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You're invited to the 2017 Richland HOA SPRING FLING A fun event for the whole family!



When: April 22th from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Where: West parking lot of Richland Elementary School.

Why: Come and meet your neighbors, RHA Board Members and City Council Members.

What: Entertainment will include Vintage Cars, Giant Hungry Hippos, Live Karaoke, Balloon Artist, Strolling Magician, Petting Zoo, Firetruck, Police Car and we will be giving out door prizes during the event.

Cost: \$5.00 for adults; \$3.00 for children

- Pulled beef or chicken with sides of potato salad, barbecue beans, all the fixin's, dinner rolls and chocolate chunk cookies
- Beer and wine provided for adults at no charge

Thank You,
David Kirkland
RHA Activities Chair

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2017 CALENDAR

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APRIL

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Richland Homeowners Association
Richland Park and Richland Oaks Community

DEAR RICHLAND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MEMBERS:

Your Richland HOA board is set up and eagerly planning for 2017. Some of the goals we will be working on is to publish a neighborhood directory, publish four neighborhood newsletters, further enhance all entrances, plan a variety of activities to serve all ages, reinstating the block captains, increasing HOA membership and reach out to any neighbor who wants to get involved in our wonderful neighborhood. The board cannot accomplish these goals without your help. Please volunteer this year. You could volunteer to be a block captain, or be part of our incredible Crime Watch Patrol helping to make our neighborhood safer, help get beds ready and plant flowers at the entrance, place flags for the 4th of July, help with our fall and spring festivals. Just a few hours a year from each member would help this neighborhood accomplish great things. Volunteering is a win – win situation. You get to meet neighbors, make new friends, and enhance our neighborhood. The names of the board members are in the newsletter and on the web site. Reach out and let them know you want to become involved.

The future of our neighborhood is very bright. Homes are selling quickly, and lots of remodeling is being done to enhance homes. We are seeing more and more young families choosing our neighborhood to live and raise their families.

I look forward to being your HOA president this year. My husband and I have been residents for 34 years. I have been on the HOA board for more years than I can remember. We have raised 3 daughters during that time and it felt like we lived in a village, where everyone looked after each other. Our daughters met some of their best friends at Richland Elementary and have a rich history because of this caring neighborhood.

If you have any concerns or suggestions on activities you would like to see in Richland Park/Oaks please let us know.

D'Nelle Lyons
Richland Park/Oaks President
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CRIME WATCH REPORT

Richland Homeowners Association
Richland Park and Richland Oaks Community

HELLO NEIGHBORS!

Spring is coming at us so what do we do with the garage door while we work in the yard? **WE CLOSE IT!** I know it may be an inconvenience but it may save your tools, golf clubs, bikes etc. It only takes a thief a few seconds to take these items from your property, so don't help them. While on night patrol I see very few open doors, so check them before you turn in every night. You will be glad you did.

We seem to find alley speeders on almost every block. All I can tell you is to try and get a plate number and contact officer Ed Coleman (see brown box in lower right corner) at 214-282-0843. He will take care of it.

Do you have a couple of hours a month you could give to Crime Watch? We need your help on patrol. All time slots are needed, you tell me when you can patrol. Give me a call and I will tell you how to get started.

Stay safe out there!

Bob McClure, Crime Watch Coordinator
214.763.0589 • crimewatchone@yahoo.com

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.).

RPD CRIME ALERT

During the month of February, RPD has responded to several car burglaries involving the 3rd Row seat stolen out of SUV's, such as Tahoes, Suburbans, and Yukons. The rear cargo window latches were forced open to allow the suspect(s) entry into the vehicle.

3rd row seats are easily and quickly removed from the vehicles and can be sold online, at flea markets or salvage yards. Most 3rd row seats fail to have any identifying numbers.

It's recommended that if your 3rd row seat isn't being used regularly, simply remove it and store it at home. If you do not wish to remove your 3rd row seat, consider getting a locking device to secure it to your vehicle and make it more difficult to remove. Also consider engraving your Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) onto the bottom of the seat.

The Richardson police requests that citizens call to report any suspicious activity seen in parking lots or in residential areas.

You can call the Richardson police non-emergency number at 972-744-4800 and remain anonymous if you like.

*Richland Park and Richland Meadow's Personal Officer
Ed Coleman [214.282.0843]*

Provided by the COR for our protection. This dedicated police presence helps residents by deterring crime and providing another way to watch over the neighborhood. Call Officer Coleman for general assistance, to report minor or unusual activities and cars on the street. For emergencies, continue to call 911.

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HOME ABOUT US CRIME WATCH RHA MEMBERSHIP LOG IN CONTACT US NEWSLETTER
BOARD LIST



UPDATED RHA WEBSITE!

Our Website Coordinator and Database Coordinator have been working diligently to update the Richland HOA website. You will now be able to log on and update your own information! This should help going forward with regards to putting the Neighborhood Directory together and keeping information updated. Go to www.richlandhoa.com, log on and check it out!

2017 RHA MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to all who have already paid your 2017 HOA dues. Our goal is to create a directory this year. To make sure all information is correct, if you have not joined as of yet, please do so by **MARCH 31** to ensure your information is correct in the directory. If you choose to not join this year please fill out the information sheets and send in. The information is used by our crime watch and it is for your protection to have your correct information on file. Again thank you to all who have joined and to the many neighbors who sent in a donation along with your membership. The HOA will be able to accomplish more with your support.



RICHLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RICHARDSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Where all students learn, grow, and succeed.

January 18, 2017

Dear Richland Elementary Family,

It is truly an honor to be named the next principal of Richland Elementary School. There is a clearly defined tradition of academic excellence that I am excited to be a part of and help grow moving forward.

My educational background includes service as a 4th and 5th grade teacher, elementary and middle school assistant principal, and most recently, as principal of Lamar Elementary in Greenville ISD for the past six years. I have been married for twelve years to my wife, Kelli, and we have two children, Kendall and Jameson, who are the lights of our lives.

I am an Aggie who married a Longhorn. An avid Austinite, Kelli made it clear that she would not be moving to College Station when I graduated, so I moved to Austin where we lived for six years before relocating back to the North Texas area after the birth of our daughter.

My number one priority as the newly-appointed principal of Richland Elementary is to develop relationships with our staff, students and parents. As your principal, I commit to being accessible and highly engaged as we work together to benefit our students.

One of my favorite quotes from Walt Disney states, "Whatever we accomplish belongs to our entire group, a tribute to our combined effort." I believe that it takes teachers, students, parents and administrators working together to be a school performing at the highest level.

I am eagerly anticipating my start date of February 1, and the opportunity to meet each of you.



Go Rockets!

Dr. Jason R. Tharp
Principal
Richland Elementary

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Five Tips For Spring Cleaning With Kids

By Cynthia Ewer, Author of *Cut the Clutter: A Simple Organization Plan for a Clean and Tidy Home*

Spring cleaning is on the horizon, and you could use some help. It's time to try a team approach to seasonal cleaning. Many hands make light work... so how do you get the kids to pitch in when it's time to spring-clean the house? Try these five tips to involve children with housecleaning chores.

1] THINK TEAMWORK

- It's downright lonely to be sentenced to clean a bathroom on your own, but paired with a parent, even a 5-year-old can work safely and happily. While Dad wields the bowl cleaner and the tile brush, his helper can scrub the sink, polish the fixtures, empty the trash and trundle towels and rugs to the laundry room.
- Working as a team involves kids in the cleaning process, helps them learn cleaning skills, and most important, models both the attitude and the job standard you're trying to teach.

2] TAKE YOUR VOICE OUT OF THE PROCESS

- Children have an innate ability to "tune out" parents, when the subject is chores. What parent wants to spend a Saturday nagging, threatening and hollering, "You get back here and finish the vacuuming!"?
- Instead, post a list of the day's jobs, or write them out on index cards. Divvy the jobs up between the teams, or let each team choose one until the work is done. Putting the work on paper removes the tussle of wills.

3] MAKE TIME FLY WITH MEDIA MOTIVATORS

- Playing upbeat music or an exciting audiobook keeps spirits high—and dust cloths moving. For maximum motivation, let each helper choose his or her tunes throughout the day.

4] DELEGATE "BIG JOBS" TO TEENS

- Once adolescence hits, working on a parent's "team" loses its appeal. Solution? Delegate big—but safe—jobs to teen children.
- Whether they clean and organize the garage, shampoo the living room carpet, or restore order to a jumbled linen closet, they'll take pride in their work IF you truly let them own the job...and make it a big one!
- The more challenging the task, the more your teen will learn.
- Ignore all bleating and moaning, and praise their solutions to the skies.
- In spite of their complaints, they won't let you down.

5] REWARD HARD WORK

- Spring cleaning is nobody's idea of a good time, so plan for a reward for your workers. When the chores are done, schedule a family treat.
- Whether it's pizza for lunch or a trip to pick up a DVD for an evening film-fest, you'll get better results—and sweeten attitudes—if there's a payoff at the end of the day.

<http://organizedhome.com/seasonal-spin/five-tips-spring-cleaning-with-kids>

Spring Cleaning Checklist

ALL ROOMS

- ☐ Wipe down lighting fixtures.
- ☐ Wipe down the walls – don't forget the baseboards and trim.
- ☐ Wipe down doors, knobs, light switch plates, floor registers, and vents.
- ☐ Wipe down furnishings including cabinets.
- ☐ Sweep or vacuum the floor.
- ☐ Mop floor or shampoo the carpet.
- ☐ Test the battery in your smoke detector and replace if needed.
- ☐ Open the windows for some fresh air.
- ☐ Clean the window pane, sill, and screen.
- ☐ Clean the blinds.
- ☐ Wash the curtains (where applicable).
- ☐ Wipe down the ceiling fan blades (where applicable).
- ☐ Empty all closets, sweep the floor, wipe down the walls, organize the stuff you do need, and donate or discard the stuff you don't need.
- ☐ Empty all drawers and cabinets, wipe out the drawers and shelves, organize the stuff you do need and donate or discard the stuff you don't need.

BEDROOMS

- ☐ Change the sheets on the bed.
- ☐ Remove everything from under the bed so you can vacuum or sweep. Organize the contents before putting them back under the bed.

OFFICE

- ☐ Dust electronics.

BATHROOMS

- ☐ Clean sink, faucet, and drain.
- ☐ Clean the tub and drain.
- ☐ Clean the toilet inside and out.
- ☐ Wipe down the mirror.

KITCHEN

- ☐ Clean the oven and stove or cooktop.
- ☐ Remove all items from the fridge and freezer, wipe down the shelves and drawers, organize the items you do need, and discard expired food items.
- ☐ Wipe down appliances including the microwave, toaster, and fridge.
- ☐ Wipe down the counters and backsplash.
- ☐ Clean sink, faucet, and drain.
- ☐ Clean your dishwasher inside and out.

DINING ROOM

- ☐ Wash table linens.

LIVING ROOM

- ☐ Vacuum cushions.
- ☐ Spot clean furniture (if applicable).
- ☐ Dust electronics.
- ☐ Organize music, DVD, and game collections and donate unwanted items.
- ☐ Clean out the fireplace.

UTILITY ROOM

- ☐ Clean the sink, faucet, and drain.
- ☐ Wipe down the outside of the washer and dryer.
- ☐ Wipe down the inside of the washing machine.
- ☐ Clean the dryer vent.

STAIRWAY

- ☐ Sweep or vacuum the stairs.
- ☐ Shampoo the stairs (if applicable).
- ☐ Wipe down the handrail.

OUTSIDE

- ☐ Remove, wash, and store storm windows.
- ☐ Wash outside of windows and rinse removable window screens.
- ☐ Sweep and rinse down porch ceilings, walls, floors, and railings.
- ☐ Wash deck, patio, driveway, and any walkways.
- ☐ Wash outdoor furniture, umbrellas, and awnings.
- ☐ Clear gutters and rain spouts.
- ☐ Wash exterior doors (including the screen door) and repaint or stain exterior door (if applicable).
- ☐ Clean exterior mats and rugs.
- ☐ Power wash siding.
- ☐ Clean garage – remove all items, sweep the floor and ceiling, organize items you need, and discard or donate items you don't.
- ☐ Store winter equipment and make sure spring gear (ex. lawn mower, weedeater, leaf blower) are in working order.
- ☐ Trim and remove dead tree limbs.
- ☐ Check porch light to make sure it's working and replace bulb if needed.

Source: Freebiefindingmom.com

The Wilder Side of Richardson — Local Wildlife at the Shelter

Here are some featured birds in particular that were found around Richardson.



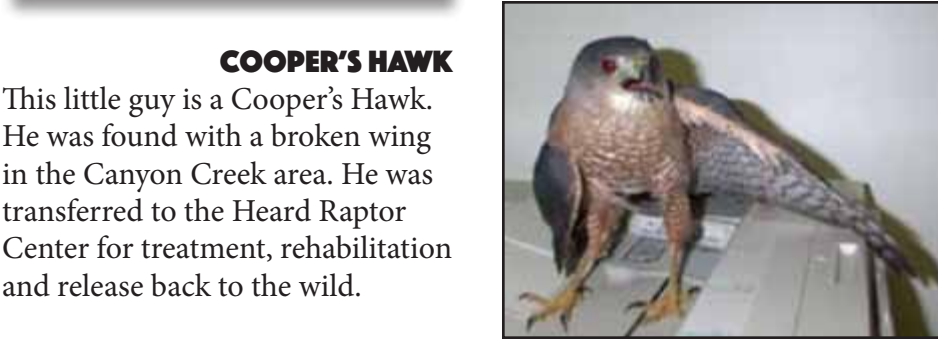
RED-TAILED HAWK

The Red-tailed Hawk gets its name from the red-colored tail feathers, as seen in the picture above. This Red-tailed Hawk was found on Renner and Waterview. It seems to have been injured, and was transferred to the Heard Raptor Museum for treatment, rehabilitation and release.



SORA RAIL

This is a Sora Rail. It was found by a concerned Richardson resident. These little guys are not very common in this area, but will winter here.



COOPER'S HAWK

This little guy is a Cooper's Hawk. He was found with a broken wing in the Canyon Creek area. He was transferred to the Heard Raptor Center for treatment, rehabilitation and release back to the wild.



GREAT HORNED OWL

This Juvenile was found at Sherrill Park Golf Course. The best thing for this owl would have been to leave it alone. However, being on the golf course, it most likely would have been beamed by a golf ball, so it's been sent to join the Heard Museum. He was released as soon as he was big enough and learned to hunt for himself.



GREAT EGRET

This Great Egret, found locally, was sent to the Roger's Wildlife Sanctuary to be evaluated, rehabilitated, and released.

If you have questions or think you have found an orphaned animal please contact the Animal Shelter at (972) 744-4480.

Richardson Art and Music Festivals



Wildflower! Arts and Music Festival is an award-winning multi-day eclectic arts and music festival that draws thousands of attendees to Galatyn Park urban center. Festival programming includes six performance stages that feature national, regional and local bands, the Singer/Songwriter contest and stage, the *Wildflower!* Kids area, *Wildflower!* Eats, the Market Place, the Art Guitar Auction, and our interactive entertainment area—Performance Row. *Wildflower!* also hosts contests for kids and young adults—Student Art, Budding Talents and the Battle of The Bands. First held in 1993, *Wildflower!* now takes place the third weekend in May (May 19-21, 2017).



Cottonwood Art Festival, established in 1969, is a bi-annual event featuring works from some of the nation's top visual artists. A juried show with 240 artists, *Cottonwood* showcases art media in 14 different categories such as 2D and 3D mixed media, ceramics, digital, and drawings/pastels. The festival also features local bands and food available in the courtyard. There is also Artstop, an interactive children's creative playground featuring activities and arts and crafts for kids of all ages. *Cottonwood Art Festival* is among the top art shows in the country and always takes place in Cottonwood Park the first full weekend in May (May 6-7, 2017) and October.



WHAT IS PICKLEBALL?

Pickleball combines aspects of tennis, badminton and ping-pong and is played by more than 2.5 million people in the United States, including a group of Richardson residents who play weekly at Huffhines Recreation Center.



The sport is great for players of all skill levels. The Richardson Senior Center pickleball instruction and play takes place each Friday at Huffhines Recreation Center, 200 N. Plano Rd., from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Cost is \$8 a month (refunds not available) with a Senior Center membership or \$3 per lesson with membership. A Senior Center membership is available to Richardson residents for a one-time fee of \$5. Nonresident memberships cost \$15 per year. For more information call the Senior Center at 972-744-7800.



A Guide to Installing a New Fence: Professionals, Costs and Materials

By Laura Gaskill

The right fence can add to your home's curb appeal, provide privacy, screen an unattractive view and keep kids and pets safe. If you're looking to add a new fence or gate to your property, here's a guide to the pros and cons of common fencing materials, how much they cost and what you need to know to get started.

New fencing is a good project for you if your current fence or gate is in poor condition, or if your property doesn't have a fence, but you would like to add one to define your property line, add privacy or enhance the curb appeal of your home.

WHOM TO HIRE: A fence contractor or a landscape architect or designer can work with you to design and install the right fence or gate for your property and lifestyle.

COST RANGE: Fences can range from \$2,000 to \$8,000 and up, depending on materials and size of property. A steeply sloped lot, large rocks and other obstacles can add to the cost. A new gate ranges from \$300 for a simple wooden garden gate to \$2,000 and up for a custom design.

TYPICAL PROJECT LENGTH: While installation times vary depending on the length of the fence and materials used, most can be installed in three to five days. Custom fences designed in conjunction with a landscaping plan, and special circumstances

such as steeply sloped or rocky properties, will take more time for both planning and installation.

BEST TIME TO START: Spring through fall. Pros tend to be busiest in the warmer months, so it's a good idea to begin contacting potential landscape designers early on. Rain and high humidity can impact the setting of concrete for fence posts, so if your area gets very humid in summer, you may want to consider scheduling work in spring or fall instead.

COMMON MATERIALS: When choosing materials, it's important to consider longevity, says Alan Ohashi of Ohashi Design Studio. If the budget is tight, wood is a good option. "If there is more money in the budget, more expensive but long-lived materials could be considered, such as pipe or concrete, stone or Cor-Ten steel," he says.

- **Wood** ranges from about \$8 per linear foot for cedar to \$18 per linear foot (and up) for redwood. Wood fencing needs to be periodically repainted and/or sealed to protect it from the weather.
- **Vinyl** costs from \$10 to \$35 per linear foot. Vinyl fencing tends to last longer and requires less upkeep than wood, but it can become brittle when subjected to frequent freezing and thawing.
- **Aluminum** costs around \$20 to \$45 per linear foot,

and installation costs are also higher than those for a wood or vinyl fence. Powder-coated aluminum is extremely weather-resistant, making it a good choice for swimming pool fencing.

- **Weathering steel** (like Cor-Ten) acquires a naturally protective rust-like patina after several years of exposure to the elements. Weathering steel comes in sheets and costs around \$25 per square foot for three-sixteenths of an inch thickness.
- **Wrought iron** is the most expensive (and longest-lasting) option, ranging from \$30 to \$200 (and more for custom materials) per linear foot. Wrought iron is extremely durable, making it a good choice for security, but it is prone to rust.

PLANNING: Before getting started on your fence project, take some time to consider the following questions:

What is the purpose of the fence? Is it for privacy, security or screening, and to what extent do you want it to accomplish those tasks? Each of these considerations will affect the openness of the design and how it is constructed, Ohashi says.

How much maintenance are you willing to do? Wood fencing tends to require annual maintenance to keep it protected



from the elements. Other materials, such as vinyl and aluminum, should be able to go years without much more than an occasional hosing off.

BE NEIGHBORLY: If you have close neighbors, be open about your plans to build a new fence, and do your best not to block views unless it truly cannot be helped. Depending on the situation, you may decide to create a party fence, which is shared with your neighbor — but be aware that if you choose to go this route, you should get a written agreement with your neighbor and hire a surveyor to determine exactly where the property lines are.

CHECK BEFORE YOU BUILD: From underground utilities to tricky property lines, you don't want to be blindsided by any unforeseen issues, so be sure to check before you begin work.

- Check local building codes

and apply for a permit if necessary.

- Check with your homeowners association, if you have one. There may be specific guidelines on color choice, height or materials.
- Find out where your property line is. Hire a surveyor to map it out for you if you are unsure.
- Be sure there are no underground utility lines in the way. To check this, call 811 — a free service that exists in every state.

DIY? Designing and installing a new fence or gate is not typically a DIY project, though homeowners with some building experience can certainly tackle it.

Just be aware that if you are handling the project on your own, it is your responsibility to obtain necessary permits, find out where your property

line is and check with the local utility companies before digging to be sure no underground lines are in the way.

HOW TO GET STARTED:

- Contact several (ideally at least three) fence contractors or landscape architects or designers to get free estimates for your project.
- Ask to see a portfolio of past fences each pro has completed both to get a clearer picture of the quality of his or her work and for design discussion purposes.
- Ask professionals whether they plan to handle permits, whether they offer a warranty and how long they estimate the project will take.

<http://www.foxnews.com/real-estate/2017/02/24/guide-to-installing-new-fence-professionals-costs-and-materials.html>

Growing Roses

Grown in landscapes since the beginning of recorded history, roses come in all shapes, sizes, and flower colors. There are hundreds of categories and varieties of roses including shrub types, climbers, ground covers, and flowers that range from very large to very small; there are even roses with green flowers! It is believed that the Spanish missionaries originally brought roses to the new world, first to Mexico and then spread them north into the United States.

GROWING TIPS

Roses need to be grown in full sun. They like to be in soil that is well-amended with organic matter and has good soil drainage. A raised flower bed with additional compost is a great place for a rose; starting with healthy soil will prevent you from needing to fertilize much later on. Newly-planted roses will appreciate watering around twice a week throughout the first growing season, and a 2 to 3-inch layer of mulch helps quite a bit. Right now is a great time to plant roses; you should find a good selection at the nurseries. It is also the best time to prune most roses. Shrub roses can be pruned way back, leaving nothing but 4 to 6-inch stubs. Pruning back in February helps to

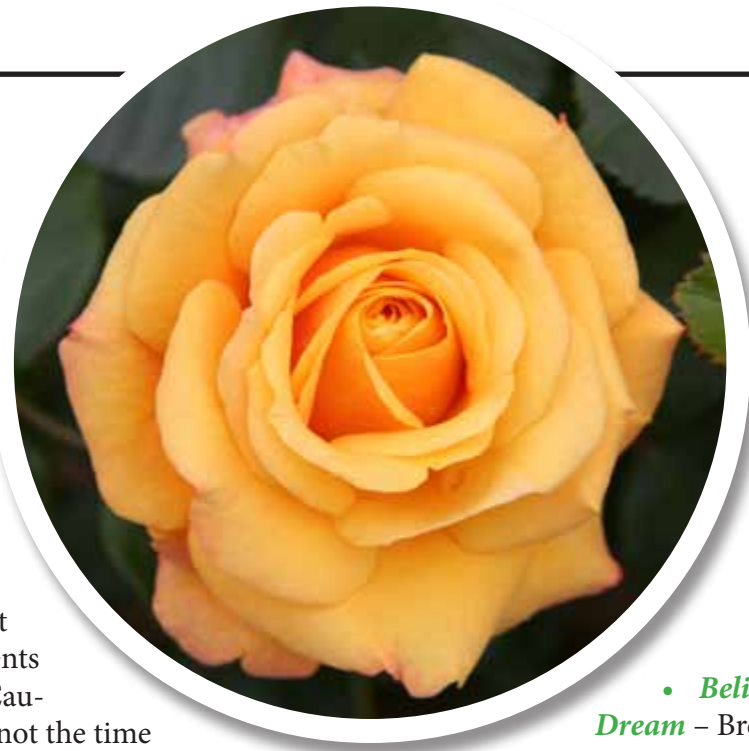


clean out any dead-wood that may be on your plant and prevents disease. Caution, it is not the time to prune climbing roses, such as Seven Sisters or Lady Banks rose, that only bloom in the spring. If you prune climbers now, you will be cutting off all the blooms for the year! Instead, prune those after they have finished flowering.

Roses sometimes get a bad rap for being finicky and picky plants, and some of them can be for sure! Hybrid Tea roses and other modern hybrids probably don't belong in a Texas garden. However, not all roses are created equal. There are several old roses, as well as a few modern introductions, that are some of the best and hardiest perennials that we can grow in the Lone Star State.

IDEAL ROSES FOR GROWING IN TEXAS

There are many varieties that perform well in Texas. Here are a few favorites:



• *Belinda's Dream* – Bred at Texas A&M

University by a math professor! This rose is a Texan. It is a tough shrub rose that produces large pink, fragrant flowers that keep well when cut. It keeps blooming all season long. It is my personal all-time favorite rose, and was designated as a "Texas Superstar" plant by Texas A&M.

- *Sea Foam* – A nice climbing rose. It makes double white flowers that repeat spring, summer, and fall. It is a tough plant once established and needs a trellis or support to grow on.
- *Cecile Bruner* – Another wonderful shrub rose. It has small pink, double-ruffle flowers and a strong fragrance. Each flower is perfectly formed. They bloom in waves, budding off and on all season long. The blooms appear in clusters on the plant. It is also known as the "sweetheart rose".
- *Red Cascade* – A true rambling rose. It can grow 6 to 7-feet wide with no particular shape. It makes small, deep red flowers all summer long. This rose looks

beautiful in a hanging basket.

- *Caldwell Pink* – Button-type, small pink flowers bloom on this well-mannered shrub rose. Mature plants can grow roughly 3-foot by 3-foot large and hardly ever stop blooming!
- *Drift roses* – Good for ground covers. They come in many different flower colors that range from red to peach and bloom best in the spring and fall.
- *Mutabilis* – Also known as the butterfly rose. This thing is a beast! A Mutabilis rose can get huge – often 8-feet tall, and almost as wide. It can be made into a blooming privacy hedge or can be kept smaller with pruning. I have even seen Mutabilis roses trained into a tree form. The flowers on this one start out yellow, then change to pink, and finally turn crimson! Often, all three colors will appear on the plant at the same time, creating a unique display.
- *Knockout Roses* – A family of modern roses. They are resistant to almost all rose diseases and don't require any deadheading to keep in bloom all season long. There are many colors to choose from with different pinks, reds, yellows and whites. My favorite knockout is an

open-face white flower called "Whiteout". All Knockout roses have a nice light fragrance.

The above roses are not the finicky types that need to be babied. They are super-tough, disease-resistant perennials that are even pretty drought-tolerant once they are established. All of them bloom off and on all season long. Removing the old blooms, which is called deadheading, will get the roses to produce more flowers faster. The aforementioned roses don't require any special spraying to stay healthy. For more about great roses for Texas, visit this website:

<http://aggiehorticulture.tamu.edu/earthkindroses/>

ROSE ROSETTE

There is a disease present in Texas called "rose rosette," which

"Roses sometimes get a bad rap for being finicky and picky plants, and some of them can be for sure! However, not all roses are created equal. There are several old roses, as well as a few modern introductions, that are some of the best and hardiest perennials that we can grow in the Lone Star State."

is fatal for roses. It is spread by a tiny bud mite. There is no treatment for this disease yet. Once a rose catches this disease, it is recommended to remove the affected plant immediately. It is a misconception that this problem is new.

Rose Rosette was discovered in this area in the 1940's. In recent years, many people thought this problem was specific to Knockout roses, which is also not true as all roses can catch this disease. Although this problem is bad, it is still not prevalent enough to dissuade anyone from growing roses. Yes, something in your garden might catch it, and you may have to destroy a plant, but chances are your roses never will catch it. If you do have to remove a plant, a new rose could be planted in the very same place seven days later and could go on to thrive. Roses are inspiring workhorse plants in our gardens and should always be included when possible. The threat of this erratic disease should not stop us from finding a home for roses in our gardens.



<http://bigtex.com/growing-roses-in-texas/>


Drew Demler
Manager Errol McKoy Greenhouse
on the Midway



Richland Homeowners Association 2017 Membership Registration

Membership Dues for January 1st through December 31st, 2017

Dear Neighbors:

We are fortunate to have a long-running Richland Park/Oaks Homeowners Association (RHA), established in 1976. The RHA provides many services to keep our neighborhood beautiful, safe, and friendly. It's a voluntary organization, open to home owners and tenants alike. **But it only works with your support!** Please be a part by contributing your dues and time. To make it easy, you can now join online at www.richlandhoa.com and use  to pay your dues.

Membership dues are only **\$40 a year** and provide the following valuable services:

- **Crime Watch Patrol** – by trained neighborhood volunteers
- **Beautification:**
 - ~ Matching Fund Projects
 - ~ Neighborhood Integrity Programs
 - ~ Replace Lighting with Architectural Enhancements (e.g., lighting, landscaping)
- **Social Activities for all ages:**
 - ~ *Spring Fling!* Festival
 - ~ Carni-Fall Festival
 - ~ Flags for the 4th of July
 - ~ National Night Out
- **Representation at City of Richardson** meetings and coordination of matching projects
- **Interaction with RISD** (local elementary school), **Richardson Police and Fire Departments**
- **RichlandNEWS** neighborhood newsletter.
- **Neighborhood Directory** (available **only** to association members)
- **Neighborhood Website** (www.richlandhoa.com) – linked to www.cor.net
- **RHA Social Networking Site** limited to residents only: <https://richlandhoa.nextdoor.com/>
- **On Facebook** (<https://m.facebook.com/RichlandHOA>) and **Twitter** (@RichlandHOA)

Please fill out the 2017 membership form, even if you're:

- 1) A member who has completed a form in the past, or
- 2) Unable to join at this time, since:

We use the information to compile an accurate list for Crime Watch Patrol contact information, the Neighborhood Directory, and develop email communication lists. We never share this information with outside parties – it's just for the neighbors and the neighborhood.

Thank you for your support!

Richland Homeowners Association 2017 Membership Registration

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

1. Name and address (☐ Owner or ☐ Tenant):

_____	_____	_____	_____
First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name

House Number and Street Name			

_____		_____	
Profession (not published)		Profession (not published)	

2. For publication in the RHA Directory to be used by neighbors to contact you (**not available to the public**).

Primary Phone _____ Primary Phone _____

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 meetings, planned events, and alerts (**will not be included in the directory**).

E-mail address _____ E-mail address _____

5. Volunteer interests (check each one that interests you!) and best time for contact: _____

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| <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"/> <i>Spring Fling!</i> Event Help | <input type="checkbox"/> DATABASE Support | <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal Yard/Block Award Judging |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carni-Fall Event Help | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter Contributor | <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising Marketer for Newsletter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Block Captain | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media – Photography/Posting Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Beautification Committee |

Comments or Suggestions:

Enclose Check or use PayPal at www.richlandhoa.com

Annual Dues \$40.00

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Richardson City Council
and School Board Elections

May 6th, 2017

RICHARDSON CITY COUNCIL

Candidates listed in ballot order:

Place 1 — Bob Dubey

Place 2 — Mark Solomon (Incumbent)

Place 3 — Scott Dunn (Incumbent)

Place 4 — Cory Montfort

Place 4 — Mabel Simpson (Incumbent)

Place 5 — Marta Gomez Frey (Incumbent)

Place 5 — Kashif Riaz

Place 6 — Steve Mitchell (Incumbent)

Mayor — Jarod Weadon

Mayor — Paul Voelker (Incumbent)

The League of Women Voters of Richardson plans to hold a Candidate Forum for the Richardson City Council on Wednesday, April 19, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Grand Hall of Richardson Civic Center, 411 W. Arapaho Road. Early voting starts on April 24th.

RICHARDSON SCHOOL BOARD

Place 3 — Unexpired term.

Place 3 — Joseph Armstrong

Place 3 — Karen Clardy

Place 3 — Ben Prado

Place 3 — Eric Eager

Place 6 — Justin Bono

Place 7 — Lynn Davenport

Place 7 — Kristin Kuhne (Incumbent)

The League of Women Voters of Richardson plans to hold a Candidate Forum for the Richardson Independent School District (RISD) Board of Trustees on Wednesday, April 12, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the RISD Administration Building, 400 S. Greenville Avenue. This forum will be co-sponsored by the RISD Council of PTAs.

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2. Set your irrigation controller so that the system does not activate between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. when most water is lost due to evaporation.
3. 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.
4. Adjust your watering schedule to the season. Decrease or cease watering when grass should be dormant during cooler weather months.
5. Adjust the run time and frequency on the controller, based on changing rainfall and temperatures.

6. Program your controller timer to cycle and soak to prevent over watering.
7. Check sprinkler heads to remove dirt or debris that may clog nozzle heads. Once a month, run the system on a short cycle and make any needed adjustments or minor repairs.
8. Consult a licensed irrigator if the irrigation system requires major repair.
9. 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.
10. Maintain the correct water pressure — your irrigation system should not operate below or above the manufacturer's published specifications for the equipment being used. High water pressures waste water.



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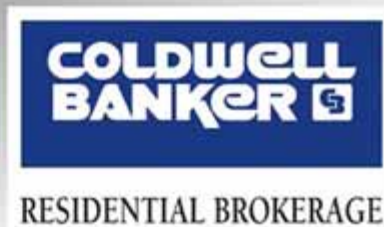
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