

J. J. Pearce Homeowners Association Newsletter
Website: www.jjphoa.org

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News from the City

- UTD is installing a cricket field near Waterview north of Campbell.
- The City Council is beginning discussions on a new bond issue to make further capital improvements and major maintenance items, and for recreation centers. The specifics are in the early stages of being defined. The target date for a bond election is May 13, 2006. This would require the content of the bond issue to be defined by February 2006.
- Focus Groups are underway as part of the Recreation Center enhancement program. Recommendations will factor into the 2006 bond election.
- A Library Enhancement project, funded by bonds that were previously issued, is underway. This will provide enhanced facilities for children and improve the overall comfort of the library.
- The YWCA has acquired facilities at Campbell and Nantucket, just south of the new CVS store. The facility was formerly a pre-school and the YWCA will operate a daycare at that location.
- Ordinances regulating the parking of oversize vehicles are being modified and clarified to be more consistent. Among the items being addressed are the storing and parking of commercial vehicles and trailers. The objective is to make things more equitable across actual vehicle sizes, rather than based on towing capacity.
- The City Council has rejected the idea of a “grandfathering” provision in the RV ordinance. At the plaintiff’s request the court date has been postponed to January 17, 2006.
- The Richardson Reads One Book program was a huge success, with over 2,000 turning out to hear *The Kite Runner* author Khaled Hosseini speak.
- The City Budget was approved on September 12, holding the tax rate constant. No action was taken on increasing the homestead exemption for seniors.
- UTD is proposing to be the site of a George W. Bush presidential library. Other campuses competing to host the museum include UT-Southwest, UT-Austin, SMU, and universities in Arlington and Lubbock.
- Building security enhancements are being made at all Richardson public buildings.

What’s the “RED DOT”

By Marc Perlstein, VP Membership

Believe it or not, we are in the last 30 days of our membership drive. I want to thank everyone who has sent in their membership forms and checks so far. It makes it so much easier for us to print the updated directory when we have everyone’s information turned in on time. The directory is just one of the things the Association does for its members. I don’t know about you, but I like to know the names of the people who live around me. We also have had a great number of new people moving into the neighborhood.

If you have a “**RED DOT**” stamped on the label of this newsletter, that means that we have NOT received your membership form and check. Please take this time to complete the form and send your \$15.00 check made out to “JJPHOA”, to the new VP of Membership (see my comments at the end of this article). Otherwise, at the end of the month, you may receive a phone call or a knock on your door by your Block Captain. They are our wonderful volunteers that help collect the final forms from everyone that waits until the last minute. If we do not have your form and check by the end of the month, the directory will go to print without your information.

This is also the last newsletter that is delivered to all of the 464 homes in our neighborhood. Next month, only members will receive the newsletter. So far about half of all our homes have joined or renewed. That’s about 230 homes. Our Association always has one of the highest membership rates in all of Richardson. You don’t have to own your home, just live in the area.

I mentioned before the “new” VP of Membership. I am writing this article before our annual membership meeting where I have decided not to run again for an office. Let me just say how much I have enjoyed working on behalf of all our members. We truly have some wonderful neighbors and great people in our area. I also want to thank the other Board members I have worked with over the past several years. It has been a pleasure working with and getting to know all of you. To everyone else, think about getting involved, you won’t regret it.

Annual
JJPHOA Yard Sale
October 15 9 AM until 2 PM

Spraying for West Nile

We received a note from a resident inquiring about the mosquito spraying that the City of Richardson does when required. In response to that query, the Director of Health provided the information below:

Testing for carriers

Information about mosquito control operations can be easily found on the city's website. Access the City's website at www.cor.net. Click on "departments" under the pull down menu bar running along the top of the page. Click on "Health Dept." Find "West Nile Information" in a rectangular box and click on it. There you will find the monitoring and surveillance activities relative to West Nile, as well as a map of surveillance (or trapping) sites, positive samples found to date, and the spraying protocol. Positive tests are posted as soon as they are received from the Texas Department of State Health Services laboratory.

Who does it affect?

Although West Nile virus is self-limiting and typically mild, it can infrequently impact older individuals severely. Fortunately to date this year we have had no reported instances of human cases but we also have about another month of potential mosquito "season", dependent upon weather, so activities will continue. Recommendations for personal protection are provided on the web page and it is important to note that one should use insect repellants whenever outdoors, especially in the evenings and early morning hours.

How can you help?

The city's website contains helpful things citizens can do to minimize mosquito breeding around the home. Mosquitoes breed in stagnant water that stands for more than 7 days so any such sources should be eliminated.

Please report any stagnant swimming pools or similar situations to the Health Department at 972-744-4080.

When do they spray?

If a positive result is received, the policy is to spray that night. As noted on the website, spraying is done from 11 pm—5 am so as to avoid contact with people and pets. The spray used is EPA approved and of low toxicity. There is nothing in the literature or past experience to indicate any negative impact on pets or people from an exposure to the low toxicity spray that the city uses.

Spraying, it should be noted, does not eliminate all mosquitoes so it is important that insect repellant is used while outdoors. A 25% DEET based repellant will confer five hours of protection according to the New England Journal of Medicine; a 10% concentration should be used for

children. Be sure to read the label of the repellant and follow instructions.

What about pets, pet food, water dishes?

Please put out only enough food and water for that evening and do not to leave any leftovers out, as pet food is an attractant to rodents and other animals such as skunks, opossum, and raccoons. The rate of application of the mosquito spray is minute and evaporates soon so it wouldn't harm a pet but it doesn't hurt to clean out the bowls every now and then.

How are we notified?

Results of tests are posted on the city website the same day the information is received. The information is also sent to the Dallas Morning News at the same time. The city will begin sending a courtesy notice to HOA President Bernie Mayoff and Safety VP Thom Pomella about a decision to spray in our neighborhood in advance when feasible. Bernie or Thom will then send e-mail to Association members via our yahoo group distribution list when they are notified. Since decisions are made on short notice, advance notifications may be on short notice or may not always be feasible.



A bumpy start

The first issue of the new Richardson *Neighbors* section of *The Dallas Morning News* was delivered to subscribers on September 24. The second issue was delivered on October 1 – but not to us! The Editor lives in our neighborhood and he didn't get his copy either. You can imagine what the conversation must have been like back at the office.

Hopefully it was a one-time error of the distributor. In the future, if you are a subscriber and your Saturday paper does not include *Neighbors*, you should contact the Circulation Department and request a copy. Their number is 214-745-8383 or <http://subscribe.dallasnews.com/service>

Stopping Junk Mail

By Jerry Hogan, Member

Our neighborhood gets a TON of “junk mail”, and it’s something of a burden to our local mail carrier, not to mention a “pain” for most recipients. In an effort to unclutter my mailbox and help our mail carrier a bit, I tracked down information on how to “opt out” of junk mail. It is unbelievably simple, and will apparently reduce junk mail by about 70%. Our mail carrier and neighbor Thom Pomella, and the other mail carriers, would GREATLY appreciate it — I asked Thom about it and he was thrilled!

The company that handles the vast majority of the “resident” and “occupant” type of mail is ADVO. All you have to do is call 888-241-6760 and give them your address (they don’t need your name) and they will remove you from the list of recipients of their mail. It took me less than thirty seconds to do this, and after 2-3 weeks I should stop receiving most of the junk mail that clogs up my mailbox and is generating a vast amount of extra work for the mail carriers.



Building Bridges

Over 500 Americans came together on Sunday, September 11, 2005 not only to recall the events of that date in 2001, but also to express dismay at the kind of hatred that bred those tragic events and also to build bridges of understanding and respect among all Americans at Unity Day. At least sixteen religious denominations and many more cultures and ethnic groups were represented. Many people may be surprised that this marvelous interfaith, multi-cultural event was an American Muslim initiative, organized by the Dallas-based American Muslim Forum and the Foundation for Pluralism (www.unitydayusa.org). But of course real trust, understanding and tolerance don’t come from a meeting of only 500 people on one day of the year. There must also be person to person contact on an on-going basis throughout the year and whenever opportunities occur. The road to peace isn’t paved by people who don’t talk to each other. It is paved one step at a time by people reaching out and communicating. I hope that if there is a Unity Day event next year that the room is even more filled to overflowing. But what I really hope is that the need for a Unity Day disappears altogether.

Bernie Mayoff

Wonderful News!

Michelle Thames, Assistant City Manager

On Friday evening, September 9, a woman came to the Richardson Katrina Resource Center looking for information on her missing nephew. The 2-month old baby — Jeremy — was born prematurely on July 2, 2005 at Meadowcrest Hospital in Gretna, LA. When Hurricane Katrina hit, Jeremy was still in intensive care at the hospital but his family had to evacuate without him and they ended up at a hotel in Richardson. The mother (who was distraught) and father were back in the room at the hotel hoping that their baby would be found. Meadowcrest Hospital had been evacuated but they had no information on where the baby was located despite their attempts to locate him.

Bernie Mayoff assisted the aunt by getting all of the pertinent information and checking the Red Cross website which unfortunately did not have information on the baby. Bernie also spoke with Medical City but they had no information on the infant. We then checked the Tenet Hospital Site and called their hotline for patient information where we had to wait for a period of time before speaking to a live person. Unfortunately they had no information on the baby either but encouraged us to call back. Along the way, Don Magner mentioned that he knew of a website for locating hospital patients and through a search for this website Michelle Thames found one called www.missingkids.com — Bingo! Jeremy was listed on the site so we called and gave them information on the parents. That evening the organization behind the website (The Center for Missing and Exploited Children) contacted Jeremy’s parents through the information we provided and . . .

Jeremy has now been reconnected with his parents!

I’m sure this is only one of many heartwarming stories of Hurricane Katrina and more specifically the assistance provided by so many staff and volunteers in the resource center but I had to share it with those that helped make it happen!

Thank you to each of you who were involved in this. The following week the aunt came by the Resource Center and thanked Bernie and let him know that the baby had been reunited with the family and is here in Richardson!

JJPHOA once again thanks the firefighters of Station 2



On behalf of our Homeowners Association, the Board provided dinner to our local fire station on September 10, 11 and 12. Pictured serving B Shift at Fire Station 2 are President Bernie Mayoff, Editor Dee Russum, chef Denise Mayoff, and Beautification VP Phil Meeker.

Thanks and Farewell

By Chris Bruckner, VP Development

By the time you will have read this, a new candidate should have replaced me as Vice President of Development at our annual meeting on September 20. This month completes my second year in this role and it's been a wonderful experience. If you have ever considered a position on our council, I highly recommend it.

During this time, we've seen a few local businesses come and go. But overall, our economy is improving, real estate remains strong and we've witnessed growth in the properties adjacent to our neighborhood. I'd like to thank all of you who continue to support our local merchants and keep our community prosperous. Your patronage fuels that growth.

In addition to our businesses, I've also learned a lot about our local government and I can assure you that both of them are sincerely interested in our concerns and actively seek a dialog with us to ensure all parties' opinions are considered. Two good examples of this are the JJ Pearce High School cell phone tower and the Lennox town home development.

However, my best experience has been working with my peers on the HOA council. Our association is truly fortunate to have the quality of people serving that we do. I want to thank them all for their service, support and friendship the past two years – the pleasure has been all mine.

Minutes of Board Meeting, August 28, 2005

Bernie Mayoff called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. at the home of Nancy De La Garza.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the last Board meeting were approved

Treasurer's Report

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

Old Business

The format for the annual meeting was discussed. Nominations for Board members will be announced.

Dan Magner, manager of Neighborhood Services, will be the guest speaker. Door prizes will be provided. Board members will provide refreshments.

Fire department recognition dinners. The Board will provide dinner for the fire station the weekend of September 10, 11 and 12.

New Business

- Holiday Decorations. A request for new volunteers will be in the October newsletter. Thom Pomella to also ask for volunteers.
- Red Ribbon Week luncheon. The Community Action Network will have a luncheon on September 22 at the Richardson Hotel. Helen and Bernie plan to attend.
- Citizens Fire Academy Alumni Association is having a pansy sale. It was agreed that it would be publicized in the newsletter if asked.

Committee Reports

- Membership: Marc Perlstein reported 156 members have renewed at this time, which is about 34%.
- Beautification: Phil Meeker reported the annual neighborhood yard sale is slated for October 15.
- Safety: Thom reported recent vandalism, including spray paint on a garage door and cars being broken into.
- Development: Chris Bruckner noted that Cartridge World has opened. The Pavillion Bank will be opening one month earlier than expected. The bank will have a meeting place open to the community.

The next Homeowner's Association President's meeting will be September 20 at 7 am.

Next Board meetings and newsletter deadlines:

September 20 Annual meeting at Mohawk at 7:30 pm.

September 25 at Bernie Mayoff's. 7:00 pm. Deadline is September 20.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy De La Garza, Secretary

CRIME / SAFETY TALK

By Thom Pomella, VP Safety

RECENT CRIME

1100 block Grassmere Dr – Vandalism - (5 pm – 11 pm, 9/2) - 05-078598

The brick mailbox at a residence was pushed off its foundation

1100 block Pueblo Dr – Vandalism – (Time unknown, 9/18) - 05-083176

A vehicle parked on the street had its back window totally shattered by what appears to be a golf ball

Vandalism might not seem like it is something that serious, but it is. It can be very costly. The two incidents listed above will cost the owner of the mailbox about \$500 to replace it. The vehicle window will be about \$300. Quite a bit of money because some kids wanted to have some fun.

CRIMEWATCH COORDINATOR NEEDED

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, contact me at thom@pomella.net, or call me at 972.690.5980.

JJP Area 16

Huntington - Evens - 1100-1108

Huntington - Odds - 1101-1109

Chesterton - Evens - 1100-1108

Cheyenne - Evens - 1800-1810

EYL

I know this has been covered before, but I feel it needs mentioning again. You've probably noticed the fliers taped to the light poles (Illegal in the city of Richardson) about missing animals. The law is that all residents are required to maintain their pets on their property. This includes cats. They are not 'free spirits' who need to be allowed to wander. I see them all the time on every street in the neighborhood. You shouldn't just open the door so the dog could go out front and do its thing and come back in. Please maintain your animals in accordance with the law in city.

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

It shall be unlawful for any owner or person to:

- Fail to prevent any animal from running at large within the corporate limits of the city.
- Perform, do or carry out any inhumane treatment against any animal

- 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.
- Keep or harbor any dangerous or vicious animal within the corporate limits of the city.
- Keep, maintain, own or operate a dog kennel or cat kennel in any residential district within the corporate limits of the city.
- 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)

State law references: Certain dogs prohibited from running at large, V.T.C.A., Health and Safety Code § 822.011; municipal authority to restrain dogs, V.T.C.A., Health and Safety Code § 826.033; cruelty to animals, V.T.C.A., Penal Code § 42.11; dangerous dogs, V.T.C.A., Penal Code § 42.12.



Happy Halloween

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 - Dona Kimbrell at dkrk@airmail.net or 972-235-2514. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Greetings from Beautification

By Phil Meeker

At last cooler temperatures are finally here! (NOT!) Anyway enjoy the bountiful harvest and give thanks for the many blessings we have.

What to do now in your landscape

Plant

- o Alyssum, asters, pansies, mums, snapdragons and viola. Petunias also are great for fall and winter color.
- o Don't forget the cool season herbs such as garlic (a natural insect repellent), coriander, dill, parsley and chives
- o Shrubs and trees. Don't plant too deeply when planted you need to see the trunk root flare.
- o Apply final application for fertilizer and pre-emergent.
- o Broadleaf weed killer, be sure to read and follow all label instructions

Sow

- o Perennial rye grass seed over Bermuda lawns for a deep green winter color. When looking for grass seed search for perennial rye grass seed **NOT** annual rye seed. Perennial seed produces a finer grass blade with a deeper green color.
- o **NOTE:** Perennial rye will not survive here after May. It does not like the heat and will die out. Last year I did over seed my back yard and will do it again this year.

Revelations on growing sweet basil

- o I have learned from experience that the best way to grow this fragrant and delicious herb is in the ground. Even planted in a 12" pot there is not enough room for it's expansive root system. Here is the story:

In April I planted a 4" transplant. In June I cut off 4 or 5 flowering tips and just tossed them into my lantana beds on the west side of my garage and forgot about them. Now (Sept. 18) these tips have grown to almost 3 feet high and 2 feet wide with hundreds of fragrant leaves. The transplant still in the pot has 2 woody bare stems with (at the most) a dozen stunted leaves on each stem. I also have Greek oregano and English thyme planted for 2 years in a large 3 bushel clay planter and they are thriving!

Shopping

- o It's time to start shopping for that avid gardener in your life.

Finally—CELEBRATE!

- o The State Fair will be here soon. Make the opportunity to go and while there visit the outdoor model train working displays. They are in the Civic Garden Center area just west of the great ferris wheel. The color of the Dallas Arboretum is in full color, go visit and get some design ideas for next year.

Next month

- o How to design and plan an overgrown landscape makeover and planting beneath mature trees.

Yard Signs ... Heads Up

- o There are restrictions on signs that may be placed around homes. Signs in the parkway between a sidewalk and the street are never permitted. Temporary signs in your front yard or along the alley such as remodeling, painting etc., are permitted while the work is in progress. But once the work is completed the signs must be removed. Signs for home businesses are not permitted.
- o Landscapers and roofers are only too glad to leave their signs in place forever. If this happens to you please discard them in a reasonable time frame.

YARD SALE – October 15 (rain or shine)!

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

It's time again for another fall clean out. Gather your "treasures" and set them up in your front yard. There will be a lot of buyers in the neighborhood.

Note: per the health department – mattresses, mattress pads and box springs cannot be sold.

For security reasons lock all doors, garage and fence gates. Folks requesting to use the restroom or phone should be directed to Albertson's. I will put out signs by 7:00 am around the HOA perimeter and along Mimosa that advertise the sale.

Have fun and make some money!!

Pansy Sale---Faces in the flowerbeds



The Richardson Fire Fighters Association and the Richardson Citizen Fire Academy Alumni Association will be holding their second annual Pansy Sale on Saturday, October 15 on the east side of Richardson. For your convenience, Jerry Gray will also be selling the pansies during our neighborhood Yard Sale on that same day at 1115 Eton. Jerry is a long time resident of our neighborhood (his wife is a past president of our Association) and he is currently an officer of the CFAAA. The goal is to raise money to refurbish the parade engine that is used for the Holiday parade, fire fighter funerals and other special occasions.

Bruce Miller Nursery will furnish the Pansies and they are always a good deal. Each flat will contain 18—4" pots and will sell for \$13.00 a flat. Bruce Miller will sell them at \$12.88 so you are just paying pennies more to buy from CFAAA and contributing to a worthy cause to boot! Checks or cash... checks payable to CFAAA.



2005-2006 Board Members: John Sadowski, Phil Meeker, Dee Russum, Helen Simon, Nancy De La Garza, Mike Ward Sr., Bernie Mayoff. Not pictured Thom Pomella, Sharon Easky.

Approximately 50 members attended the Annual Meeting and elected our new Board and expressed thanks to outgoing Board members Chris Bruckner and Marc Perlstein.

Door prizes were: Gift basket contributed by Central Market; meals for two contributed by Nikki's; meals for two contributed by Sonny Bryan's; lunch for two contributed Cappucino. Everyone in attendance received a box (or more) of recycling bags courtesy of the City of Richardson and our speaker, Neighborhood Services Manager Don Magner.

Don Magner discussed the many aspects of his department, and mentioned the increased enforcement of proper tree pruning. After the meeting he explained that a reason for the increased enforcement is for the safety of city workers. Recently a tree branch was low enough to be pushed aside by a garbage truck. When the branch reached the rear of the truck it fell injuring one worker, and then sprang back severely injuring a second worker. The sanitation workers are hurt more often by smaller branches which flex and then whack them at the end of the truck.

A member asked about speed limit signs missing from some alleys. They should be installed about the time you read this.

\$\$ Help Needed \$\$

What: Kevin Strong's Eagle Project

Why: Supplies for installing brick path at Mohawk Elementary

**How: Cash or checks payable to:
BSA Troop 895**

**Where: Mailed to Kevin Strong
1119 Edith Circle,
Richardson, Texas 75080**

My name is Kevin Strong and I am a Boy Scout working on my Eagle project. I will be putting in a donor brick pathway around the flagpole and a flagstone border around the flower beds at Mohawk Elementary. I am raising money for the supplies for the project. Please help me by donating money. Cash or checks are acceptable. Make checks payable to BSA Troop 895. Any amounts received in excess of what I need to complete my project will be donated directly to the Mohawk PTA. Thank you in advance for any help you can provide.

Thank you for your support

Mohawk Elementary Kicking Off the Next 40 Years

Yes, Mohawk is the BIG 40! We invite you to join our Winning Team Tailgate Party on October 22nd from 6-9pm. We'll be reminiscing about the past 40 years and "*Kicking Off the Next 40 Years*" with lots of food, fun, fanfare and Mohawk's famous silent auction.

Join us for a pre-game pep rally on the front lawn at 6 pm. Dinner will be from 6:15-7:15 pm, tickets \$5 each.

Silent action, Stroll Down Memory Lane and other activities will continue throughout the evening.

If you would like to:

1. donate an item to be auctioned off
2. loan memorabilia to be displayed in Mohawk's Memory Lane
3. give us names of Mohawk alumni
4. purchase dinner tickets - \$5 each

please call Lee Ann Brunelli at 972-437-4846 or e-mail Shelley Lane at shelleylan@comcast.net

***L'shana tova -- Happy New Year
to our Jewish neighbors***

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Keeping up appearances

Viewers of the BBC comedy *Keeping Up Appearances* see two extremes of neatness – perfection vs. “who cares”. Most of us live somewhere in between. The schools in our neighborhood are trying to strike the proper balance too.

J. J. Pearce

The plans for the campus enhancements at Pearce called for the school buses that are kept on campus to be parked in the “jock lot”, in the midst of the campus. Those four buses are used to transport students to and from athletic events and are not part of the Dallas County Schools transportation system that provides the main transportation for students. It turns out that there isn’t enough room in the lot for the buses to turn out. As a result the school has had to find alternative parking.

In the spring the buses can park in the southeast parking lot and there are plenty of spaces for students and staff. But in the fall the southeast parking lot is the grid where the Mustang Band practices and perfects their marching routines. One alternative was to park the buses on the grassy area east of the tennis courts on the north side of Senior Way. That solution maximizes parking space availability during football and marching season, but it makes a mess of the grassy area and the street when it rains. It is also illegal in Richardson to park a vehicle on a grassy area and RISD would not want to be violating a city ordinance. The compromise solution is to park the buses in the south parking lot outside of the Band area during marching season. This makes parking a little tighter, but should still be adequate. In the spring, when marching season is over and more of the younger students are becoming old enough to drive, the band practice area becomes available for bus and student parking again.

Mohawk

The paper recycling dumpsters at Mohawk generate significant revenue that the school can use for supplies and other essentials and for supplemental programs. There was hope that with the new parking lot on the Melrose side of the school that the dumpsters could be moved back in the old parking lot and be less visible from the street. There was a brief period during repaving of the driveway when the dumpsters were not adjacent to the sidewalk and it certainly did improve the appearance of the campus.

Alas, they only put 22 spaces in the new parking lot and while that certainly helps, it is just not enough to give up spaces in the original parking lot. It is not just a matter of four spaces for the dumpsters, but also access for the truck to get in to empty them. That would necessitate giving up even more spaces. There are 35 full time staff members plus several part time teachers that come and go during the week. The objective of the new parking lot was to have parking

for the entire staff. Traffic at Mohawk has been a constant battle for years. The Principal reports that the new parking lot has helped the morning and afternoon traffic flow since more parents can park and come in instead of blocking traffic.



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RISD reaches out

If you were at our Annual meeting you had a chance to meet Jeanne Guerra, RISD Director of Communications, and Lani Caffey, RISD’s Community Liaison person. In these challenging times, Lani’s role is to encourage and grow RISD’s support by local businesses, organizations and volunteers. These are all resources that can help RISD take advantage of our local resources and offset the funds that are lost to Robinhood.

By taking advantage of the new electronic *School Times Now!* the district’s Communication’s department is able to realize significant savings compared to the printed newsletter that they have used in the past. The newsletter is intended for all residents of RISD, not just families with students in school. If you haven’t done it already, you can subscribe to *School times Now!* by going to www.richardson.k12.tx.us. With Lani’s help the district hopes to expand the use of alternative approaches to keeping RISD strong. If you’d like to find out how you or your business or organization can help you can contact Lani at Lani.Caffey@richardson.k12.tx.us or 469-593-0307.



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How did they know?

Approximately 90% of our membership is on our e-mail distribution list. This list is used for urgent messages and important reminders. There are not many occasions when we need to use it. We've used it for lost or found pets, for a missing person, and for reminders or updates about important events. And then came Katrina. In September we found it important to keep residents aware of ways that help was needed, and ways that offers of help would temporarily slow things down. We were able to address questions about security and well being for evacuees and for the community overall. The result was overwhelmingly positive and your generosity and support are wonderful.

If you aren't on our member's e-mail list and didn't receive the updates just send an e-mail to bernie@mayoff.com and he'll add you.

There were thirteen notes that we distributed between September 1 and September 23. If you didn't receive them and would like a copy contact Bernie Mayoff, bernie@mayoff.com, 972-669-9169. Besides telling how the city responded and how people are helping, they give an idea of the dynamic nature of the local response to Katrina and the support that you and you neighbors provided.

Below are some of the e-mail replies that we received:

Thanks, Bernie, for spreading this message—very much appreciated.

What an amazing neighborhood we all live in! The outpouring of support to these 4 college students from Tulane was wonderful. Many of you stopped in to meet them and over 20 families brought clothes for them. The clothes are still coming in.

Tulane Students:
Simba from North Africa, MBA Student
Mohammad from South Africa, Graduate Student in Chemistry
Nathan from Los Angeles, freshman
Tony from Malta, Exchange student, freshman

The clothes and interest in helping them overwhelmed them all. Thank you to all of you for helping them out. Their stories are truly amazing and the care that we have given them is also a part of their story thru this difficult time that they said they would never forget. Simba and Mohammad are flying to stay with distant relatives in Maryland until they figure out what to do next. Nathan is flying to Ohio to try and attend the University of Miami in Ohio. Tony from

the country of Malta does not know where he will end up. He will stay with us at SMU until he can figure it out.

SMU like most every other University has opened its doors to allow for open registration for classes. Many will end up staying and attending SMU and neighboring universities.

All of the clothes were so helpful and we were able to give them suitcases as well. Our new neighbors came over and met the "Tulane men" and stayed to talk with them and hear their stories... Beth is also taking them shopping to Wal-Mart this morning. Truly amazing!

The clothes that did not fit are going to the Shelter at the Reunion Tower on Tuesday. SMU has organized a drop off on campus and will take them to the shelters next week.

I hope that any of you with family or friends in the affected areas are able to get in contact with them. Our prayers go out to you as well.

It is such an amazing feeling to live amongst all of you as you reach out to help others you do not know... We live in a great place and are truly blessed.

I worked as a volunteer at the Salvation Army's Harry Hines warehouse this morning (9-03-05) and heard information that should be passed along. We were told early on NOT to accept any more clothing donations from folks that were delivering items to the warehouse. They said tell them to please wait about a month for clothing donations. Jerry Yoes

Thank you, Bernie. I've used this information well, and will be taking three or four pairs of tennis shoes over to the Jewish Family Services office. That being just around the corner from my office, I will also encourage those in my office to do the same. Something personal always works wonders.

Thanks for the note about JFS and Tulane students. I just got back from the meeting. They had about 30 to 40 people. I went since I'm on the national board of Sammies; we have (had) a 100-man chapter at Tulane. I'm concerning about the 100 men that are now scattered around the country. At the same time, JFS says they have already seen about 700 people from the affected areas.

Gee, Bernie, when I signed up for the email service, I thought I was going to get items of community interest. Instead I am getting tons of info about hurricane Katrina refugees. Disaster relief hardly seems appropriate for a community newsletter.

Thanks for keeping us so informed.

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

	Month Ended	
	September 30, 2005	
Cash Receipts		
Membership Dues	\$3,420.00	
Dividends	29.46	
Advertising-Newsletter	150.00	
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Total Receipts	3,599.46	
Expenses		
Crime Watch		
Metrocall		20.86
Membership		
Annual Meeting		20.00
Newsletter		
Printing, Etc	259.20	
Delivery	75.00	
Other Expenses		
Fire Department Dinners	148.05	
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Total Expenses		523.11
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Net Income (Loss)		\$3,076.35

Fund Balances:

	Checking	Vanguard	Totals
Beginning Balances - 9/1/05	\$934.59	\$10,100.43	\$11,035.02
Add receipts	3,570.00	29.46	3,599.46
Less Disbursements	523.11		523.11
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Ending Balances - 9/30/05	\$3,981.48	\$10,129.89	\$14,111.37

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

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Local Events October – November include:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time/Location</u>
October		
1	Pearce tennis vs Lindale Sounds of Class children’s carnival, children’s concert, Beatles Tribute, fireworks Play: Fernando Krapp Wrote Me This Letter Piano concert: David Korevaar Sounds of Class – Fireworks	10:00am, Pearce free, 5:00pm-9:00pm, UTD \$15, 8:00pm, UTD Univ Theatre \$15, 8:00pm, UTD Jonsson Perf Hall free, 9:00pm, UTD
1-2	Cottonwood Art Festival	Cottonwood Park
2	Fernando Krapp Wrote Me This Letter	\$15, 8:00pm, UTD Univ Theatre
4-5	Rosh Hashanah	
5	Pearce Volleyball vs Lake Highlands	5:30/7:00pm, Pearce
6	Pearce JV tennis vs Creekview	4:15pm, Pearce
7	Pearce football vs Richardson Jazz concert: David “Fathead” Newman	7:30pm, Richardson \$20, 8:00pm, UTD Conf Ctr
8	Richardson Symphony Van Cliburn winner	8:00pm, Eisemann Center
10	State Fair holiday (no school) Piano concert: Annie Linn	free, 5:00pm, UTD Jonsson Perf Hall
11	Last day to register to vote in November election Pearce tennis vs Turner Pearce Volleyball vs Richardson	4:15pm, Pearce 5:30/7:00pm, Pearce
12	Wm. “Bill” Mercer - <i>When the News Went Live: Dallas 1963</i>	free, 3:30-4:45pm, UTD Library Audit. (MC2.410)
13	Yom Kippur Jr. High Orchestra Concert	6:30pm, Pearce
14	Pearce football vs Berkner Classical Guitar: Carlos Peréz	7:30pm, Richardson \$15, 8:00pm, UTD Jonsson Perf Hall
16	Neighborhood Yard Sale	
17-28	Red Ribbon Weeks in RISD	All RISD schools
18	Pearce Volleyball vs Newman Smith	5:30/7:00pm, Pearce
19	Orchestra Fall Concert	7:00pm, Pearce
19-27	Art: The Vico Collection	free, UTD Green Ctr
21	Pearce Volleyball vs Newman Smith	5:30/7:00pm, Pearce
21-22	LA Bohème/Rent	free, 8:00pm, UTD Univ Theatre
22	Mohawk 40th Anniversary celebration , see page 8 Mohawk Silent Auction	6-9pm, Mohawk 7:00-9:00pm, Mohawk
22-23	Huffhines Arts & Crafts Show	Huffhines Park
24	Early voting begins	Civic Center
29	Pearce girl’s basketball vs Garland	5:00pm, Pearce
31	Halloween Grave Performances (vocal concert)	free, 5:00pm, UTD Jonsson Perf
November		
1	Pearce girl’s basketball vs North Garland	5:00pm, Pearce
2	Prayers of Dallas	free, 7:30pm, UTD Jonsson Perf Hall
4	Pearce football vs R.L. Turner Early voting ends	7:30pm, Richardson

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