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March 2008

News from the City

By Michael Ward, Sr., President

Comprehensive Planning – The City Council and City Plan Commission continue their work on this. Community meetings are planned for April/May 2008.

City Council Televised Meetings is being investigated. The community will be surveyed to get input on how viewing could be expected. The start-up cost would be approximately \$250,000 and annual costs about \$150,000 per year.

Richardson's Neighborhood Realtors Workshop was held Thursday, February 21, at the Civic Center, from 8:30-11:00 a.m. Over 100 were in attendance.

Stinky Water - A winter algae bloom has been responsible for the recent taste and odor change in the water. There are no health hazards created regardless of the taste and odor caused by algal bloom. The conditions should improve within a short period of time.

City Staff Promotions – Steve Benson has been promoted Director of Library Services and Bill Alsup has been promoted to Assistant Director of Health Promotion.

Smoking Ordinance Considerations – Initial City Council briefing was held on February 11, 2008. A public input work session is planned for March 3, 2008. You can also go to the city web site (www.,cor.net) and provide input as well.

February 2008 Sales Tax is down by \$90,000/3.6% over February 2007, year to date (4 months) sales tax is down 1.3%, budget year to date it is down 8.5%.

Park Sign Replacements – Twenty-two parks are receiving new signs. Completion is planned for June 2008. A prototype of what the signs will look like can be seen at the corner of Prairie Creek East and Fall Creek.

2007 Revitalization Awards – Eight projects were recognized on February 4, 2008.

Fire Station 2, located at Arapaho and Waterview, demolition will start during February and new construction will begin in March 2008.

Free Broadband Wireless - MeshLinx Wireless has been granted access to rights of way to provide free broadband wireless service to residents. The company will also provide enhanced wireless service for the City's police and fire departments. The network will be installed at no cost to the City. Under the proposed 10-year agreement, MeshLinx will pay the City to place its radios on light poles (\$30 per pole per year) and three to five percent of gross revenue from customers who subscribe for additional services. The company plans to make money by selling large bandwidth services to business customers. Residents also can opt to buy faster Internet service from the company. Construction is anticipated in February 2008.

Sherrill Park Management was one of only five golf courses management staff, nationwide, to be invited to speak at the National Professional Golfer's Association in Orlando. Staff discussed the numerous programs it has implemented locally to "grow the game", which is one of the National PGA's foremost goals.

Job Expansion – Rockwell Collins is planning a 90,000 to 180,000 sq. ft. expansion resulting in approximately 335 jobs.

Architectural Review Advisory Panel recently recommended an overlay process in which a neighborhood group can initiate an overlay and decide from a list of options how to regulate the neighborhood. City Council will be giving further consideration to the issue in the coming weeks. Additional information will be provided when a determination has been reached regarding the next steps.

Payday/Check Cashing and Car-Title Loans – The City Council adopted restrictions requiring associated companies to obtain special permits. Conditions include restrictions on operating hours and minimum spacing among similar businesses.

Richardson Hotel will be changing to the Hyatt Flag Hotel in the near future. Hyatt Hotels and Resorts plan to invest approximately \$7 million in updating the hotel.

Recycling Program - On January 14th, City Council was briefed by Public Services staff on the possibility of bringing the recycling program in-house. Allied Waste has been contracting to provide the services since 1992. City Council asked staff to research a number of questions and will consider the issue again the coming weeks.

Lake Park Estates Rezoning

Michael Ward Sr., President

The rezoning request remains tabled before the City Council. The developer is working on yet another revised plan, which is tentatively scheduled to be presented to the City Council February 25. This is an unusually complicated rezoning process and has been a learning experience for the Board and our members that have participated.

The city staff researched documents that have a bearing on the Lake Parks area land and in particular any document involving curb cuts along Campbell road. At the February 11 zoning hearing they presented the following information:

- Curb cuts are within the control of the city and no promise or restriction was found that prevented the city from allowing additional curb cuts along Campbell Road
- The 1983 ordinance sited by some homeowners has been superceded by a 1996 ordinance, which carried over many of the provisions of the 1983 ordinance.
- As required in the Deed Restriction of the property any change in zoning of the property has to be approved by owners of 2/3's of the land of this particular tract North of Campbell Road and by JJPHOA after the city has approved the request.

If and when the city approves the rezoning JJPHOA Board will call a Special Membership Meeting to review, discuss, and vote on such a proposal. Additional information surrounding this issue will be posted on our web site in the near future.

Please call me if you have questions or would like additional information (972-480-8575).

Update Lake Parks Estate

By Joe Russum, Editor

February 26, 2008. Last night Humphreys and Partners asked for and was granted a continuance of the Lake Parks rezoning hearing. At this time the hearing is scheduled for March 24.



Easter Egg Hunt Help Needed

We need people to help with the annual Easter Egg hunt which will take place Saturday, March 22 this year. It is great fun watching the kids scramble for the many eggs that will be "hidden" in plain view on the play ground at Mohawk. If you are interested call Michael Ward, Sr. at 972-480-8575



It Is Primary Time In Texas

By Joe Russum, Editor

For weeks we have heard many comments and much analysis on the primary elections in other states. Now it is time for Texas to step forward and tell the rest of the country what we think. Even though some of the races are almost decided, Texas must be heard. We should not be a crowd follower.



Before you go to the polls to vote, do a little research on the issues. The best place I know to find out this kind of information is through the League of Women Voters' website. It took me a little while to find the information I was looking for, so below are step-by-step directions that will get you to a sample ballot and to information about all the candidates quickly.

For voting information on the web follow these steps:

- Go to the League of Women Voters site at www.lwvrichardson.org
- Click on "March 4, 2008 Primary Election"

In the first paragraph on this page, if you click on "Dallas" that will carry you to a link for the actual ballot you should see for the Republican and Democrat party. On the same page there are links to the League of Women Voters guide, the Dallas Morning News voters guide, and several other links that will supply information about the candidates. After you have researched the people on the ballot, if you are still unsure how to vote, ask a friend you trust. After

are still unsure how to vote, ask a friend you trust. After that, if you are still in doubt, just don't vote for anyone in that particular category. Please don't just flip a coin. It is too important for that.

Beautification

By Michael and Tina Tannery, VP Beautification

Tina's Treasures

Creating a cutting garden

Old-fashioned annuals are back in fashion again and this is no surprise to those of us that love to make cut flower arrangements for our homes. Tall zinnias, celosia, cosmos, and larkspur are just a few of the flowers that create a beautiful garden and work well as cut flowers.

You might wonder why we are thinking about a cutting garden in February while it is still chilly. Several of these plants are cool season growers and can be planted now into early spring. Poppies are ready to plant right away (the seed heads are perfect in arrangements). In a month larkspur transplants will be large enough for the garden. The others can be put in as the ground warms up.

These annuals will grow from seed and return from the previous year's fallen seeds. If you don't mind a wild garden, let some of your flowers brown on the plant at the end of the season and shake the plants when you pull them up. The matured seeds will fall to the ground and sprout back up the following season. If you'd like a tamer look just put new plants in each year.

Michael's Maintenance

Things to do

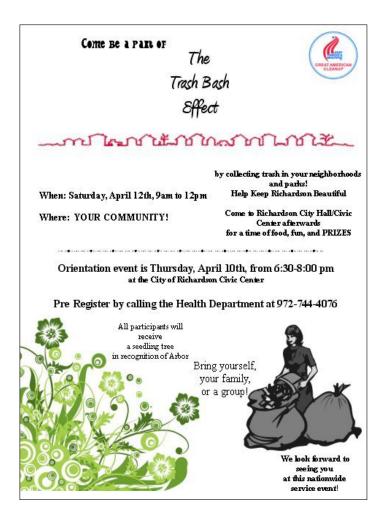
- Plant ornamental trees and shrubs, roses, perennials, herbs, cool-season vegetables, and annuals like geraniums, petunias, snapdragons, alyssum. Plant tomatoes after last frost. Plant begonias now for best results. Plant tender herbs when danger of frost is past.
- **Fertilize** now if you didn't do it in February. Use root stimulator on all new plantings.
- **Repot and fertilize** water garden plants with tablet fertilizers made for specific water garden use.
- Prune fruit trees before bud break. Wait to prune spring-flowering shrubs and vines until after flowering.
- **Purchase** caladium bulbs while the selection is good! Plant them in May. Store them above 63 degrees.
- **Spray** for pests on fruit trees. Use BT for caterpillars. Or **release** Green Lacewings and Trichagramma wasps to control aphids, mites, thrips, and caterpillars.
- **Treat** fire ant mounds with bait early in the morning or later in the afternoon when ants begin to forage.

Yard of the Month

The monthly "judging" for Yard of the Month will begin with the first weekend in April. A house that is chosen will be able to proudly display the "Yard of the Month" sign for the remainder of the month. "Judging" is by the highly acclaimed eyes of the Co-Beautification chairpersons, Michael & Tina Tannery. We are excited about seeing all of the incredible yards and gardens that are created and recreated every year. We are looking for not only the color showing in the yard, but the style, texture and use of a variety of native plants and grasses." If you see a yard that deserves recognition, please email us, tina@tannerywealth.com

Mohawk Renovation

A proposed building renovation at Mohawk is planned to take place over the summer. Complete renovations will take place in the gym, cafeteria, sixth grade bathroom area, and the office/reception area. All outside windows in the building will be replaced, along with window blinds and water fountains. The hallway floors will be stripped, walls painted, and storage areas added.



Membership

By Brenden Hill, VP Membership

It's been quiet on the membership front, only 2 homes joined! Our membership now consists of 360 households, which is 78% of the available homes.

Street	Total	Joined	%
Chesterton	93	61	66%
Cheyenne	27	26	96%
Edith	33	24	73%
Eton	52	48	92%
Grassmere	51	41	80%
Huntington	92	61	66%
Lilac	8	8	100%
Melrose	17	10	59%
Mimosa	1	1	100%
Pueblo	30	24	80%
Stratford	52	49	94%
Violet	8	7	88%
Total	464	360	78 %

Speaking of membership, our Yahoo group email list is now updated. I'm planning on doing two test emails to check my database, one on Wednesday evening March 5 and the next on Saturday March 8 to get a check on the possible corrections. Please check your email inbox (or junk mail if you have a new email address or are new to our HOA and save our JJPHOA email to your safe sender list). If you don't receive an email on either date please email me at brenden_hill@hotmail.com and I will look into the issue.

We are looking into a capability of sending the newsletter to you by e-mail, for those who would prefer that service. It is anticipated that not everyone would want to get it by e-mail, so we plan to continue delivering paper copies to those who want it. When we have the capability in hand, we will send out a notice to give you the opportunity to switch over. Obviously all past newsletters are on our website, thanks to John Sadowski.

The directory is coming! I have to double check that details on your membership forms agree with my spreadsheet and then it will be sent to the printers ... so look out for it soon.









Ready to Remodel?

Are you planning to embark on a home repair or remodel in the near future? Whether it's putting up a new fence or remodeling your bathroom there are many things to consider before you get started, including what building permits are required for your project. The following types of jobs require permits from the City of Richardson Building Inspection Department:

- Fences and retaining walls over 2½ ft. in height
- Storage buildings
- Detached buildings (detached garages, workshops, etc.)
- Greenhouses
- Roof repairs, replacement, or re-covering
- · Patio covers and enclosures
- Carports
- · Interior remodels
- Garage enclosures
- Room additions (enlarging existing house)
- Swimming pools, spas, and hot tubs
- Foundation repair
- Driveways
- Decks or porches over 24 in. in height at any point above the ground.
- Radio tower antennas
- Exterior siding installation or replacement

For more information on acquiring building permits, please contact Building Inspection at 972-744-4180.

If your home improvement project(s) will cost at least \$20,000, you may be eligible for the City of Richardson's new Home Improvement Incentive Program. Call 972-744-4166 or visit Neighborhood Services at www.cor.net/ns to find out more.



UTD Update

Michael Ward Sr., President

ChessFest, a celebration held annually by McDermott Library and the UT Dallas Chess Program, will feature a presentation by Beatriz Marinello, who will discuss "Chess and the Development of Social Skills for At-Risk Children." Marinello will receive the "Chess Educator of the Year" award, a national honor established five years ago by the UT Dallas Chess Program. The event is free and open to the public at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 27, in the library's McDermott Suite. Marinello became National Women's Champion of her native Chile when she was 16. She moved to the U.S. in 1990.

Matching Fund Beautification **Program**

Michael Ward Sr., President

Superintendent of Parks, Dan Baker, presented an overview of the Matching Fund Beautification Program at the City Council HOA President's Meeting on January 15, 2008. The following information is from that meeting's minutes.

According to Mr. Baker, the program was founded in 1972 as a collaborative effort between the City of Richardson Parks and Recreation Department and community leadership to promote and encourage beautification projects throughout Richardson neighborhoods. The costs associated with Matching Fund Beautification projects, including plant materials, irrigation systems, landscape, and bed preparation, are divided equally between the City and the participating neighborhood group.

With input from the homeowners association or neighborhood association co-sponsor, the City derives the plans for each approved project and sets a timeline for completion. Parks crews and contractors perform the necessary labor and construction, while both parties accept responsibility for long-term maintenance.

According to Mr. Baker, to take part in the program residents should request an application by calling the Parks and Recreation office at 972-744-4300 or download the form from the City's website at

www.cor.net/Parks/Programs/PDF/matchingfund.pdf.

To ensure the project is considered for participation, turn in applications to the Parks and Recreation Office no later than May 1st. Proposed projects must meet plant selection and maintenance requirements and must be located on public property.







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Development – Business Profile

By Bette Hodges, VP Development

Lennox Center - Watch for a flyer in March that will contain ads and coupons for several of the businesses in Lennox Center.

The following restaurants were spotlighted as *The Best Neighborhood Restaurants* in Richardson in the February 2008 issue of *D Magazine*.

Aboca's Italian Grill 100 S. Central Expwy., Suite 63 972-231-7500 Cuisine: Italian

Afrah Restaurant & Pastries 314 E. Main Street 972-234-9898

Cuisine: Bakery & Lebanese specialties

Café Amore 600 N. Coit Road 972-699-8322 Cuisine: Italian Café Max 1600 Alma Road 972-231-5922

Cuisine: Salads, sandwiches, soups & quiche

Caravelle Chinese & Vietnamese 400 N. Greenville Avenue, Suite 16 972-437-6388

Cuisine: Vietnamese & vegetarian options

Kirin Court 221 W. Polk Street 214-575-8888 Cuisine: Chinese

Masami 501 W. Belt Line Road, Suite 116 972-783-6800 Cuisine: Japanese

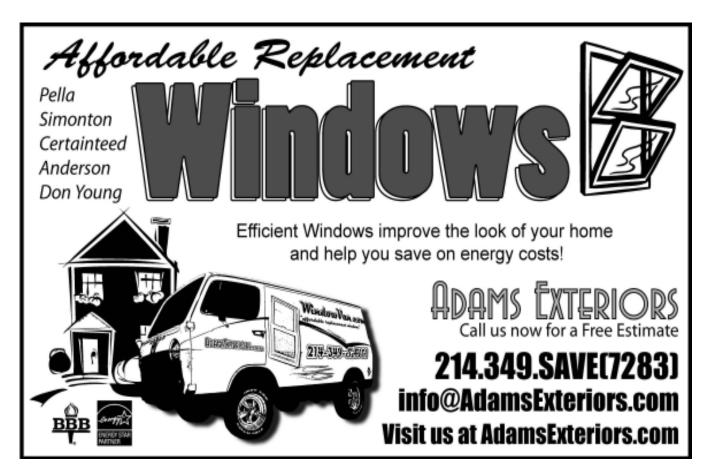
Noodle Wave Fresh Thai Cooking 1490 W. Spring Valley Road 972-690-3637

Cuisine: Thai

Parlour Café and Wine Bar 3610 Shire Blvd., Suite 112

972-423-9463

Cuisine: New Orleans & East Coast



Tomb Of The Unknown

By Joe Russum, Editor

A few years ago I visited the Tomb of the Unknown Solder and watched the neverending procedures carried out day after day to honor our fallen service men. I could not help getting a lump in my throat while I watched in silence. If you have never been



there, you should take time to visit the memorial and honor these solders in your own way. Lately I have learned some facts about the ceremony that I was not aware of at the time.

- The soldier walks twenty-one steps across the Tomb. This alludes to the 21-gun salute, which is the highest honor given to any military or foreign dignitary.
- His weapon is always on the shoulder opposite the Tomb (i.e., on the side of the gallery watching the ritual).
- On the 21st step, the soldier turns and faces the Tomb for 21 seconds.
- The soldier then turns to face the other way across the Tomb and changes his weapon to the outside shoulder.
- After 21 seconds, he walks across the tomb and the procedure is repeated.

This is repeated until the soldier is relieved of duty at the changing of the guard. Before the guard goes on duty his gloves are moistened so he will have a better grip on his rifle.

During the day in summer months, from March 15 to September 30, the guard is changed every half hour. During the winter months, from October 1 to March 14, the guard is changed every hour. After the cemetery closes to the public (7pm to 8am April through September, and 5pm to 8am October through March), the guard is changed every two hours until the cemetery reopens.

In 2003 as Hurricane Isabelle was approaching Washington, DC, our US Senate/House took 2 days off with anticipation of the storm. On the ABC evening news, it was reported that because of the dangers from the hurricane, the military members assigned the duty of guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier were given permission to suspend the assignment. They respectfully declined the offer. Soaked to the skin, marching in the pelting rain of a tropical storm, they said that guarding the Tomb was not just an assignment; it was the highest honor that can be afforded to a service person. The tomb has been patrolled continuously since 1930





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Statement of Cash Receipts and Expenses For the Period September 1, 2007 to February 29, 2008

	Month Ended February 29, 2008	Year to Date Actual February 29, 2008
Cash Receipts	• /	• /
Membership Dues	\$375.00	\$4,965.00
Dividends	28.30	189.04
Advertising-Newsletter	105.00	1,260.00
Total Receipts	508.30	6,414.04
Expenses		
Crime Watch		
Metrocall	20.95	124.97
National Night Out ((08/07)	250.98
Membership		
Annual Meeting		183.78
Bank Deposit Pads		12.95
Board Planning Meet	ting	49.00
Social Events		
December Decoration	ns 430.84	430.84
Newsletter		
Delivery	60.00	465.00
Printing, etc	166.71	1,327.37
Contributions		
Firefighters' Dinners		232.91
Police Dept Dinner		100.00
Total Expenses	678.50	3,177.80
Net Income (Loss)	\$(170.20)	\$3,236.24
	Fund Balances:	
	Checking	Vanguard
Beginning Balances - 2/1/08	\$6,842.61	\$10,998.91
Add receipts	480.00	28.30
Less Disbursements	(678.50)	
Ending Balances - 2/29/08	\$6,644.11	\$11,027.21

Respectfully Submitted, Helen Simon, Treasurer, March 1, 2008

Newsletter Advertising

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Business card	(2 x 3 ½ ")	\$10.00	\$110.00
¼ page		\$20.00	\$220.00
½ page		\$40.00	\$440.00
Full page		\$75.00	\$825.00

Any business ad purchased for a full year receives a free ad in the directory.

FEBRUARY 10, 2008

BOARDMEETING MINUTES

Michael Ward, Sr., called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. at his home at 1217 Stratford Drive. This meeting replaces the scheduled January 31, 2008 Board meeting. Those in attendance were Michael Ward, Sr., Bette Hodges, Helen Simon, Joe Russum, Brenden Hill, Michael and Tina Tannery, John Sadowski, and Sue Caldwell. There were no visitors.

President's Report: Michael Ward, Sr., reported that he and Bette Hodges met with the city management team of David Morgan, Cliff Miller, and Monica Heid on February 8, 2008. The management team provided them with the history of the development of the Coit/Campbell property and ordinance 2386A that was an issue of concern at the previous city council meeting. The management team's brief clarified the procedure that must be followed in rezoning the Lake Park Estates property. This procedure states that, first, the city council must approve the rezoning, then, the owners of 2/ 3rds of the land had to approve of the rezoning, and, lastly, JJPHOA must approve the rezoning. Therefore, it is inappropriate for JJPHOA to have a meeting and vote on the rezoning previous to the approval by the city council and Lake Park Estates residents. Michael Ward, Sr., and Bette Hodges are to meet with individual city councilmembers at the work session February 11 and attend the city council meeting that follows. The JJPHOA Board's position continues to be that any new development must maintain the approximate density of what it already is and opposition to any new curb cut on Campbell Road.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was approved. Helen Simon and Michael Ward, Sr., will meet to complete the 2008 budget.

Secretary's Report: The Minutes of the December 27, 2007 Board meeting were approved.

Development: A motion was made and accepted to pursue a quote of Directors and Officers liability insurance.

Membership: Brenden Hill reported that the spreadsheet and member forms would end completion by February 15, 2008. After discussion by the Board, it was suggested that the new directory would be 8 1/2 by 11 in size and bound together with different colored paper sections replacing the tabs.

Beautification: Tina Tannery volunteered to assemble "welcome Baskets" for the two new residents of J.J.Pearce. The basket will include an assortment of gifts, gift certificates donated by local businesses, and a hand written note of welcome from the JJPHOA President.

Safety: There was no safety report.

Editor: Joe Russum is to get a quote for the printing expense for the newly designed directory. Also, it was suggested that the JJPHOA be asked if they want to receive the newsletter by email. Michael Tannery will investigate the needed software and present at the next Board meeting.

Webmaster: It was suggested that the website post the JJPHOA's position regarding the Lake Park Estate rezoning, as well as, any expressed JJPHOA opinions at city council meetings.

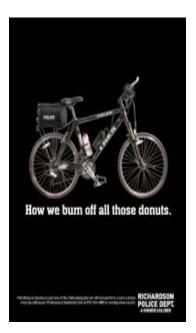
Other Business: July 4th Parade/Picnic Planning It was noted that our JJPHOA Board meet with the new Reservation Board in April to plan for the July 4th parade and picnic. A realtor will be contacted to ensure that flags are ordered in plenty of time before the 4th. The realtor will be recognized in the newsletter two months in advance.

Future Board Meetings and Newsletter Deadlines: The next JJPHOA Board Meeting is Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at Michael Ward's home, 1217 Stratford Drive at 7 p.m. The March newsletter deadline is February 21, 2008. March's Board meeting will be March 25, 2008 and the April newsletter deadline is March 20, 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Caldwell









Local Events			
<u>Date</u>	Event	<u>Time/Place</u>	
March			
4	Texas Primary Elections	Mohawk Elementary, 7:00AM - 7:00PM	
4	Party caucuses	Mohawk Elementary, 7:15PM	
9	Daylight Savings Time Begins Set clocks one hour forward		
14	RISD Student Holiday - Professional Development		
17	St Patrick's Day		
17-21	RISD Spring Break		
22	JJPHOA Easter Egg Hunt	9:00am Mohawk Playground	
23	Easter		
30	Richardson Community Band Concert	2:00pm Countrywide Theatre	

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Daylight Savings Time (Spring ahead) March 9



Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 22 9:00AM Mohawk Playground

Children 10 and under are welcome.

Bring your own basket

(In the event of rain look in front of the Pearce Auditorium)



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Board Meeting March 25 at 1217 Stratford