

J. J. Pearce Homeowners Association Newsletter
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News from the City

- Frankie Avalon has joined the cast of Grease at the Eisemann Center and an additional performance has been added due to strong demand. The extra performance is on May 19, the night before the Wildflower Festival begins.
- The Wildflower Festival is scheduled for May 20-21 and features a number of very popular, nationally known performers.
- Countrywide is just moving in and is already providing volunteers to help with the Wildflower Festival.
- Final approval for implementation of railroad quiet zones is expected from the Federal Railroad Administration on June 24. Ten crossings in Richardson can be handled by median dividers, which is the least expensive approach. Two other crossings are more complicated and the city will work with residents in those areas to identify the best approach.
- Hotel occupancy is up about 10% for January and February over last year.
- The City of Dallas will be improving the sidewalks on the east side of Coit north of Spring Valley, and along a portion of the north side of Spring Valley as part of a trail connector. This will connect the Cottonwood and Preston Ridge Trails and provide a connection all the way to White Rock Lake.
- Richardson is one of only 12 entities in the entire state of Texas to have an AA+/AA1 or better rating by two national credit rating agencies. This provides Richardson with very favorable terms during bond sales.
- The city received one of the lowest interest rates ever, 4.18%, on the sale of \$7.7M of new Certificates of Obligation. Funds will be used for water, sewer, sanitation and fire equipment. A very favorable rate of 4.49% was obtained on the General Obligation Bond sale and restructuring that will be used for roads, drainage, parks and other improvements.
- April sales tax receipts were up 2.3% or \$30K over last year, but still below budget.

Do Us All a Favor

It is that time of year again when our Homeowner's Association By-laws state that we must appoint a Nominating Committee. That's how we figure out who is going to be on the Association Board in the next membership year. The Board has asked David Hodges to be on the Committee, and we are seeking another resident to serve with him. If you are interested, you can contact any present board member.

The Nominating Committee will develop a slate of candidates for each office: President; VP Development; VP Safety; VP Beautification; VP Membership; Secretary; and Treasurer. **You can volunteer your own name to the Nominating Committee, or recommend a friend or neighbor.** 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 listed in the back of this newsletter.

Please volunteer to be on the Nominating Committee.

Pet lost and found service

The City of Richardson Animal Shelter provides a free, online Lost and found service. You can report a lost or found animal, and can even post a picture. If you've found an animal you can view the list of animals that have been reported missing. You can also view the list of animals that are available for adoption.

To view the Animal Shelter's Lost and Found list go to www.cor.net/AnimalShelter/ and then click on Lost & Found. To report a lost or found pet click on the link at the bottom of that page, fill in the form, and attach a picture if you have one.

Business Briefs – Lennox Townhome Development

By Chris Bruckner, VP Development

As communicated to you on the front page of our April newsletter, our corporate neighbor Lennox has solicited JJ Pearce Homeowner's Association for feedback on their proposal to develop townhomes on a portion of the land adjacent to their campus. This land is presently zoned Office and would need to be re-zoned. JPHOA President Bernie Mayoff and I met with Lennox and their architect/developer to get a preliminary understanding of their proposal. After that meeting, we recommended a follow-up presentation with all members of our Association to better inform you and also give Lennox an opportunity to directly receive your feedback. This presentation was conducted April 12th and was attended by approximately 50 residents including some from the neighboring Reservation association. Lennox presented their plan to develop approximately 240 townhomes over the course of two stages, which have been designed to be marketed primarily to "empty nesters" (households without children).

In brief, the townhomes will be all brick and will be sold as either an Estate or Urban product. These two designs offer varying amenities, square footage and sale prices. Units will range from 1,400 to 2,000 sq. ft. and should initially average approximately \$130/sq. ft. to attract early buyers but are planned to increase in later months. Residences will have 2 or 3 stories and the developers are considering the addition of elevators within some dwellings based upon your feedback. The Urban product will be located closer to the local retail stores within the development whereas the Estate product will be situated on superior lots, primarily surrounding a man-made lake. The property will be managed by a mandatory homeowner's association to ensure the upkeep of all maintenance and common areas, but the cost of membership is presently unknown. There will be between 3 to 6 dwellings per building and masonry columns will surround the entire complex with wrought iron fence between columns. The homes will be wired for security systems and the community may be gated for additional protection.

It should be noted that the developer has worked for many months with the City of Richardson on their proposal before it was presented to us. They wanted to contact us sooner but the City worked with them to finalize as much of the planning as possible before soliciting our input. Their collaboration included traffic and population density studies amongst other things. In fact, re-zoning this land for residential purposes rather than office space (as it is presently zoned) will greatly reduce the number of people and autos per square foot.

The proposal was presented to the City Planning Commission on April 19th and they recommended its

approval. Next steps are for the Richardson City Council to vote on the re-zoning requirements in early May. The developers hope to break ground shortly thereafter.

Those attending the April 12 meeting on the proposal thought it was a reasonable solution for a growing market and that the developer and Lennox demonstrated great willingness to solicit and respect our feedback, as well as care for their property and how it affects the surrounding communities. An award-winning architect who resides within north Dallas who has an interest in seeing our neighborhood not only succeed but excel is developing the site. We've been informed that the schools would welcome the presence of any children that might become residents of the townhomes to boost the relatively low enrollment within our neighborhood although very few children are expected in the development. We'll be sure to keep you informed of additional information as this proposal progresses and welcome your continued feedback.

Wildflower! Arts & Music Festival



The City's biggest celebration and the area's premier arts and music festival features local, regional, and national acts performing the best in rock, country, blues, pop, R&B, Americana, and folk. **Wildflower!** has been named "Best of the Fests" by *D Magazine*. The festival is May 20-22, and is located in Galatyn Park, near the Eisemann Center. Advance tickets for Richardson residents are still only \$5 per day and can be purchased at City Hall. But these discount tickets are only available in advance. Tickets at the gate are \$15 per day so it pays to plan ahead. If you have tickets for Grease they will also admit you to **Wildflower!** for the day of the performance. An additional performance of Grease has been added to the schedule for the Thursday before Wildflower! and Frankie Avalon has joined the cast.

Some of the entertainers who will appear during the festival this year are Darryl Worley, Julie Roberts, Miranda Lambert, Rick Springfield, Ryan Cabrera, Cheap Trick, Terri Hendrix with Lloyd Maines, and The Neville Brothers. For more details, sample sounds, and schedules see www.wildflowerfestival.com. For information on Grease see www.eisemanncenter.com.

CRIME / SAFETY TALK

By Thom Pomella, VP Safety

RECENT CRIME

I would like to share part of the emails I received from two of our neighbors.

This incident occurred on Eton near Mimosa.

>>- We had been out of town over the weekend and returned late Tuesday afternoon (April 12). At four AM, I was awakened by a loud prolonged knock on the back door. The knock was insistent, stopped, and then started again after a short pause. I got up about this time and turned on the hall light as I moved toward the kitchen and back door. The knocking stopped and as I got to the kitchen door, where I can see through the back door to the back patio, I saw a young man about three steps from the back gate. By the time I reached the back door and opened it, he was gone. I called out to him to let him know I was there if it was one of the neighbors or one of my kids who live in Richardson, and there was no reply. The intruder was not running when I saw him and did not seem to be in a big hurry to exit the back porch. I turned on the back lights and went into the alley but could see no one. It was very quiet, and I could hear no footsteps, car, or engine starting. After the police interview, the conclusion was that it was either a lost person who had an appointment to wake someone, or an intruder knocking to see if there was anyone at home before attempting entry. I have Plexiglas in the door panel adjacent to the door lock and believe the sound I heard was coming from knocking on that panel. I think the intruder was 20-30 years old, was Anglo or Hispanic, dressed in slacks and a collar shirt and wore no hat.

My belief is that the intruder had cased our home, determined that we were likely out of town, and was knocking to assure that we were not there before attempting forced entry. This caused me to review what we do when we leave town. As I thought through what an indicator of our absence might be, I recalled that the last issue of our JJ Pearce newsletter was lying in the middle of the front porch when I checked the front on returning Tuesday afternoon late. I understand from my neighbors that it was likely left there on Thursday or Friday. This could have been an indicator that we were gone. -<<

This incident occurred on Chesterton near Balfour.

>>- Early this morning about 4:45 a.m. my husband and I saw a young male hoisting himself up onto our fence looking into our backyard. We called out to him and he ran and then he yelled, "Sorry." We called the police and they responded quickly but could not find him. A truck was parked on Balfour near the entrance to our alley and we did get the license plate number on that. We figure we were being cased out for something in the future, but hopefully since he saw us and we got a good look at him that won't happen. -<<

Our Association Crime Alert signs were displayed around the neighborhood following three incidents to let the bad guy know that we all know about him.

The lesson learned: If you spot someone checking out your property, call the police. Do not confront the person yourself. Let the police handle that. When you are away for a period of time, you need to notify the Richardson Police Department that you will be away. On the form you supply the dates you will be away, any persons and vehicles authorized to be there. One of the RPD volunteer auxiliary officers will check your residence. Have your mail held at the post office, or have a trusted neighbor pick it up from your mailbox. While your neighbor picks up your mail they can check your front door for newspapers, door hangers, or even the JPHOA newsletter. You could even have a neighbor across the alley place some of their trash at your trash pickup location to give your house an occupied look. I know of some neighbors who place their outgoing mail in the mailbox of their neighbor who is away. This also gives an occupied look to your house.

->> **Please alert surrounding neighbors!!**

Today in broad daylight there was a suspicious car parked in my back driveway between noon and 1 pm. It is quite possible that these two people were trying to break into my house. Here is what happened earlier today.

Standing in my kitchen shortly after noon today, I could see through the cracks in my fence, a figure walking westward down the alley. I went to my garage and stood on a chair to look out the window and saw nothing in my back driveway. I came back into the kitchen. Within five minutes my doorbell rang. It was my daughter (who has her own apt.) who "happened" to be driving north on Mimosa through the neighborhood, only cutting through to kill time between work and going to take a final at UTD. She told me that someone was parked in my back driveway and they were digging in their trunk. I told her that I had just seen someone through the fence walking behind our property but didn't see anyone in our driveway just ten minutes beforehand. I went to the garage and opened the back overhead door and there was a silverish gold small four door car parked in my driveway close to the door. It was quite a surprise. In the drivers' seat was a light skinned, stocky Hispanic male (Jennifer saw him digging in his trunk when she drove north on Mimosa) and a white teenage looking male in the front passenger seat. The Hispanic male never spoke. They were both sipping on straws in some type of go beverages with their windows down.

Car Description: Small four door silverish gold car (from Mimosa Jennifer thought it looked like her grandmother's 95 Camry which is a metallic gold). The Texas license plate began with R26. I didn't get the last three numbers/letters as he sped down the alley when I confronted him.

Driver: A stocky Hispanic male, age possibly from 16-25, approx. 5'9", light skinned, thick dark hair, sideburns, wearing a white shirt. He didn't speak. Passenger: A fair skinned male approx. 14-18, noticeably sat much lower in the seat than the driver. He had thick, stringy light blond hair that was about down to the bottom of his ears.

When I opened my garage door to see who was in the driveway, the car was parked within 10 feet of our garage door and we have a long back driveway. I shouted out "What are you doing in my driveway?" There was a pause and then the car backed out of my driveway and I followed the car to the alley. The car sped off down the alley eastbound where the alley bends, and I couldn't get the full license plate number of the car. When I ran to the alley to get a good look at the suspects, the younger passenger shouted out very nonchalantly, "We were just looking for a place to turn around."

Please be on the lookout for these two males and the car they were driving in. Because they were pulled so close to my house and because the Hispanic male was digging around in his trunk, I suspect they were casing my house to break in. This was in broad daylight and the exact time of day I always left to meet a friend for lunch every Wed. It just so happens that I didn't meet her today for lunch because she had surgery recently. That leaves me to believe that someone was watching me and saw that I left my house every Wed at this same time and they observed that no one would be at home.

I called the police immediately when this incident happened. Please be on the lookout for this type thing at your homes and at the homes around you. Criminals are getting bolder and bolder these days! My Tahoe was parked in the front driveway, and I was at home in the kitchen. Who knows what might have occurred today had my daughter not driven down Mimosa at exactly the time these two males were parked in my back driveway????????? -<<

Now that is being alert. The only thing wrong was confronting the suspicious persons. Please leave that to the police. Call the police when you see the suspicious activity, and keep your eye on them. Once again.... **Do not confront them.**

SPEEDERS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

This might not be one of your children, but it could be one of his / her friends. This is from an email I received from one of our neighbors.

Here's a new one—Silver Mitsubishi (probably Eclipse) 2 door with sun/moon roof. License plate is X53NLM. Last Wednesday (April 6) around 10:45 a.m. this kid and his passenger went zooming down Eton from Mimosa to Cheyenne. Someone on the street honked at them, which drew my attention to them. I watched them slow down as they reached Cheyenne. Then they pulled into the driveway

of one of the houses on Cheyenne (at first I thought that they were parking there and we'd get them identified that way), backed back out onto Cheyenne, and then came back onto Eton. They accelerated on Eton like they were on a jet runway. They flew all the way down Eton until they hit Mimosa. Here's the part that makes me uncertain if this is a neighborhood kid—when I was leaving the neighborhood moments later, I drove down Mimosa and saw the car parked in the alley between Eton and Stratford. They were sitting there with their nose pointing out to Mimosa. Across the street I saw two more kids who looked like they were sneaking off the Pearce campus and heading toward the Mitsubishi. I think he was picking them up to take them somewhere off campus. This particular idiot driver probably neared 55 or 60 miles an hour on Eton.



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Minutes of Board Meeting, April 3, 2005

Bernie Mayoff called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m. at the home of Helen Simon, following the Thank You reception.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the last Board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Helen Simon presented the Treasurer's report. It was approved as presented.

Old Business

The Easter Egg Hunt was rescheduled to March 28. Approximately 25 children participated.

New Business

- Nominating Committee. Marc Perlstein to call members for volunteers.
- Neighborhood Vitality nominations. The HOA will nominate the Pearce High School Landscaping when all the trees are planted.
- Street sign toppers. It was discovered that sign toppers would cost around \$100 each. No further action will be taken.
- Lennox Development proposal. There will be a meeting with the HOA members on April 12 to explain the proposed development. They will also present information at the city planning meeting on April 19.

Committee Reports

- Newsletter: Dee Russum reported 2 new ads and 4 political ads.
- Safety: Thom Pomella reported there was one reported burglary, and several reports of vandalism to mailboxes.

The next Homeowner's Association President's meeting will be April 19 at 7:00 am.

Next Board meetings are as follows.

- May 1 at Thom Pomella at 7:00 pm. Newsletter deadline is April 27.
- May 29 at 1102 Pueblo at 7:00 pm. Newsletter deadline is May 25th.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy De La Garza, Secretary

We hear from our readers -- and others



Dear Bernie and Gang,

Thank you for a wonderful egg hunt on Monday. My kids had a great time. There were so many eggs!!

I am returning the eggs to you in hopes you can use them again next year. Thanks again!

Dorothy Hickerson

To: Bernie Mayoff, J.J. Pearce HOA
From: Nancy Wilson, LWV-Richardson
4/25/05

Dear Bernie,

Thank you and the J.J. Pearce HOA for cosponsoring the candidates forums for the Richardson City Council and the RISD trustees.

The number of people at the COR forum was just under 200, and the count at the RISD forum was 105. Both audiences had an excellent opportunity to see the candidates in action. We were really pleased with the turnout and the interest.

As you know, the League of Women Voters never supports or opposes any candidate or party.

It was a pleasure to work with you and I look forward to doing so again.

Sincerely,
Nancy

	
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Greetings from Phil Meeker, V.P. of Beautification

Well, to date (April 25) we have had an unusually mild and surprising dry spring. But if history is on my side; the weather is about to warm up. Rain? It's anyone's guess. The spring blooming plants are loving the current cooler than an average temperatures. Azaleas, Indian Hawthorns, viburnum had an extended blooming period thanks to the weather. But most of the daffodils, tulips and other spring bulbs wilted before the colors flushed on spring blooming shrubs, tip...daffodils, tulips have early, mid-season and late bloomers. Buy the late variety.

What to do now:

- Plant all heat loving plants including tropical. Look for 10-inch pots of summer color at great prices in the "big boxes." Remove plants from their containers and plant in your beds/borders for instant color. Don't forget to try some of the annual vines like sweet potato, purple hyacinth bean or morning glory. They provide quick color and coverage.
- Now is the time to shape spring blooming shrubs and hardy vines by pick pruning. This method is used to control the growth of plants without having the sheared appearance.
- Continue watering as needed. For ideal growing conditions complete all landscape watering by 10 am.
- Watch for bagworms and tent caterpillars on conifers and pecans. Break open bags with a long pole and spray with BT.
- Check your crepe myrtle trees and shrubs as well for powdery mildew and black spot. Use a mix of 1tsp. baking soda to 1qt. of water and 2 drops of liquid detergent (as a surfactant)...it makes the spray stick to the foliage. Spray early in the morning.
- Crab grass is now germinating. Treat with MSMA. Stop treating when temps exceed 90 degrees.

The April winners of the yard of the month had lots of spring color from shrubs, spring bulbs and still thriving pansies and viola. Well done! See color pictures on the web site: JJPHOA.org

One last observation:

Yard of the month's focus has been on front yard color and I have been thinking. Would any HOA member be interested or inclined to have their back yard and/or or side yard photographed and plants identified for the newsletter photos at this time – I would be inclined not to give addresses.

Just as with the current YOM, this would give other folks more ideas to enhance their landscapes. I would appreciate feedback: 972-690-4677



**Congratulations
to all of the Association
members and their families
who are graduating in May.**

Mary Elizabeth Conrad

Our condolences to the family, neighbors and friends of Mary Elizabeth Conrad who passed away on April 5. A daughter Susan Amis, son-in-law Jim, their three children Matthew, Patty and Sam Amis, and another granddaughter Crystal Meisner Muegge and her husband Jared survive her. She was preceded in death by her husband Rev. Leslie Conrad, and her daughter Ann Meisner.

Five generations of Blackleys

Wayne & Frances Blackley, Stratford Drive members, have a new great-grandson born on March 31, 2005 at Presbyterian Hospital Dallas. This makes them part of a rare group of five generation families as Frances and Wayne both still have parents living and on their own. Jonas Conner (JC) weighed 7lbs. 14oz. and is doing well. As soon as he gets a little older they plan family pictures to document the big event. JC's mother was also part of a five-generation family when she was born in 1983.

Yard of the month winners



1129 Eton
Richard and Pam Sasser



1128 Edith Circle
Allen and Lee Ann Brunelli



1205 Huntington
Jim and Mary Jo Pinac



1301 Huntington
James and Amy Drumwright



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Richardson Police Department marks 50 years of service to citizens



Employees of the Richardson Police Department are sporting new badges and driving patrol cars marked with special decals in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the RPD. As the year progresses, PD officials are planning events and commemorations of the 50 years of service the department has provided to the City of Richardson.

The mid 1950's were years of great change and progress for Richardson. The population grew from 1,289 in 1950 to 16,810 in 1960. In 1955, as a major building boom started in the Richardson Heights area, the City adopted a home rule charter, hired the first city manager—R.B. Sherrill—and took over law enforcement from the Dallas County sheriff by hiring a police chief and two officers to serve approximately 5,000 residents. Today, 145 sworn officers and 100 civilian employees of the Richardson Police Department serve 95,995 Richardson residents.

J. W. Golden was one of the first two officers hired by the City of Richardson in 1955. He became police chief in 1957 after the death of the first chief, Jack Stults. Golden served as chief until 1974. Golden recalled that 50 years ago, the department had one car—a 1955 Ford. “We thought it was tops because the windshield was tinted,” Golden laughed. The vehicle had no air conditioning and manual transmission. Golden said “watching and waiting” and monitoring traffic on Greenville Avenue were the biggest police responsibilities in 1955.

Today, technology offers new capabilities as well as new challenges in policing. “The biggest difference between now and then is the use of technology in the field, in day-to-day routine activities,” said Police Chief Larry Zacharias who was hired as a rookie officer in 1977. He recalled that even 30 years ago, police cars were equipped with little more than an overhead light bar, a siren and a radio. Today’s

patrol vehicles have laptop computers, geographic tracking devices and dash-mounted video cameras.

“And, of course, in the old days, we didn’t have cybercrime. Identity theft didn’t exist. But the one thing that hasn’t changed and will never change is how we deal with people,” Zacharias said. “Police officers have to communicate well with people. That is a constant.”

When the police department was organized 50 years ago, volunteers provided assistance. One report of the Richardson Historical and Genealogical Society states that 14 people in the police reserve helped with communications and investigations in 1955. Today, 40 volunteers have been trained to provide assistance to officers. Zacharias hopes to bring that total to 100 in the near future.

The chief sees the department’s greatest achievement over 50 years as the establishment of a “legacy of outstanding integrity.” The greatest challenge of the next 50 years is to maintain and enhance that legacy, Zacharias said.

“All relationships are partnerships,” Zacharias said. “This community has expectations that we can’t achieve by ourselves. We need community support and input so we can work together to solve problems.”

The first official event of the PD’s anniversary celebration will be an open house scheduled for the first weekend in May. More information will be in future issues of Richardson Today.



Editor’s note: Reprinted from the Richardson Today paper and our special thanks to Rick Mc Garry the CIS Coordinator, Citizens Information Services with the City of Richardson. All the officers are wearing the 50th anniversary badge that is depicted at the beginning of this article and just above is the banner as it appears on all the police cars.

Citizens Police Academy



Did you know that Richardson citizens have the opportunity to learn the inner workings of the Richardson Police Department (RPD)? Through a program called the Citizen Police Academy (CPA), residents can learn everything from the police officer selection process to special weapons and tactics (SWAT).

RPD believes the only way to have a great police department is to foster a great relationship with the community through positive, interactive programs. Neighborhood Crime Watch, Apartment Crime Watch, Business Crime Watch, Crime Prevention for Older Adults, School Resource Officers and the Citizen Police Academy are all programs the Police Department offers to help.

The purpose of the CPA is to teach citizens about the internal workings of the police department. Through this program RPD can improve communication and help citizens make more informed judgments about the police.

The police department selected various community leaders to participate in the first CPA held from September 29 through December 9, 1992. This class was by invitation only, however, all opportunities to attend the CPA are now open to the public. There is no cost to students.

The CPA is facilitated through the RPD's Crime Prevention Unit. The 39-hour class meets once a week for three hours over a 13-week period. Students are instructed in the areas of officer selection/recruiting, field training, patrol procedures, communications & 9-1-1, detention procedures, use of force and special weapons and tactics (SWAT). In addition, they learn about firearms, criminal investigations, family violence, crime scene and crime prevention. Members of the police department who work in these areas instruct these classes. The class size is usually 12 students. This ensures personal interaction between instructors and class members, and within the class itself! The police department holds two CPA's a year: spring and fall.

Although the format is primarily lecture, these are also hands-on activities with SWAT equipment, firearms, a tour of the jail and a tour of the communications facility. During the semester, students have the opportunity to ride with a patrol officer for an entire shift. Students can also spend time in the Communications Building where all emergency calls are handled. Additionally, one complete Saturday class allows students to experience the firearms range as well as the police tactical driving course!

One thing RPD hopes is accomplished by the CPA is for graduates to go back into the community and convey to others the internal functions of the police department. An example: a citizen might have a complaint against heavy traffic enforcement in certain areas of the city. In the CPA, students learn that through intensive study by Richardson's traffic and police departments, officers patrol in the areas that are heaviest in accidents, according to the study. (Through strategic planning the police department has demonstrated the ability to prevent accidents.)

The Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization comprised of CPA graduates. The group assists the police department with volunteer activities and special needs. Many of the members volunteer to be "on-call" for emergencies in which the police SWAT is employed. If necessary, this group, or "canteen", provides food and water for the officers called-out to the critical incident. This has proven to be an asset on several occasions.

Anyone who is a Richardson resident or works in Richardson and is at least 21 years of age can apply for the CPA. Applications are processed by the Crime Prevention Unit and the office of the Chief of Police. Criminal history checks will be conducted on all applicants. If you are interested in participating in the CPA, please feel free to call Officer Gescheidle at 972-744-4953.

Some of our Association members who have completed the Citizens Police Academy course are:

Ramon Bukhair
Debby Conard
Marshall Gandy
Jerry Gray
Bernie Mayoff
Art Middlebrook
Joe Russum
Lynn Sanders

A National Moment of Remembrance On Memorial Day

**That poem about where “poppies blow”
And, “the crosses, row on row”
Still rings true, these ninety years
After written, still brings tears.**

**We still have Dead, “amid the guns”
And lose our young and our loved ones
Those who lived, “short days ago”
Who, “felt dawn, saw sunset glow”.**

**In Flanders Fields, “the poppy red”
Still grow near where the blood was bled
They, “Take up our quarrel with the foe”
And still die for Freedoms that we know.**

**They pass, “The torch” to, “hold it high”
And not, “break the faith with us who die”
For they, “shall not sleep, though poppies
grow”
Beneath all those, “crosses, row on row”
In Flanders Fields.**

**Del “Abe” Jones
4-25-2005**

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Many places and people lay claim to being first to celebrate our Memorial Day but it is a time for all Americans to come together to Honor our War Heroes from all Wars. A three day weekend when we should all pause a moment and remember them as decreed by President Clinton in the year 2000. <http://www.usmemorialday.org/speeches/president/may0200.txt>

I have “stolen” some partial lines from the famous poem “In Flanders Fields” written by Canadian John McCrae in 1915.

Information about McCrae and poem at:
<http://www.english.emory.edu/LostPoets/McCrae.html>
<http://www.edu.pe.ca/vrcs/remembrance2000/flanders.html>
Visit <http://www.inflandersfields.be/default2.htm> for Flanders Fields Museum

Dogs on a leash



From one of our readers:

If you see a dog being walked off a leash you can phone Animal Control at 972-744-4480. They will try to send someone out right away. For repeat offenders they will contact the owner even if the animal is back home. For a repeat offender you would have to file a complaint, but your identity is kept confidential. You can do it by phone or by e-mail. If you want to use e-mail the easiest way is to click on the “stray /wild animals” button at <http://www.cor.net/NeighborhoodServices/Complaints.html>

I strongly believe you could do all of us an even bigger service if you would publish (in the newsletter) something about the fact that so many of our homeowners let their cats roam - many without any ID at all - around the neighborhood. It makes it IMPOSSIBLE for people like myself to distinguish between a stray and an owned cat. Perhaps you could remind everyone that cats are subject to the leash law, too. Unfortunately outside cats are subject to damage that is very ugly after factoring in malicious teens, cars, dogs, contagious diseases, etc. Vet bills go up and life expectancy goes down. So, please take some of our newsletter to talk about this. At the least, ask everyone to keep an up-to-date ID tag on a stretch collar (at Petco, etc.) if they insist on letting them outside.

Another note: I’ve noticed we have an increasing number of residents “walking” their dogs - some incredibly large, i.e. there is a Great Dane that is not on a leash. The residents blithely stroll along while their dog/s “walk” all over and around the yards, almost always relieving themselves in others’ yards and often rushing up to other people and dogs. These dogs terrify adults and children.

Editor’s note: Keeping your beloved pet on a leash is as much protection for your pet as it is for residents out enjoying a stroll who might be a little afraid of your pet. A small dog can cause as bad a bite as a large dog. As well as following the law, keeping your pet on its leash when it is not in your confined yard is being a good neighbor.

J J PEARCE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
Statement of Cash Receipts and Expenses
For the Period September 1, 2004 to April 30, 2005

	Month Ended April 30, 2005	Year to Date Actual April 30, 2005	Year To Date Budget
Cash Receipts			
Membership Dues	\$0.00	\$5,130.00	\$5,220.00
CPR Class	10.00	150.00	
Dividends	33.11	168.18	80.00
<u>Advertising-Newsletter</u>	<u>120.00</u>	<u>1,170.00</u>	<u>800.00</u>
Total Receipts	163.11	6,618.18	6,100.00
Expenses			
Crime Watch			
Metrocall	22.20	176.90	176.90
National Night Out		63.61	
Membership			
Annual Meeting		79.69	80.00
Binders			100.00
Board Planning Meeting		280.69	300.00
CPR Class		384.00	200.00
Delivery		30.00	30.00
Directory Printing		423.67	320.00
Internet Domain Fee		34.64	34.64
Social Events			
Easter			125.00
December Decorations		125.47	250.00
Volunteer Appreciation Party	278.03	299.93	275.00
Newsletter			
Printing, etc.	175.20	1,433.26	1,610.00
Delivery	60.00	510.00	510.00
Other Expenses			
Fire Department Dinners		151.53	175.00
Pearce Landscaping Project	1,830.00	6,230.50	6,200.00
<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>2,365.43</u>	<u>10,223.89</u>	<u>10,386.54</u>
Net Income (Loss)	-\$2,202.32	-\$3,605.71	-\$4,286.54

Fund Balances:

	Checking	Vanguard	Totals
Beginning Balances - 4/1/05	\$3,390.56	\$11,460.15	\$14,850.71
Add receipts	130.00	33.11	163.11
Transfers			
<u>Less Disbursements</u>	<u>2,365.43</u>		<u>2,365.43</u>
Ending Balances - 4/30/05	\$1,155.13	\$11,493.26	\$12,648.39

Respectfully Submitted, Helen Simon, Treasurer, May 1, 2005



Local Events May – June include:

Date	Event	Time/Location
May		
7	Election Day Police Department open house	7:00am-7:00pm, Mohawk 10:00am – 1:00pm, Police complex, Greenville and Main
7-8	Cottonwood Art Festival	9:00am – 6:00pm
8	Mother's Day	
9	Pearce Percussion Concert	7:30pm, Pearce
10	Pearce Bands Meyerson Concert	7:00pm Meyerson Symphony Center
11	Pearce Orchestra Concert	6:30pm at Pearce
17	Pearce Spring Choir Concert	7:30pm, Pearce
21	Pearce Graduation	3:30pm, SMU
20-22	Wildflower Festival	Galatyn Park/Eisemann Center Plaza
25	Mohawk 6 th grade graduation	6:30pm, Mohawk
26	School Ends	
30	Memorial Day Holiday	
June		
11	City Council and RISD Run-off elections if necessary	
19	Father's Day	

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