convention in San Antonio, Texas on February 11. This is indeed an honor to have been chosen to perform at such a prestigious assembly of musicians. Kudos to Mr. Torres and the *Rhythm Rockets*!

In addition to participating in the Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor program, the Richland PTA collects BoxTops for Education and Campbell's Soup Labels for Education. You can contribute by saving your BoxTops and soup labels; bring them to the school office or contact Cassie McCampbell (see below) to have them picked up at your home! You can also have the Kroger barcode (below) scanned along with your Kroger plus card and the school will receive a portion of your spending. Thanks!

RICHLAND ELEMENTARY PTA



March Calendar:

Richland Rockets McDonald's Night - 2nd Tuesday of each month: March 8, April 12 and May 10; 5:00-8:00 p.m.

PTA Meeting - Thursday, March 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Multicultural Night - Thursday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-PLEASE COME!

Also beginning on March 24 cookie dough sales begin

Kindergarten Round-Up - Thursday, March 31

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer your time or services, please contact: Cassie McCampbell, PTA President, at c.mccampbell@att.net or 972-235-1166.



Richland Neighborhood Association

2011 Membership Application

Membership Dues for January 1st through December 31st, 2011

Dear Neighbors:

It's time for our 2011 Membership Drive. Richland Homeowners' Association is a voluntary organization. ***It only works if you choose to support it by sending your membership dues and volunteering your time. Membership is open to home owners and tenants.***

Membership dues are ONLY \$40 a year and provide valuable services and activities for our neighborhood. Some of the benefits included:

- Crime Watch Patrol (all patrol members are trained volunteers)
- Maintenance & updating of entry landscaping
- Social activities for all ages
- Representation at City of Richardson meetings
- Interaction with Risd, Richardson Police and Fire Departments
- Seasonal yard awards (available only to association members)
- "The Richland News" neighborhood newsletter
- Neighborhood Directory (available only to association members)
- Neighborhood Website-www.richlandhoa.com

Volunteers are always welcome and needed. Here are some of the jobs available. Please consider serving in one or more of the following areas: Please Check.

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Crime Watch Patrol | 5. Newsletter Committee |
| 2. Membership Committee | 6. Activities Committee |
| 3. ALB (Beautification) Committee | 7. 4 th of July Flags |
| 4. Block Captain | |

Please fill out the registration form on the reverse side even if you are a current member or unable to join, and return it to us so we can insure our database has the accurate information for our Crime Watch patrol and Neighborhood Directory. Please print or write clearly!

Please complete the information (on the reverse side) and return this entire form with your \$40 check (made payable to RHA) to:

RHA, PO Box 852636, Richardson, Texas 75085-2636

Please Continue on back.



Resident Information

2011 Membership

(Please PRINT very clearly in order to prevent mistakes)

Address: _____
Your House Number & Street Name Only

Owner or Tenant

Owner or Tenant

First Name Last Name

First Name Last Name

Birth Date: _____
Month/Day

Birth Date: _____
Month/Day

Wedding Anniversary (if applicable): ____/____/____

Profession

Profession

Home Phone

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Cell Phone

Work Phone

Work Phone

e-mail address

e-mail address

Volunteer Interests:

- Crime Watch Patrol
- Block Captain
- Membership
- 4th of July Flags

- ALB (Beautification)
- Newsletter
- Activities Committee
- Additional Donation for Neighborhood Vitality
Refer to Page 9

(Please check any that interest your household and the best time & way to contact you.)

Comments or Notes: _____

Please complete the information and return this entire page with your \$40 check (made payable to RHA) to RHA, PO Box 852636 Richardson, Texas 75085-2636

Only the Home phone is published in the HOA directory. If your cell phone is your primary phone, please put that number in both the home and cell areas. The directory goes **ONLY** to members of the Homeowners' Association. **Check here** () if you want your home\primary phone number **omitted** from the directory. *NOTE: Work and Cell phone numbers are ONLY used by Crime Watch Patrol if a need arises. This usually occurs when you leave your garage door open.*

E-mail addresses are only used to contact members for meetings, planned events etc... They will **NOT** be published in the neighborhood directory.

Community News and Announcements:

Spirit of Giving:

Richland HOA was awarded the "Spirit of Giving" award and Trophy after Richardson's annual Christmas parade. Richland Park and Richland Oaks contributed the most to "The Network of Community Ministries."

THANK YOU to all of those who gave to charity, and gave of their time!!



Spirit of Snow:

North Texas received a once-in-25 year snow day week in February! Now that it is over, and there are buds and blooms on trees just weeks later, here are some pictures:



Spirit of Service:

Be of service to the community and your HOA:

Open positions:

- Membership Chair
- Block Captain 400s Tiffany
- Crime Watch

VOTE:

- Richardson Bond election in May 2011

Participate:

- Community meeting on April 14th, 6:30PM, Richland Elementary. Guest are Richardson City Officials
- SPRING FESTIVAL April 30th, 2-6PM, Park



It's "Trash Bash" Time Again!!

9AM to Noon
Saturday
April 23rd, 2011



Help clean up
OUR city and
neighborhood!

The City of Richardson is excited to announce our annual environmental event. Once again we will be joining forces with Keep Texas Beautiful and Keep America Beautiful in celebrating the "Great American Clean Up". Trash Bash is a City-wide clean-up effort to rid Richardson streets, parks, and waterways of litter. All citizens, social organizations, and civic groups are invited to participate in this event to help clean up the community from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 23rd, 2011.

For more information or to register online please visit <http://www.cor.net/health.aspx?id=858>



Dear Block Captains,

Our Membership Drive has begun!!! Let's Make it the best one ever!

Please encourage participation on your block:

- Newsletter Advertisements
- Open positions, listed above
- Donations to the ALB see page 9

Thanks!!

Millie Harrison
Block Captain Coordinator



Richland Park & Richland Oaks Architecture Landscaping Beautification

Contact: Curtis Dorian 972.235.0230 or architectural@richlandhoa.com

Project UPDATES: Construction and Landscaping,

Hello Neighbors,

As you may notice, we are continuing our efforts to enhance our community with architectural detailing and landscaping. The latest project is adding stonework detailing to the newly constructed Entrances on Audelia and Walnut. This, of course, is funded by our MATCHING FUNDS Program we have established over the years through the City of Richardson and your annual membership donations. Thank you!



As a special note from your Architectural/Beautification chairman,

It has been brought to my attention, some are concerned I have been financially compensated by the HOA for the design services I provide for Richland Park and Richland Oak HOA projects.

To date, I, nor my company "Dorian Bahr" has been hired by RHA for my Professional Design and Contracting Services nor have I been paid for such services for the many hours rendered!



After reviewing Richland Park and Richland Oaks real estate comps, from homes sold the past year, property values are down considerably. My goal is to improve the aesthetics of our neighborhood, making our community a step above our competitive neighborhoods. This I gladly offer, for all of our fellow homeowners!

Sincerely, CURTIS DORIAN, RID



Richland Park & Richland Oaks

Architecture Landscaping Beautification

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Your Donations are extremely important to the future enhancement of our neighborhood.

Projects on the Drawing Board:

- Sign Toppers
- Screening Wall Remodel
- Park Bend Landscaping Enhancements
- Lighting for Entrances
- Spring/Summer Landscaping

All of these projects require additional funds over and above what we collect. Though we have been fortunate to receive capital funding for our main Entrance projects, we will not receive additional funds from this last bond election. However, the positive side is we have an established matching fund program with the COR and we need to maximize that benefit.

COR Neighborhood Vitality Program & Matching Funds:

As you know we base all our neighborhood projects on a portion of budgeted funds allocated from the **\$40.00 annual HOA membership dues and matching funds**. We all know this is hardly enough to process projects listed above. Although we have managed to proceed with many enhancements over the years, it is still a longer process without the appropriate funding. In order to continue the vitality program of our neighborhood, I ask that you support a **NEW FUND** that will deliver these attributes. What your HOA will do, is set aside the funds collected in a separate account until we reach our financial goals to proceed with these projects.

- **Sign Toppers** were approved from *last years* budget and we will be proceeding with this project soon.
- **Screening Walls** for Audelia estimating approximately \$200,000.00 to remodel. This will include brick columns to match existing entrance brick, stucco, stone and wall coping to match.
- **Park Bend** is in development, this will include proposed knock out roses in the cells where the grass is currently located and streamlining the existing landscaping, as well as, adding some architectural landscape obelisk along the pathway.
- **Entrance Lighting** will be an added enhancement. We are currently running the traps on this projects. In short, the cost of electrical is paid by the HOA and the COR will install the project at 50% cost. Matching funds used to install.



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Autumn Yard of the Month Awards

Becky Jones 639 Harvest Glen, Richland Park
Peggy & Jim Chandler 418 Birch, Richland Park
Margaret Blackwood 437 Tall Oaks, Richland Oaks

Christmas and Holiday photos
can be viewed on our website:
www.richlandhoa.com



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WE NEED Volunteers for Beautification

"It is time to take charge of our neighborhood"

- *Monitoring Landscaping & Landscaping Projects*
- *Y.O.M. (Yard of the Month) & Special Awards (Special awards Oct-Nov-Dec)*
- *Monitoring Community Criteria & Maintenance Programs*
- *Monitoring fences, gutters, siding, roofing, overgrowth and other related issues that may effect the resale value of our neighborhood.*

Resident Cars on Street

SIDEWALKS: Please take the time to maintain the over run of soil and debris that gathers weekly along our running and walking paths. We can all appreciate a nice walk or stroll in a clean environment.

STREETS: There is an increase in vehicles parked throughout Richland Park/Oaks community. Please try to keep our streets clear of vehicles for long periods of time. Our homes are unique and viewing it's **Architecture and Landscaping** is more appealing than dodging vehicles. The aesthetic value of our homes is vital for a beautiful community. By parking in your driveways or/and garages, allows our community to have better *drive by appeal* and keeps our streets and community well groomed.

"Good Neighbor" Program Provided by Callaway's Nursery's

New, yard of the month winners program for 2011.

Winners will receive a **\$25.00** Garden Gift Card from Callaway's. The submission form will be completed by our **volunteer Beautification committee**, along with yard photo and then a gift card will be mailed to you directly.

More.....

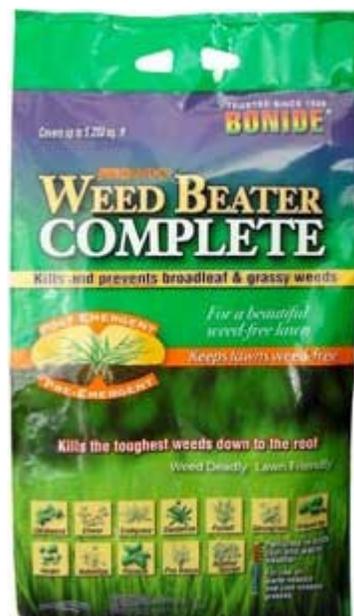
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3. Bonide® Weed Beater Complete™ - Rid your lawn of both pesky grassy **and** broadleaf weeds now. The first of its kind, this product eliminates weeds that have already sprouted as well as preventing weed seeds from germinating. Systemic action works from the leaves down and the roots up to kill and prevent weeds and the seeds they produce. One bag treats up to 5,200 sq. ft.



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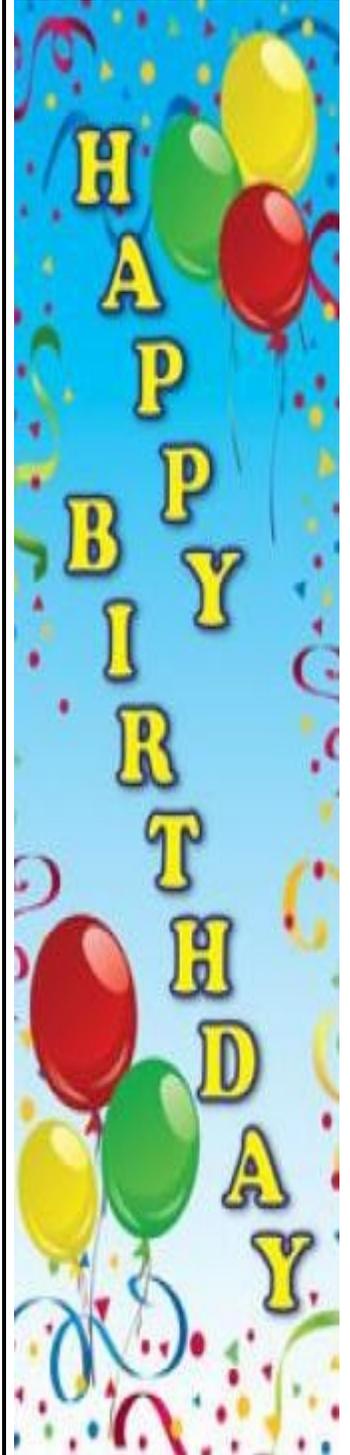
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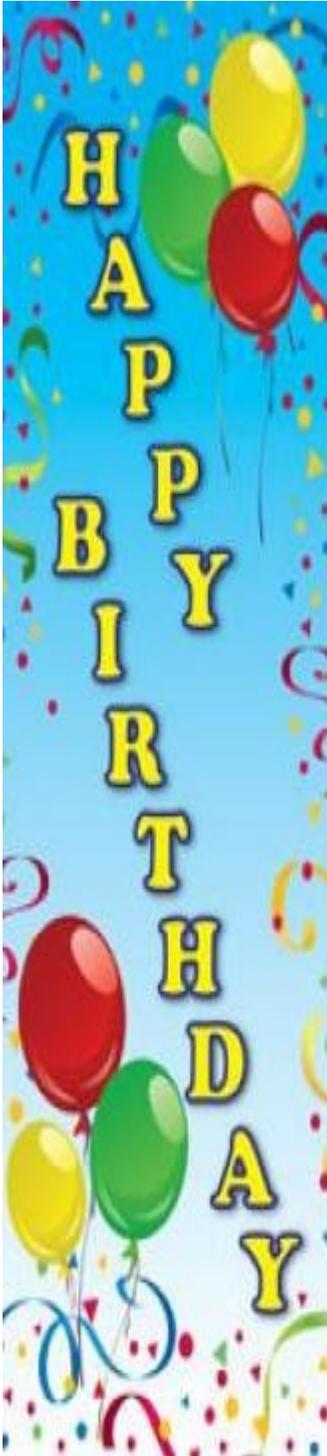
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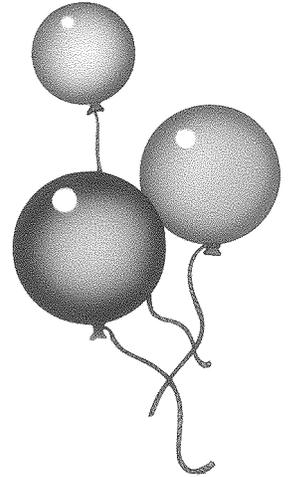
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LOST AND FOUND

During National Night Out last October, a Richland Homeowner lost a camera:

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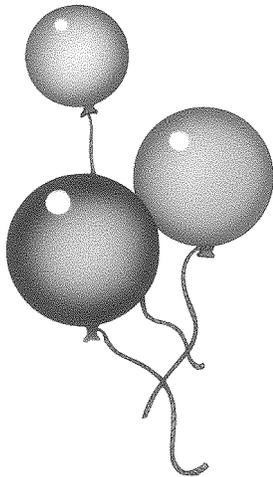
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY to those who
have supplied date of birth.
(This one is easy)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to those
who have provided the date one
moved into the neighborhood
(This is less obvious)

(Brought to you by your friendly
neighborhood news man)

Happy Anniversary !!



**Message From Block Caption
Coordinator**

We are in need of a Block Captain for the 400
block of Tiffany.
Anyone interested please call Millie Harrison at
972-231-2748.

Help your neighborhood by volunteering.

Thank You,

Millie Harrison
Block Captain Coordinator

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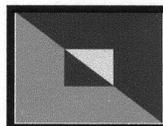
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The "Richland News" is published five times a year and delivered to all 968 homes in the Richland Park/Richland Oaks neighborhood. Advertisements must be ready for print and can be sent via U.S. mail to "Richland News," P.O. Box 852636, Richardson, Texas 75085-2636 or sent electronically as a JPEG or PDF file to news@richlandhoa.com Types, sizes and costs are below.

RHA Members receive a 10% discount on all ads.

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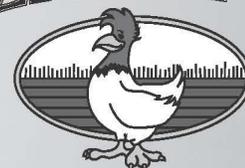


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