

J. J. PEARCE NEWSLETTER

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November 2001

Why We Have a Homeowners Association

By Bernie Mayoff

Property values, safety, communication, community, social. Those five ideas probably sum up the reasons that our neighborhood has a Homeowners Association. They are the reason that we would organize one if it hadn't already been done more than 20 years ago. Although the formal name of the organization says "homeowner", and almost all of our residents do own their homes, membership is open to everyone residing in a home in our area.

The J. J. Pearce Homeowners Association area includes 464 homes plus the adjoining shopping centers, two schools and one remaining parcel of land that will be developed someday. There is also a small parcel of undeveloped land at Coit and Senior Way that belongs to the school district. One of the primary purposes of our Association is to monitor development activities throughout the area, and to provide a common voice to the city and to developers, to preserve and enhance our property values and our quality of life.

Safety is our other primary reason for existing. Our common objectives are remarkably similar to the Standard of Purpose of the police department itself: To prevent physical, economic and emotional harm to our community; to help recover, restore or minimize loss; and to provide a sense of safety and well being to our residents.

Having an organization that addresses those primary objectives gives us the opportunity to go farther. To communicate news and information that is important within our neighborhood. To promote neighborliness and friendship. And to provide an opportunity for social interaction with our neighbors.

We've done a lot of all of those things this past year, and we hope to do as well in the coming year. All of our activities, accomplishments and challenges have been described in the newsletter that our members have received each month. The last 12 issues are available on our website, www.jjphoa.org. When we've included photos in the newsletter they appear in color on the website.

We've published over 170 articles in our newsletter this year and every one of them has applied directly the residents of our neighborhood. From the serious to the whimsical, we've talked about water to crime to streets and sidewalks to gardening to history. We have 19 active Crime Watch areas and a reputation with the city for being involved, informed and reasonable. We've sponsored

a Candidates Forum and a Fourth of July Parade. If it affects us, or if our neighborhood wants to do it, then our Homeowners Association is involved.

The newsletter is being distributed to all 464 residents in the months of September, October and November. If you've already sent in your dues, your neighbors all thank you. If you haven't done it yet please fill out the form inside the back cover and send it in now so that you will continue to receive the newsletter and be able to take advantage of our other activities. The updated membership Directory will go to press December 15.

Membership Enrollment "Inching" Along

By Art Middlebrook, VP Membership

The JJPHOA membership drive is progressing - however, with less than one month to go before we must print our address book, we really need to get the rest of you signed up quickly. As of November 15, we have 220 on board for the year 2002:

Members	230
% Total (464)	49.6%

49.6% means we have a long way to go. And there are only 4 weeks left before we have to print the new directory! We have started asking block captains to call on neighbors and to remind them to get their memberships in. With the holiday season rapidly approaching, I am asking all of you to get them to me as quickly as possible. Call me, 972-235-1731, if I can help you in any way.

Holiday Decoration Judging

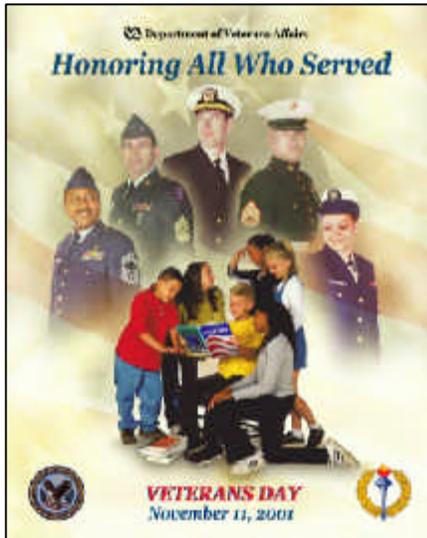


The Vice President of Beautification, Janet Karr will be judging our area for the Holiday Decorations Awards starting on December 14th. Please turn on your decorations by dark, which is about 6PM. And, Good Luck to everyone!

Members are Welcome at Board Meetings

Our Board Meetings are always open to any member. If you have a suggestion, a comment or are just curious please join us. The locations of the meetings are published on the cover each month.

Origins of Veterans Day



In 1921, an unknown World War I American soldier was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. This site, on a hillside overlooking the Potomac River and the city of Washington, became the focal point of reverence

for America's veterans.

Similar ceremonies occurred earlier in England and France, where an unknown soldier was buried in each nation's highest place of honor (in England, Westminster Abbey and in France, the Arc de Triomphe). These memorial gestures all took place on November 11, giving universal recognition to the celebrated ending of World War I fighting at 11 a.m., November 11, 1918 (the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month). The day became known as "Armistice Day."

Armistice Day officially received its name in America in 1926 through a Congressional resolution. It became a national holiday 12 years later by similar Congressional action. If the idealistic hope had been realized that World War I was "the War to end all wars," November 11 might still be called Armistice Day. But only a few years after the holiday was proclaimed, war broke out in Europe. Sixteen and one-half million Americans took part. Four hundred seven thousand of them died in service, more than 292,000 in battle.

Armistice Day Changed To Honor All Veterans

An answer to the question of how to pay tribute to those who had served in this latest, great war came in a proposal made by Representative Edwin K. Rees of Kansas: Change Armistice Day to Veterans Day, and make it an occasion to honor those who have served America in all wars. In 1954 President Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming November 11 as Veterans Day.

On Memorial Day 1958, two more unidentified American war dead were brought from overseas and interred in the plaza beside the unknown soldier of World War I. One was killed in World War II, the other in the Korean War. In 1973, a law passed providing interment of an unknown American from the Vietnam War, but none was found for several years. In 1984, an unknown serviceman from that conflict was placed alongside the others. To honor these

men, symbolic of all Americans who gave their lives in all wars, an Army honor guard, and The 3d U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard) keeps day and night vigil.

A law passed in 1968 changed the national commemoration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. It soon became apparent, however, that November 11 was a date of historic significance to many Americans. Therefore, in 1978 Congress returned the observance to its traditional date.

National Ceremonies Held at Arlington

The focal point for official, national ceremonies for Veterans Day continues to be the memorial amphitheater built around the Tomb of the Unknowns. At 11 a.m. on November 11, a combined color guard representing all military services executes "Present Arms" at the tomb. The nation's tribute to its war dead is symbolized by the laying of a presidential wreath. The bugler plays "taps." The rest of the ceremony takes place in the amphitheater. Veterans Day ceremonies at Arlington and elsewhere are coordinated by the President's Veterans Day National Committee. Chaired by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the committee represents national veterans' organizations.

Governors of states and U.S. territories appoint Veterans Day chairpersons who, in cooperation with the National Committee and the Department of Defense, arrange and promote local ceremonies. Reprinted from the Veterans Administration website.

(<http://www.va.gov/pubaff/celebam/vetday.htm>)

Pearce Honors Veterans

On Monday morning, November 12th, the Pearce Student Athletic Council honored veterans in a moving ceremony. Captain Forrest Biard, USN (Retired) was the guest speaker. He is a Naval Academy graduate, studied Japanese in Tokyo for 2 years and was a 'code breaker' at Pearl Harbor prior to December 7, 1941. His work during World War II remained classified until 1984. Captain Biard, at 89 years old, is the last remaining survivor of 12 code breakers of the Pacific Theater. He related some of his experiences at the Battle of the Coral Sea. The Captain explained to the students how easy it would have been to lose the war in the Pacific, what it was like to be on an aircraft carrier under attack, and how luck, weather and mistakes by the enemy all worked to our advantage. After his Naval career, he taught university level nuclear physics for 25 years.



Pearce's Mustang band and Forté entertained the audience of many veterans, their families and the student body with patriotic selections.

A Man's Gotta' Do What A Man's Gotta' Do
By Bernie Mayoff

If you're a man between the ages of 18 and 26, or know a man between those ages, then you know someone who has registered with the Selective Service System – or who should. This year, the week of November 5-9 was National Selective Service Awareness Week. The purpose of the Awareness Week is to remind all young men living in the United States, and any U.S. citizens who may be living outside of the country, of the requirement for men to register and to be sure they know how easy it is to do.

The United States has not had a draft since 1973. We didn't even have a registration system between 1975 and 1980. But in 1980 the President and Congress realized the need for a registration system in case an emergency or other situation ever required a draft to supplement our all-volunteer military. The Selective Service System, or SSS, administers the registration process, and in the event that Congress instituted a draft, the SSS would be called upon to classify registrants and call them for examination according to a random drawing system based on birth dates. Registration offers important, even critical, advantages to young men, and significant disadvantages to those few that do not register. Registration is required to obtain federally backed student loans. It is required to attend many universities. In many states it is required to obtain a driver's license. It is required of anyone who might ever consider working for any part of the federal government or the postal service, or for anyone who might ever consider working for many state governments and many other governmental entities. During a television newscast about a job fair in New York in October, someone in line complained that companies were asking if applicants had registered with the SSS. Apparently this individual thought that it was all right for him to ignore his obligation to the rest of us, but that the rest of us should still feel an obligation to support him.

Registering has never been easier. Men are required to register within 30 days of their 18th birthday. They can now register while they are 17 and the SSS will automatically process their registration when they are 18. You can only register until you are age 26. After that it is too late. If a man has not registered by then, he will never be eligible for many employment and other opportunities. He is also subject to up to 5 years in prison and up to \$250,000 in fines. The objective of the Selective Service System, though, is not punishment. The objective is enrollment and more than 94% of men comply. Most men register via the Internet at www.sss.gov. Forms are available at high schools and post offices. The Selective Service System experienced its highest online registration ever immediately following the tragedy of September 11. Hopefully we will never need to reinstitute a draft, but it is important to know the country is prepared.



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News From the City

- Sherrill Park Course 2 opened October 20. See the article on page 9 for more information.
- Richardson has a Health Officer and an arrangement with Baylor-Richardson Medical Center and they work together with the Police and Fire Departments to deal with any biological scares.
- The DART rail stations at Spring Valley, Arapaho and Galatyn Park are scheduled to open in late June 2002.



- The Eisemann Center is expected to open in September 2002.
- Declining sales tax revenues are a challenge for Richardson and the rest of the Metroplex. Sixty per cent of Richardson's sales tax revenue comes from the large businesses that operate here and whose sales have fallen significantly. 40% of Richardson's General Fund comes from sales tax revenue. The budget estimates for the coming year were based on the experience of the last five years, and reflected anticipated declines, but the estimates did not anticipate declines as severe as those that have occurred since July of this year. The City will face a challenge in the coming year.

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Kudos for Mohawk

At RISD's "Excellence and Innovation in Education Awards Ceremony" Mohawk received several awards.

Mohawk received a Superintendent's Medallion Award for sustained excellence in reading. The beautifully framed medallion will probably be displayed in the library. A flag that says "2000-2001 Superintendent's Medallion Award Winner" is flying beneath the school's Texas Flag. Mohawk has also been rated a "five star school" by the Just For Kids organization. Just For Kids rated 5,000+ schools in Texas on a scale of one-to-five stars (five being the best, of course!) This information is published in the November issue of Texas Monthly. The Just For Kids organization looks at schools differently than the state does. They do not base their ratings on the TAAS ratings exclusively. This is the same organization that was published in D Magazine last spring.

Mohawk was rated as one of the top twenty schools in the State of Texas at that time using even another set of criteria. These awards are in addition to being recognized by Dr. Carolyn Bukhair and members of the RISD Board of Trustees as one of eight schools in the state of Texas that has maintained the rating of Exemplary for nine consecutive years.



Congratulations to Mohawk's staff, students and parents.

Minutes of the General Meeting, October 9, 2001

Bernie Mayoff, President of the J. J. Pearce Homeowner's Association called the meeting to order. Bernie began by thanking Helen Simon and Dee Russum for the refreshments. Great Harvest Bread Co. donated the cookies.

Bernie then introduced the officers. Helen Simon gave the Treasurer's report. A financial review needs to be done by a committee of three. Bernie asked for volunteers. Vice President of Development Laurie Wiss was not present. In her absence Bernie discussed all of the commercial development surrounding the neighborhood in the last year. In particular, Bernie mentioned how cooperative Whataburger had been. Vice President of Beautification Bill Little stated that he had been judging the yards for two years and the next judging will be the holiday judging which will be by the new VP of Beautification. Vice President of Membership Ira Barash was not present. In his absence Bernie reported that 75% of the homeowners belong to the association. This year Ira will be the Crimewatch coordinator for his area. Vice President of Safety Lynn Sanders was not present. In his absence Bernie noted that we added four signs to cover all nine entrances to the neighborhood alerting us to neighborhood information. In addition, some new Crimewatch coordinators have volunteered. Newsletter Editor Dee Russum stated that she has enjoyed doing the newsletter. A suggestion was made to put together the news-

letter articles concerning Richardson's history for new neighbors. Bernie reminded us to thank our advertisers. John Sadowski, the Webmaster, was introduced.

Bernie briefly went over why we were considering the bylaws revisions and made copies available to those who wanted them. Bernie then opened the floor to discussion and questions regarding the proposed bylaws revisions. Phil Meeker moved that we accept the revised bylaws. There was a second and the motion passed. Bernie introduced the Nominating Committee of Al Nix and Bob Nusser. Al presented the following slate of officers for the Homeowners

Association officers for the 2001-2002 year:

President	Bernie Mayoff
VP Development	Greg Immel
VP Beautification	Janet Karr
VP Safety	Lynn Sanders
VP Membership	Art Middlebrook
Secretary	Suzanne Clark
Treasurer	Helen Simon

There being no nominations from the floor, Phil Meeker moved that the proposed slate of officers be accepted. The motion was seconded and passed.

Bernie thanked Lauri, Ira and Bill for their service to the organization over the past year.

Anne Foster, President of the Board of Trustees for RISD was then introduced. She gave an informative program concerning our schools, programs, and community involvement.

The meeting was adjourned about 9:30.

Respectfully Submitted by Suzanne Clark, Secretary

And the Winners Were . . .

A big thank you to the businesses that donated door prizes and refreshments for our annual meeting on October 9th. Everyone enjoyed the cookies provided by Great Harvest Bread Company.



Door prizes:

Duffel bag from **Whataburger- Pauline Nusser**

Dinner for four at **Whataburger- George Six**

Dinner for four at **Whataburger- Art Middlebrook**

One pound of meat from **Sonny Bryan's- Newton Mohn**

One pound of meat from **Sonny Bryan's- June Mohn**

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Lee Ann Brunelli

Gourmet cooking class at **Central Market-**

Herman Cook

Dinner for two at **la Madeleine- Suzanne Clark.**

Great Harvest bread for one year- **Claire Rambin**

Custom cake from **Denise Mayoff** of Creative Cakes-

Jim Dillard

Thank You, Joan

We learned from Joan McFarlane that the author of the poem "One" in the October newsletter is Cheryl Sawyer, Professor, Counseling Department, University of Houston-Clear Lake. We appreciate resident feedback on the newsletter.

October 17th Board Minutes

The new Board met at the home of Bernie Mayoff on October 17th at 8:15PM. The minutes of the July meeting were approved as read.

Under old business, the Board discussed the annual meeting and deemed it a success – with many new residents present. Bernie has sent thank you notes to all door prize contributors on behalf of the association. Helen reported that there was \$1,694.34 in the checking account, \$14,239.13 in the Vanguard Money Market Account and \$125.18 in a savings account. It was decided that she would close out the savings account. As of 10/17 there were 180 paid members with dues coming in daily. Art presented ideas for a "welcome Packet" which will be presented to new residents as they move into our area. Bernie told the Board that the city looks to the Homeowners Associations for ideas and input, for ways to make the city a better place to live. Bernie announced that Sue Immel, Gail Huckabee and Joe Russum would serve as the Financial Review Committee and Helen will contact them to schedule a meeting in early December.

Under new business, we learned that Bob Nusser will handle the Holiday decorations for the last time, as he and Pauline are moving out of the area after the first of the year. The Board talked of ways to encourage a higher attendance for the next annual meeting in September 2002. Greg was asked to look into purchasing new decals for the association. The Board discussed the possibility of a flagpole at the north entrance to the subdivision on Mimosa. Bernie will investigate with the city. The proposed 2002 budget will be ready for review at the next Board meeting at Art Middlebrook's home at 1701 Mimosa on November 15th. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Dee Russum, in Suzanne Clark's absence.

Status of Pearce's Unfinished "B" Field By Janet Karr, VP Beautification

Have you been wondering when the beautiful new football field at Pearce will EVER be completed? Do you wonder if you'll ever have a striped track there again? Have those huge plastic bags on the north end of the field become a permanent part of the neighborhood scenery? Will walkers and runners alike be able to routinely enter the facilities without hopping the fence or squeezing in somehow? Inquiring minds want to know.

After several months of wondering all of the above, I recently contacted Pearce principal, Dr. Charles Carona, to get a status report of the Pearce "B" field construction. On October 30, 2001, I received email replies from Bob Dubey, RISD Athletic Director, and Bobby Reyes, Head Athletic Director at Pearce High School.

Bob Dubey: "I am happy to say that the Pearce track is the next scheduled project and should begin in the next 4-6 days. The current delays were caused by 12 consecutive days of moisture (back in August) that caused the ground and sub-base to shift. The unwelcome wait is due to us waiting for the results of a core analysis of the ground. The shifting of the ground occurred at two of the four sites and must be stopped before we proceed. Our plan is to fix the problem correctly based on the core analysis report. This should prevent future problems related to the ground moving. Once we begin work the job should be completed in 7-10 days weather permitting."

Bobby Reyes said, "The track is scheduled for completion, if the weather allows, the week of Nov. 9-17, 2001. The large bags you referred to are to be used on the track surface. When all work is completed, the entire area will be cleaned up. There have been some problems with the weather, and the settling of the ground under the old track surface. This is the cause for the delay."

With our newsletter going to press and the Pearce B Field's expected completion day, hitting at about the same time, it will be interesting to see which comes first: the newsletter or the track?

The Transit Oriented Development Town Meeting

What impact will the DART rail stations have on Richardson? What demands for service will they impose on the city? What problems will the first DART stations that go beyond the city of Dallas bring with them? What opportunities do the stations present? How can Richardson benefit from the new DART stations? What opportunities do we have as the first city outside of Dallas to host DART rail stations? What kind of development should be encouraged or prohibited in the vicinity of these Transit stations?

These are questions that the City Council and the City Planning Commission have been studying and wrestling



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with since DART rail was approved. The Council and the Commission hosted a Town Meeting on October 16 to exchange ideas on development around the DART rail stations – a concept known as Transit Oriented Development. This meeting began with a staff review of ideas that have worked in other cities; the success around the Mockingbird station; and the type of development that has been successful in the Addison Circle area; and the recommendations of the Urban Land Institute Report.

You may recall that the ULI report suggests making the stations and the areas around them places that are active all day, every day, and to avoid the “deserted downtown” phenomenon. This involves a combination of housing, retail and dining convenient to the stations and attractive to residents throughout the city. Following the staff presentation the community was asked to offer opinions and ideas.

A group of residents from the Prairie Creek area presented their concerns about traffic, appearance, building heights, impact on schools, and similar issues around the Galatyn Park area. They also presented some suggestions for streets and overpasses to make development and growth around the Galatyn Park station more palatable to them. The discussion included the Palisades office development on the west side of Central Expressway. Currently there is land in the Galatyn Park area that is zoned to permit approximately 5,000 multi-family residential units. A single developer who owns that land will be presenting an overall plan for the community.

Some residents spoke of the advantages of apartment or condominium living, of the desirability of living close to reliable, frequent transportation and close to retail and dining establishments. People’s needs vary with their stage in life and their personal desires.

There were very, very few comments offered specifically about the areas around the Spring Valley, Arapaho and 190 stations, or about the probable Beltline/Main station. The land around each of these stations is not owned by any single developer and planning for Transit Oriented Development in these areas, especially along the lines of the ULI report, is even more difficult.

The Galatyn Park station is unique in another way. It is a “destination” station. The Spring Valley, Arapaho and 190 stations each have parking areas that make them Park and Ride stations. If you want to ride DART rail you can ride a bus to any DART station, or drive to a Park and Ride station. The Galatyn Park station, on the other hand, does not have daytime commuter parking. The expectation is that riders will commute *to* the businesses in the Galatyn Park area. For events at the Eisemann Center, parking facilities that Nortel uses during the business day will be available in the evening and on weekends.

On October 23 a formal meeting of the City Council approved a request to modify the zoning of a four-acre parcel of land in Galatyn Park to permit multiunit residential housing. This is a significant step toward implementation

of the Transit Oriented Development concept in the ULI report. The zoning request laid out a concept for a mixed business/residential complex and moves a step closer to allowing more detailed planning to begin. To insure the likelihood of success of such a mixed use development the proposal includes a minimum building height of 40 feet and there are minimums for density as well. In exchange the developer will reduce the number of units that are already zoned residential elsewhere in Galatyn Park. After a great deal of public comment the request was approved, with the stipulation that no structure can be taller than the hotel. As plans are refined the City must approve those plans in detail.

If you would like a copy of the Urban Land Institute Report call the city at 972-744-4100. The City Council would like to hear your comments and suggestions.

Hazardous Waste – Take It Personally

As a resident of Richardson you are entitled to free, year round hazardous waste disposal. You don’t have to wait for the Hazardous Waste disposal days that the city conducts annually.

You can bring your hazardous waste to a Home Chemical Collection Center throughout the year. There is a center at 9004 Chancellor Row, which is west of I-35 between Mockingbird and Regal Row. For hours call 214-630-9160. They will be opening another location near I-635 and Plano Road soon. The number for that location is 214-904-3017. Have your driver’s license and a utility bill to verify that you are a Richardson resident and entitled to this free service. Residents of those communities that do not participate in this program must pay a minimum of \$115 for each use of this service.



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Local Events November - December include:

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November	
19	Boys Basketball Vs Carrollton R. L. Turner 6:00/7:30pm at Pearce
21-23	Thanksgiving holiday
21	Boys Basketball Vs Dallas Samuel 6:00/7:30pm at Pearce
27	North 9 th Girls Basketball Vs Hebron 4:30pm at Pearce
	Girls Basketball Vs Hebron 6:30/7:00pm at Pearce
28	North 9th Basketball Vs LJH 5:30 Girls/6:30 Boys at North
30	Concord Winter Show 7:30om at Pearce
December	
1	Christmas Parade TBA on Coit Rd
	Concord Winter Show 7:30pm at Pearce
3	North 9th Basketball Vs WJH 5:30 Girls/6:30 Boys at North
6	North 7 th /8 th Basketball Vs FMJH 5:30 Girls/6:30 Boys at North
11	North Band Holiday Concert 7:30pm at Pearce
12	Band Holiday Concert 7:30pm at Pearce
13	Choir & Orchestra Winter Concert 7:30pm at Pearce
14	North Choir Holiday Concert 7:30pm at Pearce
15	North 9 th Girls Basketball Vs Birdville 12:00pm at Pearce
	Girls Basketball Vs Birdville 1:30/3:00pm at Pearce
18	Sixth Grade Band Holiday Concert 7:30pm at Pearce
20	Girls Basketball Vs Royce City 7:30pm at Pearce
	Boys Basketball Vs Royce City 6:00/7:30pm at Pearce
21- 31	Winter break

Help for your Scattered Garbage

For those of you who have had problems with animals getting into and tearing up the garbage bags after you put them out at night for early morning pick up, here is something you might try. Try spraying something like Raid Insect Killer on the outside of the bag after placing it out. I'm told that most animals don't like it!

And, just in case you are mistakenly blaming your neighbors' dogs or cats – there are opossums, raccoons, rats and various other “varmint” working and scavenging during the nighttime hours. Maybe it's something else.



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By Lynn Sanders, VP Safety

New Crime Watch Coordinators for Areas 1 and 10

Mike Veatch, 1110 Pueblo, 972-437-1645, is now the Crime Watch Coordinator for JJ Pearce Area 1. Bob and Pauline Nusser previously had this area for many years, but will soon be moving to a different Richardson neighborhood. We all thank them for their years of various service to the JJ Pearce neighborhood, and wish them all the best. Welcome Mike! Ira Barash, 1414 Chesterton, 972-644-1094, has taken the JJ Pearce Area 10 Crime Watch Coordinator position. Lyn Levin served this position well for a couple of years, but is stepping down for a while. Thanks Lyn, and welcome Ira!

If you've forgotten what Area you are in, see the J.J.Pearce HOA website or Directory for addresses that fall into these two Crime Watch Areas.

Richardson Recognized Nationally for National Night Out

Remember National Night Out August 7th? HOT! Lots of parties with lots of effort. Well, look what you did! The National Association of Town Watch, which steers NNO each year, has published the results of this year's NNO effort. For the first time EVER, Richardson finished NUMBER 1 in category three (population 30,000-99,999) in the ENTIRE NATION.

We were judged based on preparation, participation, and documentation. A BIG THANKS goes to all who contributed to our success; our CITV crew, our Fire and Police Departments, our volunteers, our seniors and Senior Center staff, our Crime Watch Coordinators and Block Captains, our Apartment and Neighborhood Crime Watch participants, and all who participated in an NNO block party that night.

Congratulations! And thanks to all who helped make it happen. The RPD Crime Prevention Unit is proud of each and every one of you.

For those who would like to see the breakdown, go to: www.nationaltownwatch.org/nno/award2001

Crime Talk

Hey, let's start this time with some really good news. The suspect who robbed, at gunpoint, a female resident of "the Reservation" neighborhood just south of us, back on August 21, has been arrested! We reported this incident widely within our neighborhood last August due to its seriousness and closeness. I thought that you would be interested in the positive outcome. The suspect has been connected to a Dallas driveway robbery as well. He and his associates may be good for similar offenses in at least three other metroplex cities. Following the trail of stolen

checks and credit cards usage identified the suspect. The victim also identified him in a photo lineup. Whew! Great work once again by our RPD.

We had two recent incidents of criminal mischief in our neighborhood. Sometime on October 6th or 7th, someone pushed over a brick mailbox, causing it to break in two, in the 1200 block of Huntington. Later, on October 21, someone smashed a window and slashed all 4 tires of a pickup in the 1200 block of Eton. Please be alert to what is going on around the homes close to you. You just might catch something like this in progress.

You may remember the Triple C Alert that we included in the last newsletter. That alert was to increase awareness of young teens using large quantities of cough/cold/congestion medications to get high. It can also kill. New information indicates that Triple C has also been used as a date-rape drug. It seems that Triple C abuse has occurred at gatherings or "parties" in vacant houses or in homes where no parent is present. Please be certain that your teens, and especially teen daughters, understand this so that they can avoid situations that might jeopardize their control over their own bodies.

This column has previously warned of ladies wallet or purse theft, particularly at super markets or restaurants. This is especially important for us since there seems to be an abnormally high incidence of such crime in businesses around and close to Coit/Campbell; our back yard. On October 8, around 8:40 PM, a suspect grabbed a lady's purse as she paused to look in a store window near the Coit/Campbell Tom Thumb. The suspect fled in a waiting white 1989 Ford station wagon, TX ZFY-42Z. On October 25, lunchtime, a lady in a Coit/Campbell coffee shop, had her wallet removed from her purse, which was placed on the floor near her feet. She never knew when it happened. Her credit cards were being used in Dallas a few hours later. On October 27, around 3:00 PM in another Coit/Campbell restaurant, a lady unknowingly had her wallet removed from her purse which was hung on the back of her chair. Similar incidents happen regularly in restaurants along Central Expressway.

Ladies, here are some tips that will help reduce your chances of being victimized by this kind of theft:

- Keep minimal cash, one credit card, and one check in your purse. Ask yourself, "What can I afford to lose?" Be creative; there are other places to hide credit cards and cash. The target is the wallet or purse.
- Keep your purse zipped up tight.
- Do not hang your purse off the back of your chair.
- If seated on a bench, keep your purse tightly next to you.
- If you must put your purse on the floor, loop one of the straps around one foot so that you can maintain physical contact and detect movement.

- Watch for possible suspects. They seem to gravitate to parties of two or more; possibly to look for a moment when the victims are distracted or engaged in conversation. They also do not seem to order any food, and may change tables or their seat position in order to get closer.
- You cannot really accuse someone just for moving closer, but you can let them know that you are alert by acknowledging their presence, altering your chair angle, moving your purse to the other side, etc.
- In short, anticipate, and remove opportunities for the thief.

A resident on Edith Circle tells a story of a man coming to his door last week, wearing some kind of name badge, and representing the "water department." The man wanted to come inside and inspect his water system for "dangerous chemicals," saying "it would only take 25 minutes." Turns out, after a little pressure from the resident, the man admitted he was selling water purification systems. The resident strongly encouraged the salesman to leave. (Note-- your city delivers water to your water meter. Anything beyond that meter is your responsibility. The Water Department does not inspect your water system for defects or dangerous chemicals). The City Secretary has had no solicitation applications from water purification companies. Do not fall for this ploy; call police if they try this on you!

Tee Up

By Greg Immel, VP Development



If you duffers have not had the chance to visit Sherrill Park's new Course Two improvements, you should take the time to see what the ingenuity of pro golfer D.A. Weibring has done. Imagine that! A Weibring Signature golf course in our own back yard. It took 11 months to redesign this course and it was well worth it. It officially opened October 20. I found it plays friendlier than Course One. It seems to emphasize irons and putter more than it does drivers. That I had to adjust to rather quickly.

Some of the first impressions you will notice will be the additional 800 feet, bringing the course to 6400 feet. It is a par 70 course. There are 4 par 3 holes, 12 par 4 holes and 2 par 5 holes. The first tee is now a par 4 instead of the par 3 from the past. It is a beautiful start to a wonderfully designed course. The designers have kept the trees to make you honest on many of the shorter holes.

The traps have been sculptured and are truly magnificent. I was told that as many as two new bunkers were added to each hole. They are deeper, wider and the pitch is more challenging. I found the traps at holes 13, 16 and 18 did an excellent job of protecting the greens.

On 11 of the 18 holes water plays a major role. I am not sure, but I believe they have enlarged two of the ponds,

especially the pond on the 18th hole. As I said earlier, you will have to work your irons on many of these holes as compared to Course One.

They indicated improved drainage was emphasized on this course to allow for continuous play. If you remember, in the past this course often flooded with minor rains. Hopefully their hard work will pay off.

One of the last things you will notice is that they have changed the entrance and added more parking. If you have ever been there for a tournament, you know how difficult the parking problem was. The number of parking spaces has been increased from 197 to 290 spaces. This was really needed. We thank the neighbors around the course for helping in the design of the new entrance and parking.

Nature Hike and Bike Trail

If you are not a golfer, you will enjoy the expanded Nature Hike and Bike Trail which weaves throughout the wooded areas between courses One and Two and connects to other trails in the area. It is a 10' wide concrete trail. I did not personally take the hike, but I saw pictures and from what I saw, it is beautiful. We should be proud that our city council has reinvested the golf revenue for these recent improvements.

The Thanksgiving Story



The Pilgrims who sailed to this country aboard the *Mayflower* were originally members of the English Separatist Church (a Puritan sect). They had earlier fled their home in England and sailed to Holland (The Netherlands) to escape religious persecution. There, they enjoyed more religious tolerance, but they eventually became disenchanted with the Dutch way of life, thinking it ungodly. Seeking a better life, the Separatists negotiated with a London stock company to finance a pilgrimage to America. Most of those making the trip aboard the *Mayflower* were non-Separatists, but were hired to protect the company's interests. Only about one-third of the original colonists were Separatists.

The Pilgrims set aground at Plymouth Rock on December 11, 1620. Their first winter was devastating. At the beginning of the following fall, they had lost 46 of the original 102 who sailed on the *Mayflower*. But the harvest of 1621 was a bountiful one. And the remaining colonists decided to celebrate with a feast -- including 91 Indians who had helped the Pilgrims survive their first year. It is believed that the Pilgrims would not have made it through the year without the help of the natives. The feast was more of a

traditional English harvest festival than a true "thanksgiving" observance. It lasted three days.

Governor William Bradford sent "four men fowling" after wild ducks and geese. It is not certain that wild turkey was part of their feast. However, it is certain that they had venison. The term "turkey" was used by the Pilgrims to mean any sort of wild fowl.

Another modern staple at almost every Thanksgiving table is pumpkin pie. But it is unlikely that the first feast included that treat. The supply of flour had been long diminished, so there was no bread, nor pastries of any kind. However, they did eat boiled pumpkin, and they produced a type of fried bread from their corn crop. There was also no milk, cider, potatoes, or butter. There were no domestic cattle for dairy products, and the newly discovered potato was still considered by many Europeans to be poisonous. But the feast did include fish, berries, watercress, lobster, dried fruit, clams, venison, and plums.

This "thanksgiving" feast was not repeated the following year. But in 1623, during a severe drought, the pilgrims gathered in a prayer service, praying for rain. When a long, steady rain followed the very next day; Governor Bradford proclaimed another day of Thanks-giving, again inviting their Indian friends. It wasn't until June of 1676 that another Day of Thanksgiving was proclaimed.

On June 20, 1676, the governing council of Charlestown, Massachusetts, held a meeting to determine how best to express thanks for the good fortune that had seen their community securely established. By unanimous vote they instructed Edward Rawson, the clerk, to proclaim June 29 as a day of thanksgiving.

October of 1777 marked the first time that all 13 colonies joined in a thanksgiving celebration. It also commemorated the patriotic victory over the British at Saratoga. But it was a one-time affair.

George Washington proclaimed a National Day of Thanksgiving in 1789, although some were opposed to it. There was discord among the colonies, many feeling the hardships of a few Pilgrims did not warrant a national holiday. And later, President Thomas Jefferson scoffed at the idea of having a day of thanksgiving.

It was Sarah Josepha Hale, a magazine editor, whose efforts eventually led to what we recognize as Thanksgiving. Hale wrote many editorials championing her cause in her *Boston Ladies' Magazine*, and later, in *Godey's Lady's Book*. Finally, after a 40-year campaign of writing editorials and letters to governors and presidents, Hale's obsession became a reality when, in 1863, President Lincoln proclaimed the *last* Thursday in November as a national day of Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving was proclaimed by every president after Lincoln. The date was changed a couple of times, most recently by Franklin Roosevelt, who set it as the next-to-last Thursday in order to create a longer Christmas shopping season. Public uproar against this decision caused the president to move Thanksgiving back to its original date two years later. And in 1941, Thanksgiving was finally sanctioned by Congress as a legal holiday, as the *fourth* Thursday in November.

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For the Period September 1, 2001 - October 31, 2001

	Checking	Savings	Vanguard Fund	Totals
Beginning Balances - 9/1/01	\$447.99	\$124.41	\$14,200.02	\$14,772.42
Add receipts	3,115.00	0.77	73.92	3,189.69
Account Transfers				
Less Disbursements	(823.65)			(823.65)
Ending Balances - 10/31/01	\$2,739.34	\$125.18	\$14,273.94	\$17,138.46
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Helen Simon				
Treasurer				
Preparation Date: 11/13/01				

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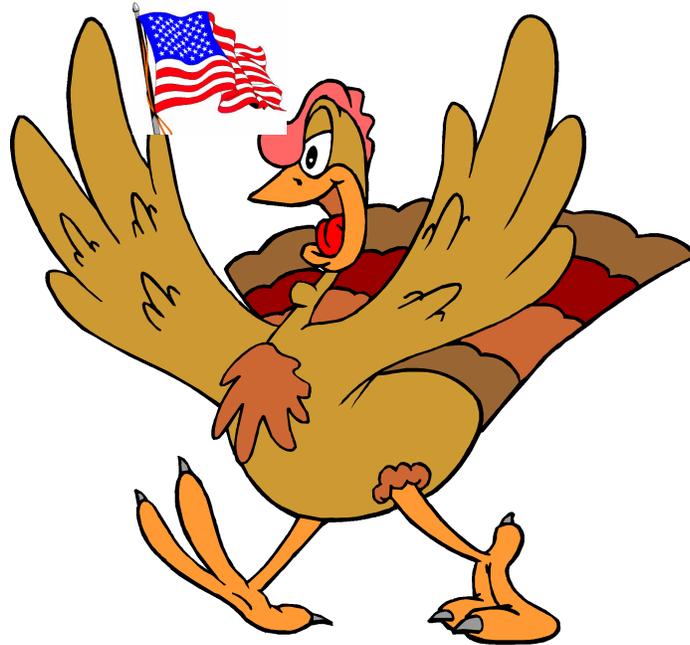
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January 13, 1314 Huntington, 3:00pm

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