

# RICHLANDNEWS

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## NEIGHBORHOOD SIGN TOPPERS!

Well, it has taken some time and many hours from the volunteer Beautification Chairs on your RNA Board, but we are finally wrapping up replacements of the sophisticated branding of the new Richland Park/Oaks sign toppers. The intense heat destroyed many of our last signs and the 2019 tornado didn't help. We are concluding the installation of something that should last for years to come. Additionally, the City is working to complete any touch-ups to the signs.

Thanks to all who contribute your \$40.00 (or more) of annual fees, because this is just one project that is displayed nicely for you to enjoy and be proud. It is a wonderful addition to the neighborhood. Keep your RNA dues coming and thanks for making this neighborhood special!

### BEFORE



### AFTER



## 2021 RICHLAND PARK/OAKS SUMMER EVENTS CALENDAR

### JUNE

- 14 Flag Day
- 18 National Go Fishing Day
- 20 Father's Day

### JULY

- 4 Independence Day
- 12 National Pecan Pie Day
- 21 National Junk Food Day
- 25 Parent's Day

### AUGUST

- 4 National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day
- 7 National Disc Golf Day
- 10 National S'mores Day
- 16 National Tell a Joke Day

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## President's Message

Richland Neighborhood Association  
Richland Park and Richland Oaks Community

### DEAR NEIGHBORS,

We need your help. The Richland Neighborhood Association is in critical need of neighbors to volunteer as block captains, support and help with events, join crime watch or take a position on the board. There are opportunities to serve if you just have a little time to donate, or if you have more time to become involved by volunteering to serve on the board. We have an incredible board who have put in many hours for the betterment of our neighborhood, but we do need more people to become involved.

Most of the current board members have been serving for many years now but would love to offer the chance for others to serve. There are two open positions at this time if you are interested. We need a Vice President and Block Captain Chair. Consider serving on the board when we have our November meeting and election of the new board. As a longtime member of the RNA board, I have seen other neighborhood associations lose volunteers and unfortunately ended up disbanding. With a strong neighborhood association, we have a stronger voice with the city and can take advantage of matching funds offered by the city to improve our neighborhood. A strong Neighborhood Association helps makes a strong neighborhood, and people who work together for the good of the entire neighborhood helps to keep our home values up. I truly believe our neighborhood has maintained and even enjoyed a recent increase in value due to a caring association and neighborhood involvement. We want to keep this incredible neighborhood going in the right direction.

The RNA has accomplished so much over the years. It has sponsored many social events to get to know your neighbors, put out flags for the 4th of July, painted house numbers on curbs of every home, provided document shredding events, supported Crime Watch and National Night Out, distributed quarterly newsletters, and provided a directory. We have also worked with the city to construct the entrances a few years back and recently worked with the city for the replacement of the sign toppers. The RNA purchased the sign toppers with the city paying to have them installed, saving us lots of money on installation costs. I know there are neighbors who are talented and could add new energy and ideas to the RNA. Please contact me or any board members with any idea and how you would like to become involved. We will provide someone to help get you started and we welcome your new ideas. This is an incredible neighborhood with lots of incredible people who I know are willing to help to keep this association going for years to come.

Thank you,  
D'Nelle Lyons  
RNA President



## Crime Watch Report

Richland Neighborhood Association  
Richland Park and Richland Oaks Community

### HI ALL,

I hope all are doing well. I know I say this a lot, but as we prepare our property for the coming summer remember, if you can't see your open garage door while working outside, close it. It only takes a thief a few seconds to take what he wants out of your garage. They will only get a few dollars at the pawn shop for your tools, golf clubs, etc. In the meantime, you will be out hundreds or even thousands of dollars while trying to replace your stolen goods.



Be sure and remember to LOCK YOUR CARS AND TRUCKS. Thieves walk and drive our alleys and streets looking for UNLOCKED vehicles. They will take anything of value, so don't leave your wallets, purses, laptops, ear buds, and guns, in your vehicles. Take them out when you get out and LOCK IT. Have a great summer!

Bob McClure  
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### Richland Park and Richland Meadow's Personal Officer

Ed Coleman [214.282.0843]

**For Emergencies, continue to call 911.**



## CRIME WATCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Richland Park/Oaks Crime Watch needs more volunteers to help patrol our neighborhood. We have fairly good coverage during the daytime, but are in need of help for nighttime. Unfortunately, late night is when we experience most of our problems. Therefore, we need more volunteers at night, every day of the week. This is a great way to get out, meet new people, learn new things and experience something different in life.

In order to join the Crime Watch Patrol, you will need to fill out an **application form** which we submit to the Richardson Police Department. The police will run a criminal background check on each applicant. Once all the paperwork has been cleared, the applicant will receive about six hours of training. All new applicants will also be assigned a patrol partner.

Crime Watch Patrols are extremely effective because criminals do not want to get caught by anyone, police or otherwise. So when you put those reflective signs on your cars and patrol the neighborhood, the bad guys tend to go some place else. The problem is we need to maintain these patrols at all hours in order to keep crime away.

Each shift usually consists of one and half hours of patrol time every other week (total of 3 hours per month.) The two shifts where we need the most help are evenings (7 p.m. to midnight) and deep nights (midnight to 6:00 a.m.).



## 4TH OF JULY FLAGS!

The Richland Neighborhood Association will once again be putting out American flags throughout the neighborhood to celebrate the 4th of July. We will put them out on Saturday, July 3, picking up flags at 8:00 with a breakfast to follow the distribution of the flags.

Because of COVID we will once again have the entire event outside. The flags will be picked up in the front yard and the breakfast will be in the back yard at 523 Stillmeadow.

If you have volunteered in the past you should have received an email asking for your help. If you have not gotten an email, please contact us at [president@richlandhoa.com](mailto:president@richlandhoa.com) to volunteer.

It is always a fun morning putting out the flags and meeting and visiting with neighbors. Looking forward to another enjoyable morning with neighbors.

Gary & D'Nelle Lyons



## MEMBERSHIP AND BLOCK CAPTAINS



Thank you to all who have joined the Richland Neighborhood Association for 2021. If you have not, please consider joining by filling out the form located in this newsletter and send along with your \$40.00 check or send in dues through PayPal. We have plans for spring and summer for neighborhood get-togethers after having to cancel events last year because of Covid.

We are also working on the entrances that took a hit after the big winter freeze. We have much work to do and your dues help us to accomplish these plans and goals. The new sign toppers have been installed in Richland Park and Richland Oaks to replace the old ones.

Many of you took advantage of the shredding truck the RNA provided in early May. All of these services are provided to you because of your membership dues.

The new neighborhood directory will be delivered soon to all RNA members. If you would like to have the directory delivered to you make sure you have paid your dues for this year.

We are still looking for block captains for some streets. If you are interested in becoming a block captain, please contact [President@richlandhoa.com](mailto:President@richlandhoa.com). It does not take a lot of your time and it will give you the opportunity to meet your neighbors.

## [NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS]

## Beautification Update by Michael Bahr

### FELLOW RESIDENTS,

The short but violent cold snap this winter has done a real number on all our plantings. The Neighborhood Board has been working with professionals to see how we can rework damages to our entrances.

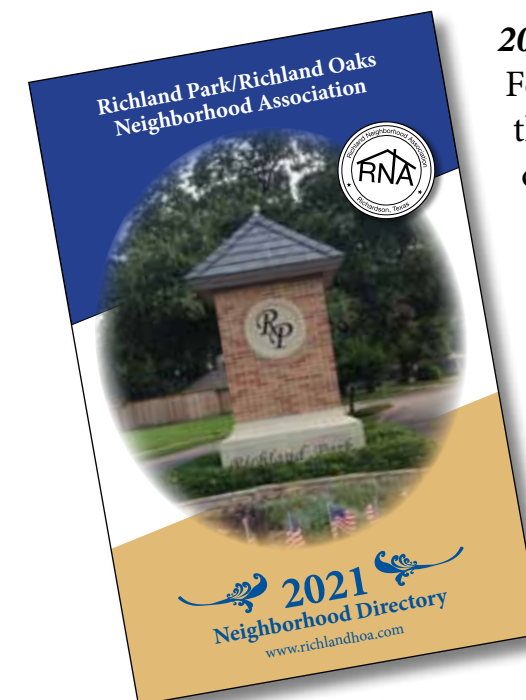
All Indian Hawthorn shrubs were destroyed and should not be replaced. With the violent swings in our weather, to do so will set ourselves up for the same failure. Therefore, for any new plantings in replacing the Indian Hawthorns, we are selecting materials that will be better suited to take future cold snaps.

The City of Richardson is inundated with the replacement of lost foliage throughout the entire City, so understand this will be a process, not to mention, most of our nurseries have suffered loss to their back stock and are having to import into the region. We will work as quickly as possible to replace and enhance our entrances.

With all the rain our yards are getting off to a great start. Please work to keep your yards mowed and plantings manicured.

On another note, I was asked about automobile street parking. As we are lucky to have rear garages and drives, it is unlawful to park your automobile between the hours of 11:00 PM to 6:00 AM on the street in front of any other home other than your own. So please be respectful.

Best wishes for a wonderful summer ahead!



### 2021 Directories are Here!

For those of you who joined the RNA this past year, your directory is being printed and should be delivered within the next couple of weeks! Every effort has been made to make this directory as "up-to-date" as possible with the most current data we have for each resident.



## Little Free Library

A Little Free Library has recently been installed at 523 Stillmeadow. Drop by to check out and pick up a book for your summer reading or drop off books for the library that you have read and are ready to share.

If there is not room in the library to place books you want to donate, place them on the front porch and they will be cycled in when there is space. There are also several children and young reader books ready for summer reading for our younger readers.

This is a service to our neighborhood, and we hope many will take advantage. So, drop on by and kick off your Summer reading with a good book!





WATER CONSERVATION

Every customer can help reduce water consumption in and around your home. Here are some easy ways to reduce the amount of water you use.

Landscaping Conservation Tips

- Water trees and shrubs, which have deep root systems, longer and less frequently than shallow-rooted plants which require smaller amounts of water more often.
- Mow your lawn to an average of 3 inches in height. Longer grass promotes soil moisture retention reducing the need to irrigate.
- Water the lawn or garden during the coolest part of the day (early morning before 10:00 am and after 6:00 pm or later is best). Do not water on windy days.
- Spreading a layer of organic mulch around plants retains moisture and saves water, time and money.



IRRIGATION SYSTEM CONSERVATION TIPS

- Install a rain or moisture shutoff device or another technology to prevent the system from operating in the rain or when soil moisture is sufficient.
- Avoid overspray — Ensure that your irrigation system only sprays water on landscaped areas, not on concrete, wood, stone, brick or other impervious surfaces such as sidewalks, streets, driveways, fences or walls, which causes water runoff.
- Adjust your watering schedule to the season. Decrease or cease watering when grass should be dormant during cooler weather months.
- If water runs off your lawn easily, split your watering time into shorter periods to allow for better absorption.
- Install a rain or moisture shutoff device or another technology to prevent the system from operating in the rain or when soil moisture is sufficient.
- Add food wastes to a compost pile instead of using the garbage disposal and save gallons.
- Shorten your shower by a minute or two and you'll save up to 150 gallons per month.
- Do not let the water run while shaving or brushing teeth.
- A leaky toilet can waste 200 gallons per day. To detect leaks in the toilet, add food coloring to the tank water. If you see the same coloring in the bowl after 1 hour (without using the toilet) it is leaking.
- Install faucet aerators. You'll never notice the difference, and you'll cut your sink water consumption in half!
- Leaking faucets and toilets can waste thousands of gallons of water monthly, and they are inexpensive to fix. A few small changes in your water use habits can make a huge difference in water savings.

IN HOME WATER CONSERVATION

- Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000

Source: [www.cor.net/CCR](http://www.cor.net/CCR)

Rainwater harvesting (TAMU.edu)

Can rain save you money? Yes. Even if you live where annual rainfall averages only 12 inches, you can save money by collecting and storing rainwater and using it to irrigate your trees, shrubs and lawn.

Efficient water use is increasingly important. Because of Texas' growing population and limited supply of both groundwater and surface water, Texans must use water wisely. Rainwater harvesting is an innovative approach anyone can use.

Rainwater harvesting captures, diverts and stores rainwater for later use. Rainwater can even be used for drinking, with proper treatment. But the easiest way to use stored rainwater is for landscaping.

In many communities, 30 to 50 percent of the total water is used for landscape irrigation. If that demand for a limited natural resource can be reduced, everyone benefits.

Harvesting rainwater for use in the home landscape:

- Saves you money by reducing your water bills.
- Reduces demand on the municipal water supply.
- Makes efficient use of a valuable resource.
- Reduces flooding, erosion and the contamination of surface water with sediments, fertilizers and pesticides in rainfall run-off.

Rainwater is good for plants

because it is free of salts and other minerals that harm root growth. As rainwater percolates into the soil, it forces salts down and away from root zones, allowing roots to grow better and making plants more drought tolerant.

Rainwater harvesting can be used both in large-scale landscapes, such as parks, schools, commercial sites, parking lots and apartment complexes, and in small residential landscapes.

Whether your landscape is large or small, developed or new, the principles described on <http://rainwaterharvesting.tamu.edu> can help you install a rainwater harvesting system.

HOW IT WORKS

A rainwater harvesting system consists of the supply (rainfall), the demand (water needed by plants), and a system for collecting water and moving it to the plants. Simple systems distribute rainwater immediately. Complex systems store some or all of the rainwater for later use.

**Rainfall.** "Run-off" is the rainwater that flows off a surface. If the surface is impermeable (for example, pavement, concrete, roofs), run-off occurs immediately. If the surface is permeable, run-off will not occur until the surface is saturated. Run-off can be harvested (captured) and used immediately to water plants or stored for later use.

**Plant Water Requirements.** The types and numbers of plants in



your landscape, along with their growth stages and sizes, determine the amount of water your plants need to be healthy. Because rainfall varies throughout Texas, different plants have become adapted to conditions in different regions of the state. Plants native to your region are the best choices for your landscape because their water requirements are usually met by normal rainfall amounts.

**Water Collection and Distribution System.** Rainwater collection and distribution systems can be incorporated into almost any existing site, although it is easier to incorporate them into new construction.

For complete details on designing, building and maintaining rainwater harvesting systems, go to the website, <http://rainwaterharvesting.tamu.edu>.

Source: [Texaswater.tamu.edu/rainwater.html](http://Texaswater.tamu.edu/rainwater.html)



# JUNE GARDENING TIPS

from Bruce Miller Nursery

*This month, continue to keep your garden beautiful by adding summer blooming annuals and Crepe Myrtles! Even though our Dallas-Fort Worth summers are exceptionally hot, you can still have a lush, colorful landscape if you select the right plants.*



**PLANT**

**Crepe Myrtles:** Plant these gorgeous heat and drought tolerant, summer blooming beauties in several places. Choose a variety that will fit your space (height and width) based on the tree's mature size.



**Rose of Sharon Annuals:** Spring is fast becoming a memory; it's time to turn our thoughts to the hot, dry summer. Keep the color show going by adding a dash of annuals with foliage color: purple fountain grass, sweet potato vine, coleus, caladiums. For blooming color consider: gomphrena, pentas,

begonias, zinnias, lantana, or moss rose. If your taste is more tropical, you cannot beat the gorgeous blooms of hibiscus, rose of sharon, or mandevilla.

**Shrubs:** Fill those empty spots in your landscape. Shrubs can provide color in your beds year round thru their foliage.

**Perennials:** Add summer and fall "bloomers" to your landscape to continue the colorful show.

**Grass:** Add new sod or plugs at the beginning of the month and water 2 times a day for the first 2-3 weeks. Remember grass requires at least 4 hours of direct sunlight a day to thrive!

**Vegetables:** Plant fall tomato transplants the last week of the month. Root cuttings from your own spring plants.

**Herbs:** Plant herbs everywhere: in containers, in your vegetable or flower bed—anywhere they will

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have ample room to grow and get sufficient sunlight. Visit the nursery and we can help you select the right plants for your landscape!



**PRUNE**

Gardening Tools are available at Bruce Miller Nurseries, serving D-FW Gardening, Landscaping and Tree-Planting Needs.

Prune buds and flowers from lamb's ear, coleus, caladiums, basil, mums, and santolina. Flowers on these plants stop any future growth.

Cut any spring growth that is straying from the line or form that you've taken the time to create.

Dead head spring perennials.

Prune lower branches of shade trees to allow more sunlight if your turf is struggling. Wait till late June or even July to prune Oaks!

We have all the gardening tools you'll need at the nursery. Come on by!



**LAWNS**

**MOW!** tall grass becomes thin and weak and more prone to weeds.

For healthy lawns, do not mow too low. St. Augustine should be mowed at 2 to 2.5 inches and Bermuda at 1.5 inches.

Fertilize with a quality all Nitrogen fertilizer formulated for North Texas clay soils. You can use this same fertilizer on your trees, shrubs and flowering plants.

**FERTILIZE**

Use a high Nitrogen fertilizer everywhere: Lawn, trees, shrubs, container plants, annuals, perennials. Our soil in general has an ample amount of phosphorus.

Choose a water soluble, high nitrogen product for containers.

Come see us at the nursery for the RIGHT product for your landscape problem!





# 2021 Neighborhood Graduates

**RACHEL STEAGALL**

Richardson High School



Rachel played Club soccer, RHS Varsity Woman's soccer, was Richardson City Goal Keeper for the Year. Rachel made Academic All-State and second team All-district all four years.

She was ranked 22 out of 596 graduating in her class. She plans to attend Texas A&M in College Station, and to play soccer on their club team.

Rachel has been accepted into the Mays School of Business and will major in Business Marketing.

**CONNER STEAGALL**

Richardson High School



Conner played club soccer, JV and Varsity soccer for RHS, and studied in the science magnet.

He will be attending Texas A&M University at Galveston and was accepted into their engineering program.

Conner will be majoring in Computer Science.

**JORDAN ESTRIDGE**

Richardson High School



Jordan was the stage manager of all four high school musicals. She was in the RHS Golden Eagle Marching Band all four years and a drum major her senior year — 2020-2021.

She was the President of the 2020-2021 National Honor Society.

Jordan will be attending Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colorado, with the intent of majoring in Chemical Engineering.

*The Richland Neighborhood Association would like to congratulate our 2021 graduates!*

**LUIS GARCIA**

St Mark's School of Texas



Luis played Varsity football and soccer. Their soccer team won SPC champions 2020. He was also a Yearbook photographer.

Luis will be attending Gonzaga University to study business administration, then later, plans to attend law school.

**JESSICA OBERLANDER**

Richardson High School



Jessica was Valedictorian for the RHS Class of 2021. She received the Wellesley College Book Award, AP Scholar with Distinction, Texas Music Scholar Award, Texas Association of Future Educators State Winner and National Qualifier, Service-Learning Award.

Jessica played flute in the band, played softball, and was in the National Honors Society. This year, she was an RHS teaching intern in a biology classroom, and volunteered regularly at the Cottonwood Arts Festival.

Her plans are to major in chemistry at the University of Texas at Austin, obtain her Bachelor of Science degree, then afterwards attend medical school to become a physician.

**WALKER TURNBLAD**

Berkner High School



Walker made the Varsity Drumline as a freshman playing the big drum. He plans to attend the University of North Texas in Denton and will be majoring in engineering. Go Mean Green!

*If you've had a recent graduate and they didn't make it into this newsletter, let us know and we'll feature them in a future issue. Send their information to: [News@richlandhoa.com](mailto:News@richlandhoa.com)*



# Richland Neighborhood Association

## 2021 Neighborhood Registry

### Dear Neighbors:

Please fill out the RNA 2021 registry form and include your dues for 2021. The RNA board uses your funds for a variety of activities for the neighborhood and for the beautification and security of the neighborhood. If you rent or own your home you receive the same services. We encourage renters to become involved in the neighborhood.

This year we are planning to produce a Neighborhood Directory. The information received is **NEVER** shared with outside parties — it's just for neighbors and the neighborhood. Please provide your name and address, and a telephone number. If you do not wish to have your telephone number published in the directory please indicate on the form. The directory is only successful if we receive updated information from every household. Each paid member will receive a directory.

The entire neighborhood is protected by our prize-winning Crime Watch Patrol made possible by trained neighborhood volunteers and supported by the RNA. Please help them be as effective and efficient as possible by providing your *Crime Watch Patrol* only contact telephone information, which will always be completely private and secure and used only by Crime Watch and only in an emergency (such as if your doors were left open, your property is flooding or on fire, prowlers, etc.).

Membership Dues are \$40, starting on January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021  
Dues may be paid by mail or through PayPal at [www.richlandhoa.com/Site/rha-membership/](http://www.richlandhoa.com/Site/rha-membership/)

### Our members and volunteers sponsor many neighborhood-enhancing programs:

- **Beautification**
  - Matching Fund Projects
  - Neighborhood Integrity Programs
  - Architectural Enhancements (e.g. lighting, landscaping)
- **Social Activities for all ages**
  - Summer Neighborhood Event
  - Fall Neighborhood Event
  - Flags for 4th of July
  - National Night Out
  - Richardson Christmas Parade
- **Representation at City of Richardson meetings**
- **Coordination of matching projects with the City of Richardson**
- **Interaction with RISD** (local elementary)
- **RichlandNEWS neighborhood newsletter**
- **Neighborhood Directory**
- **Neighborhood Website** ([www.richlandhoa.com](http://www.richlandhoa.com)) – linked to city's [www.cor.net](http://www.cor.net)
- **RNA Social Networking** limited to residents only: <https://richlandhoa.nextdoor.com/>

*The RNA board is composed of volunteers who put in many hours to make this neighborhood more secure and give the neighborhood a sense of community. Please join the RNA and help us make this neighborhood even better.*

# Richland Neighborhood Association

## 2021 Neighborhood Membership Form

(Please PRINT clearly or register online at [www.richlandhoa.com](http://www.richlandhoa.com))

### 1. Name and address

First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name
House Number and Street Name			
Profession (not published)		Profession (not published)	

### 2. For publication in the RNA DIRECTORY, used by neighbors (NOT AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC).

Phone(s) for Directory (not available to the public)

### 3. FOR EMERGENCY USE ONLY BY CRIME WATCH PATROL (garage or entry doors open, fire, prowlers).

Home Phone(s) for Crime Watch only

Cell Phone(s) for Crime Watch only

Work Phone(s) for Crime Watch only

### 4. For communicating RNA meetings, planned events, and alerts (WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE DIRECTORY).

Email Address(es) (NOT FOR DIRECTORY)

### 5. Volunteer interests: Check each one that interests you! Best time for contact:

- |  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crime Watch Patrol (2-4 hrs/month)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Block Captain/Co-Captain | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Committee            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Summer Event Help                   | <input type="checkbox"/> DATABASE Support         | <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal Yard Award Judging     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fall Event Help                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter Contributor   | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter Advertising Marketer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media: Photos/Posting Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Beautification Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Flag Distribution               |

### Comments or Suggestions:

### ☐ Enclose Check or use PayPal at [www.richlandhoa.com](http://www.richlandhoa.com)

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SAFE-HIGH QUALITY DRINKING WATER RIGHT FROM YOUR TAP

Richardson Water Utility employees take pride in delivering safe and “superior” quality drinking water to our customers. “Superior,” is the rating of our water system by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). This rating reflects the hard work and efforts of our employees to protect your health by delivering and maintaining safe and reliable drinking water.

The Water Utilities department is a municipal water distribution and wastewater collection utility owned by the City of Richardson. Wholesale treated water is purchased from the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) who has surface water rights from Lake Lavon, Lake Chapman, Lake Texoma and Lake Tawakoni.

The pumping and storage system is comprised of five pump stations, seven ground storage tanks and seven elevated storage tanks. The storage capacity is 36.25 million gallons with a pumping capacity of 98.9 million gallons per day. The water distribution system is comprised of 574 miles of water mains with 4,712 fire hydrants and 34,469 metered service connections. Each day, the city tests the water in the distribution system at various points in the city to ensure water is reaching the residents in good condition.

As water travels over the land’s surface or through the ground,

it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and picks up substances from animal or human activity. Contaminants that may be in untreated water include; organic chemicals from industrial or petroleum use and or radioactive materials. Good watershed management by each of us to keep contaminants out of our lakes and waterways is cheaper and easier than removing them later at the treatment plant. The NTMWD conducts daily tests on the raw water from their sources, water in process and the finished water.

ALL drinking water may contain contaminants. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

The Public Services Department is responsible for your water distribution and infrastructure system maintenance and is part of the City government. The City Council meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Grassy, Earthy Taste and Odor

Contaminants may be found in drinking water that may cause



taste, color, or odor problems. These types of problems are not necessarily causes for health concerns. For more information on taste, odor, or color of drinking water, please contact (972) 744-4111.

The north Texas summer climate normally consists of high temperatures and trace amounts of rainfall. The high temperatures and lack of rainfall creates an ideal environment for algae to bloom in surface water supplies.

Each summer, throughout the months of July and August, lakes and other surface water supplies experience a natural event – an “algal bloom”. Algal blooms are common to surface water supplies in warm weather climate states like Texas.

As hot summer temperatures warm the reservoirs, the lack of rainfall lessens the turbidity and allows the sunlight to penetrate the water. With the increase in water temperature and the lack of turbidity, photosynthesis will occur providing the right

environment for algae to reproduce or “bloom”.

When an algal bloom exists, there is the possibility for a grassy, earthy taste in the treated drinking water supply. This event, although aesthetically undesirable to the public, does not alter the high quality of water provided to the cities and communities for their use.

NTMWD laboratory personnel monitor the raw water quality from Lake Lavon prior to its treatment. One of the many analyses performed is an algal count. Laboratory personnel, through this daily activity, can determine the onset of an algal bloom.

The blue green algae species Nostoc and Anabaena, as it reproduces or “blooms”, produces

an oily organic substance. It is this organic substance that is responsible for the change in taste and odor of the treated drinking water.

NTMWD uses several steps to control the taste and odor produced. To reduce the unpleasant taste levels, activated carbon is used as an absorption media. Potassium permanganate is added as an oxidizing agent to reduce the odor associated with an algal bloom. Both of these chemicals are removed during the treatment process prior to its delivery to the cities.

Chlorine is used throughout the treatment process as a strong disinfectant. Chlorine also aids in odor reduction during times of algal blooms.

The quality of water remains high as regulated by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standards. The treated water remains safe for human consumption with no health risks created by the “algal blooms”.

Source Water Assessment Study

The TCEQ has completed an assessment of The North Texas Municipal Water Districts source water and results indicate that some of their sources are susceptible to certain constituents. The sampling requirements for our water system are based on this susceptibility and previous sample data. Any detection of these constituents will be found in the Consumer Confidence Report.

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