



J. J. PEARCE NEWSLETTER

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4th of July Parade and Picnic

Start off your Independence Day celebration with our very own parade and picnic. Once again we will be joining forces with The Reservation



Homeowners Association to celebrate and commemorate the birth of our country and the ideals which are the essence of the United States of America. The parade will form near the tennis courts on Senior Way at **9:50 AM on Thursday, July 4, and proceed down Mimosa to the park.** We expect to be joined by a Richardson fire truck and a representative from the Richardson Police Department. This year we also expect to have marching music during the parade! **The parade will begin promptly at 10 AM.**

Decorate your bicycle. Wave a flag. Splash on some sunscreen. Wear something patriotic and join the parade to Mimosa Park, or join us at the park for a picnic. The Homeowners Associations will provide water, hotdogs and fixin's. **You are welcome to bring a dessert to share. Don't forget that it is warm outside in July, so desserts that don't wilt or melt fare best.** There will be a Bounce House for the kids and smiles for everyone. Don't be late. The picnic will end at noon, so you'll have plenty of time to enjoy the rest of the day.

They're making a list, checking it twice

Our Nominating Committee is hard at work developing a slate of candidates for our next Board of Directors. The slate will be presented in the July newsletter. That means that you don't have much time left to volunteer, express your opinions, or suggest candidates. If you'd like to share an idea with the Nominating Committee please contact any member of the Committee. If you have questions about any of the offices contact any member of the Board of Directors.

The Nominating Committee members are:

- Al Nix, 972-234-3086, alnix@remax.net
- Allan Journey, 972-437-2869, journeyfam@aol.com
- KristinKuhne, 972-699-1680, kanderk@aol.com

News from the City

- The blue bag recycling program is very effective and the contract with the recycling company has been renewed.
- Mutual Assistance and Automatic Aid emergency response agreements have been refined with Plano and Garland. This will insure that the fastest possible response always happens automatically. For example, in the northern part of the city, if there is an accident on southbound 75, Plano can generally reach the scene first and will respond until Richardson emergency teams can take over.
- The North Texas Council of Governments is coordinating area wide planning for response to any major catastrophe.

Traffic

The Richardson Traffic Department works closely with the Police Department to maintain and improve our safety on the Richardson's roads. In 2001 traffic on Richardson roads was up 13%, but accidents were down 15%. Nevertheless, the cost to our community of accidents in 2001 was approximately \$22.4M for injury accidents, and \$4.2M for non-injury accidents. Of injury accidents, 56% of them involved someone running a red light.

Last year Richardson had 5 automobile accident fatalities. We've already had 5 in 2002. Top causes of accidents in Richardson were speeding (505); fail to yield turning left (235); red light violation (230); unsafe lane change (144); private driveway (121); following too close (103). 40% that is almost half, of speeding accidents involved drivers between the ages of 15 and 25. The frequency of speeding accidents decreases steadily as people mature, with only 7% of those accidents involving drivers over 55. Two-thirds of speeding accidents involve men.

On average, you can drive 1,004,000 miles in Richardson before there is an injury accident. In Plano that number falls to 684,000 miles driven before an injury accident. In Garland it is 666,000 miles, and in Dallas 741,000 miles are driven before an injury accident.

One part of the effort to reduce accidents is to improve roadways, signage and signals. Another part is enforcement. In 2000 Richardson Police issued 37,358 tickets

for moving violations. In 2001 that number was 44,205. The 15% decline in accidents, despite a 13% increase in traffic, is due to a combination of these factors and enforcement plays a significant role.

The top ten accident locations in Richardson in 2001.

2001 rank	Location	# Accidents	Millions of vehicles per accident*
1	Renner @ 190	25	0.6
2	Arapaho @ 75	24	1.4
3	Spring Valley @ 75	24	1.5
4	Jupiter @ 190	21	0.9
5	Beltline@Jupiter	18	1.4
6	Campbell @ 75	17	2.2
7	Beltline @ 75	16	2
8	700 block Spring Valley	15	0.8
9	Plano @ Renner	15	1.3
10	Beltline@Plano	15	1.7

* Average number of vehicles that pass through a location per accident. Lower numbers are the worse. There was one accident per 600,000 vehicles at Renner and 190; one accident per 2,200,000 vehicles at Campbell and 75.

Feeling the pinch

By now we all know that Richardson’s sales tax revenues are down. (That is the situation in Dallas and other neighboring cities as well.) A projection done in April shows a Sales Tax revenue shortfall of more than \$5M compared to the budget done in September of last year, and a total tax shortfall of \$6M. Hotel/Motel tax revenues are down and so is interest earned.

We’ll be seeing the shortfall in ways that we can notice, so when you see some things that you don’t think are the way you want them, you’re probably right. The money just isn’t there now. Sales tax revenues have fallen to their lowest level since 1985-86. Too bad prices haven’t been reduced as well. Some of the things that the city is doing to control costs include:

- Hiring freeze
- Limiting scheduled pay increases
- Restricting exceptional service awards
- Restricting overtime for police, library, parks and recreation, building inspection, facilities services and the Wildflower Festival, fire administration
- Reduced fire department training and uniform replacements
- Reduced fertilization, repair and maintenance of parks, parking lots and fields

- Reduced recreation center and facility replacements and maintenance
- Reduced pool hours and staffing
- Reduced summer camp staffing
- Deferring use of concrete for street and alley repairs and deferring non-essential repairs. Backlog has increased from 6 to 12 months.
- Eliminated termite treatments and window washing contracts
- Reduced library reference material contracts
- Reduced mowing frequency



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Orthodontics for adults and children

Way beyond smoke signals

Exemplary School

Wonderful things are happening again at Mohawk Elementary. First, it was recently announced that Mohawk has again been named an Exemplary School. That makes it 10 years in a row. No school in RISD can beat that record! Congratulations to the teachers, staff parents and students!

This is one of the reasons that people using the Internet to investigate the Dallas area call the principal to find out where to live that will put them within the Mohawk school boundaries.

Technology

Through Bond funds and Grant money Mohawk is in the process of acquiring and upgrading technology throughout the school.

Mohawk is acquiring 60 “Alphasmarts” devices. These sturdy word-processing devices will allow students to use the devices on field trips or in the outdoor learning center or in the classroom. They will be shared across the school and there are enough of them to handle three classes at the same time. (<http://www.alphasmart.com/> for more information on the devices.)

A new multi-media presentation station will provide the ability for students and teachers to create short video presentations.

A portable classroom electronic response system will make learning more fun and more effective. Each student will be able to use a wireless keypad to respond to the teacher's query and the results will be immediately available to the teacher or to the whole class. It is a great tool for collecting opinions on the expected outcome of an experiment, and then, on the actual results or for determining whether a class really understands an idea.

A new imaging system will be able to photograph and display three-dimensional objects, so that an entire classroom can observe an object at the same time. No more waiting for something to be passed around that the teacher talked about a long time ago.

CD burners will allow students to save the work they've done and take it home with them at the end of the school year. Scanners and a color laser printer are on the menu too, as are devices to electronically capture images of whatever is written on classroom white boards. All teachers will get upgraded "presentation stations".

The technology is used by students and teachers, and to communicate with the community. Bond moneys come from a Bond issue that was passed five years ago. Grant money comes from the Texas Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund (TIF). TIF is a Fund that was established by the Texas legislature in 1995 to create a telecommunications infrastructure and capability in schools and other public entities. The TIF Board will collect a total of \$1.5 billion over 10 years from 1) annual assessments from telecommunications utilities and 2) annual assessments from commercial mobile service providers. In exchange, after the ten-year period, the state will cease to regulate these utilities. A total of \$750 million will be distributed solely to Texas public K-12 school districts and campuses. The other \$750 million will be distributed across Texas public K-12 schools, colleges and universities, public libraries, and not-for-profit healthcare providers. Because of prudent use of funds and the bond issue that we approved five years ago, each of the 37 non-magnet elementary schools in RISD qualify for a \$40,000 special TIF Grant. \$52,000 of local bond money is also available to Mohawk this year to round out the program. (<http://www.tifb.state.tx.us> for more information.)

Check the Mohawk website, <http://www.richardson.k12.tx.us/schools/moh>, over the summer. The lead teacher on the technology team, Susan Hudspeth, will continue to update and enhance it. Susan will also be busy learning and setting up the new technology resources over the summer and preparing to teach them to the rest of the staff.

Library

The Mohawk library is being remodeled and enlarged. The library includes a Parent Lending Library that is available to Mohawk parents, grandparents and neighborhood residents. The library also accepts donations, so if you have a book to contribute please contact the school librarian, Lou Ann Crawford, at 469-593-6613, e-mail LouAnn.Crawford@risd.org

Celebrating America -- and a lesson for us all

My uncle's words "Happy Birthday America " were the inspiration for the cover of this newsletter.

While on a visit to see my parents, when our two sons were young, we stopped by to see an aunt and uncle of mine. My uncle was almost 100 years old at the time and had come to the United States from Greece as a 13-year-old orphan. It just happened to be the Fourth of July, and as we sat visiting, my uncle asked, "What's the matter with America nowadays?" We were all surprised by the question and I asked him what he meant. "Well, today is America's birthday, isn't it? I don't hear anyone celebrating. America is the best country on this earth, and we should be celebrating! God Bless America! Happy birthday America," he said. He might not have been able to see very well, but he still knew what day it was, and was concerned that we were losing that pride in America that he held so strongly.

Now that they're grown, our sons have often mentioned that day, and that it made quite an impression on them – that Theo was so adamant about his love for this country. I have reminded them that many times people who emigrated from another country are sometimes more dedicated Americans than those of us who were born here.

My aunt and uncle, as well as both my parents are gone now, but they were all very proud naturalized citizens of what they all felt was the best country on earth.

Thanks Theo for reminding my family that day, years ago, that we should celebrate America's birthday with pride.

Dee Russum, Editor

Membership & Directory Update **Art Middlebrook, VP Membership**

Membership = 358 for the year 2002
Membership: 358/464 Total (77.2%)

A new family recently moved into the area and joined us: Parks, Brad and Amanda - 1224 Huntington. Phone - 972-644-8962.

Welcome to the J.J. Pearce Addition, Brad, Amanda and Jessica!

I hope everyone will make an effort to welcome them as our new neighbors.

NOTE: Please be sure to add them in your directory.

Also, please remember that we provide a New Member packet to newcomers who move into the J. J. Pearce HOA area. As I've mentioned before, when you see a new family moving in, please ask them to get in touch with me, 972-235-1731, email amid937@swbell.net or, you can provide me their names and I will contact them. I appreciate your help - we want to keep up with all of our residents.

How Does Your Garden Grow?

Greetings from Bill Little, VP Beautification.

You all are making it very difficult to choose the Yard of the Month. There were several choices from each area this month. Next month I will have to make difficult decisions again. The yards that did not get chosen this month will look even better next time.



The Yard of the Month winners for May are:

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| 1205 Huntington | Jim & Mary Jo Pinac |
| 1902 Lilac Court | Lynn Lambert |
| 1101 Stratford | Jay & Grace Hatch |
| 1220 Grassmere | Jim & Darlene Welborne |
| 1214 Chesterton | Vince & Judi Girolamo |

This month's yard tips.

- ❖ Continue to spray funginex on your Roses and Crepe Myrtles for black spot and powdery mildew.
- ❖ Apply fertilizer at normal rate for Bermuda grass and at about one half of the normal rate for St. Augustine grass.
- ❖ Broadleaf weeds can be sprayed 3 or 4 days after mowing with a weed killer containing 2-4-d.
- ❖ Water your yards and flowerbeds only when they need to be watered. You can conserve water by not having your watering systems set for a specific time schedule.
- ❖ Early June is the time for the second application of Team or Betasan preemergent for crabgrass or grass-burrs.

North Dallas Commuter Tip

The Dallas Chamber of Commerce will advise you via email of upcoming lane closures and detours in the "High Five" construction at LBJ and Central Expressway if you send your request to aacevedo@dallaschamber.org with the subject line "Forward Dallas High 5 alerts."

Board Minutes May 11, 2002

(following Volunteer Appreciation Party)

Bernie brought the meeting to order at 5 PM. There were 2 other residents in attendance. Suzanne and Art were absent.

The minutes that had been distributed to the Board via e-mail were approved and are published in the May newsletter.

Helen presented the Treasurer's reports for year to date as well as the last 2 months. Greg moved they be approved, Bill seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

Under old business, Bernie reported that 65 invitations to

the Volunteer families had been mailed, 28 people indicated that they would attend and 16 residents did attend. The Board realizes there are many conflicts, but it was noted that all the volunteers appreciate being recognized and thanked for their hard work.

The Board appointed a Nominating Committee made up of Al Nix, Allan Journey and Kristin Kuhne. Bernie will meet with them during the week of May 13th to discuss their job of naming a slate, which will be published in the July and August newsletters.

Plans for the 4th of July parade and picnic continue and Bernie has been in contact with Pamela Karnavas of the Reservation Homeowners Association. Realtor Dorothy Thomas has arranged for the donation of a "Bounce House" for the picnic. There will be more about the 4th of July events in the June newsletter.

The Annual meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 24 at Mohawk, 7:30PM and the speaker will probably be the Fire Marshall with an interesting demonstration.

There was much discussion about whether the Association should place an ad in the Pearce Media Guides (or sports programs.) It was decided that more information was needed and a decision was tabled until the next Board meeting.

The next Homeowners Association Presidents meeting will be May 21 at 7AM.

Next Board Meetings and newsletter deadline
June 9, 7PM, Lynn Sanders
July 7, 7PM, John Sadowski
August 11, 7PM, Dee Russum

The newsletter deadlines are
June 7, July 5, August 9

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15.

Respectfully submitted by Dee Russum in
Suzanne Clark's absence.

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| Answers to America Trivia Game on page 9. |
| D) James Madison |
| C) flags |
| B) fight in a war |
| A) Thomas Jefferson |
| C) the right to vote |
| C) Ellis Island |
| A) New York City |
| C) The Declaration of Independence |
| B) Florida |
| D) The Star-Spangled Banner |

Crime Talk

by Lynn Sanders, VP Safety

The time since my last column has been pretty hectic, both directly in our neighborhood and close by. I'll do my best to bring you up to date and then close with an item on seat belts that just might save you from a citation. So, "buckle-up" and let's go!

Occasionally, we hear from a neighborhood resident that is upset with how early, or how late, a neighbor is running "noisy" yard care equipment. City Ordinances 13-71 through 13-75 deal with "the peace and comfort of the public", but do not set down any specific regulations regarding the time such equipment can be operated. The City is reluctant to over regulate citizens. If a police officer is called, resolution will be at the officer's discretion. The best approach is for neighbors to be considerate of each other. If you feel you have circumstances that warrant consideration by your neighbor (work shift, infants, etc.), then bring it to their attention in a friendly way. Almost everybody will respect a friendly request.

On 5/4, between 5 and 6 PM, someone entered the open garage of a residence in the 1400 block of Huntington while the resident was working in the front yard. Golf clubs and a toolbox were taken. Sometime between 5/6 and 5/20, lawn care equipment was stolen from a storage shed, possibly left unlocked, at the rear of a residence in the 1100 block of Huntington. The metal doors on a storage shed in the 1100 block of Eton were kicked in around noon on 5/17, but nothing appeared to be missing. A gas grill was stolen from the back yard of a residence in the 1200 block of Eton sometime between 9 AM on 5/20 and 9 AM on 5/21. Dogs in the back yard did not deter this determined burglar.

Someone broke into a Honda automobile in the rear driveway of a residence in the 1200 block of Chesterton between 9 PM on 5/23 and 10 AM on 5/24. Entry was made by damaging the driver's door lock, but nothing was taken. During that same period another Honda automobile, parked in the rear driveway of a residence in the 1100 block of Huntington, was also entered by damaging the driver's door lock. Unfortunately, property was taken this time; driver and passenger air-bag units and cash from a wallet that had been left in the car.

Investigation continues into the circumstances resulting in the 5/13 recovery of a man's body from the Lennox pond just across Campbell from us. The body was identified quickly, but the death has not yet been ruled as resulting from accident, suicide, or murder.

Early in the afternoon on 5/20, a man robbed the Bank of America outlet in the Albertson's just north of our 1300 blocks. No one was injured. The suspect claimed to have a gun, but did not display it. His description fit that of a man who had robbed at least nine bank outlets in the Richardson Plano North Dallas area and had become known as the "floppy hat bandit". A Richardson Police

Officer developed some data that she believed might predict the place/date of his next robbery. Her prediction was staked out by the police. Sure enough, he shows up and is immediately taken into custody. Outstanding work by Richardson's Officer Jeannie Parrent!

Ladies, please take note. Distraction wallet theft continues to happen at grocery stores at Coit/Campbell with 3 more recent occurrences. I have written about this several times. This type of theft is almost always done by a pair of thieves. One will distract the lady, usually with questions about some store product, while the other removes the wallet from the lady's purse, which is left unattended in the grocery cart. Ladies, you must keep your purse zipped and in your physical or visual contact at all times.

On 5/7, and again on 5/22, the "pigeon drop" scam was attempted on senior citizens. This scam frequently works. Fortunately, these two seniors became suspicious and bailed out. This is a popular scam right now that is elaborately designed to entice you into removing a sizable amount of money from your bank account to demonstrate your trust of the fellow who wants to share some of his money with you, for helping him place the remainder of his money with a church or charity. This scam is acted out in a very entertaining way in the first episode of the Cop-Shop TV program produced by our own Richardson Police Department and AT&T Broadband. This episode is aired Saturdays and Sundays at 10 AM and Mondays through Fridays at 1:30 PM and 10:30 PM on AT&T Broadband cable channel 14 (digital) or 14A (standard). Try to watch it. You will enjoy it, and you will learn from it. I will let you know when a new episode is released highlighting another common crime and how to not be it's victim.

Finally, the Texas Department of Transportation has requested all state and local law enforcement agencies to increase enforcement of the safety belt and child safety restraint laws. In 2000, 3,769 people perished in Texas traffic crashes and remains the leading cause of death for young Texans. Texas law requires every person sitting in the front seat of a vehicle to wear a safety belt. All children under age 17 must be secured with a safety belt or in a child safety seat, whether in the front or back seat. A child under age 4, or less than 36 inches tall, must be secured in a properly secured child safety seat. Citations involving fines up to \$200 and a mandated safety education class can be issued for noncompliance.



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Independence Day

Independence Day, also known as 4th of July is the birthday of the United States of America. It is celebrated on July 4th each year in the United States. It is the anniversary of the day on which the Declaration of Independence was adopted by the Continental Congress - July 4, 1776. The day they announced to the world that the 13 colonies no longer belonged to Great Britain. Independence Day was first observed in Philadelphia on July 8, 1776.

On July 4, 1777, the night sky of Philadelphia lit up with the blaze of bonfires. Candles illuminated the windows of houses and public buildings. Church bells rang out loud, and cannons were shot from ships breaking the silence. The city was celebrating the first anniversary of the founding of the United States.

The Fourth of July soon became the main patriotic holiday of the entire country. Veterans of the Revolutionary War made a tradition of gathering on the Fourth to remember their victory. In towns and cities, the American flag flew; shops displayed red, white, and blue decorations; and people marched in parades that were followed by public readings of the Declaration of Independence. In 1941, Congress declared July 4 a federal legal holiday.

The 13 Colonies were:

Connecticut	Delaware	Georgia	Maryland
Massachusetts	Bay	New Hampshire	New Jersey
New York		North Carolina	Pennsylvania
Rhode Island		South Carolina	Virginia

Betsy Ross and Our Flag

The first flag representing the United States was sanctioned by George Washington using colors from The British Kings Colours. It was called the Grand Union flag. Soon, it was decided that a new flag was needed to represent America, and it was decided to be red, white, and



blue, with Stars and Stripes representing the colonies. It is said that George Washington, Robert Morris, and George Ross (Betsy Ross's late husband's uncle) came to Ross' home and asked her to sew the new flag. Originally, George Washington had wanted 6-pointed stars on the flag, but Betsy Ross demonstrated how to cut a 5-pointed star in a single snip, and the committee was so impressed that they allowed Betsy Ross to sew our new American flag, using the 5-pointed star.

Our Flag

On June 14, 1777, at Philadelphia, the Marine Committee of the Second Continental Congress offered the resolution, which resulted in the adoption of the Flag of the United States. As new states were admitted it became

evident that the number of stripes in the flag would have to be limited.

Congress ordered that after July 4, 1818, the flag should have thirteen stripes, symbolizing the thirteen original states, that the union would have twenty stars, and that a new star should be added on the July 4th following admission of a new state. The permanent arrangement of the stars is not designated, and no star is specifically identified with any state. Since 1912, following the admission of a new state, the new design has been announced by executive order. The original resolution read: "Resolved: that the flag of the United States be made of thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation." According to the Department of State, red stands for hardiness and courage, white is the symbol of purity and innocence, and blue is the color of vigilance, perseverance, and justice.

The Pledge of Allegiance

"I pledge allegiance to the flag
of the United States of America
and to the Republic for which it stands.
One nation under God,
indivisible,
with liberty and justice for all. "

In America, there are several symbols that represent our freedom. Our flag is probably our most important symbol, but here is a look at some others.

America

The song "America" is sung across America as one of the National Anthems. It was written by Reverend Samuel Francis Smith in 1832. It was first used at a children's Fourth of July picnic in Boston. Lowell Mason discovered the tune in a collection of German melodies and recommended it to Rev. Smith. The music to "America" is the same as that of the British national anthem, "God Save the Queen." It is said that Henry Carey put the melody into its present form.

The words are:

My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the Pilgrims' pride,
From every mountainside
Let Freedom ring.
My native country, thee
Land of the noble free--
Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills
Like that above.

The Liberty Bell



The Liberty Bell is located at the Liberty Bell Pavilion on Market Street between 5th and 6th Streets in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It was cast in London and was made of 70% copper, 25% tin, and small amounts of lead, zinc, arsenic, gold and silver.

Written on the bell are the words,

"Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof". The Liberty Bell cracked the first time it was rung. It was repaired in 1846, and cracked again. The bell has not been rung since. The Liberty Bell represents America's freedom.

The Eagle

In 1787, the newly formed United States adopted as its emblem a bald Eagle with wings that are outspread. The Eagle is shown with a shield on its breast, an olive branch in one foot, and a sheaf of arrows in the other foot. When the Eagle is placed on the American coat-of-arms it carries a scroll in its beak bearing the Latin words *E Pluribus Unum*, meaning one out of many. The first Eagle on an American coin appeared on a Massachusetts penny in 1776.



Statue of Liberty



The large copper statue that stands on Liberty Island in New York Harbor was a gift from France in 1884, as a symbol of friendship and of the liberty that citizens enjoy under a free form of government. The designer was sculptor Auguste Bartholdi. The statues' proper name is *Liberty Enlightening the World*. The statue represents a proud woman, dressed in a loose robe that falls in graceful folds to the top of the pedestal on which the statue stands. The right arm holds a great torch raised

high in the air.

The left arm grasps a tablet bearing the date of the Declaration of Independence. A crown with huge spikes, like sunrays, rest on her head. At her feet is a broken shackle, which symbolizes the overthrow of tyranny.

The Statue was extensively restored in time for her spectacular centennial on July 4, 1986.

Some interesting facts about Lady Liberty:

Height from base to torch (Bartholdi's design): 151' 1"

Height from base to torch (1984 Survey):

Foundation of pedestal to torch (Bartholdi's design):

305' 1"

Foundation of pedestal to torch (1984 Survey): 306' 8"

Heel to top of head: 111' 1"

Length of hand: 16' 5"

Index finger: 8' 0"

Circumference at second joint: 3' 6"

Size of fingernail: 13"x10"

Weight of fingernail: About 3.5 pounds.

Head from chin to cranium: 17' 3"

Head thickness from ear to ear: 10' 0"

Distance across the eye: 2' 6"

Length of nose: 4' 6"

Right arm length: 42' 0"

Right arm greatest thickness: 12' 0"

Thickness of waist: 35' 0"

Width of mouth: 3' 0"

Tablet, length: 23' 7"

Tablet, width: 13' 7"

Tablet, thickness: 2' 0"

Height of granite pedestal: 89' 0"

Height of foundation: 65' 0"

The Declaration of Independence

The Declaration of Independence is a document written by our Founding Fathers declaring America's independence. A committee of five men, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman, and Robert R. Livingston were appointed to write the document. The first draft of the Declaration was written by Jefferson, in seclusion. He spent several days writing it. John Adams was the first person to revise the document, followed by Benjamin Franklin, and finally by the full Congressional Committee. It was altered a total of 47 times before independence was declared. Independence was declared on July 2, 1776, and 39 more revisions to the document followed. John Hancock was the first signer of the Declaration of Independence, on July 4, 1776. The Declaration of Independence is on display at the National Archives. President Jefferson wrote in the *Declaration of Independence*:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed..."

Thomas Jefferson, was the 3rd President of the United States of America, from 1801 to 1809. Congress had appointed 5 men to prepare this proclamation, and Jefferson was the greatest contributor of the words contained in the document, and described the Declaration of Independence as "An expression of the American mind."

All the men who signed the document, knew that they had placed themselves in grave danger, but were willing to risk their lives for what they believed. Jefferson used many of the ideas from John Locke who was an English Philosopher who argued against the philosophy that human beings were born with certain ideas. He believed that

the mind was blank and only through experience, a person would begin to enter ideas. He was totally against the divine right of kings and argued that governments depended on the consent of the governed. The main ideas brought forth were that all men were created equal; that man had natural rights which were granted by God; that government could only have so much power in the lives of the people, and could only be governed by the agreement of the people; and the right of the people to rebel against a government which wanted to impose dictatorship or tyranny to its people. Thomas Jefferson was born in 1743 and died in 1826. His picture is on the \$20 dollar bill, the \$2 dollar bill and the nickel. He is considered to have been one of our greatest Presidents. He wrote these words on his own gravestone: "Here was buried Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence, of the statute of Virginia for religious freedom, and father of the University of Virginia."

When the Declaration of Independence was declared, John Adams wrote this historic letter to his wife:

"I am apt to believe that this day will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forevermore."

Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence?

Five signers were captured by the British as traitors and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons serving in the Revolutionary Army; another had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War. They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor. What kind of men were they? Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners; men of means, well educated. But they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured. Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader saw his ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags. Thomas McKeam was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward. Vandals or soldiers looted the properties of Dillery, Hall, Clymer, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton. At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson, Jr., noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. He quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. The home was de-

stroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt. Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months. John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his gristmill were laid to waste. For more than a year, he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children vanished. A few weeks later, he died from exhaustion and a broken heart. Norris and Livingston suffered similar fates. Such were the stories and sacrifices of the American Revolution. These were not wild-eyed, rabble-rousing ruffians. They were soft-spoken men of means and education. They had security, but they valued liberty more.

Standing talk straight, and unwavering, they pledged: "For the support of this declaration, with firm reliance on the protection of the divine providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

They gave you and me a free and independent America. We didn't fight just the British. We were British subjects at that time and we fought our own government! Some of us take these liberties so much for granted, but we shouldn't.

So, take a few minutes while enjoying your 4th of July Holiday and silently thank these patriots. It's not much to ask for the price they paid. Remember: Freedom is never free!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!

AMERICA Trivia Game

From the book "America A Patriotic Primer"
by Lynne Cheney.

1. The president who was primarily responsible for our Bill of Rights was:

- A) George Washington
- B) Thomas Jefferson
- C) Abraham Lincoln
- D) James Madison

2. A vexillologist is a person who studies:

- A) wars
- B) maps
- C) flags
- D) inventions

3. Molly Pitcher was one of the first American women to:

- A) vote
- B) fight in a war
- C) explore the northwest territory
- D) become an astronaut

4. This president invented a copy machine and designed his own home:

- A) Thomas Jefferson
- B) Benjamin Franklin
- C) George Washington
- D) Thomas Edison

5. Suffrage is:

- A) the freedom of the press
- B) the freedom of speech
- C) the right to vote
- D) the right to a trial by jury

6. Millions of immigrants first entered America by passing through here:

- A) Mt. Vernon
- B) the "Gateway to the West"
- C) Ellis Island
- D) Niagara Falls

7. Our nation's first capital was in:

- A) New York City
- B) Washington, DC
- C) Philadelphia
- D) Plymouth

8. The principle that we are all created equal is found in which document:

- A) The Constitution
- B) The Bill of Rights
- C) The Declaration of Independence
- D) The Pledge of Allegiance

9. Which of these was NOT one of the original 13 states?

- A) Virginia
- B) Florida
- C) Rhode Island
- D) Georgia

10. Our National Anthem is called:

- A) God Bless America
- B) America The Beautiful
- C) Stars and Stripes Forever
- D) The Star-Spangled Banner

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**Don't forget the
Associations Parade and Picnic
July 4th 10 AM**

From Senior Way to Mimosa Park



JJ PEARCE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
Statement of Cash Receipts and Expenses
For the Period September 1, 2001 to May 31, 2002

	1 Month	9 Months	Year To Date Budget
Cash Receipts			
Membership Dues		5,070.00	5,000.00
Dividends	25.25	250.87	282.63
Interest		1.48	0.77
Newsletter	15.00	710.00	675.00
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Total Receipts	40.25	6,032.35	5,958.40
Expenses			
Crime Watch			
Metrocall	21.24	190.11	189.81
Decals		158.99	158.99
Membership			
Binders			100.00
Printing		199.45	400.00
Delivery		30.00	75.00
Social Events			
Easter			150.00
December Decorations		114.66	157.33
Volunteer Party	218.09	218.09	350.00
Newsletter			
Printing, etc.	205.50	2,159.45	2,357.37
Mailing Labels		9.99	
Delivery	60.00	585.00	585.00
Other Expenses			
Federal Income Tax	-22.00	150.00	150.00
Miscellaneous	5.28	5.28	74.25
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Total Expenses	488.11	3,821.02	4,747.75
Net Income (Loss)	-447.86	2,211.33	1,210.65

	Checking	Savings	Vanguard	Totals
Beginning Balances - 5/01/02	\$1,005.97		\$16,425.64	\$17,431.61
Add receipts	15.00		25.25	40.25
Account Transfers				
Less Disbursements	488.11			488.11
Ending Balances - 5/31/02	\$532.86		\$16,450.89	\$16,983.75

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Local Events June-July include:

Date	Event/Location
June	
23	Community Band Concert 7:00pm, Civic Center fountain
29	Sights and Sounds of Galatyn Park noon – midnight, Galatyn Park
	Richardson DART rail preview noon – midnight, DART stations
	Community Band Concert 8:30pm, Galatyn Park
	Fireworks display Galatyn Park
July	
4	4 th of July Parade 9:50AM, Senior Way tennis courts
	4 th of July Picnic 10:00 – noon, Mimosa park
7	Community Band Concert 7:00pm, Civic Center fountain
21	Community Band Concert 7:00pm, Civic Center fountain

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4th of July Parade and Picnic, 10 AM

see page 1 for details



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**Board Meetings: July 7 at 7PM, 1300 Huntington
August 11 at 7PM, 1102 Pueblo
General Meeting – September 24 at Mohawk, tentatively.**