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RNA GENERAL MEETING

Fall time means the Richland Park/Oaks Neighborhood Association (RNA) General Meeting is just around the corner. So mark your calendars for Thursday, 6:30 p.m., November 8, 2018. So, what happens at the RNA General Meeting? It's your opportunity to hear from council members from the City of Richardson, catch up with RNA Board Members, and meet with your neighbors. Remember, we are not a mandatory HOA. We are a voluntary Neighborhood Association, and fees are **only** \$40 for the entire year (*Did you know studies have shown that a caring community and active neighborhood not only increases the value of your home, it enhances children's well-being!*)

RISD OPERATIONAL CENTER TOUR OFFERED

Speaking of enhancements, how about taking a tour of the RISD Operational Center, that's located right next to our neighborhood. Your Neighborhood Association took a tour of the facility a few months ago and was very impressed. You drive by it all the time, so you might as well see what it's all about. RISD has reached out to our neighborhood and would like to provide a tour of the facility for any interested neighbors. Join us for a tour by emailing dnelle.lyons@gmail.com to let her know if you'd like to tour on Tuesday, September 18th or Wednesday, October 17th at 6:30 p.m. There are a limited number of spaces for each tour, so let her know as soon as possible. If there are more people interested than these two dates can facilitate she will see about adding extra ones.

RNA'S MOVIE NIGHT IN THE PARK



RNA's *Movie Night in the Park* will be October 20th. The movie will be *Monster House*. RNA will supply free popcorn and water, and have a food truck for food and soft drinks for purchase. Activities will start around 7 p.m. for people to come and pick their spot on the field. The movie will start shortly after dark and go till around 10 p.m. We could use volunteers with the popcorn and water. If anyone has any questions or concerns don't hesitate to call David Kirkland at 469-323-3423.



2018 RICHLAND PARK/OAKS FALL EVENTS CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

22 Fall Begins

OCTOBER

8 Columbus Day

16 Boss's Day

31 Halloween

NOVEMBER

4 Daylight Savings Ends

6 Election Day

8 RNA General Meeting

11 Veterans' Day

22 Thanksgiving

23 Black Friday

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Richland Neighborhood Association
Richland Park and Richland Oaks Community

DEAR RICHLAND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEMBERS,

School has begun so it means fall is upon us. It was a fast summer once again. With fall comes two of our popular neighborhood activities, *National Night Out* on October 2nd and *Movie in the Park* on October 20th.

Both of these activities are free to the neighborhood and are sponsored by your Richland Neighborhood Association (RNA). These two activities support the goals of the association, to keep the neighborhood safe and to provide activities for neighbors to meet and get to know each other. We have a very active Crime Watch patrol that serves your neighborhood by volunteering numerous hours patrolling our street and alley donating their time at no cost to the neighborhood to keep our neighborhood safe. Thanks to all who are a part of Crime Watch. Also, our volunteer Neighborhood Association board spends many hours providing the opportunity for neighbors to get to know each other through our numerous activities and projects.

The neighborhood association could do much more if we have more of our neighbors volunteering to help with our activities and projects. The nominating committee are beginning to create a slate of officers for the 2019 Richland Neighborhood Association Board. We need more people to step up and volunteer to help. Our membership is down this year, only 40% of Richland Park/Richland Oaks have joined. With dues of \$40.00 and only 40% participation and even less volunteering to help we are not able to accomplish everything we would like. We have tried to spruce up the entrances but funds have been very scarce and if anyone has had any landscaping done recently you know how expensive that can be. We have asked for volunteers to help with this project but have not had much success. We have had complaints about our entrances and some neighbors have not joined because they are waiting until the entrances improve before joining. This just compounds the problem with no volunteers and less money. Please consider joining the association in 2019 and volunteer in some capacity to support your neighborhood association. I love this neighborhood and want the very best for everyone who lives here.

Hope to see you at our fall activities.

D'Nelle Lyons
Richland Park/Oaks President
President@richlandhoa.com

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CRIME WATCH REPORT

Richland Neighborhood Association
Richland Park and Richland Oaks Community

HI NEIGHBORS!

Hope everyone has had a great summer.

Crime in our area is really low. If people would just take things out of their cars and lock them we wouldn't have any crime.

Tuesday October 2nd is *National Night Out*. Come join us in the park from 5 to 8 p.m. to show the crooks we take a bite out of crime. We will have a band and *TJ's Hot Dog Truck* for your enjoyment.

Have you changed your car or truck and need a new sticker for your rear window? If so just send me an email and I will bring them to you. They help us know what cars belong in our neighborhood.

Stay safe out there!

Bob McClure
Crime Watch Coordinator
214.763.0589
crimewatchone@yahoo.com



CRIME WATCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

It's Fall, a time for the weather to start cooling off and a perfect time to jump into getting involved! Our neighborhood has a great team of crime watchers, but we need more to join.

Each shift only takes about one and a half hours every other week. And it's a fun way to learn more about your neighborhood.

Please consider being part of the Crime Watch Patrol. Just give our Crime Watch Coordinator, Bob McClure, a call at 214-763-0589 or email at crimewatchone@yahoo.com. He will get you the application form and information about the six-hour training class.

(President's Message continued from page 2)

CLUBS TO START

We live in a neighborhood of people with lots of different interests and talents. We would like to help you get together to foster your interests and get to know your each other. If you would like to start a dinner club, bunco group, book club, knitting club, there is an endless list that could get neighbors together to share their talents and interests, e-mail me and I will send out a distribution list of neighbors that would like to get together. You can then take the list to contact each other and start a group. The difficult part many times is to find people with your interests. Hope to hear from many of our neighbors.

SCHOOL NEWS AND DONATIONS

The Richland Neighborhood Association board, for the second year, have voted to donate \$1,500 in supplies for teachers at Richland Elementary. As a former teacher, I know personally, how much teachers reach into their own pockets each school year to buy supplies for their classroom and their students. The Neighborhood Association wants to support our neighborhood school and its' teachers and by buying needed supplies it shows we care about them and what they are doing for their students. The school is a wonderful resource in our neighborhood. Go down and take a look, the school is incredible and our neighborhood is lucky to have it to help educate our children.

Richland Elementary has a new principal this year. I think she is going to be a great leader for our neighborhood school. Richland Elementary is also part of a grant that includes all of the Berkner attendance area that is focusing on STEM teaching strategies. I was invited to the leadership workshop to formalize the staff and community on this great initiative. Great things are going on in our neighborhood schools.

4th of July Flags

A big thank you to all the volunteers who help put out the 4th of July flags on Saturday, June 30. This is one of many services provided to you by your Richland Neighborhood Association. We have several volunteers who have helped for many years but we also have new neighbors offer their services each year. This is one of my favorite projects.

After the flags are placed throughout the neighborhood everyone returns to have breakfast and socialize and get to know their neighbors. Hopefully this is a project that will be continued by the association for many years. A big thank you also goes out to Acri windows who provided most of the funds for the breakfast. They have been a valuable supporter of our neighborhood.

The following people helped with this year's distribution and I apologize ahead of time if I have missed anyone. Thanks!

D'Nelle Lyons

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RICHLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RICHARDSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT *Where all students learn, grow and succeed*

June 12, 2018

Dear Richland Elementary Staff, Families, and Community:

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I write this letter of introduction to you as the new principal of Richland Elementary. It is my belief that relationships are the foundation of every strong school community. I look forward to getting to know the students, staff, and families of Richland Elementary and becoming a part of the Rocket family. With our shared partnership, we can all guide our future leaders to achieve their full potential.

For the past four years, I have served as an assistant principal at several campuses in RISD including: White Rock Elementary, Wallace Elementary, and Dover Elementary. My passion for education began in the classroom at Northrich Elementary, teaching both kindergarten and fourth grade. In addition, I have served as an instructional specialist in RISD.

Not only do I desire to support a community of lifelong learners, I also want to model that passion for learning. I am a proud graduate of UT Dallas, where I studied Early Childhood Education. I received my Masters in Educational Leadership from Dallas Baptist University, and I am currently working toward my Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Dallas Baptist University.

When not at school, I spend lots of time with my family. My husband Matthew and I have 2 children who keep us active. Our oldest son, Jadon, is a sixth grader at Dartmouth Elementary, where he will soon be blessing our ears as he learns to play his cello in orchestra. Conner is a third grader at Dartmouth Elementary and is active in baseball.

I am so thankful to have the opportunity to bring all that I have experienced and learned with me to the Richland community. Together, we will continue to instill a desire for learning that will push our Rockets to learn, grow, and succeed. I look forward to getting to know the individual students at Richland, celebrating their successes, and stretching them to achieve in ways they never imagined possible.

As your new principal, I invite your input and look forward to meeting you all soon. This is going to be an amazing 2018-2019 at Richland Elementary!

Sincerely,

Lauren Bolack
Principal
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WATCH DOGS (DADS OF GREAT STUDENTS) REPORTING FOR DUTY ACROSS RISD



The watch dogs that are commonly seen walking the halls of Richardson ISD elementary schools aren't the ferocious creatures you might be picturing. No growling. No barking. And definitely no biting. Instead, these watch dogs are fathers, grandfathers, uncles and other father figures that are volunteering their time to make an impact in their local elementary school.



Watch DOGS (Dads Of Great Students) is one of the nation's largest and most respected school-based, family, and community engagement organizations in the country. The primary goals of the Watch DOGS programs are to provide positive role models for students, demonstrating that by their presence on campus, education is important. And secondly, to provide extra sets of eyes and ears to enhance campus security and reduce bullying.

The Watch DOGS program is thriving at many elementary school across the district and the program continues to grow. "This program helps children

feel safe, provides positive male role models for all students in the school and has truly helped our school community grow," believes Susan Greenwood, kindergarten teacher and Watch DOGS sponsor at Heights Elementary.



"The Watch DOG is a true celebrity, when he is volunteering," said Greenwood. During a typical volunteer day, a Watch DOG may read and work on flash cards with students, play at recess, eat lunch with students, watch the school entrances and hallways, assist with traffic flow and any other assigned activities where they actively engage not only with their own children, but with other students, as well.

"The Watch DOGS do whatever we may ask of them, and with smiles on their faces," said Amanda Sandy, Heights Elementary 4th grade teacher. "The kids and teachers truly love the help they give us!"

The Watch DOGS program also allows fathers to get a glimpse of their child's everyday world and learn about the increasingly complex challenges and decisions today's youth are facing. Fathers gain a greater awareness of the positive impact they can have on their child's life and as a result, can effectively relate and connect with their child.

Fathers and father-figures that volunteer with Watch DOGS have a tremendously positive impact on the educational process, making countless lasting impressions.

<https://medium.com/richardson-isd-news-desk/watch-dogs-reporting-for-duty-across-risd-76f06cd28b6b>



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PLEASE COME
JOIN US!



(TARR) Take All Root Rot

by Bruce Miller Nursery



OVERVIEW

TARR (Take All Root Rot) has emerged as a major destructive disease for St. Augustine grass in Texas. Heavy spring and summer rains in recent years have contributed to the spread of this disease. The development of the disease is encouraged in well maintained lawns by the use of high nitrate nitrogen fertilizers as well as deficiencies of micronutrients in the soil. The causal agent is the fungus *Gaeumannomyces graminis* var. *graminis*. The brown-black mass of long branching growth of the fungus colonizes roots, stolons and shoots but it is primarily a root destroying pathogen.

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

Symptoms of take-all root rot disease (TARR) typically appear on St Augustine grass as diseased patches of turf during late spring and throughout the summer months. Typically this is seen as yellow patches. These yellow patches can persist throughout the summer growing season.

This by itself is not indicative of the disease, as yellowing leaves can also be caused by chinch bug damages, certain nutrient deficiencies, or drought stress. Both TARR and drought stress will cause folding of the blades at mid rib.

As TARR progresses, you will see a thinning of the turf in circular or circular patterned patches one to fifteen feet in diameter. As the infected stolons die, ugly patches of bare ground are left and soon invaded by weeds. The lawn takes on an appearance of a "patchwork" of dead and declining turf. Any grass stolons attempting to grow into



these barren areas will fail as they cannot take root

TARR can be confused with brown patch as they look similar. The key difference being that with brown patch *the leaves are rotted, but the roots are healthy. With TARR, the leaves remain intact while the roots are black, rotted and shriveled.* These rotted roots/stolons can easily be pulled out of the ground. Though grub damage can appear the same, the roots would be completely removed, eaten by the grubs, as opposed to being killed by the TARR fungus and remaining.

TARR is seen more in shaded grass areas than in sunny grass areas.

MANAGEMENT

- Turf management vs. chemicals will help prevent and contain TARR.
- Fertilizers containing Ammonium (ammonium sulfate, urea, and ammonium chloride) are the preferred nitrogen sources. Fertilizers containing nitrate nitrogen (ammonium nitrate and calcium

Prevent the Spread of (TARR)

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nitrate) seem to contribute to an increase in the severity of fungal diseases and should be avoided.

- TARR has also been linked to a deficiency of manganese available in the soil. Ammonium nitrogen and / or chloride contain fertilizers will increase the amount of manganese in that is available to the plant.
- Raise the blades on your mower in the summer when the turf is already under drought stress. More leaf area supports the root system.
- Manage your irrigation system, run it while you are available to make sure areas are not being over watered and the water is being absorbed not running off.



Follow this procedure to prevent the spread of the disease:

1. **Rake out** all of the dead grass in the infected area and dispose of.
2. **Spread Canadian Sphagnum Peat Moss** over the infected area. One bale will cover approximately 1000 sq. ft. at 1/2" - 1".
3. **Water** the peat moss well to get it wetted and keep it moist.
4. **Spray Consan 20** (Triple action ammonium chloride) over the entire lawn; mix 2 tsp - 1 Tbsp /gal of water, covers 250-500 sq. ft. Repeat in 7-10 days.
5. **Apply South West Green Maker** to fertilize the lawn.

NOTE

Healthy grass **requires** sun. It requires a minimum of 4-6 hours per day. Grass in shady areas will be weakened and more susceptible to a multitude of diseases and pests including TARR.



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We will work closely with the City of Richardson to limit the impact to you and other residents. We appreciate your patience as we work to finish the project safely and as quickly as possible.

For more information,
visit www.atmosenergy.com/Texas



RICHARDSON ISD TRUSTEES CALL TAX RATIFICATION ELECTION (Addresses School Safety, Class Sizes, Teacher Retention, Strategic Initiatives)
Richardson ISD trustees approved a budget that called for a 13 cent increase in the maintenance and operating tax rate from \$1.04 to \$1.17. RISD has held the tax rate steady at \$1.04 since 2007. The 13 cent increase equates to about \$100 more per \$100,000 value of a home for taxpayers younger than 65. Taxpayers who are 65 or older have their tax levy (levy = the amount they pay) frozen, and this tax increase will not impact their tax bill for RISD.

- MONEY FROM THE TRE WILL:**
- Give teachers a raise.
 - Increase paraprofessional and service employees to market rates.
 - Hire additional teachers/aides for classroom instruction and special education.
 - Add security personnel and enhance security measures at elementary schools.
 - Continue to invest in Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs.
 - Maintain reasonable class sizes (per state guidelines).

RISD has a long track record of using taxpayer funds wisely and consistently receives recognitions for financial efficiency from outside organizations and state agencies.

THE TAX RATIFICATION (APPROVAL) ELECTION WILL BE ON THE GENERAL ELECTION DATE ON NOVEMBER 6, 2018.

If the TRE is not successful, the district will not be able to fund a salary increase needed to attract and retain quality teachers and staff; instead, the district will be forced to implement a hiring freeze that would result in increased class sizes. Additionally, RISD would have to consider eliminating academic programs and collecting fees for activities as part of additional cost-cutting measures to cover a projected \$13.3 million operating deficit over the next five years.

"Passage of a TRE is an essential step for our students, our teachers and our district," Stone said. "We have been operating on a 27 year-low tax rate, and we've reached the point where action is needed to protect what's great about our district and secure our future."

This article is from letters sent to retired teachers explaining the new tax increase for RISD and how it will be used. It is included here to inform the neighborhood of why they are asking for a tax increase. There is going to be a school board member at the National Night Out who will be available to answer questions about the tax increase.
—D'nelle Lyons, RNA President

Retired Teachers:
Funding for Public Schools in Texas has been a great concern for Texas Retired Teachers for many years, and has been included in the concerns and goals for our organization.
This situation is affecting RISD, the school district where most of us spent years of our career. We love our school district and realize that the State's failure to fund education properly is having an adverse to our district. An important election is approaching in November; included will be an attempt to make up the funds not allocated from the state to insure the continuing success of RISD.

The following are excerpts from press releases offered by RISD. Read carefully and please vote in the November general election.
Under the Texas school finance system, RISD has received \$24.2 million less in state funding since 2014, and state funding is projected to decrease by another \$33.7 million over the next five years.

"The school finance system in Texas is broken," said RISD Superintendent, Dr. Jeannie Stone. "RISD's operating budget receives no recurring benefit from rising property values, yet the state continues to decrease its share of funding. The bottom line is that because of the outdated school funding system, RISD taxpayers must pay a higher share of the cost of public education."

"For those who believe in safe schools, outstanding teachers, and maintaining a strong district that meets the high expectations of our community, this action could no longer be avoided," said RISD Board President, Justin Bono. "From our highest achieving schools to our campuses and students in need of additional resources, RISD can no longer operate on the reduced state funding and revenue generated by a minimum operating tax rate."

Richland Neighborhood Association 2018 Neighbor Registry

(Please PRINT clearly or register online at www.richlandhoa.com)

1. Name and address:

First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name
(<input type="checkbox"/> Own or <input type="checkbox"/> Rent)			
House Number and Street Name			
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2. For publication in the RNA DIRECTORY to be used by neighbors to contact you (NOT AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC).

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

Home Phone	Home Phone
Cell Phone	Cell Phone
Work Phone	Work Phone

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

E-mail address	E-mail address
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5. Volunteer interests (check each one that interests you!) and best time for contact:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Crime Watch Patrol (min 2 hrs/month) | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 th of July Flags Distribution | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spring Fling! Event Help | <input type="checkbox"/> DATABASE Support | <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal Yard Award Judging |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Movie Night in the Park Event Help | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter Contributor | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter Advertising Marketer |
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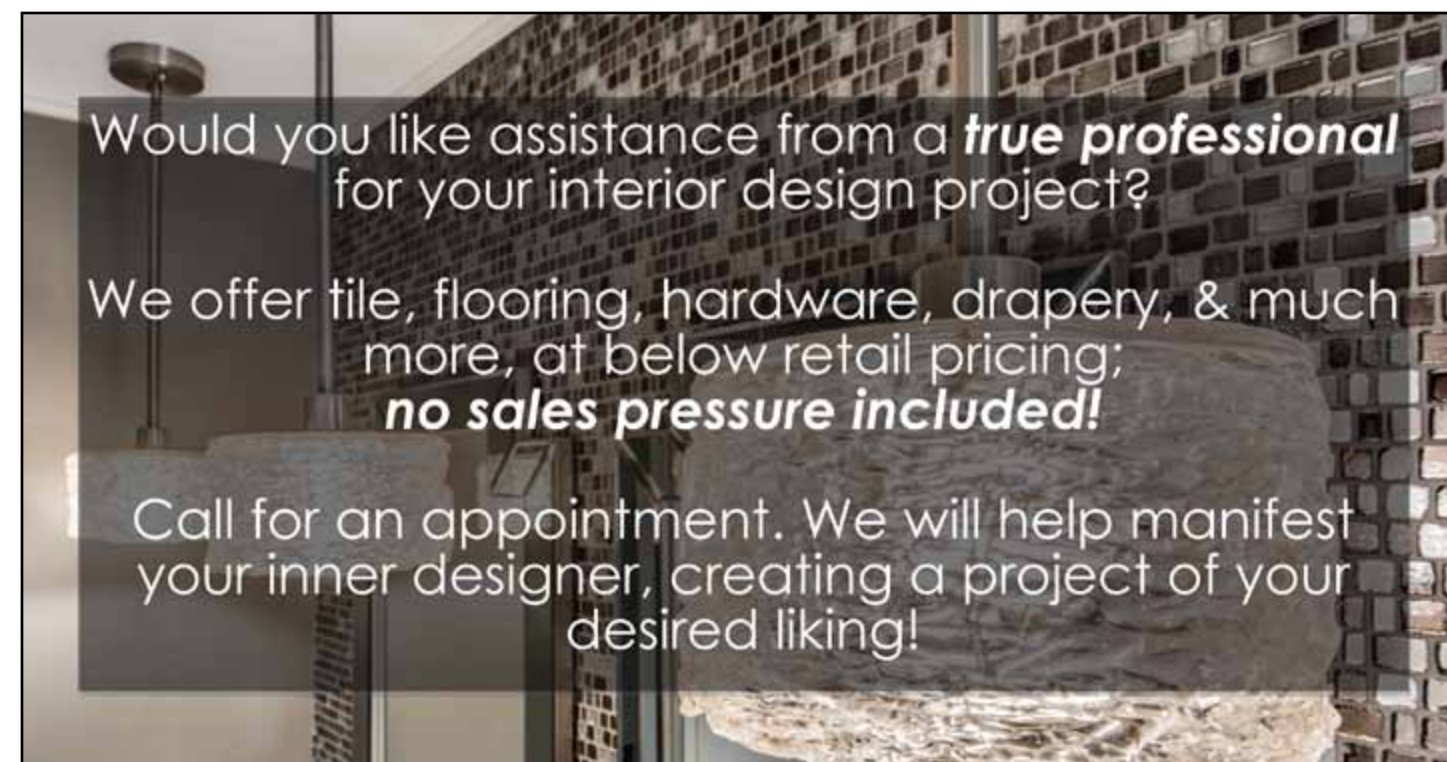
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**Contact Cassie McCampbell at (214) 621-5586
or c.mccampbell@att.net for more information.**

Cassie McCampbell holds music degrees in Piano Pedagogy and Music Education from S.M.U. She has taught piano for 30+ years and teaches part-time in the music department at Richland College. Look for *Piano for Four* on Facebook and Nextdoor.

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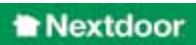
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