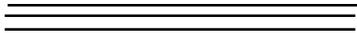


***J. J. Pearce Homeowners Association Newsletter***  
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***November, 2003***

**News from the City**

- The PGA US Open will hold qualifying rounds at Sherrill Park Golf Course in 2004.
- Sherrill Park golf pro Ronny Glanton has been recognized by the North Texas PGA for excellence in managing the courses.
- The state legislature has simplified the procedure for holding an election an alcohol to determine whether an area will be “wet” or “dry” (HB 1199). The city cannot be involved in organizing or campaigning in an election on the issue, but can provide information. Many local restaurants would like to abandon the “private clubs” and be licensed to sell alcohol. Expect to see more about this issue in the coming months. In an obscure but related matter, the legislature included a section in another bill, HB 7, stating that a private club permit may not be issued in a dry area to a sexually oriented business (SOB). (See the article on page 2.)
- Sales tax revenue for the last fiscal year ended \$1.8M over budget, but most of that was the one time result of an audit and resulting corrections. The normal sales tax revenue ended at \$400K over the budget (the budget had been for a \$200K decrease). The increase in normal sales tax revenue represents about a 2% rise.



**Good News, Bad News**

**By Marc Perlstein, VP Membership**

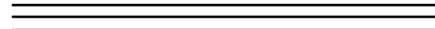
First the good news, we are at the very end of our annual membership drive and have been fairly successful. To date, I have received 288 renewals from our neighborhood of 464 households. That’s 62%! Thanks to those of you who sent your renewal in on time.

If you have not yet joined, you can still become a member.

Now the bad news. We are still short from where we have been in the past few years. For the final push, we always ask our fabulous Block Captains to make that final contact, either by phone, email, or door to door. That usually brings in another 100 or so last minute renewals that some people always seem to put off until the final days. Here’s where we need your help. The following blocks need either a new Block Captain, or if you have helped in the past, please volunteer again.

**1100 Block of Chesterton**  
**1300 Block of Chesterton**  
**All of Edith Circle**  
**1200 Block of Eton**  
**All of Cheyenne**  
**1100 Block of Stratford**  
**1200 Block of Stratford**

If you can help, please contact me ASAP, either by phone at 972-907-9208 or email, MPERL112@AOL.COM. I have the list of neighbors that have not responded and I will get you the list and extra renewal forms. We would like to wrap this up in the next 10 days so we can print the new membership directory. Only members receive the directory.



**DART 2030**

DART planners are working on figuring out how we’re going to get from here to there between now and the year 2030. Working with the North Central Texas Council of Governments and the individual cities in their service area, they are modeling demand and changes in where we live and where we work – and in how many of us there are.

Today the average peak period speed on highways in the area is 43.2 mph, and on streets it is 20.9 mph. In 2030 the projection is 26.9 mph highway, 12.9 mph non-highway. Today there are 1 million hours of congestion delay annually. In 2030 it climbs to 5.1 million hours.

Population density within the DART service area will continue to grow, although most growth occurs outside the DART service area. However a lot of the employment is within the DART service area, so traffic problems get worse, and will exceed the capacity of highways and of current light rail. They’re looking at all alternatives. Also some outlying areas are talking about public transportation or commuter rail that would tie to DART and that places an additional load on DART. The Dallas Central business District remains strong, and there are 5 other Regional Activity Centers that are major focus areas: Telecom Corridor; Legacy; Galleria; Las Colinas; and DFW Airport.

The planning process calls for refinement of their models, looking at a huge number of alternatives that can involve improvements or additions to roads, HOV lanes, rail and buses. Public hearings are part of the process and should take place between now and March 2004.



## The Amazing Texas Legislature

In the regular session of the 78<sup>th</sup> legislature, and in the three special sessions, the legislature passed 48 bills, which were vetoed, by the governor, and 1,598 bills, which were signed by the governor. But you can't judge the magnitude of the new and revised laws by those numbers. Some of the bills have a huge number of subsections, and you cannot always tell what a law does by its title. For example, House Bill 7 is titled An Act relating to the reorganization of, efficiency in, and other reform measures applying to governmental entities and certain regulatory practices; providing a penalty. The bill consists of 34 Articles, and might be called an omnibus bill because of the huge scope. It is almost as big as Texas. The titles of the articles in HB 7 give some idea of the scope, but even the titles do not give an idea of the number of subsections or what those sections do. You can try to guess what the Articles in HB 7, passed in the third special session, actually do. The titles of the Articles are:

1. Governor's budget authority
2. Unclaimed property
3. Abandonment of proceeds on demutualization
4. Teleconference meeting of legislative budget board
5. Energy and Water conservation by state agencies

6. Administration of certain legislative agencies
7. Reports and Assessments regarding certain environmental issues
8. Permits of the Texas Commission on environmental quality
9. Oversight of regional planning commissions
10. Commissioner of insurance
11. Pardons and paroles
12. Members of Texas Veterans Commission
13. Transfer and use of certain real property
14. Certain governmental contracts to be performed in nonattainment areas for national ambient air and quality standards
15. Texas county and district retirement system assets
16. Participation of certain governmental employees and retirees in certain group benefit plans
17. Closure of certain programs on low-performing campuses
18. Participation in state employee charitable campaign
19. Certain agreements of the Texas Department of Transportation
20. Tax exemption for certain medical center developments
21. Alcoholic beverage regulation
22. Commissioned peace officers of the Texas Department of Public Safety
23. Integrity and disclosure in the state tax system
24. Comptroller of public accounts
25. Promotion partnership between the Texas Department of Agriculture and certain commodity producers boards
26. Liability of municipal hospital contractor
27. Public information
28. Debt collection practices
29. Travel services contracts
30. Financial disclosure for boards of trustees of certain school districts
31. Aircraft pooling board
32. Judicial districts
33. Sale or lease of certain public land
34. Effective date

To see how good your guesses about the Articles within HB 7 are, and to see any of the other bills of the 78<sup>th</sup> legislature, go to <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/>. Did you find the section transferring performance reviews of state agencies and school districts away from the Comptroller and to the Legislative Budget Board (Article 6)? Removing the requirement for the Insurance Commissioner to have insurance experience (Article 10)? That a sports venue with a liquor license can now sell liquor starting at 10AM, and customers can consume liquor at a sports venue starting at 10 AM (Article 21).

You were probably expecting some sort of summary paragraph here. But with something as all encompassing as that, there doesn't seem to be anything left to say. By the way, HB 1199, passed in the regular session, is the bill that modifies the rules for wet/dry elections.

## The Renter Protection Program

The City Council recently passed an ordinance that asks landlords who rent out single-family, duplex and town home to register those dwellings with the city. The ordinance has multiple objectives, and for most landlords and tenants the impact will be minimal. For landlords who wish to rent out homes that do not meet safe building codes, they will need to bring the rental property into compliance to insure the safety of the occupants. Occupants of rental homes in Richardson will have the assurance of knowing that their home is maintained in a reasonable manner. The Rental Registration ordinance should help avoid any conflicts over these matters of safety. The ordinance has the additional benefits of helping to avoid violations of the Occupancy ordinance that was passed previously and is discussed in the article on page 6 of this newsletter.

Whenever a home is rented to a new tenant the landlord should report the change to the city. Forms will be mailed annually to remind landlords of this responsibility. The city does not want to delay any landlord from renting a property, or any occupant from moving in to their new home. To avoid those delays the ordinance does not require a rental home to be inspected prior to a new resident moving in. The inspection will be scheduled as the inspectors' workload permits and at the convenience of the landlord and the resident. Estimates are that about 10% of the homes in the city, approximately 2,700 homes, are rental homes, and that approximately 500 of those homes change occupants each year.

A similar ordinance for apartments has been in place for several years and has been instrumental in improving some problem developments that existed along parts of Spring Valley. Hopefully this new ordinance will help to ensure the quality of all of our neighborhoods, and to bring about improvements in those areas where problems have developed. Most owners of rental properties will receive a letter about the rental registration program during the early part of November. Property owners can begin registering their rental properties the first week in November and must register them before January 1, 2004. After that registration updates will be accepted throughout the year as property changes occupancy, but every property owners will still be required to renew their registration on an annual basis. Questions and comments can be directed to the Building Inspection Department at 972-744-4180.



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## UTD Rises to 34<sup>th</sup> in Kiplinger's 'Best Value' Survey

The University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) is ranked 34<sup>th</sup> in the latest annual listing of the 100 best values in public colleges in the U.S., to be published in the November issue of Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine. That represents a huge improvement over last year's ranking in which UTD finished 95<sup>th</sup>.

The publication compiles the ranking based on a number of measures of academic quality and cost, including SAT and ACT scores, admission rates, student-faculty ratios, graduation rates, expenditures for instruction and facilities and both total and average costs for students to attend. The magazine reviews data from more than 500 public, four-year colleges and universities to come up with its list of the 100 best college values.

Other Texas universities included in the 2003 ranking are The University of Texas at Austin (20), Texas A&M University (33) and Texas Tech University (98).

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**J. J. Pearce Homeowner's Association  
Minutes of the General Meeting, September 16, 2003**

Bernie Mayoff called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. Forty-two were in attendance. Bernie thanked Nick & Willie's (new restaurant) for pizza, and Creative Cakes for the petit fours.

The minutes were approved with one correction.

- Helen Simon presented the Treasurer's Report. Membership was down a little this year and thus income was down. Advertising in the newsletter is up. Helen explained that the memorial contributions were for the Policeman's dinner. The association budget was positive. The purpose of funds for National Night Out was questioned and the response was for refreshments for the individual meetings. The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.
- Marc Perlstein reported on membership. The membership drive was moved up this year to avoid the holiday season. We are halfway through the drive with 202 households enrolled at this time and six weeks to go on the campaign.
- Bob Hutsler reported on development. He has worked this year on cleaning alley walls.
- Bill Little reported on Beautification. Fourteen new houses have received Yard of the Month recognition with many new landscapings.
- Dee Russum reported on the newsletter. She has enjoyed working on the letter and asked everyone to e-mail articles and information to her for inclusion.
- Lynn Sanders reported on safety. This year has been better than the previous two. Lynn mentioned a peeper that was recently caught. He is an undocumented alien, convicted yesterday and will soon be sentenced. The police had been alerted to this person due to reports from neighbors. Our participation in National Night Out was down from 57% to 52% this year. Everyone was encouraged to participate next year. There have been a few changes in crimewatch coordinators, but all positions are filled. Lynn thanked the homeowners for their support in the last three years. Lynn also reported on a new volunteer program with the Richardson Police Department.

Bill Little presented the following slate of officers for the upcoming year:

President	Bernie Mayoff
VP Beautification	Phil Meeker
VP Development	Chris Bruckner
VP Membership	Marc Perlstein
VP Safety	Tom Pomella
Secretary	Nancy De La Garza
Treasurer	Helen Simon

The slate was nominated and elected unanimously.

Bernie introduced Bob Lovitt from UTD with a program on the university. Bob gave a brief history of the university ginning with its founding by TI. The university presently has an enrollment of about 14,000 students and plans to cap enrollment at about 20,000. The campus is about 460 acres. A new engineering building was opened last year. The Callier center will open a clinic on campus tomorrow. An addition to the athletic center is planned along with a parking garage near the management building. Additional apartments will be added, but the location has not been determined. A science and research building will be added, probably on the north part of the campus. A renovation of the Founder's Building is planned. A hike/bike trail around the campus is being built in stages. The campus master plan has recently been revised to address traffic issues. The university has saved space on the rail line on the north of the campus for a possible DART station since the line runs to the north side of DFW Airport. A new north entrance to the campus is planned to take traffic from the turnpike. There are no plans for dormitories. The university will keep a green space on Campbell.

Ten door prizes were given. Prizes were donated by Lorrie Simon, Nick & Willie's, Cappuchino's, La Madeline, Sonny Bryan's, Charlie D's, and The Abbey.

The winners of Custom keys:

Vicky Chase, Virginia Schlenker, John Sadowski, Dee Russum.

Dinner gift certificates winners were:

Phil Meeker—Nick-n- Willy's,  
Zella Meeks—Cappuccino's,  
Joanna Shampine—La Madeleine's  
John Awesec—Sonny Bryan's  
Liz Six—Charlie D's

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne Clark, Secretary



## CRIME / SAFETY TALK

By Thom Pomella, VP Safety

### Recent Crime

Crime in our neighborhood has been quite low. This is a good thing. We have had three acts of vandalism, and one bicycle theft since August. The vandalism was a car egged (1200 block Stratford), a car window broken by a brick (1100 block Grassmere), and a home window broken by a BB (1200 block Grassmere). The bicycle was stolen from the front of the residence while the owner was in the house (1200 block Eton).

### Stop Signs



You've seen them before. Red with bold white letters that spell 'STOP'. Yet so many of our residents don't seem to notice them. There are two of them that I have become aware of that are being ignored. The worst of these is at the intersection of Cheyenne and Stratford. A few people actually

stop, most just slow down and some just ignore and never lift off the throttle. A very close second is the intersection of Stratford and Mohawk. An added problem with this intersection is it is a preferred route for students leaving the high school as to avoid the school zone speed limit. Same scenario as before, a few people actually stop, most just slow down and some just ignore and never lift off the throttle. Both of these problem areas have small children living and playing close by. We have a very vibrant neighborhood. There are quite a few young families with small children in the neighborhood. Please everybody - observe the existing traffic regulations. Stop at the stop signs. Slow down. Local streets without a posted speed limit are set at 25 MPH. Pay attention. Pull over to talk on the phone. Please reinforce these simple rules with the teenagers in your house every day. They seem to forget every time they sleep.

### Wild Animals

There has been another Fox sighting. This time it was not along the creek but in a backyard of the 1100 block between Eton and Chesterton. Everyone should be aware when entering his or her backyard that a fox might be there. Watch out for your small animals and especially your small children. If you see the fox please notify Animal Control.

### Identity Theft

This has turned into a real problem. Two of the most common ways of stealing your identity are from your mailbox and your trash. Both of these are easy targets. To protect yourself, everything with your name on it should be shredded before being thrown away. Take extra care disposing of things with credit card numbers, bank account numbers and social security numbers on them. The other

method is to steal your mail, incoming or outgoing. Notice what time mail is usually delivered and retrieve the mail from the mailbox as soon as possible. Don't put up the flag when there is outgoing mail. We all get mail every day and the carrier will notice the outgoing mail and take it when he delivers the mail. Never let the mail accumulate. Have your new checks delivered to the bank and pick them up there. Stealing the new checks is a favorite of the criminals. If they act quickly enough, they can empty your account before you even realize the checks are missing. Remember, no one is allowed to place anything in your mailbox except for the US Postal Service Carrier. If you see anyone opening the mailboxes call the police immediately. If you realize something has been stolen from your mailbox contact the Postal Inspectors at 956-971-1722.

### EYL

#### Sec. 5-1. Definitions ... *Running at large* means: Off premises

a. Any dog which is not restrained by means of a leash or chain of sufficient strength and not more than six feet in length to control the actions of such animal while off premises.

b. Any cat which is off the owner's property

#### On premises

a. Any dog not confined by premises of owner by a substantial fence of sufficient strength and height to prevent the animal from escaping there from, or secured on the premises by a metal chain or leash sufficient in strength to prevent the animal from escaping from premises and so arranged that the animal will remain upon the premises when the leash is stretched to full length. A dog intruding upon the property of another person other than the owner shall be termed "at large." Any animal within an automobile or other vehicle of its owner or owner's agent shall not be deemed "at large." ...

#### Sec. 5-10. Duty of owners and persons in control and protection of animals

It shall be unlawful for any owner or person to:

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

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

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

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

(continued on next page)

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

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

(Code 1966, § 3-3; Ord. No. 3056-A, § 1, 11-13-95)

**Remove the opportunity for crime to occur:**

Close your garage door. Keep the garage door closed at all times. Yes... even when you are mowing the lawn or other projects around the house. If you are not in the garage, close the door. The door should not be left open a few inches for ventilation or for the cat. (BTW the cat should not be out anyway. Read the FYI section). Some doors, if left open a few inches, can just be lifted up from that point, or moved up enough for a body to slip under.

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**OVERCROWDING RELIEF**

**By Chris Bruckner, VP Development**

Within the past few weeks, the City of Richardson passed legislation in an effort to curb the practice of residential overcrowding by updating the structural standards within dwelling units. The approval of ordinance 3432-A revises several sections of city code in support of the Neighborhood Vitality and Integrity initiative, which is designed to maintain the quality of life we enjoy here in Richardson and continually attract new business to our community. This ordinance was developed over several months by Richardson's civic leaders in consultation with other North Texas cities facing similar challenges. As you might expect, this ordinance empowers residents to take action against those neighbors who might choose to violate the code and contribute to a growing nuisance and degradation of the community. The City of Richardson considers the revision of the structural standards, as well as the Rental Registration Program, additional tools in the struggle to keep our neighborhoods from falling into disarray, ensuring our property values, and continuing our tradition as a safe place to live and work. Our civic leaders realize this is uncharted territory for the City, and they expect this legislature to undergo further revisions with lessons learned. They welcome and appreciate your feedback and citizens are encouraged to attend council meetings to voice their opinions.

So what constitutes a *dwelling unit*? The ordinance first defines a dwelling as a structure or building occupied as a residence. Similarly, a *dwelling unit* means a single-family dwelling, condominium, duplex dwelling, patio home, town home or multi-family dwelling. To the best of my knowledge, all residences within the JJPHOA are identified within this definition and so the code is applicable to all within our subdivision. For clarity, additional words, terms and phrases are defined within the ordinance.

The greatest impact of this ordinance upon homeowners is section 6-367, which updates the minimal structural dimensions of dwelling units. The section is amended in part to read as follows:

- (43) "Provide every dwelling unit with at least 150 square feet of floor area for the first occupant thereof and at least 100 additional square feet of floor area per additional occupant. The floor area shall be calculated on the basis of the total area of the habitable rooms."
- (44) "Provide that each bedroom in a dwelling unit occupied by one person contain at least 70 square feet of floor area, and that each bedroom occupied by more than one person contain at least 50 square feet of floor area for each occupant thereof."
- (45) "Provide habitable (space) rooms other than kitchens, storage rooms and laundry rooms with a ceiling height of not less than seven feet, six inches (or seven feet to the lowest projection). Hallways, corridors, bathrooms, water closet rooms and kitchens shall have a ceiling height of not less than seven feet measured to the lowest projection from the ceiling. If any room in a building has a sloped ceiling, the prescribed ceiling height for the room is required in only one-half the room area. No portion of the room measuring less than five feet from the finished floor to the finished ceiling shall be included in any computation of the minimum room area."

The ordinance also defines financial penalties for code violations. In order to ensure compliance, residents are encouraged to consult the complete text of the code, which can be received from the City of Richardson. Questions and comments can be directed to City Hall at 972-744-4100.

## News from Phil Meeker, VP Beautification

### HOA yard sale results - Saturday October 18<sup>th</sup>

As I placed the last of the eighteen HOA yard sale signs at Campbell and Mimosa the sun was just coming up on our dew-covered neighborhood. I drove home by going up and down every association street. To my surprise many folks were setting up their “treasures” for the sale. At the end of the sale at two o’clock, I picked up the sale signs and counted twenty-one participating homes. This is an increase from those participating last year. There was at least one on every street and shoppers were still browsing and buying. Many thanks to our participants and buyers.

### What’s going on now in our landscape?

- Annual crab grass, which is a weed, is dying off and turning brown. More about its control for next spring and summer in February’s newsletter.
- If you want to have spring flowering bulbs; plant them after Thanksgiving. The soil currently is still too warm for planting. As a reminder, refrigerate tulip and hyacinth bulbs for forty-five days prior to planting. Don’t put apple or tomatoes in your refrigerator with bulbs.
- Now is the best time to plant trees and shrubs because their root system will be established before the heat of next summer.
- Winter rye grass should be sowed now and kept watered until germination.
- If you love your caladiums, dig the bulbs up now (before the frost), trim off all the growth, roots, and stems. Store in the garage on newspaper, keep dry and plant again after mother’s day.
- Watch for scale in hollies, Euonymus, Nandinas, and Camellias. Treat by spraying 1 tablespoon of mild dish soap mixed with 1 quart of water.
- As the leaves begin to fall, be on the lookout for green mistletoe clumps in bare trees. This is a parasitic plant that can infest and kill trees.
- Finally, water your landscape and foundation. Dry soil, at any time, is not a good thing.

### Holiday Lighting

Decorate your yards and homes for judging in late November and December. Five association members will be recognized for their creativity in their holiday home and landscape designs.

## Did You Know that ...



By federal law, Texas is the only state in the U.S. that can fly its flag at the same height as the U.S. flag. Think about that for a second. You fly the Stars and Stripes at 20 feet in Maryland, California, or Maine and your state flag, whatever it is, goes at 17 feet. You fly the Stars and Stripes in front of any building in Texas at 20 feet, the Lone Star flies at the same height - 20 feet.

Do you know why?

Find answer on page 14

### Newsletter Index Online

Have you ever remembered reading something about sidewalk repairs, or Richardson history, or TAKS testing in our newsletter, but not known where to find it again? Occasionally many of us wish we could find an article that had appeared in some issue of our newsletter. We’ve now added an index to articles that may be of lasting interest. You can view the index any time under the News tab on our webpage at [www.jjphoa.org](http://www.jjphoa.org)

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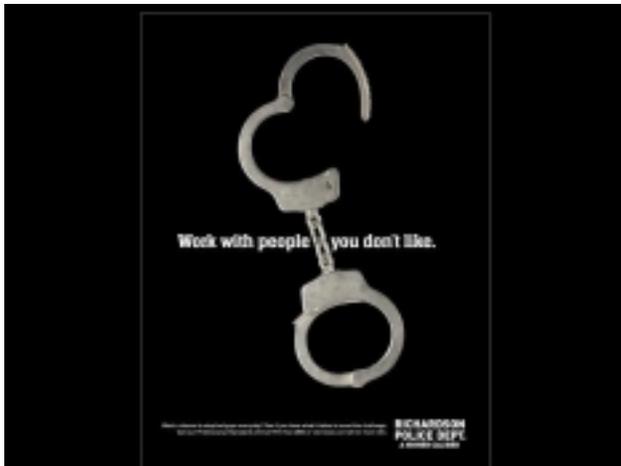
## A Higher Caliber

The Richardson Police Department has been faced with personnel challenges since the summer of 2002 due to a retirement incentive program and a hiring freeze that was previously in place. Striving to keep emergency response a priority, resources were shifted to help avoid any affect on service delivery.

Since that time the Department has been aggressively working on a new recruiting campaign to attract the best possible candidates for a career in Richardson. Joining in partnership with the Richards Group, a nationally known advertising company, the Department now has first class recruiting material. The Richards Group graciously donated their resources for this effort, which would have cost in the tens of thousands of dollars otherwise.

A slogan has been adopted "A Higher Caliber" to describe the Department and its expectations of personnel. New recruitment brochures and other material are also available.

Currently, there are three officers in Field Training, five in the Police Academy, and twenty vacancies remaining to be filled. Nine of those vacancies may be filled in this fiscal year which ends in September '04. The most recent Civil Service test for the position of Police Officer, held on September 22, attracted 374 applicants. The next test is scheduled for January 5<sup>th</sup>. Starting salary while in the academy is \$3,189 per month. More information is available by visiting [www.cor.net/pd](http://www.cor.net/pd).



## Education Reform Legislation

Expect another Special Session of the state legislature within the next year. Although the legislature was unable to agree to any alternatives to the current Robinhood funding for education, they do hope to do better and to develop an improved workable plan. Your opinion counts and your legislators would like to have your opinion.

In mid-October the League of Women Voters sponsored a panel discussion on the crisis in education funding in Texas. The panelists were Mike Moses, DISD Superintendent and former Chair of the Texas Education Commission; Anne Barab, RISD Board member; Florence Shapiro, State Senator and member of the School Finance Task Force; and Senior Economist (and J. J. Pearce resident) Jason Saving from the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

Dr. Moses pointed out that the current plan is not working and pits school district against school district and that Dallas has joined a lawsuit to overturn Robinhood. He reinforced the objectives of equity and accessibility for all students, and also pointed out that measures of progress are now well established and have been refined three times and that it is time to get on with the business of educating students. Ms. Barab agreed and announced that Richardson has just joined the lawsuit. We have both givers and receivers opposing the plan and saying that it doesn't work. Senator Shapiro recognized that better and more funding is required, but suggested that even more accountability must be legislated. Dr. Saving discussed funding trade-offs, and various alternatives such as taxing professions and services, which are not currently taxed.

The point that everyone agreed on is that there must be a better way. Senator Shapiro said that every alternative could be discussed, and she encouraged citizens to make their opinions and suggestions known. Our state legislators (at the moment) are:

Senator John Carona

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Representative Fred Hill

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Although not our senator, Senator Shapiro, member of the education task force, can be contacted at  
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## Minutes of Board Meeting, September 23, 2003

Bernie Mayoff called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in his home.

In attendance: Bernie Mayoff, Helen Simon, Dee Russum, Chris Bruckner, Marc Perlstein, Thom Pomella, Phil Meeker and Nancy De La Garza

### Treasurer's Report

Helen presented the treasurer's report, which was approved as presented.

### Old Business

- The annual meeting went well. Payment for gift certificates that were purchased are noted in the treasurer's report.
- JPHOA Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, October 18. Signs will be put up in the neighborhood. Information will be in the October newsletter.
- Wayne Eitel and Thom Pomella will head Holiday decorations up.
- The 2003-2004 budget proposal was discussed. The proposed budget was then approved.

### Committee Reports

- Membership: Marc Perlstein reported that approximately 231 homeowners had responded so far to the membership drive. Block captains may be contacted regarding those not paid yet. The newsletter will only be sent to paid members beginning in November.
- Beautification: Phil Meeker reported that the yard of the month would resume in the spring.
- Newsletter: Dee Russum reported that advertisements are encouraged by area businesses. Any articles need to be forwarded to her before the deadline.

The next Homeowners Association Presidents meeting will be October 21 at 7 p.m. The meeting is open to any board member and is sponsored by the city of Richardson.

Next Board meetings are as follows:

- November 2 at Dee Russum's. Newsletter deadline is October 27.
- November 30 at Marc Perlstein's. Newsletter deadline is November 27.
- January 4 at Phil Meeker's. Newsletter deadline is January 2.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy De La Garza, Secretary

## Commemorative Traveling Exhibit September 11, 2003 - January 4, 2004

Nearly two years after the shocking terrorist attacks on U.S. soil, Americans continue to connect to the events of September 11. The Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service presents **September 11: Bearing Witness to History**, a commemorative exhibition that encourages visitors to reflect on the specific events of that horrific day and contemplate the significance of experiencing an historic event as it unfolds.



Smithsonian photo by Richard Strauss

**"September 11"** is making the first stop on its national traveling tour at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History. The exhibition opened September 11, 2003, and will run through January 4, 2004.

More than 1 million people visited the **"September 11"** exhibit in the 11 months it was on view at the National Museum of American History. The traveling version closely follows the original exhibition by bringing together objects, images and personal stories that help recall this historic day and its impact on our nation. Photographs and moving images capture moments from the attack, and visitors confront powerful artifacts including twisted steel from the World Trade Center, damaged items from the Pentagon, memorials from the crash site in Pennsylvania, clothing worn by survivors, and objects used by rescue workers and public officials.

The collection also includes several everyday items that have now taken on extraordinary significance because of their association with the attacks. One of the exhibited objects is a filing cabinet from a Ben & Jerry's ice cream shop in the World Trade Center's shopping concourse. The crushed and twisted metal holds file folders in its mangled form.

In December 2001, Congress named the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History the nation's official repository for artifacts pertaining to the September 11 terrorist attacks. The museum brought samples of these artifacts together in a temporary exhibition, which opened September 11, 2002 in Washington, D.C. In the spring of 2003, Congress allotted funding to the Smithsonian to circulate this exhibition to audiences across the nation.

### Fort Worth Museum of Science and History

1501 Montgomery Street Fort Worth, Texas 76107

817-255-9300 • 888-255-9300

M - Th 9 - 5:30, F - Sa 9 - 8, Sun. 11:30 - 5:30

[www.fortworthmuseum.org/sept11.html](http://www.fortworthmuseum.org/sept11.html)

## The Making of a National Holiday

From the first observance to the celebrations today, Thanksgiving has come a long way. The evolution of Thanksgiving as a National Holiday is an interesting story.

During the colonial regime Thanksgiving proved to be a significant event in promoting national unity. The first issue of the First Continental Congress as they met at Carpenters Hall was "Can we open the business with prayer?" Despite their diversity of religions, after fierce debate, inspired by delegate Sam Adams, their first official act was prayer - with remarkable results. From the first day, miraculous unity seemed to have held the far-flung colonies together. Before this Thanksgiving was more or less locally confined.

Although not intended to be a perpetual annual observance, in October of 1777 a Day of Thanksgiving was proclaimed. Although it marked the first time that all 13 colonies were to join in such a celebration, it was equally a commemoration of the patriotic victory over the British at Saratoga. Nevertheless, over time, the notion of a Thanksgiving Day began to spread to other New England colonies.

In 1789, President George Washington issued a general proclamation, which named November 26 as a Day of National Thanksgiving. Many were opposed to the idea. There was an air of discord among the Colonies and a feeling that the hardships of a handful of Pilgrims hardly warranted a national holiday. In that same year, the Protestant Episcopal Church announced that the first Thursday in November would be a standard annual day for giving thanks. Yet, for many years, the United States had no regular national Thanksgiving Day (although some states independently observed a yearly Thanksgiving holiday). By 1830, New York had an official State Thanksgiving Day and other Northern States quickly followed suit. In 1855, Virginia became the America's first Southern State to adopt the custom.

It was largely due to the efforts of one **Sarah Josepha Hale (1788-1879)** that America eventually recognized, on a united national level, the feast known as Thanksgiving Day. Editor of "Boston Ladies' Magazine," and later contributing to "Godey's Lady's Book," Hale dedicated 40 years of her life to a campaign, which promoted the establishment of a National Day of Thanksgiving. Hale is credited with persuading Abraham Lincoln to make Thanksgiving a national holiday in the United States. In 1863, President Lincoln decreed that the holiday was to be observed on the last Thursday of every November. (Hale...born in Newport, New Hampshire...was a prolific writer whose major surviving work is the children's poem "Mary Had a Little Lamb.")

For the 75 years, which followed, each President in office formally proclaimed that Thanksgiving Day should be celebrated on that last Thursday but, in 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt set it for one week earlier. The President's reason for this change was that he wanted to help businesses by lengthening the shopping period prior to Christmas. Public uproar against this decision caused the celebration of Thanksgiving to be moved back to its original date two years later. In 1941, it was finally ruled by Congress that the fourth Thursday of November would be deemed an observation of Thanksgiving Day and that it would be a legal federal holiday.

Of the 300 million turkeys raised for consumption each year, one is chosen to be sent to the White House. There, the turkey is granted clemency from death and receives the President's pardon. This lucky bird is then sent to a farm where it lives out the rest of its days in peace, free from the threat of being the centerpiece of a Thanksgiving Dinner.

<http://www.twilightbridge.com/hobbies/festivals/thanksgiving/nationalholiday.htm>

## History of the Cornucopia



Some have wondered where the strange shaped horn of plenty came from. It is called CORNUCOPIA, *korn-yoo-KO-pee-uh*;

It is a symbol of Thanksgiving. It is a decorative motif, originating in ancient Greece, that symbolizes abundance. The original cornucopia was a curved goat's horn filled to overflowing with fruit and grain. This symbol came from Greek mythology and not from any Christian background. It symbolizes the horn possessed by Zeus's nurse, the Greek nymph Amalthea, which could be filled with whatever the owner wished.

<http://www.illustratedbible.com/thanksgiving.htm>

## Veterans' Day

*The courage and patriotism of all men and women who have served in the armed services of the United States are honored on Veterans Day. In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11th Armistice Day, but the day did not become a national holiday until 1938. Its name was changed to Veterans Day by Congress in 1954. President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the bill into law for this day "to honor veterans...a day dedicated to world peace." The article below is an experience of one of our neighbors.*

## Our Secret Cold War

By Ray M. Thompson



I remember it like it was *last* year, but it was really over 50 years ago now... A bunch of very non-military college-age kids were serving in the **United States Air Force Security Service (USAFSS)**. Our unit was the **6910th Security Group**, based at a former German air base just outside the beautiful little Bavarian town of Landsberg am Lech. Our daily jobs were part of an Air Force intelligence mission and highly classified. Although far from home and in the land of a former enemy, most of us privately gave thanks that we were not with our USAFSS counterparts in *Korea*; we knew we had a plum assignment in Bavaria. We spent our spare time chasing German frauleins, drinking German beer, snapping our German cameras, traveling throughout Western Europe and dreaming about getting out at the end of our 4-year enlistment.

On the other hand, we were all very serious about our jobs, part of a large intelligence gathering enterprise. Because of the sensitive nature of our jobs, we were forbidden to take leave in the border area near the Iron Curtain, but listening to Russian radio signals *across* that border was our job. The truth is, we were hand picked for our jobs. Not that we knew *anything* about what we were getting into, but many of us had college degrees or other aptitudes that filtered us into the USAFSS. We received on-the-job training in communications intelligence (COMINT) at Brooks AFB in San Antonio, Texas. We were then sent worldwide to work in a *secret* part of the Cold War. USAFSS units were stationed from Alaska to Korea, and from Scotland to North Africa...

Yeah, we were kind of a smart-alec bunch of kids, but we did our jobs well. Our work became most serious when the Russians made some move or change in their military operations—changes we were often the first to detect.

These changes were usually preceded by changes in the Russians' radio call signs—call signs which we spent *months* trying to specific military units (ground and air), thus defining their military organizations, or "order of battle." *The Russians changed their call signs because they knew we were listening and that the change would confuse our monitoring efforts.* (Of course, the Allies did the same thing.) Usually these changes turned out to be military training or maneuvers, but the Allies always had to treat them as the real thing—*perhaps an invasion of Europe*. Our monitoring could bring the entire Allied Forces to a silent alert. *Soon their listener's knew that we knew—this was the secret cold war.*

These were the days we earned our stripes. We were called to duty (often roused out of bed) at the first hint of a call sign change, and worked around the clock until the crisis was over. (Or, if an alert were ever the real thing, until we were told to burn our records and evacuate!) We worked at wall-sized maps of the USSR, labeled TOP SECRET. These "alerts" called for urgent and coordinated efforts by all sections, beginning with the Radio Intercept Operators<sup>1</sup> who listened to the cacophony of static and radio signals in Morse code and copied them down with unbelievable accuracy, using typewriters equipped with the Cyrillic alphabet. Then, there were the Crypto Analysts, who dealt with the complexities of encoded messages and call signs. There were also airmen trained as Russian Language Analysts, whose job was to translate clear text and voice messages. We had Radio Direction Finding (RDF) Operators who tried to fix the positions of the Russian transmitters. Finally, there were the Radio Traffic Analysts, whose job was to learn as much as they could from the "headers" of the messages, i.e., the parts of the message that were not encrypted. All of our jobs depended, to some degree, on mistakes made by the Russian radio operators. All military operators are taught rigorous rules of "radio discipline" designed to prevent such mistakes, but they do happen, and can reveal information the enemy should not know!

Secrecy was all-important in our highly sensitive work. We were warned regularly, in security lectures we were required to attend, that we could not *describe or discuss our work in any way, with friends or family*. In fact, we were strictly forbidden to discuss our work with *each other* outside the secure buildings where we worked. Even within our secure compounds, the various sections where we were assigned were isolated from each other. So, even though we might bunk together, at the office we had no contact with buddies in another section unless we had "a need to know." To my knowledge, among those I knew, we were faithful in observing all these security rules. (When we returned to civilian life we continued this secrecy about our jobs, although our friends and families sometimes thought we made too much of our "secret jobs.")

I especially remember one security lecture, while in training at Brooks AFB that made a lasting impression on me. One morning at breakfast, we were shocked to read in the newspaper ("The San Antonio Light") a story about our training at Brooks. *The story pretty well told exactly what we were being trained for in our "secret compound" on*

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*the base!* Knowing this story would undermine the security lectures we were receiving, the CO called a meeting of everyone as soon as we reached the office. His message to us went something like this:

“We know the newspaper has this story and runs it periodically—it sells newspapers! *You bought one, didn’t you?* We have taught you that the elements of this story are certainly no secret to our enemies—they know of your jobs and your training and are training their operators to defeat your efforts! We are training our communications personnel to protect our communications from *their* analysts! *What our enemies don’t know—NOW HEAR THIS!—is how successful we are!* Do you see that if you brag about your “secret work” or *hint* at “the importance of your job,” or *say anything at all*—you may infer something about the success of our efforts? That, gentlemen, is why the only way to have security is simply to never, never, say anything about your jobs, to anyone.”

*So, did we help keep the Russian bear at bay?* Yes, certainly, but I still cannot not reveal any specifics about the successes or failures of our efforts. The fact is, as “worker bees” in a huge intelligence organization, we were never told the ultimate value of the information that we gathered. *Why? Because we did not have “the need to know.”*

Well, here we are 50 years later, and I’m writing this bit of personal history about my “secret job.” *Why?* Because the work we did in the early 1950’s has little bearing on the world of COMINT today. Because the means, methods, and technology that we used (*Morse code for goodness sake!*) are now so outmoded as to be only a page in COMINT history; we worked with card files, not computers! Because we have been superceded by five decades of COMINT gathering secrets that I know nothing about. Because much of our early work has now been declassified and is the subject of numerous books<sup>2</sup>, movies and “discussions” on the internet<sup>3</sup> about what we did and how we did it, so long ago. Because I know there were some *who lost their lives* in the intelligence war—USAFSS airmen who flew secret airborne monitoring missions (SIGINT) against the Russians and were shot down. I’m especially proud that *their* story is *finally* being told.<sup>4</sup> Because I’ve relished remembering and reliving my experiences with a great group of former 6910th airmen that I organized on the Internet—**The USAFSS 6910TH 50’s GROUP**. Our association includes our web page (<http://www.usafss6910th.org>, maintained by webmaster *Marvin Mobley*), a Yahoo e-mail-list (hosted by myself), newsletters<sup>5</sup> and two *great* reunions (in 2000 and 2002, planned and hosted by *Bill Purser*). And *finally*, because in my dotage, I have longed to share something of what we did with my family and friends, and to say that we took great pride in doing it well. The USAFSS motto was:

## “Freedom Through Vigilance”

### Footnotes

<sup>1</sup> We love to tell this story: one of the Radio Intercept Operators at Landsberg AFB was a guy named Johnny Cash. And, yes, he was *the Johnny Cash*, destined to become a C&W super star. Read Johnny’s own account of his USAFSS experiences in his biography “Cash,” (written with Patrick Carr), Harper Paperbacks 1997.

<sup>2</sup> I recommend *Body of Secrets*, by James Bamford, Doubleday 2001

<sup>3</sup> Try these in Google: USAFSS, AIA, COMINT, SIGINT, ELINT

<sup>4</sup> Read *The Price of Vigilance*, by a member of USAFSS, Larry Tart; Ballantine Books 2001. It’s been a privilege to have Larry in our USAFSS 6910<sup>th</sup> 50’s Group mail list.

<sup>5</sup> Newsletter No. 4 – September 2000, USAFSS 6910<sup>th</sup> 50’s Group, 142 pages, published by Ray M. Thompson.

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### This note from Ray Thompson:

*I’ve never thought of myself as a “vet.” To me that title should be reserved for those who risked their lives in a combat theatre. Still, I’m proud to have served four years in the United States Air Force during the Korean War—in the US and Europe. (Actually I was trained to go to Korea, but for whatever reason was sent to Germany to serve.)*

*I served in the United States Air Force Security Service (USAFSS). Our training and work was highly classified, and we could never tell our friends and family what we did. I’ve especially regretted never being able to tell my parents. (Some of our fellow USAFSS airmen did serve in Korean combat and in a secret air war, risking and losing their lives.)*

*In the late 1990’s I organized a group of my USAFSS buddies on the Internet and we have enjoyed sharing memories of our service, among ourselves. We’ve posted a website to share old pictures and personal remembrances, ([www.usafss6910th.org](http://www.usafss6910th.org)), published newsletters, and held two great reunions. However, I think most of us would admit, we have longed to “tell our story” to family and friends. As the century ended, we’ve watched as many of the “secrets” we guarded so carefully have been revealed in books and movies, and in some cases officially declassified.*

*So, I’ve finally decided write our story, at least as I remember it—for pride and posterity, I guess. I’ve not revealed real secrets, and only skimmed the surface of what was a very complicated intelligence enterprise, so I hope it is not too lengthy a read.*

*Yes, I’m proud of my small part in defending our country, and immensely proud of the men and women with whom I served. In the American tradition of “citizen soldiers,” most of us served only four years, but we would do it again in a heartbeat, if called on. Thanks for reading my story.*

*There is more to read on my website: [www.raymac.com](http://www.raymac.com)*



**Holiday Decorations will be going up around the area the weekend after Thanksgiving. Wayne Eitel and Thom Pomella are in charge again this year and there are many volunteer elves who will be on our streets doing the work. Thank them when you see their handy work!**

### **Do You Own a Black Momma Cat?**



Recently the neighbors along the 1100 blocks of Melrose, Pueblo and Grassmere have seen a full-grown black cat wandering in the area. Then – surprise, surprise, there appeared at least 4 kittens. They are mostly black, but some of them have some white and/or gray on them.

Please, if the Momma cat belongs to you, and she has had kittens recently that resemble this description, please either keep them at home, give them away or take them to the Animal Shelter. Don't let them become feral cats, which can carry diseases and can injure other animals or children who might try to play with them. We do not need feral cats running around the area.

None of us want to see these cute little kittens dead on the street. There will be alley construction going on with heavy equipment and the operators won't be able to see the kittens.

If left on their own these kittens will be caught and the Animal Shelter will be called to come and get them!

Dog owners must be responsible for their pets, and cat owners should be also.

### **Mohawk's Clothes Closet is Bare**



The Mohawk Clothes Closet has served over 80 children already this school year. That means 80 pairs of shoes, 320 pairs of pants, 320 pairs of shorts, 640 underwear, and 960 socks have gone out the door. Add in many coats, hats and gloves and the cupboard is almost bare.

There is a desperate need for gently used, in-style, clan pants (especially jeans), shorts, shirts and coats. They give new underwear, socks and shoes, so they don't need those. Donations can be left on the porch at 121 Chippewa or call Patti Whitehurst at 972-907-9833 if you have any questions. The Clothes Closet also gratefully accepts monetary donations to the RISD Council of PTAs Clothes Closet. Tax receipts are available upon request.

### **Can you help?**

#### **Answer to question on the Texas Flag**

Because it is the only state that was a republic before it became a state and joined the union by treaty.

### **Social Security update on local TV**

Each of us is involved in the Social Security system. Our parents and our children have also been, or will be, involved with the Social Security system. If you missed the town hall meeting our US Congressman, Pete Sessions, held at Pearce High School in September you have a chance to see it on the local cable access TV station. The entire session will be rebroadcast on November 14 at 5:00pm on Comcast channel 10A.

The speakers and panel consisted of an assistant commissioner of the Social Security Administration; speakers from several public policy think tanks; a financial planner; and Dallas Morning News financial writer Scott Burns; and the Congressman. A surprisingly wide range of views were expressed by the speakers, and by the audience. The session did a good job of explaining the challenges of Social Security and its interaction with the entire economy; explained the benefits of Social Security today; and discussed a variety of approaches to its future.

The broadcast is about three hours and forty minutes long. You might want to record it to watch it in increments — and because you're likely to want to replay portions of it.

## Local Events November - December include:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location/Time</u>
<b><u>November</u></b>		
9	Beethoven, Liebermann, Mendelsohn concert	7:30pm, UTD Conf Ctr
10	Veterans Day Program	9:45am, Pearce Gym
11	Girls' Basketball vs North Garland	6:00pm, Pearce
13	Pearce Jazz Band concert	7:30pm, Pearce
15	Pearce Band Silent Auction	5:30pm, Pearce Corral
	Boys' Basketball vs Irving MacArthur	TBA, Pearce
	Jazz concert (Joey DeFrancesco)	8:00pm, University Theatre, UTD
16	Richardson Community Band concert	2:00pm, Eisemann Center
20	Mohawk Silent Auction	7:00pm, Mohawk
20-22	Girls' Basketball Varsity Tournament	TBA, Pearce
21	UTD Men's Basketball vs Johnson & Wales	7:30pm, UTD
25	Girls' Basketball vs Hebron	6:00, 7:30pm, Pearce
26	Girls' Basketball vs W. T. White	6:00, 7:30pm, Pearce
30	UTD Women's Basketball vs Howard Payne	1:00pm, UTD
<b>27-28</b>	<b>Thanksgiving holiday</b>	
<b><u>December</u></b>		
4	UTD Women's Basketball vs McMurry	5:30pm, UTD
4-6	Boys' Basketball Varsity Tournament	TBA, Pearce
5	Concord Winter Show	7:30pm, Pearce
	Chamber Music Ensemble (free)	8:00pm, Jonsson Perf. Hall, UTD
6	Richardson Holiday Parade	9:00am, Plano Road
	UTD Women's Basketball vs Hardin-Simmons	1:00pm, UTD
	Concord Winter Show	7:30pm, Pearce
	Richardson Symphony Orchestra	Eisemann Center
6-7	Santa's Village (free)	Civic Center
7	Holiday Sing Along (free)	2:30 & 7:30pm, University Theatre, UTD
9	Boys' Basketball vs Midlothian	6:00, 7:30pm, Pearce
	North Choir Winter Concert	6:30pm, First United Methodist
	Pearce Choir/Orchestra Winter Concert	7:00pm, Pearce
10	Pearce Bands Winter concert	7:30pm, Pearce
11	Boys' Basketball JV Tournament	TBA, Pearce
12	Girls' Basketball vs Highland Park	6:00, 7:30pm, Pearce
13	Boys' Basketball JV Tournament	TBA, Pearce
	UTD Men's Basketball vs Hardin-Simmons	3:00pm, UTD
13-14	Santa's Village (free)	Civic Center
<b>15-18</b>	<b>RISD Exam week</b>	
17	UTD Women's Basketball vs UT Tyler	5:30pm, UTD
	UTD Men's Basketball vs UT Tyler	7:30pm, UTD
<b>19- 31</b>	<b>Winter break</b>	
20	UTD Women's Basketball vs McMurry	1:00pm, UTD
	UTD Men's Basketball vs McMurry	3:00pm, UTD
20-21	The Nutcracker with The Richardson Symphony Orchestra	Eisemann Center
	Santa's Village (free)	Civic Center
<b>25</b>	<b>Christmas day</b>	

For information on performances at UTD call 972-883-2982, or <http://ah.utdallas.edu>

**J J PEARCE HOMEOWNERS ASSOC.  
2003/2004 BUDGET**

**INCOME**

Membership Dues	\$4,950.00
Dividends	120.00
Advertising - Newsletter	<u>1,080.00</u>

**TOTAL INCOME** **\$6,150.00**

**EXPENSES**

**CRIME WATCH**

Metrocall	262.20
National Night Out	1,900.00

**MEMBERSHIP**

Annual Meeting	159.00
Board Planning Mtg.	200.00
Binders	100.00
Printing	320.00
Delivery	30.00

**SOCIAL EVENTS**

Easter	100.00
July 4th	200.00
December Decorations	125.00
Volunteer Party	275.00

**NEWSLETTER**

Printing	2,568.60
Delivery	785.00

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

Fire Fighters Dinner	135.00
Police Dept. Appreciation Buffet	100.00

**OTHER EXPENSES**

Federal Income Tax	25.00
Miscellaneous	<u>99.00</u>

**TOTAL EXPENSES** **\$7,383.80**

**NET INCOME (LOSS)** **(\$1,233.80)**

**J J PEARCE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION  
Statement of Cash Receipts and Expenses  
For the Period September 1, 2003 to October 31, 2003**

**Month Ended**   **Yr. to Date Actual**   **Yr. To Date**  
**October 31, 2003**   **October 31, 2003**   **Budget**

**Cash Receipts**

Membership Dues	\$825.00	\$4,125.00	\$4,125.00
Dividends	11.54	21.99	20.00
Advertising-Newsletter	<u>160.00</u>	<u>250.00</u>	<u>180.00</u>

**Total Receipts**   **\$996.54**   **\$4,396.99**   **\$4,325.00**

**Expenses**

Crime Watch			
Metrocall	21.85	43.70	43.70
Membership			
Annual Meeting		159.00	159.00
Newsletter			
Printing, etc.	241.50	610.10	718.60
Delivery	75.00	135.00	150.00

**Other Expenses**

Contributions		234.75	235.00
Miscellaneous			<u>16.50</u>

**Total Expenses**   **\$338.35**   **\$1,182.55**   **\$1,322.80**

**Net Income (Loss)**   **\$658.19**   **\$3,214.44**   **\$3,002.20**

**Fund Balances**

**Checking**   **Vanguard**   **Totals**

Beginning Balances - 10/1/03	\$3,506.66	\$15,698.35	\$19,205.01
Add receipts	985.00	11.54	996.54
Less Disbursements	<u>338.35</u>		<u>338.35</u>
Ending Balances - 10/31/03	\$4,153.31	<u>15,709.89</u>	<u>\$19,863.20</u>

Respectfully Submitted, Helen Simon, Treasurer, November 1, 2003

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to Lynn Sanders on qualifying for the Iron Butt Association. To qualify Lynn did the Saddlesore 1000, which involves riding motorcycle 1,000 miles or more in 24 hours or less. Lynn's qualifying ride went from Farmers Branch to Van Horn and back again, 1,062 miles in 16 hours and 55 minutes. We don't know why he did it, and don't recommend it, but we're glad he returned safely.

## Board of Directors 2003 —2004

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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: ddrussum@comcast.net

Rates per newsletter, based on 8 ½ X 11" page.

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

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

Board Meetings: November 30, 1214 Grassmere, 7 PM  
January 4, 1201 Grassmere, 7 PM  
February 1, 1127 Edith Circle, 7 PM

**Board meetings are open to all members**