

J. J. PEARCE NEWSLETTER

Website: www.jjphoa.org
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News from the City

- The DFW Airport Board, North Central Texas Council of Governments, DART, and the "T" have been studying the possibilities for providing rail access into DFW Airport. At a public meeting on April 15th it was announced the Cottonbelt Line is the preferred alternative for an east/west rail connection to the airport. The Cottonbelt Line will provide a good connection to the current north/south line near the 190 station, with good access for Richardson residents.
- The City, with the help of local businesses, is beginning to develop a Transportation Management Association (TMA) which will provide dedicated bus circulator systems from light rail stations to local businesses.
- On May 4th the City of Murphy will vote to join DART as a member city.
- The Cottonwood Arts Festival was held on May 4th and 5th. This event continues to be nationally recognized as one of the top arts festivals in the country.
- The City received an award from the state crime prevention association for an educational video produced for the Asian population to provide information about police services.
- The Eisemann Center at Galatyn Park will hold the opening gala for the facility from September 12th through the 22nd. The multi-day celebration will offer numerous performances for a variety of tastes and give the entire community and opportunity to enjoy the facility.
- The City recently received the latest 2002 census information and it is estimated that Richardson now has a population of 94,529.
- The City is continuing to work on light rail station area plans with the help of nationally recognized consultants. Meetings will be held in April and May with property owners located within a half mile radius of the light rail stations to gain their input.
- The North Texas Tollway Authority is currently undertaking an Origin and Destination Study to better understand the drivers that use the Turnpike. The study is causing some minor traffic complications.

Have you ever visited the City of Richardson web site? It really is well done and there is some timely and interesting information there. The address is: www.cor.net

Richardson ISD Program Wins National Award

Richardson Independent School District has won the prestigious Magna Award from the American School Board Journal. Twenty-five awards are being presented nationwide this year from more than 400 applications, with only two Texas school districts on the list – Richardson ISD being the only one with top honors.

Richardson ISD was named a winner for its innovative Superintendent's Medallion, a yearly award presented by Superintendent Carolyn Bukhair honoring schools that show sustained growth in achievement.

Medallion winners are not required to have top scores on the state's Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS). Instead, schools are ranked on 20 factors, including the percentage of students who pass TAAS, trends in passing rates, and school programs designed to improve student achievement.

The medallion is displayed in the district's administration building with each school recipient's name engraved on the base. Winners receive a framed medallion and a banner to display at their school.

This is the fourth year that the Superintendent's Medallions have been presented. The ceremony also honors Exemplary and Recognized schools, and Board of Trustee Silver Cup winners for community service.

Dr. Bukhair said, "It is so gratifying to be able to honor those schools whose students have demonstrated sustained achievement. In the end, it is the students who benefit. We appreciate the Magna Award that highlights our Superintendent's Medallion."

Our neighbor, the Superintendent, accepted the award from the American School Board Journal at the National School Board Association Annual Conference in New Orleans on April 8.

Fourth of July Parade and Picnic

The June newsletter will have details about the J. J. Pearce and Reservation Homeowners Associations 4th of July Parade and Picnic.



About that Appraisal

By Bernie Mayoff

Most of us recently received an updated appraisal from the Dallas Central Appraisal District. It contained good news and bad news. The good news is that our homes generally increased substantially in value since the last appraisal and your equity in your home has grown with no effort on your part. The bad news is that our homes have generally increased substantially in value since the last appraisal and the amount of taxes we will have to pay, at current tax rates, has grown. We've put together a list of questions that many of us have and done some research to collect answers that may be helpful.

Q: What is the Dallas Central Appraisal District?

A: The Texas legislature established a central appraisal district for each county in the state. This eliminates the need for counties, school districts, cities, and other taxing bodies to each do their own appraisals. It provides a single appraised value that is used by all of them. The Board has representatives from (1) Dallas County, (2) City of Dallas, (3) Dallas Independent School District, (4) the suburban cities and (5) the suburban school districts. The county Tax Assessor is an ex-officio member.

Q: How do they determine the appraised value?

A: Like a realtor or any other appraiser, they use the selling price of comparable homes in the neighborhood as the basis of the appraisal. They use the same data that realtors and other appraisers use. They compare houses of comparable size and characteristics. Larger homes are compared to larger homes and smaller homes are compared to smaller homes.

Q: How far back do they go in using comparable sales data?

A: The appraisal reflects the value of your home on January 1, 2002. They use a few months of the most recent sales data available as of that time.

Q: But my home is worth more or less now than it was on January 1, 2002.

A: Changes in the value of your house will be reflected in the next appraisal. This appraisal established the value of homes on January 1 of this year.

Q: I think the market in Richardson has fallen since the first of the year. Do they adjust for that?

A: The value for all the appraisals is the value of the home on January 1. Changes in market value will be reflected in subsequent appraisals. An actual appraisal will probably not be done again next year unless there is a larger than normal number of sales or other exceptional circumstance.

Q: How can I determine a market value myself to check the validity of their appraisal?

A: Check the Appraisal District website at: www.dallascad.org to compare your appraisal to

others in the neighborhood. Ask your favorite realtor for comparable sales information for your home. Former HOA president Al Nix has volunteered to provide comp sales data to anyone who contacts him. You can contact Al at alnix@remax.net, or at 972-234-3086. Using the price per square foot for comparable sales and the size of your own home, you can estimate the value of your home.

Q: Do they adjust for location?

A: Perhaps. The appraisal is supposed to fairly reflect comparable sales. If you abut a commercial property the appraised value may be reduced. If they had that knowledge it may already be factored into the market value of comparable sales they used. If you have golf course frontage or lakeside property the appraised value may be increased – but you are reading the wrong newsletter. The putting green and wading pool in your backyard don't count as a golf course or lake.

Q: What should I do if I want to appeal my appraisal.

A: 1) File; 2) Prepare; 3) Visit. You must file your Notice of Protest by May 31. Any Protests postmarked later than May 31 will be ignored. Document the reasons for your appeal. You can submit documentation with your Protest Notice, but you don't have to. Within two weeks of receipt of your Notice the Appraisal District will schedule a hearing before the Appraisal Review Board. You are urged to arrange to meet with an appraiser of the Appraisal District some time prior to your hearing. You may reach an agreement with the appraiser prior to the hearing, and the issue will be resolved.

If you cannot reach agreement with the appraiser you should appear at your scheduled hearing. The hearing will be 15 minutes long. You will have 5 minutes to present your case. The Appraisal District will have 5 minutes to present their case. The Appraisal Review Board will have 5 minutes to reach a decision. If you still disagree you will need to take the District to court.

The Appraisal District website, www.dallascad.org, has helpful information.

Q: What are my chances of success?

A: The better prepared, and more accurate you are, the better your chances of success. The objective of the appraisal is to be fair and equitable to everyone.

Q: Could the appraised value of my property be raised during an appeal hearing?

A: If it becomes clear that your appraisal is actually too low the Board could increase the appraised value.

Q: My foundation is sinking and tilting, my home is a party place for termites, and my roof leaks like a sieve. Have they taken that into account?

A: Probably not, but you can document the problems and share it with them. You may not want to tell them about the oil that you discovered while planting a bush, or the gold nuggets that keep popping up in the middle of your lawn.

Q: Don't they have a limit on how much they can increase my appraised value at one time?

A: Yes. Your appraised value cannot be increased more than 10% per year. If the last appraisal was done two years ago the value could go up as much as 20% this time. If the actual market value of your home has grown more than 10% a year it will be capped at a 10% per year increase. For example, if your home was appraised at \$100,000 on January 1, 2000, and it is currently worth \$140,000, your taxable value on January 1, 2002 would be capped at \$100,000 plus 20% or \$120,000. Since it is capped below the market value, it will automatically rise another 10% on January 1, 2003, which would be an additional \$12,000. In this example that would take the appraised value to \$132,000, but that is more than 30%

In three years, so the appraised value would be capped at a 30% increase to \$130,000. You would receive another appraisal statement showing you the new appraised value. If no adjustments are made you will not receive another appraisal statement.

Q: When will I see the impact of the new appraised value?

A: It depends. If you pay your own property taxes then you will see the impact in the bill you receive at the end of this year. If you pay your property taxes as part of your mortgage then it won't impact you until your mortgage company readjusts your escrow account, which will probably happen at the end of this year or early next year.

Q: What is School Equalization?

A: Taxes for Dallas County schools for buses, counselors and media services.

Q: How much will my taxes increase?

A: There are six tax rates that apply to us. Some of them have homestead exemptions and some do not. To figure the impact on your taxes fill in the blanks in this table:

(A) Tax jurisdiction	(B) 2001 value	(C) 2002 value	(D) Difference (C)-(B)	(E) Divide by 100 (D)/100	(F) Current tax rate	(G) Tax impact (E) x (F)
RISD					1.7993	
City					.44385	
County					.196	
School Equalization					.005525	
Community College District					.06	
County Hospital (Parkland)					.254	
Total change						



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Crime Talk

By Lynn Sanders, VP Safety

I'm sad to say it, but we've had a pretty active period here in the JJ Pearce area since last month's newsletter. After covering our area, I will close with some other items of interest that I've gotten from our RPD Crime Prevention Unit. So, let's get to it.

Sometime between 4/14 and 4/18, coin collection jars were taken from a residence in the 1100 block of Eton. There were no signs of forced entry, but the resident mentioned that they had moved into the home several months ago but had not changed their doorlocks or the code for their garage door opener external keypad. Do not allow situations to exist where unauthorized people might have free access to your home. In fact, you should rekey your locks and recode your garage door openers every few years just for good measure.

Sometime after midnight on 4/20, someone drove through the JJ Pearce and Reservation areas throwing sandbags (and one rock) at parked vehicles from their moving vehicle. Damage ranged from broken windows to body dents on several vehicles in the 1100 block of Grassmere, 1500 block of N. Cheyenne, and the 1300 block of Navajo. Last month it was landscaping bricks. It's hard to believe that anyone could enjoy such senseless property damage, but they do. Vehicles parked in driveways, especially rear driveways, are much less likely to fall prey to such behavior.

In the early evening of 5/1, a wallet was taken from an elderly shopper's purse at a grocery store at Campbell and Coit. The victim mentioned that she always keeps her purse and wallet in the shopping cart's child seat while shopping, and probably did leave them momentarily unattended as she shopped. Frequently an accomplice will even be used to distract the victim's attention during the theft. Ladies, always keep your wallet inside your zipped-up purse, and maintain physical or visual contact with the purse at all times. The expert thief only needs a very few seconds of your inattention.

Sometime between 8PM on 5/2 and 9AM on 5/3 someone broke into 2 storage sheds in the back yard of a residence on Violet Place. The padlocks had been cut and a lawnmower was stolen.

Late in the evening of 5/3, or early morning hours of 5/4, three curbside mailboxes were vandalized in the 1200 block of Eton, and the 1100/1200 blocks of Huntington. On the ground, next to each damaged mailbox, was a sheet of paper depicting the silhouette image of a cowboy holding a pistol, and the words; "You've been struck by the mailbox bandit. Were you chosen on purpose or was this a random act of vandalism." What can you say? Must have been a full moon out that night.

Or how about the homeowner on Lilac Court, late in April, discovering that their air conditioning freon was gone, and having their repairman tell them that it looked like kids had been "sniffing" their freon. I checked with the PD and found out that while it is not a frequent occur-

rence, it does happen. Freon sniffing, or "huffing" as they call it, is a cheap (for them) high amongst some young people, and A/C units are a convenient source. The homeowner was out over \$150 for repair and recharge. What next?

A very unusual thing happened to a lady residing in the 1100 block of Eton on March 28 that I want to make you aware of. Even though it should have been reported immediately, the lady only recently brought it to our and PD attention. I will refer to her as the Eton lady. On that evening, she was taking her long evening walk westward, even past Coit. Along the way, she met another lady walking in the opposite direction. They did that little "dance" number as they worked out their passing and both proceeded without speaking. About 45 minutes later on her way back, the Eton lady met the same lady again, going in the opposite direction. The Eton lady stayed to the far right, and as they passed, the other lady apparently deliberately tripped the Eton lady while commenting that "you are walking on the wrong side". Though she did not completely fall, the Eton lady's left foot was severely injured as it twisted and slipped from the curb onto the street as she fought to regain her balance. She did not realize how seriously it was injured until later. Taking the Eton lady's account at face value, she was assaulted; plain and simple. The point of this isn't to have you terminate your walks, or even for you to fear a fellow walker you might meet. The point is simply for you to be aware that the behavior of some people may be unpredictable and you should always be alert. Also, **always** report such an incident immediately, and with as much detail as possible under the circumstances. Do not let an assault go unreported.

Spring is here, and garage doors are open everywhere. Remember that 50% of all reported residential burglaries in Richardson are attributed to open garage doors. Just think of it! We could cut our burglary rate in half just by closing our garage doors. Recently, the Richardson PD Crime Prevention Unit went into various areas of the City looking for open unattended garages. When they found one, they would leave an "If I were a thief" door hanger as a friendly reminder that they had been there and could have taken advantage of the crime opportunity. Five open unattended garages in the JJ Pearce area and 17 in the Reservation area got the door hangers. Bad, bad, bad.

We talked about "huffing" earlier. Here's the latest concern relative to alcohol abuse by young people. Relatively new to the alcohol scene are "Zippers", gelatin shots that contain 12% alcohol, 24 proof, and come in flavors such as Vodka Splash, Rum Rush, Whiskey Drop, and Tequila Tea. Besides being high in alcohol content, these Zippers may be dangerous because they come packaged in containers that look like any other snack pack or after school snack a child may put in their lunch box. Zippers are owned and marketed on the Internet by BPNC Inc. in Toledo, Ohio. They are currently sold legally in 20 states (including Texas) and may be sold in 9 more soon. They are being marketed in ways that appeal

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The History of Memorial Day

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. There are many stories as to its actual beginnings, with over two dozen cities and towns laying claim to being the birthplace of Memorial Day. There is also evidence that organized women's groups in the South were decorating graves before the end of the Civil War: a hymn published in 1867, "Kneel Where Our Loves are Sleeping" by Nella L. Sweet carried the dedication "To The Ladies of the South who are Decorating the Graves of the Confederate Dead" (Source: Duke University's Historic American Sheet Music, 1850-1920). While Waterloo, NY was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966, it's difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day. It is more likely that it had many separate beginnings.

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11, and was first observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on a separate day until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war). It is now celebrated in almost every State on the last Monday in May (passed by Congress in 1968 to ensure a three day weekend for Federal holidays), though several southern states have an additional, separate day for honoring the Confederate war dead: January 19 in Texas, April 26 in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi; May 10 in South Carolina; and June 3 (Jefferson Davis' birthday) in Louisiana and Tennessee.

In 1915, inspired by the poem "In Flanders Fields," Moina Michael replied with her own poem:

"We cherish too, the Poppy red
That grows on fields where valor led,
It seems to signal to the skies
That blood of heroes never dies."

She then conceived of an idea to wear red poppies on Memorial Day in honor of those who died serving the nation during war. She was the first to wear one, and sold poppies to her friends and co-workers with the money going to benefit servicemen in need. Later a Madam Guerin from France was visiting the United States and learned of this new custom started by Ms. Michael and when she returned to France, made artificial red poppies to raise money for war orphaned children and widowed women.

This tradition spread to other countries. In 1948 the US Post Office honored Ms. Michael for her role in founding the National Poppy movement by issuing a red 3-cent postage stamp with her likeness on it.

Since the late 1950's, on the Thursday before Memorial Day, the 1,200 soldiers of the 3d U.S. Infantry place small

American flags at each of the more than 260,000 graves at Arlington National Cemetery. They then patrol 24 hours a day during the weekend to ensure that each flag remains standing.

And since 1998, on the Saturday before the observed day for Memorial Day, the Boys Scouts and Girl Scouts place a candle at each of approximately 15,300 gravesites of soldiers buried at Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park on Marye's Heights (the Luminaria Program).

But most Americans nowadays have forgotten the meaning and traditions of Memorial Day.

To help re-educate Americans and remind Americans of the true meaning of Memorial Day, the "National Moment of Remembrance" resolution was passed in December 2000 which asks that *at 3 p.m. local time, for all Americans "To voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to 'Taps.'"*



In Flanders Fields by John McCrae, 1915

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Do Yourself a Favor

Would you believe that it is already that time of year when we must begin figuring out who is going to lead your Homeowners Association in the next membership year? Well, it is. The Board has appointed a Nominating Committee, and they would love to hear from you. Did you know that **you can volunteer your own name** to the Nominating Committee? Or have even more fun and **recommend a friend or neighbor**.

The Nominating Committee members are:

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

The Nominating Committee will develop a slate of candidates for President; VP Development; VP Safety; VP Beautification; VP Membership; Secretary; and Treasurer. If you have any questions about the roles, qualifications or time involved in any of these positions please contact Bernie Mayoff or any of the officers. Contact information is on page 13.

A New Public Nuisance



The Africanized honey bee, popularly known as the "killer bee," is moving into South Texas and the southern United States. Scientists are not certain how far north the bee will spread, but they do know that it will cause

problems wherever it resides in large numbers.

This insect, which has been migrating from South America since the 1950's, looks just like a domestic honey bee, but it is not nearly as good natured. In fact, it has a bit of a quick temper.

The domestic bee has lived in harmony with human beings for hundreds of years. It has been bred for gentleness and good honey production.

By contrast, the Africanized bee is a "wild" bee that is not comfortable being around people or animals. Any colony of bees will defend its hive, but Africanized bees do so with gusto. These bees are more likely to sense a threat at greater distances, become more upset with less reason, and sting in much greater numbers.

More People Will Get Stung

More people probably will be stung by bees wherever Africanized honey bees become established. Some individuals may get stung hundreds of times in only a few moments. The Africanized bee's "killer" reputation is greatly exaggerated, but it does have some basis in fact. In isolated instances, people and animals have been stung to death.

Most often, the person who died was not able to get away from the bees quickly. Animal losses have occurred for the same reasons. Pets and livestock were tied up or penned when they encountered the bees.

However, Africanized bees do not roam in giant swarms looking for victims to attack. Like most animals, these bees react defensively only when they feel threatened.

The Africanized bee is a new insect nuisance, but it will not change the way people live and work and play. People in parts of Central and South America have lived with this bee for several decades without great difficulty.

Beekkeepers Are Threatened

Beyond public safety, the Africanized honeybee will have the greatest impact on beekkeepers. Commercial beekkeepers could go out of business if Africanized bees drive out or breed into their domestic colonies.

Because honeybees provide 80 percent of the pollination required by agricultural crops, a reduction in the number of beekkeepers could lead to reduced yields in melons and other commodities as well as a decline in honey production.

Beekkeepers are working closely with state and federal agencies to minimize the impacts of the Africanized bee.

Know the Bee's Behavior

Your best protection against the Africanized bee is to understand how it behaves and react accordingly.

Bees "swarm" to establish new hives in the spring and fall. Bees are most active then. You may find bees setting up housekeeping where you live literally overnight. Individual bees gathering pollen on flowers or masses of bees clinging together in swarms generally will not bother you. However, bees are more likely to be defensive after they have established a colony and started raising young.

In our immediate area, Tarrant and Dallas counties have reported the Africanized Honey Bees. (AHB)

Take Some Common Sense Precautions at Home

- Make a "bee patrol" around your home once or twice a week during swarming season usually in the spring and fall. Listen for the sound of bees in the air. Persistent buzzing may mean a hive or swarm is nearby.
- "Bee-proof" your home by filling in potential nesting sites such as tree cavities and holes in outside walls. Put screens on the tops of rain spouts and over water meter boxes in the ground. Remove piles of trash and junk.
- If you discover a bee colony, don't disturb it. Find out who removes or destroys wild colonies in your area and report it to them. Try calling a pest control operator to see who removes bees.
- If attacked by Africanized honeybees, your best defense is to run away as fast as you can. Seek shelter immediately in a building, a car or heavy brush.

- If you are stung many times, seek medical attention immediately.
- If you are allergic to bee stings, or think you might be, consult your physician immediately for the best precautions to take.

Mowing or Operating Other Machinery

- Vibration and exhaust from mowers and other equipment can disturb the beehive, and bees will respond by attacking.
- Check the area carefully for bees and hives before starting motorized mowers, weed choppers or chainsaws.
- Be aware of culverts or drainage pipes that may be harboring a colony, and junk piles of dense shrubbery that may be shielding a hive from sight.
- Don't allow grass clippings to be propelled into suspect areas.
- Have an emergency plan. Know where you will run for cover if attacked.

While At Play

- Watch and listen for bees.
- Avoid beehives and bee traps hanging in trees.
- Bees nest in hidden places. Don't play near old buildings or junk piles.
- If you notice numbers of bees flying around your home, contact authorities.
- If bees start flying around you, run away. Don't swat them -- it will only make more bees want to sting you. And don't "freeze" in place -- you will still get stung if you do.
- If bees attack, don't try to escape by jumping into a swimming pool or pond. The bees likely will be waiting for you when you come up for air.

Protect Confined Animals

- Check carefully for bees in pens or barns where animals are confined. Regularly check areas where pets are kept on leashes or in small fenced yards or pens.
- Call authorities to remove nests or swarms.
- If bees are disturbed and begin stinging, open gates and cover animals, if possible. Move animals to safe distance.
- Animals stung repeatedly should be seen by a veterinarian. First aid is the same as for humans.
- Watch for allergic reaction, such as pinpoint pupils, shaking and vomiting.

Know the Facts

- Africanized and domestic honeybees look the same, so stay away from all bees.
- Africanized bees will build a nest almost anywhere.
- If you know of any wild bee nests, have the nest removed.

- Africanized bees defend a wide area around their home, so you may not even see the hive before bees start buzzing around you.
- Large numbers of Africanized bees are likely to sting when they sense someone is too near their nest.
- If you get stung or hear bees buzzing, run away fast and get inside a house or car. If there is no shelter, run through bushes or high weeds.
- A honeybee will leave its stinger in your skin if it stings you. Get the stinger out by raking your fingernail across it. Don't pinch or pull the stinger out. Put ice on a sting to reduce the swelling.

<http://agnews.tamu.edu/bees/>

Recognition for our Hero

Yes, that is our own Membership VP, Art Middlebrook, who was featured in a major story in the Richardson News on April 28. Art has been recognized by the State Board of Education as a Hero for Children. All the nice things they said in the newspaper story are true, and they didn't even include all of the other ways that Art contributes to our organization and our community. We're very glad to count Art and Bev as our neighbors and friends. Congratulations Art!

Board Minutes, April 14, 2002

The meeting was called to order by Bernie at 7:10 p.m. Greg Immel read the minutes of the last board meeting in Suzanne's absence. They were approved as read.

There was no treasurer's report read this month. Helen was unable to attend.

Old Business:

Easter Egg Hunt The event was held at Pearce under the drive-through cover due to the rain. There was good attendance of upwards of 30 children. A collage of pictures is in the April newsletter.

Volunteer Party Invitations to all the volunteers were mailed and there have already been some responses.

Nominating Committee The board discussed some names of people that Bernie will contact about serving as the committee. Names will be announced in the May newsletter.

New Business:

Fourth of July parade Bernie and Greg will be in charge of coordinating with the Reservation Homeowners Association about plans for the annual parade and picnic. Lynn will contact the city about a permit and also will try to get a police car and/or a motorcycle escort, like we had last year. Bernie has spoken to the Fire Department as well. There will be more information about the parade and picnic in upcoming newsletters.

Committee Reports:

Membership There have been no new members in the past month.

Development Greg will write an article about the plans for DART to provide buses to the Spring Valley Station. These buses will probably travel from UTD and down Waterview for the convenience of area residents.

Beautification Bill advised that he will judge the Yards of the Month and will have the signs out by the first weekend in May.

Newsletter Dee is hoping there will be a good response from residents to the idea of an Association Cookbook article that appeared in the April newsletter. There was one new ad for the April newsletter.

Safety Lynn told us about the many incidents that he reported in the April newsletter and expressed hopes that the Crime Watch Coordinators will inform all their neighbors of any other problems, which are sent to them by the Police Department for distribution to residents.

Internet John reported that the company who serves our website was recently hacked and he and Bernie are working together with them to try to get all our past newsletters restored, and the website up and working again very soon.

The next Homeowner’s Association Presidents meeting will be an evening meeting on April 16, at 7PM.

The upcoming board meetings will be:

- May 11 Helen Simon (After Volunteer Party)
- June 9 Lynn Sanders 7PM
- July 7 John Sadowski 7PM

Newsletter deadlines will be:

- May 9,
- June 7,
- July 5.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Russum, in Suzanne Clark’s absence

Leadership Richardson Graduates

In the last issue of the newsletter there were four people listed who had completed the Leadership Richardson Program. We have since learned there are many more graduates and we have listed ALL these residents below. If there are any we have missed, please contact any member of the board.

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| Carolyn Bukhair | Tedd Knisley |
| Susan Frensley | Pam Krause |
| Jeff Graves | Bernie Mayoff |
| Jane Greer | Anne Motsenbocker |
| Carl Hefton | Lynn Sanders |
| Gail Hefton | Bill Sharp |

From Bill Little, VP Beautification

Congratulations. Your yards are starting to look very nice. Each area had several choice yards that could have won the Yard of the Month. The winners for April were as follows:



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| 1301 Huntington | James and Amy Drumwright |
| 1411 Chesterton | Don and Wanda Heaton |
| 1200 Eton | Mike and Robyn Kassab |
| 1702 Cheyenne | Jim and Susan Kennedy |
| 1131 Edith Circle | Randy and Renee Linn |

- ❖ Check your roses for powdery mildew or black spot. Use Funginex to control both. Keep applying Orthene on 10 day intervals for thrips and aphids. Also check your mums for aphids.
- ❖ Photinias – check for fungal leaf spot. Use Daconil or Banner. This may be a hopeless cause as sooner or later the disease will get the better of all the photinias in the area.
- ❖ Use Sevin dust to control slugs and snails on hostas and other green leafy plants in your flowerbeds.
- ❖ Remember spring flowering plants like azaleas or camellias should be fertilized and pruned after blooming.
- ❖ Broadleaf weeds can be sprayed 3 or 4 days after mowing with a weed killer containing 24-d. This should control the clover and henbit like I have in my yard.
- ❖ You should have your sprinkler system set on manual mode to take advantage of the frequent rain that we are receiving. The soil can still dry out quickly so check every few days after rain to see if you need to run your systems.
- ❖ Caladiums can be planted now.
- ❖ Roundup is a very good herbicide to use to kill both Bermuda and St. Augustine grasses that is growing in unwanted places. Just be very careful when spraying and use a piece of cardboard to block the spray from shrubs or other plants that you wish to keep alive.
- ❖ Don’t forget Neil Sperry’s free e-mail newsletter each Friday. Sign up for it on his web site. www.neilsperry.com

Volunteering for the Selective Service?

What? Are you nuts? Who would volunteer for the Selective Service System? Would you believe the answer is a local resident? Can you guess who that is?

There is no draft now, and hopefully there will never be a need for one again. Indeed, part of what keeps us from needing a draft system is the knowledge that if the United States of America ever did need to mobilize our citizens to defend our country then we have the ability to mobilize quickly and effectively. That is why *every* man living in this country is required to register with the Selective Service System when they are 18 years old. In the event that there were a draft, some fraction of our

young men and medical professionals would require a deferment or an exemption. Administering that process fairly and correctly is the role of Local Selective Service Boards.

Local Boards are made up entirely of unpaid volunteers, drawn from the community. They are trained annually and each member can serve for a maximum of 20 years. In addition to the five Board members, the Selective Service System maintains a list of volunteers who can be appointed if a Board member moves or retires. If you, or someone you know, would like to know more about the Local Boards, the Selective Service System, or would be interesting in volunteering to be a Board member please contact Local Selective Service System Board member Bernie Mayoff. Yep, the same guy who serves on our Homeowners Association Board.

The 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.

<http://www.usflag.org/flag.day.html>

Total Membership Still Increasing Art Middlebrook, VP Membership

Another family has renewed:

1113 Huntington.

Jacoy, Steven and Pamela 972-699-9250.

Welcome, Jacoy family!

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

We now have 357 dues paid members for the year 2002

Membership: **357/464** Total (**76.9%**)

The Jacoys renewed because of the persistence and encouragement of a neighbor and friend. The message is clear: all of us should keep in touch with our neighbors and if they have not renewed or joined, we can encourage them to get involved. It's good for them **and** good for the J.J. Pearce Homeowners Association!

One more request: remember that we give our New Member packet to all those who recently moved into the J. J. Pearce HOA area. Please ask them to get in touch with me, 972-235-1731, email: amid937@swbell.net, or provide me their names and I will contact them. I need your help so we can keep up with all our new residents.



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Information You Can Use!

Your house never gets a second chance for a first impression!

What's the first impression your buyer has of your home? Is it inviting? In good repair? Clean? Attractive?

Buyers tend to judge homes by cost and "move-in" quality - the less they have to do to move-in, the better and the more they are willing to pay.

- Polish the front door knob and wash the glass/door.
- Sweep and clear front step area to make entry to home seem more spacious.
- Pack anything you won't use between now and moving day.
- Open dark drapes or blinds to lighten and brighten rooms and use higher wattage light bulbs for showings.
- If you have unusual pets, eg. lizards, ferrets, snakes, pet rats, etc. board them out or get a pet sitter (at grandma's?) until your home is sold.
- Play nice dinner music so buyers feel free to speak without being overheard.

Call Me for other Marketing Tips and Answers on money saving ideas.

If you want

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[Crime Talk, continued from page 4]

to the underage group. If Zipper's are not properly coded as alcoholic products in grocery stores, it is probable that underage people may be able to buy them. They may be extremely enticing to young drinkers who do not like the taste of beer or hard liquor because they mask the taste of the alcohol with flavored jello.

CopShop – The TV Show

For the past year, the Richardson Police Department Crime Prevention Unit has been working on a locally produced crime prevention and public safety cable show. The premiere episode of CopShop aired on May 9 on AT&T Broadband cable channel 14 (digital) or 14-A (standard). This episode features a segment on the "Pigeon Drop" street scam, and will be shown many more times this month according to the schedule below. CopShop is co-produced by AT&T Broadband and the Richardson Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit. CopShop is slated to air Monday - Friday at 1:30 PM and 10:30 PM, and on Saturday and Sunday at 10 AM.

Please take time to watch one of the episodes and let Crime Prevention Officer John Corbitt know what you think at 972-744-4952, john.corbitt@cor.gov.



Congratulations to all the College and High School graduates of the JJPHOA area from the Board of Directors.

May you continue to find success in your lives.

J. J. PEARCE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

**Statement of Changes in Fund Balances
For the Period September 1, 2001 – March 31, 2002**

	1 Month Ended March 31, 2002	7 Months Ended March 31, 2002	Year To Date Budget
Cash Receipts			
Membership Dues	\$30.00	\$5,070.00	\$5,000.00
Dividends	24.94	201.48	222.63
Interest		1.48	0.77
Advertising			
Newsletter	10.00	675.00	605.00
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Total Receipts	<u>\$64.94</u>	<u>\$5,947.96</u>	<u>\$5,828.40</u>
Expenses			
Crime Watch			
Metrocall	21.09	147.63	147.63
Decals		158.99	158.99
Membership			
Binders			100.00
Printing		199.45	400.00
Delivery		30.00	75.00
Social Events			
December Decorations		114.66	157.33
Newsletter			
Printing, etc.	174.84	1,800.20	1,900.27
Mailing Labels		9.99	
Delivery	60.00	465.00	465.00
Other Expenses			
Fed Income Tax	22.00	172.00	150.00
Miscellaneous			57.75
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Total Expenses	<u>\$277.93</u>	<u>\$3,097.92</u>	<u>\$3,611.97</u>
Net Income (Loss)	(\$212.99)	\$2,850.04	\$2,216.43

**Statement of Changes in Fund Balances
For the Period March 1 - March 31, 2002**

	Checking	Savings	Vanguard	Totals
Beginning Balances - 3/01/02	\$1,458.89		\$16,376.56	\$17,835.45
Add receipts	40.00		24.94	64.94
Account Transfers				
Less Disbursements	<u>277.93</u>			<u>277.93</u>
Ending Balances - 3/31/02	<u>\$1,220.96</u>		<u>\$16,401.50</u>	<u>\$17,622.46</u>

Respectfully Submitted
Helen Simon
Treasurer
Preparation Date: 4/10/02

J. J. PEARCE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

**Statement of Changes in Fund Balances
For the Period September 1, 2001 - April 30, 2002**

	1 Month Ended April 30, 2002	8 Months Ended April 30, 2002	Year To Date Budget
Cash Receipts			
Membership Dues	\$0.00	\$5,070.00	\$5,000.00
Dividends	24.14	225.62	257.63
Interest		1.48	0.77
Advertising			
Newsletter	20.00	695.00	635.00
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Total Receipts	<u>\$44.14</u>	<u>\$5,992.10</u>	<u>\$5,893.40</u>
Expenses			
Crime Watch			
Metrocall	21.24	168.87	168.72
Decals		158.99	158.99
Membership			
Binders			100.00
Printing		199.45	400.00
Delivery		30.00	75.00
Social Events			
Easter*			150.00
December Decorations		114.66	157.33
Volunteer Party**			350.00
Newsletter			
Printing, etc.	153.75	1,953.95	2,128.82
Mailing Labels		9.99	
Delivery	60.00	525.00	525.00
Other Expenses			
Federal Income Tax		172.00	150.00
Miscellaneous			66.00
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Total Expenses	<u>\$234.99</u>	<u>\$3,332.91</u>	<u>\$4,429.86</u>
Net Income (Loss) (\$190.85)		\$2,659.19	\$1,463.54

*Easter Egg Hunt Expenses still outstanding

**Volunteer Appreciation party budgeted for April, but held in May

**Statement of Changes in Fund Balances
For the Period April 1 - April 30, 2002**

	Checking	Savings	Vanguard	Totals
Beginning Balances - 4/01/02	\$1,220.96		\$16,401.50	\$17,622.46
Add receipts	20.00		24.14	44.14
Account Transfers				
<u>Less Disbursements</u>	<u>234.99</u>			<u>234.99</u>
Ending Balances - 4/30/02	\$1,005.97		\$16,425.64	\$17,431.61

Respectfully Submitted
Helen Simon
Treasurer
Preparation Date: 5/10/02

Board of Directors for 2001 – 2002

President	Bernie Mayoff	972-669-9169	bernie@mayoff.com
VP Development	Greg Immel	972-234-2981	greg.immel@hansonamerica.com
VP Safety	Lynn Sanders	972-231-6890	sanderstx@aol.com
VP Beautification	Bill Little	972-690-6315	blclkc@aol.com bill-l@telesisexpress.com(business)
VP Membership	Art Middlebrook	972-235-1731	amid937@swbell.net
Secretary	Suzanne Clark	972-690-4673	shc70@aol.com
Treasurer	Helen Simon	972-234-2443 972-234-8009	helen@simon-says.net (business phone)
Newsletter	Dee Russum	972-235-1961	jrussum@aol.com
Webmaster	John Sadowski	972-238-9826	Jcsadowski@aol.com

Newsletter Advertising

Business ads must be paid for in advance. Checks should be made payable to J. J. Pearce Homeowners Association. Contact Dee Russum, 1102 Pueblo, phone 972-235-1961 or e-mail: jrussum@aol.com

Rates per newsletter, based on 8 1/2 X 11" page.

Business card (2 x 3 1/2")	\$10.00
1/4 page	\$20.00
1/2 page	\$40.00
Full page	\$75.00

Youth ads from Association members' children for services such as baby-sitting, lawn care; etc. will be printed free of charge. All ads will ultimately be placed at the discretion of the Board, and as space permits.

PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS

Local Events May-June include:

Date	Event/Location
May	
14	North Orchestra Concert 7:30pm at PHS
17	North "Farewell Dance" 7:00-10:00pm (9 th only 9:00-10:00) at North
20	Band Meyerson Concert 8:00pm at the Meyerson Symphony Center
24	North Faculty vs Freshman Basketball Game 2:45pm at North
26	Richardson Community Band Concert 7:00 pm at City Hall Plaza
June	
9	Richardson Community Band Concert 7:00 pm at City Hall Plaza
29	DART rail stations opening ceremonies
29	Wildflower Festival noon to midnight; Galatyn Park
29	Fireworks Galatyn Park
July	
4	Our Parade and Picnic 9:50am Pearce Tennis Courts/Mimosa Park

"Our Service Is A Cut Above!"

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Richardson, TX
(972) 479-0840
Mon-Sat 8-6pm

Little's Pet Sitting

Have pets?
Going out of town?
The Little family would
be happy to take care of
your beloved pet.

Please call Kristin or Chad Little

972-690-6315.



Memorial Day 2002

A color version of the Easter Egg Hunt collage is available on our website: www.jjphoa.org



J.J. Pearce Homeowners Association
1411 Huntington
Richardson, Texas 75080

Board Meetings: June 9 at 7PM, 1128 Grassmere
July 7 at 7PM, 1300 Huntington
August 11 at 7 pm, 1102 Pueblo

BOARD MEETINGS ARE ALWAYS OPEN TO MEMBERS