

J. J. Pearce Homeowners Association Newsletter

Website: www.jjphoa.org

March, 2004

News from the City

- The UTD hike and bike trail system is nearing completion. Trails go from Coit and Campbell to Floyd and Renner and connect to a trail to Sherrill Park.
- A Broadway Series at the Eisemann Center will begin this year. The series will include Cats, Aida, Smokey Joe's Café, and Grease. A separate series, sponsored by the Eisemann, should be announced in the May timeframe.
- The City Council will be focusing on retail development and redevelopment this year.
- Congratulations to the Richardson Police Department for being named the Texas Crime Prevention Department of the Year (see article on page 2).

Development proposal at Pearce

The Pearce Booster Club is proposing to build an indoor batting practice facility on the Pearce campus, between the two baseball fields. RISD hopes to schedule a meeting for residents of our Homeowners Association and The Reservation HOA to present the proposal and to solicit feedback. We anticipate the meeting will be held in April and we will announce it in the next newsletter.

One of our own returns to Iraq

Brent Sanders, Major, USMC, son of members Lynn and Nancy Sanders, has returned to Iraq for his second tour of duty. Lynn served as our Safety Vice President for 3 years and Brent grew up here. Brent and his 11-month-old son, Lee are shown below. Lee was born during Brent's first tour. Keep Brent and all our military in your prayers.



Antenna Tower update

The T-mobile antenna tower was approved at the City Plan Commission meeting on February 18 and approval is expected by the City Council at their March 8 meeting. For more information see the article on page 11 of the January newsletter, or view it on our website, www.jjphoa.org.

Care packages for our troops in Iraq

One of the Richardson Police Department's military reservists, Adam Perry, is looking for items to ship to his unit which has recently returned to Iraq. Please look at the list. If you have items you would like to donate these Association members will get the items to Adam:

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

Call first and tell them you're coming. All are Citizen Police Academy Alumni. They will periodically take the items to the police station.

The intention is to send several packages throughout the time the Reserve unit is there. Adam wrote, "They recently arrived, so we assume they will be there for at least 6 months, if not longer. Everything is appreciated but these are comfort items they can't get there or have to pay for. We thank you for your generosity. Thanks!!!!!"

Items below are most requested and hardest to come by.

***Baby Wipes *Girl Scout Cookies *Batteries (any size)**

Some other items they'd like are listed below.

***Beef Jerky *Cookies *Trail Mix *Chips**

***Mixed Nuts *Instant coffee**

***Chocolate Candy (in sealed packages, for when it melts)**

***Playing cards *Music CDs (copies ok)**

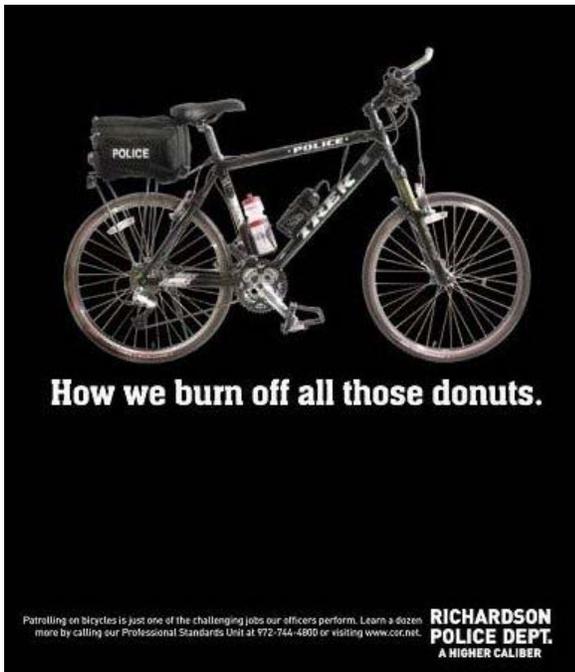
***Sun Glasses *Gun or military magazines**

Items that are not needed are:

Hard cheap candy, paperback books, pen/pencils, envelopes, board games, stamps are not needed.

♪ ♪ ♪ **East Side, West Side,**
All around the town... ♪ ♪ ♪

Not only are those the words to an old song, they also are an accurate description of a technology that is being effectively deployed by the Richardson Police Department. Captain Rhonda Bonner has reinvigorated Richardson's police bicycle unit. The bicycle unit was first started in 1991 and is now being enhanced and given additional staffing. It gives police officers a way to interact easily and in a friendly way with the public, and also a way to patrol areas that aren't easily accessible to automobiles.



The unit was initially deployed in the large apartment complexes around Spring Valley and Coit. After initial resistance by the bad guys, residents learned to value the improved quality of life that the bicycle patrols brought to the area. Over time the bicycles became worn, trained officers were promoted or transferred or moved on to other places – but officers continued to recognize the potential of the bicycle unit. Last year Sam's, the WalMart Neighborhood Grocery, and the Richardson Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association each bought the Department a new bicycle. Our neighbor, Richardson Bike Mart, provides the city with a significant discount on these hardy, lightweight bicycles. These bicycles undergo hard use, quick dismounts and other occasional incidents and Bike Mart provides the required maintenance at no-charge. Three officers have been trained and four more officers will be trained in March. As additional equipment becomes available six of the officers will become regular members of the bicycle unit, and a seventh officer will serve as backup. Each of the Police Department's three shifts will have a two-person bicycle patrol team.

The results are impressive. This past winter holiday season, from Thanksgiving Day through year-end, bicycle officers patrolled the Richardson Square Mall area. There was only one burglary of a vehicle that entire time – and that was on a day when the bicycle patrol wasn't working! Shoplifting was also down, possibly because of the increased visibility of uniformed officers at the Mall. During the day bicycle officers provide increased visibility and an easy way for officers and residents to interact. At night the bicycles permit a stealthy approach while providing maneuverability and speed. During evening and night shifts the bicycle patrols are particularly effective in apartment complexes and in deterring vehicle burglaries.

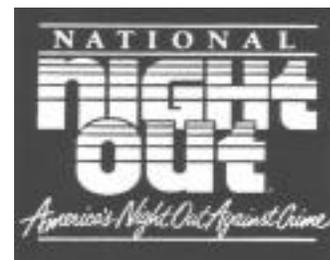
Each bicycle is equipped with flashing lights and a siren. Like all Richardson officers, the bicycle officers wear mobile radio devices. The current emphasis areas are once again on Spring Valley, and on Buckingham, but you are likely to see the bicycle officers at the Wildflower Festival and other areas where mobility among crowds is important. Incidentally, the bicycle officers have a sense of humor and do take an occasional spill. It's ok to laugh while you give them a hand up.

Richardson Crime Prevention is best in Texas

The Texas Crime Prevention Association (TCPA) has recognized the Richardson Police Department as Outstanding Crime Prevention Agency of the year for 2003.

“The Richardson Police Department places a high emphasis of prevention of crime before it occurs,” department spokesman Sgt. Daniel Martin said. “Numerous programs involve partnering with the community to achieve that objective.”

Richardson has been ranked as one of the top National Night Out cities in the country for the past 11 years and was second in the nation for its size last year.



TCPA, founded in 1977, provides training and education to Texas police. Its 1,000 member association, representing over 200 law enforcement agencies, strives to develop a network of resources and programs for its members and encourage the prevention of crime through coordinated efforts.

Neighborhood Awareness Program

By Chris Bruckner, VP Development

As part of its ongoing Neighborhood Vitality and Integrity strategy to promote and increase the quality of life in our community, the Richardson City Council recently expressed interest in creating a program that would provide citizens greater and more timely feedback concerning code enforcement in their neighborhoods. In response to this request, the City's Neighborhood Integrity staff developed and implemented a "pilot program" in select areas designed to keep residents informed via regularly scheduled e-mails.

In July 2003, homeowners on Dearborn and Ridgeway Drive and Circle began receiving bi-monthly emails detailing new and ongoing code violations along each of their streets. Those were areas experiencing a very high number of complaints. The email also included bar charts, which depicted the distribution and monthly trending of code violations. With these improved communications, the City witnessed an immediate reduction in the number of citizen complaints because residents became more aware of ongoing code enforcement action in their neighborhoods and instead began working with staff members to uncover additional issues that needed to be addressed. In November 2003, the program's recipients tripled in size when it was expanded to all of the Southwest Richardson Homeowners Association's area (south of Beltline and east of Coit). Citizens and staff alike discovered their email distribution list encouraged new channels of communication that increasingly flowed both directions. Both groups have also found that they began exchanging information more collaboratively on other initiatives as well. In December 2003, the Neighborhood Awareness Program was enhanced further with the addition of "bi-monthly" features highlighting topics of interest to homeowners including curbside trash collection, proper hazardous waste disposal and volunteer opportunities around the City.

With the pilot program deemed a success, on February 2, 2004, the City Council authorized Neighborhood Services to make the Awareness Program accessible to any neighborhood group that meets the minimum requirement of 10 interested participants. Currently, the Southwest Richardson and the Greenwood Hills Homeowners Associations are participating in the bi-monthly program.

Fortunately we experience few complaints in our area, but if there is sufficient interest the city's Neighborhood Integrity e-mail update program the staff will establish a distribution for interested members of our Association. Please contact me at csmail@airmail.net if you are interested.

For additional information visit the City of Richardson's website at www.cor.net/NeighborhoodServices/EMailUpdateProgram.html

Reward yourself

Or reward your neighbor. Richardson has a recognition program for businesses and residents that make a substantial enhancement to the appearance of their property. If you make major enhancements to the external appearance of your property, or you know someone who has, consider a nomination. Nominations are collected all year long and awards are presented at a City Council meeting in January or February.

It is easy to submit a nomination for yourself or for someone else. Just contact Stephen Roberts at 972-744-4240, stephen.roberts@cor.gov, or fax to 972-744-5804. There are no forms and no fees. If you have a "before" picture it helps the judges appreciate the difference, but a picture is not necessary.

Seventeen awards were given for 2003. They included the Animal Medical Center of Richardson at Campbell and Nantucket; and the WalMart Neighborhood Market at Promenade Shopping Center. There were a total of seven non-residential awards and ten residential awards.



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CRIME / SAFETY TALK

By Thom Pomella, VP Safety

Recent Crime

We have had two burglaries this month. Please make sure your doors are locked and dead bolted. Make sure that your garage door is closed all the way. I still see garage doors open about six inches. I guess this is so the cat – *who isn't supposed to be out and 'running at large' in the city* – can get in and out. The burglar can get in that same way.

- On 2/19, between 7:30 AM and 6:30 PM, someone cut the hasp on a storage shed located off the rear driveway of a residence in the 1400 block of Huntington Drive. Lawn equipment was stolen.
- On 2/20, between 7 AM and 5:45 PM, a resident returned home to find his overhead door and interior garage door standing open in the 1400 block of Chesterton Drive. Further investigation revealed someone had forced open the front door (which was not dead bolted) while no one was at home. Electronics were stolen. It appears as if the burglars loaded the property into a vehicle from the garage, then left the doors open when they departed.
- We had an incident of vandalism that caused a small amount of property damage but could have been much more serious. Three young boys started a fire in front of a home in our neighborhood. The boys all live in the neighborhood. They also kicked the storm door hard enough to break the Plexiglass window. Because of the way the fire was started, it would have been easy for the fire to spread to a car parked nearby as well as engulf the home. The boys were apprehended, the police were involved and the parents are handling repair and replacement of the damaged property. The homeowner elected not to press charges. The incident happened on a weekend afternoon, and the boys are surprisingly young. We can't watch our kids every minute, and we can't keep them cooped up inside, nor do we want to. We hope that we are constantly instilling a healthy set of values, a sense of responsibility and respect for others in our children.

FYI Here is a little known traffic law.

TURNING INTO THE CORRECT LANE (§545.101)

(a) To make a right turn at an intersection, an operator shall make both the approach and the turn as closely as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway.

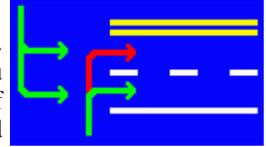
(b) To make a left turn at an intersection, an operator shall:
(1) approach the intersection in the extreme left-hand lane lawfully available to a vehicle moving in the direction of the vehicle; and
(2) after entering the intersection, turn left, leaving the intersection so as to arrive in a lane lawfully available to traffic moving in the direction of the vehicle on the roadway being entered.

(c) On a street or roadway designated for two-way traffic, the operator turning left shall, to the extent practicable,

turn in the portion of the intersection to the left of the center of the intersection.

(d) To turn left, an operator who is approaching an intersection having a roadway designated for one-way traffic and for which signs are posted from a roadway designated for one-way traffic and for which signs are posted shall make the turn as closely as practicable to the left-hand curb or edge of the roadway.

Good driving habits dictate that you turn into the lane nearest you. So, if you're turning left, you should turn into the left lane, and if you're turning right, you should turn into the right lane. However, what does the law say? ***In Texas, when turning right, you must turn into the right lane.*** When turning left, you can turn into any lane designated for traffic headed in that direction. The exception is if you're turning left from a one-way street onto another one-way street; in that case, ***you must turn into the left lane.*** Also, if you are turning right or left in one of two lanes designated for the turn (a dual-turn lane), then you must turn into the appropriate lane as indicated by signs and/or pavement markings.



ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE

On my travels through the neighborhood, I'm always amazed at the large number of cats allowed to roam the streets. The complete ordinance concerning animal control has already run in this space, but I feel the need to reiterate this one part of it. Be a good neighbor. Maintain your pet on your own property.

SEC. 5-10. DUTY OF OWNERS AND PERSONS IN CONTROL AND PROTECTION OF ANIMALS. (Code 1966, § 3-3; Ord. No. 3056-A, § 1, 11-13-95)

It shall be unlawful for any owner or person to:

Fail to prevent any animal from running at large within the corporate limits of the city.

Perform, do or carry out any inhumane treatment against any animal.

Keep, possess, own, control, maintain, use or otherwise exercise dominion over any animal which, by reason of noise, odor or sanitary conditions, becomes offensive to a reasonable and prudent person of ordinary tastes and sensibilities, or which constitutes or becomes a health hazard as determined by the director of health.

Keep or harbor any dangerous or vicious animal within the corporate limits of the city.

Keep, maintain, own or operate a dog kennel or cat kennel in any residential district within the corporate limits of the city.

Allow an animal under such person's control or ownership to defecate on any private or public property not owned by the person having control of the animal without the immediate removal of any and all feces. Any person aggrieved by such conduct shall file a complaint on a form provided by the city with the director of health or the director's designee. The complaint shall contain the name and address of the person who is alleged to have violated this provision. The person filing the complaint shall appear as a witness in the municipal court.

Membership News
Marc Perlstein, VP Membership

Please add the following information to your directory:

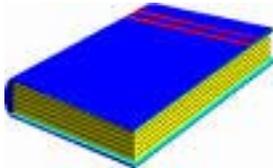
Edith Circle
1119 Strong, Eric & Janet 972.238.1663

Eton Drive
1121 O'Steen, Bob & Patty 972.644.0044

Grassmere Drive
1115 Lee, Seong Ho & Chung

Violet Place
1904 Ross, Russell & Susan 972.669.0419

75% of the 464 homes in the J J Pearce subdivision are members of our Association!



Have you ever wanted to be a Firefighter?



The Citizen Fire Academy lets residents see what a fire fighting career might have been like. It's great fun, it's interesting, and it's free. The class meets from 6:30 until approximately 10 pm or earlier each Thursday night. It is 10 weeks long and dinner is provided at each session. Local alumni include JPHOA members Bernie Mayoff, Joe Russum, Jerry Gray and Lynn Sanders. Any of them would be glad to answer questions. The next class will begin on March 11. To enroll please contact Fire Marshal Steve Dossett, 972-744-5750, steve.dossett@cor.gov. New classes form periodically. Check with the Fire Marshal for later classes.

The class is available to people who live or work in Richardson but enrollment is limited.

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Greetings from VP Beautification, Phil Meeker

What to do now:

Apply organic lawn fertilizer now at 20# per 1,000 sq. ft. Note: wait until your Bermuda and St. Augustine begin to green up before applying synthetic fertilizers. This would be the beginning of April. Roses are fertilized now with organic or synthetic fertilizers and then every 6-8 weeks through the growing season. Prune ground covers (i.e. Asian Jasmine, Monkey Grass, Liriope, and Vinca). Cut back early in the month to encourage new compact growth.

Shrubs - Remove any winter-damaged fire blight. White flowers are on pyracantha, pears and hawthorn. Spray organic agricultural streptomycin to stop fire blight spread by insect pollinators. Do not compost any blight-infected wood. The symptoms of this blight are crisp brown leaves that appear almost overnight.

Water - Step up watering. If spring rains are delayed, more water is needed when the plants are actively growing

Lawns - Scalping the spring lawn exposes bare soil to sunlight causing crab grass and other weed seeds to germinate. Do cut (at normal height) and bag to remove stubble and over wintering dead tree leaves.

Weed and feed – an oxymoron!

Shortly there will be a blitz of advertising to sell their “weed”; broadleaf weed killer, and “feed”; their fertilizer, combined in one bag for “one easy application” to fertilize and control. If you are inclined to buy these products, I urge you to read all the application and caution instructions before you buy.

Why? The weed killer part will kill weeds and also other broadleaf plants (i.e. shrubs, trees, ground cover, etc.).

How? When watered in, the ground absorbs the chemicals into plant root systems. Most feeder root systems are in the top 8 to 10 inches of soil and the “weed” chemicals stay soil active for a long period. Wind or a breeze can “drift” the chemical onto desirable plants. The fertilizer will not be absorbed until warm season grasses begin to green. By that time, early to mid April, the fertilizer will be washed away. Always, always read label instructions.

It's tomato time!

When all danger of frost is gone the plants you started from seed or purchased can be planted. Your garden plot must be amended with lots of compost or landscape mix to keep the soil loose enough that you can dig the planting holes bare-handed. Provide a strong root system by planting the transplants up to it's first set of leaves. Space the transplants 3 to 4 feet apart to allow good air circulation that reduces the chance of diseases. Because tomato plants do not like their roots disturbed; set up your tomato cages now. Add several inches of mulch and water well. My favorite fertilizer is fish emulsion applied according to label directions. Water tomatoes only in the morning to allow for dry foliage by sundown. Lastly; cover plants with fabric (not plastic) if the forecast cools below 45 degrees. Have fun and make some fried green tomatoes!

Yard of the month judging begins in May:

Yard of the month recognition will begin in May and continue through August. Seasonal color is the focus of this recognition. The plantings can be annuals, perennials, ornamental grasses, flowering shrubs, and any combination of the above. Judging will occur the third week of the month so award signs can be placed. Owners will be advised and names and address of the winners will be put into the next month's newsletter. As always, this recognition applies to JPHOA members only. Get out there and plant!

Tidbits from HOA archives:

- When cable TV came to us in 1984 rates were:
 - \$3.95/month for 13 channels
 - \$6.95/month for 36 channels
 - \$8.95/month for 65 channels
 - upstart HBO and others were \$9.95 each additional channel.
- In April 1979, our HOA published its first reminder of dog leashes and cleanliness. Also, the first notices of thefts from open garage doors while homeowners were at home.
- In 1978 association dues were \$12 per year. In 2004 they are only \$15 per year.

Don't forget to feed the birds!

Backyard Composting 101

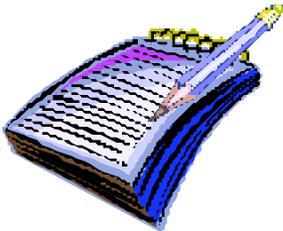
On Saturday, March 27, from 10:00 AM to 12 noon there will be a Seminar on Composting. This will be held at the Richardson Service Center, at 1260 Columbia Drive. This is a free Seminar, but space is limited. Please contact Travis Switzer at 972-744-4495 to make reservations.

Backyard composting helps save landfill space by not allowing grass clippings and leaves to enter the solid waste stream. Instead, these materials are transformed from yard waste into valuable nutrients for the yard and flowerbeds. The city is providing this seminar intended for beginning composters as well as more advanced composters. Participants in this seminar will learn the basics of backyard composting as well as advanced tips and techniques through a series of slides and instruction presented by Ms. Mary Tynes.

Ms. Tynes, a nationally known expert on backyard composting is the Site Editor of www.mastercomposter.com. She also publishes the newsletter “Digging Deeper Into the Pile,” which provides helpful tips, information on controlling pests, experiment results, suggested projects for scouts or students, methods for hard-to-compost items, information, book and video reviews. Ms. Tynes has also spoken extensively at local and national composting events. Help the environment and help your landscape by attending this free seminar.

Our condolences to the family of Wayne Rogers, of the 1300 block of Chesterton, who passed away recently.

Minutes of Board Meeting, February 1, 2004



Bernie Mayoff called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

Minutes of Last Meeting

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

Treasurer's Report

Bernie Mayoff presented the treasurer's report on behalf of Helen. It was approved as presented.

Old Business

Jane Scherper will organize the Easter Egg Hunt this year.

Committee Reports

- Development: Chris Bruckner attended the Richardson Chamber Council workshop and received information regarding the underpass to be built on Campbell road at 75.
- Beautification: Phil Meeker is planning to publish a calendar in the March newsletter announcing when judging will take place for yard of the month
- Newsletter: Dee Russum reported on two new ads for the newsletter from Homemade Gourmet and a Handyman's services.

Next board meetings and newsletter deadline

- February 29, at Thom Pomella's. Newsletter deadline is February 27.
- March 28 Planning Session meeting.
- April 4, following the reception for volunteers. Newsletter deadline is April 2.

The meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy De La Garza, Secretary

An alarming change

Many of the homes in our neighborhood have security alarms, and many of those alarms are monitored by ADT. The advantages to a monitored system are 1) a discount on homeowners insurance premiums, and 2) the alarm company will call the police department if an alarm is triggered. The downside of this is that there are many, many false alarms each year. Approximately 98% of the alarms that the Richardson Police Department responded to last year were false alarms. ADT has implemented a new procedure in an effort to reduce false alarms. ADT customers received a letter about the new procedure in early February. It is also described on their website, www.myadt.com. The problem is that the new procedure creates a potentially dangerous, even deadly, set of problems.

In the old system, if an alarm was triggered ADT first attempted to contact the residence to determine if the alarm was triggered accidentally. Next they contact the police department, and then they try to contact a neighbor who has a key to the home in case the police need it. In the new procedure, before contacting the police, ADT contacts designated neighbors to get an opinion on whether it is really necessary to call the police. That is where the danger arises and extreme caution is called for or the new procedure should be rejected altogether.



No one should ever put themselves in danger. If you are called because a neighbor's alarm is triggered you may be willing to look out your window to see if there is any obvious reason to not call the police. For instance, in April 2003 during the hail storm many alarms were triggered and there was no need to call the police. DO NOT enter a residence where an alarm has been triggered. DO NOT explore the back or side yards. DO

NOT place yourself in any position where you might encounter a bad guy. DO NOT bring a weapon to the scene. DO NOT create a situation where police officers could mistake you for an intruder.



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The first day of Spring

In the northern half of the world, March 20th is the first day of spring. The cold winds of winter are gone, and wild flowers are starting to bloom. It's time to find swimming suits and baseball gloves and plan summer trips.

Far to the south, across the *equator*, autumn is about to arrive. The hottest days of summer are past. Each day is shorter than the last. It will soon be time to rake leaves and get out warm coats.

The reason for these changes has to do with the Earth's yearly trip around the sun. For part of the year the Earth's North Pole points away from the sun and part of the time toward it. This is what causes our seasons. When the North Pole points toward the sun, the sun's rays hit the northern half of the world more directly. That means it is warmer and we have summer. But when the North Pole is pointed toward the sun, the South Pole is pointed away. So the Earth south of the equator gets less warmth from the sun and it is winter there.

Summer is even warmer and winter is colder because of the length of our days and nights. In the summer daylight lasts longer and nighttime is shorter. In winter the days are shorter and the nights longer. That means there is more time for the sun to warm us during long summer days. And short winter days have long, cold nights.

The longest day is in the middle of summer, June 21st or 22nd north of the equator. That's called the *summer solstice*. The shortest day is in the middle of winter, around December 21st or 22nd, north of the equator. That's called the *winter solstice*.

But right in between winter and summer, this year on March 20th, day and night are each 12 hours long. This is called the *vernal equinox*. It is the first day of spring north of the equator, and the first day of autumn in the southern half of the world.

In between summer and winter there is another equinox, called the *autumnal equinox*. Just like the vernal equinox, day and night are the same length. Only this change is the first day of autumn north of the equator, and the start of spring to the south.

<http://kids.msfc.nasa.gov/News/2001/News-VernalEquinox.asp>



Items needed for Garage Sale!



The Mohawk Garage Sale is scheduled for April 17, starting at 8 A. M. Large items or furniture, except for appliances, will be accepted. Keep checking the newsletters for more information. If you have anything to donate, please call Andre' Roberts at 972-783-9706 or Mohawk at 469-593-6600.

Items can be delivered to the Roberts' home at 1324 N. Cottonwood or you can make arrangements to have them picked up.



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Free Immunization Clinic for RISD students

The clinic will be held at RISD Academy, 13630 Coit Rd, Dallas, 75240 on Wednesday, March 17th. The hours are 4-7 pm so the kids will not have to miss school. Parents will need to be present to sign a consent form for the immunizations. They will also need to bring their child's immunization record. Parents should park and enter at the back of the building. The clinic will be held in the school gym. This is only for RISD students.

Call Shannon Duncan, the nurse at Mohawk, at 469-593-6612 if you have questions.

Every flake helps create beauty...



Come back here you crazy dog!



Honey look, the Smiths bought a new car

(Pictures by Thom Pomella and Joe Russum.)



Big man of JJPHOA



(Taken on Churchill Way in Dallas by Helen Simon's friend.)



Are you getting tired of standing here too?



And Britney thought she was hot stuff!



Who me? I was just standing here!

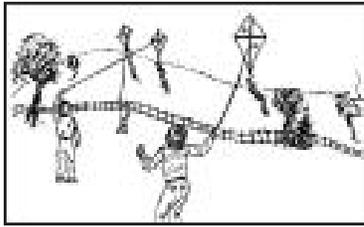


I'm mmmmmmmeeeeellllttttttiiiiinnnnnggggg...

...but as the day ends, our snow begins to melt

Go fly a kite!

Basic Rules of Kite Flying by Ray Bethell



Never fly your kite around power lines.

Power lines can be deadly. A jolt of electrical juice flowing through your body to the ground can be a life-threatening ordeal. Stay well away from power lines.

Never fly your kite during an electrical storm.

Remember Ben Franklin? Electricity going through two lines completes a circuit that goes right through the heart. You can bet that it wouldn't feel very good -- if you live through it.

Never fly a kite over or near people or animals.

Flying kites over people or animals can startle them and can give people the impression that kite fliers are irresponsible. Yes, we all know that dogs are great fun to watch chasing your kite but sooner or later the wind is going to drop while you're flying and the dog will get your kite... Fly high in the window until people and animals are clear the area.

Never fly your kite near an airport.

In most places around the world, flying near an airport is against the law. Most places in North America prohibit kite flying within 3-5 miles of an airport. If you're not sure if a flying location is acceptable, contact the airport administrators and ask them.

Wear eye protection on sunny days.

Long exposure to the sun's UV rays can cause permanent damage to unprotected eyes. Always wear sunglasses when flying on sunny days even if you're not directly facing the sun. And don't forget to apply sunscreen to protect your skin as well.

Always stand on solid ground

Loose gravel and wet grass can be very slippery and hazardous. A fall while holding a kite in the air could cause personal injury. Wear appropriate footwear for the ground conditions — at Kites on Ice in Madison, Wisconsin, flyers wear crampons to keep them from sliding.

Stay down wind from sidewalks and paths.

Always make certain that you've got at least twenty feet behind you in case you need to back up when the wind drops. It could be disastrous if you accidentally backed in to a passing cyclist or pedestrian

Make sure that your flying area is clear of obstacles.

Obviously, you'll want to make sure that there is nothing in front of you that might damage your kite if you crash in to it. Also check the area around you for items or holes in the sand or ground that could cause you to trip or fall.

Never fly your kite over or near a roadway.

Imagine someone driving their car as a kite zips past nearby and distracts or startles them. It could cause an accident and you could possibly be sued for contributing to the cause. Roads are for vehicles. Parks and beaches are for kites.

http://www.raybethell.com/html/t_01.htm

We hear from our Readers

Neat newsletter as usual, Dee, and CUTE
February calendar for leap year!
Thanks! RAY M. THOMPSON



Just want you to know that as a member of the Richardson Community Band, we appreciate your putting our concerts in the JJP Newsletter Local Events. Our concerts at the Eisemann have been well received.

Regards, Jerry Gray

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April 10, 9AM

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Join us at Mohwak's playground for this year's Easter Egg Hunt. All children 10 and under are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

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J J PEARCE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
Statement of Cash Receipts and Expenses
For the Period September 1, 2003 to February 29, 2004

	Month Ended February 29, 2004	Year to Date Actual February 29, 2004	Year To Date Budget
Cash Receipts			
Membership Dues		\$5,100.00	\$4,950.00
Dividends	8.90	59.51	60.00
Advertising-Newsletter		890.00	540.00
Contributions		5.00	
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Total Receipts	\$8.90	\$6,054.51	\$5,550.00
Expenses			
Crime Watch			
Metrocall	21.85	131.10	131.10
Membership			
Annual Meeting		159.00	159.00
Binders			100.00
Directory Printing		526.97	320.00
Directory Delivery		30.00	30.00
Social Events			
December Decorations		64.44	125.00
Newsletter			
Printing, etc.	210.90	1,306.05	1,458.60
Delivery	60.00	375.00	390.00
Other Expenses			
Contributions		234.75	235.00
Miscellaneous		4.20	49.50
Total Expenses	292.75	2,831.51	2,998.20
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Net Income (Loss)	-\$283.85	\$3,223.00	\$2,551.80

Fund Balances:

	Checking	Vanguard	Totals
Beginning Balances - 2/1/	\$1,417.10	\$18,738.51	20,155.61
Add receipts		8.90	8.90
Transfers			
Less Disbursements	292.75		292.75
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Ending Balances - 2/29/04	\$1,124.35	\$18,747.41	\$19,871.76

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

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Local Events March - April include:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
March		
8-12	Spring Break	
9	Primary Election	7:00am-7:00pm, Mohawk
	Softball vs. Highland Park	5:30pm, 7:00pm, Pearce
	Boys Soccer vs Richardson	5:30, 7:00pm, Pearce
	Baseball vs Highland Park	4:30pm, 7:30pm, Pearce
12	Baseball vs Greenville	4:30pm, Pearce
	Girls Soccer vs Poteet	5:30pm, 7:00pm, Pearce
13	JV Baseball vs. Frisco Centennial	12:00pm, Pearce
16	Softball vs. Richardson	5:30pm, 7:00pm, Pearce
18	Master class (free)	Jonsson Performance Hall
18-19	Forté Spring Show	7:30pm, Pearce
18-20	3 rd Annual Texas Classical Guitar Competition	varies, UTD
19	Winner's concert (free)	Jonsson Performance Hall
20	North Jr High Tour of Homes (see page 13)	10:00am – 4:00pm
	Guitar Competition Concert	8:00pm, Jonsson Performance Hall
21	Richardson Community Band Childrens concert	2:00pm, Eisemann Ctr
	Violin concert (free)	3:00pm, Jonsson Performance Hall, UTD
	Classical music concert	7:30pm Jonsson Performance Hall, UTD
23	Softball vs. West Mesquite	5:30pm, 7:00pm, Pearce
25	Mohawk Open House	7:00pm, Mohawk
26	Baseball vs Wylie	7:30pm, Pearce
26-27	Gauguin's Paradise (original theater)	8:00pm, Univ Theatre, UTD
27	Composting Seminar (see page 7)	10:00am
	Baseball vs St. Marks	11:00, 2:00pm, Pearce
28	Gauguin's Paradise (original theater)	2:30pm, Univ Theatre, UTD
April		
2	Tennis vs. Richardson	4:15pm, Pearce
2-3	Gauguin's Paradise (original theater)	8:00pm, Univ Theatre, UTD
3	Classical Indian music concert	8:00pm, Conference Center, UTD
4	Gauguin's Paradise (original theater)	2:30pm, Univ Theatre, UTD
	Shostakovich, Tchaikovsky concert	7:30pm, UTD Conf Ctr
6	Softball vs. Poteet	5:30pm, 7:00pm, Pearce
7	Tennis vs. Poteet	4:15pm, Pearce
9	Snow makeup day	
9-10	Dance concert	8:00pm, University Theatre, UTD
12	Snow makeup day	
13	Baseball vs Poteet	4:30pm, 7:30pm, Pearce
	Softball vs Wylie	5:30pm, 7:00pm, Pearce

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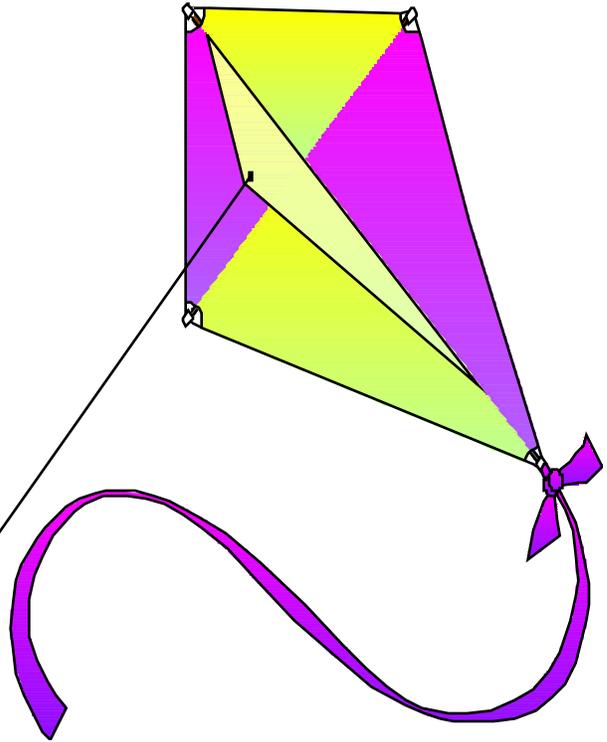
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See page 10



Spring is in the air!



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Free Immunization Clinic for all RISD students
See page 8 for details.

Board Meetings: April 4, 1314 Huntington, 4:15pm (approximate)
May TBA

Board meetings are open to all members