



JJ Pearce Homeowners Association Newsletter

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Presidents Corner

What a great September! September was very active for the JJP HOA community with our Food Truck events. Three Fridays in a row The JJP HOA scheduled food trucks. Serving from Senior Way the community enjoyed the excellent food, excellent company, and the JJP HOA Park. There were several hundred people at each event when we include children in the count. Remember when this neighborhood was not made up of a ton of children? Well now it is! It's great to see the families enjoying each other, the JJP HOA events, and the JJP HOA Park. This is exactly why the JJP HOA created the park. We look forward to additional events soon. If you would like to suggest an event please contact your VP of Social & Community Communications, Hannah McPhaul, or one of your JJP HOA Board members.

Over the next two months there are some very important events that have an impact directly and indirectly for our community.

- **National Night Out** – This is a time to acknowledge our neighbors, even through social distancing, and support our community. The Richardson Police Department will be slowly cruising the neighborhoods and are available for pictures while maintaining a safe distance. Express your appreciation for the police and their service. We are fortunate to live in the City of Richardson and have such a great police organization with exceptional response time and an exceptional record of keeping the crime rate low in Richardson.
- **Voting** - Our Precinct is always number one or number two in the City of Richardson in voting percentages and/or actual ballots cast. This is very very important to the JJP HOA. When you vote the politicians watch. We hope they listen too, but they watch who votes, which precincts have the most votes and the voting percentage in each precinct.

Our voting activity in Precinct 2503 is important for all local, state, and national election. Why does this effect you as a JJP HOA resident? Here is a list:

- **Do you want a voice with the COR Council?** They pay close attention to the voting public. Not to say they ignore areas that do not vote but our precinct (2503) is one of the most important in the city. Currently you cannot win an election or pass a bond without winning the votes in our precinct. Why? BECAUSE WE VOTE!
- **Do you want a voice with the RISD Board?** Same is true with the RISD as with the COR. Currently you cannot get elected or pass a bond without winning Precinct 2503. The single member districts have had some effect on this, but the board knows who supports them. When the bond elections roll around, and they are coming, they will need Precinct 2503 to win. Why? BECAUSE WE VOTE!
- The same is true on state and national levels. You see the candidates hanging out at Mohawk Elementary on election day and ask why do they hang out here? BECAUSE WE VOTE!

PROMOTE THE VOTE - The JJP HOA Board believe it is important to promote participation in election day. We, as a board, do not care who you vote for only that you vote! We believe it is important to involve your children. We have a convenient way to vote, include your children, while making the process fun. We will pick you up in a golf cart, take you to Mohawk, and bring you home after you have voted. Your children are welcome to ride in the golf cart! What fun for the entire family!! For a ride to vote at Mohawk Elementary, call the JJP HOA HOT LINE 732-723-8181 or G. Scott's cell 214-478-6418.



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2020 National Night Out is being held on Tuesday, October 6th, from 6:00pm - 8:00pm and it will be quite different this year. Due to the COVID 19 virus situation, the City of Richardson has requested that no one hold block parties this year to be safe and to practice good social distancing.

Since they are not recommending block parties or social gatherings, the City is recommending that each registered block celebrate NNO by households on the street holding their own individual/family style picnic on the lawn of their residence and/or decorating your yard.

Some of the suggestions you may want to use are:

- Displaying homemade National Night Out or crime prevention posters/signs promoting support for car or home burglary prevention, or
- For a more patriotic theme, break out the US/Texas flags along with your red/white/and blue ribbons, or
- It can also be as simple as just relaxing on your lawn and turning on your porch light as a symbol of solidarity against crime, maybe even by switching out your porch light to a blue bulb.

The front yard activities are a suggestion/recommendation by the City of Richardson. The JJP HOA cannot demand front yard activities only. All residents and their families can make those decisions for themselves. The HOA does request that neighbors please be respectful to all.

Please make sure your block is registered with the City of Richardson and inform the JJP HOA board of your planned activities in case you want the \$50.00 available for your party and so that the board can support your block in any way possible. The money can be used for decorating front yards or anything your group decides. The money from the JJP HOA is to promote community and unity. Please forward the receipts for your NNO gathering to an HOA board member and the board will promptly process your reimbursement request.

You can go to [Richardsonpolice.net](http://www.richardsonpolice.net/services/community-engagement/national-night-out/nno-block-party-registration) to register your gathering or access the registration form at the following link: <http://www.richardsonpolice.net/services/community-engagement/national-night-out/nno-block-party-registration>.

During the evening of National Night Out, a police officer will slowly drive through the blocks that are registered to show support for our community. The officer may stop to take an occasional picture, but will be maintaining proper social distancing precautions. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to give the City of Richardson Crime Prevention Unit a call at 972-744-4955.



9/11, Fire Station #2 Dinners

Every year on September 11th, the JJ Pearce HOA purchases three dinners and desserts from a local restaurant, one for each night covering 3 shifts. This year we delivered the dinners and desserts on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 11th, 12th, & 13th, 2020. The JJ Pearce HOA enjoys serving those who serve us, and we are grateful for what they

do not only for our HOA, but for our community. Thank you Richardson Fire Station # 2 for all you do!

Below is a note from the Captain:

On behalf of my crew and myself, thank you to you and the members of the JJ Pearce HOA. The BBQ dinner was fantastic and it means a lot to be recognized by you, especially on a day such as Sept. 11th.

Thank you,
Nathan Carsten



DOES MY VOTE EVEN COUNT?

Yes! It may sound cliché but every vote really does matter, especially because elections can be determined by just a small group of votes!



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Good Neighbor



Award

Send nominations and quotes to
membership@jjphoa.com

"My husband James and I wish to nominate Ed Murray, because he is a very good neighbor. We have not lived here very long, but Ed has contacted us countless times to ensure that we have information we might need. When a tree fell on our house, Ed was on the spot to make sure that we were unhurt. We have enjoyed his happy hours, meeting neighbors and learning local history.

We applaud Ed Murray as A Very Good Neighbor."

-Ilene and James Danse

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THE MORE THE MERRIER!!!!

There is no wrong time to join the HOA!

The JJP HOA's  Friday was a GREAT success! We are looking forward to spending more time with all our friends and neighbors! If you enjoyed this event and would like to see more fun activities take place through the HOA, please make sure your friends and neighbors are MEMBERS!

Call/Text 469-348-5634 or email
membership@jjphoa.com

COR MATCHING FUND BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM

Matching Fund Beautification was created in 1972. Since the inception over 400 medians and parkways have been professionally landscaped. The program is open to citizens, businesses, homeowner and neighborhood associations, and civic groups which may be interested in beautifying public lands. The program splits construction costs 50/50 between the City of Richardson and the partnering organization. Applications for the program are available on the City's website and are due by March 1st of every year so that they may be considered during the budgeting process. Approved projects begin on October 1 of the same year of application. Professional City staff members work closely with partnering organizations on projects and the staff oversees the project throughout construction. Partnering organizations are invoiced for projects upon completion. Types of improvements include beautification of medians, parkways, and parks. In the past several years a number of butterfly gardens have been installed

More information about the program can be obtained by contacting Shohn Rodgers at shohn.rodgers@cor.gov or 972-744-4306

Gardening This Weekend

by Bart Ord

Sometime in the next several days, these are the things you'll want to get done in your landscape and garden.



PLANT:

- Last call to sow wildflower seeds for spring bloom. If you're planting bluebonnets, buy acid-treated ("scarified") seeds for best germination. Sow into lightly prepared soil where there is no competition from turf.
- Color from mums, petunias, Joseph's coat, Mexican bush sage and other quick sources of color for your fall garden.
- Ryegrass to overseed established turf. I prefer "perennial" rye (not really perennial in Texas). Its seed may cost more, but the grass is finer textured and it requires far fewer mowings.
- Fescue to overseed or start new fescue lawns. Do not overseed bermuda or St. Augustine with fescue (can't get rid of it easily).

PRUNE:

- Brownd foliage and spent flowers, seeds from perennials.
- Dead or damaged branches from trees before they start losing leaves. It's still easy to tell them apart.
- Lawn to maintain recommended height. Allowing grass to grow taller does not improve its vigor or winter hardiness. It actually weakens it.

FERTILIZE:

- Lawn with all-nitrogen fertilizer (high percentage of that nitrogen in slow-release form) unless soil test instructs otherwise. Product may be labeled as "winterizer," but it could very likely be the same analysis as your spring and summer food.
- Summer annual flowers and foliage with water-soluble, all-nitrogen food to stimulate one last burst of growth and color.

ON THE LOOKOUT:

- Army worms in bermuda turf. If the grass is losing its green color because the blades are being devoured (leaving only runners), that's probably damage of armyworms. You may also be seeing flocks of birds feasting on the armyworms. The caterpillars themselves are about an inch long and quite visible if you'll look closely. There are many good insecticides, both organic and inorganic that will offer quick knock-down. The good news is that the grass will green up once again. Fertilize and water it.
- Brown patch may begin to show up in St. Augustine in next couple of weeks. Patches will be 18 to 24 inches across and circular. Blades will pull loose from runners without resistance. Local independent nurseries will have fungicides labeled for controlling turf diseases.
- Webworms are really common in Texas pecans, walnuts, persimmons, mulberries and other trees currently. Spraying is impractical. Do not try to burn them (extremely hazardous). Long-handled pole pruners are probably your best solution, or just ignore them. They will fall to the ground over the winter. The trees will be fine.
- Watch patio pots for insects if you intend to bring the plants into your house or greenhouse over the winter. It's easier to control the pests while the plants are still outdoors.

TIME TO KNOW – TIME TO GO – VOTE!!

Schedule Tuesday, November 3d, on your calendar to vote.

To be informed when you go to vote please refer to the link from the Richardson League of Women Voters. <https://www.vote411.org/personalized-voting-info> - Use the online voters' guide to see the races and issues on your ballot. Compare candidates side-by-side and read their views on the important issues in their own words. If you need a ride to Mohawk to vote please call the JJP HOT LINE at 732-723-8181 or G. Scott's cell 214-478-6418.

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL EVENTS:

SEPTEMBER: We had an amazing turn out for our first #FoodTruckFridays in Sept! The weather has been perfect for this outside event. Our community came together and also donated canned goods for the Network Ministries. People brought their own chairs, and blankets and had fun meeting new and old neighbors.

We had some great trucks that were loved by all – they have already been reaching out asking when they can come out next to serve our community again! We hope to continue this event annually and have more events like this in our park!

OCTOBER: We are planning to have a FALL FESTIVAL at the JJPearce HOA Park in late October. More info to come!

For the most up-to-date information please join our JJ Pearce HOA FACEBOOK Group and also follow us on our new Instagram page JJ Pearce HOA.

Please reach out to Hannah McPhaul, VP of community and social media, with any questions or suggestions: hannahmcphaul@gmail.com.

