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## President's Message

Richland Neighborhood Association  
Richland Park and Richland Oaks Community



### DEAR NEIGHBORS,

*The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing.* — Walt Disney

This is one of my favorite quotes. 2020 however, put this to the challenge. The limitations were endless, followed by the worst 2019 tornado disaster event to hit our beautiful neighborhood.

I'm stepping down as President and redirecting my focus as an "At Large Member" where I will apply my experience and knowledge assisting with the continued success of our Richland Neighborhood Association. I have new endeavors along with family issues requiring my attention, but I will continue to be involved in other ways.

As I step aside, I'm honored to mention the success of this neighborhood falls on a dedicated team of volunteers and board members, which I've had the opportunity to work with for over 10 years. We are so blessed with talented and giving residents.

- Bob McClure, and his award winning, best in Richardson, and the state of Texas, Crime Watch Organization.
- Jay and Karla Weesner, who create the top neighborhood newsletter in Richardson.
- D'nelle Lyons, and her much loved 4th of July breakfast, has served in multiple positions and has years of advocating to support our neighborhood.
- Sandy Jones, keeps us all in line financially and has the best work ethic I have had the privilege to know. *(President's Message continued on page 2.)*

### 2020-21 RICHLAND PARK/OAKS WINTER EVENTS CALENDAR

#### DECEMBER

- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 Christmas Day
- 31 New Year's Eve

#### JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day
- 18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

#### FEBRUARY

- 2 Groundhog Day
- 12 Lincoln's Birthday
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 15 President's Day
- 16 Mardi Gras
- 17 Ash Wednesday

Our 2020 RNA General Meeting was delayed due to COVID. We will have a virtual online meeting on Thursday, January 21st from 6 - 8. p.m.

<https://tinyurl.com/RichlandNA>

### Please Support our Advertisers!

Most are Richland Park or Richland Oaks residents. Their support of the newsletter pays for printing and distribution. See pages 15-19.

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(President's Message continued from page 1.)

- Dave Kirkland, makes it look easy to put Spring Flings, Carni-Falls and Shredder events together for all residents to enjoy.
- Barry Propes, who uses a talent I certainly lack, to keep our Website, communication and marketing available to all.
- Curtis Dorian, who has the inside connection with the city of Richardson, to see Richland Park is heard and serviced.
- Dave and Millie Harrison, offering their long-time commitment, knowledge and class experience over the years in numerous activities and projects.
- Carolyn Sherman and her wonderful husband, who help make Stillmeadow Drive the top holding spot for having more members committed to the success of our neighborhood.

I am mostly proud, after an unforgettable year, to introduce new and younger members to the board, to assist with the continued success and to represent a new demographic in our Neighborhood!

- Amanda Pritchard, a tornado victim herself, took charge with her generosity and talents to help those affected.
- Brittany Cain Miller, bringing her talents to the Beautification committee while working for one of Dallas largest Architectural Firms.
- Hamp McCary, who has networked to secure a possible Grant for even more trees so we can refurbish our losses in our neighborhood.

So, when it is time to pay the nominal \$40 annual Richland Neighborhood Association dues, you will know that the support is recognized and appreciated for all fellow neighbors that volunteer for our neighborhood! It's a small investment with a large return!

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You can log into the link above to join and participate in our election of officers. There will be a presentation from Assistant City Manager Don Magner, who will update about the exciting new Downtown Richardson CORE project. There will also be a time for Questions & Answers.

Now you may wonder how you can do something to be a part of all this fun and success. You CAN — by reaching out to your RNA President, who will connect you to your team player. I know there are gifted individuals ready to serve this great community!

For myself, I've had the pleasure and privilege to work alongside with my husband, Curtis Dorian, for 10 to 15 years to secure city funding for ongoing projects and other neighborhood projects such as: re-facing screening walls, installing medium obelisk, exterior Lighting, soft/hardscape landscaping, custom Christmas and Holiday lights (see page 13) and Designer Sign Toppers. I have watched with pride to see these projects come to fruition and be supported by our RNA Board and residents and many other volunteers.

I would like to thank you all for allowing me to support you. I will always be a thankful servant to the community and our Neighborhood!

Michael Bahr  
Richland Park/Oaks President



## Crime Watch Report

Richland Neighborhood Association  
Richland Park and Richland Oaks Community

### HI NEIGHBORS!

Hope all of you are doing fine in these hard times of Covid 19. We are still having too many car burglaries. Take your items out and lock your doors. They won't break the windows unless you leave valuables in it. So take and lock.

On Sunday, November 29th about 11:45 p.m. we had a home invasion on a retired couple in the 600 Blk of Wentworth. Four thieves in hoodies kicked in the front door and woke the man up sleeping in the den in his chair. His wife who was asleep heard the noise and started down the hall and saw another man, ran back to the bedroom and called 911. About that same time the house alarm went off and the thieves ran out the door. So keep your doors locked and **SET THOSE ALARMS WHEN YOU ARE HOME**. They work if set.

Don't advertise what you got for Christmas by putting the box on the curb for pick up. The bad guys drive around to see who got the big screen TV, Playstation, Xbox, and so on. It only takes a few minutes to cut those boxes down and put into trash bags, you will be glad you did.

If you need an RNA sticker to go on your back window of your car or truck just let me know. These help us a lot when on patrol to see what cars belong in the neighborhood.

Watch for porch pirates. RPD is looking for a White Mini Cooper with red top that has been involved in many instances. Call 911 if you see it.

I still need some Crime Watch patrol people (see back page spotlight). Please let me know if you are interested and have a safe holiday season.

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.).



Coming Soon!



Neighborhood Sign Toppers, these small details that identify our neighborhood as the Richland Park Neighborhood have gone through a lot over the past few years.

They were already nearing the end of their life span from the Texas sun when

the tornado last October hit them extra hard. Finally, these sign toppers are in production and will be replaced in the first quarter of next year!

Keep a look out for these fresh reminders of how our neighborhood is ever changing and ever improving.

## Signs in City Parks

To help ensure Richardson's parks stay clean, there are regulations in place regarding the placement of signs in city parks. Thank you for being a partner and helping us take care of your neighborhood park!

- Neighborhood Association event signage is considered off-premise signage and is regulated by a city ordinance.
- Placement of off-premise signage including signs promoting HOA meetings, social gatherings, neighborhood parties, advertisements, school district events, fundraisers, civic organizations, membership drives and garage sales is prohibited in city parks.
- Signs may be placed on private property and medians within the subdivision or in areas maintained by homeowners' or neighborhood associations. Placement of signs outside of these areas can interfere with park maintenance crews when they are mowing and watering. Sign replacement can be costly to the homeowners or neighborhood association if signs are damaged or destroyed due to maintenance activities.
- With advance notice, the Parks and Recreation Department will work with neighborhoods regarding the placement of signs in parks on the actual day of an event.

If you see any private advertising or similar signage in your neighborhood park, report it to 972-744-4111 and the Parks and Recreation Department will remove it as soon as possible.



## Neighborhood Christmas Pictures!

It is looking a lot like Christmas. After the challenging year we have had, it is so uplifting to see all the bright lights and decorating going on this year throughout the neighborhood.

Take time to drive or walk through the neighborhood and enjoy the beautiful colors, lights and decorations.

*Happy Holidays to all!*





# Tree the Town

by Michael Bahr

The Richland Park/Oaks neighborhood has been blessed with the efforts of the nonprofit organization of Amir Omar's *Tree the Town* program. Many residents have already taken advantage of having new replacement trees planted in their front yards that were destroyed by the tornado.

One fine Saturday morning, we had some extra helping hands. Mayor Paul Voelker and

City Councilman Janet Depuy, joined in at the home of Rex and Susie Browne. Their home was completely destroyed by the tornado and had recently been rebuilt from the slab up, by the local firm of Dorian Bahr Company. They were thrilled not only to get new trees at no charge from *Tree the Town*, but now have the honor of knowing city leaders had a hand on something they will enjoy for years to come.

This program has been a blessing to our tornado damaged neighborhood and the job continues. This program was put into action by the Richland NA Beautification and the many volunteers of *Tree the Town*. They are true angels in our eyes and we are so appreciative to be a part of their wonderful program. If you would like more information, please send email to [Beautification@richlandhoa.com](mailto:Beautification@richlandhoa.com).



## HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR TREE DURING THE WINTER

Help Your Tree Survive in Cold Conditions

Winter is here and for most of us that means taking out a blanket and cuddling inside next to the heater for a few months. Our trees, however, don't get that option and must endure what the Texas weather has in store.

Here are a few measures you can take to ensure your tree endures the upcoming Winter months with as little stress and damage as possible:

### PRUNE

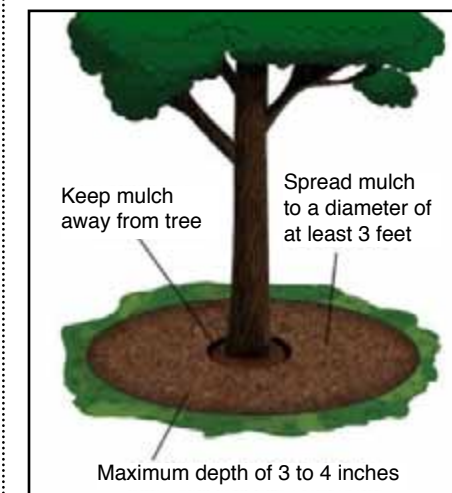
Throughout the Winter, most trees go into a state of dormancy where they drop their leaves, put photosynthesis on hold, and hibernate while living off food stored away in the roots. This time of dormancy is a great time to prune your tree.

Have you noticed any dead, dying, or damaged limbs now that the leaves have fallen? Prune them out before a high wind knocks them out of the canopy and damages anything below. Even if you have a young, newly planted tree, now is a perfect time to do a little structural pruning to give it a good start at life.

### MULCH

Another proactive step you can take to get your tree ready for Winter is by spreading mulch around your tree or refreshing an existing mulch bed. During the colder months, a nice 1-2-inch layer of mulch around the tree helps insulate the roots and soil against dramatic

swings in temperature that can cause serious damage and death in a tree's root system.



Mulch also helps to retain moisture in the soil around the tree. This is particularly helpful if we have a dryer winter and the tree gets very little ambient moisture. Remember to spread your mulch around the base of the tree. Do not pile it up around the trunk of the tree. Too much mulch piled up around the trunk of the tree holds too much moisture in and creates a perfect environment for insects, fungi, and other pest to feed on your tree.

### WATER

Just because its cold outside and your tree is going dormant doesn't mean your tree has stopped needing water. By turning your sprinkler system off completely over the colder months, you cut your tree off from its normal source of water.

Younger and newly planted trees need to retain a regular source of

water until they can grow a root system large enough to sustain themselves. If you look at the weather and don't see any rain in the 2-week forecast, plan to water your tree with 10-15 gallons of water within that two-week period.

### FREEZE PREVENTION

While checking for possible rain, be sure to note any days that may approach freezing temperatures. Mature, indigenous trees will need little attention, but if you have any tree species that originate from warmer, more tropical climates, you should plan to either bring them inside or provide some form of protection from the cold.



An easy way to protect a young or tropical tree from the cold is simply by covering it with trash bags, tarps, or towels to provide a layer of insulation from the freezing temperature. Along with covering your tree, make sure the soil around the tree is thoroughly saturated with water. Water retains a greater amount of heat than air, so having moist soil helps keep the soil around the tree warmer.

For more information, visit the Texas Trees Foundation at <https://www.texas-trees.org/how-to-care-for-your-tree-during-the-winter>





# MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

*Thank you to all who filled out a form and joined the Richland Neighborhood Association in 2020.*

You will be receiving a membership form in the mail during January to renew your 2021 membership to our Neighborhood association. It is still only \$40.00 to invest into your neighborhood to make it a better place to live. Your dues go to help beautify our entrances, social events, sponsor crime watch and National Night Out, place flags at homes for the 4th of July, and place flags at our Walnut and Abram entrances five times a year to support our country and our veterans.

The last couple of years we have added a shredding event for our neighbors, worked with Tree the Town to plant trees lost to the tornado, and we are starting to replace our sign toppers and much more. We accomplish so much with your dues.

We would like to increase the number of neighbors who join the association. Last year about 43% joined. We would love to reach 50% or maybe even 60% this year.

Please take time, when you receive your information in the mail, to fill out the form and send in your \$40.00 check. The form includes important information for our crime watch team to contact you if there are any problems with your property and the money helps the association complete some of the goals for this year.

You can also pay through PayPal if that is more convenient. We will still like to have you fill out the membership form and send in with your information for crime watch. The information you provide is never shared with any business or anyone outside of our neighborhood.

Thanks again to all who joined the association and to those who join every year. We appreciate all of your support.

D’Nelle Lyons  
Membership Chairman

We want to know about you! Please help us by updating your information online at [www.richlandhoa.com](http://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



# Membership Directory Information Needed

## Great News!

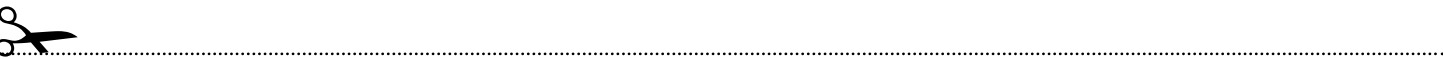
A 2020 Richland Park/Oaks Directory will be distributed in January 2021 to all RNA members. It will be delivered to your home by volunteers so it may take a couple of days to get them all distributed. If you are new to the neighborhood and you would like your information to appear in the directory please fill out the information below and mail to:

RNA  
P.O. Box 852636  
Richardson, TX 75085-2636

Complete and return information for RNA Directory and Crime Watch – **to be completed only by new neighbors, people who have not joined the RNA in the past or we do not have updated information from you.** All information must be received by **December 30** to be included in the directory.

You may also mail or deliver information to:

D’Nelle Lyons  
523 Stillmeadow  
Richardson, TX 75081



## NAME AND ADDRESS INFORMATION FOR 2021 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

First Name Last Name

First Name Last Name

House number and Street Name

Primary telephone number for directory and Crime Watch



# What is going on in the city of Richardson?

## WAYS TO KEEP HEALTHY AND ENJOY THE OUTDOORS

In Richardson there are 87 miles of trails of hard surfaces and 6 miles of soft surface (mostly in Breckinridge Park). There are three trail projects in Richardson that have been completed in the last month. The Duck Creek Trail extension and the Breckinridge Park Trails Connections projects were completed in early December and the Spring Creek Nature Area Phase II project, was completed at the end of November. Take time to check out these wonderful resources to enjoy nature and get some exercise.



## KEEPING THE WATER FLOWING

The city of Richardson along with 12 other member cities, signed an amended contract with the North Texas Municipal Water District Board on October 29 approving a new rate methodology for cost-sharing of the regional water system. Under the original contract, each member city paid its share of costs based on its

highest annual water demand. The transition to the new cost-sharing structure will be phased in over the next 13 years and will take into account the higher usage of growing cities and the lower usage of established cities who effectively use water conservation measures.



## SUPPORT FOR VETERANS

Texas representatives of the Military Order of Purple Heart presented the council with a plaque designating Richardson as a Purple Heart City. Achieving the designation is part of the city's ongoing support of veterans. That support includes special benefits for veterans employed by the city, sponsored Veteran's Day ceremonies and the Veterans Partnership Initiative (VIP) website.



## GREAT FOOD IN RICHARDSON!

Richardson was named one of the "best foodie cities" in the country (and the best in Texas) by [apartmentguide.com](http://apartmentguide.com). Richardson

was ranked 33rd in the nation out of 314 cities with a population of more than 100,000. The ranking was based on the number of restaurants per capita, restaurant density per square mile of land, and the percentage of non-chain restaurants. Richardson is one of the most diverse areas in the Metroplex for ethnic food with restaurants serving Cajun, Vietnamese, Peruvian, Ethiopian, and other cuisine.



## CITY IMPROVEMENTS

Plans are under way for a potential 2021 bond program with no tax increase.

Potential projects include improvement to library and city hall/Civic Center, street and alley improvements, pavement markings, traffic signs, drainage, parks, playgrounds and trails.



# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Network of Community Ministries is in need of volunteers as volunteerism has decreased because of the pandemic and because Network is losing volunteers from a grant-funded program. The loss of volunteers is contrasted by the increased need of support for our neighbors. Prior to COVID, Network was serving 150 families per week in the food pantry and is now serving 700 per week because of the pandemic.



glove requirements and required background checks.

There are so many areas to volunteer such as: logging in toys in the Toyland Express, stocking

have had a double whammy this last year because of the great need after the tornado and now the pandemic.

Network is located at 741 Sherman Street in Richardson.

For more information, visit [www.thenetwork.org/volunteer](http://www.thenetwork.org/volunteer) or call 972-234-8880.



Network accepts volunteers age 16 and older, Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Friday from 10:00 a.m. until noon and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. It is a great place for high school students needing volunteer hours for National Honors Society or other volunteer requirements.

Safety protocols are in place with temperature checks, mask and

food, filling food and toy orders, sorting through clothes, delivering food, and many others.

If you would like to donate money by the end of the year please consider Network of Community Ministries, they are local and help people in Richardson and RISD. They are in need of any donations this year, great and small, because of the increase need due to COVID. They





# The 2020 Shred Truck Event

- The Shred Truck Event in October 2020 was a huge success! It was sponsored by your Richland Neighborhood Association, and even with the practice of social distancing, folks were able to drive up and get their papers dumped and shredded.
- A special thanks goes to David Kirkland, Bob McClure and Clint McClure for their muscle work.
- Don't worry if you missed the Shred Truck because this has been a popular event and so we will be doing it again in the Spring of 2021.
- Look for the next Shred Event to occur sometime after Tax Day. Hope you can make it and get some of your Spring cleaning out of the way.



*Before*



*After*





# Network in critical need of volunteers

With its volunteer numbers decreased due to the pandemic, Network of Community Ministries relied on a program that connected unemployed service industry workers with nonprofits to serve and provide hunger relief to communities. Funding for that program ended last month, leaving 36 open shifts per day needing to be filled.

The timing came as Network continues to see increased demand for its services. Prior to COVID, Network was serving about 150 families per week in its food pantry, a number that has grown to 700 per week due to the pandemic.

Network accepts volunteers ages 16 and up. Volunteers

are needed Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m.-noon and Saturday from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Safety protocols including temperature checks and mask and glove requirements are in place, and background checks are required for all volunteers. Visit [www.thenetwork.org/volunteer](http://www.thenetwork.org/volunteer) to sign up to volunteer.

Network is located at 741 S. Sherman St. in Richardson. For more information, visit [www.thenetwork.org/volunteer](http://www.thenetwork.org/volunteer) or call 972-234-8880. If you are interested in volunteering as a group, please call the Volunteer Manager at 972-234-8880 ext. 126 or e-mail [kneeley@thenetwork.org](mailto:kneeley@thenetwork.org).



**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED URGENTLY FOR:**

- Food Pantry
- Clothing Closet
- Mobile Food Pantry
- Home Food Delivery Drivers
- Toyland Express

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# Richardson Neighborhood Watch Program

Established 1983

The Neighborhood Watch program is a self-help community crime prevention program focusing on the reduction of crime and the opportunity for crime to occur.

More than 7 million residential burglaries are committed annually, one every ten seconds. With a continuation of this increase expected, closer cooperation between the police and the citizens they serve is mandatory. Because local governments most likely will be unable to pay the increased costs for additional police services, the Neighborhood Watch program can play an important role in the future of our communities.

Neighborhood Watch was created to obtain citizen involvement in discouraging and preventing residential crime. Neighborhood Watch programs are not designed to substitute for police protection. Rather, they supplement police activities by providing extra eyes, ears and caring. Neighborhood Watch is “people looking out for one another” and is considered a major deterrent against crime.

When neighbors know each other personally, they are more aware of each other’s habits and routines. This awareness can alert them to peculiarities and unusual events, such as strange cars or persons in the neighborhood. When neighbors know one another, they are more willing to get involved in reporting if they suspect a crime is occurring.

## NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME FACTS

- Burglary, auto theft, rape, crimes against children and arson are the most common neighborhood crimes.
- One of the more frequently committed crimes in the nation, residential burglary is one of the EASIEST crimes to commit, but one of the more difficult crimes to solve.



- Statistics show that in a significant number of household burglaries there is NO forced entry. In Richardson, nearly half of all reported residential burglaries are attributable to open garage doors.

- The majority of home burglaries occur during daylight hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.).
- There is a potential for a violent confrontation when a property owner surprises a burglar.
- In a recent study conducted by the Sacramento County Sheriff, interviews were conducted with 25 convicted burglars serving time at Folsom State Prison. Twenty-three said that they avoided homes displaying Neighborhood Crime Watch stickers in the windows.

Please consider joining the Richland Park/Oaks Crime Watch. We need more volunteers to help patrol our neighborhood. This is a great way to get out, meet new people, learn new things and experience something different in life. 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 cleared, you will receive about six hours of training and be assigned a patrol partner. Each shift usually consists of one and a half hours of patrol time every other week (total of 3 hours per month).

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.

For more information or if you would like to be a part of the Crime Watch Team, please contact Bob McClure at [crimewatchone@yahoo.com](mailto:crimewatchone@yahoo.com)

