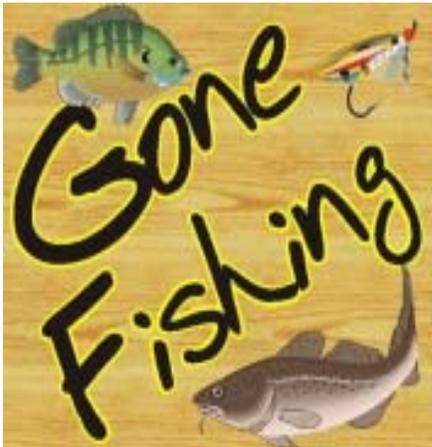


February 2008

News from the City

By Michael Ward, Sr., President



Lake Park Estates Rezoning Request

Michael Ward Sr., President

As you recall the Lake Park Estates (LPE) development presented their rezoning request initially at the end of last year. It was approved by the City Planning Commission and then denied by the City Council.

Earlier this month LPE submitted a revised proposal to the City Plan Commission and received approval. The City Council reviewed the revision request on January 28. Bette Hodges, Joe Russum, and I were in attendance, representing the Board. Several members from our community were there and some spoke out against the proposal.

A concern was raised regarding an older ordinance (2386A) and its compliance. The City Council was not familiar with the details of the ordinance and decided to table the review until they were briefed and had a better understanding of the history. Tentatively, it will be brought back up for discussion on February 11, assuming the staff can resolve the issues involved in 2386A. The public discussion was left open.

The City Council's main concern in this and the previous hearing was the unit density in the new addition. In response to the previous hearing, LPE eliminated one of the four-condo buildings, increased the smallest condo size from about 500 sq. ft. to 700 sq. ft., and eliminated the largest condo designs. Overall the number of condos was reduced by 25%. In the previous location of the fourth condo building, they are proposing more townhomes. The total unit count was reduced by only 5% or so with the addition of the townhomes. In the previous zoning request, the smallest condo was priced at \$110,000. In the current request, according to the released documents, the smallest condo was priced at \$115,000. In the council meeting, the lowest priced condo was \$150,000. We assume the \$150,000 is the correct number.

I spoke representing the Board and offered the following statements:

- We appreciate all the effort that has been made by Lake Park Estates, our Membership, and the City of Richardson regarding the curb cut issue. However

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due to traffic and safety concerns we must oppose the curb cut.

- We feel strongly that a single level condo solution is needed to meet the needs of our growing population of seniors in Richardson.
- The current proposal will create a community nearly equal in population to that of the JJ Pearce residents but in only a fraction of the space. We feel that a less dense solution should be developed.
- The concerns raised by the City Council last year regarding the small units and price points have not been addressed adequately. These concerns remain valid for our neighborhood as well as for the City of Richardson. We want a neighbor that will remain an asset to the community for many years to come.
- Braum's is an icon in the Richardson community and has broad support by our members. We would like to see a solution that continues to include them.
- Lake Park Estates is a good neighbor. We want them to continue to be successful and be given the opportunity to develop a proposal that will be more acceptable to our community and the City of Richardson.

We plan to hold a Membership Meeting in the near future to provide a forum for discussion and sharing of information regarding this rezoning request.

Please call if you would like to discuss this topic. (972-480-8575).

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Membership

By Brenden Hill, VP Membership

Our Block Captains have been doing a great job rounding up the last of our potential members. I'd like to say thanks to them all for doing a wonderful job, your efforts are much appreciated! To the Block Captains I haven't heard from in a while I will aim to contact you over the next couple of days to see how you are going and if you need anything. The current JJPHOA membership by street is shown below:

Street	Total	Joined	%
Chesterton	93	60	65%
Cheyenne	27	25	93%
Edith	33	24	73%
Eton	52	48	92%
Grassmere	51	40	78%
Huntington	92	61	66%
Lilac	8	8	100%
Melrose	17	10	59%
Mimosa	1	1	100%
Pueblo	30	23	77%
Stratford	52	49	94%
Violet	8	7	88%
Total	464	356	77%

I'd also like to say thanks to all the people that have helped me by joining our JJPHOA Yahoo group by themselves. You are making my job just that bit easier. I still have about 70 emails to add (it's a slow process with the ten a day maximum rule), but it's well down on my original list of 170 or so. After all of the emails are entered I will be doing a test email or two to make sure everyone is receiving email from our JJPHOA group successfully.



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Crime / Safety Talk

By Rick Regan, VP Safety

BIG NEWS – NATIONAL NIGHT OUT DATE CHANGE

I have some exciting news to share about National Night Out. The National Association of Town Watch (the overseers of National Night Out), after much consideration and many conversations with the Texas Crime Prevention Association, has agreed to allow Texas to participate in National Night Out in OCTOBER of this year – with a caveat! Many people had voiced their desire to move the date to a time of the year when the temperatures were more conducive to meeting outdoors. Your voices were heard loud and clear. As of right now, Texas will be the only state in the nation allowed to hold an October NNO with the blessing of NATW.



There is a catch. NATW is offering this compromise based upon the many complaints from Texans that more Neighborhood Watch groups and organizations might participate in National Night Out if it were held during a cooler month. So, we, as a state, have to demonstrate a marked increase in numbers this year. They gave us a cooler month. Now, we must deliver. The City of Richardson will be conducting NNO on the first Tuesday in October—TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7th, 2008. Hopefully, if we do see a significant increase, the first Tuesday in October will become National Night Out in Texas permanently (and we do not have to go back to meeting in 100 degree temperatures in August). Put the date on your calendar and let's pull out all the stops to make participation the best that it can be for this event.



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AUTOMOBILE THEFT AND VANDALISM

We have received many reports that automobile theft and vandalism is on the rise. While these types of crimes cannot be completely prevented, each of us can do our part by taking steps to reduce our exposure to this type of crime.



Here are some things to think about and helpful tips:

- **PARK YOUR CAR IN THE GARAGE.** If you have to park your car on the street or in your driveway, make sure the parking area has adequate lighting. Light is one of the best deterrents – especially a flood light on the area.
- When parking in your driveway or on the street, remove your garage door opener. I recently read about a person that parked in their drive. The thief broke in the car and opened the garage door. Next to the entry door in the garage was an extra set of keys. The thief loaded the car with goodies from the garage, started the car with the newly found keys and drove away. HELLO!!!!
- Please remember that putting one's laptop inside a black case and placing the case on the floorboard behind the front seat of one's car while one goes into a restaurant to eat lunch, does not mean that a thief will not see it, shatter glass, and steal it. Unless you have Harry Potter's invisibility cloak – not likely. For those who got a new car stereo for Christmas....if it has a removable faceplate....REMOVE IT when you park. Otherwise, a thief might get a fully-functional stereo unit. If you received a GPS as a gift, remove the device – INCLUDING the windshield or dash suction cups. The same holds true for radar detectors.
- Activate car alarms – that is why you paid extra for the feature.
- Ladies— when off-loading groceries into your car, secure your purse inside your car or trunk FIRST. Then worry about the groceries. A thief drove right up beside a lady's grocery cart, reached out the window, and swiped her purse from the child seat while she was loading bags into the trunk.
- On cold mornings, do not start your car and leave it running. This makes it too easy to steal and is an invitation for thieves. The same holds true stopping at a convenience store and leaving the car running.

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CRIME INCIDENT REPORTING

From December 1, 2007 through January 23, 2008, the following crimes were reported in the JJPHOA area.

01/23/2008 06:00 PM - THEFT-MV PARTS - STRATFORD DR
01/19/2008 04:30 PM - CRIM MISC 50-500 - HUNTINGTON DR
01/12/2008 10:00 PM - THEFT-FROM MV - STRATFORD DR
12/22/2007 02:00 AM - BURG UNLAW-RESD - HUNTINGTON DR
12/19/2007 09:30 AM - BURG FORCE-RESD - HUNTINGTON
12/14/2007 12:27 PM - BURG FORCE-RESD - CHESTERTON DR
12/11/2007 08:00 AM - THEFT-MV PARTS - EATON DR
12/01/2000 6:00 PM - CRIM MISC 500-1500 - W CAMPBELL RD

These incidents can be reviewed online at the following link:

<http://www.cor.net/PD/crimewatch/CWsector240small.html>

The incident on January 19, 2008 was graffiti on the alley wall between 1100 and 1200 Huntington Dr. The officer that took the report indicated that the graffiti was gang related and he requested that we communicate to residents of JJPHOA. Please be on the look out for suspicious activity and report any incidents to the police department. The non-emergency number is (972) 744-4800.

Beautification

By Michael and Tina Tannery, VP Beautification

Remember Your Valentine!

Here is a Valentine Day idea for all of us. February is a great time to plant trees like Red Oak, Live Oak, Bald Cypress, Dogwood, Bradford Pear or prepare a garden bed for roses. Spend the time together, create a special place for your tree or roses and give your Valentine a gift that keeps giving for a lifetime.



Michael's Maintenance

February

- **Plant** potatoes and onion sets. Plant grapes, berries, and asparagus for many years of harvest. *Don't forget to water existing vegetable plants during the winter months, and mulch for cold weather protection.*
- **Protect** tender perennials or flowering shrubs with **frost cloth** during severe cold spells. Water is critical immediately prior to hard freezes to lessen cold injury.
- **Prepare** beds for spring planting by working in compost or other organic materials. Add mid-winter color with pansies and cyclamen.
- **Fertilize** pansies and other winter color annuals. Cut back on fertilizing indoor plants.
- **Prune** rose bushes (not the *climbers*) after last freeze.

Tina's Treasures

- **Plant for pollinators** - Butterflies, bees, hummingbirds and moths play an essential role in our gardens. They pollinate the flowers we enjoy and our kitchen gardens filled with tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers. And they take care of our agricultural crops, too. Unfortunately, these beautiful and helpful creatures often have a hard time finding safe habitats. Many insecticides used in gardens do get rid of pests but also poison "good" bugs and even hummingbirds. But if you're going green by avoiding pesticides anyway, your garden will become a haven for these winged visitors. Encourage them to stick around by providing food, water and shelter. Below are some links for plants and plans to help you make a home for these winged creatures:

Butterfly plants

www.gardengatemagazine.com/extras/70butterflyplants.php

Hummingbird friendly plan

www.gardengatemagazine.com/extras/51hummingbird.php

Click this link to go to a plan for a Hummingbird Garden!

- **Don't forget the birds** - Most birds aren't pollinators but they're fun to watch, and some species even eat insects. So they'll benefit, too, from your sparing use of pesticides. More insects mean more snacks for hungry birds. And seed eaters will be eating from chemical-free plants.

Development – Business Profile

By Bette Hodges, VP Development

Coming Soon: The Vitamin Cottage

Pavillion North Shopping Center, N.W. Corner Coit & Campbell. (Small Fry previously occupied this space.)

Sprouts: The opening of **Sprouts** is still targeted for mid-April.

2007 JJ PEARCE HOUSING INFORMATION:

Comparison of 2006 to 2007 JJ Pearce housing information shows only a small change in a year.

	2006	2007
Number of homes sold	22	24
Average sq. ft.	2558	2512
Average days on market	69	65
Sales price/ listed price	98	97
Average price per sq. ft	\$93.72	\$92.86
Average sale price	\$239,738	\$233,252

**WAY TO GO!
JJ PEARCE BASEBALL TEAM & PARENTS**

During a recent field clean up, the JJ Pearce Baseball team and parents painted the new green concession stand BLUE to match the baseball dug outs. The JJ Pearce girls softball dug outs remain red. GO MUSTANGS – Red & Blue!



Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is a holiday celebrated on February 14. It is the traditional day on which lovers express their love for each other; sending Valentine's cards, donating to charity or gifting candy. It is very common to present flowers on Valentine's Day. The holiday is named after two among the numerous early Christian martyrs named Valentine. The day became associated with romantic love in the circle of Geoffrey Chaucer in High Middle Ages, when the tradition of courtly love flourished.

The day is most closely associated with the mutual exchange of love notes in the form of "valentines." Modern Valentine symbols include the heart-shaped outline and the figure of the winged Cupid. Since the 19th century, handwritten notes have largely given way to mass-produced greeting cards. The mid-nineteenth century Valentine's Day trade was a harbinger of further commercialized holidays in the United States to follow. The U.S. Greeting Card Association estimates that approximately one billion valentines are sent each year worldwide, making the day the second largest card-sending holiday of the year behind Christmas. The association estimates that women purchase approximately 85 percent of all valentines.

Source Wikipedia



Police Update

By Joe Russum, Editor

New Technology

The police department is in the process of installing a system in one of the police cars that will allow an officer to drive down the street, automatically read license plates electronically, and check the database to see if the car is stolen or if the owner is wanted by a police department. All this will be done in real time.



The database will be downloaded into an onboard computer and will be updated as often as necessary to keep it timely. Four TV cameras will pick up the images of the license plates and software in the computer will convert the license image into a digital format for comparison with the database. This equipment should be a great instrument to fight crime and keep bad guys off our streets.

This equipment was purchased using revenue from red-light cameras.

New K9 Capability

Last year the Richardson Police Department (RPD) initiated an effort to obtain two K9 dogs, two K9 SUVs, and support equipment. The first dog, Macho, has been received and is on duty with Officer Cubberly. Everyone is very pleased with Macho's performance. More information about his duties and performance can be read in the January issue of Richardson Today. If you did not keep that issue, it can be read on the Richardson website. Go to www.cor.net, click on "Pub & News", and then "Richardson News".

A second dog, Flash, was purchased at the same time as Macho. This dog's performance was not up to the RPD standards, so Flash was returned. Another dog was identified to replace Flash and his training was almost completed when it was discovered that he had a heart defect. At this time there are no other dogs available that meet RPD requirements, so Macho will be only dog in the RPD for a while longer.

The dogs, their training, and equipment were funded with money awarded to the department from drug seizure cases.
Source Mike Corley, RPD

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Power Line Problems—OOPS

By Joe Russum, Editor

Last month I wrote an article about a downed power line on Cheyenne. In the article I stated that the power line problem cut power off for two houses. Lea Perkins informed me that three houses lost power. Lea also told me that the power company was informed of the potential problem several times and well in advance of the failure. I appreciate Lea taking the time to correct the error and provide more information on the incident.



I discussed this problem with one of the City Councilmen and he gave me the name of someone in the power company who could have taken care of the problem if we had known to call him. In fulfilling our duties as JJPHOA Board members a few of us have developed a working relationship with city officials. If you are having problems with service companies such as the power company I will be glad to use my contacts to see if we can get the name of someone who might help.

New Year's Resolution

I just read an article on the dangers of drinking....
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Republican Candidate Forum for State House Seat

Michael Ward Sr., President

Angie Chen Button, Randall Dunning, and Jim Shepherd are competing in the Republican primary for the State House seat vacated by Fred Hill. Bill Sproull, President of the Richardson Chamber of Commerce, will moderate a luncheon forum for all three candidates. The Forum will be held at the Richardson Civic Center at 411 W. Arapaho Road from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm on Thursday, February 14. Questions for the candidates are to be submitted to Molly Ulmer at Molly@Richardsonchamber.com by Friday, Feb. 8th. The “early bird” price of the luncheon is \$10. If you are interested or have any questions call the Chamber of Commerce at 972-792-2821. (There is only one candidate in the Democratic primary.)

\$1.75 Million Grant to Fund Push for Photon Chip

UT Dallas researchers have received a \$1.75 million grant to develop novel microchip technology that’s smaller, faster and more energy-efficient than anything on the market today. The secret ingredient is light.

Like so many other modern high-tech devices, the new technology will be silicon-based. But unlike them, it will use photons rather than electrons to get the job done.

“This research is intended to produce a completely new class of components that could have a revolutionary impact on information engineering,” said Duncan MacFarlane, a professor of electrical engineering at UT Dallas and principal investigator for the grant.

“The photonic integrated circuit we’re developing will be a versatile, programmable, scalable device that will process photonic signals and provide a sophisticated and practical interface with existing electronics,” he added.

In addition to meeting the needs of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency for ever-more-sophisticated technology, the 18-month effort is intended to demonstrate how photonics can enable the semiconductor industry to continue its decades-long record of regularly producing ever-more-powerful chips.

The current roadmap for semiconductor evolution envisions the need for just such an innovation in coming years, when current design and manufacturing processes are expected to encounter physical barriers to continued miniaturization.

The grant was awarded based on the researchers’ progress in the analysis and design of photonic technology as well as

their creation over the years of an impressive nanophotonic development facility.

A collaborative effort known as PhASER – short for photonic analog signal processing engines with reconfigurability – the research project will also involve four other organizations:

- Southern Methodist University researchers have been collaborating with UT Dallas researchers for five years on photonic integrated circuitry, and they’ll continue analyzing and optimizing designs using a powerful computing cluster at SMU.
- Photodigm Inc., an 8-year-old Dallas-area photonics technology company that has also been working with UTD researchers for several years, will participate in device design and fabrication.
- Military contractors Northrop Grumman Corp. and Raytheon Co. will evaluate the photonic technology’s performance in high-tech antenna systems and laser radar.
- “This award is a great vote of confidence from DARPA and reflects the talent on the team we’ve assembled,” MacFarlane added. That team includes UT Dallas faculty Bob Hunt, Vish Ramakrishna and Jiyoung Kim as well as Gary Evans and Marc Christensen, who are each associated with both Photodigm and SMU.

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Local Events

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February

1	Boy's Basketball JV/V vs. Highland Park	6:00/7:30pm Pearce
1,2,3	Miss Saigon play	2:00pm, 7:30pm Pearce Auditorium
6	Ash Wednesday	
10	Richardson Community Band Concert	2:00pm Hill Performance Hall
8,9,10	Miss Saigon play (Honoring veterans on the 10 th)	2:00pm, 7:30pm Pearce Auditorium
12	Boy's Basketball JV/V vs. Mesquite Poteet	6:00/7:30pm Pearce
12	Lincoln's Birthday	
14	Valentines Day	
18	President's Day	
22	Washington's Birthday	
21,22,24	Miss Saigon play	2:00pm, 7:30pm Pearce Auditorium
29	Student Holiday - Professional Development	



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	Month Ended January 31, 2008	Year to Date Actual January 31, 2008
Cash Receipts		
Membership Dues		\$4,590.00
Dividends	30.74	160.74
Advertising-Newsletter	105.00	1,155.00
Total Receipts	135.74	5,905.74
Expenses		
Crime Watch		
Metrocall	20.95	104.02
National Night Out (08/07)		250.98
Membership		
Annual Meeting		183.78
Bank Deposit Pads		12.95
Board Planning Meeting		49.00
Newsletter		
Delivery	60.00	405.00
Printing, etc	174.20	1,160.66
Contributions		
Firefighters' Dinners		232.91
Police Dept Dinner		100.00
Total Expenses	255.15	2,499.30
Net Income (Loss)	(\$119.41)	\$3,406.44

Fund Balances:

	Checking	Vanguard
Beginning Balances - 1/1/08	\$6,992.76	\$10,968.17
Add receipts	105.00	30.74
Less Disbursements	(255.15)	
Ending Balances - 1/31/08	\$6,842.61	\$10,998.91

Respectfully Submitted, Helen Simon, Treasurer, February 1, 2008

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	Monthly Rate	Yearly Rate
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½ page	\$40.00	\$440.00
Full page	\$75.00	\$825.00

Any business ad purchased for a full year receives a free ad in the directory.

DECEMBER 27, 2007

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Michael Ward, Sr., called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. at the home of Rick Regan, 1201 Huntington Drive. Those in attendance were Michael Ward, Sr., Bette Hodges, Joe Russum, Brenden Hill, Rick Regan, and Sue Caldwell. There were no visitors.

President's Report: Michael Ward, Sr., reported that the city's Architectural Review Advisory Panel recommended an overlay process in which local HOA's can decide from a list of options the guide lines they choose to address for a self-initiated neighborhood stabilization process.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was approved.

Secretary's Report: The Minutes of the last Board meeting held November 29, 2007 were approved.

Membership: Brenden Hill reported 336 paid memberships in JJPHOA. He will follow-up with Block Captains and the directory should be ready to go to print by the end of January 2008. The directory will include free ads for those who advertised for one year in the newsletter. The size of the directory ad will be relative to the newsletter ad size.

Development: Bette Hodges said that Sprouts will occupy half of Albertson's store space and will open in April 2008. The Vitamin Cottage, in Pavillion North, is new and located where Small Fry furniture used to be. She continues to be in

contact with property managers about new businesses coming to our area and will keep us informed.

Beautification: There was no report.

Safety: Rick Regan continues to discuss with the Board the possibility of creating a neighborhood watch group.

Editor: Joe Russum reported fourteen ads with three full-page ads for \$250. He also said that Christmas tree bulk pick up would be January 8, 2008 or with regular garbage pick up anytime.

Webmaster: There was no report.

Other Business: Brick Campaign

The J. J. Pearce Athletic Booster Club is sponsoring a brick campaign to help maintain Pearce's "Tradition of Excellence". Each engraved brick costs \$50 and will be placed in an area outside the Corral by the entrance to the gymnasium. An explanation and order form will be included in the January newsletter for the members of the JJPHOA. The JJPHOA Board decided to purchase two bricks in support of the campaign.

Future Board Meetings and Newsletter Deadlines: The next JJPHOA Board Meeting is Thursday, January 31, 2008 at Michael Ward's home, 1217 Stratford Drive at 7 p. m. The February Newsletter deadline is Thursday, January 24, 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p. m.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Caldwell

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Board Meeting February 26 at 1217 Stratford

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