

J. J. Pearce Homeowners Association Newsletter

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February 2013

News From The City

By Joe Russum, Editor

The new Gymnastics Center, located on East Arapaho Road, opened on January 2 and is already operating at full capacity.

The Heights Recreation and Aquatic Center is currently under construction and due to the recent weather, the opening for both facilities has been adjusted to the July 4th weekend.

The City Council approved the new park on Weathered Drive to be named Durham Park after the Durham family who have a rich history in Richardson, including the City's first Scout Master and founder of the first Richardson Library. Construction is estimated to be completed in May 2013.

The Bush Turnpike Station Area Development zoning was approved by the Council in December. The \$1.5 billion Transit Oriented Development by KDC *will give access to other roads and the highway network*

US75/Main Street Reinvestment Study recommendations were presented to Council in December and draft implementation in January. *This study has many more years of work before it is completed.*

Council approved Sherrill Park Golf Course management contract in December. There will be changes to the financial strategy, including funding for capital improvements and transfers into the Golf Fund

Land on Glenville, south of Belt Line, donated to the City by Twin Rivers Senior Living Facility, will be the subject of Master planning to improve storm water drainage improvements for the area. A public input meeting will be held this spring.

The Council amended Chapter 4 of the Code of Ordinances to allow for the sale of alcoholic beverages in a restaurant by special use permit in an industrial zoning district. This will eliminate the need for a private club permit.

The first day to file for City Council Election is January 30th; last day is March 1st. Election will be May 11th. Voter registration deadline is April 11th, and early voting begins April 29th.

January Sales Tax receipts were up 19.8% over 2011. The first 2 months of the Fiscal Year, receipts were up 1.2% over last fiscal year, which is 2.6% below the budgeted amount.

Recreation Center and Pool Fees are:

\$60 per year for residents; \$120 for non-residents

\$135 per year for family membership

Season pass for new Aquatics Center:

\$45 for residents; \$65 for non-residents

\$150 for family membership

Design work for Lookout Drive Railroad Crossing Improvement is scheduled for January through May 2013. Construction is to begin in June 2013.

A Federal law has been passed allowing NTMWD to pump water from Lake Texoma to the water treatment plant in Wylie when the new 46 mile pipeline is completed. The pipeline is estimated to be completed in December 2013 which will impact water for the summer of 2014. NTMWD has multiple contractors working on the pipeline. The city will have to impose water restrictions if we do not get the needed rain. The Water District is working with the Army Corps of Engineers to mitigate the issue that was seen last year with lake water levels. At this time Lake Lavon is down 8.7 feet and Lake Chapman is down 6.8 feet. Recent rains have brought the lake levels up about a foot.

Richardson received a National Night Out Award for being 2nd in the Nation in the 50,000 to 99,000 population category. We have ranked in the top 2 for the last 2 years. Ranking is based on attendance and number of parties.

State of the University of Texas at Dallas

- 19,750 enrollment (3,560 live on campus), goal is to reach 25,000 to 30,000 students and reach Tier 1 status as a research university
- 84% graduate in science, engineering and management
- 2/3 of students stay in the Metroplex after graduation
- 3rd Ranked public university in Texas (US News and World Reports)
- The Freshman Class has the highest average SAT score, and more National Merit Scholars than the rest of the UT system combined
- \$95 million in research in 2012
- Dr. Daniel's presentation is available online on the City Council Meeting Documents page, www.cor.net/index.aspx?page=1329

Thank You Holiday Decorators

The J.J. Pearce Homeowners Association would like to thank Jon Crissman, along with his wife Jennifer, for the great job of chairing the Holiday Decoration Committee. They did a fantastic job of coordinating the event. We would like to thank the members of the committee who include:

Jon and Jennifer Crissman
 Allen and Lee Ann Brunelli
 Margaret and Scott Bell
 Tim Napier
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 Terry Wolfe
 Anne and Seth Eckholm
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 Gay Jaynes
 Susan and Bob Maute
 David Hodges
 Greg and Sue Immel
 Debbie Conard.



Their hard work made our community festive and beautiful for the holidays. If anyone else is interested in helping decorate for next year, please contact Jon at jcris17266@aol.com.

Video Crime Watch Program

From Richardson Police Department

The Richardson Police Department is announcing the "Neighborhood Video Crime Watch" program which asks residents with home video surveillance cameras to volunteer their information and complete an online form that has basic questions about their video system's capabilities.



If a crime happens, a Police Officer or Detective can check the contact database for anyone living in the vicinity of the crime with a home surveillance system. If one is listed in the database, Police may contact that resident and ask them to review their footage to see if anything was captured that may help with the case. Home video surveillance systems are becoming more common as the technology improves and the purchase price becomes more affordable.

The Richardson Police Department has seen an increase in home surveillance systems used by Richardson residents and has successfully made arrests in cases where the resident's surveillance video captured the suspect in the act. This resource will allow Police to more quickly identify home video camera locations where suspect information may have been captured in close proximity to a crime.

To register your information visit our webpage at: <http://www.cor.net/index.aspx?page=1670>

If you have questions, you can contact the Crime Prevention Unit at 972-744-4955.

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Development

By Bette Hodges, VP Development

Cycling Center Dallas 214-616-9850

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Cycling Center Dallas has recently relocated to the Richardson location with a second location being added in the White Rock area soon. This is an indoor training facility that teaches speed, strength, stamina and skill especially designed for you. Their very qualified instructors offer performance cycling instruction for all levels and ages.

Mermaid Karaoke

972-238-7160

Next to The String Bean Restaurant
N. E. corner of Coit & Campbell

Mermaid Karaoke opened in January. This karaoke venue has small, medium and large furnished rooms with microphones, a touch screen computer for your song selection, and large flat screen TVs which display the song lyrics. The rooms are rented by the hour and offer a song selection of over 1 Million songs of all genres and many languages. The hours are 5:00 pm - 12:00 and appetizers and beverages can be purchased.

Monster Yogurt

Opening February 13, 2013

Next to Tom Thumb/Previous
location of The Basket Case
N. E. corner of Coit & Campbell



Monster Yogurt is opening this second location on February 13th. It is a very fun yogurt store. They will offer 80+ self-serve frozen yogurt flavors plus many great toppings. The indoor playground includes a 'Monster Cave' for the kiddos. There is also a private party room. Ask them about their party packages.

JJP Crime Watch Patrol

By David & Bette Hodges

We would like to have you join the JJP Crime Watch Patrol! It is very rewarding to know you are helping to protect your neighborhood. The next four hour training class is on Wednesday, February 20, 2013. For more information, please visit www.cor.net, or contact the Richardson Police Department Crime Prevention Unit at 972-744-4955. The Crime Watch Patrol motto is "Stay In Your Car." If we observe anything suspicious while patrolling, we contact 911 immediately for the Richardson Police Department to investigate the situation.



Constant Contact

By Joe Russum

I am sure you know that we use a service known as Constant Contact to send alerts and newsletters to our members. When you renew your membership each year you have the option of receiving the newsletter in paper form or through e-mail. We encourage you to take the e-mail option because it saves the HOA a lot of money which can be used for other purposes. A few people do not give us their e-mail address for privacy reasons, and that is alright. It is their choice and we honor that.

At the bottom of each e-mail we send out is a button that says "unsubscribe". If you punch that button Constant Contact will not allow us to send newsletters or alerts to your current e-mail address through their system. It will not even allow us to enter your address into the system. We cannot remove your address from the "do not mail" list, only you can do that. If you think you are on the "do not mail" list and wish to get off the list, send me a note at editor@jjphoa.com and I will check the list. If you are on it and wish to be removed, I will send you instructions how to remove you name from the list.



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Membership

By Greg Immel, VP Membership

By reading this you are a fellow active member for 2013 and we thank you. As I indicated last newsletter the results for the membership drive are below.

<u>Street</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Joined</u>	<u>% Paid</u>
Chesterton	93	62	67
Cheyenne	27	26	96
Edith	33	19	58
Eton	52	34	65
Grassmere	51	38	75
Huntington	92	62	67
Lilac Court	8	8	100
Melrose	17	8	47
Mimosa	1		0
Pueblo	30	20	67
Stratford	52	37	71
Violet Place	8	6	75
Total	464	320	69

As you can see we have done well, but last year we closed the membership drive with 76% and we had around 20 new move-ins (which are free), so given these additional we wound up for the calendar year at 80%. You all have spoiled me so I am not happy with myself as your Membership guy. Maybe those who did not sign up will realize what they are missing starting this month. If any of you have any suggestions as to what you feel we need as an Association to make our residents be more proactive, please let me know. I think about it all the time and am so proud to live here that sometimes I do not see out of the forest. I really like input. Speaking of feeling bad, I have to apologize for where we are on the Sonny Bryan certificates. I have it all logged, as the many of you who have called/e-mailed me asking have learned, but if you have any doubt either e-mail me (membership@jjphoa.com) or call 927-234-2981. I am shorthanded nine block captains now, so my challenge is ahead of me, but you will get yours soon. Sorry.

For the upcoming year please remember to **recycle** as much as possible and to call or e-mail me if you need a roll of bags to help the cause. I see us doing so well as a community there, so please keep up your great efforts. Also, if you see someone moving in, let me know. I will let the block captain know and we, as an Association, will drop by and welcome them with our basket of goodies and a directory so they know who lives around them.

Lastly, thank you again for supporting your JJPHOA and we will do all that we are able to make the experience of living here an enjoyable experience. If you haven't joined the Nextdoor link for JJPHOA consider doing so. It is only for our community and it offers many ways of staying in touch with ourselves when any of us need help or have questions about how to do a project or how to meet your neighbors with similar interests. Our Social Director, Lisa Steele, is working on this startup so watch for that.



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Beautification

by Bart Ord, Beautification VP

The holidays are over and now it is time for life to return to normal – if there is such a thing! Once again JPHOA will be working with Calloway’s in their Yard of the Month program. We will continue to look for the best yard in our neighborhood each month and there will be four signs placed each time. Remember, one winner will also receive a \$25.00 gift card from Calloway’s and will have that sign in their yard. Since we only get one sign from this sponsor we will take the 4 winners and do a simple drawing to see who gets the special. Sound fair? Remember the selections begin in April so now is the time to start planning your spring projects. Refer to December’s article for reference on our water restrictions. Most impatiens, begonias and other standard spring flowers will not do well with only 2 times a week watering. So plan wisely! It’s also time to plant your onions and potatoes if you’re planning a small garden. You can get the onion sets and seed potatoes at most nurseries, Home Depot or Lowe’s near us. Check the web for information on planting potatoes in barrels if you have very limited space. When cleaning up your yard from Old Man Winter’s chill, be sure to place all the cuttings out front and call the City of Richardson for pickup on Tuesday.

Calloway’s Corner, Timely Tips

Once the decorations are packed away, fill those empty spaces in your home with living, breathing houseplants! It is a proven fact that plants can improve our indoor air quality. Researchers for NASA, while developing technology that would allow humans to live in a closed environment on the moon or Mars, discovered that houseplants are the quickest and most effective filters of common, dangerous air pollutants.

Research has shown that you should have one medium-sized houseplant per 100 square feet of living area. Setup two to three plants per room, based on an average sized room, so there is plenty of space around each one for good air circulation. The more vigorous the plant, the more air it can filter. Keep the leaves clear of dust since most pollutants are absorbed by the leaves.

Revive your natural indoor spaces while providing a vibrant “green” look! Don’t miss the first Repotting events of the year as well as our **FREE** gardening clinics. Our Texas Certified Nursery Professionals will discuss which plants provide the most natural indoor beauty! The Repotting events are come-and-go from open till close, and the gardening clinics are held on Saturday at 10:15 a.m. Events are held at every store.

Saturday, February 9th from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Indoor Blooming Plants - Repotting Festival

It’s time to repot blooming houseplants. Join the Repotting festivities to make your blooming plant projects fun and easy!

Texas Tree Tips, from Neil Sperry & Steve Houser

Japanese maples are popular ornamental trees because of the color they bring to gardens. While most cultivars never exceed a height of 20 feet, they often rank at the top of gardeners’ favorite tree lists. All photos by Bill Seaman.



Top-Rated Shade Trees

Almost everyone in the green industry has created his or her own short list of favorite shade and ornamental trees. The criteria used to formulate those opinions vary. A grower’s or nursery professional’s opinion may not always concur with a landscaper’s or arborist’s advice. A grower may choose a species based on its popularity in the retail marketplace and the ease with which it can be propagated. A nursery often carries a tree species because of its popularity but also their experience with its overall performance in an area.

The interest generated by the decorative bark on lacebark elms helps place the tree species on the top shade tree list of many landscape architects.

A landscape architect’s or designer’s primary focus may be based on the short- and long-term aesthetics of a tree, as well as the landscape’s overall design. Arborists and landscape contractors are directly involved in the long-term maintenance of the trees and plants, which gives them yet another perspective on each tree species. Working to keep plants and trees healthy, these professionals see firsthand what works and what doesn’t in the long-term sense. The green industry in Texas differs slightly from other states in that professing the virtues of your favorite tree species can often progress to “them’s fighting words.” Arborists deal with any and everything even remotely associated with the health and structural integrity of individual trees over an extended period of time. Tree climbers have an intimate knowledge of the strength of the wood for any given species, as well as species’ stronger/weaker branching habits. Climbers must install a rope around a limb to support their weight in a climbing saddle as they move throughout a tree. To a climber, knowing the strength of the wood or the limb structures for each species is critical to returning home in one piece at the end of the day. There are old tree climbers and bold tree climbers — but there are no old and bold tree climbers.



Because of its adaptability to clay soils and Texas summer heat, Austrian pine ranks near

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the top of the best conifers list for many Texas gardeners.

There are still other opinions regarding tree species that can place them on someone's top-rated list. A naturalist may see the many benefits of a species based on its valuable contributions to our environment (air, water, soil, wildlife and much more). Hunters or fishermen may see the many benefits a tree provides for their favorite wildlife. A gardener may see the great bounty a species produces, whereas a crop farmer may curse the exact same species.



Bur oak acorns are a good food source for wildlife, which is only one trait that makes this tree a contender for many top-rated shade tree lists.

So what is the top-rated shade tree? The answer depends on many factors, but providing information on each commonly top-rated tree species from many of these diverse perspectives is a good start. We plan future articles that will include tree species profiles intermixed with other "tree tips." Given a broad-based perspective of tree species information, each person can construct his or her own top-rated shade tree list — and let the fightin' words begin. To fire the first volley, next month's article will profile our native post oak, *Quercus stellata*. Admittedly, it may not be available for purchase, and others will say it is a very "sensitive" species to work with. However, I find post oaks do quite well if the human species leaves them alone.

About the author: Steve Houser is a Dallas native with more than 30 years of experience as a consulting arborist and tree climber. He is the president of Arboriological Services Inc., "The Experts Your Trees Deserve." www.arboriological.com.

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Safety

By Michael Ward Sr., VP Safety

Beware of anyone (solicitors, flyer distributors, etc...) going door to door in the neighborhood. Call RPD, as permits are required to solicit/pass out flyers door to door. Solicitors must have the permit displayed at all times and there is no soliciting before 9am or 30 minutes after sunset.

Do not ask to see someone's permit as a lot of times this will lead to a confrontation. If they have the permit, they will know the rules and have it prominently displayed. The permit is yellow and will have the city logo on the front.

No Soliciting on Sunday, New Years Day, July 4th, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day or Christmas Day.

Solicitors are not allowed to attempt contact at houses having a sign posted which states "No Solicitors".

Always answer or acknowledge (talk thru door/window) anyone that comes to your door. Burglars usually want to make sure no one is home before they break in so they will knock or ring the door bell repeatedly before entering. If no one answers the door the burglar will then break in. If someone does answer the door they will usually come up with some excuse of being there, such as "Is Bob here?", "Oops I'm sorry I have the wrong house" etc...

If anyone comes to your house and acts in a similar manner, obtain a description of the person and then call the Richardson Police Department immediately.

If you leave anything inside your vehicle, it will be taken by some criminal. It may not be today, but it will disappear. Remember to keep overhead garage doors closed if unattended. *Source: Richardson Police Department*


Join Crime Watch Patrol

Please plan to join me on Wednesday, February 20, 2013 for this important Training: "Are you looking for an opportunity to serve your community as a volunteer?"

If you can spare an hour or two per month for your family and your neighborhood, then Crime Watch Patrol might be the opportunity you are seeking

The Richardson Police Department is holding a 4 hour Crime Watch Patrol training class on the evening of 2/20/13 (Wednesday).

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News From Mohawk

By Jennifer Wilson, Principal Mohawk

At the beginning of the year, the Mohawk staff continued an initiative to provide opportunities for our students through the Schoolwide Enrichment Model program. During the 2011-2012 school year, we expanded our Enrichment Clusters to include all students twice a year. This year, we are excited to include the addition of Enrichment Slot (E-Slot). E-Slot occurs each Monday. During E-Slot our students participate in enrichment activities based on the information from interest surveys each student completed at the beginning of the year. After a semester of E-Slot activities, I am amazed and proud of the outstanding learning happening in our classrooms. Our teachers have accepted the challenge and our students are benefitting. Here are a few highlights of our first semester activities.

- Practicing professional visits: Our teachers are locating professionals to visit our students and expand career awareness. These professionals help our students see how their interests can connect to future careers. We've been visited (in person or virtually) by a national sports journalist, patented inventor, former college football coach, and veterinarian. Our kindergarten and first grade students are looking forward to a future visit from the Perot museum science staff!
- Topics, topics, topics! Our students have learned about magic, inventors, Native Americans, dinosaurs, scientists, pets, hermit crabs, sports, plays/drama, cooking, holidays, the Olympics, and inspirational people. I cannot wait to see what this semester brings.
- Amazing student products! Our students have created a variety of products to demonstrate their new learning. During E-Slot, our students determine the direction of the topic and then dive into research. I've seen PowerPoints, videos, posters, Prezis, plays, magic tricks, Probes...and the list continues. It's been so neat to watch our students take charge of their own learning and run with it. One of our teachers commented the other day, "It can look a little messy at first, but the end results are amazing!"

Our classes have been visited by several of our district administrators to check out our new program. Each visitor has been impressed with our students and the work they are doing. Visiting our classes during their E-Slot activities is truly one of my favorite parts of each week. I cannot wait to report back to you at the end of the school year. As always, thank you for your support of our students and teachers. We appreciate our community!

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Richardson Library

By Joe Russum, Editor

As you know the City has rebuilt their website. I used to be able to go straight to the information I needed, but when anything involving a computer or computer program is "improved", it is going to cost you time to get back where you were before it was "improved". Don't you just hate that?



I finally found the Calendar which I use a lot. The link to the Calendar is on the home page, at the very top of the page in small print. It is a button labeled "Calendar". I don't know why it took me so long to find it. It is an interactive calendar and you can select the activity you are interested in from All Public Meetings to Zoning Board. As is my practice, I played with the calendar for a while to see what was on it and I was struck with the programs the Library has for kids from six months old all the way up. The one that really caught my eye was for kids one to three years old that is called Wiggle Worms. If you have young kids, you ought to look into these programs. I wish they had them when my boys were that age.

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February

1-18	Photo Contest	Richardson Library
12	Lincoln's Birthday	
13	Ash Wednesday	
14	Valentine Day	
18	RISD Student Holiday (Staff Development on)	
18	President's Day	
22	Washington's Birthday	

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Board meetings are open to all members

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The City Council approved the new park on Weathered Drive to be named Durham Park after the Durham family who have a rich history in Richardson, including the City's first Scout Master and founder of the first Richardson Library. Construction is estimated to be completed in May 2013.

The Bush Turnpike Station Area Development zoning was approved by the Council in December. The \$1.5 billion Transit Oriented Development by KDC *will give access to other roads and the highway network*

US75/Main Street Reinvestment Study recommendations were presented to Council in December and draft implementation in January. *This study has many more years of work before it is completed.*

Council approved Sherrill Park Golf Course management contract in December. There will be changes to the financial strategy, including funding for capital improvements and transfers into the Golf Fund

Land on Glenville, south of Belt Line, donated to the City by Twin Rivers Senior Living Facility, will be the subject of Master planning to improve storm water drainage improvements for the area. A public input meeting will be held this spring.

The Council amended Chapter 4 of the Code of Ordinances to allow for the sale of alcoholic beverages in a restaurant by special use permit in an industrial zoning district. This will eliminate the need for a private club permit.

The first day to file for City Council Election is January 30th; last day is March 1st. Election will be May 11th. Voter registration deadline is April 11th, and early voting begins April 29th.

January Sales Tax receipts were up 19.8% over 2011. The first 2 months of the Fiscal Year, receipts were up 1.2% over last fiscal year, which is 2.6% below the budgeted amount.

Recreation Center and Pool Fees are:

\$60 per year for residents; \$120 for non-residents

\$135 per year for family membership

Season pass for new Aquatics Center:

\$45 for residents; \$65 for non-residents

\$150 for family membership

Design work for Lookout Drive Railroad Crossing Improvement is scheduled for January through May 2013. Construction is to begin in June 2013.

A Federal law has been passed allowing NTMWD to pump water from Lake Texoma to the water treatment plant in Wylie when the new 46 mile pipeline is completed. The pipeline is estimated to be completed in December 2013 which will impact water for the summer of 2014. NTMWD has multiple contractors working on the pipeline. The city will have to impose water restrictions if we do not get the needed rain. The Water District is working with the Army Corps of Engineers to mitigate the issue that was seen last year with lake water levels. At this time Lake Lavon is down 8.7 feet and Lake Chapman is down 6.8 feet. Recent rains have brought the lake levels up about a foot.

Richardson received a National Night Out Award for being 2nd in the Nation in the 50,000 to 99,000 population category. We have ranked in the top 2 for the last 2 years. Ranking is based on attendance and number of parties.

State of the University of Texas at Dallas

- 19,750 enrollment (3,560 live on campus), goal is to reach 25,000 to 30,000 students and reach Tier 1 status as a research university
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- 2/3 of students stay in the Metroplex after graduation
- 3rd Ranked public university in Texas (US News and World Reports)
- The Freshman Class has the highest average SAT score, and more National Merit Scholars than the rest of the UT system combined
- \$95 million in research in 2012
- Dr. Daniel's presentation is available online on the City Council Meeting Documents page, www.cor.net/index.aspx?page=1329

Thank You Holiday Decorators

The J.J. Pearce Homeowners Association would like to thank Jon Crissman, along with his wife Jennifer, for the great job of chairing the Holiday Decoration Committee. They did a fantastic job of coordinating the event. We would like to thank the members of the committee who include:

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Their hard work made our community festive and beautiful for the holidays. If anyone else is interested in helping decorate for next year, please contact Jon at jcris17266@aol.com.

Video Crime Watch Program

From Richardson Police Department

The Richardson Police Department is announcing the "Neighborhood Video Crime Watch" program which asks residents with home video surveillance cameras to volunteer their information and complete an online form that has basic questions about their video system's capabilities.



If a crime happens, a Police Officer or Detective can check the contact database for anyone living in the vicinity of the crime with a home surveillance system. If one is listed in the database, Police may contact that resident and ask them to review their footage to see if anything was captured that may help with the case. Home video surveillance systems are becoming more common as the technology improves and the purchase price becomes more affordable.

The Richardson Police Department has seen an increase in home surveillance systems used by Richardson residents and has successfully made arrests in cases where the resident's surveillance video captured the suspect in the act. This resource will allow Police to more quickly identify home video camera locations where suspect information may have been captured in close proximity to a crime.

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Development

By Bette Hodges, VP Development

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Cycling Center Dallas has recently relocated to the Richardson location with a second location being added in the White Rock area soon. This is an indoor training facility that teaches speed, strength, stamina and skill especially designed for you. Their very qualified instructors offer performance cycling instruction for all levels and ages.

Mermaid Karaoke

972-238-7160

Next to The String Bean Restaurant
N. E. corner of Coit & Campbell

Mermaid Karaoke opened in January. This karaoke venue has small, medium and large furnished rooms with microphones, a touch screen computer for your song selection, and large flat screen TVs which display the song lyrics. The rooms are rented by the hour and offer a song selection of over 1 Million songs of all genres and many languages. The hours are 5:00 pm - 12:00 and appetizers and beverages can be purchased.

Monster Yogurt

Opening February 13, 2013

Next to Tom Thumb/Previous
location of The Basket Case
N. E. corner of Coit & Campbell



Monster Yogurt is opening this second location on February 13th. It is a very fun yogurt store. They will offer 80+ self-serve frozen yogurt flavors plus many great toppings. The indoor playground includes a 'Monster Cave' for the kiddos. There is also a private party room. Ask them about their party packages.

JJP Crime Watch Patrol

By David & Bette Hodges

We would like to have you join the JJP Crime Watch Patrol! It is very rewarding to know you are helping to protect your neighborhood. The next four hour training class is on Wednesday, February 20, 2013. For more information, please visit www.cor.net, or contact the Richardson Police Department Crime Prevention Unit at 972-744-4955. The Crime Watch Patrol motto is "Stay In Your Car." If we observe anything suspicious while patrolling, we contact 911 immediately for the Richardson Police Department to investigate the situation.



Constant Contact

By Joe Russum

I am sure you know that we use a service known as Constant Contact to send alerts and newsletters to our members. When you renew your membership each year you have the option of receiving the newsletter in paper form or through e-mail. We encourage you to take the e-mail option because it saves the HOA a lot of money which can be used for other purposes. A few people do not give us their e-mail address for privacy reasons, and that is alright. It is their choice and we honor that.

At the bottom of each e-mail we send out is a button that says "unsubscribe". If you punch that button Constant Contact will not allow us to send newsletters or alerts to your current e-mail address through their system. It will not even allow us to enter your address into the system. We cannot remove your address from the "do not mail" list, only you can do that. If you think you are on the "do not mail" list and wish to get off the list, send me a note at editor@jjphoa.com and I will check the list. If you are on it and wish to be removed, I will send you instructions how to remove you name from the list.



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Membership

By Greg Immel, VP Membership

By reading this you are a fellow active member for 2013 and we thank you. As I indicated last newsletter the results for the membership drive are below.

<u>Street</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Joined</u>	<u>% Paid</u>
Chesterton	93	62	67
Cheyenne	27	26	96
Edith	33	19	58
Eton	52	34	65
Grassmere	51	38	75
Huntington	92	62	67
Lilac Court	8	8	100
Melrose	17	8	47
Mimosa	1		0
Pueblo	30	20	67
Stratford	52	37	71
Violet Place	8	6	75
Total	464	320	69

As you can see we have done well, but last year we closed the membership drive with 76% and we had around 20 new move-ins (which are free), so given these additional we wound up for the calendar year at 80%. You all have spoiled me so I am not happy with myself as your Membership guy. Maybe those who did not sign up will realize what they are missing starting this month. If any of you have any suggestions as to what you feel we need as an Association to make our residents be more proactive, please let me know. I think about it all the time and am so proud to live here that sometimes I do not see out of the forest. I really like input. Speaking of feeling bad, I have to apologize for where we are on the Sonny Bryan certificates. I have it all logged, as the many of you who have called/e-mailed me asking have learned, but if you have any doubt either e-mail me (membership@jjphoa.com) or call 927-234-2981. I am shorthanded nine block captains now, so my challenge is ahead of me, but you will get yours soon. Sorry.

For the upcoming year please remember to **recycle** as much as possible and to call or e-mail me if you need a roll of bags to help the cause. I see us doing so well as a community there, so please keep up your great efforts. Also, if you see someone moving in, let me know. I will let the block captain know and we, as an Association, will drop by and welcome them with our basket of goodies and a directory so they know who lives around them.

Lastly, thank you again for supporting your JJPHOA and we will do all that we are able to make the experience of living here an enjoyable experience. If you haven't joined the Nextdoor link for JJPHOA consider doing so. It is only for our community and it offers many ways of staying in touch with ourselves when any of us need help or have questions about how to do a project or how to meet your neighbors with similar interests. Our Social Director, Lisa Steele, is working on this startup so watch for that.



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Beautification

by Bart Ord, Beautification VP

The holidays are over and now it is time for life to return to normal – if there is such a thing! Once again JPHOA will be working with Calloway’s in their Yard of the Month program. We will continue to look for the best yard in our neighborhood each month and there will be four signs placed each time. Remember, one winner will also receive a \$25.00 gift card from Calloway’s and will have that sign in their yard. Since we only get one sign from this sponsor we will take the 4 winners and do a simple drawing to see who gets the special. Sound fair? Remember the selections begin in April so now is the time to start planning your spring projects. Refer to December’s article for reference on our water restrictions. Most impatiens, begonias and other standard spring flowers will not do well with only 2 times a week watering. So plan wisely! It’s also time to plant your onions and potatoes if you’re planning a small garden. You can get the onion sets and seed potatoes at most nurseries, Home Depot or Lowe’s near us. Check the web for information on planting potatoes in barrels if you have very limited space. When cleaning up your yard from Old Man Winter’s chill, be sure to place all the cuttings out front and call the City of Richardson for pickup on Tuesday.

Calloway’s Corner, Timely Tips

Once the decorations are packed away, fill those empty spaces in your home with living, breathing houseplants! It is a proven fact that plants can improve our indoor air quality. Researchers for NASA, while developing technology that would allow humans to live in a closed environment on the moon or Mars, discovered that houseplants are the quickest and most effective filters of common, dangerous air pollutants.

Research has shown that you should have one medium-sized houseplant per 100 square feet of living area. Setup two to three plants per room, based on an average sized room, so there is plenty of space around each one for good air circulation. The more vigorous the plant, the more air it can filter. Keep the leaves clear of dust since most pollutants are absorbed by the leaves.

Revive your natural indoor spaces while providing a vibrant “green” look! Don’t miss the first Repotting events of the year as well as our **FREE** gardening clinics. Our Texas Certified Nursery Professionals will discuss which plants provide the most natural indoor beauty! The Repotting events are come-and-go from open till close, and the gardening clinics are held on Saturday at 10:15 a.m. Events are held at every store.

Saturday, February 9th from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Indoor Blooming Plants - Repotting Festival

It’s time to repot blooming houseplants. Join the Repotting festivities to make your blooming plant projects fun and easy!

Texas Tree Tips, from Neil Sperry & Steve Houser

Japanese maples are popular ornamental trees because of the color they bring to gardens. While most cultivars never exceed a height of 20 feet, they often rank at the top of gardeners’ favorite tree lists. All photos by Bill Seaman.



Top-Rated Shade Trees

Almost everyone in the green industry has created his or her own short list of favorite shade and ornamental trees. The criteria used to formulate those opinions vary. A grower’s or nursery professional’s opinion may not always concur with a landscaper’s or arborist’s advice. A grower may choose a species based on its popularity in the retail marketplace and the ease with which it can be propagated. A nursery often carries a tree species because of its popularity but also their experience with its overall performance in an area.

The interest generated by the decorative bark on lacebark elms helps place the tree species on the top shade tree list of many landscape architects.

A landscape architect’s or designer’s primary focus may be based on the short- and long-term aesthetics of a tree, as well as the landscape’s overall design. Arborists and landscape contractors are directly involved in the long-term maintenance of the trees and plants, which gives them yet another perspective on each tree species. Working to keep plants and trees healthy, these professionals see firsthand what works and what doesn’t in the long-term sense. The green industry in Texas differs slightly from other states in that professing the virtues of your favorite tree species can often progress to “them’s fighting words.” Arborists deal with any and everything even remotely associated with the health and structural integrity of individual trees over an extended period of time. Tree climbers have an intimate knowledge of the strength of the wood for any given species, as well as species’ stronger/weaker branching habits. Climbers must install a rope around a limb to support their weight in a climbing saddle as they move throughout a tree. To a climber, knowing the strength of the wood or the limb structures for each species is critical to returning home in one piece at the end of the day. There are old tree climbers and bold tree climbers — but there are no old and bold tree climbers.



Because of its adaptability to clay soils and Texas summer heat, Austrian pine ranks near

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the top of the best conifers list for many Texas gardeners.

There are still other opinions regarding tree species that can place them on someone's top-rated list. A naturalist may see the many benefits of a species based on its valuable contributions to our environment (air, water, soil, wildlife and much more). Hunters or fishermen may see the many benefits a tree provides for their favorite wildlife. A gardener may see the great bounty a species produces, whereas a crop farmer may curse the exact same species.



Bur oak acorns are a good food source for wildlife, which is only one trait that makes this tree a contender for many top-rated shade tree lists.

So what is the top-rated shade tree? The answer depends on many factors, but providing information on each commonly top-rated tree species from many of these diverse perspectives is a good start. We plan future articles that will include tree species profiles intermixed with other "tree tips." Given a broad-based perspective of tree species information, each person can construct his or her own top-rated shade tree list — and let the fightin' words begin. To fire the first volley, next month's article will profile our native post oak, *Quercus stellata*. Admittedly, it may not be available for purchase, and others will say it is a very "sensitive" species to work with. However, I find post oaks do quite well if the human species leaves them alone.

About the author: Steve Houser is a Dallas native with more than 30 years of experience as a consulting arborist and tree climber. He is the president of Arborilogical Services Inc., "The Experts Your Trees Deserve." www.arborilogical.com.

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Safety

By Michael Ward Sr., VP Safety

Beware of anyone (solicitors, flyer distributors, etc...) going door to door in the neighborhood. Call RPD, as permits are required to solicit/pass out flyers door to door. Solicitors must have the permit displayed at all times and there is no soliciting before 9am or 30 minutes after sunset.

Do not ask to see someone's permit as a lot of times this will lead to a confrontation. If they have the permit, they will know the rules and have it prominently displayed. The permit is yellow and will have the city logo on the front.

No Soliciting on Sunday, New Years Day, July 4th, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day or Christmas Day.

Solicitors are not allowed to attempt contact at houses having a sign posted which states "No Solicitors".

Always answer or acknowledge (talk thru door/window) anyone that comes to your door. Burglars usually want to make sure no one is home before they break in so they will knock or ring the door bell repeatedly before entering. If no one answers the door the burglar will then break in. If someone does answer the door they will usually come up with some excuse of being there, such as "Is Bob here?", "Oops I'm sorry I have the wrong house" etc...

If anyone comes to your house and acts in a similar manner, obtain a description of the person and then call the Richardson Police Department immediately.

If you leave anything inside your vehicle, it will be taken by some criminal. It may not be today, but it will disappear. Remember to keep overhead garage doors closed if unattended. *Source: Richardson Police Department*


Join Crime Watch Patrol

Please plan to join me on Wednesday, February 20, 2013 for this important Training: "Are you looking for an opportunity to serve your community as a volunteer?"

If you can spare an hour or two per month for your family and your neighborhood, then Crime Watch Patrol might be the opportunity you are seeking

The Richardson Police Department is holding a 4 hour Crime Watch Patrol training class on the evening of 2/20/13 (Wednesday).

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News From Mohawk

By Jennifer Wilson, Principal Mohawk

At the beginning of the year, the Mohawk staff continued an initiative to provide opportunities for our students through the Schoolwide Enrichment Model program. During the 2011-2012 school year, we expanded our Enrichment Clusters to include all students twice a year. This year, we are excited to include the addition of Enrichment Slot (E-Slot). E-Slot occurs each Monday. During E-Slot our students participate in enrichment activities based on the information from interest surveys each student completed at the beginning of the year. After a semester of E-Slot activities, I am amazed and proud of the outstanding learning happening in our classrooms. Our teachers have accepted the challenge and our students are benefitting. Here are a few highlights of our first semester activities.

- Practicing professional visits: Our teachers are locating professionals to visit our students and expand career awareness. These professionals help our students see how their interests can connect to future careers. We've been visited (in person or virtually) by a national sports journalist, patented inventor, former college football coach, and veterinarian. Our kindergarten and first grade students are looking forward to a future visit from the Perot museum science staff!
- Topics, topics, topics! Our students have learned about magic, inventors, Native Americans, dinosaurs, scientists, pets, hermit crabs, sports, plays/drama, cooking, holidays, the Olympics, and inspirational people. I cannot wait to see what this semester brings.
- Amazing student products! Our students have created a variety of products to demonstrate their new learning. During E-Slot, our students determine the direction of the topic and then dive into research. I've seen PowerPoints, videos, posters, Prezis, plays, magic tricks, Probes...and the list continues. It's been so neat to watch our students take charge of their own learning and run with it. One of our teachers commented the other day, "It can look a little messy at first, but the end results are amazing!"

Our classes have been visited by several of our district administrators to check out our new program. Each visitor has been impressed with our students and the work they are doing. Visiting our classes during their E-Slot activities is truly one of my favorite parts of each week. I cannot wait to report back to you at the end of the school year. As always, thank you for your support of our students and teachers. We appreciate our community!

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Richardson Library

By Joe Russum, Editor

As you know the City has rebuilt their website. I used to be able to go straight to the information I needed, but when anything involving a computer or computer program is "improved", it is going to cost you time to get back where you were before it was "improved". Don't you just hate that?



I finally found the Calendar which I use a lot. The link to the Calendar is on the home page, at the very top of the page in small print. It is a button labeled "Calendar". I don't know why it took me so long to find it. It is an interactive calendar and you can select the activity you are interested in from All Public Meetings to Zoning Board. As is my practice, I played with the calendar for a while to see what was on it and I was struck with the programs the Library has for kids from six months old all the way up. The one that really caught my eye was for kids one to three years old that is called Wiggle Worms. If you have young kids, you ought to look into these programs. I wish they had them when my boys were that age.

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February

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13	Ash Wednesday	
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18	RISD Student Holiday (Staff Development on)	
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