

J. J. PEARCE NEWSLETTER

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October 2001**

News from the City

- The cities first DART light rail stations are scheduled to open June 21-24, 2002. The three stations will be the first DART light rail stations outside of Dallas.
- The City Council meeting to discuss and understand the public's opinions on Transit Oriented Development (TOD) will be **October 16th at 7PM at the Civic Center**. TOD is the development of appropriate types of residences, business and other facilities in the area of the light rail stations. TOD was discussed in the April newsletter which is available on our website at www.jjphoa.org. A report by the Urban Land Institute is available from the city by calling 972-744-4207.

City of Richardson Hazardous Annual Sidewalk Program (H.A.S.P.)

In the past, residents were completely responsible for maintaining the sidewalks adjacent to their property. However, as part of the 1997 Bond Program, the City of Richardson allocated \$7.4 million to help with neighborhood vitality. A portion of this money is dedicated to repair sections of sidewalks deemed to be hazardous. To determine if the sidewalk qualifies for repair under the sidewalk program, a sidewalk is rated on a scale of Priority 1 through 5. As part of the program, the City of Richardson will repair, as funds become available, sidewalks rated a Priority 1, 2, or 3. Sidewalks rated as a Priority 4 or 5 are not repaired, but they are reviewed annually to update the repair list. The following is an explanation of the ranking system.

Priority 1:

Sections of sidewalks have a vertical separation greater than three inches, or have broken up more than 80%.

Priority 2:

Sections of sidewalks that have a vertical separation between 2" and 3", or are broken up more than 60%.

Priority 3:

Sections of sidewalks with a vertical separation between 1 ½" and 2", or are broken up more than 40%.

Since the program started in 1998, sidewalks at approximately 1,500 addresses have been repaired, and over 500 addresses are scheduled to be repaired as part of the 2002 sidewalk program. The 2002 sidewalk program will complete all Priority 1 sidewalks that have been reported, as well as, completing approximately 90% of all locations that have been identified for repair.

The City of Richardson is continually reviewing sidewalk complaints and updating the repair list regularly. Sidewalk problems that were reported to Bernie since the last newsletter have been reported to the city. If you did not contact Bernie after the article in last month's newsletter you can have a sidewalk rated by calling the city at 972-744-4280.

1998 HASP (YEAR 1)

608 addresses throughout the city completed, all are Priority 1.

1999 HASP (YEAR 2)

184 addresses completed, primarily east of Central Expressway.

2000 HASP (YEAR 3)

190 addresses completed throughout the city.

2001 HASP (YEAR 4)

477 addresses will be completed with this program.

2002 HASP (YEAR 5)

556 addresses are scheduled to be completed

Five residents reported sidewalks to us and that information has been passed along to the city. While checking those five locations problems were observed on several other sidewalks. They were also reported to the city. A total of 38 locations have been turned into the city for evaluation, prioritization and repair.

Baylor-Richardson Medical Center is Looking Very Healthy

Baylor-Richardson Medical Center (BRMC) is our community hospital and is a rather extraordinary facility that has grown significantly in recent years. The hospital has grown to 174 beds and has some of the most modern equipment in the southwest. There are several supplemental facilities convenient to other parts of the city and there are efforts to include specific ethnic groups that might not otherwise be served.

Facilities growth, and increases in medical staff and equipment have led to a 9% increase in admissions in 2001 over last year, to about 7,000 total admissions. There has been a 13% increase in Emergency Room visits to about 27,000. There is a \$3M expansion project focused on the heart, which includes a new cardiac catheter lab, and an upgraded ICU scheduled for November 2001. BRMC is converting to a facility capable of open heart and other interventional cardiology programs and growing the cardiology staff.

A \$2M Women's Health center is part of the hospital and a new special care/sick baby facility was completed in September. A Digestive Diagnostic Center also opened in September. An Imaging Center was completed in February of 2001 and includes leading edge technology for the diagnosis of stroke and vascular disease.

BRMC will be the first in Texas to employ a wireless monitoring technology for ambulatory patients. The wireless device can monitor heart rate, ECG, and oxygen saturation even while a patient goes for a walk. The information is available to the staff and can signal alerts if necessary. This facility will be implemented in October.

A \$3M expansion of the Cancer Center was recently approved. This will include a 3-D beam shaping radiation device called stereotactic radiosurgery. This will be the first device of its kind in the southwest. The nearest comparable device is in Los Angeles. This remarkable device precisely shapes, and reshapes, the radiation beam to exactly match a tumor to tolerances of 1mm as the device rotates around a patient. It is much more effective in targeting diseased tissue and avoiding healthy tissue than the previous technology, which had an accuracy of about 5mm.

Five neuro-surgeons are now on the staff of BRMC, making it one of the largest such staffs in the Dallas area.

BRMC is owned by the City through the Richardson Hospital Authority and chartered

under rules created by the Texas legislature. It is a non-profit hospital and any surplus is reinvested into improving health care since there are no shareholders. It is a public hospital, exempt from all local, state and federal taxes. BRMC must be financially self-sufficient. The Hospital Authority is not permitted to levy taxes and cannot share in city tax revenues. Its funds can only come from revenue, bonds, investments and donations. Over \$21M in capital improvements have been made to the hospital complex in the last two years alone.

BRMC was formed through a cooperative arrangement between Richardson Medical Center and the Baylor hospital system. RMC was looking for ways to expand and become more efficient and effective, and Baylor was looking for an opportunity to expand to serve the north Dallas area. In other cases Baylor has purchased local hospitals, but in our case there was agreement to share responsibility and retain local control. In a recent assessment the Baylor system was rated first in the Dallas area (HCA was rated third.) Baylor provides safety guidance; managed care contracting with insurers; shared staffing with other Baylor hospitals; Preventive Medicine and Health Screening staff; Information Technology and group purchasing.

Volunteers are an important part of the success of BRMC and there are over 150 volunteers. They can always use more volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, call BRMC at 972-498-4000 during business hours.

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Crimefighters!

The Richardson Senior Center is hosting a seminar on various topics, including Identity Theft, Personal Security, Elder Abuse, Consumer Fraud and Crime Victims Compensation.

The speaker will be Ms. Nancy Gresham from the Texas Attorney General's Office.

The seminar will run from 10 AM until 12 noon on Wednesday, October 17th, 2001. Please call the Senior Center at 972-231-4798 to RSVP so accommodations can meet expectations.

Please pass this information along to your family and friends. Although geared toward older adults, anyone with an interest in any of these topics can attend.

New York Tragedy Phone Scam

courtesy of Richardson Police Department

DO NOT, REPEAT, DO NOT, RESPOND TO TELEPHONE SOLICITATIONS REQUESTING DONATIONS FOR "DISASTER AND RECOVERY RELIEF" OR "POLICE AND FIREFIGHTER ASSISTANCE," OR ANYTHING ASSOCIATED WITH THE ATTACKS ON THE New York WORLD TRADE CENTER AND THE PENTAGON.

On 9/19/01, a Richardson resident was called by an "unknown caller" from an "unknown area" requesting a charitable donation toward relief efforts in New York. The caller said he was from the RICHARDSON POLICE DEPARTMENT, and sounded "very official." The caller advised our resident to "always obey the law and make sure you wear your seatbelt when you drive" before requesting a \$35 (thirty-five dollar) donation. Our resident hung up on the caller and sent NO money!

The Richardson Police Department is NOT soliciting donations toward this national tragedy. The Richardson Police Association does not solicit by telephone or in person--- only by mail... and in March or April of each year. That solicitation form is very specific in nature, and all employees here are notified when the forms are being mailed out so we can confirm any inquiries from the public.

If you want to contribute to the relief effort in the northeast, contact the Red Cross at 1-800-HELP-NOW (www.redcross.org) or contact the entity of your choice directly. The major news channels also feature information on disaster relief, including phone numbers, web sites or addresses for the organizations seeking donations (which would allow you to investigate to

your satisfaction).

Remember, when someone calls YOU, you don't know who is on the other end of the line. We all want to help during this time of need, but con artists are taking advantage of this tragedy to reap profits. Be charitable, but give to a legitimate cause, not the "unknown" leech on the other end of the line.

Membership Enrollment Update Art Middlebrook, VP Membership

The JPHOA membership drive is in full swing and, so far, the results are looking good. We now have 151 members signed up for the year 2002. Most members are mailing their forms and checks to me, but I'm impressed with members who stop by our home and have spent a few minutes visiting. My wife, Bev, and I don't know many of you so we appreciate the chance to meet you. I have enjoyed speaking with those of you who have called - I'm new at the "membership business" - so your questions have helped me become more prepared to give future callers the correct responses. And, thanks to Bernie and Ira, I am receiving much needed expert help in getting up to speed.

Here is where we stand as of October 10th:

| | 2002 |
|---------------|-------------|
| Members | 151 |
| % Total (464) | 32.5% |

As Ira Barash said to all JPHOA members during last year's drive: " Please join now; make out your \$15.00 check to J.J. Pearce Homeowners Association."

The "membership enrollment" form will be included in the newsletters for October and November. Our block captains will then be activated mid-November to contact members we have not heard from. Obviously, we want you to be included in our address book, SO - we will "pursue" you! And, as in the past, our membership goal is 100% participation.

Please join!! Help our HOA to be the first to achieve 100% membership!

--- Membership Form is on page 13 ---

We're So Proud

Congratulations to our students, their parents and our schools.

Mohawk

Mohawk is one of only eight schools in the state of Texas that has achieved Exemplary status every year since TAAS testing began. There are 317 students at Mohawk this year and 192 of them were required to take the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test.

- 99.5% passed in Reading
- 99.5% passed in Math
- 100% passed in Writing

The TAAS tests several "objectives" in each of those areas and a student does not have to meet the target in every one of those "objectives" in order to pass the test. But at Mohawk, beyond just passing the TAAS, 162 of the students did master every Reading objective and 89 of them mastered every math objective. In addition, 128 students achieved Academic Recognition for perfect or near perfect scores in Reading and 66 achieved Academic Achievement in Math.

North

In the last school year over 125 North students received recognition for their creative work in the PTA Reflections Program at the local, district and state levels. Two students received national recognition. Danette Morrison was nominated for the Disney American Teacher Award. Over 140 students were nominated for the National Duke University Talent Identification Program.

The 7th grade A and B Volleyball teams, the 9th grade football team, and the 7th and 8th grade Girls Tennis teams won District Championships. Symphonic Band won multiple First Division ratings. Concert Band won Best in Class at Springfest.

The TAAS scores for North Junior High School were:

- 92% passing in Reading
- 94% passing in Math
- 93% passing in Writing

All of these scores represent improvements over the previous year, and the writing scores represent a dramatic improvement.

J. J. Pearce

The TAAS scores for Pearce High School were:

- 95% passing in Reading
- 94% passing in Math
- 93% passing in Writing

Pearce High School also received recognition from TEA on 5 additional indicators:

- Scores on college entrance exams
- The number of students predicted to pass TASP (Texas Academic Skills Program) for Texas colleges
- The number of students graduating from the recommended high school program
- Improvement in reading
- Improvement in math

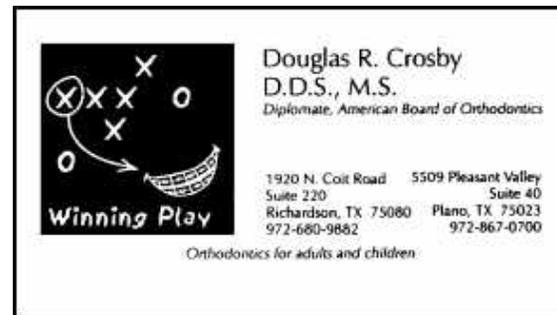
The football team is ranked #7 in the metroplex in 4A as of October 9th. The volleyball team is ranked #6 in the metroplex in 4A. The tennis team is ranked #3 in the state in 4A.

TAAS Evolution

TAAS testing has been refined every year to make it more and more aligned with the real skills that our students need to live and work in our modern society. The tests are being further refined and will be replaced in 2003 with a testing approach that is known as the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills, TAKS. We'll all be learning more about TAKS in the next year or two.

What is Forté?

In this month's calendar you'll notice that October 25th and 26th list a Forté Fall Show. If you've been wondering what a Forté is, here is the answer. Forté and Concord are "pop" ensembles. Forté is a mixed group of 6 boys and 6 girls; Concord is a group of 10 girls. They sing current music and are not choirs. They sing all styles of music such as Pop, Country, Jazz and Broadway. Their shows are very entertaining and are always well received.



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Even Uncle Pumpkin says "Fly Your Flag"

ONE

As the soot and dirt and ash rained down,

We became one color.

As we carried each other down the stairs of the
burning building

We became one class.

As we lit candles of waiting and hope

We became one generation.

As the firefighters & police officers fought their
way into the inferno

We became one gender.

As we fell to our knees in prayer for strength,

We became one faith.

As we whispered or shouted words of encour-
agement,

We spoke one language.

As we gave our blood in lines a mile long,

We became one body.

As we mourned together the great loss

We became one family.

As we cried tears of grief and loss

We became one soul.

As we retell with pride of the sacrifice of heroes

We become one people.

We are

One color

One class

One generation

One gender

One faith

One language

One body

One family

One soul

One people

We are The Power of One.

We are United.

We are America.

[Source Unknown]

Listen Up Guys!

Greg Immel, VP Development

There is a hidden jewel in our neighborhood just waiting on the guys of the family to visit. It is a barbershop, not a beauty shop, nostalgically arranged to remind you of the days of old where you could just sit, relax, visit and get your hair cut the way barbers have done it for years. He has all the accessories necessary to accommodate even the youngest in the family.

The owner, Rick Rubino, has been a barber for over 30 years. He opened his shop, Pavillion Barbers, on 6/1/01 after moving his trade from Frisco where he was the last four years. He lives in the neighborhood on La Sabrina and when he saw the corner vacancy by Albertson's, he felt it was a perfect match for his trade and travel time.

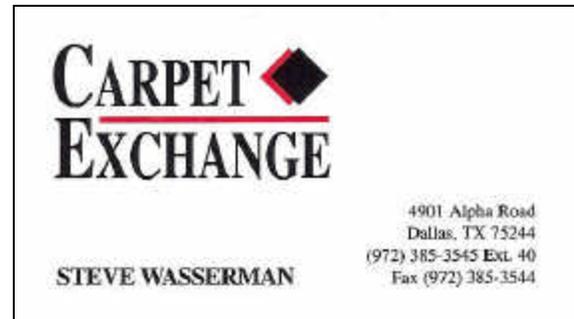
Rick is capably assisted by Keith Merideth who is a graduate of Berkner (I suggested Pearce might be better!). He said his love of being a barber came from his grandfather who taught him the trade along with the love of meeting people.

The shop is beautifully set with comfortable chairs both for waiting and barbering. The floor is the classic checkerboard pattern of black and white and of course there is the traditional red, white and blue barbershop pole mounted proudly as you enter the door. Be sure and ask them what the colors mean in the pole. These guys are professionals and know the history of their trade.

I had my few remaining hairs trimmed and was pleasantly surprised with the result. I even had the hot lather done. Right after I left I had two compliments on my haircut when I had to run into Albertson's and ran into a few friends. I was impressed.

You can have any style you wish from a trim to layering to flat top as well as a full shave (the old fashioned way with hot lather). Rick said he does coloring as requested and of course will shampoo if you are so inclined. His prices range from \$12 to \$18 depending on your preference.

Both of these men know how to handle a scissors with perfection and I recommend you give them an opportunity to show you how it should be done. Their phone number is 972-479-0840 if you wish to make a reservation but they are always available for walk-ins at 1311 W. Campbell Road. You will find Rick's motto is "Our Service Is A Cut Above" to be exactly what it says, a cut above!



Can you help?



I'm looking for someone who can store the Holiday decorations for the Homeowners Association. They are in sturdy boxes, which require about a 4' x 8' footprint, about 4' high. They can easily be carried down from the attic. If you can help, please call Bob Nusser at 972-437-4043.

A Fitting Tribute to a Father and Our Country

Fifty seven years ago when Jean Fuselier was just 2 years old, his father, who was with the First Marine Division, was killed in Okinawa, only 2 days before the end of the war. It wasn't until 1950, when Jean was a second grader in Louisiana that his father's remains were returned home. Jean remembers the flag draped casket was escorted off the train by 10 uniformed Marines. A few days later, after his father was buried in the small South Louisiana town, the flag was properly folded and presented to Jean's grandmother. When Jean was 17 years old, his Grandmother presented him with the still folded flag. It was lovingly placed in a cedar chest where it has been all these years.

A few days ago, Jean's wife, Diana and son Jef went out looking for a flag to buy and display at their home at 1129 Grassmere. Like in every city, town and village in America, there was no flag to be found. Jef called his Dad and told him, "I know where there's a flag. There's one in the cedar chest." At first, Jean told me he hesitated about using this treasured symbol of a father whom he was too young to remember. Then he thought, no, what better tribute to my Dad who fought for our Freedom. On Sunday afternoon, September 16th, while the whole nation was still in deep shock and horror over the events of September 11th, Jean and his sons, Jef and Jason unfolded the flag and hung it on the chimney of their house. At night a halogen light illuminates the still bright and beautiful 48 star flag. "I've been free all of my life," Jean told me, "and I decided we would display the flag until our President, George Bush gains our freedom back from this terrorism."

It was the first time in 51 years that the flag was unfurled.



God Bless America

Americans First An Editorial by Dee Russum

On September 11th terror came to the United States of America – and we were all changed forever. Since that time we can probably all cite numerous instances of the changes.

Only 12 days later, Joe and I, along with Bob and Pauline Nusser boarded a plane at DFW and flew to Boston's Logan Airport, where 2 of the fatal flights originated. Our plane was probably more than 60% full. From the airport we were taken to the Black Falcon Pier where we boarded a cruise ship for a trip up the eastern coast of our country and Canada. Everywhere we saw people sporting various symbols of their patriotism, from flag pins to ribbons to clothing. In one of the ports in Canada a choir singing "God Bless America" greeted us as we debarked for a day of sightseeing. Tour guides expressed their country's resolve of support and sympathy. Residents flew the beautiful Stars and Stripes, in tribute to the United States. At a gift shop on Peggy's Cove, Nova Scotia, we saw and bought large American flags, almost unavailable here in the States.

Upon our return to Boston, we spent a few days visiting relatives in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Driving in congested Boston, we experienced no display of driver impatience – no horn blowing, no yelling, and no gestures. We did see more signs of patriotism, though. On cars, commercial and personal trucks, mini-vans, busses, cabs. On bridges and overpasses, on huge billboards, on sides of buildings and houses, on fences and roof tops, hanging in windows or on the doors of run down tenements, at various sites along the Big Dig, out in the "boonies" along the Mass. Pike -- we saw American flags of varying sizes and hand made or printed signs reading "God Bless America" or "United We Stand". We were told of motorists rolling down their windows so pedestrians could hear reports on the radio or patriotic music. People in restaurants would let their food go cold, as they watched TV's hastily placed in the dining rooms. People seemed to be kinder to each other than on September 10th.

Everywhere we can feel that we are all united against the terrorism, as AMERICANS first! We Americans come from various ethnicities – African, Asian, European, Jewish, Muslim, Russian etc. In the past we were called African-American or Asian-American or Jewish-American or Muslim-American.

It seems that it is now time, from September eleventh forward, to be AMERICANS. Period!



**RICHARDSON RESPONDS – AND SHOWS ITS COLORS
LET’S KEEP FLYING THOSE FLAGS!**

We All Had a Real Good Time

Our annual meeting was an interesting and exciting place to be on October 9. Approximately 50 residents attended. We approved a modification to our by-laws making them simpler and also making it easier to insure that we have effective officers for the Association. We elected a new and enthusiastic Board and contact information for all of the officers is listed in every issue of the newsletter.

Following the election we were treated to an interesting talk by Anne Foster, President of the Board of Trustees of RISD. Anne told us about the challenges and rewards of being on the School Board and of the many recent achievements of RISD and our local schools. She shared with us the views of 3^d graders about what the School Board does: Talk a lot; Work nights because they're not visible during the school day; Get no pay so they have to get along with each other. She reviewed the relationship between the reputation of the school district and our property values. And she updated us on the current status of Robinhood. This year RISD sent \$44M to the Robinhood plan. Next year it will be \$52M. A law suit by a group of districts, including RISD, to oppose the current Robinhood plan was thrown out of court. The good news is the governor has appointed a committee to study education funding and to make recommendations on revisions.

The meeting concluded with the awarding of door prizes. 20% of the attendees won door prizes. The sponsors are listed in this newsletter. Winners will be listed in the next newsletter, but you'll recognize the winners as they move about the neighborhood by their smiling faces.

A big thank you to the businesses that donated door prizes and refreshments for our annual meeting:

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Richardson Police Call Us for Help

By Bernie Mayoff

In a turnabout, the Richardson Police Officers Association has asked the community to help them to help us. Since the beginning of this year the police department has been studying ways to improve their service to the community. The studies took the form of four committees within the police department to develop recommendations that could be presented by the Chief to the City Manager and the City Council. Committees were created to address: Neighborhood Partnerships; Neighborhood Officers Program; Reorganization and Implementation. You may have read about some of this activity in the Richardson Morning News.

By spring many participants on the committees and their coworkers began to feel uncomfortable with the process, particularly with the Reorganization Committee. Although the discomfort with the process was widely known throughout the Department and City Hall, work on the project continued. On October 1 the recommendations of the committees were presented to a work session of the City Council. The meeting was widely attended by residents and by police officers and staff. Every citizen, with only one exception, and every officer who addressed the City Council was opposed to the recommendations of the Reorganization Committee. No decisions were reached and the proposal will be discussed at future Council meetings and work sessions.

The basic recommendations were:

- **Neighborhood Partnership** Semi-annual meetings where residents can share views with the police department
- **Neighborhood Officer Program:** Let citizens in each area know how to call or e-mail a particular officer if they have non-emergency questions or things they would like to discuss with an officer. It isn't clear how the extra time for patrol officers to perform this role will be scheduled or funded.
- **Reorganization:** Significantly reduce all specialty units within the police department. For those specialties that remain, force expert officers to rotate out of those assignments at 3 or 5 year intervals. School Resource Officers would have to return to patrol after 5 years. Detectives would have to return

to patrol after 3 years. Patrol officers would be responsible for follow-up investigation of all emergency calls they respond to, rather than remain on patrol. The Crime Prevention Unit would be dissolved. Three civilian employees would be assigned to handle non-emergency calls that do not require a police officer, such as abandoned cars.

- **Implementation:** Train and certify all officers in Crime Prevention. Return 10 of the 24 detectives to patrol and let them train patrol officers how to do investigation as part of their patrol duties. Train new detectives, School Resource Officers, and other specialists whenever mandatory rotations force experts to rotate back to patrol. Retrain non-patrol officers in safety fundamentals of being a patrol officer. Train all patrol officers in how to prepare a case for the District Attorney and testify about criminal investigations.

From the description of the basic recommendations you can probably understand the concerns about the Reorganization and Implementation recommendations. The proposal may be refined or completely reevaluated. You can help by tracking progress, attending Council meetings where the topic is discussed, or letting your City Council representatives and the City Manager know your feelings. The Richardson Morning News should continue to report on the police department proposal and on City Council meetings. You can learn about Council agendas by dialing the City Secretary's Information Line at 972-744-4291 24 hours a day. Information is also available at the city website: www.cor.net.

Guide to Elected Officials

The League of Women Voters of Richardson has published an updated Guide to Elected Officials. It includes names and contact information for all Federal, State, County, City, School District, and Community College District elected officials. It also contains information on voter registration and an election calendar. Free copies are available by contacting the League at 972-470-0584 or lwvrich@flash.net

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Greetings from Bill Little, Outgoing VP Beautification

This was my last month to decide which of the many excellent yards in the area would receive the Yard of the Month. I have really enjoyed the last two years of being the judge of the many excellent yards in this neighborhood. I will turn over the duties to Janet Karr. Her first judging duties will be the Holiday Lighting in December. There will be no judging in November.

The winners for September are as follows:

| | |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 1312 Chesterton | Bill & Judy Dickenson |
| 1209 Huntington | Will & Jean Lenhardt |
| 1118 Pueblo | Lloyd & Mary Draper |
| 1213 Stratford | Don & Rita Steiner |
| 1908 Lilac | Al & Vicki Nix |

Tips for better landscapes.

- ◆ There are too many St. Augustine yards with yellowing blades of grass. Try to determine if your grass has gray leaf spot. It can be controlled with a fungicide called Daconil. I have used Daconil 2 times now in my yard and it has definitely made a difference in the amount of yellow I am seeing.
- ◆ Brown Patch is starting to affect some lawns. A general-purpose fungicide will be able to control it.

- ◆ It is time to plant those Mums and Pansies for good fall color. 
- ◆ Don't forget to keep your plants and yards watered over this fall and winter.
- ◆ Just because it is not hot is no reason to let your precious grass and flowerbeds get too dry. They still need water to come back healthy and vigorous in the spring.

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Crime Talk

By Lynn Sanders, VP Safety

Unfortunately, there were three noteworthy crime incidents in our JJ Pearce neighborhood since the last newsletter that I need to report to you.

Sometime during the evening of September 21, or early morning September 22, there was a forced entry burglary in the 1100 block of Huntington. The burglar gained entry by breaking the glass in a rear patio door. Several drawers were rifled and some jewelry was taken.

Sometime during the daytime hours of October 3, there was a forced entry burglary in the 1400 block of Huntington. The burglar gained entry by breaking a rear window. Since nothing was taken, it is suspected that the resulting draft may have caused an interior door to slam and startle the burglar into a premature departure. A neighbor recalled seeing "a stranger" in the alley but didn't think anything of it at the time. We can't be paranoid, but we all need to be a bit more suspicious when we see a person, or persons, where they just don't fit. If you do call 911, do it without delay, and provide as much information as possible (description, direction of travel, etc.). If you do not wish to be contacted by the police, just tell the 911 operator that you do not want police contact.

On Monday, October 8, around 5:20 PM, a parked vehicle was egged in the 1100 block of Eton Drive, resulting in a broken taillight. Eggs were seen being launched from an older model silver Nissan Maxima, occupied by four juveniles, driving down Eton. The license number is unknown. Please be on the lookout for this vehicle and call RPD if it is seen in the area. If possible, we need a license number.

As I have mentioned before, "open garage burglaries" continue across the city. The first line of defense is, of course, to keep your garage door down unless you are present. However, if you are the victim of such a crime, your chances of recovering some of your property are enhanced if it is uniquely marked. Richardson residents can go to the Richardson Public Library's media desk, present a driver license, and check out an engraving pen for seven days (free of charge). Engrave your Texas driver's license number on tools, equipment and other "garage stuff", with "TX" at the front of the numbers, and "DL" at the end. If law enforcement finds an item with such an identifying number on it, it is returned to the owner.

Help End Auto Theft Registration

courtesy of Richardson Police Department

There will be a H.E.A.T. (Help End Auto Theft) registration event at the Senior Center (820 W. Arapaho Rd) on Friday, October 26, 2001, from 9 AM - 2 PM. The Dallas County Auto Theft Task Force will also be on hand to provide FREE V.I.N etching for vehicle owners who want their Vehicle Identification Number etched on all the glass. Both procedures are recommended as deterrents to vehicle theft.

By registering your vehicle in H.E.A.T., you're giving the police (anywhere in the state) permission to stop your vehicle between the hours of 1 AM and 5 AM to determine if you or a designated person is in control of the vehicle. Since many vehicles are stolen at night/early morning while the owner sleeps, this tool has resulted in stolen vehicles being recovered before the vehicle is even missed by the owner.

H.E.A.T. also allows your vehicle to be detained round the clock prior to passing across the Mexican border, again to determine if the registered owner or a designee is in control of the vehicle.

V.I.N. etching is another problem for vehicle thieves. If your vehicle is ever stolen and dismantled, parts (such as door and windshields) are more easily traced back to you if they are marked. Most insurance companies offer a premium discount if you have this done, and on this date the service is FREE, courtesy of the Dallas County Auto Theft Task Force.

Junior High Students Hospitalized

Courtesy of Richardson Police Department

Did you know that by taking large doses of common over-the-counter cold/cough/congestion medications one can experience a "high," similar to intoxication by alcohol or by taking downers?" Teens refer to the medication as "Triple C" (for the symptoms). Information indicates that some kids are stealing large quantities from nearby grocery stores and either sneaking out of their homes late at night or taking the meds to school in order to ingest large doses to get "high." Last week, four junior high students were found to be in various stages of intoxication while attending their school; all admitted to overdosing (eight to twelve doses) on "Triple C." Parents were notified and responded. All four students ended up going to the hospital, as their conditions rapidly deteriorated. Luckily, they were treated and released. However, as with any drug overdose situation, this event could easily have turned tragic given the wrong circumstances.

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Some signs of "Triple C" abuse, that can come on within 45 minutes of ingesting an overdose -- the subject is lethargic and may lapse into a semi-conscious state, has very dilated pupils, is "glassy-eyed," is unresponsive to questions, is barely able to walk, and may have difficulty breathing.

Please talk to your children and make certain they understand the possible consequences of abusing this common medication. Our kids

might make the assumption that because the medication is available over the counter there would be little danger of a lethal overdose.

The Crime Prevention Unit is in the process of notifying our retail outlets of this trend so they might initiate extra precautions with these medications. Please help us spread the word about "Triple C" abuse by forwarding this message to your friends.

PATRIOTIC WORD SEARCH by Janet Karr

Americans, Brave, Comfort, Country, Courage, Defense, Economy, Faith, Firemen, Flags, Freedom, Healing, Heroism, Hope, Justice, Land, Liberty, Love, Mayor, News, New York, Patriotism, Peace, Pentagon, Police, Power, Prayers, President Bush, Rescuers, Resilient, Safe, Security, September, Side, Song, Strength, Truth, Unification, United, Unprecedented, Washington, White House, World.

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

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

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

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

Please Patronize our Advertisers

Events for October- November include:

| Date | Event/Location |
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| October | |
| 13 | Band, Plano Marching Contest TBA at Clark Field |
| | Puttin' On the Hits 7:30pm at Pearce |
| 15 | North 7 th /8 th Volleyball vs WJH 6:00pm at North |
| 16 | Volleyball vs. Lancaster 6:00/7:30 at Pearce |
| | Choir Fall Concert 7:30pm at Pearce |
| | Transit Oriented Development Town Meeting 7:00pm, Civic Center |
| 17 | Band UIL Marching Contest TBA at Mesquite Memorial Stadium |
| | North Orchestra Concert 7:30pm at North |
| | North Pops Concert 7:30pm at Pearce |
| 19 | Volleyball vs. Highland Park 5:00/6:30 at Pearce |
| | Football vs. Highland Park 7:30pm at RHS |
| 23 | North 7 th /8 th Football vs. WJH 5:15/7:00pm at Pearce |
| 25 | North 9 th Football vs. WJH 5:15pm at Pearce |
| | JV Football vs. West Mesquite 7:00pm at Pearce |
| | Forte' Fall Show 7:30pm at PHS |
| 27 | Band Area Marching Contest TBA at Mesquite Memorial Stadium |
| | Forte' Fall Show 7:30pm at Pearce |
| 29 | North Choir Fall Concert 7:30pm at Pearce |
| November | |
| 1 | JV Football vs. Lancaster 7:00pm at Pearce |
| 5 | Band State Marching Contest TBA at Waco |
| 6 | North 7 th /8 th Football vs. PHJH 5:15/7:00pm at Pearce |
| 9 | Football vs. Mesquite Poteet 7:30pm at RHS |
| 12 | North 9 th Girls Basketball vs Waco 4:30pm at Pearce |
| 16 | Girls Basketball vs Bishop Dunne 6:00pm at Pearce |
| | Boys Basketball vs Garland High 6:00/7:30pm at Pearce |
| 17 | Band Silent Auction/Dinner TBA at Pearce |
| 19 | Boys Basketball vs Carrollton R. L. Turner 6:00/7:30pm at Pearce |
| 21-23 | Thanksgiving holiday |
| 21 | Boys Basketball vs Dallas Samuel 6:00/7:30pm at Pearce |

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Please complete and return to Membership VP (Please print legibly)

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

May we list your name in the J. J. Pearce Homeowners Assn Directory? YES: _____ NO: _____

May we list your telephone number in the directory? YES: _____ NO: _____

Do you want to be on our e-mail alert list? YES: _____ NO: _____
 (E-mail id only for alerts)

Signature of member: _____

Please return completed form and your \$15.00 check to:

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An organization for all residents of the J. J. Pearce Addition



**J. J. Pearce Homeowners Association
1411 Huntington
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October Board Meeting: Wednesday, October 17, 8:15pm, 1411 Huntington

ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME AT THE BOARD MEETINGS