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REBUILDING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD LOOKING BACK ON THE 2019 TORNADO



2020 RICHLAND PARK/OAKS FALL EVENTS CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 19 Rosh Hashanah
- 28 Yom Kippur

OCTOBER

- 12 Columbus Day
- 20 One Year Anniversary of
2019 Tornado
- 31 Halloween

NOVEMBER

- 1 Daylight Savings Time
- 3 Election Day
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 14 Diwali
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President's Message

Richland Neighborhood Association
Richland Park and Richland Oaks Community

FELLOW RICHLAND RESIDENTS,

As the summer begins to wind down, and fall just a few weeks away, I would like to use the anniversary date of last year's tornado, to close out this year! With the needed rebuild, followed by the pandemic, if you are like me this year needs to be put out to pasture!

Not to forget however, we have been surrounded by numerous blessings. All the businesses, volunteers and city services helped partner with our residents to pull our neighborhood together!

One of those is Amir Omar's non-profit organization, *Tree the Town*. Many of you have taken advantage of the complimentary tree and planting offering. As fall is the premier time to plant trees, those still needing to replace them should reach out to the *Tree the Town* website or contact a board member, to schedule a planting. Many have done a fantastic job to not only rebuild and repair their homes, but re-landscape for all of us to enjoy.

Also note the replacement of our neighborhood sign toppers is underway and will be installed soon. My hope is as we near the holiday Season, we will find some peace and normalcy for all to enjoy. So thank you for your time and remember to be kind to others!

Michael Bahr
Richland Park/Oaks President
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Once again I would like to recognize all of these organizations that helped with food or serving after the October 20, 2019 tornado. Their generosity will never be forgotten.

- Richland Park/Oaks RNA
- Texas Baptist Men
- Amigos
- Cici's Richardson
- Chick-Fila (off 635)
- Golden Chick (Arapaho)
- McDonald's-free meal coupons
- Raising Cane's (Richardson)
- First Baptist Church Garland
- Frankie's Mexican Cuisine
- Trader Joe's
- Restland
- Cafe Venezia
- Desperado's Restaurant
- Lowe's
- American Red Cross
- Leadership Richardson
- Richardson East Rotary club
- First Baptist Richardson
- Heights Church
- Highland Terrace Neighborhood Association
- Rubicon
- Stonebriar Community Church



Crime Watch Report

Richland Neighborhood Association
Richland Park and Richland Oaks Community

HI NEIGHBORS!

Hope all is doing well. It's been a tough year for all. Looks like the neighborhood is coming back together with a few homes still needing help.

Crime for the most part has been because of unlocked cars. Please take things out of your cars and LOCK THEM.

Also the homes under construction have been hit hard. Criminals have been taking appliances and A/C Systems. As I have said before, if you see people carrying appliances or tools out of homes call 911. It's far better to be safe than sorry.

This year's National Night Out is on October the 6th. It will not be held at the park. The Richland Police Department has asked that you and your neighbors have your own night out in your front yard and spread out and enjoy an evening with your neighbors.

We don't want to forget Network Ministries with unexpired canned goods. A lot of people depend on it so I will be at the park in front of the pavilion from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in my blue chevy truck with crime watch signs on it so you can drive buy and I will collect your cans. Richland park and Oaks has always given a large supply of goods to Network Ministries so please don't forget to bring me your canned goods.

If you are interested in Crime Watch go to the city web page under Police crime prevention and sign up. They are not having classes at this time but will notify you when they start. I really need more volunteers. There are just too many open spots for patrols.

Stay safe
Bob McClure
crimewatchone@yahoo.com

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.).



National Night Out, held the first Tuesday of October: Tuesday, October 6, 2020, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Officers, City Officials and guests visit registered locations to celebrate our partnership with the community and give crime a going away party!

National celebration coordinated locally by the Richardson Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit, held annually on the first Tuesday in October.

ABOUT NATIONAL NIGHT OUT:

National Night Out, a year-long community building campaign, is designed to: (1) Heighten crime prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Along with the traditional outside lights and front porch vigils, most cities and towns celebrate National Night Out with a variety of special citywide and neighborhood events such as block parties, cookouts, parades, festivals, visits from local officials and law enforcement, safety fairs, and youth events.

The City of Richardson competes in Category 2 (cities with pop. 100,000 - 299,000) for 1st place in the nation to highlight the great Police and community partnership in the fight against crime.

"CAN DO" FOOD DRIVE

September 19, 2020, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

This year our canned food drive benefiting the food bank at Network Community Ministries will be a pre-NNO event. Canned goods can be dropped off on Saturday, September 19th, 2020 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. This event will take place in the south parking lot at the Richardson Civic Center located at 411 W. Arapaho Road. We will be adjacent to Belle Grove Drive, look for the police car.

Network Ministries is requesting that only non-expired food be donated. If you cannot attend, you can always make donations yourself to the Network Ministries which is located at 741 South Sherman Street in Richardson, phone 972-234-8880.



RICHLAND ELEMENTARY

RICHARDSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Where all students connect, learn, grow and succeed

June 19, 2020

Dear Richland Elementary Parents, Staff, Students & Community,

It is with great excitement that I introduce myself as the new Principal of Richland Elementary School. I am extremely elated to join the Berkner Learning Community and most honored to be trusted as your new school leader.

I began my teaching career in Dallas ISD after attending Texas Tech University. Wreck Em! After 8 years in DISD, I joined Lewisville ISD and later Richardson ISD as an administrator. Through my experiences as a teacher, instructional specialist and campus leader, I have had the opportunity to build rigorous and nurturing learning environments where all individuals can reach their maximum potential. I am extremely passionate about equitable learning experiences for all student learners. Promoting a thriving school culture with a laser focus on literacy and 21st century skills, are at the cornerstone of my educational philosophy.

It is my commitment to create a campus culture that is conducive to inclusiveness, optimal student growth opportunities and stakeholder engagement. Utilizing all of these components, we are able to support students in reaching their maximum potential, in order to create the future they envision for themselves.

It's going to be a dynamic school year at Richland Elementary, and I'm most excited about welcoming students, staff, families and all community members to embark on our new journey. Please let me know how I can be of service to you and your family – we are going to have an amazing year!

Sincerely,

Pharah Francis Hogan
Principal, Richland Elementary School

"One child, one teacher, one book can change the world." - Malala Yousafzai

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Community Revitalization Awards

Program Overview

- The Richardson City Council created the Community Revitalization Awards to recognize property owners who have enhanced our community by making significant exterior improvements to their individual properties that have, in turn, had a positive impact on the surrounding area.
- Since the program’s inception in 1994, over 280 properties have been recognized.
- Recipients are recognized by the City Council with a reception and award presentation ceremony held in February of each year.
- The Community Revitalization Awards complement the City’s efforts to support neighborhood vitality. This is not a grant or funding program; it recognizes individual efforts and seeks to encourage future individual reinvestment in our community.
- The City’s Community Services Department administers programs that may provide funding for neighborhood enhancements, and the Richardson Economic Development Partnership should be contacted regarding potential non-residential redevelopment incentives.

What is “Revitalization?”

The American Heritage College Dictionary defines *revitalization* as “imparting new life or vigor to.” When applied to the built environment of our community, revitalization can take a number of forms:

- Dramatic improvements to properties or structures that halt or reverse decline;
- Ongoing maintenance and/or refurbishment of structures and properties that prevents decline before it is allowed to begin;
- Total redevelopment of a property or structure—i.e. “tear-downs;” or
- Infill development—high quality new development on a vacant parcel in an older neighborhood or district.

Eligibility

Both residential and non-residential projects are eligible for consideration. In addition to infill and complete redevelopment projects, eligible improvements to existing properties include the enhancement, upgrading, reconstruction, or replacement of any or all of the following elements:

- Buildings and facades
- Landscaping
- Exterior lighting
- Vehicular circulation (*non-residential projects*)
- Exterior signage (*non-residential projects*)

Nominations

- Nominations may be submitted by anyone, from property & business owners to neighbors.
- 2020 Nominations are due by September 30, 2020.
- Online nomination form: cor.net/cra
- Staff Contact: Keith Krum, Senior Planner – keith.krum@cor.gov / 972-744-4257.

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4th of July Flag Report

The 4th of July flag pick up and breakfast looked a little different this year because of Covid19. As the board of the Richland Neighborhood Association, we felt it was important to find a safe way to still place the flags out for the 4th of July.

We came up with a plan to keep everyone safe. The flags were picked up, using staggered times, in the front yard, with flags being spaced out for social distancing. Masks were required for pick up, and food, individually packaged, was served in the front yard after placing out the flags.

We had a great turnout and flags disappeared quickly to be distributed. It once again looked fantastic seeing them fly

throughout the neighborhood, giving a little sense of normalcy.

Thank you to all who came to help. We had people who have helped for many years along with some new neighbors. Hopefully next year we can go back to our full out breakfast and get together after the flags.

Here are the following who helped to put out the flags. If I missed your name I apologize. We appreciate each one of you.

- Shirley Kaczka
- Janice Peters
- Sandy and John Jones
- Matt and Kelly Tillingshast
- Jay and Karla Weesner
- Cassie and Jeremy McCampbell
- Bill and Ann Medley
- Jen and Jerry Walker

- Connie McClung
- Philip Cullens
- Donna Whilaker
- John Rice
- Bob and Carolyn Sherman
- Jim and Kris Kennedy
- Steve and Diane Shrull
- Logan and Jordan Burgess
- James and Angela McCants
- Jan James
- James and Juanell Teague
- Millie Harrison
- Curtis Dorian
- Michael Bahr
- RJ and Margaux Loera

A special thanks to Bob and Carolyn Sherman who picked up and donated the coffee and donuts for the event.

—D’Nelle Lyons
Membership Chair





MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Thank you to all who have joined the Richland Neighborhood Association this year. We have over 400 members, which is not bad for not being able to have the block captains canvas the neighborhood due to the Covid19.

Unfortunately, we have not been able to host the spring and fall activities, hopefully we will be able to create even better and larger festivals next year. The RNA will be hosting a shredding event in October, check this newsletter for more information (page 9).

We are in the process of creating a new neighborhood directory. You must be a member of the association in order to receive a directory. It is not too late to join if you have not done so, and receive a directory when they are distributed. We order just a limited number of directories over the number of members we have. Therefore, if you want to make sure you receive a directory join as soon as possible to make sure we have an accurate count of how many directories to order. You do not want to miss out on this informative directory.

A remarkable, rebuilding community

The neighborhood has been buzzing since the tornado hit on October 20. Many homes that were damaged or destroyed are being repaired or rebuilt. Many homeowners, after seeing the improvements on the damaged tornado homes, are also updating their homes inside and out. Even though the tornado was devastating, we as a neighborhood, stood up strong and made it even a better neighborhood. I have noticed more people walking, biking, waving, and being courteous to each other. We are truly a remarkable community.

Dnelle Lyons
RNA Membership Chair

We want to know about you! Please help us by updating your information online at www.richlandhoa.com and click on "membership." Although this year has been a bit of a challenge, 400 households have joined the Richland Neighborhood Association.

We appreciate you! Special thanks to some of our members have even donated additional funds to help make our neighborhood great! If you have not already, it is not too late to join, and at the very least, please check your information online to ensure we have your correct data.

Thank you!
-RNA Board

RNA
Membership is only
\$40.00 to support your
neighborhood for the
whole year!



Congratulations!

BEN PATCHEN

Birch Lane

Richardson High School

Ben played baseball and was involved in communications. Ben is attending the University of Missouri in the college of Arts and Science pursuing a B.A. in Digital Storytelling.

Shred Event Fall 2020

Back by popular demand! Don't miss it this time! Your Richland Neighborhood Association is having another Shred Event:

**Saturday, October 17th, 2020
From 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

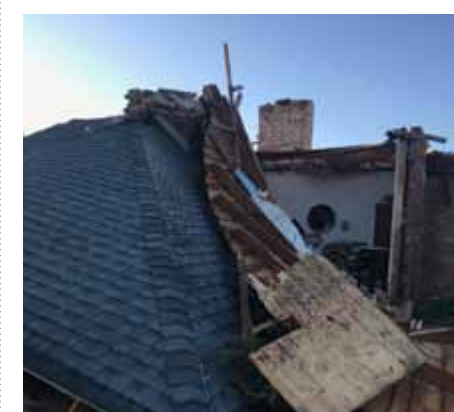
Look for the shred truck in the front parking lot of Richland Elementary.

So now is the time to get rid of those documents you've been going through. You can watch them being shredded for your added benefit of security. Just think, you can finally check this one off your honey-do-list!



Destruction and Reconstruction

Photos from the destruction of the October 20, 2019 tornado and the rebuild afterward. We are RNA Strong!



Thank you from the Richland Neighborhood Association to these organizations for their support after the 2019 Tornado.



Richland Oaks Rebuild

Our friends in the Richland Oaks neighborhood were hit particularly hard during last year's tornado, but it's so exciting to see their homes are being rebuilt and are going to be better than ever.



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Richardson's Environmental Resources Newsletter

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION FOR RICHARDSON RESIDENTS • AUGUST 2020



Construction remains underway on Bois d'Arc Lake

Construction continues on Bois d'Arc Lake, which is being built by the North Texas Municipal Water District north-east of Bonham in Fannin County. When complete in 2022, the 16,641-acre reservoir will be able to initially treat and deliver up to 70 million gallons of water daily.

Crews are currently working on completing the two-mile long dam as well as the service spillway and raw water intake. The dam is expected to be substantially complete this winter. Work on a 35-mile water pipeline is about halfway done and should be complete next summer. The pipeline will pump

water out of the reservoir and carry it to the new treatment plant that will be constructed in Leonard, Texas by fall 2021.

In addition to work on the actual lake infrastructure, workers are improving or constructing 11 miles of roads around the lake. Improvements are also being made to more than 17,000 acres to mitigate for loss of habitat and impacts to local streams from construction of the lake. Workers continue to restore streams, maintain ponds, care for new plants and remove invasive species. Work on three public boat ramps, parking lots and related recreational facilities is



Work is underway on the nearly 1,000-foot-long spillway, which will release water back into Bois d'Arc Creek.

scheduled to be complete this fall.

If work remains on schedule, water delivery from the

lake should begin in spring 2022. For more information, visit www.boisdarclake.org.

Real world comparisons used in City's paperless billing campaign



The City of Richardson mails out 250,000 printed utility bills each year—which is a lot of envelopes and paper (not to mention labor and fuel) for a process that is also available entirely online. In fact, if stacked they would be 16 feet taller than the Bank of America Plaza building—Dallas' tallest skyscraper. If placed end to end, the bills would border the entire City of Richardson and extend an additional six miles, or if laid end-to-end along the DART Silver Line they would reach Fort Worth.

For the past month, a marketing campaign has been underway to try to get people to get rid of the paper waste by signing up for paperless billing. Currently, more than 40 percent

of Richardson residents still choose to receive a paper bill. An easy-to-fill-out, paperless billing enrollment slip was included in the July water bill, and so far, more than 500 customers have completed and returned the form to "make the switch."

Though the campaign started last month, the forms may be

submitted any time. For more information and a copy of the enrollment slip, check out the July issue of *Richardson Today*. The campaign also includes four videos highlighting the waste generated posted on social media. To see the videos or sign up for paperless billing, visit www.cor.net/GoPaperless.

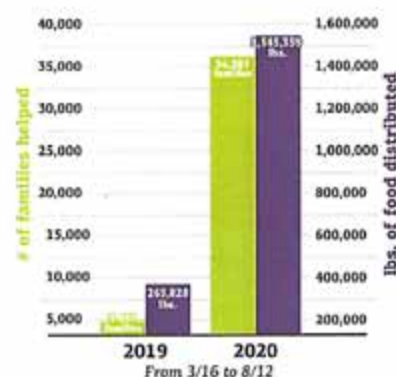


Answering the Call: Caring for Our Neighbors in COVID-19

Since March, Network has been THE difference between empty fridges and nourished children; between eviction and a safe shelter; and between a hopeless neighbor and one ready to face tomorrow.



Number of families and lbs. of food distributed through food pantry



Number of families helped with housing



Richland Neighborhood Association 2020 Neighbor Registry (Member and Non-Members)

Dear Neighbors:

Please fill out the RNA 2020 registry form (page 14) and include your dues for 2020. 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, this is done every two years. 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 1st through December 31st, 2020
Dues may be paid by mail or through PayPal at www.richlandhoa.com/Site/rha-membership/

Richland Neighborhood Association 2020 Neighborhood Membership Form

(Please PRINT clearly or register online at 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 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chair an Activity (Bunco, Progressive dinner, Wine tasting, Knitting, Crafting, etc.) | | |

Comments or Suggestions:

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Option 2: Pay for your advertisement for a full year and receive an additional 10% discount along with the 10% discount if you are a RNA member.

The type, size and costs are listed below. Cost is per issue.

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