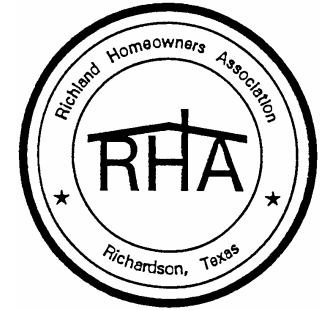


# **RICHLAND NEWS**



Richland Park/Richland Oaks Homeowners' Association Newsletter  
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Website: [www.richlandhoa.com](http://www.richlandhoa.com)  
**November 2008**

## **CALENDAR**

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| Nov. 1     | Neighborhood<br>Trash Collection                |
| Nov. 4     | Election Day                                    |
| Nov. 6     | HOA Board<br>Meeting                            |
| Nov. 7     | Autumn Yard Award<br>Judging                    |
| Nov. 10    | RISD Student<br>Holiday/Staff<br>Development    |
| Nov. 11    | Veterans Day                                    |
| Nov. 13    | General Member-<br>ship Meeting                 |
| Nov. 26-28 | RISD Student<br>Holiday/Thanks-<br>giving Break |
| Nov. 27    | Thanksgiving Day                                |
| Dec. 6     | Neighborhood<br>Trash Collection                |
| Dec. 12    | Christmas Yard<br>Award Judging                 |
| Dec. 22    | Hanukkah Begins                                 |
| Dec. 22-31 | RISD Winter Break                               |
| Dec. 25    | Christmas Day                                   |
| Dec. 26    | Kwanzaa Begins                                  |



October's National Night Out/Festival was a hit for all ages. See more on pg. 4.

**Fall 2008  
General Membership Meeting  
Thursday, Nov. 13, 2008  
6:00 p.m.  
Richland Elementary Cafeteria**

### **Agenda**

- \* Election of 2009 officers**
- \* Q&A with Richardson leaders**
- \* Architectural/Beautification Report**
  - \* Crime Watch Report**
  - \* Financial Report**
- \* Q & A with RHA Board members**

**Light refreshments will be served.**

# RHA OFFICERS/BOARD

## 2007-2008

### Officers

#### President

Curtis Dorian  
972-235-0230

#### Vice President

Ken Schuman  
972-889-9436

#### Secretary

Traute Malhotra  
972-669-1970

#### Treasurer

Bill Greenhaw  
972-644-2204

### Board of Directors

#### Architectural/Beautification

Susan Mather  
972-690-4123

#### Block Captains

Millie & Dave Harrison  
972-231-2748

#### Crime Watch

Bob McClure  
972-699-7668

#### Database Coordinator

Judy Blome  
972-783-7069

#### Membership

Angela McCants  
972-380-3441

#### Newsletter

Jim & Valenda Archer  
972-238-9434

#### Website Coordinator

Nick Weidenkopf  
972-480-0309

### At-large Board Members

Charlie Patchen  
972-690-5817

Tony Calderone  
972-480-8468

Gary & D'Nelle Lyons  
972-238-8560

Dave Peters  
972-231-7909



**Curtis Dorian**

## President's Message

**Dear Neighbors,**

Thank you all for attending the National Night Out and Fall Event this October. We had a great turnout and I hope everyone had a good time. We will certainly do it again. A BIG thanks to all our volunteers who assisted with the preparations and manning the vendor stations. Special thanks to Bob McClure for orchestrating the event.

#### **Architecturals:**

The revised drawings for Audelia are complete. The City of Richardson and its consultant will complete the construction documents and bidding process. Our estimated start date is Spring 2009. We will go into more details and provide a presentation at our November 13 General Homeowners' Meeting.

#### **Block Captains:**

Thank you, Millie Harrison (Block Captain Coordinator), and all block captains for having achieved, for the first time, 100% volunteer coverage for every block in both Richland Park and Richland Oaks.

#### **Tennis Courts:**

The City of Richardson has renovated the tennis courts at Richland Park. Enjoy!

#### **New Directory:**

Thank you Valenda and Jim Archer and your directory team for producing a very nice 2009 directory. Good color choice.

***I am here to serve you.*** If you have any suggestions, concerns or just want to talk, contact me at [president@richlandhoa.com](mailto:president@richlandhoa.com) or call 972-235-0230 (home) or 214-698-9936 (office). My door is open!

Sincerely,

***Curtis Dorian***

Curtis Dorian, President, RHA

# SAFETY

## Crooks having a field day with unlocked vehicles & windows *Homes with unset security systems also targeted*

**Hello Neighbors,**

Hope all had a great summer and are getting settled back into the old routine of work and school.

As most of you know it has been a very bad August, September and October for Richland Park and Oaks. There have been too many burglaries and thefts from cars. The sad part of the burglaries is that most had **SECURITY SYSTEMS NOT TURNED ON!** Why? That's what you bought them for. If you aren't going to lock your doors and windows, at least set your alarm. If you need an upgrade for your present system, call me. I can help.

While RPD did catch the two bad guys breaking in in the middle of the night, we still have a group working in the daytime between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. If you see someone you don't know parked on the street or alleys, call RPD at once. It's better to be safe than sorry. I think you will find the response time very fast because we will have patrol cars (marked and unmarked) in the area almost all the time until these persons are caught. Let's keep our eyes and ears open and get these people off the streets.

**As for thefts from cars.** What can I say? If you leave ANYTHING in your car that is parked on the street or driveway just expect it to be GONE when you return. Why would you leave your laptop, purse, wallet, ipod, camcorder, keys or anything else in your vehicle? You might get away with it today but time WILL catch up with you. Next time, who knows.

**There was an incident Oct. 15 or 16 about 9 p.m. in the 600 block of Wentworth** where a neighbor drove into his garage and noticed a person walking up his driveway holding a sheet of paper in front of his face. He said, "I want to show you something." At that point the neighbor asked him to leave his property. The person kept advancing up the drive repeating, "I want to show you something." At that point the neighbor reached over his work bench and picked up a pistol he keeps there while working at night and again asked the man to leave. The perpetrator saw the pistol, said, "Don't shoot me." and fled up the alley. The neighbor promptly called RPD.

Be careful coming home at any time of day. Check your mirrors and if someone is following you, go around the block. If they still follow you, call RPD on your cell phone and drive towards the police station. If you don't have a cell phone, go to a well populated area such as Kroger's, park in front and lay on the horn. Just don't take the chance of getting hurt or worse.

Please also leave as many outside lights on as you can so our night patrols can see better between houses. Some of the alleys are very dark. It helps us help you.

**If you missed NATIONAL NIGHT OUT** in the park on October 7, you missed out on all the fun. We underestimated the number of neighbors that came and ran out of food. That won't happen next year. It's hard to judge how many will attend these kinds of events. In the past we had a smaller turnout but this year an estimated 400 people attended. We enjoyed Ashley Austin and the Southern Rule Band, Berkner High School's "Hip Hop" dance team, bounce houses, a balloon artist and custom car show. The cars were a big hit as was all of the entertainment. Ashley and the band kept things rocking into the night. You can see some of the photos taken on page 4.

**A big thank you** to all the National Night Out volunteers and especially to the Richland Park/Oaks Crime Watch Patrol who donate their time (and their gasoline) to keep an eye out for our neighborhood.

**As always you can reach me 24/7** at 214-763-0589. We are always interested in more patrol members so if you can help, please call me for an application.

Be safe out there.

**Bob McClure**

Crime Watch Coordinator

214-763-0589 (cell)

### Quick Tip

**See anyone you don't know parked or walking slowly down your block taking long looks at houses? Don't hesitate. Don't confront. Call the Richardson Police.**





## SAFETY

### October works for greater National Night Out participation

*Combining crime watch event with a neighborhood festival brings out the crowds*



Richardson Police motorcycle display



Ashley Austin and Southern Rule Band



Berkner HS Hip-Hop Stomp Team



Ashley Riddle



One of the custom cars on display



Free balloon animals for the kids

From motorcycles to munchies—bounce houses to balloons—stomps to southern rock—this year's expanded National Night Out (NNO) was a hands-down winner. The event was in response to the survey you completed last spring. It recognized our Crime Watch volunteers, helped the state make its case to change NNO to October and welcomed the fall season. Special thanks to neighbor, Lisa Brooks, for donating Taco Bueno munchies and to the volunteers who made it all happen.

Photos by Bonnie McClure, Clint McClure and Jim Archer.



Bounce houses were a big hit



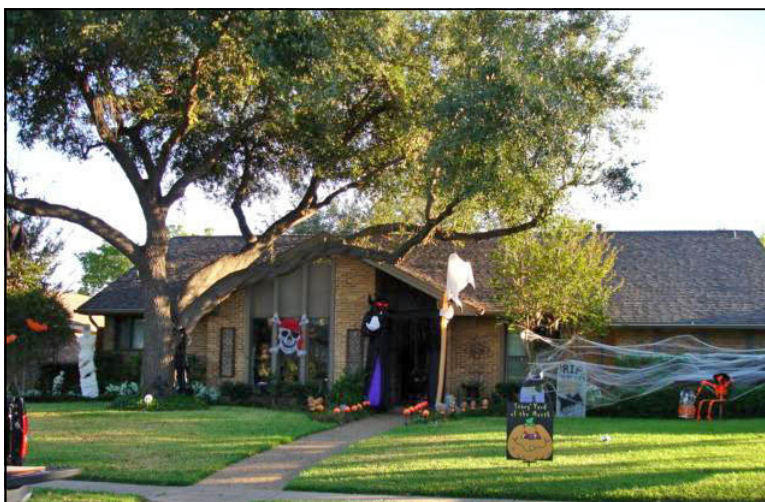
ARCHITECTURE, LANDSCAPING, BEAUTIFICATION

# OCTOBER SCARY YARD AWARDS



463 HARVEST GLEN  
MIKE & SHERRI HINKE

626 GOODWIN  
ROB & ROSEANNE  
TUNNELL



422 SHEFFIELD  
KAREN ATKINSON

**NEIGHBORHOOD TRASH COLLECTION:** Don't forget the First Saturday Monthly Neighborhood Trash Collection Morning. Meet at 8 a.m. at the Lois Lane side of the park. Takes less than an hour.



Autumn Yard Judging is Nov. 7



Christmas Yard Judging is Dec. 12

## NEIGHBORS

### Say hello to our new neighbors

Carol Meek, 428 River Oaks  
Lillian & Francisco Santiago, 627 Sheffield  
Melanie & Rick Watson, 400 Birch  
Emma Abner, 635 Goodwin  
Suhayla & Hassan Albarghouthi, 603 Wentworth  
Vicky Hamilton, 432 Tall Oaks  
Jason Wood, 414 Tall Oaks  
Liz & Kevin Wetherington, 515 Sheffield

### 2008 Richland Park/Oaks HOA Report Card

- ◆ Neighborhood cohesiveness **B+**
- ◆ Residential Character of the Community **B+**
- ◆ High level of visibility with city leadership **A**
- ◆ Neighborhood Crime Watch Patrol **A**
- ◆ Neighborhood Beautification **B+**
- ◆ Newsletter **A**
- ◆ Website **B+**
- ◆ Safety in the Neighborhood **B+**
- ◆ Free Painted Curb Numbers **A**
- ◆ Neighborhood Alerts **A**
- ◆ National Night Out Sponsorship **B+**
- ◆ Membership **B-**

**Sources:** Grades were determined by the Spring Survey and additional information via e-mail, telephone and in person. Many thanks to our Board, Block Captains, Newsletter and Crime Watch Patrol.

We can achieve straight A's with 100% participation! Will you do your part? Your membership makes all this possible. Please join your neighborhood association in 2009! Together we can achieve a neighborhood you will not want to leave.

**Angela McCants,**  
Membership Chair

### Deepest Sympathy

To **Bob & Angilee McClure** and family in the loss of daughter-in-law, Christine Leann McClure, 35, who died Oct. 12. Christine would have been 36 on Oct. 13. She and Bob's son, Robert, would have been married 13 years on Oct. 14.

To **Charlie & Michelle Patchen** and family in the loss of Charlie's mother, Willie Mae Lange Patchen who died Oct. 21 following a brief illness. Memorial services were Oct. 27 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Richardson with burial at the National Cemetery in Dallas.

## 2008 Block Captains

### Birch

400 Carol Levy 972-234-8069  
500 Jewel Click & Margaret Watt 972-783-7606  
600 Cassie McCampbell 972-235-1166

### Country Side

400 Marshall & Lucy Bateman 972-889-2922

### Fieldwood

400 Pam & Daryl Crum 972-690-6091

### Fieldwood Circle

600 Janet Kurka 972-699-0913

### Goodwin

400 Jim & Valenda Archer 972-238-9434  
500 Vickie & Steve Tesmer 972-238-5971  
600 Vinod & Traute Malhotra 972-669-1970

### Harvest Glen

400 Jim & Valenda Archer 972-238-9434  
500 Beverly Peavy 972-235-8518  
600 David & Faye Galvan 972-680-8759

### Hilton

1100 Judy Blome 972-783-7069

### Park Bend

400 Pam Crum 972-690-6091  
600 Gwen Turner 972-235-2152

### Richland Oaks

1100 & 1200 Blocks Carol Ann Thomas 972-680-3392

### Richland Park

1200 Jim & Valenda Archer 972-238-9434

### River Oaks

400 Alice & Jamie Kelly 972-437-9053

### Sheffield

400 James & Juanell Teague 972-238-5863,  
Karen Atkinson 972-480-8712  
500 Ron Coyne 972-690-5397, Michael Pinto 972-231-5381  
600 Dewayne Mosley 972-437-1211, Michael Brown, 972-437-1211

### South Lois Lane

1000 Janet Kurka 972-699-0913

### Stillmeadow

400 Jim & Valenda Archer 972-238-9434  
500 Gary & D'Nelle Lyons 972-238-8560  
600 Dorthy & George McKearin 972-238-9308

### Tall Oaks

400 Carolyn & Ed Murphy 972-234-6043

### Tiffany Trail

400 Susan Mather 972-690-4123  
500 Barbara & Russell Reed 972-234-1726  
600 Pamela & Robert Tharp 972-690-0931

### Wentworth

500 Andrea Harris 972-231-5937  
600 Millie & Dave Harrison 972-231-2748

### Whispering Oaks

1100 & 1200 Blks. Neal & Florence Frager 214-766-4384

### Winding Brook

400 Sara Johnson 972-644-7349

### To volunteer as a Block Captain, call:

Millie & Dave Harrison  
972-231-2748  
milliecx@aol.com



## NEIGHBORS

### Celebrations!

Send corrections and additions to Valenda Archer, [vk\\_archer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vk_archer@sbcglobal.net). To protect your privacy, dates will be removed before posting this page on the HOA website.



### *Happy Birthday!!*

#### DECEMBER

12/1 Beverly Peavy  
12/4 Gary Anderson  
12/4 Michael Bell  
12/5 Suzan Fenner  
12/5 Isaiah Lange  
12/6 Faye Galvan  
12/8 Jan Kurka  
12/9 Bob Sherman  
12/10 Connor Steagall  
12/10 Rachel Steagall  
12/11 Avonne Bullock  
12/13 Ken Frei  
12/13 Millie Harrison  
12/15 Betsy Salazar  
12/15 Tricia Smith  
12/17 Lisa May  
12/19 Fred Dieckmann  
12/19 John McClung  
12/19 Molly Sandlin  
12/20 Bethany Campbell  
12/22 Terry Harris  
12/23 Yvonne Harris  
12/23 Evelyn Landwermyer  
12/26 Robin Binford  
12/27 Barbara Reed  
12/29 Wendy Steagall  
12/30 Julie Bovenkamp  
12/30 Rosemary Soderstrom

#### JANUARY

1/4 Jolie Dunham  
1/5 Bill Rusk  
1/6 Maria Gonzalez  
1/7 Steve Campbell  
1/7 Kambiz Kaboli  
1/7 Roy Turner  
1/8 Kirk Mather  
1/9 Laird Dunham  
1/10 Carolee Clifford  
1/11 Jan James  
1/11 Dottie Lovelady  
1/11 Karen Sandlin  
1/12 Cindy Boss  
1/12 Courtney Peveto  
1/12 Karen Rockwell  
1/12 William Thompson  
1/13 Wahdan Alkarboly  
1/14 Connie Callan  
1/15 Derrick McCloud  
1/15 Joan Weeks  
1/16 Ann Medley  
1/18 Blair Caruthers  
1/20 Beverly Bell  
1/22 Jacey Scheer  
1/23 Gloria Humphries  
1/25 Damon Dodson  
1/25 Kelly Wickersham  
1/26 Carolyn Murphy  
1/27 Kevin Wetherington  
1/28 Melissa Watson  
1/29 David Kemerling  
1/29 William Mitchell  
1/29 Austin Sandlin  
1/30 Joyce Carroll  
1/31 Gary Lyons  
1/31 Cheryl Slemmons

### *Happy Anniversary!!*



#### DECEMBER

12/1/74 Tricia & Ray Smith  
12/1/90 Rebecca & Steve Campbell  
12/5/87 Carol & Tom Johnson  
12/11/93 Patty & Neal Tarleton  
12/18/76 Treva & Jerry Smutz  
12/29/?? Dana & Chad Emery

#### JANUARY

1/7/78 Judy & Karl Hinman  
1/9/99 Lisa & Mikel Johnson  
1/20/01 Laura & Jason Covitz  
1/25/58 Barbara & Russell Reed  
1/25/?? Maria & John Danna  
1/28/56 Lucy & Marshall Bateman

### Welcome to the planet!



**Allison & Justin Chamblee**, 600 block of Goodwin, welcomed twins Mallory and Jake who were born August 15.

**George & Dorthy McKearin** welcomed granddaughter Layla Ann Thornton on August 19. Layla is already an experienced traveler. She and parents Candice (McKearin) and Gene Thornton evacuated Galveston for Richardson just in time to avoid Hurricane Ike.

## NEIGHBORS/INFORMATION

### Send your directory corrections

As with most publications we won't see errors until they return from the printer. Now that 2009 Neighborhood Directories are out you may find errors or know of updates as well. Please send them to [jim.archer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jim.archer@sbcglobal.net).

The data base will be updates and corrections/updates will also be published in each edition of the "Richland News."

Here's the first correction.

**Neal Frager's number on page 5 (Block Captains page) should be 214-766-4384.**



### Here we go a'caroling

How would you like to help build a Richland Park/Richland Oaks tradition? Last year a small group, organized by Kelly & Mark Wickersham, caroled some

of our older residents and had a wonderful experience.

"One of the residents had just lost her husband," Kelly said, "and when we went up to her house singing *Rudolph*, you could just see her totally lighting up."

Caroling is now in the planning stages for mid-December. No need to have a fabulous voice. Just send an e-mail to [kelly@kellykitchenspr.com](mailto:kelly@kellykitchenspr.com) and say you want to sing. You'll have a great time.



**"YUCK! This does NOT smell like pumpkin pie," wailed Michael Coppinger, 5-year-old grandson of Jim & Valenda Archer, who took one whiff of the fresh pumpkin he was scraping and announced, "Nana, YOU do it!"**

The "Richland News" would love to publish one of *your* candid photos as space permits. E-mail them to [vk\\_archer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vk_archer@sbcglobal.net).