

J. J. Pearce Homeowners Association Newsletter

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January, 2004

News from the City

- The city receives sales tax receipts on a monthly basis, about 60 days after the end of each month. Sales taxes received in December were approximately \$40,000, which is about 3% over the budgeted amount. The 2003 budget was a low budget, to reflect experience over the last couple of years.
- The city is refinancing debt when possible, and anticipates savings of about \$1.3M.
- If the demand for semi-conductors remains strong then TI may break ground for their new fabrication plant in Richardson during 2004.
- Samsung has moved into 150,000 square feet of space just west of Owens Sausage.
- Nortel is experiencing better numbers and is stabilizing their workforce. Nortel currently employs about 5,100 people in Richardson.
- The Richardson Library has implemented a new, technically advanced, catalog system. [See article on this page.]
- The High Five project is five months ahead of schedule and is 50% complete, with completion anticipated mid-2006.
- Garland's experience with a "red light" camera is resulting in issuance of about 1,000 tickets per week! That is a lot accidents avoided, and if it instills more caution in those drivers it is a lot of lives saved. Garland anticipates a court challenge that will help resolve the debate regarding a city's legal ability to utilize this type of enforcement system to improve public safety.
- A proposed Garage Enclosure Ordinance is on the City Council agenda on January 12. [See article on page 2]
- A new analysis of HOV lanes for Central Expressway is being done. The plan was for a reversible HOV, which would change directions in morning and evening rush hours. It appears that traffic volumes are high throughout the day in both directions and that two dedicated HOV lanes are actually what may be needed.
- CISCO has indicated that Richardson is one of their three Centers of Excellence in the US and the company remains committed to their presence in the city.

Library Turns Over a New Leaf

The Richardson Public Library has implemented a new, state of the art catalog system. In addition to simply helping you find materials in the library, the new catalog system shows you what a book looks like, tells you about it, lets you know

the status, and even lets you reserve a copy. In many cases there are reviews of the book by Publisher Weekly and by Library Journal, and extracts or contents are also available.

The catalog is accessible via the Internet, so you don't even have to leave home to explore the new features or to take advantage of them. To access the online catalog go to the city's website, www.cor.net, put your mouse over the Departments tab and click on Library. You'll see an option to use the Catalog. The easiest way to use the catalog is to select the Search tab. You'll be an expert pretty quickly and then you may want to explore the Advanced and Power options. A few words of caution. The catalog contains a number of books that the library has considered purchasing, but doesn't actually have. For the thousands of books that the library owns you will see whether it is currently available, the number of people waiting for the book, and a "call number" and "status". For books that the library doesn't own there will not be a "call number" or a "status". Also, at this time catalog does not contain information on periodicals.

There are also numerous online databases available through the Library's web page. If you've ever done research for business, school or personal use you will be very impressed with what the Richardson Library provides – and all without charge. Full-text newspaper and magazine articles, health databases, business databases, etc. are available. Most of the databases listed on the web page are available to library patrons at home or work 24 hours a day.

To reserve books, check due dates, check the status of your reserve requests, explore the online databases and even see if the library thinks you owe them anything, you can login using your library card number. To simply access the catalog it is not even necessary to login. If you have any difficulty logging in, or have any other problems with the system contact Steve Benson at 972-744-4368 or steve.benson@cor.gov. We thank Steve for his assistance in developing this article.



Garage Enclosure Ordinance Proposal

At the January 12 meeting the City Council will hear public input on a proposed Garage Enclosure Ordinance, and will determine how to proceed. The proposal will have little direct effect on homes in our neighborhood. The proposed ordinance primarily affects homes with front entry garages where the families have outgrown the home or want to accommodate additional occupants or rent out a portion of the home. The intention of the ordinance is to maintain, and even enhance, property values throughout the city but there are a wide variety of opinions on this proposal.

The current Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance requires that, when enclosing a garage, "two off-street parking spaces shall be provided on the lot behind the front building line to accommodate two motor vehicles for each dwelling unit". The new proposals would stipulate that for new construction the required off street parking be enclosed, which would require a property owner to construct a replacement garage if the existing garage is converted into living space. The replacement garage may be attached or detached. If it is detached the masonry requirement must meet or exceed the percentage of masonry of the main building.

After an existing garage is converted the driveway would need to be removed or else modified to provide access to the new garage. Driveways would no longer be allowed to lead up to a solid wall of a home where a garage had formerly been, leaving it obvious that a garage had been converted. No head-in or dead-end driveways in the front yard would be permitted. Circular driveways would continue to be permitted.

The exterior of the converted garage would be required to conform to current building standards, which require the use of brick, stone, masonry or cementitious (i.e., Hardie Board) construction material, and to be architecturally compatible with the home.

Within the J. J. Pearce subdivision, for those families that do want to expand their home, the typical approach is to build a room over the existing garage, and the proposed ordinance would have no impact on those types of conversions.

The Council Meeting to discuss the ordinance is scheduled for 7:30pm, Monday, January 12, 2004.

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The Ballpark in Arlington



The city of Arlington pulled out all the stops when it had Washington architect David Schwarz, the man who designed many of the new buildings in Fort Worth's Sundance Square, design its ode to baseball fields of times past. This relatively new stadium (finished in 1994) is both traditional in design and state-of-the-art. It's a neat piece of architecture, even if you're not much of a baseball fan. Tours last approximately an hour and are given most days, but schedules vary based on game days and times, so it's best to call ahead to see what's available that day. For the price of admission, you'll get a chance to tour the clubhouse, press box, field and owner's suite. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and students and \$3 for children 13 and under. – Cristine Lammers (From Digital City – Dallas) Call for dates of tours. Phone Number: 817-273-5098

Membership News

Marc Perlstein, VP Membership

With this issue of the newsletter, you should have received the 2004 Directory that includes all members that were paid when we went to print. We always accept new and renewing members after the deadline, so please watch this space for additions or corrections. We ended December with 343 members, or roughly 75% of the households in our neighborhood. Thanks for everyone's support.

The new directory is being delivered along with this newsletter. From time to time new members will be included in the newsletters and the names, addresses and phone numbers should be added to the directory to keep it current.

Please add the following to the new directory:

Melrose

1102	Walker, Mike	972.437.2627
1122	Coomer, Elmer & Wanda	972.231.4255

Stratford

1205	Johnson, Pam	972.437.3376
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Violet Place

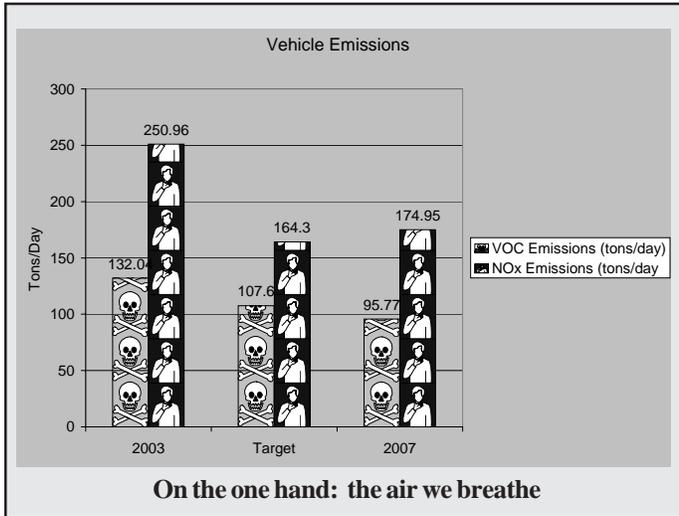
1904	Decker, Russell and Susan	972.669.0419
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Edith Circle

1089	Wilson, Bill and Natalie	214.351.3175
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Bill and Natalie Wilson are new neighbors.

Mobility 2025



Metropolitan Transportation System Components	Cost (Millions/2004\$)	% Total
Operation & Maintenance	\$14,097	31%
Congestion Mitigation	\$1,925	4%
Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities	\$966	2%
Rail and Bus Transit	\$8,875	20%
HOV and Managed Facilities	\$1,448	3%
Freeway & Toll Road System	\$11,925	27%
Regional Arterial & Local Thoroughfare System	\$5,811	13%
Total	\$45,047	100%

On the other hand: cost

	1999	2025	% change
Vehicle Miles Traveled	125M	235M	87%
Roadway Capacity	23.2M	34.8M	50%
Total Delay (Veh hours)	1.3M	2.9M	120%
% Roadway Congested	38%	54%	42%
Population	4.5M	8.0M	75%
Employment	2.7M	4.9M	84%
Annual Cost of Congestion	\$5.3B	\$11.8B	222%

On the other hand: population growth

On the one hand the Metroplex is designated as an area that “Seriously” fails EPA standards for air pollution. On the other hand, mobility enhancements are expensive. On the other hand population growth and expansion require enhancements to our roads and other transportation options. And mobility enhancements require long term planning and investment. The population projection for the Metroplex shows an increase from about 5,000,000 people now to 7,952,000 in 2025. 700,000 of that increase is in Collin County.

That is like moving the entire city of Fort Worth to Collin County.

The Transportation Department of the North Texas Council of Governments tries to balance those challenges and opportunities and will be presenting their \$45B Mobility 2025 recommendations to local governments. The period for providing comments that will be included in the study ended January 7 but comments can still be offered to the City Council, and comments received by the Transportation Department after January 7 will be considered for the Mobility 2030 plan.

Over the next nine months, the Transportation Department will also be seeking specific input regarding the Regional Institutional Structure Process and the Regional Rail Corridor Study. All planning is conducted with a number of populations in mind: general, student, elderly, persons with disabilities, etc. For instance the Regional Rail Corridor Study encompasses demand response, bus and rail options.

A policy of the Transportation Department is that all new highways will be tollways. Existing freeways will not be converted to tollways. Enhancements to existing freeways, such as a tunnel under I-635, or express lanes on 121 would be tollways.

The plan envisions two-way HOV lanes along 75 north to 190, and then a reversible HOV lane north from there. It also shows reversible HOV lanes on I-35 extending to south of downtown Dallas.

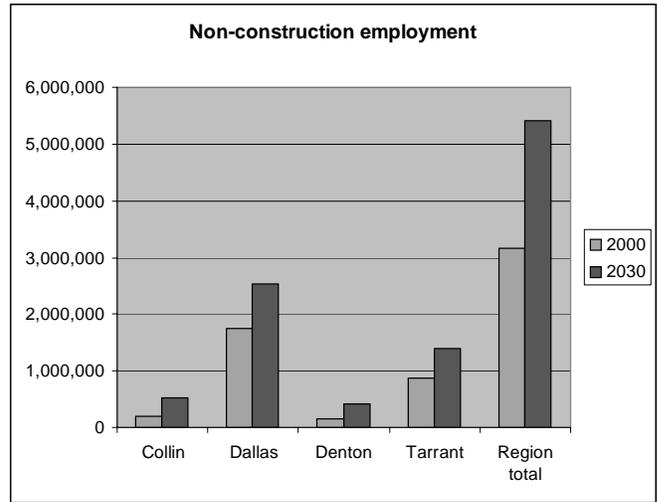
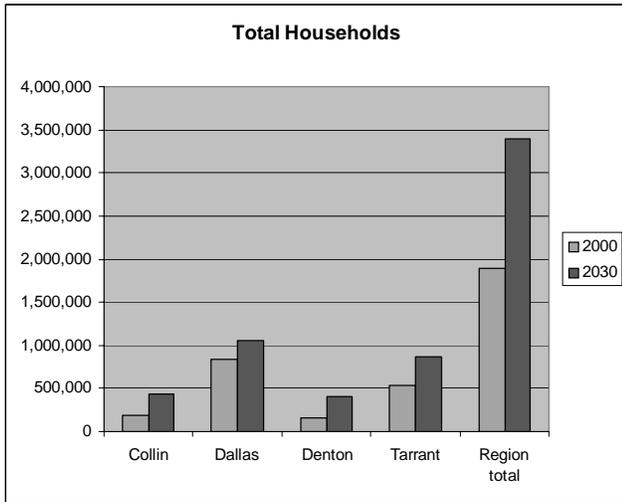
The plan includes extending DART light rail further north in Plano, and connecting to a future “regional” or commuter rail system which would serve the more distant suburbs. There is also a study for a crosstown rail corridor that would go all the way to DFW airport. Light rail is also proposed from the airport to downtown Dallas. Light rail costs \$40M to \$50M/mile, while regional (commuter) rail costs \$15M to \$25M/mile.

Even with the proposed Mobility 2025 plan, congestion will get considerably worse, and pollution targets for NOx will not be met. Solving those problems would require an

additional \$20B.

A major factor in the analyses and recommendations within the Mobility 2025 report are based on projections of the number of people in the area, where they will live, how they will live, and where they will work. The NCTCOG 2030 projections show that for the next 5-10 years population density for the Metroplex shifts slightly to the north, and then (Continued on next page.)

Selected counties and total Region								
County	Households		Households Change	% Change	Employment		Employment Change	% Change
	2000	2030			2000	2030		
Collin	184,200	431,100	246,900	134%	204,100	517,300	313,200	153
Dallas	832,900	1,059,800	226,900	27%	1,745,100	2,529,400	784,300	45
Denton	161,400	406,600	245,200	151%	152,800	413,500	260,700	171
Tarrant	540,400	862,100	321,700	60%	864,400	1,388,200	523,800	61
Region total	1,886,700	3,395,900	1,509,200	80%	3,158,200	5,416,800	2,258,600	72



shifts to the west. But there are also changes in the number of people in a household and other characteristics of the population.

With the general aging of the population there are likely to be many more one and two person households than in the past. However 90% of the population growth over the next 40 years in Texas is expected to be among minorities. Those households tend to have more persons per household than we have averaged in the past. The NCTCOG 2030 projections assume that the two opposing trends will balance out.

Employment growth is not projected to increase at the same rate as population. This directly correlates to the departure of many baby boomers from the labor force as the over-60 population is projected to double by 2030.

What happens as a result of an approved plan? The Metropolitan Transportation Plan becomes the vision for the multimodal transportation system. All projects utilizing Federal or State funds must be contained in the Plan. Once the Plan receives a positive air quality assessment the recommendations of the Plan are able to move forward towards programming and implementation. Specific project and program sponsors are responsible for funding and implementing the projects/programs according to Local, State, and Federal guidelines and requirements.

How does the 2025 plan relate to the 2030 plan that will be developed next? The recommendations from Mobility 2025 - 2004 Update will be used as the basis for Mobility 2030. However, all recommendations will be reviewed for inclu-

sion in Mobility 2030. It is possible that some recommendations will be modified, removed, or added as a result of detailed analysis and review by local governments, agencies, and the public.

Can things that are approved in the 2025 plan be changed in the 2030 plan? Yes, the Plan forms the basis for project development. As a project moves forward towards implementation new and revised information is developed and documented. At the time the Plan is developed, the latest project descriptions are incorporated.

Why does light rail cost so much more than commuter rail? Four examples of capital cost differences include: 1) trackage (e.g., track exists for regional rail; regional rail can be accomplished on single track while light rail requires new, isolated double track); 2) traction (e.g., light rail requires substations, a distribution system and overhead lines); 3) grade separation (e.g., light rail is grade separated from the existing rail system; light rail necessitates more extensive protection at highway/rail crossings); and 4) the train control system (e.g., light rail is automated).

Where can I find maps and more information about the plan? www.dfwinfo.com and www.dfwinfo.com/ris/forecast/

[Thanks to Jaime Blanton and her team at NCTCOG for their assistance in providing data and answers in preparing this article. BFM]

Minutes of Board Meeting, November 30, 2003

Bernie Mayoff called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. at the home of Marc Perlstein. In attendance: Bernie Mayoff, Dee Russum, Marc Perlstein, Thom Pomella, Phil Meeker and Nancy De La Garza

Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last board meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report

Bernie presented the Treasurer's report in Helen's absence. It was approved as presented. A portion of the funds will be placed in the Vanguard account.

Old Business

Thom reported that preparation of holiday decorations is going well, they are in the process of getting the decorations out of storage and delivering them to the block decorators.

New Business

Bernie noted we are in the process of obtaining current information to be formatted into the new directory. The entire directory will be redone.

Committee Reports

- Membership: Marc reported that there are now 355 paid members. He felt the timing for the membership drive was a good choice.
- Newsletter: Dee reported renewal of ads for Dr. Crosby. She also noted new ads for 3 other businesses.
- Internet: Bernie informed the Board that a newsletter index is on the web site, and it is updated monthly. We are working on getting the membership form online.
- Safety: Thom reported that there was a car break in on the 1100 block of Huntington.

The next Homeowners Association Presidents meeting will be December 16, at 7:00 a.m. The meeting is open to any board member and is sponsored by the city of Richardson.

Next Board meetings are as follows:

- January 4 at Phil Meeker's. Newsletter deadline is January 2.
- February 1 at Nancy De La Garza's. Newsletter deadline is January 30.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy De La Garza, Secretary

2004 RISD COUNCIL Annual Used Book Fair

The 22nd Annual RISD Council of PTAs Used Book Fair will be held at **Richardson Square Mall** at the southeast corner of Belt Line Rd. and Plano Rd. **February 5 - 7** from 10:00am to 9:00pm and **February 8** from 12:00 to 6:00pm. Assorted books will be on sale for \$.25 - \$1.00 as well as collectible books, videos, CDs and records. Proceeds benefit the Dr. J.J. Pearce Memorial Scholarship Fund and the RISD Council of PTAs. This year, in addition to the regular Fair, a special Pre-Sale day will be held on **February 4** with books for sale from \$.50 - \$3.00. This sale is a wonderful opportunity for the public to purchase used books of every style and subject at a reasonable price.

Each year the RISD Council of PTAs collects and sorts thousands of books from its members across the district for this gigantic book sale. The council consists of 56 schools and over 20,000 members collectively working for the support of all children and youth of the RISD by strengthening parent involvement and community commitment to our local schools. The proceeds from the Book Fair support student scholarships to 4-year colleges, community colleges and vocational schools and RISD teacher scholarships for continuing education.

We are an Internet neighborhood

We have 343 homes participating in our Association and a remarkable 305 e-mail addresses in our yahoo group e-mail distribution list! A few households have more than one e-mail address in our list, so we don't actually have 89% participation, but we do have 83% of our households participating. We're not there yet, but we are nearing the point where we might be able to save the monthly expense of our rarely used telephone messaging service

Our Crime Watch Coordinators try to keep you informed of any special issues in your immediate area, and share the periodic police updates. But occasionally there is an urgent notice that must be sent to everyone immediately, or a special notice that would be too late if it waited for the next newsletter. That is when we use our membership-wide distribution list. Notices of pets rescued by Animal Control Services in our neighborhood or in the adjoining neighborhoods are also distributed via our group distribution list. If you would like to add an additional e-mail address simply send a note to bernie@mayoff.com letting him know. If you aren't sure if you're on the list, if you have any questions about this service, or if you want to join it or you have a new e-mail address let Bernie know that too.

Happy New Year Phil Meeker, VP Beautification

Holiday Lighting

I conducted judging on December 19th, then short-listed on the 20th, and made the final selections on the 21st. Because there were so many excellent displays, it was necessary to judge over a three night period. Holiday lighting awards go to:

- Ed and Linda Smith 1116 Pueblo
- Bill and Natalie Wilson 1089 Edith
- Tom and Cindy Cave 1204 Eton
- Louis and Joni Carter 1219 Huntington
- Randi and Christi Rambin 1119 Stratford

All HOA members should be very proud of their holiday lighting as it reflects the tidings of the season.

Pictures of the winners can be seen on the following page and on the web site www.jjphoa.org in color.

Planning and Growing Flower and Vegetable Seeds

Why?

- It's a great family activity to realize the fruits of your efforts.
- It's easy.
- It's the way to get a headstart on spring.
- It's less expensive than 6 pack plants or plants in 4" pots.

What you need

- Seeds, potting soil, peat pots, water, plastic wrap, and a spray bottle.

When to sow seeds

- Purchase seeds locally and follow the packet instructions. Note that perennial flower seeds should be sown in late summer/early fall.

How to sow

- Pre moisten peat pots and potting mix.
- Fill pots 3/4 full and space 3-4 seeds per pot. Seeds need to be in firm contact with the potting mix. Use the spray bottle to moisten the seeds and potting mix.
- Group the pots together and cover all with a sheet of plastic wrap. The plastic crates a greenhouse which increases heat and retains moisture.
- Place the tray of pots near a bright window with no direct sunlight. Do not let the soil/seed mix dry while at the same time do not have any standing water around the pots.
- After germination, remove plastic but keep out of intense sun. Germination is that point when you observe growth from the seeds. At least 90% of the seeds will grow.
- When the second set of leaves appear (true leaves) place wet potting mix in a larger pot; and using a table fork, lift the seedlings and place individually

into the mix. Cover the root system with mix and water.

- Move the plants outdoors a week before planting to harden off. If temperature goes below 45 degrees bring the plants inside.
- Plant after danger of frost (usually March 15) has passed. Incorporate lots of soil amendments with our black clay.
- Enjoy!

Tomatoes

Here we are blessed with two growing seasons. The spring season is planted in mid February and protected from cold and frost. These plants will set fruit until daytime temps reach 95 degrees and night temps reach 75 degrees. The fall season is planted July 4th weekend and will set fruit in September till frost. Regardless of the season, large tomatoes such as Big Boy and Beefsteak do not grow well here.

What to do now in your landscape

- Plan spring color planting
- Prune summer flowering shrubs and trees (e.g. crepe myrtle, butterfly bush vitex, etc.)
- With the lack of rain, water trees and shrubs deeply (6 inches) before a hard freeze.
- Use floating row cover fabric to protect flowers and vegetables from hard freezes. Available at Calloway's, Home Depot, etc.
- Don't forget to feed the birds!

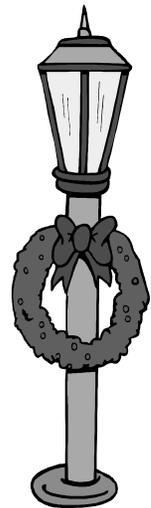
A Great Job, well done!

A big thanks to the team that has put up the holiday decorations. There have been many compliments from residents.

Decoration Coordinators are:
Wayne Eitel and Thom Pomella.

Committee members are:

Alan & LeeAnn Brunelli	
Charles & Judi Burgess	
Wayne Eitel	
Keith & Kelle Henson	
Greg & Sue Immel	
Lori January	Art & Bev Middlebrook
Brad & Kristin Kuhne	Sirman & Vickie Hollobaugh
Joe & Dee Russum	Joe & Dee Russum
Charles & Judi McGregor	Brett and Aline Williams



... and the winners were:



1089 Edith



1219 Huntington



1119 Stratford



1204 Eton



1116 Pueblo

Birds of a Feather

By Chris Bruckner, VP Development

As JJ Pearce HOA residents, we're fortunate to have a retailer very close to our neighborhood that is dedicated to some of America's most popular pastimes — bird watching and outdoor gardening. After 18 years crisscrossing the country as a biomedical salesman, Mike Farkas decided to retire his suitcase and channel his energy into a lifelong passion for birds and outdoor decorating. Not finding a suitable franchise opportunity, Mike and his wife Peggy, Richardson residents themselves, decided to stay independent and in December 1996 opened "BackYard Birds & Garden Accents", a specialty destination catering to people who share a similar appreciation of their hobby with more than just casual interest.

Entering the storefront is akin to stepping into your own backyard. The shop is pleasantly arranged to keep a wandering eye delighted. A wonderful collection of photographs by birding enthusiasts decorates the shop's ambiance. Mike eschews technology in favor of a more personal approach which only adds to the store's charm — he keeps a customer list on index cards rather than a computerized database and he is eager to share his expertise in helping you find exactly what you're looking for. Browsing amongst the merchandise might take you the better part of an hour, as there is so much to see, most of which are unpackaged and available for your personal inspection. When asked how extensive his inventory was, Mike struggled for an answer but I can assure you there is a vast assortment of feeders, houses, wind chimes, fountains, statuary and other countless items to compliment backyard decor. Although the majority of products are manufactured out of state, some are designed by the owners from years of experience and are hand built by Texas craftspersons while a select few are also sold on consignment. Products are chosen to appeal to a wide variety of shoppers although the owners pride themselves in providing specialized solutions that won't likely be found at home improvement stores or discount retailers. For example, "BackYard Birds" has formulated and private-labeled nine custom blends of seed that specifically appeal to the birds native to this region. Since the blends were developed to be especially compatible with the dietary needs of the local bird population, very little goes to waste uneaten.

"BackYard Birds" attracts customers from all around the D/FW metroplex by advertising in the Yellow Pages and the home and garden section of the Dallas Morning News. However, similar to many small business entrepreneurs, recent economic conditions have required Mike and Peggy to adapt in order to remain successful. They've experienced a reduction in their customer base as many have moved out of state in search of employment. They've adjusted their inventory to become more aligned with the spending limitations challenging consumer's pocketbooks. Outbreaks of the West Nile virus in recent years have also had a negative impact on the bird population and consequently their business.

"BackYard Birds" supports the community by employing local high school students year-round and by contributing financial support to various scholastic programs and extracurricular activities. The store also rewards return shoppers with its Frequent Feeder program whereby customers receive their ninth feed purchase free of charge. Whether you're already a dedicated hobbyist or are just starting out, I encourage you to patronize "BackYard Birds & Garden Accents" and take advantage of Mike and Peggy's affection of birding and outdoor gardening.

BackYard Birds & Garden Accents

1373 W. Campbell Road (S.E. corner of Campbell & Coit)

Hours: Tues.- Sat. 10-6, Sun. 12-5 Phone: 972-671-7664

Vanishing Texas River Cruise and the American Bald Eagle

Few sights in nature are as awe-inspiring as the American Eagle.

The Vanishing Texas River Cruise may be the best place in all of Texas to see one. From the dock at Canyon of Eagles Lodge it takes about twenty minutes to cross the big lake and reach the upper canyon of the Colorado River. Almost immediately Capt. Shawn Devaney spots an adult bird feeding on the shoreline ahead.



Capt. Delaney has been with the VTRC from the beginning back in 1982. He's never tired of watching the Eagles return each winter. "Every winter. Like clockwork about the 15th of November. This is perfect habitat for them. The upper portion of the river is made up of two ranches. One is over 27,000 acres. The other is 35,000. Which basically makes the whole area like a national sanctuary." The two-and-a-half hour cruise glides along at a leisurely pace, past spectacular waterfalls that cascade off sheer cliffs. This is a part of Texas unspoiled and — but for the water level — unchanged in centuries. A recent visitor was able to drift within twenty yards of a perch.

The Eagles are a seasonal attraction. They're in Texas from November to March. But the Vanishing Texas River Cruise runs year around. The birding is always world class. Wild goats are often seen picking their way up the canyon walls, framed by the muted hues of autumn and by the brilliant colors of wildflowers in the spring. From time to time cruise-goers also witness a special treat — the release of rehabilitated raptors, nursed back to health by a San Antonio conservation group called Last Chance Forever. It is a great area for owls and other birds of prey because it's such a pristine and protected and unharmed area.

Another attraction of this park is an observatory, on a hill in a corner of the park, with two telescopes -- a 12.5-inch and a 16-inch, where visitors can look into the heavens.

The Vanishing Texas River Cruise leaves at 11 am daily from The Canyon of Eagles Lodge on the eastern shore of Lake Buchanan. It's about a 3 1/2 hour drive from Dallas. Call 800.728.8735 or check them out online at www.VTRC.com

CRIME / SAFETY TALK

By Thom Pomella, VP Safety

Recent Crime

There has been only one incident since our last newsletter. This is one we've talked about before. 'THE OPEN GARAGE DOOR'. Sometime between 10 AM, 12/20, and 4 PM, 12/21, someone stole a gas edger from the garage of a residence in the 1300 block of Huntington Drive. The resident suspects the edger was taken while the garage door was up during an errand.

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Remove the opportunity for crime to occur: **Close the garage door when you are not physically in the garage.**

ATM Skimmers

Skimmers are constructed to look exactly like a standard ATM card slot... where customers insert their ATM cards during a transaction. These particular skimmers fit precisely over the machine's real slot, to allow your card and the transaction to go through, then to return the card to the customer. If not, the first customer would immediately detect a problem and notify the bank or police. So, these skimmers should resemble the same material, have the same decals or stickers, and be the same color as the ATM machine (maybe from spare or junk parts). Just inside the skimmer's card slot is a minute magnetic reader and a collection device. The skimmer in Allen was applied to the machine using double-sided tape, and was little more than a slight protrusion from the machine. Apparently, transactions went on as usual until one customer noticed something suspicious. A yank on the fake card slot unit exposed the scam.

At another location not only was the skimmer installed over the ATM's card slot, but a pamphlet holder had been installed adjacent to the screen. A small, wireless camera had been rigged inside the holder to view the customer's keypad transactions (passwords, etc). The camera lens protruded from the bottom of the holder. I don't know where this rig was discovered.

Anyone who uses ATM machines should be aware of this scam involving skimmers. I believe both of these ATM's were at banks, locations that are closed long enough to allow the criminals plenty of time to install these devices undetected. They might even have acted as "after-hours service technicians" so as not to arouse suspicion. Nevertheless, the skimmers were quite complex and designed to blend into the existing machine.

Check your ATM.

2003 Statistics

In 2003 there were fourteen (13) crime incidents in the JJ Pearce HOA area. Seven (7) of those were burglary from a motor vehicle parked behind the house.

Remove the opportunity for crime to occur:

- Do not leave anything of value visible in your car

at any time.

- Close the garage door when you are not physically in the garage.

01/16/03	Stratford	1200	Vandalism
01/29/03	Edith	1100	Burglary
02/15/03	Lilac	1900	Burglary (two vehicles)
02/27/03	Edith	1000	Burglary (vehicle)
02/27/03	Violet	1900	Burglary (vehicle)
03/05/03	Chesterton	1100	Burglary (vehicle)
04/16/03	Huntington	1100	Burglary (vehicle)
08/29/03	Stratford	1200	Vandalism (vehicle egged)
09/24/03	Grassmere	1100	Vandalism (vehicle window broken by brick)
09/27/03	Eton	1200	Theft (bicycle - front of house)
10/05/03	Grassmere	1200	Vandalism (broken window residence)
11/20/03	Huntington	1100	Burglary (vehicle)
12/20/03	Huntington	1300	Burglary (open garage)

Consider Yourself Warned



In a past newsletter, I spoke about a problem in the neighborhood with some of our residents ignoring the local stop signs. I guess the persons running the stop signs don't read the newsletter because they continue to ignore them. I will be asking the Richardson Police Department to help out with this problem.

STOP or pay the price.

FYI.

Sec. 23-265. Acts adversely affecting water quality.

It shall be unlawful for any person; either as owner, tenant or employee, firm or corporation, to commit such acts as listed below that will adversely affect the quality of water in the storm drain system and watercourses within the city:

- Maintain grease and sand traps in any automotive center, service station, vehicle maintenance or wash operation not connected to the sanitary sewer.
- Operate bus and truck lines involving more than two vehicles, who perform vehicle wash operations without the waste effluent being trapped and placed in the sanitary sewer.
- Wash aircraft without the waste effluent being trapped and placed in the sanitary sewer.
- **DUMP GRASS CLIPPINGS, LEAVES, BRUSH OR ANY RUBBISH OR DEBRIS TO THE CURB, GUTTER, STORM INLET, STORM DRAIN OR WATERCOURSE.**
- The use of detergent to wash driveways, except where vacuum scrubbers are used to pick up materials for disposal in grease and sand traps or an approved disposal site.
- Permit crankcase drainings, drainage from engine oil filters, vehicle engines or other oils or oily substances, greases or like material to go to any area that will drain to the storm drain system or watercourses.

(Continued on next page.)

- Deposit liquid waste, semi liquid waste or chemical waste in any area that will drain to the storm system or watercourses. All such material will be disposed of at an approved disposal site.
- Permit cooling tower, compressor or boiler blowdown water, with the exception of clean untreated water, to flow to the storm drain system or watercourses.
- All water from nurseries or garden centers to flow to streets and alleys to the extent that a nuisance is created, damage results to streets or alleys, or the free passage of foot traffic is affected.
- Allow wastewater resulting from floor cleaning, rug and carpet cleaning, and laundering processes to flow to streets or alleys or into any storm drain or watercourse.
- **PERMIT FILTER BACKWASH FROM SWIMMING POOLS AND FOUNTAINS TO FLOW TO THE STORM DRAIN SYSTEM OR WATERCOURSES.**
- Permit liquid wastes from animal pens used for kennels, veterinarian clinics, packing houses, poultry processing plants, and dairies to flow to any area other than the sanitary sewers unless specifically approved by the environmental health director.
- Permit unused materials from ready-mix concrete, mortar, asphalt base delivery trucks to be dumped to any area that will drain to streams or watercourses. All residues shall be disposed of and vehicles washed down at approved disposal sites.
- Permit old motors, transmissions, automobiles, automobile parts or any other machinery parts where are coated or partially coated with grease, oil or solvents to remain uncovered in the open where portions of the coating materials may be washed to the storm sewers or watercourses as the result of precipitation.
- Permit sewage wastes to flow to an area that will drain to the storm drain system or watercourses.

(Ord. No. 2916-A, § 1, 12-14-92)



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Dennis Winborn

Dennis Winborn (UNT '74 M.Ed.) was named assistant superintendent of elementary education in Lewisville. He has worked at the Lewisville ISD since 1987, starting as assistant principal and becoming executive director of elementary education in 1994. Dennis is a member of JPHOA and a Grassmere Drive resident.

Pearce Girls Gymnastics

The Pearce Girls Gymnastics team has been ranked 4th in the country by the National High School Gymnastics Coaches Association based on their results last Spring. Congratulations to the students and coaches.

UTD Chess Team Wins Pan Am Intercollegiate Tournament

The UTD chess team has won the Pan Am Intercollegiate Team Chess Championship in Miami on December 30. UTD had tied for first place twice before.

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Cellphone Tower Update

Plans are progressing to erect a cellphone tower on the Pearce campus. In the May and June 2003 newsletters we discussed a proposal by T-Mobile to erect a cellphone tower on the Pearce High School campus. On May 20, 2003, we sponsored a public meeting where J. J. Pearce Homeowners Association members met with representatives of T-Mobile and RISD, along with representatives of The Reservation Homeowners Association. At that meeting we all agreed that improved cellphone service was desirable in our area, but that the light towers at the Pearce track were not an esthetically acceptable location. We agreed that a "stealth" tower, with no visible antennas, located in the midst of the campus was an acceptable proposal. We also indicated a preference for a tower that could accommodate multiple phone companies so that we would not be confronted with requests for an antenna farm as other companies try to enhance their service.

Since that time T-Mobile has been negotiating the lease agreement with RISD. The next step is presentation of the plan to the city. The City Plan Commission is tentatively scheduled to hear and discuss the proposal on Tuesday, February 17 at a meeting where public comments can also heard. At that meeting the City Plan Commission will be asked to approve a request that the 90 foot tall, "stealth" tower be allowed as a Special Condition modification to the current zoning. The tower will be somewhat taller than the existing light towers at the athletic field. It will be located near the Natatorium, and will be about 3 feet in diameter. The pictures are renderings of what the tower is expected to look like on the campus. The tower will be able to accommodate four wireless phone carriers. Cingular is expected to be the second carrier using T-Mobile's tower.

The City Plan Commission meets at 6:30pm in the Council Chamber. If the City Plan Commission makes a recommendation on February 17 then the City Council will be probably act on it at their March 1 meeting. City Council meetings start at 7:30pm.



View from Mimosa near Stratford



View from west side of Coit near Chesterton

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- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- Juice of 1 lime

Combine all ingredients in food processor and pulse until coarsely chopped.

For best results, refrigerate overnight or at least 3 hours before serving.

Serve with scoop-size corn chips or with brisket sandwiches. Makes enough for 20 to 25 small sandwiches.

SOURCE: Louise Owens, Special Contributor to the Dallas Morning News. From a photocopy of a handwritten recipe received from a friend of a friend who had a friend who knew someone who used to make it at their ranch.

(Contributed by Denise Mayoff.)

Share your favorite recipes with other members, too. Send it by E mail to: ddrussum@comcast.net. Title it "Recipe"

Local Events January - February include:

Date	Event	Location
January		
16	Boys' Basketball vs Mesquite Horn	6:30, 8:00pm, Pearce
19	Martin Luther King Jr. holiday	
20	Boys' Basketball vs Highland Park	6:30, 8:00pm, Pearce
22	Multi-Cultural Night	7:00pm, Mohawk
22	UTD Women's Basketball vs Austin College	5:30pm, UTD
	UTD Men's Basketball vs Austin College	7:30pm, UTD
23	Girls' Basketball vs Mesquite Poteet	6:00, 7:30pm, Pearce
	Jazz concert (Tom Morrell)	8:00pm, Conference Center
24	UTD Women's Basketball vs U of the Ozarks	1:00pm, UTD
	UTD Men's Basketball vs U of the Ozarks	3:00pm, UTD
	Gatlin Brothers	Eisemann Center
27	Boys' Basketball vs Richardson	6:30, 8:00pm, Pearce
29	UTD Women's Basketball vs LeTourneau	5:30pm, UTD
	UTD Men's Basketball vs LeTourneau	7:30pm, UTD
30	Girls' Basketball vs Wylie	6:00, 7:30pm, Pearce
30-31	<i>Oliver!</i>	7:30pm, Pearce
31	UTD Women's Basketball vs East Texas Baptist Univ	1:00pm, UTD
	UTD Men's Basketball vs East Texas Baptist Univ	3:00pm, UTD
February		
1	<i>Oliver!</i>	2:00pm, Pearce
3	Boys' Basketball vs West Mesquite	6:30, 8:00pm, Pearce
4	<i>Oliver!</i>	(possible matinee, check with Ms. Lynn Zednick at Pearce)
5	UTD Women's Basketball vs LeTourneau	5:30pm, UTD
5-7	<i>Oliver!</i>	7:30pm, Pearce
6-7	<i>Betty's Summer Vacation</i> (comedy play)	8:00pm, Univ Theatre, UTD
7	Richardson Symphony Orchestra	Eisemann Center
8	Richardson Community Band concert	2:00pm, Eisemann Center
10	Girls' Basketball vs Mesquite Horn	6:00, 7:30pm, Pearce
12	UTD Women's Basketball vs Mississippi Payne	5:30pm, UTD
	UTD Men's Basketball vs Mississippi College	7:30pm, UTD
	<i>Betty's Summer Vacation</i> (comedy play)	2:30pm, Univ Theatre, UTD
13	Jazz piano concert (Kelly Durbin)	8:00pm, Jonsson Perf Hall, UTD
13-14	<i>Betty's Summer Vacation</i> (comedy play)	8:00pm, Univ Theatre, UTD
14	UTD Women's Basketball vs Louisiana College	1:00pm, UTD
	UTD Men's Basketball vs Louisiana College	3:00pm, UTD
15	<i>Betty's Summer Vacation</i> (comedy play)	2:30pm, Univ Theatre, UTD
16	Presidents Day – no school	
17	Boys' Basketball vs Mesquite Poteet	6:30, 8:00pm, Pearce
19	Mohawk Math, Science, Technology Night	7:00pm, Mohawk

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Statement of Cash Receipts and Expenses
For the Period September 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003

	Month Ended December 31, 2003	Year to Date Actual December 31, 2003	Year To Date Budget
Cash Receipts			
Membership Dues	\$135.00	\$5,040.00	\$4,950.00
Dividends	9.89	41.38	40.00
Advertising-Newsletter	200.00	720.00	360.00
Contributions	5.00	5.00	
Total Receipts	349.89	5,806.38	5,350.00
Expenses			
Crime Watch			
Metrocall	21.85	87.40	87.40
Membership			
Annual Meeting		159.00	159.00
Social Events			
December Decorations	58.14	58.14	125.00
Newsletter			
Printing, etc.	190.80	901.70	1,088.60
Delivery	60.00	255.00	270.00
Other Expenses			
Contributions		234.75	235.00
Miscellaneous			33.00
Total Expenses	330.79	1,695.99	1,998.00
Net Income (Loss)	\$19.10	\$4,110.39	\$3,352.00

Fund Balances:

	Checking	Vanguard	Totals
Beginning Balances - 12/1/03	\$5,020.66	\$15,719.39	20,740.05
Add receipts	340.00	9.89	349.89
Transfers	-3,000.00	3,000.00	
<u>Less Disbursements</u>	<u>330.79</u>		<u>330.79</u>
Ending Balances - 12/31/03	\$2,029.87	\$18,729.28	\$20,759.15

Respectfully Submitted, Helen Simon, Treasurer, January 2, 2004

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Board Meetings: February 1, 1127 Edith Circle, 7:00pm
February 29, 1208 Grassmere, 7:00pm

Board meetings are open to all members