

**J. J. Pearce Homeowners Association Newsletter**  
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**June 2004**

### News from the City

- Sales tax receipts reported in May were up 16% over last year. Although not as much as hoped for, they are within the reduced budget that the City adopted. Richardson's improvement was twice as good as the rest of the county.
- The Transit Oriented Development envisioned for the area around the Spring Valley DART station is moving forward. A Planned Development zoning ordinance is being refined with input from area business and property owners.
- The Wildflower Festival enjoyed good weather and strong attendance. Attendance was approximately 70,000.
- Richardson is enacting a motorized scooter ordinance. About half of the largest cities in Texas already have enacted a scooter ordinance. The state legislature has enacted a law that prohibits cities from restricting scooters on sidewalks. Richardson's ordinance will prohibit anyone 12 and under from riding on the street and will require a training course for those that do want to ride on the street. Noise ordinances continue to apply to scooter usage.
- DART owns the east-west CottonBelt railroad line and is pursuing development of DART usage that would enable ridership from Wiley through Plano, Richardson, Addison, DFW airport and all the way to Fort Worth. There is opposition from some residents who live along the existing rail line who would prefer to restrict the railway to freight.
- The COMCAST cable franchise is being extended to 2010.
- UTD has already received \$22M as a result of the new TI plant. The City still hopes for a 2004 groundbreaking for the plant.
- The former Richardson Omni hotel at the north-west corner of Campbell and Central is now owned by a company that operates high-end resorts around the country and \$8M is being invested in renovations. The new name is The Richardson Hotel.
- Richardson Police Crime Prevention Officer Chris Gescheidle has been named National Coordinator of the Year by the National Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association.

### Nominating Convention

We don't want to distract from the major nominating conventions scheduled for later this summer, but we do have our own nominating process for next year's Association Officers. The Nominating Committee members are Bill Little and Art Middlebrook. You can reach Bill at 972-690-6315; [blckc@aol.com](mailto:blckc@aol.com); and Art at 972-235-1731, [amid937@swbell.net](mailto:amid937@swbell.net).

Please contact them, or any current officer, if you're interested in serving on our Board. The Nominating Committee slate will be published in the August and September issues of the newsletter, and elections will take place at our annual meeting in September.

### Independence Day Parade and Picnic – July 5

Independence Day gets celebrated on two days this year. Since the 4<sup>th</sup> of July is on a Sunday, the legal holiday falls on Monday, July 5 this year! We'll celebrate with our very own parade and picnic on Monday morning, July 5. 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 Monday, July 5, 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. **The parade will begin promptly at 10 AM.**



Decorate your bicycle. Wave a flag. Drive a classic car, or just have fun. 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.

**CRIME / SAFETY TALK**  
**By Thom Pomella, VP Safety**

**CRIMEWATCH COORDINATOR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Two of our long standing Coordinators are stepping down this year. I would like to thank Ira Barash and Mike & Robyn Kassab for their outstanding help over the years. This leaves two areas without a coordinator. A strong network of Crime Watch Coordinators and Block Captains strengthens our neighborhood, reduces crime and keeps our home values high. The Coordinator keeps his/her area informed of crime occurrences in our neighborhood. They will receive e-mails from our Crimewatch officer at the Richardson Police department to pass on to all families in their designated area. They are also responsible for holding one annual Crimewatch meeting so we can keep our Crimewatch accreditation with the city. The annual meeting is usually held on the date of the 'National Night Out' against crime. It's an easy job that really helps our neighborhood stay strong and crime free. The two areas without Coordinators are listed below:

Area 10	Chesterton	Evens:	1404-1416
	Chesterton	Odds:	1407-1419
	Huntington	Evens:	1404-1414
	Huntington	Odds:	1407-1417
Area 14	Chesterton	Evens:	1200-1210
	Chesterton	Odds:	1201-1209
	Huntington	Evens:	1200-1212
	Huntington	Odds:	1201-1211
	Eton	Evens:	1200-1208

If you live within the addresses listed above and would like to help, please contact me via e-mail or by phone. My e-mail is [thom@pomella.net](mailto:thom@pomella.net) and my home phone is 972.690.5980.

**RECENT CRIME**

The only report that I received was theft of mail. The mail in question was an outgoing letter. The thief tried washing the check (cleaning the two amount areas of the check) and raising the amount of the check. An alert bank employee caught this when the actor tried to cash the check. It is for this reason that all outgoing mail should be deposited in the collection box on the southeast corner of Mimosa and Campbell by the dentist office. If you do leave outgoing mail in your mailbox, **DO NOT RAISE THE FLAG**. The letter carrier will open you mailbox and find the outgoing mail when the day's mail is delivered.

Protect yourself from *Identity Theft*. There have been reports of persons going through the trash left in the alley. Remember to shred anything you throw away that has your bank account, credit card or social security number on it. A confetti shredder is a better choice than a strip shredder. Better safe than sorry. Trash should not be placed in the

alley (or your designated pickup point) until the morning of the scheduled pickup.

**SPEEDING**

I have fielded a few phone calls and e-mails from concerned neighbors. It seems that there are some who drive through the neighborhood and the alleys with no concern to the speed they are traveling. So let me refresh your memory as to the speed limits. The speed limit on streets without a posted speed limit sign is **30mph**. This is slow enough that you have time to react to the child that comes running out into the street after their ball. The speed limit in the alley is **10mph**. You should always use the end of the alley closest to your house, and not drive the length of the street in the alley. You increase your chances for an accident in the alley when you drive the length of the street in the alley. There are also children playing in the drive behind their house and sometimes venture into the alley. Will you be able to live with yourself after hitting a child with your car due to your own negligent speeding? Slow down. Put down the phone. Pay attention to your driving.

Listed below are the Richardson City Ordinances concerning this subject.

**Sec. 22-116. Maximum limits generally.**

- (a) No person shall drive a vehicle on a street or highway within the corporate limits of the city at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the circumstances then existing. Except when a special hazard exists that requires lower speeds in order to avoid colliding with any person, vehicle or other conveyance on or entering a street or highway, exclusive of any alleys, a speed of **30 miles per hour** along the streets and highways within the corporate limits of the city shall be lawful, but any speed in excess of 30 miles per hour shall be prima facie evidence that the speed is not reasonable or prudent and that it is unlawful unless the prima facie speed limit along a particular street or highway is greater or less than 30 miles per hour as provided in this Code or by state law.
- (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, no person shall drive a vehicle on a highway at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions and having regard to the actual and potential hazards then existing. In every event, speed shall be so controlled as may be necessary to avoid colliding with any person, vehicle or other conveyance on or entering the street in compliance with legal requirements and the duty of all persons to use due care. Evidence that any person has operated or driven any vehicle on any street within the city at a speed greater than designated in this chapter shall be prima facie evidence that such speed is not reasonable or prudent and that it is unlawful.

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(c) The driver of every vehicle shall, consistent with the requirements of subsection (b) of this section, drive at an appropriately reduced speed when approaching and crossing an intersection or railway grade crossing, when approaching and going around a curve, when approaching a hill crest, when traveling upon any narrow or winding roadway, and when a special hazard exists with respect to pedestrians or other traffic or by reason of weather or highway conditions

(Code 1966, § 21-50)

**Sec. 22-117. Speed limit on alleys.**

The maximum speed limit on any alley within the limits of the city shall be **ten miles per hour** and no person shall operate or drive any vehicle in any alley in the city at a greater speed than ten miles per hour.

(Code 1966, § 21-51)

**MAILBOXES**

I've done some research on curbside mailboxes. Below is the best of the rest. This is the one I recommend to anyone who is ready to replace his or her existing curbside mailbox. This one secures the incoming mail within the locking



mailbox. The mail deposit slot is large enough to accommodate the mail in addition to small parcels like boxes of checks.

Made entirely of aluminum, Salsbury U.S.P.S. approved 4300 series roadside mailboxes feature both a front and rear access-locking door. Available in a black, white, green or silver powder coated finish, each unit includes an outgoing mail tray, a lock with two (2) keys on each door (keyed alike) and an adjustable red signal flag. Mail is deposited through a non-locking access panel on the front. Roadside mailboxes can be mounted on the optional bolt mounted (#4365) or in-ground mounted (#4385) aluminum pedestals or in-ground mounted, 1-sided deluxe posts (#4370) or a base of your choice. Pedestals should be ordered separately. Multiple roadside mailboxes may be mounted on deluxe 2-sided posts (#4380) or on standard posts using optional spreaders (related items #4382 and #4383). Roadside mailboxes can also be mounted in columns, masonry or walls. Non-locking thumb latches (related item #4388) are available as an option upon request. Roadside mailboxes are approved for U.S.P.S. curbside mail delivery. <http://www.mailboxes.com/>

**F.Y.I.**

**REAL WORLD DRIVING TIPS**

**Lane Courtesy:**

American drivers are renowned for neither understanding nor appreciating the importance of lane courtesy, i.e., slower traffic keep right and faster traffic pass on the left. If you're in the left lane and slower vehicles are in your way, give the other drivers a chance to find an opening in the right lane. Don't climb onto their trunk; signal your intentions with 4 or 5 blinks of your left directional. A brief flash of the headlights may be necessary to clarify your intentions. If they refuse to move, don't lose your temper. Write the lane blockers off as ignorant, incompetent or inconsiderate and work your way around them as best you can. If traffic is heavy, follow and pass when it can be done safely.

Lane courtesy has nothing to do with speed limits. *If you're in the left lane and someone wants to pass, move over and let them by.* Leave traffic law enforcement to the authorities.

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**Items for soldiers in Iraq are still being collected**

Items requested in pervious newsletters.

- \*Beef Jerky \*Cookies \*Trail Mix \*Chips
- \*Mixed Nuts \*Instant coffee
- \*Chocolate Candy (in sealed packages)
- \*Playing cards \*Music CDs (copies ok) \*Sun Glasses
- \*Gun or military magazines \*Ramen Noodle soup mix
- \* Anything that reminds them of home!

Another thing that the soldiers would appreciate is a card, a note, or a letter telling them they are remembered and appreciated. A short note won't take any time and no money, and just lets the guys and gals know we care.

- You may contact any of these four people to contribute.
- \*Bernie Mayoff at 1411 Huntington, 972-669-9169
  - \*Joe Russum at 1102 Pueblo, 972-235-1961
  - \*Jerry Gray at 1115 Eton, 972-231-9206
  - \*Lynn Sanders at 1128 Grassmere, 972-231-6890

## Tornadoes --'tis the season

**Tornado Watch:** Tornadoes are possible in your area. Remain alert for approaching storms.

**Tornado Warning:** A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. If a tornado warning is issued for your area and the sky becomes threatening, move to your pre-designated place of safety.

**Severe Thunderstorm Watch:** Severe thunderstorms are possible in your area.

**Severe Thunderstorm Warning:** Severe thunderstorms are occurring.

A tornado is a violent whirling wind, characteristically accompanied by a funnel-shaped cloud extending down from a cumulonimbus cloud. The air pressure at the bottom of the funnel of swirling air is extremely low. When this low pressure area touches the ground, it acts like a giant vacuum cleaner. Some tornadoes even occur over water. A tornado over a lake or ocean is called a waterspout.

Tornadoes generally exhibit a certain characteristic cycle of behavior between formation and final disappearance. The first sign of a tornado may be a strong whirlwind of dust from the ground surface, often at the same time as a short funnel grows from the storm cloud above it. The funnel then becomes more organized and descends further from the cloud, sometimes touching the ground.

Meteorologists are not sure how tornadoes form. But they do know that they are the result of great instability in the atmosphere and are often associated with severe thunderstorms or in advance of cold fronts. Weather forecasts include tornado alerts when these conditions arise. Tornadoes can occur, however, ahead of warm fronts or even behind cold fronts. The existence of a strong updraft, such as that generated by a severe thunderstorm, and the conservation of rotational momentum, are clues to how they are formed. Tornadoes occur most often in spring during the late afternoon or early evening. In the United States, they are most common on the Great Plains. In fact, tornadoes are so common that this part of the United States is often called *Tornado Alley*.

Tornadoes are now classified on the Fujita-Pearson scale, which links maximum wind speed, path length, and path width. A 0,0,0 tornado would have maximum wind speeds of below 73 mph, a path length of less than 1 mi, and a path width of no greater than 53 ft.; a 5,5,5 tornado would have values of 261-318 mph, 100-315 mi, and 1-3.1mi., respectively. The Fujita-Pearson scale for damaging winds uses only the first digit of the Fujita-Pearson scale. [www.germantown.k12.il.us/html/tornado.html](http://www.germantown.k12.il.us/html/tornado.html)



## Greetings from VP Beautification, Phil Meeker

This hot humid month is good for gardens but can grind down gardeners. Early Dallas gardeners learned to take advantage of the weather by gardening early in the morning and late in the day. Leave the midday sun to grow the garden.

Cannas, Impatiens, caladiums, marigolds, zinnias, hibiscus and crape myrtle love the torrid heat.

What to do now?

Plant all hot weather annuals now. Now is also the time to plant pumpkin transplants for Halloween harvest.

*Tip:* Make sure transplants are saturated with water and the circling roots are gently loosened before planting in moistened soil. Then, water again and mulch, mulch, and mulch!

Lawn mowing – Now is the time to raise your mower blade a notch to help shade the soil and reduce evaporation. Also be sure your blade is sharp.

Watering – on the evening of May 27<sup>th</sup> the Dallas Morning News reported 2.38 inches of rain. This particular rain came down hard and heavy and most of it was run-off and not a slow, soaking rain. So how often should we water the lawn? The answer is do not let the soil dry after this rain. Water each area twice a week beginning before dawn for 20 – 25 minutes and ending by 10 am. To re moisturize a dry lawn (and 4 to 5 inches of soil) will require daily watering on the above mentioned schedule.

Fertilize – Now is the time for the second application of lawn fertilizer, organic or chemical. *Note:* Don't fertilize St. Augustine after June. Doing so will promote conditions for fungal problems such as brown patch which is a real headache to cure. Wait till fall for last application on St. Augustine.

General – Powdery mildew is on most crape myrtles in our neighborhood. Control with the soda spray

- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 qt. water
- 2 drops liquid detergent
- Mix and spray early am or chemical fungal control. Always follow label directions.

Grub Control – Organic, release beneficial nematodes now. Chemical treatment will be addressed in July.

Have a great and safe summer and plant America!

**See Yard of the Month for May winners on page 5 and our website. Congratulations to all who are working so hard to colorize their landscapes.**



1100 Eton, Wayne and Bess Eitel



1219 Chesterton, Jim and Marcia Walsh



1411 Chesterton, Don and Wanda Heaton



1220 Grassmere, Jim and Darlene Welborne



1123 Huntington, Jim and Orene Edison

Photos taken by Bernie Mayoff and may be seen in color on our web site: [www.jjphoa.org](http://www.jjphoa.org)



## We hear from our readers

Hello neighbors!

We moved from the JJ Pearce area last summer and are overseas working with the teens of our military servicemen and women stationed in Germany. There are 30,000 men and women from the bases we support in the Wurzburg area in Iraq right now. I was checking the May newsletter for news from the neighborhood and your Memorial Day tribute and care packages for Iraq program brought tears to my eyes.

Being in Germany, and only having the news as a gauge of what's going on in America – we and the families stationed here get the sense that Americans are unsupportive of these soldiers. Especially with the focus on the prison scandal, it is difficult on soldiers and families to sense support from home. That is why it was so wonderful to read your newsletter and be reminded that we only see one piece of the picture when we hear/see news from America, what we don't hear about is JJ Pearce and the many other people and communities that are cheering our soldiers on.

Working with the families of the deployed, we can assure you the care packages mean a great deal. They are more than just ramen noodles, beef jerky and cookies – they are a vote of confidence in our soldiers.

I just thought I'd share this quote from a soldier in Iraq. It represents what we've heard from the dads and moms of the kids we work with:

“What people don't see on the news are the schools we've helped with supplies, the kids who come up to us on the streets, and the waves and smiles from most Iraqis who I deal with on a daily basis. People also never hear about the Iraqis who point out improvised explosive devices or give us intelligence on things they've seen. It's simply as if these things don't happen. But they do every day.”  
**Sgt. Woodrow D. Hawthorne, Baghdad**

Blessings to you for your support,

Kristina McCloskey

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I would like to respond to the “Pick a title:” article in our latest newsletter.

The “Pick a title” article leaves the impression that reducing our property taxes will not reduce the amount of money sent away to Robin Hood. This is simply not true. We can indeed reduce the money taken by Robin Hood. The so called “recapture” is on actual tax dollars collected. I provide the following information from the School District:

“The ratio of our property tax base above the retained level defined by the State is applied to our actual taxes collected. So while actions that reduce our taxes collected such as reducing our tax rate, increasing any local optional exemption, maintaining our current local optional homestead exemption reduce our recapture payment (the 25% paid away), they also reduce our retained revenue (the 75% we keep).”

Let me summarize this: The less tax we collect, the less money we send to other school districts. RISD won't reduce taxes because that also reduces the amount of money going to RISD.

RISD likes to say that we are “penalized” by the state if we enjoy lower taxes. I agree that we are on the horns of a dilemma, but I prefer the lower tax horn to the higher tax horn, if you don't mind.

The “Pick a title” article also takes the position that we should pay high property taxes in order to get the Federal income tax deduction. The recommendation to spend \$1 on property taxes to perhaps save 23 cents on Federal income tax is financial foolishness.

A sales tax has one beneficial feature. That is, we all pay the same sales tax, even those people in the low property value school districts. A sales tax would eliminate the “taxation without representation” feature of Robin Hood, and it would, I believe, increase the political pressure on school districts to be fiscally responsible.

I would prefer that RISD wake up to the fact that we taxpayers are only getting 75 cents in value for every dollar we pay in taxes, and that they need to make every dollar count. Unfortunately, I believe that no matter how much money we send to RISD, they will always manage to have a budget shortfall to hold in front of us to justify additional taxes.

I have written my governor and my representative, Fred Hill, expressing my desire to see a reduction in school taxes. I am in favor of a \$1.20 or lower cap on school tax rate. I am in favor of higher mandatory homestead and senior tax exemptions. I am in favor of capping the rate of increase in home property value assessments. I hope that you too, will see the logic of reining in a spending out of control RISD school board.

Best Regards, Dan Mackey

## Minutes of Board Meeting May 2, 2004

Bernie Mayoff called the meeting to order at 7:12p.m. at the home of Phil Meeker. In Attendance: Dee Russum, Chris Bruckner, Mark Perlstein, Nancy De La Garza, Bernie Mayoff, Helen Simon and Phil Meeker.

### Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the last board meeting were approved with corrections for typographical errors.

### Treasurer's Report

Helen presented the Treasurer's report. It was approved as presented. The only income this month is interest from the Vanguard account. \$452.59 was paid for the police bike.

### Old Business

- The Easter Egg Hunt went well with about 40 children participating. Over 900 eggs were hidden.
- The Reservation HOA is asking for help with the cost of a banner to be used at the Independence Day parade and picnic. Both HOAs would split the total cost of around \$250.00
- Nominating Committee has been established. Art Middlebrook and Bill Little have volunteered for this.
- Chris Bruckner will send a nomination letter for Pearce High School for the Neighborhood Vitality nominations.
- An e-mail will be sent regarding the meeting for the batting cage proposal at Pearce High School.

### New Business

- 4<sup>th</sup> of July flags. Mark will contact local business owners and realtors for possible interest in placing the 4<sup>th</sup> of July flags in the neighborhood.
- Lennox Center Drug store proposal. The city asked for the board's opinion of a drug store possibly locating near the Credit Union. The board agreed there were no objections as long as there was no access from Campbell Road.

### Committee Reports

- Beautification: Phil reported that pictures of the yard of the month would be posted on the web site.

The next Homeowner's Association President's meeting will be May 18 at 7:00 pm.

Next Board meetings

- June 2 at 1411 Huntington. 7:00pm
- June 30, 1221 Huntington at 7:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy De La Garza, Secretary

## The World War II Memorial



The World War II Memorial design honors the significant historical event it commemorates and pays full respect to its magnificent site on the National Mall. The memorial will be an inviting and welcoming place to celebrate the American spirit that brought victory of democracy over tyranny, light over darkness. It will also be a place for quiet contemplation of the sacrifices made in a common and just cause.

The design is in harmony with its historic surrounding. The vistas from the Washington Monument to the Lincoln Memorial are preserved, as are the elm trees and the site's park-like setting.

The National World War II Memorial is the first national memorial dedicated to all who served during World War II. The memorial will honor all military veterans of the war, the citizens on the home front, the nation at large, and the high moral purpose and idealism that motivated the nation's call to arms.

It is located on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. at the Rainbow Pool site at the east end of the Reflecting Pool between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument. This prominent location is commensurate with the historical importance and lasting significance of World War II to America and the world.

President Clinton dedicated the memorial site during a formal ceremony on Veterans Day, November 11, 1995. The design was created by architect Friedrich St. Florian.

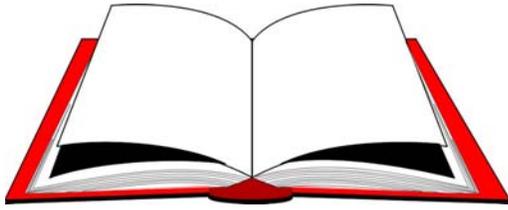
The memorial was funded almost entirely by private contributions. Leading the fund-raising campaign are national campaign chairman Senator Bob Dole, and co-chairman Frederick W. Smith, president and CEO of FDX Corp.

The memorial was dedicated on Saturday, May 29, 2004.

Excerpted from:

[www.wtv-zone.com/califPamela/ww2memorial.html](http://www.wtv-zone.com/califPamela/ww2memorial.html)

## Richardson Reads One Book



September is the month, and Pay It Forward is the book. Richardson will be participating in a project to encourage reading, literacy and discussion that has become popular among cities across the country. The book selected for this initial year is Pay It Forward. It is available in hardcover, paperback and as a movie. Local bookstores and book clubs will be participating and of course the book and movie are available at the Richardson Library. The author will be in Richardson September 7-8. Watch for publicity on events in the newspaper, in Richardson Today and at <http://onebook.cor.net/>. The book selected, Pay It Forward seems to have inspired a national movement, as you can see by checking:  
[http://payitforward.warnerbros.com/Pay\\_It\\_Forward/](http://payitforward.warnerbros.com/Pay_It_Forward/).

A business card for Richardson Bike Mart. The logo features the word "RICHARDSON" in a blue serif font above "Bike Mart" in a blue script font, with the website "www.bikemart.com" in red below. The contact information is on a dark blue background on the right side.

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## Canyon Creek Shopping Center to be redeveloped

The shopping center at Custer and Lookout has seen better days. And it is going to see better days again. Plans are underway to redevelop the center. The first phase is expected to include upscale, zero-lot-line homes. Subsequent phases should replace much of the old retail sites with more modern facilities and amenities.

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## UTD addresses air quality

North Texas does not comply with federal air-quality standards. The “nonattainment” area, which includes Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall and Tarrant Counties, has until 2010 to reach clean-air compliance or face stricter requirements on businesses and individuals that would limit job growth and contribute to higher prices in the region. So the University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) is hoping to bring something that can’t be seen into sharp focus for Metroplex-area K-12 teachers and, ultimately, their students through a one-day professional development workshop aimed at promoting air-quality awareness in public schools.

The workshop, to be conducted on four Saturdays in June and July in both Richardson and Fort Worth, will be free of charge to current and prospective classroom teachers and count toward professional development requirements, as well as Texas Environmental Education Advisory Committee recognition.

“Air is a critical resource that most of us take for granted,” said Dr. Rebekah K. Nix, a senior lecturer in UTD’s Teacher Development Center, which developed the session with the university’s Science/Mathematics Education Department. “Virtually invisible, it is a difficult concept to master and a challenging topic to teach. We hope to raise the visibility of air-quality issues and eventually make a positive contribution to the long-term quality of our air.”

Dubbed “AIR,” an acronym for Action – Interaction – Reaction, the workshop is made possible by an award from the North Texas Clean Air Coalition (NTCAC) Community Grants Program, which was funded by Dallas-based energy provider TXU Corporation.

The workshop will be offered on the UTD campus in Richardson on two dates, June 19 and July 17, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Because space is limited to 30 participants, Nix encourages those interested in attending a workshop to register soon at the web site [www.utdallas.edu/~rnix/air](http://www.utdallas.edu/~rnix/air). For additional information about the program, please call the Teacher Development Center at 972-883-2730.



## BATTER UP! at JJ Pearce High School By Chris Bruckner, VP Development

On May 6, the Richardson Independent School District and the athletic booster club held a public meeting for residents surrounding the JJ Pearce High School to discuss the proposed addition of a covered batting practice facility to compliment their baseball and softball programs. The purpose of the meeting was to present the structure’s proposal including its location and aesthetics and solicit feedback and input from neighboring residents. According to the architect and planners, it is to be constructed between the softball and baseball fields, atop the existing practice area that is presently exposed to the elements. The proposed facility will be covered to shield players from sunlight and rain and will be constructed to maximize cooling with airflow. It will also be designed and painted with a motif complimentary to the existing campus. The booster club hopes this project will help JJ Pearce’s student athletes remain competitive with local rivals who already have the advantage of similar facilities that allow them to practice in increment weather. As a testament to their commitment, the booster club will solely fund the project through private contributions and have already raised over \$25K towards their goal. Homeowners who attended the meeting generally voiced their approval and were excited for their home town Mustangs who will benefit from this facility after it is constructed within the next few months.

## History of Flag Day

The Fourth of July was traditionally celebrated as America's birthday, but the idea of an annual day specifically celebrating the Flag is believed to have first originated in 1885. BJ Cigrand, a schoolteacher, arranged for the pupils in the Fredonia, Wisconsin Public School, District 6, to observe June 14 (the 108th anniversary of the official adoption of The Stars and Stripes) as 'Flag Birthday'. In numerous magazines and newspaper articles and public addresses over the following years, Cigrand continued to enthusiastically advocate the observance of June 14 as 'Flag Birthday', or 'Flag Day'.

On June 14, 1889, George Balch, a kindergarten teacher in New York City, planned appropriate ceremonies for the children of his school, and his idea of observing Flag Day was later adopted by the State Board of Education of New York. On June 14, 1891, the Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia held a Flag Day celebration, and on June 14 of the following year, the New York Society of the Sons of the Revolution, celebrated Flag Day.

Following the suggestion of Colonel J Granville Leach (at the time historian of the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the Revolution), the Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames of America on April 25, 1893 adopted a resolution requesting the mayor of Philadelphia and all others in authority and all private citizens to display the Flag on June 14th. Leach went on to recommend that thereafter the day be known as 'Flag Day', and on that day, school children be assembled for appropriate exercises, with each child being given a small Flag.

Two weeks later on May 8th, the Board of Managers of the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution unanimously endorsed the action of the Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames. As a result of the resolution, Dr. Edward Brooks, then Superintendent of Public Schools of Philadelphia directed that Flag Day exercises be held on June 14, 1893 in Independence Square. School children were assembled, each carrying a small Flag, and patriotic songs were sung and addresses delivered.

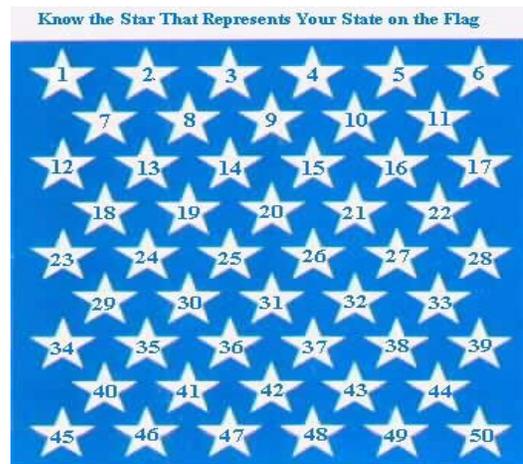
In 1894, the governor of New York directed that on June 14 the Flag be displayed on all public buildings. With BJ Cigrand and Leroy Van Horn as the moving spirits, the Illinois organization, known as the American Flag Day Association, was organized for the purpose of promoting the holding of Flag Day exercises. On June 14th, 1894, under the auspices of this association, the first general public school children's celebration of Flag Day in Chicago was held in Douglas, Garfield, Humboldt, Lincoln, and Washington Parks, with more than 300,000 children participating.

Adults, too, participated in patriotic programs. Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior, delivered a 1914 Flag Day address in which he repeated words he said the flag had

spoken to him that morning: "I am what you make me; nothing more. I swing before your eyes as a bright gleam of color, a symbol of yourself."

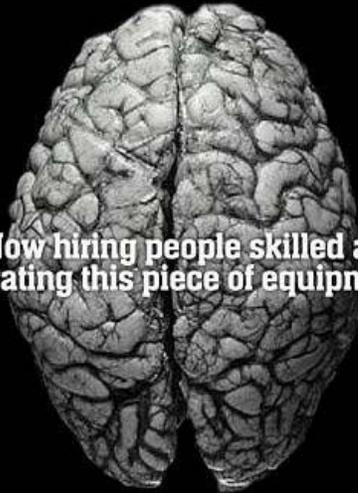
Inspired by these three decades of state and local celebrations, Flag Day - the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777 - was officially *established* by the Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30th, 1916. While Flag Day was celebrated in various communities for years after Wilson's proclamation, it was not until August 3rd, 1949, that President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating **June 14th** of each year as **National Flag Day**.

[www.twilightbridge.com/hobbies/festivals/flagday/history.htm](http://www.twilightbridge.com/hobbies/festivals/flagday/history.htm)



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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Delaware - 1787        | 26. Michigan - 1837      |
| 2. Pennsylvania - 1787    | 27. Florida - 1845       |
| 3. New Jersey - 1787      | 28. Texas - 1845         |
| 4. Georgia - 1788         | 29. Iowa - 1846          |
| 5. Connecticut - 1788     | 30. Wisconsin - 1848     |
| 6. Massachusetts - 1788   | 31. California - 1850    |
| 7. Maryland - 1788        | 32. Minnesota - 1858     |
| 8. South Carolina - 1788  | 33. Oregon - 1859        |
| 9. New Hampshire - 1788   | 34. Kansas - 1861        |
| 10. Virginia - 1788       | 35. West Virginia - 1863 |
| 11. New York - 1788       | 36. Nevada - 1864        |
| 12. North Carolina - 1789 | 37. Nebraska - 1867      |
| 13. Rhode Island - 1790   | 38. Colorado - 1876      |
| 14. Vermont - 1791        | 39. North Dakota - 1889  |
| 15. Kentucky - 1792       | 40. South Dakota - 1889  |
| 16. Tennessee - 1796      | 41. Montana - 1889       |
| 17. Ohio - 1803           | 42. Washington - 1889    |
| 18. Louisiana - 18        | 43. Idaho - 1890         |
| 19. Indiana - 1816        | 44. Wyoming - 1890       |
| 20. Mississippi - 1817    | 45. Utah - 1896          |
| 21. Illinois - 1818       | 46. Oklahoma - 1907      |
| 22. Alabama - 1819        | 47. New Mexico - 1912    |
| 23. Maine - 1820          | 48. Arizona - 1912       |
| 24. Missouri - 1821       | 49. Alaska - 1959        |
| 25. Arkansas - 1836       | 50. Hawaii - 1959        |

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**J J PEARCE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION**  
**Statement of Cash Receipts and Expenses**  
**For the Period September 1, 2003 to May 31, 2004**

	<b>Month Ended May 31, 2004</b>	<b>Year to Date Actual May 31, 2004</b>	<b>Year To Date Budget</b>
<b>Cash Receipts</b>			
Membership Dues		\$5,115.00	\$4,950.00
Dividends	11.12	96.74	90.00
Advertising-Newsletter		1,050.00	810.00
Contributions		5.00	
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Total Receipts	11.12	6,266.74	5,850.00
<b>Expenses</b>			
Crime Watch			
Metrocall	21.85	196.65	196.65
Membership			
Annual Meeting		159.00	159.00
Binders			100.00
Board Planning Meeting		289.08	200.00
Directory Printing		526.97	320.00
Directory Delivery		30.00	30.00
Social Events			
December Decorations		64.44	125.00
Easter	112.63	112.63	100.00
Volunteer Party		245.50	275.00
Newsletter			
Printing, etc.	230.50	1,909.20	2,013.60
Delivery	60.00	555.00	570.00
Other Expenses			
Contributions		687.34	235.00
Federal Income Tax		13.00	25.00
Miscellaneous		4.20	74.25
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Total Expenses	424.98	4,793.01	4,423.50
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Net Income (Loss)	-\$413.86	\$1,473.73	\$1,426.50

	<b>Fund Balances:</b>		
	<b>Checking</b>	<b>Vanguard</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Beginning Balances - 5/1/04	\$762.83	\$17,773.52	18,536.35
Add receipts		11.12	11.12
Transfers			
Less Disbursements	424.98		424.98
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Ending Balances - 5/31/04	\$337.85	\$17,784.64	\$18,122.49

Respectfully Submitted, Helen Simon, Treasurer, June 1, 2004



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### Local Events June - July include:

Date	Event	
<b>Time/Location</b>		
<b>June</b>		
13	Richardson Community Band Concert (free)	7:00pm, Civic Center
14	<b>Flag Day</b>	
27	Richardson Community Band Concert (free)	7:00pm, Civic Center
<b>July</b>		
4	Concert and fireworks	8:00pm Breckenridge Park
5	<b>Parade and Picnic</b>	<b>9:50AM, Pearce/Mimosa Park</b>
18	Richardson Community Band Concert (free)	7:00pm, Civic Center



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Board Meetings: July 1, 1221 Huntington, 7:00pm  
August 1, 1300 Huntington, 7:00pm  
August 29, 1102 Pueblo, 7:00pm

**Board meetings are open to all members**