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## The Richland Homeowners Association General Meeting



The Richland Homeowners Association General Meeting and Election of Officers took place at Richland Elementary School on November 9th, 2017. Highlights included a message from RHA President D'Nelle Lyons and a visit from many Richardson city officials, who answered questions about neighborhood concerns.

## 2018 RICHLAND PARK/OAKS WINTER EVENTS CALENDAR

### JANUARY

15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

### FEBRUARY

2 Groundhog Day  
4 Superbowl LII  
14 Valentine's Day  
19 President's Day

### MARCH

11 Daylight Savings Time Begins  
17 St. Patrick's Day  
20 First Day of Spring  
25 Palm Sunday  
30 Good Friday

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Richland Homeowners Association  
Richland Park and Richland Oaks Community

### DEAR RICHLAND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MEMBERS:

A new year is beginning and it is a time to set resolutions and new goals. The goal for the HOA this year is to once again build a strong block captain program and have more involvement of our neighbors in our neighborhood. This is a wonderful neighborhood made of people with a wide collections of skills and interests. It is a win-win for everyone who gets involved. It builds a neighborhood, makes it safer and builds lasting friendships. Some of my best and dearest friends have been made through being involved with this neighborhood and the Richland Park elementary school.

An area to become involved is becoming a block captain, it would be great to have 2 or 3 block captains for each block, especially since some of our blocks are so long. Find out who your block captain is and respond to their requests for information and involvement. It does not take a lot of your time and your block will benefit greatly from the involvement. A suggestion — help host a "block get together" so you can get to know your neighbors.

Volunteer for one of our many yearly activities — *Spring Fling!*, *Movie Night in the Park*, Christmas parade, 4th of July flags, *National Night Out*, submitting an article for our quarterly newsletter, helping freshen up our entrances with the planting of flowers or it can be as simple as helping clean up after our many events. If everyone gives a little time it will make it easier and more activities can be planned. Don't wait for someone to call you, determine what you would like to become involved in and call the HOA board chairman in that area and volunteer. The more volunteers, the more the neighborhood can accomplish.

The HOA board is here to serve you, so let us know what we can do to help this neighborhood or what you would like to do improve the neighborhood.

*Some things planned for this year are:*

- Planting flowers at all entrances
- Addresses painted on curb (it was planned for last year but a major problem came up with the company that was to do the job. We are now talking to a new vendor)
- Fall and Spring activities
- National Night Out (we won the city award in 2017 for our National Night out participation)
- Distributing 4th of July Flags in the neighborhood
- New Directory
- Quarterly newsletters
- Participating in the Richardson Christmas parade

We would like you to add to the list other activities you would like to see happen to make this a stronger neighborhood.

*Wishing a prosperous and healthy new year!*

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!

It has been a great 2017 with the LOW CRIME numbers we had in our neighborhood. ***It was our best year ever.*** I would like to say it was because of Crime Watch, but a lot of it has been because of you. By keeping your garage doors down, which is the number one way the crooks get into our homes, to the installation of cameras to our homes. I truly believe, and so does the Richardson Police Department (RPD), that the cameras have played a big part in the low crime rate in the city. It's the best insurance you can get for your home.

***Now to a little pet peeve.*** I get a couple of calls a month asking me to call the police on something people saw or heard because they don't want to get involved. I always tell them to call themselves because they saw it or heard it and have all the information to give to the police. It's your neighborhood. If you're not going to get involved, you are part of the problem. Yes I like to know of the problems, but call 911 first, then call me. OK enough said on that, I think you know what I mean.

I put in between 20 and 25 hours a month on Crime Watch just driving around up and down our streets and alleys at all hours of the day and night. I need more help. If you are retired and can put in a few hours a month during the morning or afternoons, that's great, I need your help. Most of the day time patrollers are well into their 80s and have been doing patrol for over 25 years and would like a rest. Can you help? If so give me a call at 214-763-0589, and I can help get you started.

***Stay safe out there!***

Bob McClure, Crime Watch Coordinator  
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### Richland Park and Richland Meadow's Personal Officer

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**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.).



## Some Simple Steps Can Help Prevent Frozen Pipes, Plants

Preventing home damage when freezing temperatures strike

By Allie Spillyards

As North Texas prepares for freezing temperatures, experts recommend taking a few extra steps of preparation to prevent costly damage to your home.

Busted pipes are one of the most common and damaging issues seen this time of year. Ben Friedman at Atlas Plumbing says pipes on a home's exterior walls, especially those facing north, are most at risk.

He recommends leaving any faucets from those pipes turned on to a steady drip.

"As long as the water's flowing through the pipes, there's less chance of it actually forming into ice," Friedman said.

Although, he adds, it's a misconception that hot water will take longer to freeze. He recommends running water from both the hot and cold taps.

Friedman also recommends leaving cabinet doors open below kitchen and bathroom sinks to allow your home's

central heating to help keep pipes warm. He also suggests adding space heaters when temperatures drop really low.

"You'll know if your pipes are frozen if you don't have any water coming out of the fixture when you turn it on," Friedman said.

When that happens, he says you should immediately turn the water back off.

"If you turn the water on and break up the ice inside of the pipe, you could expand the copper or plastic PEX pipe, which will then create a crack or rupture, and all of that pressure will run out of that opening," Friedman said.

To prevent that from happening, he says you should shut off water to your home immediately and call a plumber or 911 if you need help doing so.

Failure to cover outdoor plants can also result in expensive damage. Ruibal's of Texas says customers have been in regularly asking how to prevent plants from freezing. They recommend starting a few hours early.

"You want to water good before the freezes come. That way when it freezes, it'll freeze to the roots. Then when it thaws, it actually starts watering the plants again. So it'll be ready as soon as the weather turns for you," said Mark Ruibal, vice president of sales and marketing.

He suggests using a light, breathable cotton fabric to cover flower beds.

"Anything that's brand new. Anything you've put in recently. For instance, any of the shrubs and things that you might have just planted in the last month. And then any of your color."

<https://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/Some-Simple-Steps-Can-Help-Prevent-Frozen-Pipes-Plants-467203413.html>



## [NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS] High Water Consumption Causes



### THERE ARE MANY POSSIBLE CAUSES FOR HIGH WATER CONSUMPTION.

#### FIRST QUESTIONS TO ASK:

- Do you have new landscaping, grass, or plants?
- Did you have an extra house guest during this billing cycle?
- Have you increased the duration or frequency in which you water your yard? If you water manually, take care not to over-water.
- If you have a swimming pool, did you fill or drain it during this billing cycle?

#### NEXT STEPS TO TAKE:

- **Walk Around:** Take a walk around your house. Does the grass in your yard have puddles or large wet spots? Are there spongy areas in the lawn that ooze water when you step on them? Are there any areas that are greener than the rest of the lawn? If so, these may be indications of a water leak.
- **Check the bathroom:** To check for toilet leaks, put a few drops of colored liquid (soda, coffee, Kool-Aid, etc.) in the tank; wait 15 minutes. If the water in the bowl is now colored, you have a leak. Sometimes these leaks go undetected as they cannot be seen or heard.
- **Check automated irrigation system timers.** During a power outage timers can reset, causing systems to run continuously when you are not aware. Also, pull up each station manually and check the sprinkler heads to make sure they are not cracked or damaged. Have you recently installed new sprinkler heads? Heads installed inappropriately can use more water.
- **Check soaker hoses** to make sure there are no large holes or slits allowing extra water to run out. A hose left on for a long period of time can use a lot of water.
- **Check all spigots** for leaks.
- **Double check** all sinks, bathtubs, and showers for leaky faucets
- **Do you have a water softener?** A faulty timer or stuck solenoid may waste hundreds of gallons of water per day.
- **Evaluate past water bills and consumption:** Compare your water utility bill with past bills, from the same month, to see if the consumption is larger than usual. Keep in mind to check the consumption, not the dollar amount of the bill, as water rates might have increased.

#### LEAKS AND WATER WASTE FACTS

- The average household's leaks can account for more than 10,000 gallons of water wasted each year.
- A leaky faucet dripping at the rate of one drip/second can waste more than 3,000 gallons per year.
- A shower head leaking at 10 drips/minute wastes more than 500 gallons per year.
- A leaky toilet can waste about 200 gallons a day.
- An irrigation system that has a leak 1/32 inch in diameter (about the size of the tip of a ballpoint pen) can waste about 6,300 gallons per month.

Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, [epa.gov/watersense](http://epa.gov/watersense).

If you feel there is no reasonable explanation for your increased usage, contact the City of Richardson Water & Sewer Customer Service Department at 972-744-4120 for further assistance.

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- [cor.net/WaterService](http://cor.net/WaterService)



# January Gardening Tips

by Bruce Miller Nursery



January's temperatures range from sub-freezing to an almost balmy 60 degrees, which means you will be concerned with both indoor and outdoor activities. Here are a few suggestions to make your gardening activities for enjoyable:

- Clean out your garage or gardening shed.
- Examine your garden tools carefully.
- Clean off any dirt or debris.
- Sharpen any pruning/cutting tools.
- Change the oil in your mower or take it in for a tune up.

## WATERING

Remember to water your turf grass, trees and shrubs one time per month according to current municipal watering guidelines.

## PLANT

Fruit and nut trees are best planted now. Some fruit trees require "chilling days" to bear fruit and getting them in the

ground now will give them a great start.

**Trees!** If you need to replace a tree or want to add a shade tree to give your roof-line some relief next summer, this is a perfect time to do so.

**Vegetables!** Onions can be planted this month, and prepare the beds for your early spring vegetables.

Spring bulbs including any that you have had "chilling" in the refrigerator can still be put in the ground. Remember to bury them approximately 2-3 times their size with the pointy end up. Bulbs are best when planted in masses, so go ahead and dig the hole, empty the bag of bulbs in the hole, smooth them out so there is only one layer, cover with soil, plant some pansies on top and enjoy the show of color in spring!

## PRUNE

**Fruit Trees:** trim as needed to maintain shape, remove strong vertical shoots.

**Summer flowering shrubs and vines:** remove only what is necessary. Heavy pruning results in vegetative growth at the expense of flowering.

**Mistletoe!** This is a parasite that must be removed to stop it. Cut the twigs, branches on which the clumps have formed.

**Trees and shrubs:** remove any dead or damaged branches, and ones that are interfering with walkways, roofs, etc. Do not "top" your trees. Trim only what is necessary for the health of the plant and to maintain the plant's shape. Remove tree roots that are a hazard to people or threaten foundations.

**Crape Myrtles:** trim excess trunks if you are taking the plant from a shrub to tree form. DO NOT "TOP". Remove damaged or rubbing branches.

## OTHER

**Mulch:** check all beds to ensure you have a 2-4" layer of mulch. Mulch will not only help retain moisture but it serves to regulate temperatures helping to protect your roots during the cold weather.

**Freeze or Frost warnings:** Water all containers and beds; cover containers and other tender plants with freeze cloth or blankets, disconnect all hoses and cover outdoor faucets.

**Broad-leaf weeds:** Clover, dandelions, henbit, and chickweed can be handled by applying a broad-leaf weedkiller spray on a warm afternoon.



## Properly dispose of leaves to prevent drainage issues

The City's storm drain system is kind of like your shower, it works best when it isn't clogged. The purpose of a storm drain is to quickly remove excess water from the street. Like your shower, storm drains can get clogged and cause the water to back up. This time of year, falling leaves are responsible for most clogged drains.

While cleaning up leaves in your yard, remember not to sweep or blow them into the street. Instead, consider mulching and composting. Leaves can be shredded and mulched, or added to a compost pile or bin. Brush and yard trimmings can also be turned into mulch and compost through the Brush and Bulky Item Collection (BABIC) program. Make sure trimmings are placed in a compostable bag, which can be purchased at home and garden stores. When scheduling a pickup, mention you have yard trimmings for compost. Pickup day is the same as your recycle day.

To schedule a BABIC, call 972-744-4111, visit [www.cor.net/recycling](http://www.cor.net/recycling) or use the MyRichardson App. For more info, visit [www.cor.net/BABIC](http://www.cor.net/BABIC).

## New video promotes importance of "defending your drains"

The City of Richardson's Citizen's Information Television Division recently completed a video for the North Texas Municipal Water District's new "Defend Your Drain" campaign. The campaign aims to educate people about the negative consequences of flushing items such as wipes, paper towels, grease and medicine down the drain. Items that don't break down can clog up pipes and damage infrastructure, resulting in costly repairs, while items such as paint, household chemicals and medicine can negatively affect water quality. For more information on the campaign, visit [www.defendyourdrainsnorthtexas.com](http://www.defendyourdrainsnorthtexas.com). To view the video, visit [www.youtu.be/pyWR348L7k0](http://www.youtu.be/pyWR348L7k0).



**THE RICHLAND HOA** once again participated in the Richardson Christmas parade on Saturday, December 2. We had great participation and a fun time was had by all. We handed out candy to kids along the parade route and you should have seen the joy on their faces. It was nice to see the residents of the city participate and respond in such a positive manner and it was a wonderful way to usher in the holidays.



A big thank you goes out to RHA president D'nelle Lyons for the tasty goodies before the walk! The parade benefitted the North Texas Food Bank and distributed food and personal items to people in need in the Richardson and north Dallas area.





# Everyday Preventive Actions That Can Help Fight Germs, Like Flu

FIGHT FLU



CDC recommends a three-step approach to fighting the flu.

CDC recommends a three-step approach to fighting influenza (flu). The first and most important step is to get a flu vaccination each year. But if you get the flu, there are prescription antiviral drugs that can treat your illness. Early treatment is especially important for the elderly, the very young, people with certain chronic health conditions, and pregnant women. Finally, everyday preventive actions may slow the spread of germs that cause respiratory (nose, throat, and lungs) illnesses, like flu. This flyer contains information about everyday preventive actions.

## How does the flu spread?

Flu viruses are thought to spread mainly from person to person through droplets made when people with flu cough, sneeze, or talk. Flu viruses also may spread when people touch something with flu virus on it and then touch their mouth, eyes, or nose. Many other viruses spread these ways too. People infected with flu may be able to infect others beginning 1 day before symptoms develop and up to 5-7 days after becoming sick. That means you may be able to spread the flu to someone else before you know you are sick as well as while you are sick. Young children, those who are severely ill, and those who have severely weakened immune systems may be able to infect others for longer than 5-7 days.

## What are everyday preventive actions?

- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you or your child gets sick with flu-like illness, CDC recommends that you (or your child) stay home for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities. The fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.
- While sick, limit contact with others as much as possible to keep from infecting them.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with germs like the flu.
- If an outbreak of flu or another illness occurs, follow public health advice. This may include information about how to increase distance between people and other measures.



For more information, visit:  
[www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu)  
or call **1-800-CDC-INFO**



U.S. Department of  
Health and Human Services  
Centers for Disease  
Control and Prevention

## What additional steps can I take at work to help stop the spread of germs that can cause respiratory illness, like flu?

- Find out about your employer's plans if an outbreak of flu or another illness occurs and whether flu vaccinations are offered on-site.
- Routinely clean frequently touched objects and surfaces, including doorknobs, keyboards, and phones, to help remove germs.
- Make sure your workplace has an adequate supply of tissues, soap, paper towels, alcohol-based hand rubs, and disposable wipes.
- Train others on how to do your job so they can cover for you in case you or a family member gets sick and you have to stay home.
- If you begin to feel sick while at work, go home as soon as possible.



## What additional preventive actions can I take to protect my child from germs that can cause respiratory illness, like flu?

- Find out about plans your child's school, child care program, or college has if an outbreak of flu or another illness occurs and whether flu vaccinations are offered on-site.
- Make sure your child's school, child care program, or college routinely cleans frequently touched objects and surfaces, and that they have a good supply of tissues, soap, paper towels, alcohol-based hand rubs, and disposable wipes on-site.
- Ask how sick students and staff are separated from others and who will care for them until they can go home.

**Everyday preventive actions can help slow the spread of germs that can cause many different illnesses and may offer some protection against the flu.**



## Texas Department of Motor Vehicles

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### Car Buying Tips – Checking for Flood Damage

#### OVERVIEW

Purchasing a vehicle will be one of the largest purchases you will ever make aside from buying a home. The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) is dedicated to helping consumers make informed decisions when buying a motor vehicle. TxDMV wants you to be a “Smart Buyer”. The purpose of this article is to alert you of the signs of a flood-damaged vehicle before you buy.

This Smart Buyer article, “*Checking for Flood Damage*” provides tools for consumers to use to reduce the chances a vehicle you are considering buying does not have damage caused by exposure to excessive amounts of water. Unfortunately, severe weather events like river flooding and hurricanes oftentimes result in flood-damaged vehicles. A vehicle submerged in water suffers severe damage, especially when water enters the passenger compartment. Modern vehicles with electronics are particularly at risk, as waterlogged computer chips may cause damage to the engine or make the vehicle unsafe to operate. While cleaning a vehicle may improve the appearance, the severe damage caused by water infiltration may not be detected easily. These “cleaned” vehicles often find their way back into the stream of commerce. The TxDMV wants you to be a “Smart Buyer” and arm you with as much information as possible

before the sale.

The following checks and inspections should be performed to reduce the likelihood that you will purchase a car that has been damaged in a flood:

1. Check vehicle carpeting for water damage.
2. Check for rust on screws or other metallic items.
3. Inspect upholstery and seat belts for water stains.
4. Remove spare tire and inspect area for water damage.
5. Check the engine compartment for mud or indicators of submergence.
6. Check under the dashboard for mud or moisture.
7. Inspect headlights and taillights for signs of water.
8. Check the operation of electrical components.
9. Check for mold or a musty odor on interior of vehicle.
10. Check the vehicle title history.

#### INSPECT THE VEHICLE

While there is no foolproof way to check if a vehicle is flood damaged, these inspection tips are suggestions to follow to reduce the chances of buying a flood-damaged vehicle:

- ❑ **Have the vehicle inspected by a trusted mechanic:** Most buyers are not auto technicians and there can be a myriad of problems with a used car under the hood. A prudent move would be to have a trusted mechanic inspect the vehicle from top to bottom. It would be wise to walk away and

find another dealership if the dealer refuses.

- ❑ **Check vehicle carpeting for water damage:** Check under the carpets to see if the floorboard is wet, damp, muddy or shows evidence of water stain marks, especially from salt-water infiltration. Has the carpet been replaced? That could be a sign the seller is concealing water damage.
- ❑ **Check for rust on screws or other metallic items:** Inspect the seat-mounting screws, console and other areas of the vehicle to see if there is any evidence of rust, or that they were removed to remove or replace seats to dry the carpets.
- ❑ **Inspect upholstery and seat belts for water stains:** Inspect all interior upholstery and door panels, especially the seat belts, for any evidence of fading. Extend the seat belt when inspecting.
- ❑ **Remove spare tire and inspect area for water damage:** This is an area where water may pool in a submerged vehicle and may be often overlooked when the vehicle is being cleaned up for resale. It is not uncommon to note rust or water stains in this area.
- ❑ **Check the engine compartment for mud or water:** Examine the interior and the engine compartment for evidence of water and residue left that are indicators of water submergence. Check for mud or residue in alternator crevices, behind wiring harnesses and around the small recesses of starter motors, power steering pumps and relays.

- ❑ **Check under the dashboard for evidence of mud or moisture:** Check under the dashboard for dried mud and residue, and note any evidence of mold or a musty odor in the upholstery, carpet or trunk.
- ❑ **Inspect drain plugs:** Check the rubber drain plugs under the car and on the bottoms of car doors. If the drain plugs look as if they have been removed recently, it might have been done to drain floodwater.
- ❑ **Inspect undercarriage of vehicle:** Inspect the undercarriage of the vehicle for evidence of rust and flaking metal that would not normally be associated with late model vehicles.
- ❑ **Inspect electrical systems:** Complete a detailed inspection of the electrical wiring system, looking for rusted components, water residue or suspicious corrosion.
- ❑ **Inspect headlights and taillights for signs of water:** Inspect ALL vehicle lighting. Water lines may appear on the lens or the reflectors of the vehicle if it had been previously submerged.

#### CHECK THE VEHICLE TITLE HISTORY

**Always check the vehicle's title history.** It may indicate whether the vehicle you may be interested in purchasing has been the subject of flood damage.

- While the federal government requires insurance companies to label vehicle titles as “non-repairable” when insurance claims have been filed for flooding, some states do not have flood-damage brands on their titles.
- Exercise extreme care when considering buying a car with a “rebuilt” brand on the title. This vehicle has already been declared

a salvage vehicle and has been “rebuilt.” Always find out why a vehicle had been declared to be a salvage motor vehicle. Was it a collision or was it a flood?

- Has the vehicle been titled in an area where there has been a severe weather event? Consumers should be aware of severe weather events that take place in their area or in nearby states. Flood damaged vehicles can find their way into your area and onto an auto dealer lot for resale.
- Always be suspicious if you see an insurance company as an owner when looking at the title history of a vehicle. Some states brand the titles as “rebuilt” rather than “flood damaged”. Even looking at the title is not always helpful. For instance, an individual that owns a vehicle but does not have comprehensive or “full” insurance coverage on the vehicle may try to dispose of a flood-damaged vehicle without ever disclosing that the vehicle was submerged.
- If buying from a private owner, check to see if the area where the seller lives or lived was subject to flooding in recent years. Some sellers may “wash” the title of a flood-damaged or rebuilt vehicle by re-titling the vehicle through other states to remove a flood brand. Always be suspicious if the title history shows that a vehicle has been licensed in several states over a short period of time.

#### OBTAIN A TITLE HISTORY CHECK FROM TXDMV

**Why would I do a Title Check?** The Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) is run through the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS), a national consumer protection database that provides title information from states across

the country. Whether you are buying from a local dealer, individual, or you are eyeing a vehicle from an online auction website, it will help you to know more about the vehicle you are buying before you pay any money, or sign any paperwork for the vehicle.

#### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- **The Salvage Database** provides information about salvage or junk vehicles; damage from hail, flood or fire; some mileage discrepancies or odometer rollbacks; and gray market vehicles. There is no cost for using this service.
- **What is NICB?** The National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) is a non-profit organization with membership that includes 1,100 property and casualty insurance companies, vehicle rental companies, auto auctions, vehicle finance companies, and self-insured organizations that is dedicated to fighting insurance fraud and crime.
- **What is this service?** NICB's VINCheck is a free service provided to the public to assist in determining if a vehicle has been reported as stolen, but not recovered, or has been reported as a salvage vehicle by cooperating NICB member insurance companies. To perform a search, a vehicle identification number (VIN) is required. A maximum of five searches can be conducted within a 24-hour period per IP address.

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# Richland HOA 2018 Neighbor Registry

Members and Non-Members

## Dear Neighbors:

Please fill out the RHA 2018 registry form, even if you're:

- 1) A member who has completed a form in the past, or
- 2) Not paying dues at this time

You may do this by mail or online at <http://www.richlandhoa.com/Site/rha-membership/>

Regardless of dues, we ask everyone to be a part of our Neighborhood Directory, which is **NEVER** shared with outside parties – it's just for neighbors and the neighborhood. Please provide at the very least your name and address, but it would be best if you would complete all directory information.

Regardless of dues, you are protected by our prize-winning Crime Watch Patrol made possible by trained neighborhood volunteers. 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).

Membership Dues are \$40 for January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018

Dues may be paid by mail or through PayPal at [www.richlandhoa.com/Site/rha-membership](http://www.richlandhoa.com/Site/rha-membership)

Our members and volunteers sponsor many neighborhood-enhancing programs:

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

# Richland HOA 2018 Neighbor Registry

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

## 1. Name and address:

First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name
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(☐ Own or ☐ Rent)

House Number and Street Name

Profession (not published)

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## 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 RHA 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Block Captain/Co-Captain             | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media – Photography/Posting Events  | <input type="checkbox"/> Beautification Committee        |

Comments or Suggestions:

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☐ No dues payment: Registry Information Only

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