

J. J. Pearce Homeowners Association Newsletter

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News from the City

- Sales tax revenues are up 4.3% over last year.
- UTD has been eliminated as a contender for the George W. Bush Presidential Library.
- A strategy for naming the 24 miles of trails in the city has been approved. The strategy calls for trails to be named to reflect their location.
- The City Council and staff are examining options for an increase in the tax exemption for seniors and the disabled.

Hello, from the New Guy **By Michael Ward Sr., VP Development**

I am very pleased with my new position and look forward to working with the Board and serving our great community. Thanks again to Chris Bruckner for his many contributions and service.

An introduction seems in order. I live at 1217 Stratford with my wife, Cyndie, of 27 years. Cyndie was a stay-at-home mom but has started a new career as a Flight Attendant with ASA and is based in Salt Lake City. Our younger son, Matt, is a senior at Pearce and plays linebacker for the mighty Mustangs (#28). He plans to attend either UT or TAM. Our older son, Michael Jr., an aspiring writer, lives in Dallas. He graduated from Pearce and is an Aggie. Our dog, Pablo, is a mixed terrier from the Garland pound, and is blind as a bat. We moved back from California to the neighborhood in 2003. I have retired from the corporate world and now trade stocks as a business. Texas/Richardson is our adopted home.

And now some updates.

- A sales center is being established for the **Lake Park Estates** development. They will hold a grand opening on November 16 and our entire community is invited. Additional information can be obtained through their web site, www.lakeparkestatesliving.com, or calling 972-638-9500. Their web site has had over 22,000 hits.

As part of the development, Tatum Street that runs next to Home Depot will have to be reworked to take out the existing sharp curves

New Developments:

- **Burger Street** plans to open in November. They will be located immediately west of the Tom Thumb entry facing Coit.
- A **FedEx-Kinko's** is in the works and will open next door to the new **Burger Street**.
- The Abbey Restaurant, which closed this past summer is being rebuilt and is scheduled to reopen in late November as the **Orchid Mediterranean Restaurant**.
- **Richardson Bike Mart** is expanding into the adjacent space to the west. This additional 8,000 square feet will bring their total to 33,000. Construction is underway and will be completed by mid November. They are expanding their lines of cycling apparel.

Rumor has it that the open space near Rock Fish will finally be occupied in the near future. Stay tuned.



Happy Thanksgiving

The sirens call

No, it was not a test of Richardson's emergency warning system, nor was it a demonstration of a new "grackle dispersion device." There was some kind of malfunction in the siren system ("tornado sirens") that resulted in their activation three times the night of October 23-24 in the northwest area of the City. Contractors will be looking into what possibly caused the unplanned, and isolated, activation.

The sirens are intended to be audible outdoors throughout the city. Although they are not designed to ensure audibility indoors, many of us did hear them. The best thing to do when hearing the sirens is to check local radio or TV stations. In this instance there were no reports of bad weather or any other problems. The next thing to check is the police non-emergency number, 972-744-4800. In this instance that resulted in a busy signal with lots of people trying to find out what was happening. Fortunately, nothing was happening. I guess we could say that the radio, TV and Internet non-reports were accurate.

RISD Implements Additional Game Day Security Measure

An increasing amount of loitering by young people has been occurring at RISD stadiums during football games. In most instances, those involved in such behavior are not RISD students and are not attending games with the intention of watching the game or participating in school activities. Rather, large numbers of non-RISD young people have been attending games seemingly for the sole purpose of congregating in groups, which can lead to potentially dangerous situations.

In order to mitigate the number of non-RISD students attending RISD home football games, the district has adopted a new practice. Effective October 14, 2005, and for the remainder of the season, the district will require valid RISD high school student identification in addition to a valid ticket for admission to home football games. High-school-age individuals, who are unescorted by a parent or guardian, and who do not have a valid Richardson ISD student identification will not be admitted to any game between two RISD high schools. The same policy will apply for entrance to the home side of RISD home games against non-RISD schools.

The district will continue to provide a substantial security and administrative presence at all home games, which will help ensure a safe and secure environment at RISD facilities, parking lots and property. In addition, RISD students are again encouraged to make good decisions regarding conduct after the game and off district property.

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Constitutional Amendment Election

Election Day is November 8. Nine proposed amendments to the Texas constitution are on the ballot. The League of Women Voters Voters Guide provides a neutral explanation of each amendment, and a short summary of the pro's and con's for each amendment. The Voters Guide is available at the Richardson library and online at www.lwvtxas.org.



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J.J. Pearce band auction Saturday, November 19

The J.J. Pearce Mighty Mustang Band will host the 12th annual Big City, Big Lights Band Celebration and Auction from 6:30 to 10:00 pm Saturday at the high school, 1600 N. Coit Road. The band will perform along with bands from North Junior High and Parkhill Junior High schools. The event will feature silent and live auctions, a bake sale, games and a raffle drawing. Admission is free, come enjoy the music and hospitality of our local schools. For more information call, Mark and Renetta Montgomery at 972-234-6372.

Carbon nanotube sheets

You've probably read about the enormous worldwide excitement over the development of the remarkable carbon nanotube sheets by UTD's Nanotech Institute. The discoverers have been invited to speak all over the world because of their scientific breakthrough and the enormous technological and commercial potential.

You are invited to hear for yourself what this discovery is all about Wednesday, November 9. UTD TI Auditorium, ECSS2.102. Reception 6:00-6:30pm. Presentation 6:30 pm-7:30 pm. Enter via University Parkway and stop at the guard shack for a parking permit and directions.

CRIME/SAFETY TALK
By Thom Pomella, VP Safety

CRIME ALERT

The city has experienced an increase in Burglary of Motor Vehicle offenses within the past few weeks. If you live in Crime Watch Areas 1 (northeast), 3 (south central), 4 (southeast), 5 (west) or 6 (northwest); please take extra precautions to safeguard your valuables. **Do Not Leave Anything Of Value Inside Your Vehicle.** Thieves are stealing wallets, purses, mobile phones, laptop computers, day planners, garage door openers, after market stereos, etc. **If Possible, Park And Secure Your Vehicle Inside Your Locked Garage.** The offenses are occurring between Midnight and 5:00 a.m. and targeted vehicles have been parked on the street and in the rear driveways.

RECENT CRIME

- 1100 Blk. Grassmere Drive - Theft 2004 Dodge Ram pickup stolen from curbside (9:00 pm 9/18 – 7:10 am 9/19) 05-083471 - (and probably used at the next location)
- 1100 Blk. Pueblo Drive – Theft - Four 20" wheels/tires removed from Dodge Ram pickup parked on rear driveway. Ram's jack used to remove wheels. Possibly stole truck from Grassmere to transport (9:00 pm 9/18 – 5:00 am 9/19) 05-083458 (Same M.O. used a few months ago) Same warning as before— if you own a Dodge Ram with 20" rims, someone wants them.
- 1200 Blk. Chesterton Drive Burglary Habitation Suspects removed lawn equipment from open garage. Residents provided description of fleeing vehicle. Responding officer spotted suspects on Arapaho. Drug paraphernalia started flying out the windows of suspect vehicle as they fled. Cavalry arrived to assist with stop. Everybody went to jail. Evidence found suggesting lawn equipment was their specialty. (1:25 pm 9/18) 05-083246.

Note that this was on a Sunday, when most residents are at home, and garages are open for convenience. Good job by this resident in relaying suspect information by phone, which lead to capture of suspects with the loot in their possession.

- 1200 Huntington Drive – Vandalism = Curbside vehicle's rear windshield shattered with golf ball (8:00 pm 9/18 – 7:30 am 9/19) 05-083493
- 1300 Blk. N. Cottonwood – Vandalism - Curbside vehicle's rear windshield shattered. (10:17 pm 9/18) 05-083391
- 1100 Blk. Pueblo Drive – Vandalism - Curbside vehicle's rear windshield shattered. (3:00 pm 9/17 – 7:30 am 9/18) 05-083176
- 1100 blk Melrose Drive – Vandalism - Curbside vehicle's rear windshield shattered. (1am - 9am, 9/18)

- 1100 Blk. Stratford Drive – Theft - Newspaper stolen from front sidewalk by female in gold Chrysler convertible (11:30 am 9/25) 05-085547 - the Sunday edition, no less
- 1100 blk. Edith Cir - Theft Boat cover removed from boat parked on rear driveway. (8:00pm, 10/4 – 6:00am, 10/5) 05-088646
- 1200 blk Grassmere Dr – Theft - Pop-up camper stolen from rear driveway area of residence. (4:30 pm, 10/5 - 10 am, 10/7) 05-089245

CRIMEWATCH COORDINATOR NEEDED – THIRD REQUEST
We still need an Area Coordinator, so I am asking for a volunteer. Anyone living in the following area that would like to help out, please contact me at thom@pomella.net, or call me at 972.690.5980.
Crime Watch Area 16
Huntington - Evens - 1100-1108
Huntington - Odds - 1101-1109
Chesterton - Evens - 1100-1108
Cheyenne - Evens - 1800-1810

FYL

Below is the first part of a presentation sent to me by Det. K.B. MacKenzie Richardson PD Auto Theft Unit after my pop-up camper was stolen from my rear driveway this month. I thought I'd share this information with everyone. This month is the statistics. Next month will be prevention, and the following month will deal with preventing car jacking.

In 2003, 231,389,998 vehicles were registered in the U.S. Of those, 1,260,471 vehicles were stolen, resulting in an estimated insurance valuation loss of \$8,567,421,387. In 2003, 18,621,915 vehicles were registered in Texas. Of those, 98,174 vehicles were stolen, resulting in an estimated insurance valuation loss of \$782,330,063

TEXAS TOP FIFTEEN STOLEN VEHICLES
By Make/Model JANUARY 1, 2004 - DECEMBER 31, 2004

No. 1	Chevy Pickup	6,990
No. 2	Ford Pickup	5,030
No. 3	Dodge Pickup	2,970
No. 4	Honda Accord	2,893
No. 5	Honda Civic	2,131
No. 6	GMC Pickup	1,915
No. 7	Toyota Camry	1,407
No. 8	Ford Taurus	1,271
No. 9	Chevrolet Tahoe	1,065
No. 10	Oldsmobile Cutlass	1,033
No. 11	Ford Mustang	997
No. 12	Chevrolet Suburban	968
No. 13	Chevrolet Caprice	863
No. 14	Dodge Intrepid	860
No. 15	Chevrolet Cavalier	811

Source: *Texas Department of Public Safety MVT19 Auto Theft Reports, 2004*

Numbers reflect only reported stolen vehicles, not all will be finalized stolen.

- The most stolen vehicles are four years of age or older.
- The least stolen vehicles in Texas in 2004 were: Cadillac Seville, Eagle Medallion, Ford Contour, Ford Excursion, and Pontiac Le Mans. None of these were reported stolen.
- In Texas, a vehicle was stolen every 5 minutes in 2003.
- *In the U.S., a vehicle was stolen every 25 seconds.*
- In Texas, the greatest number of vehicles was stolen in July in 2003.
- *The U.S. suffered the greatest auto theft losses in July and August.*
- In Texas, the fewest number of vehicles were stolen in February in 2003.
- *The U.S. also experienced the fewest auto theft losses in February.*
- In Texas and the U.S., approximately two-thirds of all auto thefts occur at night (under the cover of darkness).
- In Texas, the highest concentration of auto thefts, rate wise, occur between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m.
- According to the U.S. auto insurance industry, in Texas and the U.S., approximately half of all vehicles were unlocked at the time of theft.
- In Texas and the U.S., approximately 20% of all vehicles had keys in the ignition at the time of theft, according to major insurance companies.

***REMINDER* - According to Section 545.404 of the Texas Transportation Code, leaving a vehicle running while unattended on public property is a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a \$200 fine!!!!**

Because theft is not normally a person-to-person crime and not often witnessed, it becomes difficult to prosecute thieves.

Christmas Decoration Volunteers Needed

With Christmas fast approaching, and the fact that the decorations go up after right after Thanksgiving, we are asking for volunteers to help with the decorations. If you would like to help out, please contact our Decorations Coordinator - Donna Kimbrell at dkrk@airmail.net or 972-235-2514. Your help will be greatly appreciated.



Minutes of Board Meeting, September 25, 2005

Bernie Mayoff called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. at his home.

New Board members were introduced: Michael Ward Sr., VP of Development and Sharon Easky, VP of Membership.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the last Board meeting were approved with one correction of spelling of a name.

Treasurer's Report

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

Old Business

The Board noted the annual meeting went well. Bernie noted a member asked about speeding signs in the alleys. Thom Pomella to identify where signs are needed. Bernie will notify the city to follow up.

Fire Department Dinners went well.

Holiday Decorations. Thom Pomella is working on getting volunteers.

Neighborhood Yard Sale. The annual event will be October 15 from 9-2. Signs will be placed by the HOA.

New Business

- Budget. Helen Simon presented the annual budget and explained the individual expenses. The Board approved the budget, and also approved a \$25 donation for an Eagle Scout project that will benefit Mohawk elementary. The Board also approved a donation to the Community Action program for \$50 for drug education videos for use at Mohawk. A donation for the purchase of a brick for \$50 was also purchased by the Board for the Mohawk anniversary.
- Mohawk Blue Ribbon School Recognition. The Board will consider providing breakfast or lunch for the staff.

Committee Reports

- Membership: Bernie explained that when new homeowners move in, they receive a free membership for the rest of the year. Sharon to contact local realtors monthly to obtain a list of new homeowners.
- Safety: Thom reported multiple home burglaries due to open garages. Some wheels were also stolen from cars, and mailbox vandalism.

The next Homeowner's Association President's meeting will be October 18 at 7:00 am.

Next Board meeting is:

- October 30, at 7:00 pm at Phil Meeker's home. Deadline will be October 26.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy De La Garza, Secretary

Hurricanes and RISD

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita brought approximately 1,109 new students to RISD. Almost of these students came to our area because of Katrina. In many, many of these cases there is no home for the family to return to, or the home is so badly damaged that it is no longer habitable and will need to be demolished.

The new students have been placed in schools across the district, usually in areas closest to where they are residing. They are fairly evenly spread across grades, with the highest numbers being in kindergarten and first grade, and the smallest number being high school seniors. Pearce High School has taken in about 59 students, Richardson North Junior High School has taken in only 6 students, and Mohawk has not had any additional students. In most cases the schools have been able to absorb the additional students without adding teachers. Where necessary to maintain class sizes, RISD has hired additional staff. Pearce has added two teachers.

Many of the new students come from the New Orleans school district, and that was not a high performing district. Most of the incoming students are at a disadvantage compared to their RISD peers. To help these students succeed additional counselors and tutors are being utilized. The students are generally adapting well to their new environment, especially considering the trauma they have been through and that their families are still going through. Discipline has not been an issue.

Because of the difference in the school systems it is obvious that standardized test scores are likely to be different for the new students than for the existing RISD students. To provide consistency and fairness in evaluating schools and students, the Katrina students will be measured and reported separately for at least the next year and possibly longer at the state level. It is hoped that the federal measures will be similarly adjusted.

The Robinhood school funding plan allows RISD to keep approximately \$5,000/student. Because the new students have been spread across the district and the increased expenses associated are relatively modest, the school district should actually benefit financially from the increased enrollment.

The RISD long range budget projected the need to cut another three million dollars in the 2006-2007 school year. Escalating costs of fuel and energy could add as much as \$2.475M more to that amount. However, if all of the new students actually stay within RISD long term, the increased money we are able to retain will more than cover the projected shortfall! Of course it is impossible right now to know how many of our new students and their families

will remain within RISD, but if even half of them stay it will be a big financial help!

[For questions contact Bernie Mayoff. Bernie is a member of the RISD Budget Review Team where this topic was discussed in late October.]

**Pearce High School
Veteran's Day Assembly
Thursday, November 10
Refreshments 9AM, Corral
Assembly 9:45 AM
in the Gym
Speaker: Gen. Adam Gallo, Ret.**

Hello, from the new gal!

By Sharon Easky, VP Membership

When we first moved to this area we were surprised by the number of neighbors who were the original owners of their homes, an anomaly in many metro areas. They moved here over twenty years ago, raised their families, and still think this is the best place to live! Now, three years later we too know that the best thing about our neighborhood is not the location – which is great – or the schools – which are great – but the friends and neighbors that make it a real community, a place you want to come home to.

The JJ Pearce Homeowners Association is another great thing about our neighborhood. It only took attending one Board meeting to see that the dedication and involvement of the JJ Pearce HOA Board contribute to the quality of our lives every day. I look forward to serving with this hardworking, active group.

I really do love the idea of community, friends, and NEIGHBORHOODS. I would especially like to hear your ideas about how we can reach out to new residents. If you get a new neighbor please let me know. In addition to a warm welcome, I am sure they would love to have a copy of the JJ Pearce HOA Directory – I use mine all the time. If you need a copy, I'll be glad to get one to you.

As of October 26th, we have received dues from 306 families – a pretty good showing so far. We are winding down this year's membership drive but know more families still want to join. We will follow up to make sure everyone who wants to join this year does.

Take care and enjoy this wonderful fall weather!!!

How the Turkey Got Its Name

There are a number of explanations for the origin of the name of Thanksgiving's favorite dinner guest. Some believe Christopher Columbus thought that the land he discovered was connected to India, and believed the bird he discovered (the turkey) was a type of peacock. He therefore called it 'tuka,' which is 'peacock' in Tamil, an Indian language.

Though the turkey is actually a type of pheasant, one can't blame the explorer for trying.

The Native American name for turkey is 'firkee'; some say this is how turkeys got their name. Simple facts, however, sometimes produce the best answers—when a turkey is scared, it makes a “turk, turk, turk” noise.

Turkey Facts

- At one time, the turkey and the bald eagle were each considered as the national symbol of America. Benjamin Franklin was one of those who argued passionately on behalf of the turkey. Franklin felt the turkey, although “vain and silly”, was a better choice than the bald eagle, whom he felt was “a coward”.
- According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, more than 45 million turkeys are cooked and eaten in the U.S. at Thanksgiving—that's one sixth of all turkeys sold in the U.S. each year. American per capita consumption of turkeys has soared from 8.3 pounds in 1975 to 18.5 pounds last year.
- Last year, 2.7 billion pounds of turkey was processed in the United States.
- In 1995, retail sales of turkey reached approximately \$4.4 billion. They are expected to \$4.7 billion in 2000.
- Age is a determining factor in taste. Old, large males are preferable to young toms (males) as tom meat is stringy. The opposite is true for females: old hens are tougher birds.
- A turkey under sixteen weeks of age is called a *fryer*, while a young *roaster* is five to seven months old.
- Turkeys are the only breed of poultry native to the Western Hemisphere.
- Turkeys have great hearing, but no external ears. They can also see in color, and have excellent visual acuity and a wide field of vision (about 270 degrees), which makes sneaking up on them difficult. However, turkeys have a poor sense of smell (what's cooking?), but an excellent sense of taste.
- Domesticated turkeys cannot fly. Wild turkeys, however, can fly for short distances at speeds up to 55 miles per hour. They can also reach speeds of 25 miles per hour on the ground.

- Turkeys sometimes spend the night in trees.
- Turkeys can drown if they look up when it is raining. They can also have heart attacks: turkeys in fields near the Air Force test areas over which the sound barrier was broken were known to drop dead from the shock of passing jets.
- The ballroom dance known as the Turkey Trot was named for the short, jerky steps a turkey makes.

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Did you know?

By Michael Ward Sr., VP Development

Did you know that Nikki's restaurant is celebrating their 20th year in Richardson? I had the opportunity recently to meet the owner/operator, Jerry Crain, over an extended cup of coffee. Jerry is a very young and energetic 81 and has been in the restaurant business since 1970. His entry into the business was through one of the first IHOPs in the Dallas metro. He opened Nikki's in 1985 and named it after his daughter Nicole. We know it is as a classic family restaurant known for good food and personal service.

But did you know that Jerry is a decorated veteran from WWII? He was a radio man and gunner on B24s. His first plane was named *Heaven can Wait* and was lost on its first mission. His second plane was named *Heaven can Wait II*. It was lost on its first mission also. He remains very thankful that the pilot changed the named for their third plane. But Jerry didn't care much for its name either *Vulgar Virgin*. He went on to complete 44 missions over Europe. The last mission ended with an emergency landing in a farm field in Italy, as it was being broadcast over their radios that the war had ended.

Jerry plans to keep Nikki's for ten more years.

Greetings

By Phil Meeker, VP for Beautification

On Sunday (October 23rd) the temperature dropped as the norther blew through. Today at 7 am the temperature was 40 degrees. The season for perspiration is over!

What to do now

Plant

- All spring flowering bulbs after Thanksgiving. Tulip and Hyacinth bulbs must be refrigerated for forty-five days before planting and don't put apples or tomatoes in your refrigerator with bulbs. Ethylene gas will cause the bulbs to rot.
- Continue planting all cool season color and keep frost cloth blankets on hand for plant protection
- This is the best time of year for planting trees and shrubs. Be sure there are no encircling roots when planting and don't plant like a telephone pole. You need to see the root flare at the trunk. Finally, always plant a water soaked plant into the wet hole.

Be on the lookout

- Scale on hollies, euonymus, camellias and nandinas. Hard scale is attracted to large leaf shrubs and range in colors from white to brown. They are about the size of a pin head and up to 3 times that size. After birth (springtime) the scale attaches itself to one place on the leaves and feeds. An infestation will kill plants.
- Soft and cotton appearing scale is attached to nandinas with smaller leaves. They attach to the stems of the nandinas, thus requiring close observation of the plant interior. Control of both types is the same. Spray the shrubs with a horticultural oil and water mix during the cool season. Now thru March is the best. Follow label directions and several applications thirty days apart will be necessary.

Personal Experience

- During the late spring I had a foundation/slab repair company inspect my foundation. This well known company said "not a slab problem." Not being satisfied with this today (Oct. 25), I retained a licensed engineer to do a complete structural and property inspection. He concurred with the slab company BUT his initial comment to Janice was to have root barriers installed three feet deep along the front of the house to stop the live oak roots from going under the slab. He also recommended the same barrier installation on the west side to stop the roots of liqustrums in my neighbors yard from growing under the slab. More to come when I get the full written report.

Replacing over grown landscape

- Considerations
 - How long will we live here (ROI)
 - Budget
 - Do I need a landscape architect
 - Will it be a DIY totally
 - Do I know reputable landscapers
 - Do I know what I want the new landscape to look like i.e. formal, cottage garden, xeriscape, etc.
 - This and more in the next two months

Holiday Lighting

Believe it or not the day after Thanksgiving some holiday lighting will be up. I plan to be out placing the five "winner" signs on Saturday December 17.

Yard Sale Success

The October sale had 25-30 households participate and there was lots of traffic and buyers. As I was placing the yard sale signs (at 7 am) there were already buyers in the yards buying!

HOA WEATHER ADVISORY

Fall and winter weather is not as predictable as summer. A blue norther can blow through our area dropping to below freezing at anytime now with little advance warning. Many plants in our landscapes are very sensitive to this. There are too many to list. These plants have to HARDEN OFF i.e., become acclimated to colder weather by going through a period (two weeks) of dropping temperatures before a freeze. To help them acclimate keep your landscape (including grass) moist. As I mentioned earlier keep floating row cover and blankets available. Use them before the freeze is forecast. Plants in containers should be moved into a covered area and covered. Never use plastic as a cover.

Happy Gardening and a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving to All.



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SORRY, WRONG NUMBER!

By Frank Baker, Member

No, not the movie; the number to stop certain junk mailings given in the article by Jerry Hogan in last month's JJPHOA newsletter. If you tried the number given last month (866-241-6760), you reached "The Conference Center", with messages in English, German, and French, and requesting your password. (Could be CIA?!)

Through the help of Jerry, Thom Pomella (my dog's favorite postman!) and others, we determined that the correct number is 888-241-6760. That correction was broadcast in a JJPHOA e-mail dated October 6.

I tried the corrected number on October 6, but their hours (ADVO) are M-F 8-5 EST, and I called at 4:00 PM CST, so tried again the next day. I gave them my address and was advised that I should stop receiving the junk mail in the next 6-8 weeks. I suggest you also call them if you wish to reduce the amount of junk mail you receive.

Further on the subject of junk mail, the February 2005 issue of the AARP newsletter offered these additional contacts for slimming down Thom's daily load:

I Quote from AARP:

Call 888-567-8688 to remove your name from lists sold to credit card companies by consumer reporting firms such as Equifax and Experian. (Author's Note: Removing yourself from these lists may duplicate the above call to ADVO, but it never hurts to wear a belt and suspenders.)

Stop solicitations from the Direct Marketing Association's 5,200 member companies, which represent 80 percent of these marketers. Get forms for \$5 at www.dmaconsumers.org/cgi/offmailinglist. Or write for free forms to the Direct Marketing Association, Mail Preference Service, P. O. Box 643, Carmel, NY 10512. (Author's note: That web address is given as it was printed in the AARP bulletin had an extra space. However, I was successful in reaching the web site by eliminating the "space" and using the address shown here. But if you write them there is no cost for the forms. I like "Free"!)

Remove yourself from mortgage refinancing and home equity loan offers by calling the Acxiom U. S. Consumer Hotline at 877-774-2094 or writing to DataQuick, Attn: Opt-Out Dept., 9620 Towne Center Drive, San Diego, CA 92121

End of quotation from AARP.

I personally called the first of these AARP Opt-Out numbers to remove my name from pre-approved offers of credit or insurance. I gave the information requested to their voice-mail machine. However, I did not give my social security number, nor did I give one other piece of information requested that I felt they did not need. The voice said they would attempt to process my request sans the two missing items, and, what do you know, a form arrived in the mail, which had my name and address at the top. Having done this much, my name will be removed from the four credit bureaus lists for a period of 5 years. However, by simply signing and dating the form, and returning it in the self-addressed envelope they provided, my name will be permanently removed from the four credit bureau name lists. You can also do this via www.optoutprescreen.com. Now I need only wait for the current listings to flush through the system and, allegedly, no more such mailings.

I can see Thom smiling as I type this!

Presidential Pardon — The turkey that lives to see another day

By Erin Martin

Each year the President of the United States is expected to pardon a turkey before Thanksgiving at a White House ceremony. The tradition dates back fifty-seven years to Harry Truman and has been compassionately enforced ever since. The turkey is given to Kidwell Farm, a petting zoo at Frying Pan Park in Herndon, Virginia. The turkey in question gets a last minute pardon before arriving, and is then led to his new home at the Turkey Barn after enduring a turkey "roast" full of poultry humor and history.

In 2004 President Bush gave a turkey named Biscuit a last-minute reprieve. The president saved Biscuit from ending up as the main course of someone's Thanksgiving feast.

This year the turkey was chosen from a farm in West Virginia. A number of hatchlings were set aside in July and regularly hand-fed to get them ready for the pardoning. In November two finalists were sent to Washington for the Rose Garden ceremony—a turkey named Biscuit and his alternate, Gravy. An alternate is chosen each year just in case the first bird is unable to perform his duties.

For the second time, people voted for the turkeys' names on the White House web site. Biscuit and Gravy won out over Patience and Fortitude, and Gobble and Peck.

<http://makeashorterlink.com/?U24025D0C>

Mohawk!!!

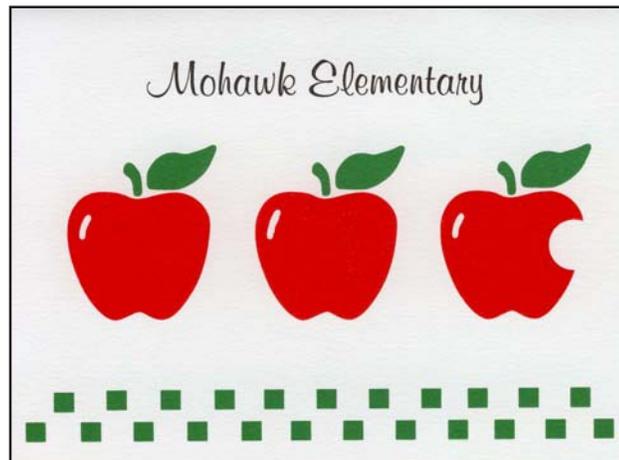
To help Mohawk celebrate their National Blue Ribbon award, our Homeowners Association provided the faculty and staff with a luncheon on October 6. Mohawk was awarded this honor after a lengthy selection process. Schools must achieve academic excellence over a five-year period just to be invited to apply. If the difficult application process is satisfied then additional, current academic hurdles must be achieved. And they were! Congratulations to everyone at Mohawk, to the parents, and to everyone involved in supporting our local schools over an extended period of years.

The Homeowners Association has also purchased an engraved brick as part of the 40th anniversary celebration. We've also contributed to the Eagle Scout project of Kevin Strong, who is helping to install the bricks on the Mohawk campus.



Sign designed and food delivered by Mike Ward. Photos by Bernie Mayoff.

An Apple From the Teachers



Dear Pearce Homeowners Association,

The staff at Mohawk Elementary enjoyed a wonderful lunch provided by your Association. Thanks for your thoughtfulness.

Billie Snow
Principal

Veterans' Day – November 11

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, D.C., 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; 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

The first celebration using the term Veterans Day occurred in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1947. Raymond Weeks, a World War II veteran, organized "National Veterans Day," which included a parade and other festivities, to honor all veterans. The event was held on November 11, and then designated Armistice Day. Later, U.S. Representative Edward Rees of Kansas proposed a bill that would change Armistice Day to Veterans Day. In 1954, Congress passed the bill that President Eisenhower signed proclaiming November 11 as Veterans Day. Raymond Weeks received the Presidential Citizens Medal from President Reagan in November 1982. Weeks' local parade and ceremonies are now an annual event celebrated nationwide.

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 1984, an unknown serviceman from the Vietnam War was placed alongside the others. The remains from Vietnam were exhumed May 14, 1998, identified as Air Force 1st Lt. Michael Joseph Blassie, and removed for burial. To honor these men, symbolic of all Americans who gave their lives in all wars, an Army honor guard, the 3rd 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.

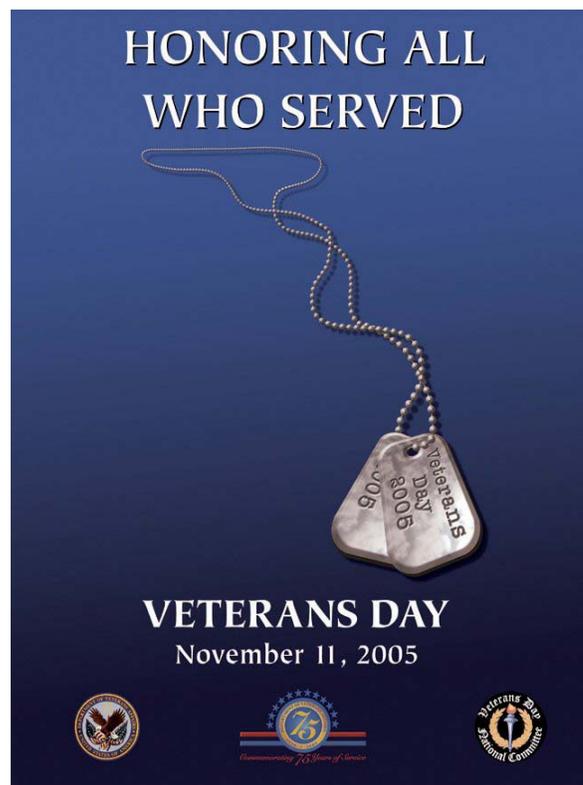
National Ceremonies Held at Arlington National Cemetery

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 many 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.

<http://www1.va.gov/opa/feature/celebrate/vetday.htm>



Statement of Cash Receipts and Expenses
For the Period September 1, 2005 to October 31, 2005

	Month Ended October 31, 2005	Year to Date Actual October 31, 2005	Year To Dat Budget	Full Year Budget
Cash Receipts				
Membership Dues	\$1,155.00	\$4,575.00	\$4,545.00	5,400.00
Dividends	28.05	57.51	50.00	300.00
Advertising-Newsletter	120.00	270.00	200.00	1,200.00
Total Receipts	\$1,303.05	\$4,902.51	\$4,795.00	\$6,900.00
Expenses				
Crime Watch				
Metrocall	20.86	41.72	44.00	264.00
National Night Out				1,900.00
Membership				
Annual Meeting	16.50	36.50	55.00	55.00
Binders				100.00
Board Planning Meeting				300.00
Directory Delivery				30.00
Directory Printing				450.00
Social Events				
December Decorations				250.00
Easter	121.14	121.14		100.00
July 4				150.00
Volunteer Party				275.00
Newsletter				
Printing, etc.	266.74	525.94	500.00	2,415.00
Delivery	75.00	150.00	150.00	765.00
Contributions				
Drug Awareness Video	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Eagle/Mohawk Project	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Firefighters' Dinners	148.05	175.00	175.00	
Mohawk 40th Anniversary	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Police Dept Appreciation				100.00
Other Expenses				
Federal Income Tax				55.00
Total Expenses	\$625.24	\$1,148.35	\$1,049.00	\$7,509.00
Net Income (Loss)	\$677.81	\$3,754.16	\$3,746.00	(\$609.00)

Fund Balances:

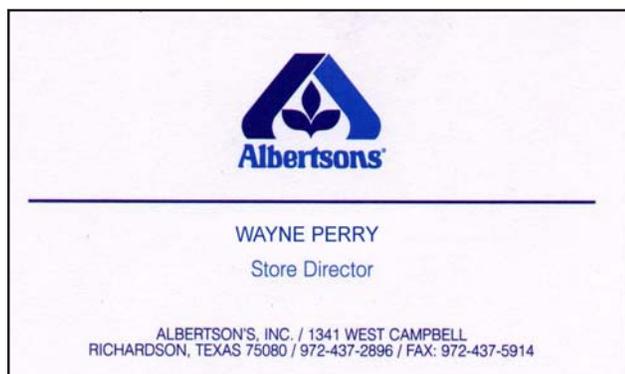
	Checking	Vanguard	Totals
Beginning Balances - 10/1/05	\$4,013.28	\$10,129.89	\$14,143.17
Add receipts 1,275.00		28.05	1,303.05
Less Disbursements	625.24		625.24
Ending Balances - 10/31/05	\$4,663.04	\$10,157.94	\$14,820.98

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

Local Events November – December include:

Date	Event	Time/Location
November		
5	Play: Medea Richardson Symphony Pops	\$15, 8:00pm, UTD Univ Theatre 8:00pm, Eisemann Center
6	Play: Medea Clavier Trio - "Dvorak, Suk, Arensky"	\$15, 2:30pm, UTD Univ Theatre \$15, 7:30pm, UTD Jonsson
8	Election Day	7:00am – 7:00pm, Mohawk
9	Jazz piano: Kelly Durbin	free, 7:30pm, UTD Jonsson Perf Hall
10	Pearce Veterans Day Assembly Pearce Jazz Band concert	9:45AM, Pearce large gym 7:00pm, Pearce
11	Veterans Day Classical guitar	\$15, 8:00pm, UTD Jonsson Perf Hall
11-12	Senior Holiday Bazaar	Senior Center
	Play: Medea	\$15, 8:00pm, UTD Univ Theatre
13	Play: Medea	\$15, 2:30pm, UTD Univ Theatre
14	Pearce boy's 9 th basketball vs Garland Lakeview	5:30/7:00pm, Pearce
16	Lake Park Estates (Lennox development) open house	5:30pm-8:00pm
18-19	Performing Arts Festival (check website)	free, UTD
19	Pearce Band Silent Auction	Pearce
21	Pearce boy's 9 th basketball vs Hebron Symphony of Toys	5:30/7:00pm, Pearce admission: one new, unwrapped toy, 7:30pm, UTD Univ Theatre
22	Pearce girl's basketball vs Hebron Pearce boy's 9 th A/JV/V basketball vs Frisco Centennial	5:30pm, Pearce 5:30/6:00/7:30pm, Pearce
23-25	Thanksgiving holiday (no school)	
29	Pearce girl's basketball vs Highland Park	5:30pm, Pearce
December		
1	Orchestra Dinner and Concert	6:30pm, Pearce
3	Richardson Christmas Parade Christmas Tree Lighting Musica Nova	9 AM, Plano Rd. free, Civic Center Plaza free, 8:00pm, UTD Jonsson Perf Hall
	Richardson Symphony: Amahl and the Night Visitors	8:00pm, Eisemann Center
3-4	Santa's Village	free, Civic Center Plaza
4	29th Annual Holiday Sing	free, 7:30pm, UTD Univ Theatre
5	Pearce boy's 9 th A/B/JV/V basketball vs Highland Park	5:30/7:00/6:00/7:30pm, Pearce
8	Pearce Choir Winter Concert	7:00pm, Pearce

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**Pearce High School
Veteran's Day Assembly
Thursday, November 10
Refreshments 9AM,
Assembly 9:45 AM
in the Gym**

Board Meeting: December 4, 1300 Huntington, 7 PM

Board meetings are open to all members