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# CALENDAR

Every Thursday Night Live in the Atrium at DMA along with Arts District

Trammell & Margaret Crow Asian Art Museum (Free)

July-Richland College Fall Registration starts now until 8-23-10

July 31 Eisemann Center "Kuchipudi Dance Ballet"

Aug 1 & 15 Eisemann Center "Richardson Community Band" (Free)

Aug 1 Eisemann Center "A Night With Ali Fakhredin" Comedy Show

Aug 13 Richardson Theatre Center "The Kitchen Witches"

Aug 20 'til Midnight at the Nasher

Aug 23 RISD School Starts

Aug 24 Full Moon

Sept 6 Labor Day

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Residents,

I hope all of you are enjoying our cool, balmy sunny weather in Richardson, Texas. Actually, I know, it hasn't been this hot in June for a long time. Hopefully July and August will moderate somewhat.

Your HOA will be inputting the City of Richardson with projects we want for our neighborhood to take advantage of the bond package that was passed recently.

We will be getting to you, probably with the next newsletter, copies of proposed changes to our bylaws for a meeting in September or October to have the paid members voting on them.

Thanks to all of you who have joined. If you have friends or neighbors who have not yet joined, your help in getting them on board is always appreciated.

Have a wonderful summer.

Sincerely,

George S. McKearin

PS... Help us save money on our proposed bylaws changes and provide us your email address at membership@richlandhoa.com

This way we can email you the proposed changes instead of having to print them for each resident. The document is 7 pages long and it gets expensive to print for each of you.

# SAFETY/INFORMATION





Hi neighbors. Things have been going good in our part of the city. Reports of crime are down. Remember if you don't report it, we don't know about it so report all crime and suspicious incidents to the Richardson Police Dept. at 911 for emergency's and things in progress. For non-emergency's call 972-744-4801, you will get the same people as 911 but they don't come blaring in red lights and serine. I just finished the16 week Citizens Police Academy and I want to tell you, Richardson has the finest group of people working for us you could ask for. There standards are very high, not everyone makes it into RPD. I take my hat off to them.

Looks like summer is upon us so don't let your guard down. Be suspicious of anyone roaming our streets and alleys and call it in. Our Crime Watch Patrol is doing a great job looking out for you so give them a thank you when you see them it don't take much to keep us going. They put in a lot of hours of their time to help make things safe for all of us. Speaking of hours did you know that our Crime Watch patrol put in 1,967 hours of patrol time last year. That's like having one person working 40 hours a week for one year. That is number one in the city, no other neighborhood patrol came even close to what we do. Even with that many hours we can't be everywhere all the time. You can help by taking things out of your car or truck and locking it. Close your garage door every time. Lock your gates, your windows, your back door and in some cases your front door. I know this sounds redundant but we all forget sometimes to do the simple things.

There has been a spike in mail theft. If you still don't have a locking mail box, GET ONE. Clayton Selman is working with Home Depot on some locking mail boxes at a discount price for us, we will send out an email when things are worked out. Clayton and myself are working closely with all surrounding apartments and asking for there help to keep people from climbing over the wall to the north and to the south of our addition. There security patrols are helping to look for persons going over the walls. Time will tell.

I was out on patrol this morning and at 3:30am I saw two Coyotes in the Park and cut through into the 500 block of Birch. So if you have small dogs, cats or other pets keep them in at night. They come over from the wooded area in Richland College and roam the area for food.

Have a good summer.

Bob McClure Crime Watch Coordinator 214-763-0589 <a href="mailto:crimewatchone@yahoo.com">crimewatchone@yahoo.com</a>

Coupon RHA 20% Discount Off SKU', 570-548, 372-670 & 938-915 Only

# Locking Mailboxes

Some of you might recall that Home Depot sponsored our Spring Event in Richland Park earlier this spring. As this relationship has grown, Home Depot Garland is offering our RHA members 20% Discount off the following locking mailboxes.

1) Manufactured by Gibraltar Industries, is a mailbox and pedestal combination. Approved by US Post Master Home Depot SKU #570-548. Model PED0000B.

Retail 148.00 / Discounted price \$118.40 + Tax.

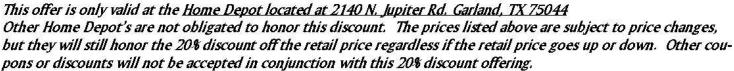


2) Manufactured by Architectural Mailboxes, the Oasis Jr. has the largest capacity and even has a pull out section for small packages. Approved by US Post Master Home Depot SKU #372-670. Model #6200B-10.

Retail \$97.00 / Discounted price \$77.60 + Tax.

3) Manufactured by Gibraltar Industries, the Wyngate looks the most like a standard mailbox, but is oversized and locks. Approved by US Post Master Home Depot SKU #938-915. Model #WM16KB01.

Retail \$73.00 / Discounted price \$58.40 + Tax.



You Must provide the cut out coupon above to Home Depot for the 20% Discount.

Another option is installing the "Gray Door Mailbox Locking System" offered by www.mailboxsafety.com or call 972-422-6359. This choice was provide to the RHA by RPD.

Even if you don't choose one of these locking mailboxes, please ensure whatever you buy is "US Post Master Approved" and is meant for an alley installation.

Please don't forget to place your home block numbers on both sides of your mailbox with 3" Vinyl Reflective Numbers. They are only \$0.68 each + tax at Home Depot. Note theses discounts above are valid until August 31, 2010.

The following companies you may contact for installation:

"The Home Connection" — Dennis Schmitt 214-334-7334

"Handyman Connection" — Stephanie 972-361-0009

\*RPD nor RHA does not endorse any product(s) or service, we only provide information about what's currently on the market.





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# ARCHITECTURE, LANDSCAPING, BEAUTIFICATION UPDATE

# Dear Residents,

As you may have noticed the Entrances to Richland Park on Audelia and Abrams along with Park Bend are still under construction. The construction firm (*Ratcliff Construction*) is working to complete theses sections along with working through RHA "Final" punch list for completion. For more information on ALB projects you may contact RHA board member Curtis Dorian or Susan Mather at architetural@richlandhoa.com



Yard Of The Month in Richland Park



Karen & David Sandlin @ 629 Goodwin Drive



# YARD OF THE MONTH IN RICHLAND PARK



LANA AND JOHN RICE @ 509 SHEFFIELD DRIVE

# **YOM Criteria and Judging Requirements:**

- "! Maintenance (cleanliness)
- "! **Design and Shape of Trees and Beds** (contouring lines, height & balance to fit the style of your home)
- "! **Shrubbery Form and Layout** (shrubbery design, space planning and definition)
- "! Color or Not
- "! Architectural Elements used to enhance design, Forming Lawn Clarity, Uniformity and Sophistication. (I.E. Stonework, Pavers, Water features Etc.)

# RICHLAND CONNECTIONS COMMITTEE IN ACTION

A few members of the Richland Connections Committee worked a long weekend in honor of the late Ms Hoilman whom always had her yard in mint condition.



Left to Right:
Larry Box, Angela
McCants, Mary Ann
Harris, & Nancy Steele
Salazar.



# MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

# To All RHA Residents:

We are aggressively trying to improve our neighborhood. Like the board members & caring residents before us, we all care about our <u>neighborhood integrity</u>. Without your funds and our volunteers, none of this would be possible. We are currently working on many projects to improve our neighborhood and I wanted to share a handful of these projects with you.

Entrances currently being worked on by the City of Richardson and your RHA. Lead by Curtis Dorian (ALB board member) & Susan Mathers (co-chair) This has been a long invested project with many hours of hard work over the last four years.

Crime Watch logged over 1960 hours last year with the Richardson Police Dept. Bob McClure (Crime Watch chair) puts in many more hours that never gets logged with his team of volunteers. That's like having a full time employee at 2080 hours a year.

RHA board member Clayton Selman worked with OnCor on replacing or repairing the faulty working street lights (total of 26) on Walnut St. & Abrams Rd. this last year.

City of Dallas is working on completing the street repairs on Walnut St. from Greenville Ave to Audelia Rd. These repairs were requested by RHA board member Clayton Selman.

For the first time ever our HOA Crime Watch is working with the apartments that surround us. By talking to the CEO's & landlords of these properties they all agreed to work as a team on Crime Watch issues. Bob McClure & Clayton Selman have been working hard on this project to help reduce crime.

Vern Russka (resident) & Clayton Selman (Board member) taking over 1500 pictures this last year and working with City of Richardson street \ alley \ sidewalk Director to address those issues & for the first time the City is in our neighborhood gladly doing these repairs. You will continue to see improvement including the removing of asphalt on the west & east side of the Richland Elementary School in the months to come.

There are so many more projects to list along with the supporting volunteer efforts behind our RHA. I want to personally thank all of you for your 2010 HOA dues and those that have volunteered in the past and currently. It is greatly appreciated.

If you have not joined our 2010 membership drive as of yet please do so. This is such a great cause in working towards the up keep of our <u>neighborhood integrity</u>.

Sincerely, Clayton Selman 2010 RHA Membership Chair

# RICHLAND PLACEMENT OF 4TH OF JULY FLAGS

Thanks to the following list of neighbors, flags flew proudly throughout the Richland Park/Oaks over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. After distributing flags. breakfast was enjoyed by all.

Dorothy & George McKearin
Treva & Jerry Smutz
Amanda & Scott Geddie
Don Theobald
Bonnie Burnham
Jay & Karla Weesner
Beverly & Farrin Bell
Karen Sandlin
Angela & Rick McCants
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Lisa & Dennis Hines
Jack Johnson
Kathryn Johnson
Bill Brollier
Dewayne Mosley & Michael
Brown



# **ACTIVITIES \ SOCIAL EVENTS**

Getting -to-Know-Your-Neighbors via Sip and Stroll Events.

The last Sip & Stroll event was held at the home of George & Dorthy McKearin.

It's an adult event, educational & lots of fun!

We still have open slots for you to host your own Sip and Stroll. All you have to do is pick from one of the dates below, then invite 10 to 15 neighbors, friends or family. Call <u>Maggie Bucklew</u> our RHA Activities Chair. 972.226.4796

The wines are from Napa Valley and the Wine Maven brings the glasses, her knowledge and expertise to the scheduled event.

# Remaining open dates:

August 5September 23November 4August 19October 7November 11

September 9 October 21







L to R: Melissa Darney & Maggie Bucklew



Standing: Rick Tuman, Maggie Bucklew, Debbie Scanell, Nichelle Tuman, Marie Danna and John Danna Sitting: Sherri Bernardine, Anderson and Wendy Collins, Cristina and Maria Gonzales, George McKearin, Curtis Dorian

# **SURVEY RESULTS...**

On July 3rd, a survey was sent out to RHA residents via email requesting feedback on the following:

yBaby Sitters, Teenagers for Lawn Care, Restaurants or Grocery stores you visit-in the area along with Tutors. All of the listing below along with the following pages are from your gracious feedback on this survey.

# Restaurants:

Ì A Taste of Italy, @ 2210 W Buckingham Road Garland, TX 75042

Comments: They have good Italian food at great price and their homemade yeast rolls served with butter and garlic are to die for! Best-kept secret is their Broccoli Cheese Soup which is ONLY served on Friday evenings after 5:00 pm.

www.sicilianosgarland.com

- Àboca Italian Grill @ 100 S Central Expy # 63 Richardson, TX 75080

  Comments: Wonderful, quaint atmosphere, Excellent Italian food from pizzas to pasta, seafood and meat, dishes. BYOB (\$1 corking fee). Favorites Calamari appetizer and the Veal Saltimbocca. Also have excellent cappuccino and delicious home made deserts (Crème Brulee is excellent). It's a great family restaurant with dinner entrées from \$10 to \$17. Outstanding service. See the owner \ Chef in action and how the restaurant operates on his website.
- È <u>Afrah</u> @ <u>314 East Main Street Richardson, TX 75081</u>
  Comments: Excellent hummus, fattoush salad, fresh pita, gelato (they're open until midnight almost every night, so great for a late night ice cream fix.)

www.afrah.com

- À Ali Baba @ 2103 North Central Expressway Richardson, TX 75080
  Comments: great lunch buffet and Sunday buffet, rice pudding with rose water is great.
  www.alibabacafe.com
- Àmigo's @ 940 East Belt Line Road Richardson, TX 75081

  Commnets: Great handmade Margaritas and Excellent Tex-Mex and Mexican Food with patio. Live music Saturday nights. Extended Happy Hour. Dinner entrée are~\$11 up to ~\$15. They have a variety of Salsas. Not a fancy place but has good service and excellent food.

  www.amigosrestaurantcomidacasera.com



Ì <u>Brother's Pizza</u> @ *9310 Forest Lane Dallas, TX 75243* 

Comments: Great pizza, good salads, plus they delivery to our neighborhood.

www.primobrotherspizza.com

Ì <u>Cafe Brazil</u> @ <u>2071 North Central Expressway Richardson, TX 75080</u>

Comments: Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Great variety of food, coffee and desserts. Plus great hours: open 24 hours Thurs-Fri-Sat, and open 6AM to midnight Sun-Mon-Tue-Wed! <a href="www.cafebrazil.com">www.cafebrazil.com</a>

Ì Canton Chinese @ 400 North Greenville Avenue Richardson, TX 75081

Comments: Very authentic Chinese food with a tremendous selection. Always take leftovers home. Excellent sweet/sour pork.

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Ì Chen's Wok @ 8989 Forest Lane Dallas, TX 75243

Comments: Inexpensive, cook to order, gluten free options, plus they delivery to our neighborhood.

Ì <u>Desperado's</u> @ <u>3443 West Campbell Road Garland, TX 75044</u>

Comments: Great Desperado tacos, margaritas, verde salsa (only on Fridays), and bandito queso <a href="www.desperadosrestaurant.com">www.desperadosrestaurant.com</a>

Ì <u>Jeng Chi</u> @ <u>400 North Greenville Avenue Richardson, TX 75081</u>

Comments: Excellent Chinese dumplings and a variety of other good
Chinese dishes. Very reasonably priced. BYOB! My husband loves their
Small & Juicy dumpling and I love their sautéed green beans or the sautéed eggplant with mushrooms.

www.jengchirestaurant.com

ì <u>JG's Burgers</u> @ <u>12101 Greenville Avenue Dallas, TX 75243</u>

Comments: Excellent burgers, chicken sandwich, hot dogs, BLT's, fries and milk shakes. Very friendly, mostly repeat customers. Beware at lunch, can be very crowded.

Ì Kazy's Gourmet @ 9256 Markville Drive Dallas, TX 75243

Comments: Inexpensive, high-quality sushi takeout, especially partyplates! Also convenient for ordering lunch or dinner box pickup.



ì Kebab N Kurry @ 401 North Central Expressway Richardson, TX 75080

Comments: Wonderful breads, lamb and vegetarian options

www.kebabnkurry.com

È <u>La Sabroso</u> (on the north side of Walnut between Plano Rd and Jupiter)
Comments: Great street tacos, Jamaica (hibiscus tea)

**Main Street Bistro** @ 3600 Shire Blvd # 100 Richardson, TX 75082

Comments: Great food and service, this is a family franchise, and they are wonderful friendly and fun!

www.themainbakery.com

† Pho Pasteur @ 1342 East Belt Line Road Richardson, TX 75081
Comments: Vietnamese Noodle bowls (great broth) are served with lots of fresh basil, sprouts and cilantro on the side, Their shrimp spring rolls are the best in town. Quite lovely inside.

È <u>Picasso's Pizza</u> @ <u>7215 Skillman Street Dallas, TX 75231</u> Comments: Great pizza and salads, gluten free options as well.

www.picassospizza.com

- Ì <u>Springcreek Bbq</u> @ <u>270 North Central Expressway Richardson, TX 75080</u> Comments: (when the coupons come in the mail)
- È <u>Stone Horse Bistro</u> @ <u>348 West Campbell Road Richardson, TX 75080</u>
  Comments: Asian food. Excellent food, voted top 5 best sushi in metroplex 2009, and a pretty restaurant for special occasions. Dinner only.

www.stonehorsebistro.com

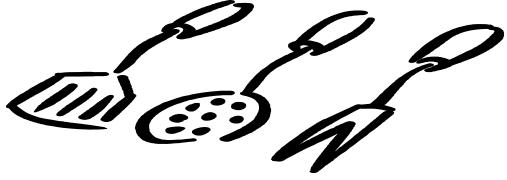
The Chocolate Angel, @ 635 West Campbell Road Richardson, TX 75080

Comments: Delicious tea room, finger sandwiches, soups, salads, desserts.

www.chocolateangel.com

Ì <u>Venezia</u> @ <u>908 Audelia Road Richardson, TX 75081</u>

Comments: Nice, unique restaurant to our area. One huge draw, besides the good Italian food BYOB. Don't forget to bring your own bottle of wine!



# **Grocery Store:**

Farmers Market – a couple of listing.



www.georgiasfarmersmarket.com

Ì Dallas Farmers Market @ 1010 South Pearl Expressway Dallas, TX 75201

www.dallasfarmersmarket.org

Ì <u>Kroger</u> @ <u>536 Centennial Blvd Richardson, TX 75081</u>

Comments: Had a few feedbacks that liked this location because it was quick and convenient, overall general grocery store and have the best selections of meats & fruits.

On the other hand I had many complaints about why people don't shop at this location, so I will leave it up to you to decide.

Ì <u>Kroger</u> @ <u>9140 Forest Ln Dallas, TX 75243</u>

Comments: Great customer service, clean, great selections of meats, produce and general over grocery store.

Ì <u>La Michoacana</u> @ <u>8282 W. Spring Valley Rd</u>.

Comments: Great fajita meat, homemade quacamole (inexpensive)

http://lamichoacanameatmarket.com

ì Natural Grocer @ 7517 Campbell Road Dallas, TX 75248

Comments - Excellent natural and organic selections, great spices / flours / nuts / dried fruits / baking goods <u>www.naturalgrocers.com</u>

ì Sprouts @ 1343 West Campbell Road Richardson, TX 75080

Comments: Great prices and good natural and organic selections for fruit, veggies, meat, bread and snacks.

www.sprouts.com

Ì Whole Foods @ 101 South Coit, Suite 60 Richardson, TX 75080

www.wholefoodsmarket.com





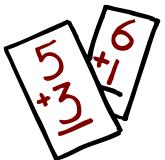


# **Babysitting:**

- <u>Neena Malhotra</u>, 972.669-1970 She has completed babysit ting classes. She prefers 3 and up.
- Gina Scheer, 972.918-9326
- Jaimie Scheer, 972.918-9326
- <u>Chelsea Orr</u>, 972.664-0434—Is available to babysit on the weekends (I'm off for the summer from Baylor)
- Kristiana Boehne, 469.879-9873—senior at Dallas Lutheran School
- <u>Sasha Chavarra</u>, 972.680-8720—Life guard and CPR license and love children. 9 months old and up.
- Quinn Emery, 972.437-1449—Eldest of 5 siblings, Lots of experience babysitting.

# **Tutors**

• <u>Mike Bray</u>, 972.235-5547—Experienced Teacher whom teaches in the gifted & talented program at RISD (REACH) also Tutors





# Lawns:

• <u>Dillon Emery</u>, 972.437-1449 has been mowing lawns for neighbors going on for 2 years now. He would welcome more business.

# **COYOTE UPDATE:**



City of Richardson (COR) Animal Service notes that the coyote & her den have been located in the Restland Cemetery. Once they are caught they will be relocated by the COR



# Needed for the following:

- RHA Website &
- RHA Newsletter

Contact <u>news@richlandhoa.com</u>

# Celebrations!

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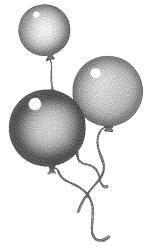
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# Need help finding a job? Join North Dallas \ Plano Career Focus Group. <a href="It's free!">It's free!</a>

They meet every Friday from 9:30am to 11:30am at the Christ United Methodist Church. @ 3101 Coit Road, Plano, Texas (Southwest corner of Coit and Parker Rd.) In the North Education Building (building closest to Parker), Room 156

For more info send an email to NorthDallascfg@gmail.com

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# Message From Block Caption Coordinator

I want to thank all the Block Captains for their time and effort in making the 2010 Membership Drive successful.

I realize the task isn't easy especially with the hot weather.

All of you will be informed on the final count when it is available.

Thank you for your dedication to our neighborhood.

Millie and Dave Harrision Block Captain Coordinator

# **Animal Lovers**

It has been brought to the Board's attention that some homeowners are not picking up after their pets while walking them.

Please be a responsible resident and pick up after your own pets waste.

It is the law after all.



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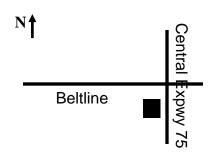
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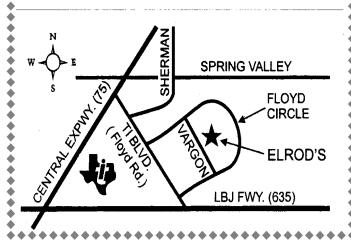
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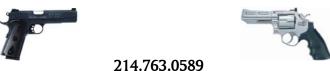
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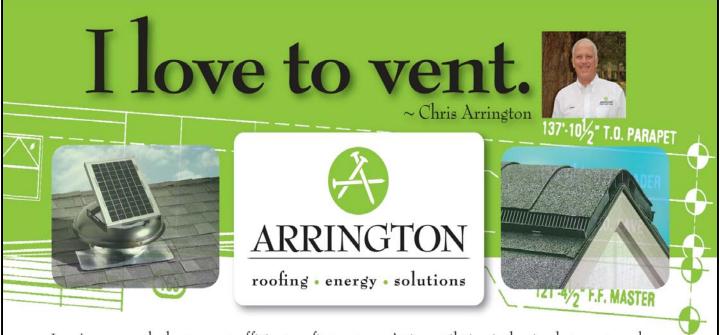
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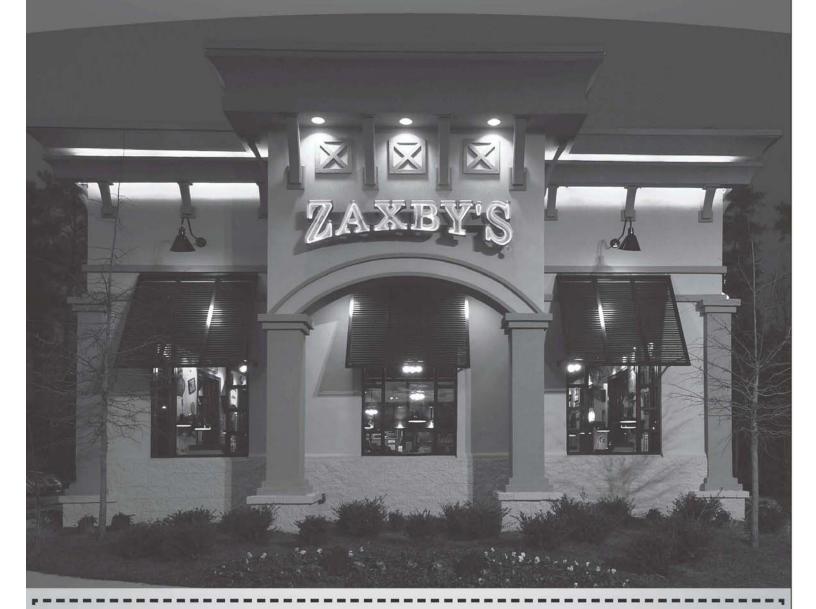
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